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## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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### Uniform Concepts

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Tuesday for free delivery to  
school on Wednesday.

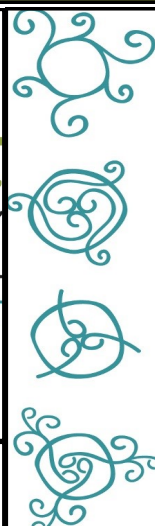
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## LEST WE FORGET

Over the school holidays three of our school councillors Mille, Zoe and Hugh, represented Margaret River Primary at the Town ANZAC parade.

The students participated in the march and laid a beautiful wreath made by our very clever Helen Grantis.

Pictured also is our very own Ros Love, looking fabulous in all her finery on her gorgeous horse Clayton Blue Ginger.

We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed to make it such a special day.



| W<br>k  | Monday  | Tuesday               | Wednesday         | Thursday                    | Friday   | Sat | Sun |
|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| 1   | 25 April<br>ANZAC Day<br>public holiday         | 26<br>Students resume | 27                | 28                          | 29<br>Sporting Options                               | 30  | 1   |
| 2   | 2 May<br>Junior Assembly                        | 3                     | 4                 | 5                           | 6<br>Sporting Options                                | 7   | 8   |
| 3   | 9 May<br>Senior Assembly                        | 10<br>NAPLAN          | 11<br>NAPLAN      | 12<br>NAPLAN<br>P&C Meeting | 13<br>Sporting Options                               | 14  | 15  |
| Swimming Lessons Rms 9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17,22,23,T5,T6 → |   |                       |                   |                             |  |     |     |
| 4   | 16 May  | 17<br>NAPLAN          | 18<br>NAPLAN      | 19<br>NAPLAN                | 20<br>Sporting Options                               | 21  | 22  |
| Swimming Lessons Rms 9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17,22,23,T5,T6 → |   |                       |                   |                             |  |     |     |
| 5   | 23 May<br>TBC Combined<br>Assembly (Over PA)    | 24                    | 25                | 26                          | 27<br>Sporting Options                               | 28  | 29  |
| 6   | 30 May  | 31                    | 1 June            | 2                           | 3  | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 6 June<br>WA DAY                                | 7                     | 8                 | 9                           | 10   | 11  | 12  |
| 8   | 13 June<br>Junior Assembly                      | 14                    | 15                | 16                          | 17   | 18  | 19  |
| 9   | 20 June<br>Senior Assembly                      | 21<br>Musica Viva     | 22<br>Musica Viva | 23                          | 24   | 25  | 26  |
| 10  | 27 June<br>TBC - Combined<br>Assembly (Over PA) | 28                    | 29                | 30                          | 1 July<br>PJ DAY Fundraiser<br><br>Students last day | 2   | 3   |
| H   | 4 July  | 5                     | 6                 | 7                           | 8  | 9   | 10  |
| H   | 11 July   | 12                    | 13                | 14                          | 15   | 16  | 17  |



### COVID Operating Guidelines Update

As announced by the State Government last week, there has been a change to the operating guidelines for the community, which includes changes for schools. The details of this were sent home last week and have been included again in this newsletter. With these new conditions, we anticipate a spike in COVID cases within our school community and as such we will continue to put in place measures at school to keep everybody safe. We have been holding video assemblies this year and will continue to do so in the short term to reduce the risk of large numbers of students from across many classes gathering in a space where social distancing is difficult. We look forward to sharing assemblies again with you sometime soon and appreciate your understanding of our current approach.

### Year 6 Camp

School camps are now able to go ahead which means that our Year 6 group will have the chance to enjoy a week away in Term 3. The camp will run from 29 August to 2 September at Kerem Adventure Camp in Bullsbrook. Year 6 families have already been provided with details and you can check it out via the link: [Welcome to Kerem \(keremadventurecamp.com.au\)](http://keremadventurecamp.com.au) More details for Year 6 families will be provided this term.

### Thank you

We appreciate that the start to this year has looked very different across the school with mask mandates, vaccination requirements and different ways of going about our usual school business. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. All of the decisions that we make are with the best interests of student wellbeing at heart. You may still see some staff members and students wearing masks and it is important that appreciate that there are some members of our school community who are medically vulnerable or living with family members who are at higher risk.

### Winter Uniforms

As the weather begins to cool down it's time to start checking that we all have a school jumper or jacket ready to go for winter. Students can wear rain coats and beanies to and from school but will be asked to take them off once they arrive and ensure that they are in full school uniform. Thank you.

**Aaron Thomas, Principal**

## Merit Certificates

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| Room 4  | Willa Johnson     |
| Room 4  | Gordon Noakes     |
| Room 4  | Madalyn Burnett   |
| Room 5  | Samson Kerr       |
| Room 5  | Ella Twine        |
| Room 6  | Olive Wealand     |
| Room 6  | Isabella Williams |
| Room 7  | Jessie Basford    |
| Room 7  | Olive Hitchcock   |
| Room 7  | Noah Banham       |
| Room 7  | Zelie Bryant      |
| Room 9  | Clancy Noakes     |
| Room 9  | Elki Wishart      |
| Room 14 | Kalani Brown      |
| Room 14 | Fletcher Turk     |
| Room 15 | Lola Taylor       |
| Room 15 | Amelia Mann       |
| Room 15 | Sunny Golding     |
| Room 15 | Ryland Grayden    |
| Room 16 | Piper Chapell     |
| Room 16 | Oscar Lyall       |
| Room 16 | Kirra Collins     |
| Room 17 | Amelia Mann       |
| Room 21 | Hugo Ensor        |
| Room 22 | Kanon Amano       |
| Room 22 | Finley Brickle    |
| Room 23 | Luke Smith        |

It is great news that we are starting to be able to look at heading out on more excursions with the easing of Covid restrictions. It is very important that your contact details are up to date on our system to ensure that all communication sent out reaches you in a timely manner. Please call the front office on 9757 8500 if you have had any phone, email or postal address changes recently. Thank you.



# Canteen News

With the cooler weather arriving, the Winter menu is now back in place at the canteen. This means the return of lovely warm soup, which is available at recess for \$2.50 a cup.

Orders can conveniently be placed online via Quickcliq. If you haven't signed up yet, click the following link [Quickcliq Parent Registration](#) to register and then you are set to go.



## Updated COVID Operating Guidelines for School

Dear parents and carers

The state government has announced that public health and social measures will be eased from 12.01am Friday 29 April (details at [wa.gov.au](http://wa.gov.au)).

For schools, these changes include:

- masks no longer mandatory at school except for in [specific settings and circumstances](#). Masks are encouraged for staff and students (Year 7 and above) where physical distancing is not possible
- density and capacity limits no longer apply to school activities
- asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate (see requirements below),
- an additional supply of RATs for all students and staff.

If your child becomes an asymptomatic close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They will be required to:

- do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school
- wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

We will let you know when you can collect the free RATs the state government is providing for all students. In the meantime, if your child becomes symptomatic or a household close contact, please contact us.

All school activities can resume, and we will continue to follow COVID-19 safe measures:

- all staff and regular workers (including regular volunteers) at school are double dose vaccinated (third dose vaccinated within one month of being eligible)
- adequate ventilation in each classroom, in line with health advice
- enhanced cleaning remains in place.

If your child becomes symptomatic they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Refer to [healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

Kind regards

Aaron Thomas  
Principal



## Looking for a great Mother's Day gift?



# Perfect Produce Presents

Kitchen Garden students have been very busy this week preparing some very special gifts for Mother's Day, Sunday May 8. A massive Roadside Honesty Stall will be ready from 12 noon on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, packed full of fresh produce, seedlings, worm juice, and several very special items made just for Mother's Day. These include a selection of non-edible indoor plants starting at \$5, a very limited selection of potted indoor plants in ceramic patterned pots at \$20, and the highly anticipated Raspberry Rhubarb Compote ranging from \$5 to \$20 depending on jar size. Fresh produce will include beautiful lettuce, some massive Chinese Cabbage, bunches of fresh Chives, Tamarillos, Silverbeet, Capsicum, Chillies and the last of the fresh Mouse Melons. With prices starting at just \$2 there's sure to be something for every budget and every mum. As always the proceeds from this Stall will go towards the running costs of the KG Program. We appreciate your continued patronage and honesty. Happy Mother's Day to all our school mothers. And a happy day to all the special women in our local community – grandmothers, nannas, aunties, sisters, daughters, nieces, and friends.





# Slater drops in..

11 time world champion Kelly Slater took some time out from the WSL event at Surfers Point to meet some of our students during their surfing lesson last Friday. The students are taking part in our sports options which run during term 2 and term 4 for students in years 4-6. The program gives students a chance to be coached in lots of outdoor activities that we love in our region including surfing, skating, mountain biking, yoga, bushwalking and lawn bowls.



## Margaret River Primary School 'Sporting Schools Program'

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term I will be holding Specialised Coaching sessions for Years 2 to 6 with the Sporting Schools Program. The program will be held on Monday afternoons from 3.20pm to 4pm and Friday lunch times.

The Sporting Schools Program is based on the enjoyment of being involved in and learning a variety of new skills that are adapted to a number of games and sports. This will range from Athletics skills to Team Sport's skills as well as a variety of fun games.

There are limited spaces in this program therefore positions will be filled on a first in basis. Please return the notes to the front office as soon as possible. The program will be organised and run by Mrs Mandy Sinclair. We will meet in undercover area. (Please provide your child with a snack for the afternoon session only). Students will need appropriate foot wear. Students please meet me in the undercover area.

**This Program is free.**

Please indicate below which day you prefer but this will depend upon spaces available and return to the **FRONT OFFICE** as soon as possible.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ room \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in participating in the Sporting Schools Program on:

**Please circle one day only**

Monday pm 3.20pm to 4pm

OR

Friday Lunch time 1.05pm to 1.50pm

If accepted into the program do you give your child permission to walk / ride home?

**Please circle Yes or No**

Please return the bottom half of this form only. **You will only receive a response from me if the program is fully booked out. Otherwise, please assume that your child is attending.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR CHILD ON TIME (4pm) TO RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS.**

# MUSIC NEWS

## IMSS

A little reminder to check your lesson time for this term please. They have been changed. The timetables can be found on Room 18's door and the Music room's noticeboard. Please remember to bring your instrument, Journal, book etc. to your lesson. Thank you to those students who have been arriving prepared and on time.



## MRPS CHOIR IS TO BEGIN AGAIN...

Welcome back to our Dreamcatchers and to any students who would love to join our happy family, learning singing techniques, making new friends, building confidence, and having fun!

We will resume this Wednesday 4th May. Please come straight after you've eaten your lunch to the music room at 1.05pm. If you already have a badge, please wear it, and bring along your display books to add any new song sheets. Thank you.

We have WaTutti 2022 this year. Biannually five schools in the region learn songs and come together for a workshop, overnight camp and performance/tour to each school as **one choir**. (Watutti 2022)

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday full of smiles and enthusiasm.

## BANDS – We're back!!

All band members met yesterday (Monday) in the music room at lunch time to confirm their commitment to their band for the year. Tuesday – Thursday bands will commence this week. A note will go home with those students. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

We welcome back our coaches, Tony Lane and Graeme Smailes, amazing, talented enthusiastic and all-round wonderful people! Please ensure you have their contact details and vice versa. They can swap contact information at their band session.

## NEEDED

Any students who have at least two years' experience in guitar, bass, drums, vocals, keyboard etc. are most welcome to join. We currently need guitarists. Please pop to the music room asap to register your interest if you haven't already. Thank you.

**MUSICA VIVA** – This term we will have the pleasure of a live, interactive performance by 'Walking With The Wilderness' in week 9. (More details later)

### Walking With The Wilderness (This year's ensemble)

*Walking with the Wilderness takes students on a musical discovery of nature! Combining flute, percussion and electronics, this resource features new music written by contemporary Australian composers and First Nations artists, inspired by fungi, cicadas, birds and more! Students will deepen their connection to the natural world and use their imagination to create music for the flora and fauna all around us.*

## Student Health and Wellbeing

*MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:*

*Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and **Respect***

### Value—Respect

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is Respect which is just another way to say I value and care for you and respect people for their good qualities and or achievements.

Always remember the golden rule “Treat everyone as you want them to treat you”. Respect each other’s space and belongings because what goes around comes around. They take responsibility for their actions.

You show respect to others when you listen quietly, keep unkind thoughts to yourself, speak kindly to others, willingly share and by using simple courtesies like “Please” and “Thank You.”

Remember, that we should fear no one, but respect everyone.

### SDERA

This term we will be talking about Resilience and Wellbeing. The past year the world has had many challenges and changes, this has impacted numerous families in several different ways. Resilience is the ability to “Bounce Back” from problems and setbacks. Together we can create resilient kids. It is important for you and your family to learn the personal and social skills that will help become more resilient and cope with problems and difficult situations that may come your way. Let your children make mistakes. By having to overcome normal challenges for their age and understanding that “no-one is perfect”, your child will learn how to “Bounce Back” and be more resourceful. By over-protecting your children and doing everything for them, you deny your children important opportunities for developing resilience. To be a good friend to others, we start by teaching kids to be a good friend to themselves.

These are the four elements of this topic;

- **Self-awareness**
- **Self-management**
- **Social awareness**
- **Social management**

The key skills and attitudes that foster resilience are;

- Helpful and positive thinking- using brave talk, using humour, thinking “What’s wrong with this situation?” NOT “What’s wrong with me?” OR “Why me?”
- Planning ahead- developing self-discipline, setting goals, being persistent and being resourceful.
- Reading emotions, being able to control your feelings and your behaviour, being able to read other peoples’ feelings so you can get along with them.
- Seeking help - knowing who to talk to when you have problems or difficult emotions, knowing how and when to tell someone how you are feeling. Talking to other people to get a reality check can help when feeling worried or upset. There are a range of people and agencies you can access and talk to when worried or upset (eg Kids Helpline, School Chaplain).
- Courage - developing the habit of overcoming fear and of behaving fairly and thoughtfully. Problem solving and negotiating is the best strategy to use when dealing with a disagreement. Apologising, being assertive, asking for support and agreeing to disagree are strategies that can also be used to deal with disagreements. It takes courage to sort out a disagreement.
- Keep your mind on the positives in your life. We have two kinds of strengths, these are personal strengths such as being kind, and ability strengths such as being a good reader.

**Thank you for playing a vital role in your child’s resilience and wellbeing education.**

**For more information visit: [www.sdera.wa.edu.au](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au)**



An Application for Enrolment can be found on our MRPS website at [Margaret River Primary School \(mriverps.wa.edu.au\)](https://margaretriverps.wa.edu.au) or you can pick one up at the front office.



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**Shaping the future**

# School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting **Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by **22 July 2022**.

Find out more:

[education.wa.edu.au/enrolment](https://education.wa.edu.au/enrolment)





## A FUN-FILLED WAY TO LEARN HOCKEY!

**Hockey WA's grassroots participation program – Goldstix, provides the opportunity to learn hockey in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.**

- \*Learn hockey skills and build fundamental motor skills\***
- \*Players learn the game in a safe environment with modified equipment\***
- \*Develop skills at your own pace\***
- \*Its inclusive! - everyone is welcome to get involved\***

**LOCATION:** Western Oval, Gloucester Park, Margaret River

**DAY & TIME:** Every Tuesday 4-5pm

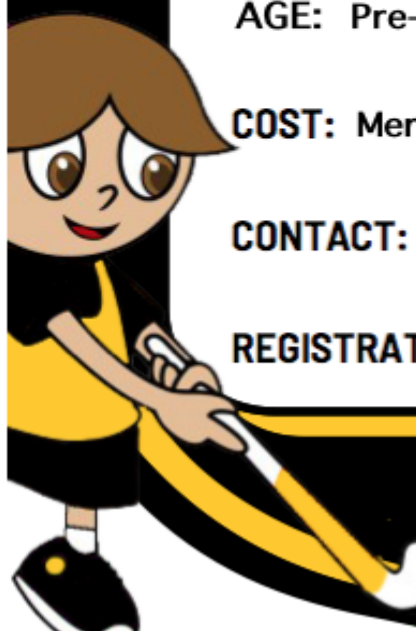
**START DATE:** Starts 10th May (runs for 9 weeks)

**AGE:** Pre-Primary to Year 2

**COST:** Membership fee \$52.50

**CONTACT:** Erin - [info@margaretriverhockey.org.au](mailto:info@margaretriverhockey.org.au)

**REGISTRATION LINK:** <http://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au/goldstix>



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