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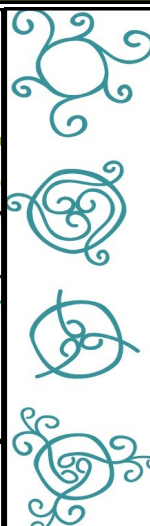
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Friday afternoons for the first half of Term Two saw our year 4-6 students participate in the a fabulous array of diverse sporting options. With Tennis, Yoga, Surfing, Mountain Biking, Bowls, Skating, Bushwalking and School Sports all on offer, there was something for everyone. As recounted here by one of our Year 5 students, you can see that it was a highly anticipated treat at the end of the week.

Biking Madness

Some lucky students from years 4-6 got to participate in Offsite Mounting Biking lessons this term. We rode our bikes to the Pines and got to explore some awesome tracks like Big Pine, Loosey Goosey, A River Somewhere, Beluga, Pumpty Dumpty, Fluid, Epilogue and the Rabbit Hole. Beluga was my favourite with some huge berms and table tops. Mr Yates said, "It was great to see the riders having fun and developing confidence in technical skills like body position, cornering and jumping."

We are so lucky to have this world class Mountain Bike Park in our backyard and this was the most fun I have ever had at offsite sports.

-Saraiya Traianos Room T4



RAT Distribution

There are some families who have not yet collected their allocation of 20 RATs per student. If you would like to take up this opportunity please come through the office and we can organise them for you to take home. We are unable to send them home with students as they come with a medical warning advice and we need to provide a duty of care to our students.

Semester 1 Reports

This semester has been challenging with many students missing more than a week of school through either being close contacts or returning positive COVID tests. The challenge for our teachers has been providing continuity with teaching and learning. As students return to class after being unwell, other students tag out with the virus. We have been unable to meet regularly as teams of teachers and have not been able to conduct the usual assessments that help us understand where students are at and where we need to take them next. With this in mind, semester 1 reports will not contain a comment for English or Maths. Students will receive a grade for each learning area, an assessment of their *attitude, behaviour and effort* and a general comment. Students who have been absent due to COVID and who have received distance learning packs do not have those five days recorded as an absentee. If this relates to your family then please consider this when reading the *number of days* absent at the bottom of the semester 1 report. Should you wish to discuss your student's learning further you are able to make an appointment to speak with your student's teacher via the office on 9757 8500.

School Security

Please remind students (and any high school students that you may have in your family) that the buildings around the school are out of bounds outside of school hours. We have had an increase in vandalism and items left lying around after weekends which we have referred to the police. We don't lock up the basketball courts as we know that there aren't any other places in town to play but we ask that people do not come into or hang around buildings and playgrounds. Thank you.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. NAIDOC Week falls within the school holidays this year which means that we will be celebrating NAIDOC in the last week of this term instead. The theme for this year is GET UP – STAND UP – SHOW UP. What do you get up for? What do you stand up for? What do you show up for? Look for details over the next two weeks about what our students are learning and how you can become involved at school..

Aaron Thomas, Principal

P&C MEETING

Thursday 16th June

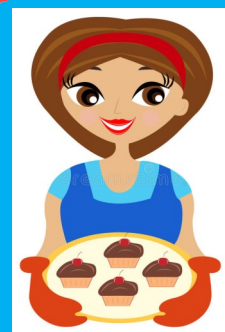
6.30pm

MRPS Staff Room

All Welcome

JOB VACANCY

Our canteen team currently has a vacancy. If you are interested please pop in and see the canteen ladies or call us at school on 9757 8500 and we will put you through.



What's on in Term Two?

14 June	YR 4 Tree Planting
16 June	P&C Meeting
17 June	Winter Carnival @ Busselton
20 June	Senior Assembly
21 June	Musica Viva
22 June	Musica Viva
27 June	Combined Assembly
27 June –1 July	NAIDOC Week celebrations
1 July	Last day of term 2
1 July	School reports out
18 July	School Development Day (Pupil Free)
19 July	Students first day of term 3

SCHOOL CLEANER VACANCY

MRPS is currently looking for a fulltime cleaner. The position is five days a week and includes school holiday cleaning.

Split shifts are required with working hours
5:00-7:30am and
3:00-5:30pm.

All enquiries and further information is available by contacting Karen James on 9757 8500.



Merit Certificates

Room 4	Penelope Bruce	Room 17	Scarlet Coumans
Room 4	Jiya Patel	Room 17	Emily Bayley
Room 5	Jahli Sonter	Room 22	Deccy Thorp
Room 5	Sayla Bebbington	Room 22	Ella Steytler
Room 6	Jarrah Ker	Room 22	Ana Earl
Room 6	Evelyn Tost	Room 23	Lucia Young De Luca
Room 7	Reef Donovan	Room 23	Harriet Todter
Room 7	Bryn Bowers		
Room 7	Kalea Noonan		
Room 14	Fern Bayley		
Room 14	Constance Runco		
Room 15	Jensen Waghorn		
Room 15	Kyden Quinn		
Room 15	Maeve Clemson		
Room 16	William Broom		
Room 16	Trang Phan		
Room 16	Taylor Garcia		
Room 16	Bernie Kirwan-Ward		



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Year 2/3 Room 7

Golden Broom Award

WEEK 6

Junior Room 21 Senior Room 11

WEEK 7

Junior Room 6 Senior Room T3





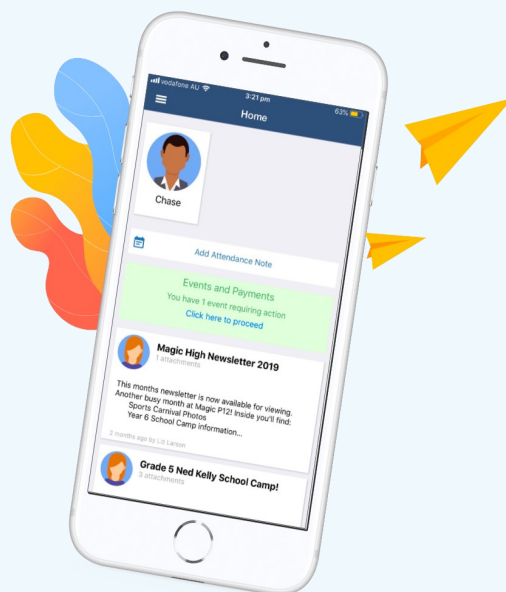
Compass will be our new whole school communication platform, commencing Term 3 2022. Compass is a web-based system, which allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's activities.

In Term 3, we will be moving to the Compass platform for all attendance submissions.

There are many features of Compass and initially, through it's platform you will be able to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absences or lateness
- Pay and provide consent for excursions and events
- Communicate with your child's teachers and update your family contact details
- Keep up to date with our school calendar, news and events

As our teachers and parents become familiar with Compass communication, we will introduce additional features.



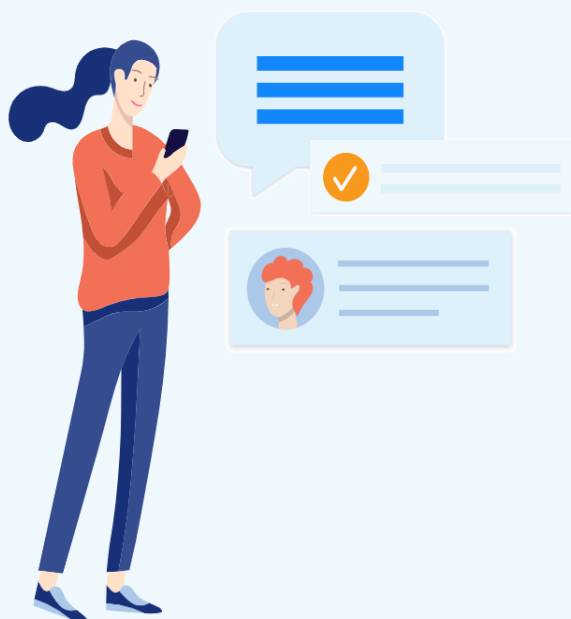
Please check your emails in Week 9 for your login details.

There is no need to register for this app. An email will be sent to you in Week 9 and will include your login details. You will be requested to change your password when logging in for the first time.

If you ever forget this password, ***please call reception on 9757 8500 —don't click the 'Can't access your account' button.***

For more information about Compass, visit: <https://bit.ly/39jV5Yi>

And; <https://youtu.be/uygqvyXfbV4>



Forces in Motion



In Room 17 we have been learning about different types of forces in Science. Through investigations our class has observed and gathered evidence on how forces such as air resistance, gravity, buoyancy, magnetism, friction and push and pull, act in air, water, and on the ground. We problem solved in groups to make a ball of plasticine float by changing the shape of the ball into a boat showing our understanding of Archimedes principle of buoyancy. We had so much fun making mazes and using magnetism to move the magnets through the maze. We wrapped up our forces investigations by learning about air resistance and made paper helicopters fly and spin faster by changing the size of the wings. It was lots of fun!



MUSICA VIVA INCURSION

Just a reminder that we have the amazing Musica Viva team in next week on 21st and 22nd June who are taking all of our students on a journey with their 'Walking with the Wilderness' ensemble. Such a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their connection to the natural world and use their imagination to create music for the flora and fauna all around us.

Please remember to return the envelope with your child/children's names, room number and \$6.50 per child before the end of the week. Thank you.



PLEASE NO DOGS AT SCHOOL

Can we please remind all families to please not bring your dogs on to the school grounds during pick up and drop off times.

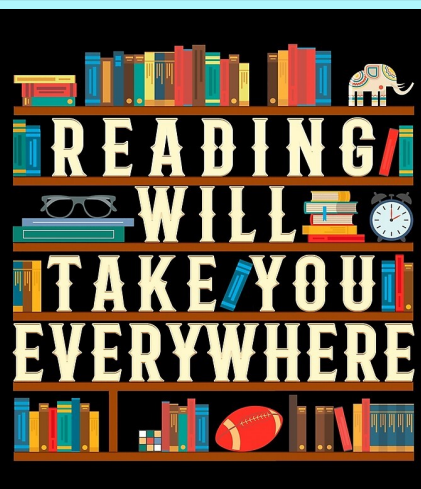


2022 Premier's Reading Challenge

Students from Kindergarten to Year 10 can register and participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge to enjoy and explore amazing stories and magical journeys through books via the website

[2022 Premier's Reading challenge](#)

The challenge is to read 12 books from an online booklist of over 7000 book titles for students to browse and log, or they can log their own book title. ABC Radio Perth will record weekly sessions featuring authors, personalities, students and teachers being interviewed. We look forward to all the positive benefits the challenge will bring to our students



2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for our 2023 Kindy program. If your child was born between 1st July 2018 and 30th June 2019, they are eligible to start in Kindy next year.

An application for enrolment can be found on our website, or by clicking this link [Application for Enrolment](#), alternatively, you can pick a form up at our front office any week day between 8am –4pm.

Your application should be accompanied by the following:

- Birth certificate (original or certified copy) or extract or other identity documents if applicable.
- Immunisation History Statement (*Available from ACIR: 1800653809 or email acir@humanservices.gov.au*).
- Proof of residential address (copy of utilities bill or rental agreement)
- Copies of Family Court or any other court orders if applicable.



Please contact the front office if you have any further queries on 9757 8500.





We are celebrating NAIDOC in the last week of this term. Tell us what you get up for, what you stand up for and what you show up for by adding to our graffiti walls in the assembly area and outside classrooms.

Monday

Thalu screening @ lunchtime

Tuesday

Little J and Big Cuz screening @ lunchtime

Wednesday

Move it Mob Style screening @lunchtime

Thursday

Indigenous Australian artists disco @lunch time

Friday

Free dress in colours of the Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Flag

Staff v. Students *Marngrock* game



Students will take part in many cultural activities all week and we will be opening our Six Seasons Garden.



Raising Screenagers

A free webinar with Dr. Kristy Goodwin

"Just five more minutes!" Sound familiar?

How do you create healthy boundaries for your teen's screentime without digitally amputating them? This workshop by renowned digital wellbeing expert, Dr Kristy Goodwin, will offer evidence-based, realistic advice to help parents and carers feel more confident about supporting your teen's physical and mental wellbeing.

Kristy will explore:

- A simple formula to establish healthy screentime limits for teens of various ages
- Why young people are susceptible to potential pitfalls online and how best to navigate social media and online video games
- Why digital detoxes are critical for your teen's physical and mental wellbeing

The webinar is free but you need to book!

Click here to register:

[Webinar Raising Your Child Online Parenting Connection - Dr Kristy Goodwin](#)

When: 6-7:30pm 27th June
Where: Online



Strengthening Children and Teens Against Anxiety

An evidence-based workshop by renowned psychologist Karen Young

What could our children do if they knew in their hearts they were brave enough? All children and teens are capable of their very own versions of greatness. For too many though, anxiety will shut down their capacity to discover their potential – but it doesn't have to be this way. This transformational session will provide the essential information and strategies to help all parents and carers support children and adolescents to build courage and resilience, uncover their strengths, and take anxiety back to small enough. We will discuss ways to nurture the skills and qualities that will strengthen all children for life. Participants will learn:

- a new, empowering way for children, teens, and adults to think about anxiety, and how to use this to manage anxiety;
- taking the 'anxiety out of anxiety';
- how to build courage, resilience, and confidence in children and teens with anxiety;
- proven, practical ways to calm and strengthen an anxious brain;
- the power of parents to move children towards brave behaviour, and how to do this when anxiety is in the way;
- how to respond to anxiety in the moment to make way for calm and courage;
- how children can switch on the relaxation response;
- the different ways anxiety can manifest, and what to do;
- how to build the mindset that will strengthen against anxiety and make way for brave behaviour;
- how to build the solid neural foundations of resilience in all children;
- why new behaviours take time, why old responses can feel tough to change, and the simple explanation for children and teens that can build resilience and grit.

Because we know our children are mighty. Now to make sure they know it too.

Online workshop 23rd June at 10am. To register click here.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CINEMA



Jurassic World: Dominion

Friday 1 July | 7pm



Lightyear

Thursday 14 July | 11.30am

Friday 15 July | 2pm



Minions: The Rise of Gru

Thursday 14 July | 2pm

Friday 15 July | 11.30am



KIDS WORKSHOPS, ART & MORE



We Can Sing World Music! with Andrea Frances Manners (7-16 years)

Monday 4 July | 10:30am - 11:30am

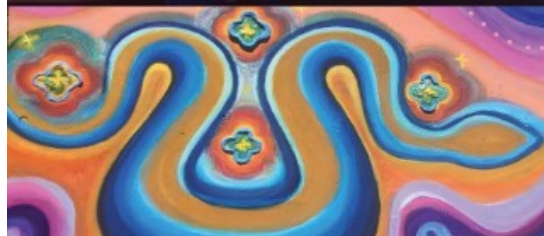
Monday 11 July | 10:30am - 11:30am



CLOUD NINE by The Giovanni Consort

Wednesday 6 July | 11am - 11.45am School Ages

Wednesday 6 July | 6pm - 6.50pm (Families + Adults)



Dreaming Stories by Tamara Jarrahamarri

Exhibiting until August 2

Monday to Friday | 10am - 4pm



Artist Talk for Kids: Dreaming Stories with Tamara Jarrahamarri

Thursday 14 July | 1pm - 2pm

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