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### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

Click the link

### **Uniform Concepts**

To order online before 12pm Tuesday for free delivery to school on Wednesday.

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Last week our whole school participated in the Musica Viva incursion. The 'Walking With The Wilderness' ensemble took students on a musical discovery of nature. Musicians Thea Rossen (Percussion and Electronics), and Michael Howell (Flute), featured new music written by contemporary Australian composers and First Nations artists, inspired by fungi, cicadas, birds and more! The performance enabled students to deepen their connection to the natural world and use their imagination to create music inspired by the flora and fauna all around us. A short video can be found on our school blog https://mriverps.wa.edu.au/musica-viva-walking-with-wilderness/







#### **Assemblies**

We have been holding assemblies via video this year but as many students have now moved on from COVID infections we are looking forward to hosting face to face assemblies again. Junior and Senior assemblies will each be held twice per term and parents are welcome to join us. We will notify parents of any students receiving awards so that you can come along and celebrate. In addition, we will continue to hold two whole school assemblies each term, via video, which allows additional recognition of student achievements without having to bring almost 700 students into one area at the same time.

#### NAIDOC

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our 'graffiti' walls this week. The 2022 NAIDOC theme is *Get Up-Stand Up -Show Up*. We asked you what is important in your life and you shared with us what you get up, stand up and show up for. Reconciliation is everybody's business and we all stand together with the NAIDOC theme this year.

#### **Compass Communication**

Have you downloaded the Compass app yet? Have you activated your Compass account? Check your emails for details of how to join Compass. This communication platform will be used for notifying and tracking student absences, sending newsletters, parent communication and approving and paying for excursions. Families who have not activated their account will be contacted next term as we need everybody on board. This platform has been brought on board in response to parent survey data that asked for clear, concise and timely communication in one consolidated platform.

### **Happy Holidays**

Many families are taking the opportunity to reconnect with family that haven't seen for years and others are taking some time to bounce back from COVID. We hope that your family stays safe and well over the school holiday break and if you are travelling, we wish you a safe journey. Please remind students (and any former students) that they are not permitted in and around school buildings over the break. Take care and we will see you in a couple of weeks ready for the second half of the year.

### Thank you

We appreciate the challenges faced by families this term with isolation protocols. It has been a big challenge for us to keep a teacher in front of every class and to help students maintain their learning with so many students in and out of each class every week. Thank you for your understanding, support and kind words for our staff over the course of the term.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

MRPS Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer
Tyrell, and some of our students putting up the signs in the Six seasons
Garden. See story page 4.

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This week we say goodbye to the lovely Judy Durlik, one of our longest standing canteen ladies. Judy has been a part of the MRPS family for an amazing 24 years, having had many roles during that time, including selling uniforms, organising booklist supplies and preparing and serving food.

Jude spoke about how she has loved watching the kids grow up, noting that she has seen three generations go through over the years she has been here.

She is off to spend more time with her grandchildren and we

We will miss your lovely smiley face Jude!

wish her all the best.

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Room 1	Zara Brown	Room
Room 1	Tyanu Ahipene	Room
Room 5	Sylvie Brouwers	Room
Room 7	Lily Kinney	Room
Room 10	Tom Horak	Room
Room 10	Maya Forte	Room
Room 11	Max Schiller	Room
Room 11	Molly Alison	
Room 11	Marni Tost	
Room 14	Austin Hall	
Room T2	Abby Ralston	
Room T2	Mila Garcia	-7
Room T2	Jeremy Ker	
Room T3	Maggie Gardiner	
Room T5	Benji Urquhart	
Room T5	Molly Bolognini	

**Grayden Smilovitis** 

Room T5

Room T6	Madison Partington-Smith
Room T6	Leroy Williams
Room T6	Noah Guiss
Room T7	Billie o'Driscoll
Room T7	Neave McCann
Room T7	Traiye Quinn
Room T7	Scarlett Szymanowicz

### Bee Bop A Lula

Year 4 Room T5





### Golden Broom Award

WEEK 8

Junior Room 23 - Senior Room T4

### Icecream Award

Juniors—Room 20

Seniors—Room 10





Next week is NAIDOC Week, but because we will all be on school holidays we are celebrating NAIDOC in the last week of this term. 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.

The NAIDOC theme this year is  $Get\ Up-Stand\ Up-Show\ Up$ . Students, staff and parents have been contributing to graffiti walls around the school to share what they get up, stand up and show up for. Reconciliation is important for all of us and this shows that we all committed together.

Tyrell, our Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer, worked with a group of students and had a little help from our gardener Greg, to install signage around our Six Season Garden today. The artwork for the signs was created by our students to reflect what is happening in our local environment during each of the six Noongar Seasons. Students have planted a variety of native species to watch the changes that they go through as we move through the six seasons.

Get Up - Stand Up - Show Up









IT'S A
CITRUS
SENSATION

What a delicious way to end the term in our kitchen garden classes!

Students spent the lesson whipping up a delicious Citrus Parfait. It was a busy lesson requiring two lots of preparation— both ANZAC biscuits and Orange and Lemon Cream.

We were lucky to have an abundance of donated grapefruit, limes, lemons, oranges and mandarins. These were added in various layers, along with yoghurt, to make the finished creations a hit all round. Thank you to everyone who donated: Terri, Lil Rochford, Sarah Goodwin, Geoff McLeod and his neighbour, Maya (Year 5) & Leroy (Year 4). Your fresh fruit contributions made all the difference. The recipe can be found on the MRPS Kitchen Garden page - click here <u>PERFECT PARFAIT</u>





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.





### Your login details were sent last week so check your inbox for details.

There is no need to register for the app. After accessing the email we sent you, you will then 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; <a href="https://youtu.be/uygqyyXfbV4">https://youtu.be/uygqyyXfbV4</a>





# ADOPT A SPOT Tree Planting

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June the year 4 classes went tree planting at Yalgardup Creek. Rick and Tracey were there who work with Nature Conservation. We do this excursion every year as a part of the Adopt-a-Spot programme to help the areas of our community and our care for country now and into the future.

Tracey explained to us why it was so important and Rick showed us how to plant the native seedlings properly and then we got dirty and gave it a go! The awesome parent helpers did the bagging and helped us if we were stuck. We were amazed when we saw a long necked turtle hiding in the creek! Each class planted hundreds of little trees which will hopefully live long and help make the creek system healthy.

By Mason and Loki - T5







### FRIDAY 1ST JULY

As part of our NAIDOC WEEK celebrations, we are dressing up in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to celebrate the last day of school.

### **Student Health and Wellbeing**

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MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:
Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect

### **VALUE—ENTHUSIASM**

One of Margaret River Primary School Virtues is Enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is when we have a strong liking for or interest something. We can display enthusiasm in our schoolwork by trying extra hard and listening carefully to instructions when the teacher is talking to the class. Enthusiasm is 'putting your whole heart into what you do'. Treat every job as important. Have a cando attitude, have fun and be enthusiastic.

Remember nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

#### **SDERA**

Self – Management

It is important for your child to learn the personal and social skills that will help them to become more resilient and cope with problems and difficult situations that may come their way. Being able to manage strong feelings such as fear, frustration and anger, and turn these feelings into better ones. Find something funny in a setback or problem to help keep things in perspective. Develop a sense of purpose and practise positive self-talk. Provide children with opportunities to practise persistence, decision making; goal setting; problem predicting and solving and organisation skills.

Let your child sort out their own problems, sorting out conflicts with friends and peers are important skills for healthy social relationships. Encourage your child to talk about things that bother them. Learning to seek help when a problem can't be solved is an important lifelong skill. Let your child know that unhappy or difficult times are normal part of life and don't usually last for long.

- Appropriate expression of emotions
- Self-discipline to control impulses and persevere to overcome challenges
- · Responsibility for own behaviour
- Organisational skills
- Skills for setting, planning and achieving realistic goals
- Age-appropriate levels of independence and initiative
- Creativity and adaptability
- Confidence to be courageous
- Optimistic thinking
- Normalising setbacks rather than personalising
- Using humour in a helpful way
- Be able to manage strong feelings such as fear and anger and turn these moods into better ones.
- Be able to focus on the positive things in negative situations

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

For more information visit www.sdera.wa.edu.au

### **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.

### This will begin in the Week 2 Term 3 and continue throughout the Term.

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 whic FRONT OFFICE as soon as p	ch day you prefer but this will dep	pend upon spa	ces available and return to the
My child	year	room	is interested in participating in
	the Sporting Schools	Program on:	
	Please circle one	day only	
	Monday pm 3.20p	m to 4pm	
	OR		
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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.

Mandy Sinclair, Physed Teacher

# EQUESTRIAN ENDEAVOURS

Congratulations to Honey Towers Hammond and Kenzie Manson who competed in the Interschool Equestrian State Championships in April this year. The three day event was held at the Sate Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon and brought together competitors from across Western Australia. The girls competed in the dressage, show horse and show jumping disciplines as a primary school team and also teamed up with



students from Margaret River Primary School in the open division. Apart from having a great time doing something that they love, the girls were so successful that they won the Champion Primary School division of the event. Both girls said that what love about equestrian is that they get a chance to take part in a different sport that not that many people usually get a chance to experience. They love meeting people from across the state and are looking forward to taking part again in 2023. Congratulations!

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is located at Rapids Landing Primary School, 42 Tonkin Blvd Margaret River. The dental clinic provides free general dental care to children aged 5 to 16 or until end of year 11 (whichever comes first). Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre opening hours is 8am to 4pm. We will be open Monday to Friday during July School holidays and Monday to Thursday for Term 3.

We are working through our waiting lists and will be sending out appointments once your child has come to the top. Please ensure that you have provided our clinic with your correct address and contact details so that you receive your notification. If you are unsure if you are enrolled please email <a href="mailto:rapidslandingdtc@health.wa.gov.au">rapidslandingdtc@health.wa.gov.au</a>.



If you have recently been seen by your private dentist and receive our appointment notification please call 9757 8211 to let us know so that we can provide an appointment to the next child waiting on our list. If you have any cold or flu like symptoms or have had COVID or been a close contact within 14 days of the appointment please call us to reschedule. Our current restrictions due to COVID 19 mean that we aren't able to see as many children as usual are we thank everyone for being understanding and appreciative of the service that we can provide.





WHERE:

MARGARET RIVER YOUTH PRECINCT, WALLCLIFFE RD, MARGARET RIVER WA 6285

WHEN:

WEDNESDAY THE 13TH OF JULY 2022

TIME:

11:00AM - 3:00PM

ENJOY A DAY OF
TRADITIONAL
INDIGENOUS GAMES,
LANGUAGE, ARTS, CRAFTS
AND CULTURE!

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### 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.







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.

### 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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