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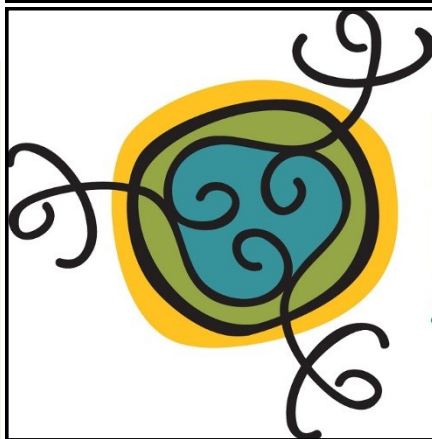
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Welcome back to all our
families new and old!
Pictured are some of our
beautiful smiling students
of 2023.



Welcome Back

It has been great to see so many smiling faces in classrooms and the playground over the first couple of weeks of school. We know that for some students, adjusting to school after spending lots of time with their family can be a challenge but we are here to help. Please let your classroom teacher know if students are facing any challenges and we will all work together to provide the best schooling experience possible for your family.

Planned Vacations

We appreciate that there are times when students will be absent from school due to planned family events. If you have a planned vacation outside of the regular school holidays, we ask that you email us at Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au or make an appointment to speak with a member of the administration team. You will receive correspondence from us later this year if a student's attendance rate drops below 90% and we do this to ensure that families are aware of the impact on learning through missing school. This is particularly the case with regular absences that can result in students missing important steps in sequential learning.

School Development Days

These are days that are set aside for schools to provide professional learning for staff, to analyse students' achievement and to plan learning experiences that meet their needs. Across the school development days at the start of this year, we looked at achievement results for students across the last three years and made specific plans and targets for classes, groups of students and individuals. We particularly focussed on students' writing. We also prepared classrooms to make sure that they were ready for students on the first day back. We have our next school development day scheduled for Friday 3 March. After having taught student for five weeks, this is an excellent time for teachers to work together in year levels to plan learning experiences forward into the year.

Administration Team

We would like to welcome Ms Belinda Symes to the role of Deputy Principal this year. Belinda teaches Year 6 two days each week and takes on the role of deputy principal Wednesday - Friday. Mrs Lorraine Macaulay and Mrs Jenny Robb are our other two deputy principals who are available to assist you Monday - Friday.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Student Leader Speeches

Those students who have nominated for student councillor roles will be delivering their speeches at 9.00am on Friday 10 February in the assembly area. Students who have nominated for Faction Captain roles will deliver their speeches at 2.00pm on Friday 17 February. Parents are welcome to come along to these events. Thank you for assisting students with their nominations.



Compass Update

Compass will continue to be our main communication platform. Through Compass you can see your child's class information, absentee history, enter absences, contact your child's teacher, stay informed about upcoming events and approve and pay for excursions. This year excursion information, consent and payment will be entirely through Compass. Please ensure you have the Compass app installed on your phone and notifications turned on to ensure you receive all the required information.

If you haven't received an email with your Compass log in details, please phone our school office on 9757 8500.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our librarian, Lee has been busy getting the library ready for this year. There is a great range of new books to borrow and popular series have been restocked and are ready to go. Please check in with your teacher for your child's library day as they will need to bring a library bag to borrow books. School library bags are available to purchase from the front office. If you have any spare bags at home, Lee would appreciate these to be kept as spares.

This year the library will be open for students at lunchtime on:

- Monday and Wednesday: Lego Club, Books and games
- Tuesday: Pokémon Club

The library is also open Monday to Thursday from 8:30-9:00am for those students who would like to exchange their books before their class library session.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

We usually start the school year by inviting parents to a whole class meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and find out about the routines and expectations in each room. Classroom sessions will be held on week 4 Monday 20th February.

Years K/PP	3.30pm—3.55pm
Years 1 / 2	4.00pm —4.25pm
Years 3 / 4	4.30pm —4.55pm
Years 5 / 6	5.00pm—5.25pm

WIN YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS BACK

In the next week you should receive a statement in the mail outlining your school contributions. Pay these by Thursday 6th April to go in the draw to win your child's fees back. One child's name is drawn from each year level to receive a refund of their contributions.

Payments can be made at the front office or via online banking

BSB: 016 520 ACC: 108274409 REF: Name/contribution





This year, NAPLAN will take place in Term 1 from the 15th March through to the 27th March.

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.



Around 200 students start the Kitchen Garden Program this week. If you'd like to volunteer your time in the kitchen or garden please contact your child's teacher. Please note: Garden volunteers MUST sign in and out of the front office.

Volunteering in the Program allows you to:

- spend quality time with your child
- pick up some gardening tips;
- meet like-minded people;
- perhaps share your skills and knowledge with the kids.

Once a year or once a week - we are grateful for any time you may be able to give.

Garden lessons 45 minutes fortnightly - Kitchen lessons 90 minutes fortnightly
Each term, in week 2, Year 4 begin with Kitchen and Year 5 begin with Garden

Year 4

	Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8			Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9	
Year 4	Kitchen Wednesday	Kitchen Thursday	Year 4	Garden Tuesday	Garden Thursday
9.30-11.00			10.15-11.00		
11.25-12.55	Barb T6	Troy T4	11.25-12.10	Bec T5	Troy T4
1.50-3.20	Bec T5	Andrew T7	1.50-2.35	Barb T6	Andrew T7

Year 5 & 5/6

	Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8			Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9	
Year 5	Garden Tuesday	Garden Thursday	Year 5	Kitchen Wednesday	Kitchen Thursday
10.15-11.00			9.30-11.00		
11.25-12.10	Courts Rm11	Gabi T2	11.25-12.55	Gabi T2	Courts Rm 11
1.50-2.35	Dan T3		1.50-3.20	Dan T3	

MUSIC NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to another wonderful year at MRPS music room.

The music room noticeboard has all the relevant upcoming events, choir, bands, incursions and excursions and IMSS timetables displayed for a stress free year. Compass, school blog and newsletter will also keep you

informed. Parents, Caregivers and students, please don't hesitate to contact me to clarify any music queries.

Please remind your darlings to regularly check for updates, this mindful practice will enable them to take responsibility for their learning whilst developing independent learning.

MRPS SCHOOL BANDS

If you have one- or two-years experience playing an instrument or keen to sing and you are prepared to commit for the duration of the school year we would like to invite you to audition to join our MRPS Rock Bands.

Auditions for the rock bands have begun. If you would like to join a MRPS rock band please see Hel Bel in the music room. Auditions have closed for this week. Next week auditions will be held on Tuesday at 1.10pm in the music room, please come prepared to play or sing anything you want, approx. one or two minutes.

GUITAR, VOCALS, BASS, KEYBOARD, FLUTE, etc.

Graeme Smailes coaches rock bands at lunch time on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the music room and Tony Lane takes a rock band after school Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - MRPS DREAMCATCHERS

How do I sign up for choir?

Come along to choir on Wednesday's (over the next couple of weeks you can come along and see if it's for you,) then a commitment is necessary (just like a sporting activity or looking after a pet! lol!)

Understandably there will be times when you cannot attend. Please be kind enough to let Ms. Hel Bel know and ask others what you may have missed out on. A note with further information and a contract will be sent home with students who express an interest to join our fabulous choir.

IMSS

Thank you Yr 5 parents/caregivers for getting the instrument loan form for Brass and Woodwind from the front office, completing it along with payment.. Our first week of lessons are well underway.

The timetables are displayed on the Music Room Noticeboard. Please, please encourage your child / children to check this regularly. Thank you.

We welcome Karen Niedmeyer – Percussion, Renee De Voogd - Brass, Sunny Hardy – Woodwind, Bruce Godden – Classical Guitar.

2023 TERM 1 PLANNER

Term One

W k	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	23 Jan	24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29
1	30 Jan Teachers Return School Develop- ment Day	31 School Develop- ment Day	1 Feb Students resume	2	3	4	5
2	6 Feb	7	8	9	10 Sports training	11	12
3	13 Feb Junior Assembly	14	15	16 Year 5 Marine Area incursion Evacuation Drill	17 Sports training	18	19
4	20 Feb Senior Assembly St John inclusion	21 St John Incursion	22 St John Incursion	23 St John Incursion	24 Sports training St John Incursion	25	26
5	27 Feb	28 Surfing Carnival	1 March	2 Year 5 Marine Area incursion	3 School Develop- ment Day	4	5
6	6 March Labour Day	7	8	9	10 Sports training- Year 6 Speeches	11	12
7	13 March Junior Assembly	14	15	16 Cell Meetings NAPLAN	17 Sports training	18	19
8	20 March Senior Assembly NAPLAN	21	22	23	24 Sports training	25	26
9	27 March	28	29 Championship Events Years 3 -6	30 Year 5 Marine Area incursion	31 Sports Carnival Years PP- 6	1 April	2
1 0	3 April Combined Assembly	4 School photos	5 School photos	6 School photos Sports Carnival Reserve day	7 Good Friday	8	9
H	10 April Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15	16
H	17 April	18	19	20	21	22	23



Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect

School Drug Education and Road Aware

Welcome back, I hope you had a fun and safe holiday season with lots of quality time with your family. While parents and family will always have the primary role in children's safety and wellbeing, education is vital for children and young people to thrive in an increasing complex society. School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) is the State Government's primary drug and road safety education strategy for young people. This programs provides prevention education aimed at keeping our young children safer. Our school implements this Challenges and Choices program as part of our schools EQ health program. Every newsletter there is an article about one of the 4 focus areas:

1. Safety on Wheels
2. Passenger & Pedestrian Safety
3. Resilience and Wellbeing
4. Drug Education

We change focus areas depending on what the Inquiry Topics are within the school. We share vital information and some interesting statistics. The aim of the SDERA program is to educate children and families with the hope of empowering them to make personal and socially-responsible decisions. SDERA aims to actively encourage children across WA to make safer choices by educating on pedestrian safety, passenger safety and rider safety.

I hope you and your family learn and maybe develop new skills this year.

SDERA

This term we will be talking about Resilience and Wellbeing. The past few years the world has had many challenges and changes, and 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 child and doing things for them, you deny your child 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?"

Getting the skill to recognise your emotions and to be able to control your feelings and your behaviour so you're behaving fairly and thoughtfully. We have two kinds of strengths, these are personal strengths such as being kind, and ability strengths such as being a good reader. Understanding other peoples' feelings and emotions so you can get along with them. Seeking help or knowing who to talk to when you have problems or difficult emotions. Knowing how and when to tell someone how you are feeling. Finding the courage to overcome fear. Keep your mind on the positives in your life.

SEDRA CONTINUED.....**Student Health and Wellbeing***MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:**Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect***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.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your health and wellbeing education.

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

**Circle of Security****FREE 8 Week Parenting Program for Parents of Children Aged 0-6**

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

Bookings open until 3rd February 2023
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When: Fridays 10am-12pm
 10th February-31st March 2023
 Where: The People Place
 Kent St, Busselton

**Bringing Up Great Kids****FREE 6 Week Parenting Workshop for Parents of Children Aged 5-12**

The BUGK is an evidence based program that uses a suite of activities and tools that are unique and offer all parents and carers a fresh way to understand and be with their children. The program aims to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children and to promote more respectful interactions and encourage the development of children's positive self-identity.

YOU WILL LEARN:

- Your own parenting style
- Improve understanding your child's thoughts and feelings
- Children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development
- What families need to ensure your children's best possible health and wellbeing outcomes
- Ways to take care of yourself and get support when needed.

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 20th February-3rd April
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 6th March 2023)
 Where: The People Place
 Kent Street,
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