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Long Weekend Dates

3 March

School Development
Day (Pupil free)

6 March

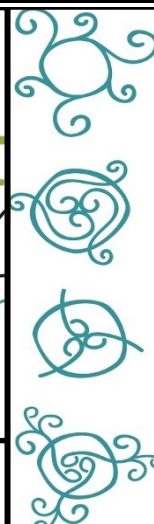
Labour Day Holiday



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CONGRATULATIONS

to our newly elected school leaders for 2023!



Councillors

Hayden Reid

Haven Duxfield

Brodie Weiss

Rosie Kelly

Faction Captains

Forest

Kade Tigchleaar & Harper Belbin

Sun

Imelda Ensor & Arlo Mann

Ocean

Savannah Dowling & Josh Lenton

Earth

Tully Evans & Charlie Joyce

WHAT'S ON IN TERM ONE....

20-24 Feb	St John Incursion	21 March	School Board Meeting 5pm
21 Feb	School Board meeting 5pm	24 March	Sports Carnival Training
24 Feb	Sports Carnival Training	29 March	Championship Events Yrs 3-6
28 Feb	Surfing Carnival	30 March	Yr 5 Marine Area Excursion
2 March	Yr 5 Marine Area Excursion	31 March	Sports Carnival Yrs PP-6
3 March	School Development Day (Pupil free)	3 April	Combined Assembly
6 March	Labour Day Public Holiday	4 April	Autumn Fair (Recess/Lunch)
10 March	Sports Carnival Training	6 April	Sports Carnival Reserve Day
13 March	Junior Assembly	6 April	Last day Term One
14 March	Year 6 Burger Day	24 April	School Development Day (Pupil free)
15—24 Mar	NAPLAN	25 April	ANZAC day Public Holiday
20 March	Senior Assembly	26 April	Students resume Term Two

Class Meetings

Thank you to all of the families that were able to make it along to class meetings this week. Teachers outlined how students will be learning this year, some significant events that are coming up and how you can best communicate with them. These were our first face to face class meetings since 2020 and we appreciated being able to meet with everybody in person. It can be difficult for teachers to be able to speak with you at length before school, without an appointment, as they are preparing for the day ahead and the arrival of students. If you need to speak with your student's teacher, the best way to go about it is to make an appointment through speaking directly with them, emailing or contacting the office. Thank you.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to all of our student leaders, who were announced at the Monday assembly this week, and to all students who prepared and gave a speech to their peers. The faction captains and councillors will coordinate assemblies, run the sport shed during break times, welcome guests to the school and provide feedback as a voice for students across the school.

Thank you to P&C

Our P and C met last Thursday evening for the first time this year. They have jumped straight into action this year through providing funding for students at our school including:

- Outdoor carpets were installed outside Rooms 8 and 9 during the holidays to extend learning spaces
- Year 5 students will be subsidised to attend Marine Conservation excursions across the course of the year
- Speed bumps are being purchased to be installed in the back laneway of the school to increase student safety
- Jetski water safety patrol costs have been covered for the faction surfing carnival next week
- The purchase of a new freezer for the canteen

Later this year you can expect to see a Kitchen Garden cookbook available for you to purchase, a quiz night to raise funds for a new play space and continued support for other initiatives across the school. We appreciate the time and energy of all members and volunteers.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Merit Certificates and Awards

Room 1	Imelda Ensor
Room 1	Kaino Farrell
Room 5	Jed Holt
Room 7	Lenny Joliffe
Room 7	Molly Mann
Room 9	Cole Hall
Room 9	Kaitlyn Bayliss
Room 10	Pepper Martin
Room 10	Sadie Brown
Room 11	Polly Castle
Room 11	Catalina Young De Luca
Room 12	Jet Kaew-ard
Room 12	Emma Newnham
Room 14	River Gonsalves
Room 14	Genevieve Lonnie
Room 15	Rylee Donovan
Room 16	Flynn Robinson
Room 16	Isla Robinson
Room 17	Hugo Ensor
Room 17	Nola Walker
Room 22	Bowie McLeod
Room T2	Jebediah Bradford

Toom T3	Tyla Harvey
Room T3	Jarvis Twyman
Room T4	Sunny McLean
Room T4	Leroy Williams
Room T5	Olive Kelly
Room T5	Zac Reid
Room T6	Tommy Ivers
Room T6	Lola Baker
Room T7	Amara Gibbs
Room T7	Laityn Gibbs

Bee Bop-A-Lula Award

Year 2—Room 16

Year 3/4— Room T5



Golden Broom Award

Week 1/2

Junior Room 4

Senior Room T2

Week 3

Junior Room 20

Senior Room 11



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Click the link

Uniform Concepts

To order online before 5pm
Tuesday for free delivery to
school on Wednesday.

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busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au



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Busselton
WA 6280

IN THE ARTROOM— After looking at Van Gogh's famous Sunflowers painting and reading 'Ish', a story about drawing not needing to be perfect, we had a go at drawing in our own creative 'sunflowerish' way. The beautiful sunflowers came from our SAKG garden.



It is so great to see so many of our parent signed up to our school communication platform Compass, thank you.

It is as simple as clicking on this link— [Compass Login](#) and searching for Margaret River Primary School. You would have received an email from us with your Compass log in details. If you need these details again, please contact our front office on 9757 8500 and we will resend it.

Once logged on to Compass you can see your child's class information, absentee history, enter absentees, 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.



This year the Kindy students get to visit our fabulous library as part of their introduction into life at school. Pictured here are students from Kindy 1 on their first visit ever. They were very excited to get to have a look at all of the great books on offer and find a coloured dot on the mat to sit and listen to a story being read by Peta on the big blue chair!

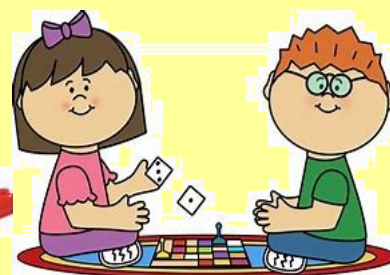


The library is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30-9:00am for those students who would like to exchange their books before their class library session.

The library will be open for all students at lunchtime on:

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

Monday Wednesday



Tuesday

Please remember your child will need a library bag when borrowing a book. These are available to purchase from the front office or you may provide your own. Please ensure it is waterproof.

This week all students from Kindy to Year 6 are participating in sessions provided by St John WA to learn basic first aid skills.

The First Aid Focus program aims to train and equip students with the skills to assess and respond to first aid situations, while developing strategies to seek help for themselves or others.

St John Community Education Officer Charlie, demonstrated the correct first aid approach and students had the opportunity to practise and rehearse these life-saving skills.

The practical skill-based sessions supports students learning by teaching them how to enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing in varied and changing contexts. The sessions also provide opportunities for students to:

- ◆ Develop and refine resilience skills.
- ◆ Learn and practice the ability to make safe decisions, manage risk and take actions to promote the health and safety of themselves and others.
- ◆ Learn to take a critical approach to access, analyse and apply a variety of resources for the benefit of themselves and the communities.



MRPS DREAMCATCHERS CHOIR



Do you have the you voice of an angel, or just a keen desire to sing and be part of a choir?

If so, then come along to the music room on Wednesday's and see if it something that you would like to join. If you decide it is for you, then a commitment is necessary (just like when you play a sport or look after a pet!).

See Ms Hel Bel and she will send you home with a note with further information for your parents, and a contract to sign.

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.

Our SAKG classes have started with much enthusiasm, new students excited to be introduced to the program and previous ones keen to return.

The timetable that appeared in the first newsletter has been amended slightly, please see the correct details here.



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.

2023 Kitchen Garden Timetable Years 4

	Weeks 3,5,7,9			Weeks 2,4,6,8	
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

2023 Kitchen Garden Timetable Year 5 & 5/6

	Weeks 3,5,7,9			Weeks 2,4,6,8	
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	

Reading Groups for Kids at your Shire libraries

Book Stars Club

For 8 to 11 year old's and held on the first Monday of each month at the Margaret River Shire Library, meet at 4pm for a 4.15 start. During Book Stars we chat about what we have read over the month, give recommendations, and do a book related craft activity.

Book Chat Club

For kids 12 years and over, held on the last Monday of each month at Margaret River Shire Library, meet at 4pm for a 4.15 start. Each meeting we discuss about what we have read and give reviews for other members of the club. There is no 'set' book – we agree on a genre or theme, and you pick a book that appeals to you.

Reading groups are facilitated by a library staff member and refreshments are provided, please advise library staff if you have any dietary requirements. Bookings are not required, simply head to the library at 4pm on these dates. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note reading groups do not meet during school holidays or public holidays, refer to the library school holiday program instead.

Dates for all library programs can also be found at amrlibraries.com/calendar

For more information, please contact the library on 9780 5600,

or email amrlibrary@amrshire.wa.gov.au



Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect

VALUE—Empathy

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is Empathy, which is an understanding of other's feelings, emotions or motives. From that understanding you will be able to help people out of bad situations. For example, if someone asks for help, try to understand what they are going through and how they feel, caring for each other's safety and wellbeing. It's important for all of us to ask questions such as "How would I feel if...." and "What would happen if I were put in this situation?"



Empathy sets students up to deepen relationships with their current classmates and people that they know outside of school. Remember, Empathy is what allows you to treat other people as you yourself would like to be treated.

Resilience and Wellbeing - Self-awareness

The world faced an unprecedented challenge with the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts are still happening to some families. Everyone has bad times, and these times don't last forever. Everyone has bad things happen to them that they can't change. Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone feels rejected, lonely or sad at some stage in their life. Talk with your children about emotions, feelings and who and what makes them happy, sad, nervous etc. Talking to others when you are having a bad time, worried or unhappy will help you put things into perspective and bounce back. Talking to someone about our problems can sometimes take courage and is a sign of strength not weakness. When things are changing and uncertain, it can be easy to forget that some of the most basic strategies for protecting and promoting your wellbeing are also the most effective.

Help your child to practise these skills at home;

- Skills for recognising and labelling own emotions.
- Be able to know what might influence their successes and mistakes.
- Be able to see that the way they think about mistakes and negative situations can affect how they feel and behave.
- Be able to self-reflect on their behaviour and decisions.
- Realistic and positive self-knowledge of strengths and challenges
- Practising helpful and positive thinking.
- Be able to identify their strengths and challenges.

Children are always watching and will copy what we do. Be a positive role model. Use these skills and show your children how to be resilient. Talk your problems through with others and review different solutions.

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

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



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FIFA - \$225

Registrations close 10 March

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SOCCER
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www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport



KIDS SPORT

www.footballmargaretriver.org

WIN YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS BACK

Last week you should have received statement in the mail outlining your school contributions for 2023.

If you pay these by Thursday 6th April, you will go into 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 school contributions.

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

BSB: 016 520 ACC: 108274409

REF: Name/contribution



Margaret River
Scout Group

Scouts are here in Margaret River!
Do you want your kids out of doors,
being active and keeping fit?
Scouts is about having fun, learning
new skills, going on adventures and
making new friends.

Joeys and Cubs on Mondays.

Scouts on Thursdays.

Contact Group Leader Libby Dawson
0400735899

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Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Near Gloucester Park, Off Wallcliffe Road,

Margaret River

9am—4 pm

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BUNURU FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 2023 1pm-7pm

Welcome to Country / MC Kelton Pell / Cultural Storytelling
 Aboriginal Dance Groups / Live Music - Aboriginal Performing Artists
 Hip-Hop Music Workshop / Language & Weaving Workshops
 Art & Craft Activities / Kite Flying Displays & Kite Making
 Mural Workshop / Food Stalls / Event CONTACT : 0408 422 378

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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.

When: Mondays 10am-12pm
 20th February-3rd April
 (Excluding Public Holiday 6th March 2023)

Where: The People Place
 Kent Street,
 Busselton

Bookings Open until 13th February 2023
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 0409 102425

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6.45am**

3 Race options:
 15km Race: 13yrs and over
 5km Fun Run: 13yrs and over
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Contact: swellrunning@gmail.com
 Phone: Adrian 0417607207

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