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What's on

- 3 May—PrePrimary Dental Talk
- 5 May—Sporting Options
- 8 May—Junior Assembly
- 12 May—Sporting Options
- 15 May—Senior Assembly
- 15 –18 May -Readers & Writers Incursion







With ANZAC Day falling during the term break, MRPS students and staff held a service in the last week of term to commemorate and honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of servicemen and women throughout the century.

Our student councillors did a wonderful job of conducting the service and the rendition of 'The Last ANZAC ' sung by the Dreamcatchers Choir was just lovely.

Thank you to every one who contributed to ensure the event ran smoothly.



Although the town ANZAC Day march was cancelled, teacher Ros Love, her fellow horsemen and women, and our student representatives still marched

and laid the beautiful wreath made by Helen Grantis. (Pictured on the right)







Sports Carnival Results Update

Unfortunately, the incorrect information was supplied for the last newsletter and the wrong name was published in the championship results. Apologies.

Pictured here is Runner-up Champion girl Grace Hastings (left) with Champion girl Tully Evans (right).

Congratulations to all winners, it was a great day had by all.

CLOSED

SCHOOL CANTEEN UPDATE

Our school canteen will be closed on Monday 8th May (ONLY) due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologies for any inconvenience.

Sports Options

Our Year 4 – 6 students will begin their off-site sports options later this week. Surfing, skating, mountain biking, yoga and a range of other sports are all available. We make use of expert coaches in these areas because we know that our school community values these activities and it's important to us that we teach our students how to engage with adventure sports in a way that is safe and respectful to Wadandi Boodja (our environment). Make sure you wave on Friday afternoons if you see students out and about in the community.

Winter Uniforms

As the weather cools we know that students will need school jackets. Can you please double check that you have a jacket/jumper that fits so that students can be in full school uniform every day. Students are welcome to wear beanies and other jackets to and from school but not at school as they are not part of our school uniform. The lost property boxes are overflowing so make sure that you check here first before replacing a hat or a jacket.

School Board Meeting

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6 June at 5.00pm in the staffroom at Margaret River Primary School. This is an open meeting with any community member welcome to attend. The 2022 annual report with be presented along with regular functions of the meeting.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Please be reminded that although we love yours, and our furry friends, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Thank you, we appreciate your support in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Click the link

Uniform Concepts

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

08 9270 4663 busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au

Have you heard about the Hands Up 4 Kids volunteer program?

Hands Up 4 Kids is a group of community volunteers who provide support to Primary School children to improve their reading skills. Each week Margaret River Primary School is privileged to have up to 8 community members come into the school to support student literacy.



On Friday the 28th of April, 17 volunteers from Margaret River Primary School, Rapids Landing Primary School and Busselton Primary School met in the school library for their annual get together. Thank you to Lee, for helping with the set-up of chairs and the moving of tables.

Curious about my role within the school, the regional coordinator asked me to attend and provide a short presentation on the role of 'Chaplain' within a school situation.

We had a wonderful time together, sharing information, asking questions, and expressing a mutual appreciation for one another. After the presentation we enjoyed a delicious morning tea, provided by Jan (SW Regional Co-Ordinator) and Ruth (Margaret River Co-Ordinator).



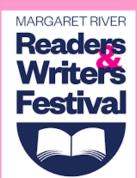
If you would like to know more about Hands Up 4 Kids or perhaps become a Hands Up/Kids volunteer, please contact Jan, either by phone 0499 240 371 or email info@handsup4kids.org.au Lynette Wallis, School Chaplain

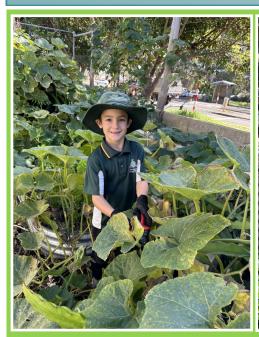
Young Readers & Writers Festival

Margaret River Primary School is very excited to be part of the 2023 Young Readers and Writers Festival and will be welcoming authors Esther Krogdahl for PP - Year 3 classes and Steve Heron for Years 4-6. This incursion is part of the school's learning program highlighting the importance of literature and the process of writing, and will take place at school in week 4.

- ~ Esther Krogdahl: Esther is an author and game narrative designer who has worked with Disney on top secret projects, developing mobile games played by hundreds of thousands around the world. Grumbelina is Esther's first rhyming children's book, was inspired by her own daughter's overnight tyrannical transformation at three and a half and the desire to write for parents about this challenging yet rewarding time.
- ~ Steve Heron: Steve uses his forty years of experience working with children in social/ emotional wellbeing to cultivate and underpin his writing. He blends the elements of heart, hope, humour and help to create children's books that touch and tickle hearts. His picture book Ling Li's lantern was recently awarded Northern Lights Book Award for the best picture book all ages category.

A note will be sent home with your child closer to the event outlining further details.









Students were very enthusiastic to return to garden classes today, which is no surprise on such a beautiful day. The garden is looking great, but the recent combination of heavy rains and then the lovely sunny Autumn days, has resulted on a lot of maintenance jobs to keep everyone busy.

This week the students cut back the pumpkin vines, harvested lemons, tomatoes and mouse melons, and transferred a lot of removed plant material into the compost piles....amongst many other things!

They also picked some ginormous snake gourds (see photo below).

Ginormous Gourds













Student Health and Wellbeing

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

Value—Cooperation

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is Cooperation which is where we work together to achieve success.

You show cooperation when you work in a small group to accomplish a task, and when you allow each person in a group to have a say. For cooperation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do. Volunteer to do some jobs at home to help your family. When you play a team sport and work toward a common goal. In the playground, encourage everyone to join in.



Remember, many hands make light work.

SDERA - Smart Steps Passenger and Road Safety

Welcome back to term 2. I Hope everyone had a fantastic holiday enjoying the amazing sunshine and warmth. I hope your family were able to have some adventures in our beautiful part of the world.

Our subject this term is Pedestrian and Road Safety.

Everyone has a role to play in sharing the road responsibly. The rush to drop off and pick up children can sometimes cause hasty and unsafe decisions around traffic. This time of the year when it is starting to rain, visibility is harder, and more people don't want to get wet so they rush to where they are going. We **all** have to remember to keep all road user's safe.

Here are some key points to remember whilst driving or being a passenger.

- ⇒ Remember to check that children are buckled up before moving the car and stick to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones;
- ⇒ Drop your children off and pick them up in our school's designated drop off and pick up zone;
- ⇒ The safest place for children to get out of the car is on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic;
- ⇒ Calling out to children from across the road is dangerous they may run to you without checking for traffic;
- ⇒ Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways;
- ⇒ Be aware of and always give way to buses pulling out. Don't overtake school buses;
- ⇒ Always park and drive legally in and around schools;
- ⇒ Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns;
- ⇒ If a car has two or more rows of seats, children under four years must not travel in the front seat;

Wearing a seat belt is one of the easiest ways of protecting drivers and passengers when travelling in a vehicle. If travelling with children under the age of seven, child restraints <u>must</u> be used. Make sure they are legal, installed correctly and used properly. For more information go to <u>www.childcarerestraints.com.au</u>

Thank you for playing a vital role in your children's road safety education.

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

MRSHS presents 'Two Weeks with the Queen. The Play'

A large group of Margaret River Senior High School students are working hard to prepare the school production 'Two Weeks with the Queen. The Play', written by Mary Morris and adapted from the best-selling novel by Morris Gleitzman.

This play will be staged in the Studio Theatre at the Margaret River HEART on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May at 7pm and will finish at approximately 9.15pm. It will showcase the talents of 42 dancers, actors and musicians from all years in the school.



Written by Morris Gleitzman, and adapted for the stage by Mary Morris, this production is set in 1985. It follows 12-year-old Colin as he travels from his small, Australian country town all the way to London. Colin's plan is to ask Queen Elizabeth II for her best doctor so he can cure his little sister's cancer. These plans are foiled by an uptight guard who refuses to open up the palace gates for Colin - and an equally uptight little cousin with a 'helicopter' mother. Comedy reigns as Colin encourages his little cousin Alison to take some risks that are no good for her dandruff.

Along with the cancer diagnosis the play touches on the Aids crisis and its devastating impact on the gay community in the 1980s. It does all of this with humour, sensitivity and a broad range of colourful characters and scenes. With parental guidance this play would appeal to students in Years 5 and 6. Being an audience member would allow students a chance to see the skills and the fun generated by the performing arts programs at the high school.

Tickets are available through the link below

https://artsmr20.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/106863

COMMUNITY SURVEY REQUEST

Help design live experiences children and families love

Families, teachers and others who have or care for children aged 5-12 years are invited to support a vital research project to improve live performances for children and families.

Please complete a **short survey** by 5pm on Friday 19 May and you may enter the draw to win a prize pack valued at \$340.

The study is being conducted by CircuitWest,
Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, Barking Gecko
Theatre and AWESOME Arts with support from
the State Government and Lotterywest.
Responses will remain private and confidential.



To take part, please <u>click here</u> or visit www.catalyse.com.au/studies.

FROM OUR SCHOOL DENTISTS...

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental treatment to children from age 5 to 17 or year 11 (which ever comes first). We are located at Rapids Landing Primary School 42 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River. Our current opening hours are 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Enrolment forms for all new students have been sent through to parents.



Please return your dental enrolment forms through to the school administration ASAP. If you haven't received an enrolment form or unsure if your child is enrolled please email RapidsLandingDTC@health.wa.gov.au.



VHAT



Young @ HEART Concerts **Local Musicians** Every Monday at 10am



Bowls for Soupie Fundraiser Exhibition April 6-26: \$25-\$65



Additional Film Screenings See website for regular updates.



Blueback (PG) April 21, 2pm: \$9



Ocean Film Festival April 21, 7pm: \$15-\$32



John Wick Chapter 4 (MA15+) April 22, 7pm: \$10-\$15



Groundswell: The Other Side of Fear (M) April 26, 7pm: \$14-\$20



Corners Of The Earth: Kamchatka (M) April 28, 7pm: \$17.50-\$25 April 29, 6.30pm: \$10-\$15



The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)



Margaret River Re & Writers Festival **Exhibitions** May 1-29



Two Weeks with the Queen: The Play Margaret River Senior High School May 2-4, 7pm: \$20



Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival mrrwfestival.com May 12-14



Snowy and the Seven Cool Dudes Interactive Theatre May 19, 1pm: \$10-\$40



Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow May 26, 8pm: \$52-\$60



An Autumn Odyssey - A Choral Journey through Europe May 27, 4pm: \$19-\$26



Banff Mountain Film Festival May 31, 7pm: \$23-\$32



Weaving Stories of Boodia Exhibition June 2-August 11



Cirque Mother Africa June 2, 7,30pm: \$59.90-\$79.90



Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (CTC) June 3, 7pm: \$10-\$15



Henry Rollins -Good To See You June 6, 7.30pm: \$60.50



Possum Magic June 13, 10am & 1pm: \$12-\$25



eaters **Pub Quiz** June 17, 7.30pm:



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Scan for tickets and more!