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Today at MRPS our YR 1-6 students enjoyed a fun drama incursion presented by the team from the Yirra Yaakin Theatre company. It was a light hearted story about our multi lingual community with a special focus on the Noongar language and lots of audience participation. It was great fun and we've included a synopsis here so you can have a chat about it and maybe check out who remembers some of the words they learned.



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT....

Set on Wadandi Boodja, in the town of Woodich-Up Bilya (Margaret River), Lingo Lah Lah follows the adventures of three bestest everest friends, Big Dwert (Dog), Lil Dwert and Koolungar (Child), as they journey around Country and even to Meeka (the Moon) to regain their language, taken from them by Mother Earth and Lingo Dingo as punishment for being mean and unkind.

Without their voices they must now learn new ways to communicate!

On their quest for forgiveness, they encounter many characters who hold different aspects of language and important lessons about kindness, acceptance, friendship, and the power of words. Lingo Lah Lah is a fun, interactive and joyful romp through our multilingual landscape, with a focus on Noongar language, that will have audiences counting, playing, greeting each other, and even learning how to say "sorry" in other languages.



Welcome Back

We hope that you enjoyed the school holiday break with your family. It's great to have our bubbling, excited students back at school ready to enjoy a term with cross country running, cultural, science and musical incursions, book week dress up day, choir camp and of course lots of engaging learning inside and outside of classrooms.

Connect and Respect

The Minister for Education launched a series of resources last week to assist schools and parents to work closely together to support students' learning. The resources outline a set of expectations around culture, communication and collaboration. We have included the resources in this newsletter and ask that you contact us if you would like to discuss them further. We thank you for the respectful communication that you show at school every day and for understanding that the best way to communicate with staff is through making an appointment at a time when they are available. Teachers can't always be available before school when they are preparing for the day and welcoming students to the classroom, however we can work together to schedule times that are best for us all.

Changes to Volunteer Safety Checks

We love having parents volunteer at school and the impact that you have on students is amazing. Can you please read carefully through the details in this newsletter about recent changes for all WA schools in relation to safety checks for parent volunteers. Parents who volunteer will be asked to complete a declaration form when signing in through the office. Under the legislation, all volunteers who are not parents are required to complete a Working With Children Check form that is available from all Australia Post Offices. If you are unsure about any of the details, please call us at school to have a chat. Thank you.

Cultural Support

Lakisha Wehrman provides cultural support and advice to students, staff and families as our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer. Lakisha will be on leave this term and we look forward to welcoming her back later this year.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Working with Children Check changes

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy for all schools, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- *picking up and dropping off your child*
- *observing events like school assemblies*
- *attending parent and teacher interviews*
- *visiting the uniform shop.*

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age (who do not provide the day to day care for a student) who want to volunteer.

Upon signing in at the office before volunteering, we will provide you with the declaration form the next time we see you.

It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.



Marngrook Match Up

Our last day of NAIDOC week saw students and staff come together in a Marngrook match. Held on the last day of Term 2, it was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get out and have some fun in the sun and celebrate what was a great week of activities and events. A great game, enjoyed by all.

"The word 'Marngrook' comes from the language of the Gunditjmara people, and translates to 'game ball'. Historically, Marngrook is played between two teams – 50-100 men and women per side – and a possum skin ball. The rules are pretty simple: each team competes to catch the ball after it's kicked high in the air. One aim is for players to jump the highest and take the best mark, and the one that does can have a free-kick."

Retrieved from <https://dosomethingaustralian.australiaday.org.au/do/afls-origins-have-you-heard-about-the-indigenous-game-of-marngrook/>

Ready to Shine

Our new choir shirts have arrived in time for students to represent the school at the upcoming Western Australian Government Schools Music Symposium, which is being held in Mandurah later this term.

The new shirts look amazing and have been made possible with donations and funds raised from



our School Bands performing at Settlers each semester. Money donated by the venue and the audience at these events is used to supply musical instruments and resources for *all students*. Thank you to Robb and Karen at Settlers for their continued generosity and to all of our families who come along and support the students.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM....

31 July	Junior Assembly	17 Aug	Triple P Parenting Session 9.30am
1 Aug	School Board meeting 5pm	18 Aug	PP –YR2 STEM Session (Science Week)
1 Aug	YR3 Nature Conservation Incursion	22 Aug	YR3 Wetlands Excursion RM 4 & 7
4 Aug	YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad Training	23 Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day
7 Aug	Senior Assembly	24 Aug	YR3 Wetlands Excursion RM 5 & T5
10 Aug	P&C Meeting 6.30pm	25 Aug	YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad Training
11Aug	YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad Training	28 Aug	Junior Assembly
16 Aug	School Bands @ Settlers Tavern	28-29 Aug	Musica Viva

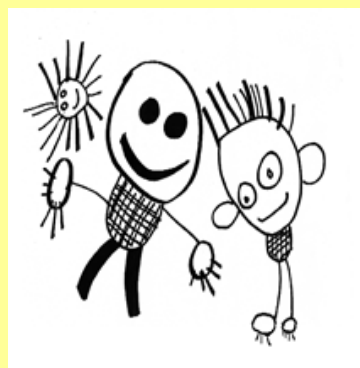
Kindy enrolments are now open for 2024

If your child will be 4 years old by 30 June 2024, enrol them in Kindergarten now.

You can fill in an Application for Enrolment available from our website [here](#), or alternatively, pop in to see the team in the front office.

Please submit it along with the following documents—
a copy of your child's Birth certificate, Proof of Immunisation and
Proof of Address.

For more information you can call 9757 8500 or email margaretriv-



SCHOOL CLEANER VACANCY

MRPS is currently looking dedicated and organised cleaners to join our friendly team on a relief or permanent basis.

All enquiries and further information is available by contacting Karen James on 9757 8504 or via email karen.james@education.wa.edu.au.

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

National Consistent collection of Data (NCCD) All Schools, and approved authorities for schools in Australia, participate in the NCCD annually. The NCCD collects data about school students, and the teaching and learning adjustments that are required, to enable all students to have access to the curriculum. The NCCD also collects data on students with disabilities across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. The collection of data is based on professional judgements and classroom teachers will contact you in the event that your child is included in this process. The data for the NCCD will be submitted to the department by 4th August.

Please see the attached letter for further information.



NCCD
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY



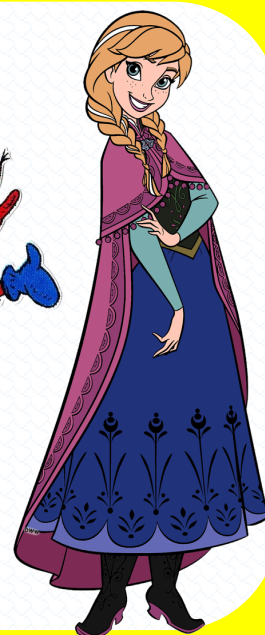
Dress Up Day

Wednesday 23 August

Its on again ...

The day we get to dress up and celebrate all that is great things about reading.

Came to school dressed up as your very favourite book character. You might even like to join in the parade in the undercover area



Read, Grow, Inspire

For Book Week 2023, the theme is "Read, Grow, Inspire." The theme is focused on how literature has the capacity to develop a child's inner world and how it can plant the seed of inspiration for them to express their own creativity. With good literature, your students can grow and flourish. This not only celebrates the wonderful relationship between children and books but also honours the authors and the role they play in a child's development.



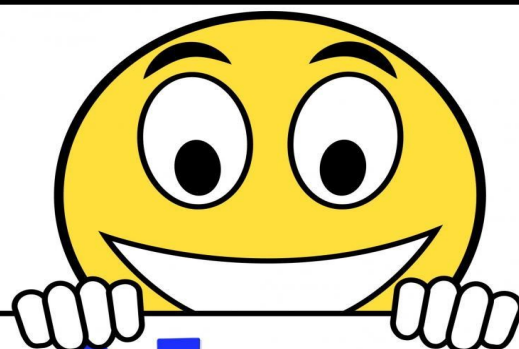
SPARE CHANGE CHALLENGE

The last time Our P & C held the spare change challenge all the funds raised were invested straight back into our school. We received lots of support and lots of coins that weren't even a five cent piece! The SPARE CHANGE CHALLENGE is on again this year to allow students to bring in any unwanted loose coins from home - *with your permission of course!*

Students can bring in coins and place them in the collection jar in their classroom starting next Monday 31 July until Friday 11 August.

There will even be a FREE Pizza Party for the classroom that collects the most spare change! Thank you for your support.

Margaret River Primary P&C



Now Hiring

MRPS Canteen has a vacancy

For more information drop in and see Zoey at the canteen or call us on 9757 8500 and ask to be put through.

Please bring your CV if you have one.



MRSHS ARTS FESTIVAL 2023

Tuesday 25 Jul from 7pm to 9:30pm

This year's festival is set to be AMAZING and we would love to welcome students and their families from our local primary schools to come and see what they could be a part of.

The 250 kids involved are so excited and this is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their talents. The program is diverse, fun and full of talented performers in all areas of the Arts- dance, drama, music and visual art.

No reserved seating - so grab yourself a \$15 ticket and come in a group - sitting where you like.

Link to tickets below:

<https://ArtsMR20.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/110225>

Doors to the foyer open at 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7pm. There will be an intermission and the performance will conclude at approximately 9.30pm

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to entertaining as many families as we can from our wonderful community

PANTRY PICKERS

Have a small or large veggie patch? Growing more than you (and your neighbours ☺) can eat? Don't let it rot on the ground - we'll come and harvest it for you! A mobile fruit and veg picking service is now offered by the Community Pantry. This helps to ensure that those people with surplus produce they'd like to donate to the Pantry, are able to do so. As let's face it - people are busy, they have a lot to do, and time is a precious commodity. Many people want to pick, but simply don't have the time. That's where the Pantry Pickers come in. Our lovely volunteers will contact you, arrange a time to pick, donate as much as you want to keep back to the property owner, and take the remainder to the Community Pantry where it is distributed on Friday Pantry Day, 10am to 12 noon sharp at 41 Clarke road. Surplus produce donated by the community, dry goods from supermarket donation baskets, donations from small businesses, and rescue food from local supermarkets is distributed into bags and given out to our community. Bags are packed full of food with a suggested donation of \$10, but the pantry operates on a give what you can, receive what you need, premise. Give what you can afford. The Community Pantry welcomes everyone to access more affordable food while also reducing food waste. Contact Terri on 0448 717 098 if you'd like more information or check us out on socials. Join the change revolution and be part of something big. Pictured: three of our lovely, selfless, volunteers who are part of the Pantry Pickers.



2023 BLANK PLANNER

Term Three

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sa t	Sun
1	17 July Students resume	18	19	20	21	22	23
2	24 July	25	26	27	28	29	30
3	31 July Junior Assembly	1 Aug School Board Meeting 5pm YR 3 Nature Con- servation Incursion	2 Scitech incursion Yr K- 4	3 Scitech incursion Yr K- 4	4 YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad	5	6
4	7 Aug Senior Assembly	8 YR 5 Marine Excursion	9	10 P&C Meeting 6.30pm	11 YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad	12	13
5	14 Aug	15	16 Bands @ Settlers Tavern	17 Triple P Parenting 9.30am	18 YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad PP-YR2 STEM Session (Science Week)	19	20
6	21 Aug	22 YR 3 Wetlands Excursion Rm 4 & 7	23 BOOK WEEK Dress Up	24 YR 3 Wetlands Excursion Rm 5 / T5	25 YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad	26	27
7	28 Aug Junior Assembly Musica Viva	29 Musica Viva	30	31 Choir Camp	1 Sept YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad Choir Camp	2	3
8	4 Sept Senior Assembly	5 School Board Meeting 5pm	6	7	8 YR 3-6 Cross Country Squad	9	10
9	11 Sept	12	13	14 Capes Catchment Presentation P&C Quiz Night	15 Interschool Cross Country	16	17
10	18 Sept Combined Assembly	19 YR 4 Undulup Excursion	20 Fun Run	21	22 Students last day P&C Dress Up Day	23	24
H	25 Sept Queens Birthday	26	27	28	29	30	1 Oct
H	2 Oct	3	4	5	6	7	8

Small changes, big differences.



Triple P, Positive Parenting seminar (for parents of children 0-12 years) The Power of Positive Parenting

- **The Power of Positive Parenting**
- **Free seminar.**
- **Happier, healthier, less stressed kids and families.**

DATE Thursday 17th August 2023

TIME 9.15am to 10.45am

VENUE Margaret River Primary School.

Kindergarten area: ROOM 25

PRESENTERS

Deb Anderson (School Psychologist)

and Lorraine Wong (Provisional Psychologist)

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Margaret River Primary School front office staff on **9757 8500**

Free Creche (limited places). Please arrange this with us *well before the day.*

www.triplep-parenting.net