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WISHING YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL WINTER
BREAK

SCHOOL
RESUMES
MONDAY
17TH JULY



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This week at MRPS we are celebrating NAIDOC all week with heaps of great fun and interactive activities to engage and inspire our students.

'For Our Elders' is the 2023 theme (see page 7), and all students were given the opportunity to contribute to a mural by writing about who their elders were, what they meant to them and why they were special. There are several murals that can be viewed around the school.

Our art room has also been doing lots of amazing work with students in preparation for the week and some of this work is displayed on a board as you enter the school near the front office. We'd love you to take the time to check it out!



A range of awesome lunch time activities have been set up where students can participate in weaving, totem-making, decorating honkey nuts and lots of other fun things.

Weather permitting, the celebrations should finish off on Friday with a students vs staff game of Marngrook.



NAIDOC

NAIDOC week is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the cultural achievements and talents of First Nations Australians. As NAIDOC Week falls in the holidays, we are celebrating all of this week at school. This year's theme is *For Our Elders*. Students have been learning about the importance of cultural custodians and connecting with their elders who help them learn and grow. We are grateful to live on Wadandi Country and are appreciative of the care that Elders have provided for the waters, lands and animals that make our patch such a special place to be.

Happy Holidays

We wish you all a happy, healthy and enjoyable school holiday break. Many families are travelling across the state, the country and the world to connect with family and loved ones. If this you, enjoy the time connecting and travel safely. To those families staying local, enjoy the freshness that the Makuru season has to offer and we will see you all back at school in a couple of weeks.

No School Development Day for Term 3

Please remember that students and staff all start together at Margaret River Primary School on Monday 17 July. Some schools may be taking a pupil free day however we moved this day to the middle of term 1 for teacher planning purposes.

Class Celebrations

Thank you to families who have been joining us for class celebrations recently. Celebrations are an important part of our Inquiry Learning process where students share reflections on their learning, receive feedback and set new goals for themselves.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Merit Certificates and Awards

Room 1	Grace Hasting	Room 12	Haven Duxfield	Room T5	Jahli Sonter
Room 1	Farran Weir	Room 14	Kaia Alcock	Room T5	Charlie Bursey
Room 1	Daisy Worsley	Room 14	Ella Steytler	Room T6	Laura James
Room 4	Lola Taylor	Room 15	Louis Geddes	Room T6	Oscar Pugsley
Room 4	Oscar Lyall	Room 15	Saara Collins	Room T6	Indiana Brickle
Room 5	Harvey Lierich	Room 16	Arlo Gough	Room T6	Keoni McMorron
Room 5	Emmelyne Choyce	Room 16	Peri Craven	Room T7	Zach Tigchelaar
Room 7	Paul Le Blanc	Room 17	Isabelle Cameron	Room T7	Kai Johnstone
Room 9	Heidi Magnall	Room 22	Frederick Cahill	Room T7	Madalyn Burnett
Room 9	Hayden Dobson	Room 23	Brydee Josway	Room 11	Abbey Jack
Room 10	Maggie Gardiner	Room 23	Benji Bramston	Room 11	Harper Belbin
Room 10	Zach Bain	Room T2	Kiana Brumley		
Room 10	Heidi Bolognini	Room T2	Violet Fox		
Room 10	Tate Price	Room T2	Archer Willaims		
Room 11	Abbey Jack	Room T3	Koah Robertson		
Room 11	Harper Belbin	Room T3	Sophie Patterson		
Room 11	Ellara Lewitzka	Room T4	Charlie Geddes		
Room 11	Tully Evans	Room T4	Chloe Wheatley		
Room 12	Kade Tigchelaar	Room T5	Daisy-Anne Lane		
Room 12	Brodie Weiss	Room T5	Summer Brand		



Golden Broom Award

Junior Room 7
Senior Room 12

Icecream Award

Junior Room 15
Senior Room T6



Winter Carnival



Warriors



The grass was freshly cut, the courts were swept and the turf was ready go as our football, soccer, netball and hockey teams travelled to Busselton for annual winter interschool sports carnival. Schools from across the Cape came together to test their skills and sportsmanship against each other. We had been training at school for a number of weeks and this showed with each of our teams remaining undefeated all day.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school and to the parents who came along to support them. We have a strong history within our community of playing hard but respecting our opponents and we are proud to continue this legacy. Every opportunity that we have for growth and development is one that we grab with two hands!

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 margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au





Rugby Rouse Up

Margaret River Primary School recently had a visit from the 'Western Force' and the Australian Rugby Union team - 'The Wallabies'. Players including the great Mark Ella, spearheaded a fun and energetic footy clinic with several classes over the day. The visit was part of Rugby Union's push to engage the community across metro and regional Australia to promote the sport in the lead up to the Rugby World Cup in France, with the Wallabies' first match against Georgia on September 9.



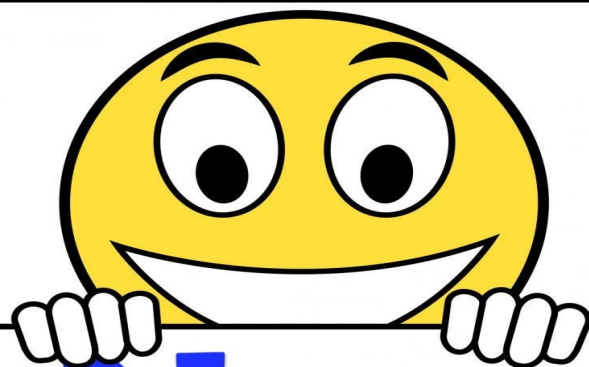
NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

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



Now Hiring

MRPS Canteen has a vacancy

For more information drop in and see Zoey at the canteen.

Please bring your CV if you have one.

Don't feed the fill! Containers for change

Have you heard about "Containers for Change"?

Margaret River Primary School is partnering with Margaret River Refund to recycle the drink containers we use at school. As well as saving 10c containers from contributing to landfill, this initiative will help us raise money for the MRPS P&C.

You can click on the link to find out more: <https://youtu.be/0wPwoz6utu0>

If you have 10c containers at home and would like to donate them to our cause, we ask that you take these directly to 22 Kinsella Rd, Margaret River.

Simply use our member number C10789979 to donate your refund.

Let's work together to make a positive impact.



Dental Dates

Rapids Landing DTC is closed the duration of school holidays except Thursday the 6th we are open from 8am to 4pm.

In the event of an emergency between 8am and 4pm from the 3rd to the 11th of July please call 0417 269 232. If an emergency occurs between the 12th and 14th of July you may call 9754 4460.

After hours emergencies please call 1800 098 818.

Alternatively please contact your local dentist and if you receive the Child Dental Benefit Schedule, ensure you use this as all our local dentists in Margaret River accept this.

If it is not an emergency you may email us at RapidsLandingdttc@health.wa.gov.au and we will respond once we re-open.

Remember to be brushing 2 times daily with adult fluoride toothpaste and floss daily.

Spit DON'T rinse

Keep sugars and snacks to a minimum and drink lots of water.

Have a great break

THE DENTAL TEAM

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre | South 6 -Busselton/ Margaret River

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North Metropolitan Health Service
Dental Health Services



Season of Djeran

The Pre-Primary Students thoroughly enjoyed the season of Djeran - the Noongar season from April - May. The season of Djeran brings with it cooler nights, light breezes and the presence of dew on the plants in the early mornings. Traditionally this was the time of year to nourish and prepare the body for the cold of Makuru we are now moving into. The winds have also changed, especially in their intensity, with light breezes generally swinging from the south-east to south-west. As you can see the wind and leaves from the beautiful Claret Ash and Maple trees are providing the students with a multitude of activities and fun.



Students from Mr Yates' class participated in a Zoom meeting last week to connect with students from Reunion Island. The Reunion Island students shared their EMA (Educational Marine Area) journey as they are just about to finish their school year. Kim and Tracey from Nature Conservation were on hand to help with the translation from French to English. T4 learnt all about how regenerating the foreshore, reducing pollution and minimising lighting at the beach on Reunion Island will encourage turtles to return to nesting at their adopted spot.

T4 in return shared their progress of choosing their area (Gnarabup Back Beach) and creatures they have found there so far. It was fantastic to connect with a school so far away and know there are students all over the world just like ours who are working hard towards reaching the Global Goals.

Next term the Year 5's, along with T4 and Room 11, will be venturing further into learning about their chosen local marine areas.



Reaching out to Reunion





If you are in the office this week, pop in and have a look at the fabulous display of totem animals made by our talented Year 5's.

Boorongur (Totem)

The cultural activity provided students the opportunity to create a plant or animal that they felt they wanted to protect or had a connection to. Using raffia and wool as the materials, inspiration was gained from the Tjanpi Desert Weavers and also the Boorongur Exhibition at the AGWA by Noongar artist Sharyn Egan.

The significance of totems in Aboriginal culture was explained and a fantastic conversation evolved about why this might be so important. The 5's spent the afternoon chatting and creating with their peers.



2023 NAIDOC THEME

'Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people. It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us.

We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.'

Retrieved from <https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/current-theme>





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Learn proven strategies from trained facilitators to:

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- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life
- set rules and routines that everyone respects
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent.

Find a free session near you

Seminar 1, 'The Power of Positive Parenting', is provided **free of charge** to parents of children across Western Australia.

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity.

Find a seminar near you at education.wa.edu.au/triplep

Further **free** seminars and discussion groups are available for parents of young children and teenagers. If you prefer, you can register for Triple P Online (a fee applies).



Attend a session at your school

We support all public schools to host free Triple P seminars at their school, a Child and Parent Centre or other community venue, so that every Western Australian family has the opportunity to benefit from this positive parenting program.

Talk to your school about how they can host a free Triple P seminar for your community.



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now

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