

**12 December 2023**  
**Newsletter issue: 19**

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**Uniform Concepts**

**Term 4 Hours**

**Tues Wed Thurs**

**9am—5pm**

**Saturday**

**9am—12pm**



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**Happy  
HOLIDAYS!**

It's been a huge final couple of weeks here at MRPS! Presentations, awards, incursions, excursions and all sort of fun celebrations. A time for us to all reflect on the year that has been, our goals achieved, new knowledge learned, friendships enjoyed, and all of the other things our school year brings.

Thank you to every one of you who has contributed to this. We look forward to doing it all again in 2024 😊



**From all of us here at MRPS, we wish you a safe  
and happy holiday and a fun festive season**

**Outdoor Games Year One and Year Two Areas**

There will be lots of things happening during the holidays at our school and the possibility of some games being painted on the ground around the year one and two areas. A local Artist has drawn the plans and we are waiting for confirmation as to when the project will begin. We are seeking support to help with the painting from volunteers at our school.

**Volunteers**

I would like to thank all the amazing volunteers we have had at our school throughout the year. Their time is so valuable, and it is wonderful to see so many volunteers coming into our school and spending precious time with our students.

**Presentations**

It was fabulous to see our amazing students and so many families at our presentations last week celebrating your child/children learning journey in 2023. This is the first time we have held the P-5 presentations on one day and the feedback has been positive. Thank you.

**School Development Days 2024**

The school office will be open from Wednesday 24 January and teachers return to school on 29 January. Teachers will be at school participating in professional learning sessions as well as having some time set aside to prepare their classroom in readiness for the students starting school on Wednesday 31 January.

**2024 Class Lists**

Teachers have been busy putting together class lists for 2024 based on the individual profile of each student. It is not possible for every student to be placed in a class with each of their friends. Our priority is to create classrooms that are set up for optimal learning. Class lists will be put up on the glass doors of the assembly area after 3pm on Tuesday 30 January. We leave it this late as class lists can change up until this time due to new enrolments over the holiday break. Please do not take photos of these lists to publish on social media platforms. Thank you.

**School Security**

There will be a number of building works over the holiday break so we ask that you please do not come onto the school grounds to ensure that you remain safe. Any suspicious behaviour in and around the school can be reported to police on 13 14 44.

**Staff Changes**

We have a few changes for 2024 that we would like to share with you. Brooke Pengelly has moved to Augusta Primary School after many years of amazing service at MRPS. Rebecca Thomas will be commencing the year as a Deputy Principal in a fulltime role for term one.

Thank you for working with us a team to support your child/children at our school. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful break over the holiday season.

*Lorraine Macaulay, Principal*

**2023 MRPS School Culture Survey - Community**

Please find below the link to our 2023 School Culture Survey. The School Culture Survey provides valuable information to:

- ♦ Assess the culture of our school; and
- ♦ Identify what conditions and aspects of our school's culture are needed for optimal quality teaching and learning

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/k5D8gCde>

We appreciate your time and feedback in completing the survey.



## Merit Certificates

Room 1	Saraiya Trainos	Room 11	Theo Magnall	Room T5	Walter Cahill
Room 1	Eve Johnstone	Room 12	Lakey Grant	Room T5	Jack Shuard
Room 1	Indi Johnstone	Room 12	Nathan Josway	Room T6	Alysha Thompson
Room 4	Marlin Garstone	Room 12	Riley Hands	Room T6	Elsie Reeves
Room 4	Bernie Kirwan-Ward	Room 14	Cooper Cordero	Room T6	Maisey Field
Room 4	Lachlan Starr	Room 14	John Till	Room T6	Isabella Williams
Room 5	Austin Hall	Room 15	Dakota Kelly-Taylor	Room T6	Lewis O'Connell
Room 5	Mavis Watts	Room 16	Max Coleman	Room T7	Olive Wealand
Room 7	Jim Franklin	Room 22	Nash Tigchelaar	Room T7	Bobbie Sands
Room 7	Ethan Terrassin	Room 22	Oliver Pateman		
Room 7	Kier Barton	Room 23	Lachlan Davis		
Room 9	Creedence Catto	Room 23	Margaux Leal		
	Clearwater	Room 23	Charlie Low		
Room 10	Grace Twine	Room 23	Isabella Sewell		
Room 11	Max Newman	Room T3	Ronnie Schiller		

### Icecream Award

Junior— Room 4

Senior— Room T4



## It's Party Time

Last week's Year 6 Graduation Disco held in the Small Theatre at the Heart was a HIT!! Over a hundred Year 6 students rocked to Margaret Rivers favourite DJ, CATE-IS-IN-THE-HOUSE. There were loads of free giveaways and spot prizes, all donated by parents and the community. The school's P&C paid for the photo booth which was loads of fun. Everyone enjoyed an ice-cream, a cool drink, heaps of Fairy Floss and buckets of pizza. A big thank you goes out to the Mums and Dads that supported this parent run event and made it all happen.

Mr Dowling



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS



<b>DUX</b>	Maggie Gardiner	<b>YOUNG WRITERS</b>	Leila Cordero
<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	Brodie Weiss	<b>ART AWARD</b>	Arlo Mann
<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	Imelda Ensor	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD</b>	Imelda Ensor
<b>LANGUAGES AWARD</b>	Molly Morrell	<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD</b>	Gracie Mann
<b>JENNY SANDERSON ART AWARD</b>		Kelley Williams	
<b>EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC</b>		Mia Edwards	
<b>BRIGHT FUTURE BURSARY</b>	<b>ROSEANNE PODMORE ALL-ROUNDER EXCELLENCE</b>		<b>SUSTAINED EFFORT</b>
Savannah Dowling	Stella Male		Izabel Billing
Heidi Bolognini	Niamh Reid		Tao Kinney
Catto Hackett	Polly Castle		Sophia Le Blanc
Haven Duxfield	Ella Harvey		Jet Kaew-ard

<b>YEAR 5 AWARDS</b>		
<b>EXCELLENCE</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>VALUES</b>
Violet Scott	Tawny White	Will Galbraith
Emmy Calvet-Leu	Edie Byers	Isaac Mann
Koah Robertson	Kiana Brumley	Lewis Hitchcock
	Cohen Potter	Alex Mitchell

<b>YEAR 4 AWARDS</b>		
<b>EXCELLENCE</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>VALUES</b>
Chloe Wheatley	Daisy Lane	Olive Bayley
Lennox Yates	Grace Smith	Rhys Forrest
Kai Johnstone	Amara Gibbs	Jasmine Cordero





<b>YEAR FOUR ART</b>	Jackson Grayden	<b>YEAR FIVE ART</b>	Grayden Smilovitis
<b>YEAR FOUR MUSIC</b>	NFP	<b>YEAR FIVE MUSIC</b>	Samantha Roddy
<b>YEAR FOUR PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	Rhys Forrest	<b>YEAR FIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	Traiye Quinn
<b>YEAR FOUR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	Winter Craven	<b>YEAR FIVE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	Rohan Redding
<b>YEAR FOUR LANGUAGES</b>	Andie Murphy	<b>YEAR FIVE LANGUAGES</b>	Samantha Roddy

	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>
<b>MUSIC</b>	Benjamin Bramstom	Stella Davies	Olive Hitchcock
<b>ART</b>	Denver Klingspon	Ana Earl	Ruby Carbone
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	Elliana Thomas	Connor Rose	Ned Mann
<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	Ace Packwood	Rosie Ivers	Charlie Bursey
<b>INDONESIAN LANGUAGES YR 3</b>	Luke Magnall	<b>MINLIT AWARD YR 2</b>	Stella Evans

<b>YEAR 3 AWARDS</b>	<b>YEAR 2 AWARDS</b>	<b>YEAR 1 AWARDS</b>
<b>EFFORT</b>	<b>EFFORT</b>	<b>EFFORT</b>
Annalise Josway	Genevieve Lonnie	Eleanora Steel
Luc Eggleston	Maelys Gouvis	Bo Taylor
Enid Walters	River Gonsalves	Heidi Magnall
Penelope Smart	Saara Collins	Hunter Burley
Emmelyne Choyce	Jedd Church	Kailani Heimlich Bredenbac
Summer Harvey	Juno Kerr	Marcel Deunff
Kalea Noonan	Stella Davies	Arlo Carbone
Alex Griffiths Varin	John Mitchell	Nina King
Molly Mann	Lucy Lynn	Ayla Josway
Amelia Holland	Hugo Ensor	
Ruby Carbone	Tahiti Gray	



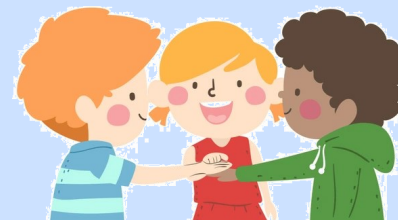
## Student Health and Wellbeing

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 or 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, or when you play a team sport, work toward a common goal. In the playground encourage everyone to join in. Remember, many hands make light work.



### SDERA

#### Tips for Safer Road Use

Children should learn the correct road crossing procedures, especially now as the roads are busier over this time of the year when the festive holiday season begins.

Increase road safety awareness by spreading the message of 'Being Seen, Being Safe' and protecting our community's most valuable asset - our children. The Being Seen, Being Safe road safety project by SDERA aims to influence positive road safety behaviour through actions such as reducing speed around schools and staying alert near pedestrians. The purpose of children wearing bright clothing is to make them more visible in the traffic environments. Encourage drivers to use caution and slowdown in built up areas and around schools. Let's work together to keep our children and young people safer. Our state road safety has the vision of Towards Zero – an audacious yet necessary goal. Every year there are families in WA who are touched by road trauma. Through everyone sharing the responsibility and building a culture in our community that says we won't accept illegal or irresponsible behaviour on our roads.

Think of the safest roads to walk or ride around your local area. Where are the safest places to cross the road? Talk to your children about what would be the safest way for you to travel to some of your favourite places e.g. travelling to school, to sport, to your friend's house. What are some risks and hazards you can avoid when planning your journey. Driveway Safety, on average, one child is seriously injured by a motor vehicle each week in a family driveway in Australia. Talk to your children about moving to a "safety spot" whenever cars are being reversed out of driveways. Especially being aware of driveways when riding their bikes to and from school. Children up to 10 years of age should be supervised by an adult when crossing the road.

- ⇒ STOP – A safe distance from the edge of the road.
- ⇒ LOOK – In all directions for approaching traffic.
- ⇒ LISTEN - For approaching traffic.
- ⇒ THINK – Is it safe to cross the road for everyone



**Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety**

**For more information, visit [www.sdera.wa.edu.au](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au)**



# Race to the finish line!



What fun it is to be a MRPS Year 6 student, especially in Term 4!



Following on from their super fun adventurous camp exploring the South West, students then spent the following Friday at Go Kart Day.

As always, some amazing and creative vehicles were constructed from masses of old wheels, wooden offcuts, and all sorts of other recycled bits and pieces.

Paint, stickers and costumes completed the look and thrills and spills followed as they were all put through their paces.

A exciting and enjoyable day was had by all.





### **Cute Cheerful Charming Children singing Christmas Carols with Captivating Choral Charisma!!**

Pictured here are our fabulous Crazy Crackers Christmas Choir filling the air with their beautiful singing at the Christmas Carols in the park on Friday night. Thank you to everyone involved who contributed to make this a wonderful community evening. Special thanks to our fabulous Music Specialist Helen Collis, for going above and beyond yet again!



## **Drumming Up Support**



A huge thank you to Mitre 10 for being 'Mighty Helpful,' donating 17 x 20 litre buckets for our music program.

Thanks also to Bunnings who are donating 15 buckets.

**TOMORROW NIGHT—*See you there!***



HEL BEL, TONY & GRAEME PRESENT

# MRPS SCHOOL BANDS

LIVE AT THE RIVER

FEATURING  
UM I FORGOT  
YEAAAHHHH BOOD!  
RIVER RASCALS  
BOODJI BEATS

WED DEC 13TH  
5 - 7PM

OPTIONAL DONATION  
ON ENTRY TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR THE  
MUSIC ROOM



### **2024 Booklist Reminder**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. As the holiday season approaches, the team at Margaret River Office Products Depot want to extend our support to make your lives a bit easier.

We are now picking and packing Booklists for next year. Margaret River Primary School will be picked during December. Feel free to visit our store to drop in your booklist... or submit your request online here <https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/margaretriver> Access code: BTS001

**We will dedicate time each day during December between 2pm to 4pm for Margaret River Primary School booklists to be collected.**

#### **Let us handle the hard work:**

Our goal this year is to alleviate the burden during the silly season, so you can submit your request now, allowing you to fully enjoy your holidays.

#### **A friendly reminder to check for duplicates:**

To avoid unnecessary purchases, we encourage parents to check their children's bags for duplicate items (e.g. calculators). Let's embrace the principles of "reduce, reuse, recycle" to make the school experience more sustainable.

#### **Payment options:**

We understand that it can get a little tight during the festive season. Order now and you can pay for the supplies when you pick them up, otherwise talk to our staff regarding a layby option.

#### **Beat The Heat—be kind to our staff:**

We understand that the Australian summer can be quite intense, and we appreciate your cooperation in making the experience pleasant for our hardworking staff. Your kindness and understanding do go a long way in creating a positive environment for everyone.

Complete your booklist online by the **12th January 2024** to go in the draw to win a posca case full of posca pens & a gift for your favourite teacher. Click on the link below to place your order

<https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/margaretriver> Access code: BTS001

Please contact us for any assistance you may need. We look forward to serving you and ensuring your child is well prepared for the upcoming school year.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season!

Kind regards,

The team at Margaret River Office Products Depot

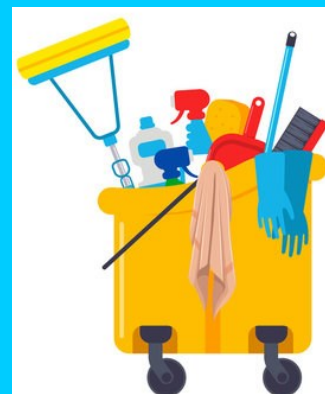


### **Cleaners Wanted**

We are looking for dedicated and organised cleaners to join our friendly team on a relief or permanent basis.

For more information: Contact Karen James, Manager Corporate Services by telephone (08) 9757 8504 or email: [karen.james@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:karen.james@education.wa.edu.au)

Required documents—A current Working with Children's Check and an Education Department Screening Clearance.





# MULTI - SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

Margaret River Primary School  
**Margaret  
River**

*Fun, Healthy, Inclusive*

Early bird price until December 10  
\$44 per/day  
(\$50 per/day from December 10 )

Week 1: Dec 18th - 22nd 2023  
Week 2: Dec 27th - 29th 2023  
Week 3: Jan 2nd - 5th 2024  
Week 4: Jan 8th - 12th 2024  
Week 5: Jan 15th - 19th 2024  
Week 6: Jan 22nd - 25th 2024

Sports & Activities may include:  
Fundamental movement skill games,  
team challenges, capture the flag,  
dodgeball, gladiators, basketball,  
cricket, head catch, jailbreak,  
kingball, and more.

PLEASE NOTE: There are limited places available, book ahead to secure your spot.



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# School Holidays at Shire Libraries

Free activities  
All welcome  
Bookings essential



## Storytime with local author Anna Foley

Join Anna Foley, the Southwest author of new children's book *Catalyse*, for a unique multi-sensory Storytime combining poetry, music and movement and craft. Best suited to children aged 3-8, however all welcome.

Monday 8 January | 10.00 – 11.00am at Margaret River Library



### Ready to book?

Scan the QR code, visit [amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraryevents](http://amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraryevents) or call 08 9780 5600.



## Lego Club

Join our one-hour long Lego Club session to take on new challenges with all Lego provided. Best suited to children over 5 years and bookings are essential.

**Session One:** Thursday 11 January | 2.00pm – 3.00pm

at Margaret River Library

**Session Two:** Thursday 18 January | 10.30am – 11.30am

at **Augusta Library** – includes crafts!

**Session Three:** Wednesday 24 January | 2.00pm – 3.00pm

at Margaret River Library



### Ready to book?

Scan the QR code, visit [amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraryevents](http://amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraryevents) or call 08 9780 5600.



## Backyard science workshops

Look closely at plants under the microscope and draw what you discover, then make an alfalfa pet to take home and keep.

**Session One:** Tuesday 16 January | 10.30am – 11.30am

at Margaret River Library

**session two:** Monday 22 January | 2.00pm – 3.00pm

at Margaret River Library



### Ready to book?

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## Summer Reading Quest

Summer Reading Quest is back this summer! There's tons of prizes across the state that are up for grab, come to your local library to collect your booklet and start reading!



For more information please call 08 9780 5600  
or visit [amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraries](http://amrshire.wa.gov.au/libraries)