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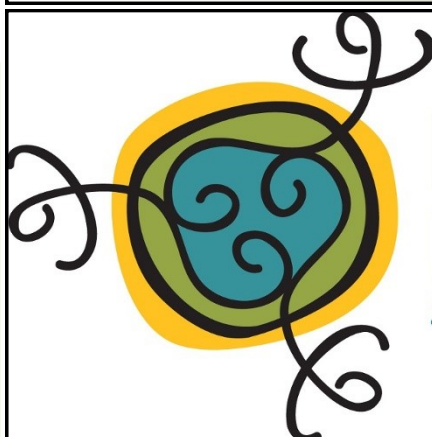
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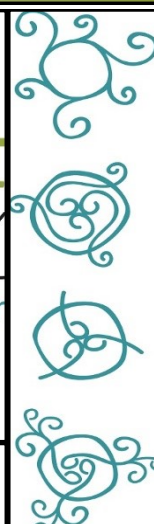
Uniform Concepts

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

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

I would like to share with you a thank you and sign of appreciation I received on Thursday morning from the company workers from Kapture Photography. All three photographers met with me to say that our students and parents were amazing, and we are one of the best schools they have ever worked with across a vast area in Western Australia. Very proud to hear this feedback as they worked with students from every class.

On Thursday 21st of March the jumps and throws will be held during the morning session followed by our annual Athletics Carnival on Friday 22nd of March. This is a day for our Sports Captains to excel in their roles and I am sure they will carry out their responsibilities respectfully and with flexibility.

Thank you to parents for respectfully considering the concerns we have had at pick-up and drop-off times on the south side of the school. Ensuring the safety and efficiency of our school's traffic flow is crucial and your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The P&C will be holding their AGM on Thursday the 28th of March at 5.30pm in the staffroom and parents are welcome to attend.

When I look at the calendar and see this is the last newsletter for the term, I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone. In the weeks we have had at school thank you to all our students, staff, parents, and community members for working together as a team supporting our students.

Regards

Lorraine Macaulay

Principal



REMINDER—Our school canteen is closed on Wednesdays

Orders can be placed online through [Quikcliq](#) up until 9am.
Orders can also be placed in person between 8.40 –9.00am. Menus
and ordering info can be found on our school website [here](#).

HEALTH and WELLBEING

I'm delighted to introduce myself and my new role at MRPS. My name is Kirri Duxfield, and I will be helping support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our students and staff. My background is in Behavioural Science and Counselling, and I am really passionate about supporting the wellbeing of children in our school and community.

As a school, we value supporting your child's *mental, emotional and social wellbeing* in very real and tangible ways.

Over the year the I will be encouraging a whole school focus on various important mental and emotional health topics such as fostering belonging and connection, emotional regulation, social and relationship skills, developing resilience and perseverance beyond the fear of failure and how to think in healthy ways about the "big" emotions including anxiety, anger and insecurity.

My role includes doing short class visits teaching/reinforcing important mental and emotional health topics, and the opportunity for students to be involved in weekly 30 minute Focus Small Groups on topics like emotional regulation, healthy relationships and mindsets that encourage resilience and growth.

I very much look forward to working with the school and consider it a privilege getting to know the students at MRPS this year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions

Warm Regards

Kirri Duxfield

Health and Wellbeing

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Planned Vacations in 2024

If you have a planned vacation outside of the regular school holidays, we ask that you make an appointment to speak with a member of the administration team. You will receive correspondence from us later this year if a student's attendance rate drops below 90% and we do this to ensure that families are aware of the impact on learning through missing school. This is particularly the case with regular absences that can result in students missing important steps in sequential learning.

TRADITIONAL INSPIRED LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION

On Thursday 7th March our new AIEO, Jansie, held a Traditional inspired leadership celebration in honour of our new Student Councillors, Faction Captains and Cultural Connections Committee Leaders.

Our new Cultural Connection Committee Leaders, First Nation students, Abbey Jack, Janice Punch, Zarah Cluss-Williamson and Lacey Bruce assisted Jansie in the design and preparation of the land art out at our school Gathering Place. They also had a voice in how the following celebration was to be performed before being joined by their fellow leaders.

The school leaders gathered around the Wongi (Yarning Circle) and mandala land art where they were invited to connect with country and contribute to the land art by having their handprint dusted on with sand by their peers. Abbey Jack proudly delivered a meaningful Acknowledgement of Country in local Wadandi language before all of the leaders had an opportunity to share their hopes and intentions for the year ahead in their new leadership roles.

With gentle feet on boodja, the students were lead in a traditional inspired movement around the Wongi before using peppermint branches to dust away the land art, the intentions to be swept away in the wind, calling on the ancestors and boodja to guide and protect these leaders in the journey within their new roles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21st March	Jumping and Throwing
Friday 22nd March	Athletics Carnival
Monday 25th March	Combined Assembly
Thursday 28th March	Students last day for term one
Thursday 28th March	P & C Meeting @5.30PM
Monday 15th April	Students Resume for Term 2
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Friday April 26th	Sports options commence
Friday 26th April	Year one Berry Farm Excursion



Year 1 and 2

Ice-cream Stall!

Wednesday

27th March

Lunchtime

\$1

Proceeds generated will contribute to the development of our sidewalk artwork.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5pm

And Saturday 9.00am-12pm

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CANTEEN SUPERVISOR NEEDED FOR MARGARET RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE NEEDED:

Current Working with Children Check and
National Police Clearance

Experience working in a commercial
kitchen

Management experience in a small
business

A great personality, a positive can-do
attitude and able to uphold the core
values of our school

Experience in Xero favourable

ROLE INCLUDES:

Food preparation and sales

Management of all stock levels, online
ordering and daily operations

Liasing with P&C president and P&C
Committee when needed

Ensure the canteen does not run at a loss
and compliant with all food regulations

WORK HOURS (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday
8.15 - 1.15 each day

PAY AWARD Fast Food Industry
Award plus super

Please send your CV and all relevant
information to:

canteen@mrpsandc.org.au

Attention: Zoey



Nearer to Nature

Autumn School Holidays @ RAC Margaret River Nature Park

CREEPY CRAWLIES (90 mins, \$12 per child)



Did you know invertebrates make up 95% of all animal species? Join the Nearer to Nature SW team as we take a closer look at the diversity of creepy crawlies that call the forest their home. We will delve into the world of the arthropods and discover how to identify different insects and arachnids. Discover why these animals are so important to the environment as we examine their features through magnifiers.

Dates: Tuesday 2nd April and Monday 8th April

Time: 9 am to 10.30 am



SENSE-ATIONAL NIGHTLIFE (150 mins, \$10pp, \$25 per family)

Go exploring with spotlights as the forest comes alive after dark. Find out about the wonderful ways in which wildlife adapt to a world without light. Experience the sights, smells and sounds, learn a little about the stars and explore the forest on our blindfold rope trail.

Dates: Tuesday 2nd April and Monday 8th April

Time: 6 pm to 8.30 pm



FOREST DETECTIVES (90 mins, \$12 per child)

Come along and explore the Jarrah and Karri forest. Follow the clues on this special treasure trail to discover how everything in the bush is related - plants and animals and people. Immerse your senses for a stimulating experience and then consider your feelings for the forest.

Dates: Wednesday 3rd April and Tuesday 9th April

Time: 9 am to 10.30 am

For information and bookings

or go to:

exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/school-holiday-activities-south-west





SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSIONS AT GATHERED

School holidays at the farm! Facilitated sessions for kids aged between 6 and 14 years old on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the school holidays.

We set up a range of self-guided stations around the room including water colour and acrylic painting, beading and jewelry, upcycled creations, air dry clay, origami, wool weaving, hand sewing and more. The stations include age appropriate examples and written explanations to suit all ages and abilities, with two staff on hand to help out and supervise. The examples and materials change slightly each week to offer different ideas to keep kids interested and engaged.

The sessions also include a walk around the farm to visit and feed the goats, have a look in the market garden to see what's growing and kids can plant their own seeds to take home.

The farm shop and cafe will be open and you can order morning tea or lunch for the kids, or a coffee and cake for yourself to enjoy on the verandah. Food sensitivities are catered for, with vegan, nut free and gluten free options available.

The classes are drop and leave, and limited to 15 children per session. Bookings are required to secure a spot. The cost is \$21 for two hours from 10am to 12pm.

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THE BUSH CREW

It was the perfect amount of adventure and peace.

"Thank you so much for such a wonderful program. It was the perfect amount of adventure and peace. My daughter has had great difficulty in the past joining new groups and being away from family. She has absolutely blossomed under your care and guidance. The program was such an incredible experience. She has been talking non-stop about her adventures (very unusual for her).

A little spark has been lit which I hope to maintain.
Thank you again for your professionalism and care!"

She had a chance to be herself and learn about where she lives.

"Thank you so much for all the opportunities you enabled and shared with my daughter over the last weeks. She's been a very lucky child and I think her cup/bucket is overflowing. We have enjoyed so many stories, her excitement, desire to attend and love of the opportunities she has had for place based education. It actually worked out ideal at a time when she was injured to have something obtainable she could still enjoy, which I never envisioned when we signed up so randomly.

Thank you for your professionalism, answering my questions without judgement, holding the space for the children, for the nurture, access to nature and a whole lot more for what must have been a lot of organisation. I feel my daughter thrived, she had a chance to be herself, learn about where she lives and felt empowered within the group. So much gratitude."



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\$350 Please call to discuss financial assistance or utilisation of NDIS plans



Gracetown Bay Swim 2024

ALL AGES & ABILITIES COMMUNITY EVENT



SAT 30 MAR 2024
Easter Saturday



Gracetown Swimming
Beach, Bayview Drive,
Gracetown



8:30AM REG OPEN
9:30AM START



\$15 KIDS 200M ENTRY
\$40 1KM ENTRY

Visit our event page for more info and to sign up
<https://GBS2024.eventbrite.com.au>



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