



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd September 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 23rd Sept— Last day WSA Yr 12

Mon 10th Oct— Staff PD Day

Tues 11th Oct—Students commence
Term 4

Friday 14th —HASS Yr 10 Excursion

Wed 19th Oct— Philosothon
Regionals

Thurs 20th Oct—Yr 12 Graduation
Dinner

Fri 21st Oct—Yr 7 & 8 Culture
Infusion Workshop

Fri 21st Oct—Yr 11 Exams begin

Mon 24th—Fri 28th Oct—Haining
Visit (Chinese Sister School)

Fri 28th Oct—Last day ATAR Yr 12

Mon 31st Oct—WACE Exams
Commence

November

Mon 31st Oct & Tues 1st Nov—
Warwick SHS Netball Tour

Wed 2nd Nov—Cert II Outdoor Rec Yr
11 Canoeing

Thurs 3rd Nov—Yr 11 Drama Prac
Exam

Principal's Address

I can't believe a whole term has passed since I started at MRSHS. In many ways it feels like I have been here for much longer than that, but in other ways it seems like I have barely started. I guess many of our Year 12's are experiencing similar feelings as they prepare to leave the school. Five years at high school passes very quickly yet the students have changed dramatically in that time.

The Semester 2 exams for Year 12 students will be finished by the time you read this newsletter. The students have now completed their course work and school assessment for the year. Now the really important job of preparing for the WACE exams in November commences. An effective study regime definitely has a direct and positive impact on the final ATAR score achieved by students. The final examinations count towards 50% of the marks allocated for each course, and they are also used to adjust the scores submitted by the school to ensure each school across the state assesses the students fairly. When many of students from a school study hard and perform very well in the WACE exams, the school scores submitted by the school are likely to be adjusted upwards. It might seem a little strange, but everyone in the class benefits when others perform strongly in the final exams.

Many of our Year 12's who are not sitting exams have been out of the school on Work Placement. This is a fabulous opportunity for students to develop skills in the workplace and build important networks with employers. Organising Work Placement is a very time consuming process and I must thank our Careers team for their efforts. I would also like to thank our Work Place employers as the program would not be possible without their support and understanding and we really appreciate the opportunities that they provide for our students.

Our second formal parent night for 2016 has just been held and I sincerely hope that parents have found the feedback informative and useful. If anyone has feedback on the format or timing of the event, please contact me on 9757 0700.

Term 3 has been a very busy term for staff and students. We have had many extra-curricular activities such as excursions and competitions running through the term and it impossible for me to name them all. I have been impressed with the diversity of opportunities available for students at Margaret River, the commitment of staff to make them available and the support of parents to ensure they occur.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and maybe we will even see some very welcome sunshine.

Rob Nail



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Financial News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Between now and the end of the year we have a number of trips and excursions planned across many different year levels. Payments can be made by cash or credit card or there is also online direct debit available. **If you choose to make payments online, it is important for payment tracking purposes that you please use a specific reference eg: Japan John Smith 11.1, Sydney John Smith 11.1 or Fees John Smith 11.1.** I appreciate your co-operation in making our online payments system more efficient.

Thank you to those that have already paid in full their Contributions & Charges or have made contact with me to set up a payment plan. If you haven't done so please feel free to contact me via email to set this up on Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au. It is never too late.

Charges that haven't been paid this year will roll over to 2017.

At the beginning of Term 4 you will receive another "*Reminder of Unpaid Billing items*". This statement only displays the billing items which have not been fully paid. The school trip costs will be reflected in this statement.

Thank you for supporting MRSHS.

Kind regards,

Cristina Oliveira
Manager Corporate Services



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School Bank Details

If you would like to direct deposit your payment to the school the details are as follows:

BSB Number: 016 – 520
Account Number: 1083 88617

Emergency Service Cadets

Congratulations Wendy!!!

The MRSHS Emergency Services Cadet Corps is challenging, diverse and rewarding for our students. The program instructs students in a range of training modules enabling them to deal with emergencies.

All made possible by our very own Unit Leader, Wendy Coffey.

We are very proud to have Cadets WA honour Wendy's contributions for 5 years dedicated service to the Margaret River Senior High School Emergency Services Cadet Corps.



Nathan Hall, (Community Emergency Service Manager) Lynelle Fozard (Strategic Volunteer Coordinator -DFES), Wendy Coffey (Unit Leader) and Rob Nail (Principal)

State Surfing Titles

Congratulations to both the School Surfing Team and John McTaggart for their awesome effort in the lead up to and during the State Surfing Titles held on Friday 16th September.

Our students performed to a high standard, working effectively in their teams to secure our 12th consecutive State Title for the school. We will have three school teams in the State Team and could still secure some further positions on Allstar teams that are yet to be announced by Surfing WA.

Full details found at: <https://www.surfingaustralia.com/states/wa/news/margaret-river-senior-high-confirm-their-status-as-was-best-surfing-school>

“Students from Margaret River Senior High School dominated competition at the State Final of the SunSmart WA School Surfing Titles, claiming their schools 12th consecutive Champion School Title at Trigg Beach on Friday.

The conclusion to a two-week long, state-wide search for WA's best school surfing talent saw surfers and bodyboarders from 26 regional and metropolitan high schools converge on Trigg Beach to decide who would be crowned Western Australia's Champion Surfing School for 2016.

The State Final brought together over 100 competitors who made the most of wind-affected conditions along Perth's metropolitan beaches.

Margaret River Senior High School proved unstoppable, claiming an incredible and record breaking 12th consecutive Champion School victory ahead of Mandurah Catholic College, Prendiville College and Christchurch Grammar School.

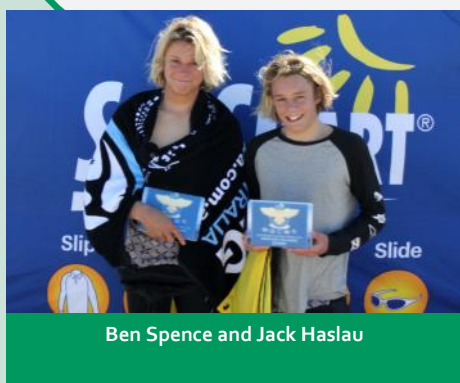
Margaret River had all bases covered with their depth of talent and experience clearly on display as they won four of the eight divisional finals on offer.

Margaret River Senior High's Ben Spence and Jack Haslau, won the hotly contested 18 & Under Senior Boys surfing final. The pair from Margaret River tore apart anything that came their way posting a combined total of 32.50 (from a possible 40) and in turn qualifying for the National Titles on Phillip Island.

“It's been a great day and to win with one of my best mates is pretty cool,” said Haslau. “We'd like to dedicate our win to our teacher Scott Cameron and his family who are going through some tough times at the moment.”

Emi Campbell and Phoebe McGregor claimed victory in the 18 & Under Senior Girls surfing division, defeating schoolmates Maddie Cawood and Arabelle Gibson. Campbell and McGregor scored a combined total of 29.00 (from a possible 40) and also booked their place into the Australian Junior Surfing Titles with the win.

“Surfing is such an individual sport that it's really unique opportunity to compete with a team mate,” said Campbell. “We're all here doing this for our teachers Scott and Tracy Cameron and they'd be thrilled with our win.”



Ben Spence and Jack Haslau



Emi Campbell and Phoebe McGregor



VET and Careers News

Farewell to our Year 12's

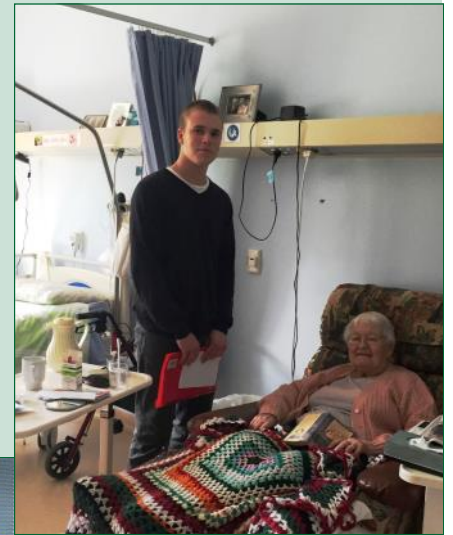
We would like to farewell our Year 12's as they enter the world of training, employment or further study.

It has been a pleasure to watch them develop over the last 5 years, especially over the last 3 years through Career IT and Career and Enterprise.

Our Workplace students have continued to represent the school in a very positive way and several students have secured employment, apprenticeships, traineeships and strong networks that will continue to grow as they leave their schooling life behind.

Good luck in achieving your future goals and continuing your life of learning.

Kara Beecham, Michelle Miller, Laurie Barker and Donna Burgess



2016 Farm News

Sheep

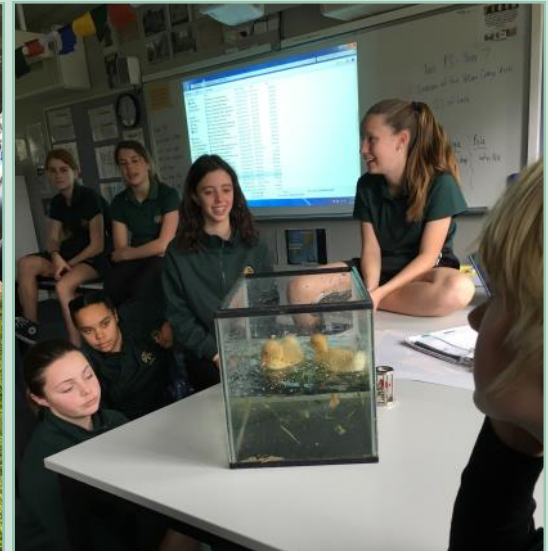
We had Kylie Silverthorne from Big Valley come in and help us sort through our lambs and select our best ewes to keep for breeding. She was very knowledgeable and showed Yr 9 students the characteristics and qualities to look for to improve our Corriedale flock.

Tristan White put the ear tags in the selected ewes with great precision.



Ducks

Wayne Prangnell kindly donated fertile Indian Runner duck eggs and an incubator so we could hatch out ducklings. They have been a huge success and the cuteness is on overload. Students cannot get enough of cute fluffy ducks. We put them in a fish tank and they swam straight away....just like a duck to water...



Farm Shop

Craig Barnett has built us a farm shop which opens out onto the organic garden car park. He made it all from recycled material from the farm and it looks fantastic.

When we start having some excess produce –Term 4 when the sun starts shining – we will put it out for the community to come and get.

The students worked hard cutting and nailing in wood for the floor just last week so it is now complete.



2016 Farm News—continued

Muresk

Bel Howse took the Cert II Rural Ops students to Muresk. The students completed 2 units of competency to go towards their final certificate. They did 'Operate Quad Bikes and/or Two Wheel Motorbikes' first and then 'Muster and Move Livestock using the Quad Bikes'. How much fun do you think they had? More importantly they learned how to ride quad bikes and motorbikes safely. We also listened to a world renowned lecturer from the East coast – Boyd Holden who is a “stock whisperer”...Google him if you get the chance, he is brilliant.



Zoo Peace Panel

Maeve O'Leary painted a beautiful picture of the Boranup Forest for a project the school volunteered to be a part of. Twelve schools participated and we were one of the chosen few....where we had to submit a painting related to the area we live in. They will be put together in a frame with an opening ceremony in October and will be forever on display at Perth Zoo. This initiative was part of the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots project. Thanks to Miss Juniper and Maeve's mum for being the protagonists on this project.

Art News - Term 4



14th and 15th October

Selected lower school art works at the Margaret River Agricultural Show on the 14th and 15th of October.



black swan
STATE THEATRE COMPANY

Friday 4th November

The Black Swan Theatre Company will run free acting workshops with our Upper School Drama students on Friday the 4th of November. That evening our community will have the chance to enjoy the live broadcast of Moliere's *Tartuffe The Hypocrite* at the Margaret River Cultural Centre direct from the State Theatre Centre of WA.



Friday 4th November

The Creating Identity exhibition at Jah Roc Gallery will take place on Friday the 4th of November. This prestigious exhibition offers our community a chance to view and to purchase art works created by our Upper School students.

Stay tuned for details of arts events happening later in the term including our Year 10 Drama Production and our Celebration Concert!

Arts News—Term 3

Our students have learnt and excelled through so many varied opportunities supported by MRSHS Engagement and Enrichment and Student Health and Well Being Funding.

NEW ZEALAND
playhouse

Tuesday 13th September

Shakespeare: As you Write It. The New Zealand Playhouse Theatre Company performed this hilarious improvised show for selected Year 9s to teach students about Shakespeare's key theatrical conventions in a fun way. Three actors had their young audience in fits of laughter as they ran with audience suggestions and took the plot line of "Finding Nemo" then "Shakespeared it up" for a hilarious hour of entertainment.



Tuesday 13th September

UWA Guitar Ensemble Master Class and Performance. As part of their South West Tour the UWA Guitar Ensemble visited our school to run master classes with our senior guitarists and to present a free concert for the public. The one on one tuition our students received was invaluable and the concert presented a mix of duo, solo and ensemble items for a highly appreciative audience.



Tuesday 13th September

Youth on Health Festival. 56 dancers from MRSHS Years 7- 10 performed in this years Youth on Health Festival which was held on the main stage at the Bunbury Entertainment Centre on Tuesday the 13th of September. Please see the next page for full article and photo's of this outstanding performance.



Good luck to Music & Drama ATAR students who will complete their final practical examinations on the holidays.

Arts News—YOH Festival

YOH Festival—I would like to commend and congratulate Dance Specialist Amanda Gradisen and the 56 creative students who performed an exceptional Dance item in this year's Youth on Health Festival on Tuesday the 13th of September. The theme for this festival was "Resilience". Our dancers used the metaphor of animals to speak about human resilience and our need to adapt to change and transitions. Working on the main stage at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre dancers had just 15 minutes rehearsal time before presenting their collaborative piece to a packed audience. Each year group presented their own dance presenting a mix of animal types before the finale which involved all dancers on stage in a vibrant clash of colour and costume. Our "first ever" entry in this state wide festival provided an exciting chance for students to perform along-side other schools in our District. Judges awarded our school with a certificate of "Excellence in Production Elements". The skill level, focus and behaviour of our dancers was outstanding and we can all be very proud of the way these lower school students promoted The Arts at our school.

Mem McCormack
Head of Learning Area: The Arts



Year 9 Outdoor Education High Ropes

On Thursday 8th of September the Year 9 Roping class embarked on a morning of climbing amongst the trees to complete the High Ropes Course at 'Explorus' in Karridale.

The High Ropes Course offered the students a series of challenging activities whilst retaining a focus on teamwork. The students faced some personal challenges by moving through a network of wires, bridges and swings 12m above the ground and demonstrated a wide range of roping skills including climbing, abseiling, belaying and the care of roping equipment.

The three main philosophies of the High Ropes Course were; Challenge by Choice, No Put Downs and Taking Personal Responsibility for your own Decisions and Actions. This allowed each student to choose their own level of challenge and personal growth as well as develop effective communication within their team. The students learnt more about themselves, more about others and more about the natural environment on this excursion.

Thank you to Mr Stuart Kupfer-Hollis who joined our group to provide supervision and to Nicky and her Explorus Team for providing an exciting and challenging day for us all.

Brodi Read

Physical Education Teacher



Margaret River Community 2016 Winter Volleyball Grand Final

A team comprised of Year 10 and 11 boys from Margaret River Senior High School recently won its way through to the Grand Final of the Margaret River Community Volleyball Association. Despite playing a team with many more years experience, the boys performed admirably, pushing the final to a third set decider before just getting beaten in the final stages. The students involved have either participated in the Year 10 Volleyball Specialist Course in Semester 1, represented the school at Country Week 2016 or the Southwest High Schools Winter Carnival – some all three.

Congratulations to Ben Hopkins for being voted MVP for the boys in the final.

Spectators who viewed the final were suitably impressed with the skills on display and commented that this group would be very hard to beat in the volleyball seasons to come.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis
Volleyball, MRSHS.

The boys in the picture are (from left to right);

Connor Skane, Sol Garland, Ben Hopkins, Max Ablett, Balin Jennings, Cody Rogers and Jaz Kupfer-Hollis (front). Absent: Sunny Kemp.



Year 9 & 10 South West Sports Winter Carnival 2016

On Wednesday the 24th of August 118 of our Year 9 and 10 students filled 10 teams (Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys AFL, Boys Volleyball, Girls Netball, Girls and Boys Soccer and Mixed Hockey) to compete amongst schools from Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, Donnybrook, Manjimup and Harvey in the annual South West School Sport Association Winter Carnival.

Margaret River Senior High School achieved an overall result of 5th out of 14 schools. With the exception of our Boys AFL team all our teams competed in the A grade Competition. Our Boys AFL team and the Mixed Hockey team achieved fantastic results considering this was the first Winter Carnival we have entered teams in these sports in many years.

We are extremely proud of all our teams final results. The AFL Boys and Girls team finished 3rd overall, as did our Girls and Boys Soccer. Both were narrowly beaten in the crossover final to compete in the fight for first and second. Margaret River finished 4th in the Mixed Hockey, 3rd in the Netball, 5th in the Boys Basketball and 4th in the Girls Basketball. After a slow start, the reigning Boys Volleyball team finished third in the A grade competition.

All teams represented the school with exemplary sportsmanship and dedication involving training prior to the competition and support for their teammates and their coaches on the day.

Thanks to the Year 11 and 12 students who supported the coaches by umpiring, scoring and running the lines. We would also like to acknowledge our amazing gardener Dennis Guthrie and our parent helpers Andy Longmore and Luke Altmann for their coaching prowess on the day. An extra special thanks goes to Shane Joyce for his assistance in the organisation of the carnival.—**Photo's next page...**

Year 9 & 10 South West Sports Winter Carnival 2016



SCRAM 2016

SCRAM (School Conflict Resolution and Mediation) is an interactive role play competition for Western Australian Year 9 & 10 high school students which facilitates the development of peaceful dispute resolution awareness and skills in secondary school communities. Students mediate simulated disputes which relate to their everyday lives.

This year's competition was held in Perth on 21st September. Our MRSHS SCRAMers took out 1st place! Congratulations to all students involved and to Mr Ben Finch and Mr Patrick Marzohl-Duffy for all their hard work!!!



MRSHS Social Justice Group

SAVE THE DATE...

Thursday 13th October, 6.30pm

The MRSHS Social Justice group invite students, parents and teachers to a screening of the 2016 documentary "Chasing Asylum", by Oscar-winning Australian documentary maker Eva Orner.

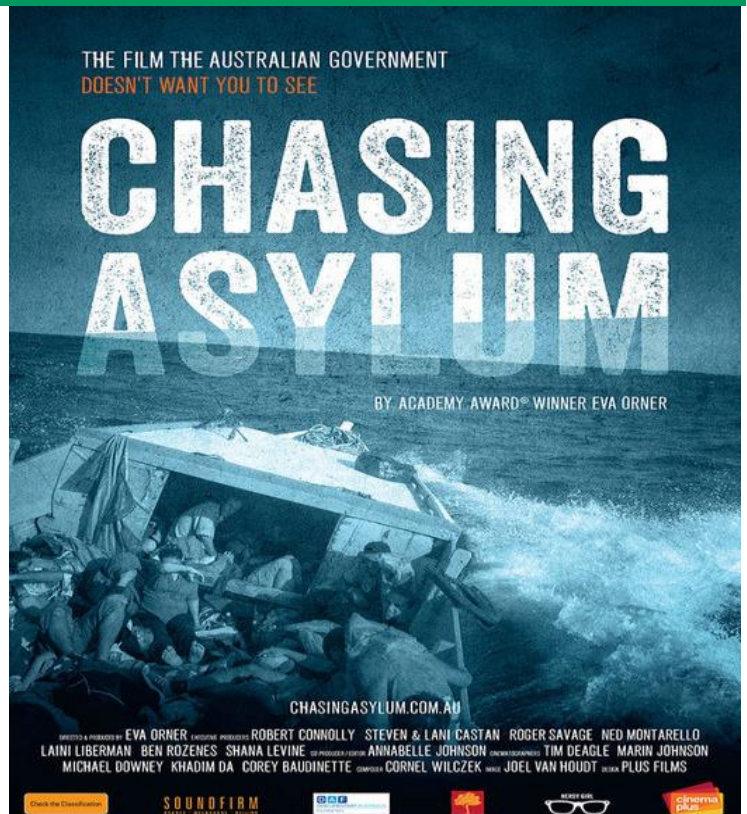
"Chasing Asylum" looks at the deep personal effect of Australia's off-shore detention policy on asylum seekers whose lives are in limbo. Filmed, in part, using hidden cameras, this documentary is a "plea for decency and is a powerful statement that demands wide circulation and debate" (SMH). Steven Castan, one of the Executive Producers, will be at the event to talk about the documentary and answer your questions.

Where: MRSHS Auditorium

Cost: \$5 donation (all proceeds to UNHCR, the UN Refugee Council)

Tickets can be purchased from Student Services or at the door.

Tea and Coffee available. Popcorn for sale too!



PLEASE NOTE: "Chasing Asylum" is rated MA15+ so any students under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Community News

Arts Margaret River and the
Margaret River Youth Advisory Council
Present

'NERVE' MOVIE FUNDRAISER



The Margaret River YAC are currently planning for our biggest annual youth festival in Margaret River, MR SAM 2016. Profits made from this event will go towards this event to make it bigger and better than it has been before!

WHERE: Margaret River Cultural Centre

WHEN: Saturday October 1st 8:00 pm

Youth Ticket: \$10

Adults Ticket: \$15

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Popcorn for sale
at the door!

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online here:
<https://www.artsmargaretriver.com/event/friday-movie-yac-fundraiser-nerve-m/>



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morning tea, equipment
& game fees

Term 4, 2106 / Term 1, 2017

DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

mrtc.org.au



Tennis Coaching Margaret River

7 weeks: Start 18 OCTOBER 2016

Where: Margaret River Tennis Club

When: Tuesdays or Thursdays

Time: 4pm: 5-7 years (\$120)

4.40pm: 8+ (\$130)

Adult Cardio Tennis : Saturday 9.10am

Contact: Simon or Emily Cockburn 0404 806 583



Streamline Tennis



streamlinetennis@gmail.com

Community Noticeboard Continued

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc)

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding open astronomy nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury, during the October School Holidays 1st and 2nd October.


The Observatory will be open on Friday 30th September, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of October each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

Cost: - Adults \$12.00; Children \$8.00; Family - \$35.00

Further Information, Phone: Cameron on 9795 8204

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