

MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th November 2016



Principal's Address

I am very pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have students starting with us in Term 4 2016 and Term 1 2017. Now that we have your child's enrolment details, we are able to start including you in some of our regular correspondence and updates. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our ongoing students back to Term 4. This is always a very busy but positive term with many

events running right up until the end of school. While planning for 2017 has been ongoing throughout the year, Term 4 is when many things get finalised and we run our Year 7 orientation days.

Since arriving at Margaret River SHS, I have been very impressed with the general tone, behaviour of students and the many opportunities available for students. We are beginning to review the survey data that parents, staff and students provided last term, and it seems that our community also views the school very positively. Survey items that rated the highest are listed below:

Students

- · My teachers expect me to do my best
- · I feel safe at school
- My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things

Parents

- Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best
- · This school is well maintained
- My child feels safe at this school
- I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns

Staff

- I would recommend this school to others
- Teachers at this school treat students fairly
- Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns
- This school has a strong relationship with the local community

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 7th & Tues 8th Nov— First Aid Course

Mon 14th Nov—Yr 11 Maths Excursion
Mon 14th Nov to Fri 25th Nov—Yr 11

Work Placement

Tues 15th & Wed 16th Nov—Yr 10

Canoeing Camp

Wed 16th Nov—Yr 6 Orientation Day (MRPS)

Wed 16th Nov—Valedictory Rehearsal

Thurs 17th Nov—Valedictory Dinner

Thurs 17 to Fri 18th Nov— Yr 7 Peer

Support Camp

Wed 23rd Nov—Yr 6 Orientation Day

Thurs 24th Nov-Yr 10 Drama

Production

Sun 27th Nov to Sun 4th Dec-Yr 10

Sydney-Canberra Excursion

Thurs 8th Dec—Yr 9 Abseiling

Thurs 8th Dec—Yr 9/10 PS Dance Tour

Fri 9th Dec—Yr 11 Last Day

Fri 9th Dec—Lower School Celebration

Tour Music/Dance

Sun 11th Dec to Sun 18th Dec—Year

11 Japan Tour

Thurs 15th Dec—Rewards Day

Thurs 15th Dec—Last Day Term 4

Teachers at this school care about their students

The initial information from the surveys really confirms the positive beliefs about the school and also provides us with some areas to focus on. While the ratings were still high, the data suggest that two areas we can address are (1) providing feedback and (2) seeking opinions from parents, staff and students.

Finally, I wish the very best of luck to our Year 12 ATAR students who start their final exams in November. The results that they have achieved throughout 2016 will hold them in very good stead for the exams and they can certainly walk into the exams with confidence.

Rob Nail

Principal

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Financial News

Outstanding School Contribution & Charges

Statements were sent out 1st Week of Term 4. I would like to thank those who have now settled their outstanding accounts.

It would be appreciated if any outstanding accounts could be settled before the end of this term.

Any charges outstanding after the 16 December will be carried over into 2017.

If you wish to discuss a payment option at any time please contact me on 9757 0704 or via email:

Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au

We look forward to your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you

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

Year 8 Immunisations



Follow up HPV Vaccine

The follow up HPV vaccinations for those year 8 students whose parents have filled out the permission forms will occur Wednesday 30th November 2016.

Five students at a time will be called up to go to the Science Seminar room.

After the injection, students will be supervised for 10 minutes by the school nurse.

Parents of year 8 students who have not started their children on this immunisation program but now wish to do so, can obtain a form from the school nurse, Sandra Robertson on 9757 0719.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

ORIENTATION DAYS – WEDNESDAY 16th and WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2016—The uniform shop will be open for purchases from 8:30am – 2:30pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING TIMES - TERM 1 2017

- Year 7 only purchases: Monday 23rd January 9:30am -1:30pm
- Years 8-10 purchases: Tuesday 24th January 9:30am 1:30pm
- Year 11-12 purchases: Wednesday 25th January 9:30am 1:30pm

Pickup of any online orders will be available all of these days from 9:30am - 1:30pm

TERM 1 ONLY - For all students ordering uniforms for back to school 2017, there will be a maximum of up to 3 garments for every individual item purchased i.e. 3 x polo's, 3 x trackpants, 3 x shorts etc per student. This will enable all students to be in uniform at the beginning of the year. Additional purchases can be made later.



The uniform shop will return to normal opening hours 8:30am - 10:30am on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

City of Busselton - 2016 Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

The 4th Annual Mayoral Prayer breakfast was proudly sponsored by the City of Busselton and held on Friday 9th September 2016. The aim of this event is to support and encourage community building and the theme for this year's breakfast was 'Compassion and Action'. Prayers and presentations focused on how we can support the good work being done by Busselton Street Chaplain Group Inc.

Over the years MRSHS students have been formally invited to attend the breakfast as representatives of our community. This year we were represented by Student Council Coordinator and HASS teacher Ben Finch, our Head Boy Callum Noone, Head Girl, Kathleen Fabre and Kathryn Seisun our school Chaplain.



Left to Right: Ben Finch, Kathleen Fabre, Callum Noone and Kathryn Seisun

We were inspired by the stories shared by Keynote Speaker Dr Garth Eichhorn – the founding Director of Street Chaplains WA. Dr Eichhorn is passionate about community building. He encouraged us all to be aware of the needs of others and how we can each reach out to make a difference. This was A very enjoyable event and a delicious breakfast.

Kathryn Seisun

Learning Support News

Since second term, two of our students, Joshua Italiano and Kamola Olimjonova, have been attending fortnightly sessions with Riding for the Disabled. RDA is a charitable organisation that deliver a variety of horse related programs. RDA is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, with the use of horses donated by the public.

Last Thursday Kamola, sat her first dressage test having memorised the routine. Paralympian Sharon Jarvis acted as judge as Kamola successfully put her horse Wrangler through its paces.

Both Joshua and Kamola look forward to their fortnightly sessions that are supervised by education assistants from the school, and hope to attend weekly in 2017. The school is grateful for the service RDA provides and the obvious positive outcomes it has for our students. The group is looking for funding/donations so these young people can continue to do what they love.

Leanne Hayes

Learning Support Co-ordinator



Year 9 Science

May the sweet force be with you!

The Year 9 Science classes enjoyed learning about physics by replicating molecular structures on the last day of Term 3.

Using jube lollies and toothpicks the students were required to make a series of structures given certain criteria.

Some of the criteria were, 'using your lollies and only 20 toothpicks, you must make the tallest structure possible, that must be free standing' or 'Your structure must be made up of triangles'.

The students thoroughly enjoyed putting their 'Forces' knowledge into practice (and they didn't mind the reward of eating their structures afterwards either).

A really **BIG THANK YOU** goes to the **CANDY COW** who donated enough jube lollies to supply **all** the classes that participated. It certainly sweetened our day!









Arts News - Term 4



Friday 4th November

The Creating Identity exhibition at Jah Roc Gallery will be opening tonight, Friday the 4th of November at 6.30pm and continue through to Sunday 6th November. This prestigious exhibition offers our community a chance to view and to purchase art works created by our talented Upper School students. Congratulations to those students who will exhibit their work at tonight's event.

The Visual Art and Design and Technology staff have been working hard to ensure this exhibition is a great success. This year will feature our very own principal Rob Nail as Guest Speaker. This annual event is always a highlight for our school calendar.

Come along to enjoy a selection of refreshments prepared by our catering students, a glass or two of our school wine and a diverse display of photography, jewellery, furniture, textiles and art works.



Friday 4th November

The Black Swan Theatre Company will run free acting workshops with our Upper School Drama students and invited Year 10 and Year 9 Drama enthusiasts today, Friday the 4th of November. This 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.



Thursday 24th November

Year 10 Drama students will perform Debra Oswald's <u>DAGS</u> on the 24th of November. These day time performances will be presented to selected Year 9s and parents and friends.



Thursday 8th December

Year 9 and Year 10 Dancers will tour local primary schools on Thursday the 8th of December to showcase student devised dance items and Jazz dances taught by Miss Kat from Blackwood Dance Company.



Friday 9th December

The Celebration Concert will take place on Friday the 9th of December – Lower school Music and Year 9 Drama students will perform a 50 minute concert for Parents and some year 5 students.



Wednesday 14th December

The Presentation Assembly which will be held on Wednesday the 14th of December will conclude our arts events this year with a selection of musical items for our whole school to enjoy.

I would like to encourage all of our arts students to rehearse in readiness for these exciting Term 4 Arts events.

Mem McCormack

Head of The Arts Learning Area

Arts News - Term 4

Early this term our **Year 10 Music students** were treated to a history workshop run by Isabelle Lemon. Students dressed and ate in accordance with their introduction to Baroque, Classical and Romantic styles of Music.

Mem McCormack

Head of The Arts Learning Area







Haining No. 1 School, China Visit

As part of the annual exchange program between Haining No. 1 High School and Margaret River SHS. In week Two this term, MRSHS hosted their sister school students and teachers. During their visit, the students were paired with MRSHS students as their school buddies and participated in their buddies' classroom activities. The group also spent a day touring the region tourist spots. They met with the shire executives and councillors and were given a tour at the AMR Shire Office.

On behalf of Margaret River SHS, I would like to thank you the AMR Shire for their continuing support of the MRSHS and Haining No.1 High School exchange program. MRSHS students are looking forward to visit their friends at Haining No.1 High School in September next year.

Angela McCoy

International Relationship Coordinator



Culture Infusion Workshops



On Friday 28th October, MRSHS Year 7 and 8
Languages students attended Culture Infusion
workshops run by Indonesian Dance Studio Perth at
the school auditorium. This years workshop dance was
from West Sumatra (Din-din ba din-din Dance). At the
end of the workshop, twenty students had the
opportunity to dress up in the traditional costumes and
perform the dance to the group. This workshop was
fully funded by MRSHS Enrichment and Engagement
Program.

Mrs McCoy - Asian Languages teacher





Murdoch University Asian Studies

On the last day of Term Three, forty-eight Year 8
Asian Languages students went for a day trip to
attend workshops at Murdoch University, Perth. The
students enjoyed Gamelan and Angklung workshops
and a Murdoch University tour guided by university
staff. Before the return trip to Margaret River,
students feasted on an Indonesian "Nasi Tumpeng"
buffet lunch at OSH5ONE Bali Modern Cuisine
restaurant in Bentley. This trip was part funded by
MRSHS Enrichment and Engagement Program.



Another New Sister School for MRSHS



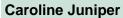
Arts News

World Peace Day

On the 21st September it was International World Peace Day. To commemorate this day Perth Zoo decided to make a Peace Pole, an international symbol and monument to peace which will have panels decorated by selected schools from across WA. The Peace Pole Project transcends race, religions and politics to spread the message of peace. This initiative was part of the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots project.

The brief was to submit a painting from a local habitat/geographical area. **Maeve O'Leary**, our outstanding year 11 Visual Art student, was selected to paint an area of the Boranup Forest.

All submissions were unveiled during an Opening Ceremony in October and will remain forever on display at the Perth Zoo. The painting was completed at short notice and Maeve is to be congratulated for her professionalism and dedication to this project. Her painting has since received rave reviews as a sensitive and highly skilled work which clearly displays the beauty of the forest.



Visual Art Teacher



VET and Careers News

Try a Trade - Year 10

Try-A-Trade is a short practical three day hands-on program aimed at providing students with some insight into selected trades and an excellent opportunity to help students make informed decisions about a future career path. This years program included Gyprocking, Carpentry and Joinery and Roofing trades.

The invaluable experience offers our students a great opportunity to build relationships and provide a pathway towards gaining a future Apprenticeship at the completion of their schooling within their chosen trade.

Thank you to Justin Tweddle for supervising the program and to the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Company for allowing another opportunity for our Year 10's to gain a valuable insight into these three trades.

All the students actively participated and were provided with excellent mentoring by industry qualified TAFE lecturers.

Kara Beecham

Vet Co-ordinator







Philosothon News



The Margaret River Philosophers have experienced a particularly successful end to 2016 with solid results in both the National and Regional Competition.

National Philosothon

Held in balmy Brisbane, at the Anglican Church School over the October school holidays, the National Philosothon competition was open to any school who had won their regional competition in 2015. Having qualified last year, the only impediment to our attendance had been raising the necessary funds. A dedicated and diligent parent group has spent the majority of 2016 engaging in all sorts of fundraising activities to ensure our students would benefit from this educationally expansive experience. Aided by some funding provided from the school's engagement and enrichment fund, it was exciting to realise that thanks to everyone's efforts we would be taking every student selected for the National Competition. Those students were; *Emily-Rose Lochore, Sam Iles, Gus Wrightson*, Angus *Dowden, Jykia River, David Lochore, Peppa Lane and Clare Lagan*.

The competition was a fiercely intellectual one, with students discussing difficult philosophical questions at length in groups of 10 to attempt to reach some kind of conclusion. Discussions ranged in topic from: Can a robot be conscious, to what is justice?

Considering the fact that the majority of schools attending the National Philosothon offer Philosophy as a subject in their curriculum, Margaret River Senior High School did very well. Many judges and facilitators commented on the calibre of our students and the capability and flexibility with which they engaged with complex ideas.

Sam Iles (Year 8) placed 3rd in his age division and Margaret River placed 4th overall, out of 10 schools.

Regional Philosothon

Only 2 weeks later we found ourselves back at the Regional competition, ready to defend our 2015 title. Due to the fact that several schools pulled out at the last minute, we took an extra team to flesh out the competition a little. Excitingly, the Margaret River teams placed first and second in the competition, with many of our students placing in their year divisions as follows:



Year 8: 1st Emily-Rose Lochore, 3rd Sam Iles

Year 9: 2nd Gus Wrightson Year 10: 1st Nick Liebenburg

Year 11: 1st Jykia River (competing up a division) **Most Promising Philosopher:** David Lochore

It has been an exciting year for us, everyone has grown in their understanding of logic and the support from the students, parents and the wider community has been sensational. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Heather Macfarlane—Philosothon Co-ordinator

M.R.S.H.S Emergency Service Cadet Corps

What an absolutely terrific group of students for setting up the Margaret River Show on Thursday 13th October 2016. The Emergency Service Cadets are to be commended on their achievements.

We started at 9:00am and the students worked throughout the day. Activities ranged from setting up display boards and placing entries onto them, to designing the layout for all the entries. They also set up tables, putting table cloths on and cutting and placing ribbons on the tables, lots of carrying and putting items where requested by staff, cleaning tables, shoveling, hammering, raking, filling sand bags and setting up the large tents on the oval. This is a huge day and I have



personally being supporting the show with the assistance of the M.R.S.H.S. Emergency Service Corps for nine years. We have been told numerous times that without our assistance they would be at a loss and that they appreciate everything we do to help set up the Margaret River Agricultural Show.

Well done M.R.S.H.S. Emergency Service Cadet Corps.

Wendy Coffey

M.R.S.H.S. Unit Leader









Year 7 & 8 South West Sports Winter Carnival 2016

On Thursday the 15th September, 115 of our Year 7 and 8 students filled 9 teams travelled to Bunbury to compete amongst 15 schools in the annual South West School Sport Association Lightning Carnival. The teams that participated were Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys AFL, Girls Netball, Girls and Boys Soccer and Mixed Hockey.

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 mixture of Year 9, 10 and 11 students who supported the coaches by umpiring, scoring and running the lines and our parent helper Charlie Cox for volunteering to coach the Boys Soccer team.



Brodie Read

The Year 8 and 9 Lightning Carnival Girls Soccer team went to Bunbury with great spirit and love of the game of soccer. They played as a team where all players were reliable and had an impact on their success. The girls only had two goals scored against them all day with Jaspa Cargill-Fletcher and Hannah Gibbs bagging five goals each. Congratulations on all the girls and special thanks to Charlotte Glynn and Freya Elliott for their hard work as officials/coaches and great role models for the team.



Sue Buckland

The Boys AFL team performed very well throughout the day and demonstrated some very cohesive team play supported by some excellent individual performances. Congratulations to Kade Dittmar and Austin Dempsey who were selected as Captain and Vice Captain of the team for the day. Students represented the school very well and the future looks bright for AFL at MRSHS as these student progress into the highly competitive Year 9/10 Carnival in years to come. Mr Joyce was very proud of the team and how enthusiastic the team was throughout the day to accept and take on new playing positions and team strategies and tactics.



Shane Joyce





Year 12 Leavers Health Seminar

Margaret River Senior High School held the annual year twelve Leavers Health Seminar last term. The Health Seminar included a full day of fun and interactive workshops presented by external youth agencies including local Police, Waratah, Rural Clinical School of WA and the Community Drug Service Team. Local Emergency Services also provided a car crash scenario explicitly demonstrating important road safety messages. The workshops built on life skills and knowledge that will be useful beyond school and leavers celebrations. Key health messages were about safety, responsibility and harm minimisation.

The students were grateful to the skilled and experienced presenters and extremely positive about their increased knowledge and awareness.

The health promotion day was a great example of excellent partnerships between the school, local community organisations, the Police and Emergency Services.

Students collected gold coins as a donation that was presented to the volunteer Emergency Services.

Thanks to the P&C for supporting this event. Also a big thank you to local businesses who generously supported the Leavers Seminar by donating gifts for a massive raffle.

Thanks to Sandra Robertson – Community Nurse for coordinating the day.



Graduation Dinner



Community Noticeboard

Bunbury Summer School 2017 is a series of 100 workshops and activities for all ages from 5 upwards which runs out of the Stirling Street Arts Centre and other venues in Bunbury's CBD, over the school summer holidays, from 9-21 January 2017. There are classes in categories ranging from Healthy Living, Drawing & Painting, Exploring Culture, Music, Dance & Performance, to Photo & Print, Pottery & Glass, Textiles & Fibres, Sculpture and Structure. Workshops and activities are all very reasonably priced and some are free.

We are currently offering EARLY BIRD discounts of 10% off the catalogue price until November 27.

Gift Vouchers can also be purchased in office or by phone, which will make a great Christmas gift for that hard-tobuy-for person.

Enrolments can soon be made online, in our office and over the phone using a card. The catalogue showing all our classes is available at many venues in Bunbury and surrounding towns at Libraries and Community Resource Centres or online at our website: www.stirlingstreetarts.com.au / summer school.

For further information or bookings please call us at the Centre on 9791 1256.



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HOW TO ENROL

Stirling Street Arts Centre Cnr Stirling & Charles Streets, Bunbury

Online:

- www.stirlingstreetarts.com.au Phone:
- (08) 9791 1256 or 0498011256

All locations feature on-site parking. Most sites are free (2hr - All Day), whilst some have paid parking. Keep an eye out for signage in the area.

Transit:

Taxi ranks are located on the Corner of Stephen Street & Arthur Street (outside Centrepoint). The Bunbury Bus Station is also centrally located on the corner of Carmody Place & Blair Street.

FOOD & DRINK:

With thanks to Xpresso 2You, there will be a coffee van at Stirling Street Arts Centre during the day. A delivered lunch service is also provided, from local restaurants to your workshop! There will also be a small selection of snacks and drinks at Stirling Street Arts Centre available for purchase.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Bunbury Summer School 2017 (BSS) is co-ordinated by Stirling Street Arts Centre (SSAC).

 Enrolments can be made online, by phone or in person at Stirling Street Arts Centre office.

 BSS encourages all ages and abilities to be included in a wide programme of learning and participation. However please take note of age/ability guidelines for certain workshops and
- Parents or guardians are welcome to observe their child's participation in a workshop, but must not personally involve themselves, or allow other children who have not enrolled in the workshop, to participate in the actual class activity.
- Parents or guardians must be responsible for their child's behaviour. The class tutor will bear no such responsibility, but will have the right to request that children causing a disruption be asked to leave so that the enjoyment of others is not compromised.

 Participants must adhere to Occupational Health and Safety standards. We reco
- participants wear closed in shoes, comfortable clothing and that long hair is tied back.
- Full payment is required upon booking. We accept cash, credit cards and eftpos
- You payment to require a upon a booking, we accept can be not received and expose and workshop if the required minimum number of attendees is not received. Notice of cancellation will be given by email or phone to all those enrolled, at least 24 hours prior to the advertised workshop start
- Full refund will be made if a class does not proceed.

 Where classes have a maximum number of attendees, places will be filled on a first in/first served. basis. Waiting lists will be kept, and if practicable a further class may be offered.
- If an enrolled person wishes to cancel their booking, written notice (email or mail), must be received. Verbal advice is not accepted.
- Cancellations within 7 days of the course date will receive no refund. Cancellation with at least 7 days notice will receive a full refund, less a 10% administration fee.
- Class absentees are not eligible for refund or transfer after a workshop has commenced.
- Refunds once accepted can only be given by EFT. No cash or credit card refunds will be made
- SSAC reserves the right to change a workshop time, date, place or tutor in the unlikely event that a workshop cannot proceed as advertised.
- BSS is a smoke free event. Our funding partner Healthway supports our event as it is conducted in a healthy and safe environment.
- Times, dates, and workshop information is correct at time of prin In the event a workshop is fully booked, we may add a second se
- to workshop times, dates, and additions will be notified on the website and social media.



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Community Noticeboard Continued



The Swimming WA Community Aquatic Series is coming to Busselton on the 5-6 November and we would love to have you all to be involved!

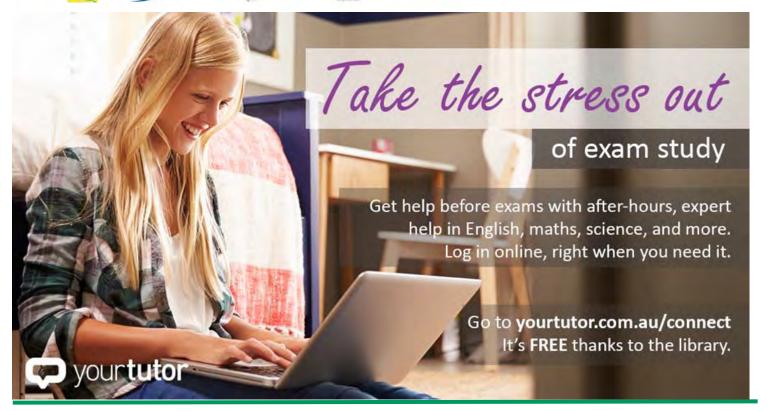
Swimming WA will be bringing a high profile coach and athlete to deliver a pool clinic, coach forum and community open water swim. There will also be a technical official forum.











Cowaramup Community Forum



You are invited to attend a Forum with Special Guest

Hon Donna FARAGHER MLC,

Minister for Planning; Disability Services

Hosted by

Libby METTAM MLA,

Member for Vasse

This is an opportunity to meet the Minister to discuss important local issues including planning and disability services.

DATE:

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

TIME:

6:00pm to 8:00pm

VENUE:

Cowaramup District Social Club Memorial Drive, Cowaramup

Please RSVP to Roslyn.Hanlon@mp.wa.gov.au or phone 9752 1949 by Monday 31 October 2016

Light refreshments provided.

Drinks will be available to purchase at the bar.







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WAY TO PROTECT