



# MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2017

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **WEEK 4**

#### **November 3rd**

*Creating Identity*

### **WEEK 5**

#### **November 10th—12th**

*Cadets Camp*

### **WEEK 6**

#### **November 13th to 24th**

*Yr 11 Work Placement (Week 1)*

#### **November 15th- Nov 17th**

*Yr 7 Peer Support Camp*

#### **November 15th**

*Yr 11 Maths Excursion*

#### **November 16th**

*Yr 12 Valedictory*

#### **November 17th**

*Yr 9 Roping Excursion*

#### **November 26th -Dec 3**

*2017 Sydney Canberra Trip*

### **WEEK 7**

#### **November 27th -December 1st**

*Yr 11 Work Placement (Week 2)*

#### **November 22nd**

*Yr 6 Orientation Day  
(Cowaramup PS only)*

#### **November 23rd**

*Yr 10 Drama Production*

*Yr 10 Canoeing Camp (23rd-24th)*

#### **November 24th**

*Yr 11 Last Day—Awards Ceremony*

## **PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS**

The year continues on at a hectic pace and it is hard to believe that we have only 7 weeks to go. It has been a very busy time at school preparing for our Year 12's to leave, the Year 12 Valedictory, the Creating Identity Exhibition, Year 11 exams and the start of the 2017 WACE exams

I would like to recognise the achievements of the Year 12 students of 2017, in particular the outstanding way in which they departed the school. They have shown great respect to the past and present students of our school by the way they have conducted themselves and we are very proud of how they have represented Margaret River Senior High School. Their involvement in our school has left it, and our staff, richer because of the way they have handled themselves throughout their schooling. I would like to thank them for allowing us to share in their journey.

The Year 12 students of 2017 have impressed me as a friendly, confident and tight knit group who have involved themselves in all aspects of school life. As a group they have been supportive of each other, celebrated each other's achievements and always displayed a strong sense of humour. The strong friendships that have developed during their schooling at MRSHS will be valuable to our students into the future.

For those teachers who have been fortunate enough to have seen these young people develop at MRSHS over the years it is especially rewarding. I would like to thank all teachers of Year 12 courses this year for their perseverance, guidance and pursuit of academic excellence for this group.

I would like to recognise our two school leaders, Kate Thompson and Kiera Smirke for the work they have done in 2017; they have been excellent ambassadors for MRSHS. They have assumed their roles with confidence, charm and a willingness to make the lives of their fellow students better.

I would like to thank Mr Merv McKillop, Ms Kara Beecham and Mr Ben Finch for the hard work and commitment they have displayed in supporting our Year 12's throughout this year. Their assistance has made a considerable difference to the lives of these students and helped many to achieve to the best of their ability.

In other news, The Arts and the Technology and Enterprise Departments are busy preparing for The Creating Identity Exhibition at JahRoc Galleries. This event, which takes place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November to the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, provides our Arts and Technology and Enterprise students an opportunity to showcase their talents. I am impressed with the variety and quality of items that will be displayed. At this event we will unveil our 2016/2017 wine vintages, which are produced by the students from the Rural Operations course.

We are currently planning for our end of Year assemblies. For 2017 we will be holding a number of lower school assemblies on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. Due to the increase in student numbers we are unable to hold a single combined assembly for the lower school. To accommodate all students we will have to hold individual assemblies, at different times through the day, for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9/10. This will be a temporary measure until our new gymnasium is completed. We will provide further information to parents closer to the event.

**Andrew Host**  
Principal



## Finance



### Outstanding School Contribution & Charges

Statements were sent out 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Term 4. It would be appreciated if any outstanding amounts could be settled before the end of this term.

Any charges outstanding after the 15 December will be carried over into 2018.

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](mailto:Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au)

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you,

**Cristina Oliveira**

## Years 7—10 Rewards Day

### Year 7 – 10 Movie and Subway Rewards Days

On the 6th and 7th December we will be holding Rewards Days for Year 7 – 10 students. Students will be taken to the Cultural Centre to view a movie and then meet at school for a Subway lunch.

An attendance rate of over 95%, positive report attributes and Good Standing are required for students to be invited.

It is a timely reminder that if students have any outstanding absences to explain or medical certificates, please forward to Student Services.

Students who meet the criteria will be given an invitation in the coming weeks detailing the plans for the day.

**Chris Buckland**  
Year 7 & 8 Coordinator



## Margaret River Mobile Dental Van

Margaret River Dental Mobile is currently located at Margaret River Primary School corner of Forest Road and Bussell Highway. Children are eligible for the School Dental Service from the year they turn 5 until their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday or end of year 11 (whichever comes first) this is a free service. The school dental school is not a compulsory service and all children can attend their family/ private practice if they prefer to.

Due to over whelming student numbers in Margaret River there is a waiting list for all enrolled children. Margaret River dental mobile along with the private dental practices in Margaret River can utilise the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, this federal government incentive allows \$1000 of dental treatment over a 2 year period from age of 2 till 18 years of age. If you are currently seeking treatment with your private/ family dentist and don't wish to continue with the School Dental Service can you please email [MargaretRiverMobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:MargaretRiverMobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au) to consent withdraw. This will allow another child waiting on the waiting list to be seen sooner.



Any parents who wish to consent withdraw can enter back into the service, while they are still eligible, at any time. In 2018 Rapids Landing Primary School will be opening and there will be a fixed dental clinic attached to the administration building. At this stage we are unable to confirm a date when the clinic will be up and running. Until then, all patients will continue to be seen at the dental van and will keep everyone updated for when the new clinic opens.

# Farm

## VINEYARD

*The vineyard has seen it's best season ever. Students from all year groups have been very busy pruning. The Rural Operations students bottled the wine using the fantastic facilities next door at Margaret River Education Campus.*



## SHEEP

*Our flock of Corriedale's are coming along nicely. We had a 110% lambing success and students have been busy drafting, weighing, nutting, marking and tailing the lambs.*

*The sheep were shorn this month and students helped with the throwing of the fleece and general rouseabout duties in the shearing shed.*



## CERTIFICATE II RURAL OPERATIONS

*Students conducted their annual trip to Muresk Ag College to complete two units towards their certificate. Low stress livestock handling and Operate Quad Bikes. This is always a highlight of the year and the students learn invaluable lessons on safety when using quad bikes, or any other bikes for that matter. They learn how to work with livestock using minimal noise and utilising the animals natural behaviours to move them around in the stockyards.*

*Below is a great picture of students in a flock of sheep with the sheep's natural "flight zone" very obvious.*

**Bel Howse**  
*Farm Teacher*



## VISUAL ART

Georgia Podvrsnik



WATERSHED  
MARGARET RIVER

Caroline Juniper



HAY SHED HILL  
MARGARET RIVER



The Tartan Fleck is an international collaboration between the South West Capes of Western Australia and Scotland. This art project aims to reach out and tell stories of shared journeys, land, people and communities past and present.

The Tartan Fleck weaves together:

- The expertise of paper artisan *Chrissie Heughan*.
- 12 talented regional artists including year 12 student, **Georgia Podvrsnik**.
- Vine cane from 12 well-known local vineyards.
- Traces of regional tartan past and present.

This project culminates in:

**'THE TARTAN FLECK' art exhibition**

**3rd - 23rd November, 2017**

**to be held at**

**The Foyer Art Gallery,  
Margaret River Cultural Centre**

Georgia Podvrsnik and Visual Arts teacher, Caroline Juniper are both involved in this project and have produced prints that each accompany a story about Scottish migrants coming to the Margaret River region.

On November the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chrissie Heughan, a Scottish paper sculptor and artisan conducted a Paper Making workshop for the year 10s who are studying Certificate 3 in Visual Art next year.

The Visual Art course in 2018 includes Printmaking which is perfect for these students who will produce prints on their hand-made paper.

## UWA GUITAR ENSEMBLE TOUR



Last term ended with an exciting visit to MRSHS from the UWA Guitar Ensemble. These amazing Musicians played a free concert, open to all members of the public and held one on one Master Classes with select guitarists from our Music Program.

## AUSTRALIAN PLAYHOUSE THEATRE



On the 17th of October three actors from the Australian Playhouse Theatre Company performed a highly presentational, comical play called "Gatsby Unleashed" in our school auditorium. Eighty Year Nine students from Drama and English were selected to see this performance as part of our school's Engagement and Enrichment program. The show offered students a plot synopsis of the F.Scott Fitzgerald novel "The Great Gatsby". It covered biographical details about the famous novelist and insights into 1920s America – all with song, mime, gender swaps, audience involvement and hilarity.

The Australian Playhouse are a yearly touring company to our school – next year they will perform "Shakespeare: As You Write It" to help students appreciate the conventions of Shakespearian Theatre.

# Creating Identity

Friday 3rd November

The **Creating Identity** exhibition at Jah Roc Gallery will be held on Friday 3rd November at 6.30pm and continue through to Sunday 5th 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 the event.

The Visual Art and Design and Technology staff have been working hard to ensure this exhibition is a great success. This annual event is always a highlight on our school calendar.

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

Friday 3rd of November 2017  
6:30pm

Jahroc Galleries  
83 Bussell Hwy. Margaret River  
WA 6285  
97587200  
info@jahroc.com.au

C R E A T I N G I D E N T I T Y

Margaret River Senior High School  
presents an exhibition of  
Fine Wood  
Fine Art  
Art Metal  
Catering  
Photography



## Year 8 Science : 3D Cell Model Project

Year 8 science students made 3D models of cells with found/recycled materials. They made internal structures and provided labels. The classes then graded each unnamed model with a rubric (scientific scoring guide). The success of this activity can be seen in the fabulous photos.

**Mike Nikulinsky**  
Science Teacher



## Term 3 Science: Fish and Chicks, Bits and Bobs and Farewell...

Term 3 was a very busy term in science. 34 Degrees Down South Fish supplies kindly donated two large tubs of fish frames for the Yr. 8 students to have a close look at gills and eyes. Students carefully dissected the gills out of the fish skeleton, and then floated them in a beaker of fresh water to fully demonstrate the amazing surface area this organ provides for the fish.

We also had a visiting teacher from the Woodside Australian Science Project. Ms Julia Ferguson took 3 classes over 2 days, from different years, to show them different aspects of Earth Sciences. One of the classes, Ms West's Year 10 class, were given the opportunity to look closely at artefacts collected by Ms Ferguson from the goldfields; artefacts that have been left by miners over a century ago. Students were given hand lenses to closely examine and then try to work out what each artefact was and what distinguishing features the items had. There was old cigar tins, medicine bottles, some aboriginal artefacts and many more. The class provided these students with many skills that they can now take to other aspects of science as well.

We had some births in Science as well this term. An incubator holding fertilised eggs was placed in the foyer a couple of days before hatching. Lucky students were able to witness chicks actually hatching out of their shell, and after a few days were permitted to hold and weigh the chicks. We placed a chart near the chick enclosure, and recorded weights 3 times a week. Wow those chicks grow fast! Students that came to hold the chicks learnt about the lifecycle of a chick and how the embryo develops in the egg, as well as the need for strict thermo regulation during the first few weeks of a chick's life, especially important if they are not with their mother. We will hatch another batch of chicks later in the year.

The Year 12 ATAR students finished their classes this week; its always hard to capture them in photos in science but I found a few from earlier in the year from Human Biology Class testing each other body temperature when exposed to different extreme Temperatures. One doused herself in ice buckets, wet towels and air-conditioning, another clothed himself in ski gear and we put the heating on full.

To all the Year 12 Science students, farewell, good luck and thankyou for being such wonderful, keen, enquiring and enthusiastic young people. Best of luck in your exams, and future and may Science be with you always.

### Science Department



Fish dissection



Ms Julia Ferguson Visit



## Science News Continued...



Thermoregulation



Chickens



## Year 7 Science

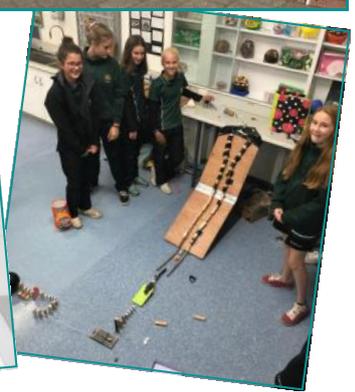
Question: Why is a physics book always unhappy?  
Answer: Because it always has lots of problems!!!!

Physics was the name of the game and 'May the Force be with you' was the topic studied. Year 7's delved into the world of Albert Einstein and his three laws of motion. Forces were explored and measured; crash dummies proved the importance of seatbelts and the girls beat the boys at tug of war (of course). Students learnt about Leonardo Da Vinci's inventions and came up with inventions of their own that would prove useful in the future.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) challenges included building and launching marshmallow catapults, as well as working in teams to build a Rube Goldberg machine, a deliberately complex contraption in which a series of devices that perform simple tasks are linked together to produce a domino effect in which activating one device triggers the next device in the sequence.

From the photos it's clear to see that everyone had a great time researching, designing and constructing their contraptions. A pretty fun time was had by all, which was wonderful to see. Thank you to all the students for their energy and creativity, and to the parents who allowed their son or daughter to bring in materials from home.

**Ms Corr**  
Science Teacher



# WATERWISE SCHOOL

## WE DID IT!!!!!!

### **MRSHS IS NOW OFFICIALLY A CERTIFIED WATERWISE SCHOOL.**

Proud to be a

## Waterwise School



At the end of Term 3, MRSHS was officially named a Waterwise school. There are over 500 waterwise schools in the state but only about 15 percent are High Schools. Waterwise schools become education role models for the community.

Each Newsletter, we will endeavour to put some tips in for you at home to save water too..

We have formed a waterworks committee at the school which has enlisted 2 students from each Year 7-10, staff members and School Principal, Andrew Host. I am very proud to be able to work with such keen and enquiring students .

We will have monthly meetings to discuss ways to save water in the school and over the next few weeks are conducting a full school water audit where the students are checking for leaks, faulty bubblers and toilets and measuring flow rates of all these water outlets. They are also taking two daily school water meter readings for 2 weeks. We plan to collate all our findings and correlate them with the school water bills and current usage and then make recommendations to the School Board on ways that we can cut down on water use.

The students on the committee are;

Yr 7- Angel Gallop and Arlo Liddon, Yr 8- Quinn Mapley and Charli Hands, Yr 9- Chloe Pears (still seeking another Yr 9 boy), Yr 10- Riely Stammers-Hozier and Kiri Mann.

Staff committee members are Ms Sara Wilmott (English), Ms Iris Kupfer-Hollis( Science), Ms Jennifer O'Reilly (Science) and Mr Troy Clarke (Gardener)

### Tips for November

- ◆ Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Now, Energy Star dishwashers save even more water and energy.
- ◆ If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- ◆ Designate one glass for your drinking water each day, or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- ◆ Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.



#### Fix leaking taps and toilets

Fixing a leaking tap or toilet is usually simple and a licensed Waterwise Plumber can do the job. These leaks can waste up to 10,000 litres of water a year.

WATER|EDUCATION

Thanks and enjoy November!

Lisa Chandler  
Lab technician and  
Waterwise coordinator



## Year 11/12 Certificate II Outdoor Recreation Hiking Expeditions

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, all Year 11 and some Year 12 Outdoor Recreation students undertook the annual Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation expeditions. The expedition covered a total distance of 52km over the 3 days, comprising of Margaret River Mouth to Contos Campground Day 1 (21km), Contos Campground to Hamelin Bay Day 2 (22km) and Hamelin Bay to Cosy Corner (9km).

The expedition serves as a vital tool to complete a number of assessments ranging from observations of performance with respect to hiking, campcraft, navigation and leadership, to completion of an expedition logbook, which displays the students' planning prior to departure. In pairs, the students took turns at leading the group in navigation stages over the three days. This involved giving the group a navigation briefing, navigating and leading the group, staying aware of group spread, well-being, hydration and needs.

It must be remembered that at all times students had a backpack (approximately 15kg) on their back containing all their food, cooking equipment, clothes, sleeping bag, fluids, personal needs etc;.....everything required to survive the three days.

The weather gods smiled on us with the students staying dry at all times; the only episode of rain early on day 3 with the first group.

Overall the group put in an excellent performance, remaining positive and focussed even in times of duress. The group dynamic was fantastic.

Special thanks to Brodi Read and John Andrews for their help on the respective expeditions, serving as an extra set of eyes, support vehicle driver and group hiking leader at times.

**Stuart Kupfer-Hollis/Sue Buckland**  
Outdoor Recreation Teachers



## Cert II Canoeing Blackwood Assessments Excursion



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the Cert II Outdoor Recreation classes completed their canoeing practical assessments with a day's paddle down a 17km section of the Blackwood River; Sues Bridge to Great North Road. There was healthy flow on the Blackwood from rains this winter and students enjoyed relaxing flat-water paddling, white-water sections and the opportunity to float/swim down rapids performing throw bag recoveries for each other.

**Stuart Kupfer-Hollis/Sue Buckland**  
Outdoor Recreation Teachers

## 2017 Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayoral Prayer breakfast was proudly sponsored by the City of Busselton. Over the last years MRSHS students have been formally invited to attend the breakfast as representatives of our community. This year Student Leaders David Lochore, Kate Mann and myself attended.

The theme for this year's breakfast was 'Mental Health'. The not-for-profit organisation Lamp Inc was the recipient of the funds raised.



David Lochore, Kate Mann, YouthCARE Chaplain Kathryn Seisun and Event Committee Chairman Dinko Miocevic.



Cr Grant Henley – Mayor City of Busselton with our region's Student Leaders and representatives

We were inspired by the stories shared by Keynote Speaker Wilma Edwards. Wilma shared stories of her experience working in Mental health and trauma in Australia, Cambodia and beyond.

A very enjoyable event and a delicious breakfast.

**Kathryn Seisun**

Chaplain

## GIRITalk

GIRITalk is a lunch time program that has been running at MRSHS since 1999 that is designed to provide our girls with student-to-student mentoring.

The girls gather for fun, participating in activities such as video, music and talk time around issues that they may be experiencing at school. It provides an opportunity to connect with other friendship groups and meet "Big Sisters"; older students who have a heart for peer mentoring and encouraging others.



Girls are reminded that; ***"You have an irreplaceable role in the adventure of life"***.

## Year 7 & 8 South West Lightning Sports Carnival 2017

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 145 of our Year 7 and 8 students competed against 15 other South West high schools at the annual South West Lightning Sports Carnival. This was the largest squad that Margaret River Senior High School has ever taken to the carnival with teams participating in Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys AFL, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Volleyball, 2 x Netball teams and 2 x Mixed Hockey teams. Students participated in very competitive tryouts to make their respective teams and then completed multiple training sessions prior to attending the carnival. This dedication to participating at their personal best, allowed all teams to have a very successful carnival.

Every student represented the school with exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour, having a great time participating and representing their school.

A special thank you to the Year 10 and 11 students who supported the coaches by umpiring, scoring and running the lines on the day and to their commitment for attending selection trials and training sessions prior to the carnival.

### GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL



A squad of 24 Year 7 & 8 boys headed to Hay Park to compete in the AFL Boys A-Grade Competition. The students are to be commended for their commitment to training in the lead up to the carnival, with fantastic attendance at each session.

The students competed to a very high standard throughout the day, exhibiting fantastic team play. Students rotated through a range of positions throughout the day and developed an understanding of both positional and team play against teams from Manjimup SHS, Bunbury Catholic College, Bunbury SHS and Newton Moore SHS. I look forward to seeing the squad develop over the next two years to eventually represent the school in the highly competitive South West School Sport Winter Carnival.

Special thanks to Sunny Kemp, Cody Rodgers, Max Fabre and Gus Wrightson for their assistance in preparing the team and providing highly valuable support on the day of the carnival. Well done to all students and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching such a wonderful squad.

**Shane Joyce**

AFL – Boys Coach

# Year 7 & 8 South West Lightning Sports Carnival 2017

## MIXED HOCKEY TEAMS

Congratulations to our two mixed hockey teams who participated in the Lightning Carnival at the end of last term.

With several training sessions under their belts they were keen to put their skills to the test. The teams had a mix of experienced and beginner players. Special note must be made of the leadership shown by Henry Gorta who captained the B team to help them learn and understand the game.



Stand out players included Helena Williams, Darcy Currell, Isaac Chapmand-Sharp, Zali Hewson and Henry Gorta.

The teams loved playing on the turf and had a great day of fun and competition.

Thanks to Maxine Williams who assisted with the training and coaching.

Thanks also to our committed team of older mentors who coached and umpired our Year 7 and 8 students (Kiri Mann, Archie and Angus Currell, Fynn Boylan and Asha Altman).

**Amanda Gradisen**

## BOYS & GIRLS VOLLEYBAL



## BOYS BASKETBALL

## STUDENT COUNCIL



The 2017 student council has been formally dissolved after the departure of the Year 12 student leaders. It was a very busy year of student leadership activities:

- A successful SCRaM competition
- Student council visit to the Shire offices to contribute to the Vision 2036 (Councillor-for-a-Day)
- Experiences with media
- GRIP Leadership conference in Bunbury
- Evatt Trophy political debating
- Voice WA Public Speaking competition
- Formal meeting skills development
- Cooperative planning with the school on issues such as our school uniform
- Input into the building program and school processes
- School culture building programs such as Music at Lunch and Watermelon Sales
- Planning and conducting the school's annual ANZAC ceremony and representation of the school at the town's ANZAC ceremony
- Fundraising activities (Jeans for Genes Day, 40-hour Famine, Christmas Box Appeal)

The school wishes to thank all student councillors for their contributions and their eagerness to get involved, in particularly the departing senior student councillors Kate Thompson, Kiera Smirke and Ben Bevan.

Nominations for the 2018 Student Council are open now with selection interviews and elections to be conducted in mid-November.

## LANGUAGES



The Years 9 & 10 Languages students are exploring a variety of food items. The students were asked to taste escargot, Italian sausages, French cheese, Swiss bread and German sauerkraut to name a few.



The students write their own Languages eBook using iPads and produce written and spoken texts in their chosen target language. The quality of and enthusiasm for language learning is a real asset at Margaret River SHS.



# HASS and Languages News

## VOICE WA PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Ten students of Margaret River SHS participated in this year's Voice Public Speaking competition run by UN Youth of Western Australia.

This was an exciting opportunity for our students in Years 7 to 10 to broaden their knowledge of national and international affairs and to develop their presentation and public speaking skills in a unique forum. Both junior and senior participants needed to choose one of the following topics (in order of MRSHS student selection):

- ✓ How can we decrease the impact of illicit drugs in Australian communities? (5 students)
- ✓ How can we increase access to education for girls around the world? (4 students)
- ✓ How can we improve access to transport in regional and rural Australia? (1 student)

The competition took place in the Augusta Margaret River Council chambers on Friday, 20 October. Several parents attended the competition and saw their daughter/son in action.

The students needed to present a 3-5 minute speech and then respond to impromptu questions. All students were well prepared despite the short preparation time and spoke with confidence and intelligence.

The school wishes to thank the three adjudicators of UN Youth that travelled all the way to Margaret River to enable this regional round.



Remy Castan



Maia Sheridan-Hulme



Noa Elliott



Sam Iles



James Gibson



Sophie Atkins



Sasha Hughes



Liliana Symonds



Lindsey Reed

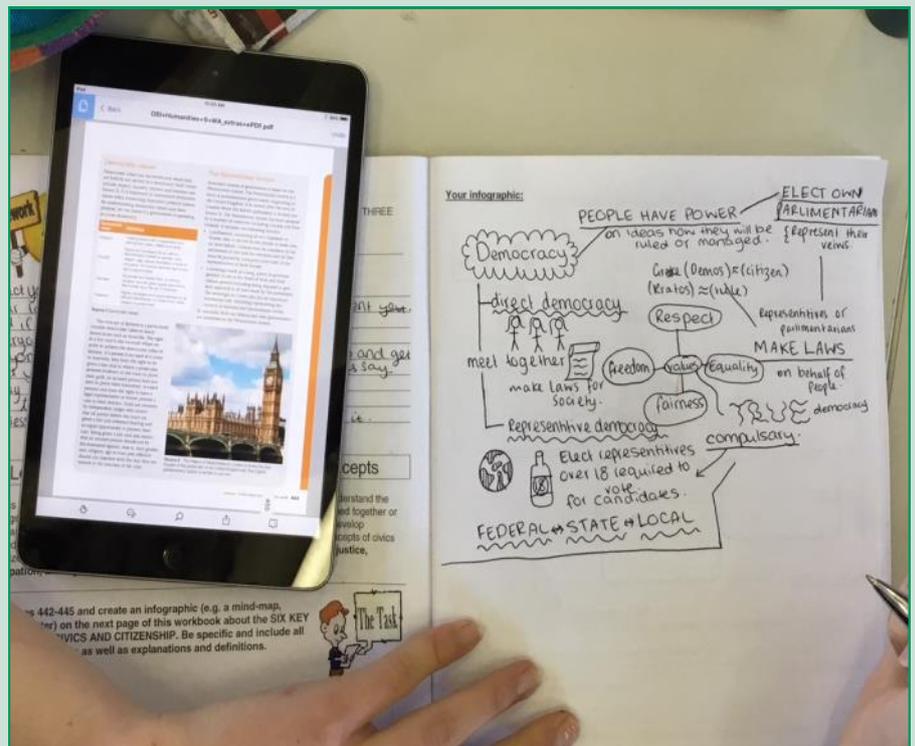


Shanae Leece



## OTHER HASS NEWS

The Years 7 & 8 History classes are preparing for oral presentations and a museum's display. The Year 7 students study aspects of Ancient China, while the Year 8 students investigate Medieval Europe. In Year 9, the students examine Australia's political system. The students document their learning in their fourth workbook of the year. The finale of the political studies is next week's Mock election campaign, where students form parties across three HASS classes and use iPads to create political ads, policies, posters and presentation. Apple TV technology allows students and teachers to freely interact and share research outcomes, resources and assignments using AirDrop and AirPlay facilities. The 21st century of creative use of technology, flipped classroom and paperless teaching has become a feature of HASS classrooms this year!



# USKU Universal Shotokan Karate Championships

By Marius Dakin

Three Margaret River High School Students and senior fighters from the Margaret River Karate Club have been selected to represent their Dojo and State and will join the Australian karateka contingent going to Japan this month to compete in the 19th annual USKU Universal Shotokan Championships on October 13-15.

Taj Thomas and Griffin Keen (Year 10) along with Zebediah Barnett (Year 9) will travel to the Land of the Rising Sun and take on some of the world's finest warriors in fierce but friendly competition. Taj and Griffin are both 1st Dan Black Belts, while Zebediah is a short distance behind with a brown belt. The three teenagers competed at the same event two years ago, but came away empty handed after being outclassed by their formidable Japanese opponents.

Sensei Ken Rouw, who will accompany the boys, says he feels the boys have developed considerably over the past couple of years in their kata and kumite training.

"The kids have obviously progressed since the last trip; they are all older and more more mature and all have their own strengths," he said.

This year the three boys face two significant issues, a lack of competition practice in the lead up to this competition and the fact that the Japanese category system based on school years, generally sees our guys competing against older competitors. On the plus side, all three boys take with them the lessons learned from their last foray to Japan and a determination to give it their best. Along with the able support of Senior Sensei Ken Rouw, Club President Paul Creaney and Club Public Relations Officer and I am sure, the best wishes for a great experience from the Margaret River SHS community.



Pictured left to right: Zebediah Barnett (Yr 9), Taj Thomas (Yr 10), Griffin Keen (Yr 10)

## UPDATE:

**Griffin Keen won gold in his kata age division.**

**But the unexpected icing on the cake was when Keen was selected best-all-round foreign competitor!!!!**



Griff won 1st in Kata in the Shotokan Karate World Championships in Japan!!!! Fantastic effort. Not sure if the flags are meant to represent the winner's countries? If so Griff is a now a Kiwi 😊



## Year 9 & 10 China Tour

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, thirty-seven Year 9 and 10 MRSHS students accompanied by Mr Host, Mrs McCoy, Mr Keen and Mr Smith went to China for fourteen days. This trip was developed to further the sister school relationship with our Chinese sister school in Haining and to enable our students to immerse themselves in the culture and history of China. Our excited travellers set off in the final week of Term 3 to visit the cities of Shanghai, Haining, Beijing and Xian.

During our stay in Haining, we visited our sister school; Haining No.1 High School. At the school we were fortunate to learn about the school's history, how the school operates and daily routines. Our students built friendships and relationships with the Chinese students that will last a lifetime and experienced authentic Chinese cuisine. These experiences opened up our eyes to the similarities and differences between the school life in China and Australia.

We all had an amazing time and a cultural experience that we will never forget. We made many friends, built upon our knowledge and had many life changing experiences that we would have never have imagined possible. The knowledge gained from this experience has opened our mind and eyes to other perspectives and given us an improved sense of confidence and independence.

On behalf of MRSHS I would like to thank the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River for their support given to this trip.

**Angela McCoy**

Asian Languages Teacher/International Relations Coordinator



# Year 9 & 10 China Tour



# ASIAN LANGUAGES -Murdoch University Excursion

On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October a group of fifty Year 8 Asian Languages students accompanied by three teachers went for their annual excursion to Murdoch University Asian Studies, Perth.

Their day started early at 6am travelling to Murdoch University from Margaret River SHS. The group spent half day at Murdoch University for Angklung and Gamelan musical instruments workshops and campus tour. From the university the group travelled to Bali Modern Cuisine OSH5ONE for cooking lessons making Spring rolls and Fried Wontons followed by traditional Indonesian buffet lunch "Nasi Tumpeng".

The Asian Languages excursion was partly funded by MRSHS Enrichment and Engagement Program.

## **Students' comment:**

*I really enjoyed the excursion. All the activities at the university were a very good learning opportunity. The cooking class and the lunch buffet were amazing. If I got the chance to go back and do it again, I definitely would. (Freedom N)*

*The excursion was amazing. I can't choose which activities I like the most, it was all fun and amazing. (Lily H)*

*The excursion was so much fun. I got to spend time with my friends at the university, eat plus cook yummy food. I thought it was a really good idea to be shown around the university, so we can see our future options are. I have a great time and I'm sure everyone did, too. It was a great experience and a great opportunity. (Ella S)*

**Angela McCoy**

Asian Languages Teacher



# Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships



2017 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships were held in Toowoomba Qld on the 26 – 29 September. Our WA team of 32 talented riders included MRSHS student Jessica Ridley, who competed in the disciplines of Show Hunter and Dressage, at the competition.

Equestrian Queensland hosted an amazing event for 320 riders and 350 horses from all over the nation converging at the Toowoomba Showground for the four days of competition. Queensland managed to put on a heat wave just as competition started with temperatures soaring to 37°C and 38°C on Jessica's competition days.

The event started with the Opening Ceremony with all of the teams marching into the arena with an array of many colours showcasing their state uniforms with pride. WA's theme was "WA on Fire" and our entry was to theme song of 'Wild Wild West' with our team looking amazing in their team uniform. The Queensland riders entered last as the hosts and very appropriately to Flo Rida's 'My House'.

Jessica rode a borrowed pool horse for the competition; Tajara Park True Spirit. Jessica was able to spend time prior to the start of competition with her pool horse family and ride Spirit to try and form a relationship with him before competition began. To give you some idea on how difficult riding a pool horse is, Jessica has been riding her pony Jack for three years forming the partnership with him to perform at their best. Jessica and Spirit had 5 rides before going to compete together against the best riders and horses from each of their states.

Jessica was the only rider on a pool horse competing in the Secondary Show Hunter class, all of the other competitors were riding their own horses. The Show Hunter class started out with the rider and horse judged in an in-hand led competition, they then moved onto the horses class where the judge is looking at the quality of the horse and it's movement and then the third phase was the rider class where Jessica was judged on her riding skills.

Jessica and Spirit placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the first phase, 13<sup>th</sup> in the second phase and 9<sup>th</sup> in the third phase giving them an overall individual placing of 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica's Show Horse team placed 4<sup>th</sup> Overall.

Jessica's second day of competition was in the Intermediate Preliminary Dressage completion, riding two dressage tests in the day. Dressage is all about working together as a team which Jessica and Spirit did so well all things considered. Placing 13<sup>th</sup> overall and to give you an idea how close the competition was there was only 5.096% between 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jessica at 13<sup>th</sup>.

The experience was amazing, the event brought out great sportsmanship, excellent horsemanship, the energy and camaraderie were amazing not just in the WA team but with all the other competitors from the other states, many new friends made.

The host state, Queensland, was victorious in the team event winning the prestigious Harry Le Bherz Perpetual Trophy with 2743 points. New South Wales finished second (2613 points) and Victoria was third (2197 points), WA fourth (984 points), SA fifth (568 points) and the smallest teams, the NT (222 points) and TAS (145 points) did a commendable with less than a handful of riders each.



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## SchoolTV is now available at Margaret River Senior High School!!!

This month on SchoolTV - Exam Jitters

Every year, more and more emphasis is placed on achieving good results in exams causing many students to feel extraordinary pressure and having unrealistic expectations. This month on SchoolTV, parents will find advice on how to help students cope with the pressure and how students can work smarter to achieve the results they desire.

Exams are like a game. Once you know how to play the game, your chances of achieving great results rapidly increase. Parents can learn how to assist their kids to maintain perspective and keep their sanity intact during exam time.

Diet, exercise and sleep all play an important part in helping a student balance a busy schedule and study smarter. Keeping stress levels to a minimum and reducing anxiety can be easily achieved through careful planning and having a supportive environment.

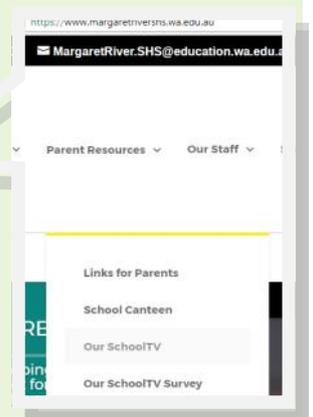
We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition and we always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<http://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/newsletter/exam-jitters> Parents can access the SchoolTV via the link below or go to the MRSHS website and click on the Our SchoolTV.

<http://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>



**schooltv.me**



FEATURING: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

THIS MONTH:

## Exam Jitters

Do you know the best way to support your child during exams?

# Rapids Landing Primary School—Update

It has been so rewarding to see the many months of consultation and planning result in a number of exciting outcomes for our new school. Some of these include:



- The name **Rapids Landing Primary School** has been approved.
- Confirmation of being an **Independent Public School**.
- **Staffing:**
  - ✓ Already appointed are the Principal (Lisa Helenius), two Associate Principals (Hayley Kirkup and Larissa Marchant) and our Manager Corporate Services (Julie Walkden).
  - ✓ A pool of talented teachers has been formed and appointments will be made soon.
  - ✓ Education Assistants (Special Needs and Mainstream) positions are now advertised.
- **School Colours** are **navy and teal** with **white** trim.
- **Creating excellence together** are three words that capture our vision
- **Uniform:**
  - ✓ Appreciations to our Steering Committee for working through the complex task of generating quality items for our students to wear. We are almost there – just one item to finalise. So far, we have confirmed the navy and teal shirt, the navy shorts, track pants and skort, a navy jacket and wet weather jacket and reversible faction hats.  
We are getting models of our uniform ready to share with you soon. Our students will look amazing!
- **Enrolments: Kindergarten – Year 6**
  - ✓ We have had a number of enrolments and posted our first letters of acceptance at the end of last term.
  - ✓ Parents and carers can access enrolment forms, a prospectus and further information by:
    - ◆ Calling in to our office at Margaret River SHS, located within the Student Services office block
    - ◆ Emailing us at [Rapidslanding.PS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Rapidslanding.PS@education.wa.edu.au)
    - ◆ Telephoning 9757 0787
- Possible **bus services** are being worked through. To help us determine which buses would be utilised and firm times, it would be appreciated if parents and carers submit an application to School Bus Services. You can apply online at : <https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/Parents/Online-forms/Application-For-Transport-Assistance>
- **Before and After hours** care pick up and drop off has been confirmed.

- A partnership with Nature Conservation (previously Cape to Cape) has already been formed, with some of our families engaging in an interactive art experience 7 October 2017. Their work created details that will be used in the sculptural forms of our school's art work.



To keep up to date with the progress of what is happening at Rapids Landing PS, please follow our Facebook page – **Rapids Landing Primary School**.

**Further information sessions for you to provide feedback and ask questions are being planned.**

We look forward to meeting more of our students and families.

**Lisa Helenius**

Principal

Rapids Landing Primary School

## Community Noticeboard



**Science experience** is an opportunity open to budding scientists in **Year 9 and 10**. It's a four day course at UWA, Curtin, Murdoch, or ECU, across various dates in December and January.

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 65,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

Universities & Tertiary Institutions	Program Dates	Best Apply Before
Curtin University , Perth focused on year 9 students	7,8,11 and 12 December 2017	30 November 2017
Edith Cowan University, Joondalup	16 - 19 January 2018	30 December 2017
Murdoch University, Perth	11 - 14 December 2017	2nd December 2017
University of Western Australia, Perth	16 - 18 January 2018	10 January 2018

Visit [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) for further information or see Mrs Miller to apply for funding through Rotary Club.



### HOMWORK HELP

Having trouble understanding or keeping up with your homework?

***We help new migrants and their families by providing FREE homework sessions after school \****

Contact us:  
**Multicultural Services Centre**  
 9A Wittenoom Street, Bunbury  
 9791-5281



\* pending eligibility for Settlement Services Program, funded by Department of Social Services

New name, same great study help

yourtutor is now **Studiosity**

We can all get stuck sometimes - on homework, on an essay, revising for an exam.... or just trying to make sure our resume is just right.

Studiosity provides expert, one-on-one, online assistance with all of these, and is free for all library members.

Use the typed chat feature, draw on the interactive online whiteboard, or upload a document for writing feedback.

Subjects included are:

- Maths
- English
- Business Studies, accounting, economics
- Science, chemistry, biology, physics
- Job application tips, public speaking, resumes
- And heaps more!

Have your Shire of Augusta Margaret River library card handy, got to [www.amrlibraries.com](http://www.amrlibraries.com) and click on the Studiosity link to free get assistance with your study.

Studiosity is available for all public library members Sunday to Friday 1pm – 10pm



## Witchcliffe Vintage Fair

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 9am onwards

At the Druid Hall Bussell Hwy Witchcliffe South of Margaret River

Vintage Retro Funky Wares! Fab food and vibes! Vintage Cars!

A community fundraising event! Gold coin Entry! Australian currency!!

Event details and stall bookings Jo 0401900341 Find us on the Facebook thingY!



**BOUNCY CASTLES \* PETTING ZOO \* COW PAT LOTTERY \*  
RAFFLES \* FOOD STALLS \* HAY BALE ARENA -(FEATURING  
LIVE EVENTS) \* FACE PAINTING \* DUNK THE TEACHER \*  
CANDY FLOSS \* BALLOONS \* LIVE MUSIC \* BOOTSCOOT-  
ING \* VASSE PRIMARY CHOIR \* MARKET STALLS \* PONY  
RIDES \* COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS \* HOLISTIC TREAT-  
MENTS \* PLANT STALLS \* PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE....**

Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

**Naturaliste Community Health 2017  
Immunisation Service Aug — Dec**

Bookings are Available for Appointment sessions  
Please call Community Health Services on 97536478  
This is a free service, please bring your Medicare card  
and child's purple book

Month	Margaret River Open Tues AM Tues PM	
	Open Tues AM 9.30 – 12am	Open Tues PM 2 - 4pm
Sept	12th	26th
Oct	10th	24th
Nov	14th	28th
Dec	12 <sup>th</sup>	PH

**MARGARET RIVER**  
Margaret River Resource Centre, Tunbridge Street,  
(next to Red Cross Shop)

OPEN clinics: no appointment required

PHONE 97536478 —  
please leave a message if phone unattended.

**The WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod  
NEEDS YOU!**

Our committee is looking for new people to join the team.

The focus of our organisation is to foster a love of the performing arts in our community, so if you have an interest in the performing arts – in any capacity – then we would love to hear from you!

There is no requirement for specialist knowledge in any field or genre of the performing arts, just a willingness to help, thereby contributing to shaping the future of this iconic event.

2018 will mark 60 consecutive years of community engagement – we need YOU to help us shine in this milestone event... and to take it into the future!

**What's in it for you? What can you expect?**

- Helping to organise a major community event
- Use your skills where they are really needed – and so appreciated!
  - Meet new people
- Support the rest of the hard working committee
- Contribute to decision making processes involved in the growth of the organisation

**What's in it for us? What can we expect?**

- Your skills and enthusiasm
- New ideas for the event
- Your attendance at monthly meetings (7-9pm)
- Increased involvement during the Eisteddfod season (May/June)
  - Support for fellow committee members

**What are we looking for???**

- Computer skills!!! Do you have any? If you know your way around a computer, we would love to hear from you!!!
- Secretary – mainly taking / typing minutes, managing correspondence for meetings.
  - ANYONE interested in the Performing Arts!

For further information, please call Angelique at the office on 9791 2556 or email [bunburyeisteddfod@bigpond.com](mailto:bunburyeisteddfod@bigpond.com)

## Community Noticeboard



### SATURDAY JUNIOR SOCIAL

**SOCIAL COMPETITION**  
round-robin singles & doubles matches

**SATURDAY**  
8:30am - 11:30am  
MORNING TEA PROVIDED

**MARGARET RIVER TENNIS ACADEMY**

Join - JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP  
[www.mrtc.org.au](http://www.mrtc.org.au)

10 WEEK LADDER  
Can't always make it?  
THAT'S OK,  
the more you play,  
the more points to gain to  
PLAY IN THE  
FINALS DRAW

TEAMS IN GROUPS  
under 9's • 11's • 13's  
Unfinished games carried over  
to the following week  
WINNERS TROPHIES  
PRIZES FOR ALL  
PARTICIPANTS



### YOUTH TENNIS LEAGUE

MONDAY NIGHT - UNDER LIGHTS

<b>INTRO NIGHT</b> Monday 9th October 6:00pm	<b>COMP STARTS</b> Monday 16th October 6:00pm
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15 - 17 years  
17 - 20 years  
3 players per team  
singles and doubles games

Youth League Membership + \$5 per player, each week  
Balls. Lights. Pizza. Drink

MORE INFORMATION  
YOUTH LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP + REGISTRATION  
[mrtc.org.au](http://mrtc.org.au)



### Margaret River Little Athletics

**Register Now**

Online Registration is available on  
[www.ResultsHQ.com.au](http://www.ResultsHQ.com.au)

First Event Date is: **Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

Training (optional) commences Term 4

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct from 3:45pm**

Gloucester Park Main Oval

Come *and* try it out on the 1<sup>st</sup> training night and I will have rego forms available.

For more information please see our Facebook page

Or Email: [janelt@moceanfitness.com.au](mailto:janelt@moceanfitness.com.au)



**NEXT EVENT:**

- Saturday 16th December 2017
- Saturday 20th January 2018
- Sunday 18th February 2018
- Saturday 10th March 2018

at BUNKER'S BAY 9:00AM

### DISABLED SURFERS ASSOC. SOUTH WEST



**FREE EVENT**

## let's go Surfing DAY

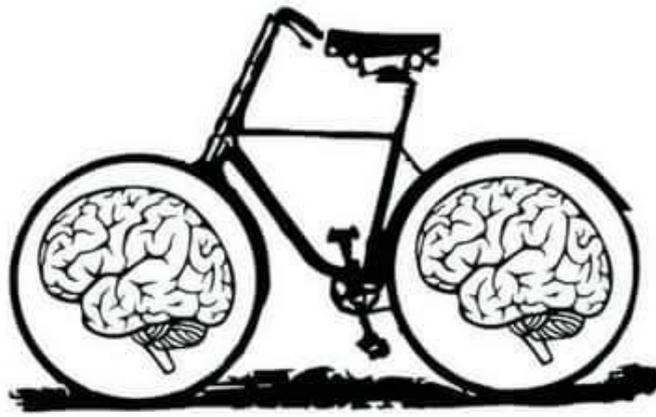
*Surfers Helping Surfers*  
Sausage sizzle, drinks & rashies supplied

Volunteers are always welcome + needed  
For more information ring Ant: 9755 4037  
Or Find us on Facebook!

Participants must be accompanied by a carer if necessary. All Surfing gear supplied on the day for participants. Free barbeque and awards following the event at 1pm. Contact details for the event directed to Ant Pursell [apursell@yahoo.com.au](mailto:apursell@yahoo.com.au) or call 9755 4037

A unique, interactive workshop to empower and engage our teenage girls...

# #Don't believe everything you think



Prothink Solutions

[www.prothinkolutions.com.au](http://www.prothinkolutions.com.au)

Social media, peer pressure and school challenges are crushing our girls' self esteem. The Prothink Solutions one day workshop empowers teenage girls to navigate this increasingly complex society.

DATE/TIME	VENUE	COST
Sunday 17 November 10am til 4pm	Duggan Pavillion Cowaramp	\$65

Contact Denise House 0409 468 730 [denise@prothinkolutions.com.au](mailto:denise@prothinkolutions.com.au)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED :: BYO LUNCH

Strictly restricted to 10 attendees ONLY