



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018—Term Three

WEEK 5

August 13th

Yr 10 Counselling Mon 13th—Fri 17th

Yr 11 Mock Interviews

August 14th

Yr 12 Cert II OR Canoeing Camp

August 15th

Youth on Health Dance Yr 9-10

Yr 12 Cert II OR Canoeing Camp

Yr 11 Mock Interviews

August 16th

Yr 11 Cert II OR Canoeing Camp

Yr 12 Human Biology Zoo Excursion

August 17th

Yr 11 Mock Interviews

WEEK 6

August 20th

NAPLAN Trial Online testing

August 21st

Yr 12 TISC Workshop—P5 Auditorium

PISA Testing

Yr 9 HASS E&E Perth Excursion

August 22nd

Shire Council Meeting - select students

Yr 9 Denmark Ag College Visit

August 23rd

Andy King Drama Workshop

SWSSWA Yr7-8 Lightning Carnival

Science Café for selected Yr 10s

August 24th

Andy King Drama Workshop

Yr 9 High Ropes Excursion—Group A

Volleyball WA High Schools Cup

WEEK 7

August 27th to 31st

OLNA Rnd 2—Writing

August 28th

Upper School Sioree—6pm Auditorium

August 30th

Yr 12 Music Prac

WEEK 8

September 3rd to 7th

OLNA Rnd 2—Reading

September 5th

Yr 10-12 Drama Performance

September 7th

Yr 12 Drama Exam

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



Third Term continues to quickly slip by with students working hard to achieve the best results they possibly can, in particular our Year 12's. This is a vital period of time for our Year 12 students, with our ATAR students preparing study schedules for exams and our Non-ATAR students finishing off all tasks to complete their COS and VET courses. The way in which students finish off the last weeks of a course can often determine their final grade. I encourage all Year 12 students to work hard for the final six weeks of their schooling and aim to achieve the best results they can.

Our Year 10 to 11 counselling team is currently meeting with parents and students in relation to their subject selections for 2019. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and attendance at interviews at this very important time for our students. I would like to congratulate the VET team for their work in the Year 10 Career IT classes as students have come to their interviews extremely well prepared.

Today we are holding our annual Leaver's seminar, where we have a variety of community groups address our Year 12 students in relation to post school activities and the associated risks. This is an important day for our students and is always supported by our local community. I would like to thank all those involved who have given up their valuable time to support our students. I truly believe that we have an extremely caring community and our students are fortunate to benefit from this. A huge thank you must go out to Sandra Roberson who is the main organiser of this event

We are currently getting a lot of families going on holidays during the term. Whilst we understand that the taking of holidays is often beyond the control of parents, the absences due to these holidays has a significant impact on student learning. The school does not provide work for students who go on holidays and assessments that are missed cannot often not be caught up on. This is particularly pertinent for Certificate and Upper School courses which will effect students' final grades. Students who are absent for School, State or Australian representation are provided work and missed assessments are taken into consideration when their final mark is being determined.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all members of our 2018 Country Week team for the outstanding results achieved in the 2018 Country Week. This team has represented our school, both on and off the sporting arena, in an outstanding manner. They are to be congratulated for their commitment and efforts.

Andrew Host
Principal

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Student Absences

Missing School Matters



Informing us about your child's absence from school

The education act requires parents/guardians to inform the school as to why their child is absent from school within 3 days of the absence.

This can be done by one of 3 methods:

1. Sending a note to the form teacher with your child
2. Ringing Student Services on 9757 0745 or 9757 0795
3. Sending an email to MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au

Should you have any queries please contact me on 9757 0720.

Hetty Bogerd

Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



**Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data**
School Students with Disability

**Education
Council**

The nationally consistent approach to data collection is currently occurring in all schools across Australia. The data collected will help to provide schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of Australian students with disabilities receiving educational adjustments, necessary for their participation in education on the same basis as other students.

Student information collected includes:

- **The student's year of schooling**
- **The student's category of disability (physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)**
- **The student's level of adjustment (support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment).**

The information supplied **will not explicitly identify individual students**. Parental notification is necessary (i.e. via newsletter), with consent no longer being a requirement. For additional information please click on the following link <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/33415>.

For those students needing an Individual Education Plan to better help them meet their educational needs, parents will be contacted over the next few weeks.

For further information please contact:

Carolyn Ralph

Learning Support Coordinator
Margaret River Senior High School
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2018 South West Cross Country



On Tuesday 31st July students participated in the 2018 South West Cross Country Competition held at the Tuart Forest Cross Country Course in Bunbury. We had students compete in a range of year group events against other schools in the South West School Sport Association.

Students committed regularly to training sessions that included taking in the Rails To Trails track and associated lower trails and running technique sessions during lunchtimes.

Individual results of student who finished in the top 10 of their event were:

Year 7 Girls

Kai Prendergast – 4th

Year 7 Boys

Seb Messenger – 2nd

Koby Vander Beek – 10th

Year 9 Boys

Mitch Miller – 5th

Matthew Barnett – 8th

Open Girls

Zoe Mapley – 2nd



Congratulations to all student who took part in the event and for their excellent representation of Margaret River Senior High School. We hope to see you all involved next year!

Shane Joyce

Head of Learning Area



2018 Country Week

In 2018 we have had a significant increase in students attending Country Week with the addition of Boys & Girls Soccer teams. Congratulations to Cody Rodgers and Julia Griffiths who have been selected as School Captains. As our squad numbers have grown over the last few years, we re-structured our group leadership by not only conducting a team and a coaches meeting each night but also including a leadership meeting where all captains and coaches came together to debrief on their day and support each other in maintaining high standards and expectations for their teams.

Our teams competed exceptionally well throughout the week with some fantastic leadership demonstrated from within the student group to guide teams through some challenging fixtures and conditions. We are extremely proud of the 2018 Country Week Squad and are thrilled that Margaret River Senior High School won Tier 2 Champion Country School for 2018.

We will commence our 2019 campaign early in Term 4 by conducting the student nomination process and trials for all viable teams. We hope to see a large number of students returning again next year and look forward to assessing new nominations from interested students who will be in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2019.

OVERALL RESULTS

Boys Basketball (B Grade) – 8 th	Boys Soccer (A Grade) – 4 th
Dance (A Grade) – 7 th	Girls Soccer (B Grade) – 1 st
Netball Green (D Grade) – 6 th	Boys Volleyball (A Grade) – 3 rd
Netball Gold (B Grade) – 1 st	Girls Volleyball (A Grade) – 2 nd



Margaret River Senior High School
Tier 2 Champion Country School



HASS & Languages News



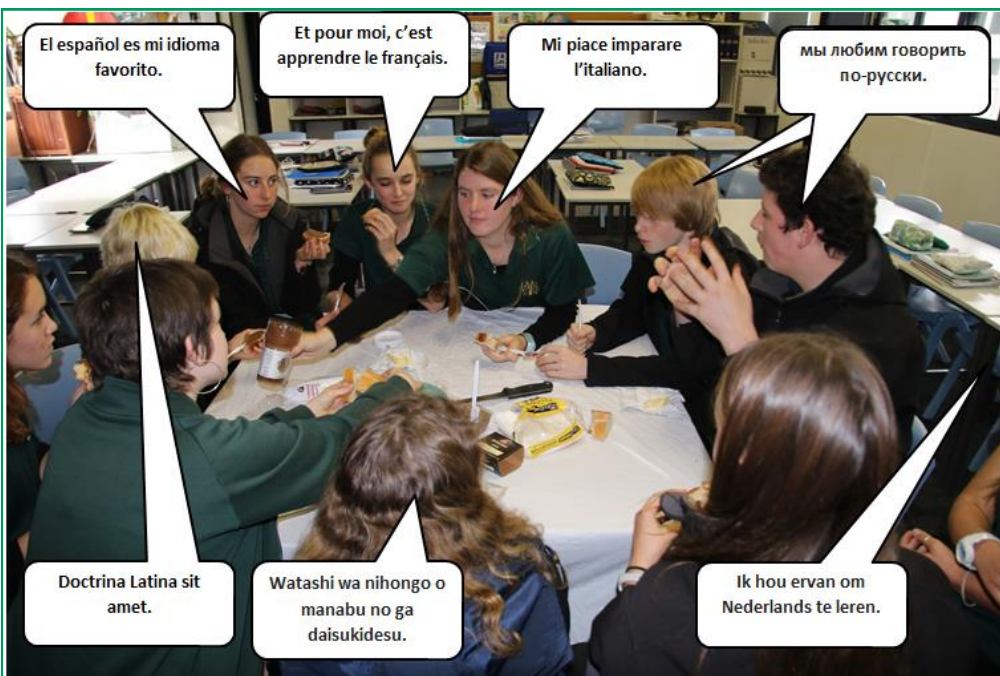
YEAR 7 EUROPEAN LANGUAGES

This term, the Year 7 European Languages students get an opportunity to learn basic German. They learn greetings like “**Guten Morgen**” and introductory statements like “**Ich heiÙe Herr Marzohl. Willkommen im Deutschkurs.**” A big welcome and thank you to Ms Alison Beeston for taking over from Ms Grapes as European Languages teacher in Term 3.

The Year 8 German class has practised language patterns in a very hands-on way. The students described their clothing in a German fashion show, talked about their favourite German breakfast food items and acted out a German cartoon story in our classroom theatre.

The German elective classes in Years 9 and 10 learn study skills using the online quizlet programme. The courses feature **German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Dutch, Portuguese, Japanese, Latin** and **Noongar** language learners. The students prepare for a series of formal language competence assessments. Places will be available in the 2019 WA/La Réunion student exchange tour. Interested students with French language skills that are currently in Years 9-11 are asked to contact Mr Marzohl for further information and an application form.

Patrick Marzohl



HASS & Languages News Cont...

ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING STATE FINAL

"On the 30th of June, I travelled to Perth to compete in the Rostrum: Voice of Youth State Finals. This was the third stage of my involvement in the Rostrum competition, after winning the Margaret River heat and the semi-finals in Perth. I was selected to compete in the State's Grand Finals, where an entire day, from 11 am to 4 pm was dedicated to the giving of prepared and impromptu speeches. By being involved in this stage, I was able to meet like-minded students from a range of Perth-based private schools, as well as adjudicators; all politics and business students, that provided an excellent opportunity to form new relationships and to network. This competition provided a perfect forum, particularly for regional, public school students, to be given feedback by a range of experienced and knowledgeable judges, who were all able to provide constructive feedback on my speeches. This will allow me to develop both my speaking and writing skills - an integral part of academic success. Rostrum: Voice of Youth, through its various stages, provided an excellent opportunity for me to strengthen my public speaking ability in a safe and educational environment. The constructive criticism and teaching we were given allowed the participants to progress at different rates, leaving all participants feeling as if their voices had been heard. I felt empowered to use my voice and remain involved in active citizenship situations."



Maia Sheridan-Hulme



YEAR 7-9 HASS

The HASS students in Years 7-9 are studying Civics and Citizenship. The students have studied the concepts of Politics and Law and learnt about ways to participate in politics. The Year 8 students have contacted local, state or federal politicians to raise awareness of specific issues. The Year 9 students prepare for an election campaign with a particular focus on policy formation.

Science News



Students from Year 8 use the digital magnifiers to look closely at rocks and minerals.



Evatt Trophy News



EVATT TROPHY POLITICAL DEBATING COMPETITION

On Thursday, 26 July, 26 students interested in Politics and Law and Global Citizenship participated in the annual Evatt Trophy Political debating competition at the Zone Room. The event was organised by UN Youth WA, a not-for-profit organisation from Perth and the Student Leadership and HASS Departments of the school. This must have been one of the best rounds I have witnessed here in Margaret River. I believe that engaging in such extra-curricular activities gives students an avenue to experiment with interactive patterns they would otherwise not experience, teaches them new skills and builds the continuous story of our great school.

Patrick Marzohl

"I really enjoyed the Evatt Trophy excursion and the opportunity to debate topics on a global scale formally. It made me more aware of how international politics works. I learnt a lot about the United Nations Security Council and how international diplomacy works. I learnt how international laws are made and the process of a resolution going through the Security Council." - **Noa Elliott, Year 10**

"This was a very engaging experience! I loved it that no one was left out; everyone had a say on the topics that were discussed. I thought it was exciting to see how well everyone acted in their diplomatic roles." - **Angus Creaney, Year 9**

"It was fun, engaging and probably the best extra-curricular activities I have participated in. The UN Youth people were nice and explained everything in a good way. I particularly liked the way everything was organised and how they made it a fun learning activity." - **Ruby Fox, Year 9**

Cert III in Visual Arts News

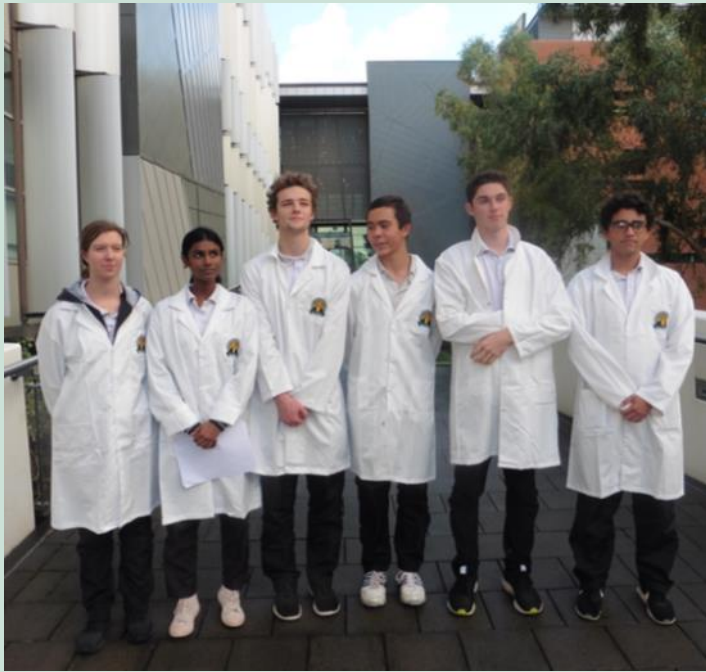
The Cert III Visual Arts students are currently working on a textiles unit. One of the tasks is to knit a beanie that fits their head.

The 65 students are making significant progress, analysing how to learn a new skill and applying it to the task. It is fantastic to see how knitting has taken off across the school with many other students and

staff members noticing and admiring the skill of the knitters in the library, at recess and lunchtime and after school. This is a fantastic achievement. Learning how to knit is not so easy. I am so proud of all of them.

Kate Marzohl-Duffy





TITRATION STAKES

The Annual Titration stakes are held at Curtin University each year. Schools are permitted to enter up to 2 or 3 teams of 3 students. This year MRSHS entered 2 teams of keen Yr 12 ATAR students.

Science Teacher Mr Craig Healy and Ms Lisa Chandler accompanied the students to Perth in a mini bus. After a couple of scheduled travel breaks for essentials such as playing with the footy and snacks, it was on to the high tech laboratories of Curtin University. At this point only the students are allowed entry, everyone must wear a lab coat and safety glasses at all times. The students use a wide variety of very expensive analytical equipment in order to carry out the titration procedure.

TITRATION

A **titration** is a technique where a solution of known concentration is used to determine the concentration of an unknown solution.

Titration is used in laboratory medicine to determine unknown concentrations of chemicals of interest in blood and urine. Pharmacists also use titration in the development of new pharmaceuticals.

Titration may also be used to determine the amount of a certain chemical in food.

Written by one of the students who attended the Titration stakes:

“On the 19th of June, two teams from Margaret River Senior High school competed in the annual WA titrations stakes at Curtin University, Perth. They competed against 77 other teams from various schools in order to reveal which team could most accurately calculate the concentrations of three different acetic acids. The competition lasted for almost 2 hours as teams frantically titrated chemicals numerous times and completed calculations accordingly. Afterwards, they were all supplied a large buffet tea as they eagerly anticipated the results, which were marked in less than half an hour. Neither of the teams quite matched the perfection of the winning team’s accurate calculation perfect to four decimal places as one team placed a very credible 26th and the other 46th. Overall it was a challenging and fun experience for all students partaking”

CRASH TEST DUMMIES

Mr Smith’s Year 7’s made their own Crash Test Dummies out of plasticine and mounted them onto dynamic carts to study the effects of inertia.



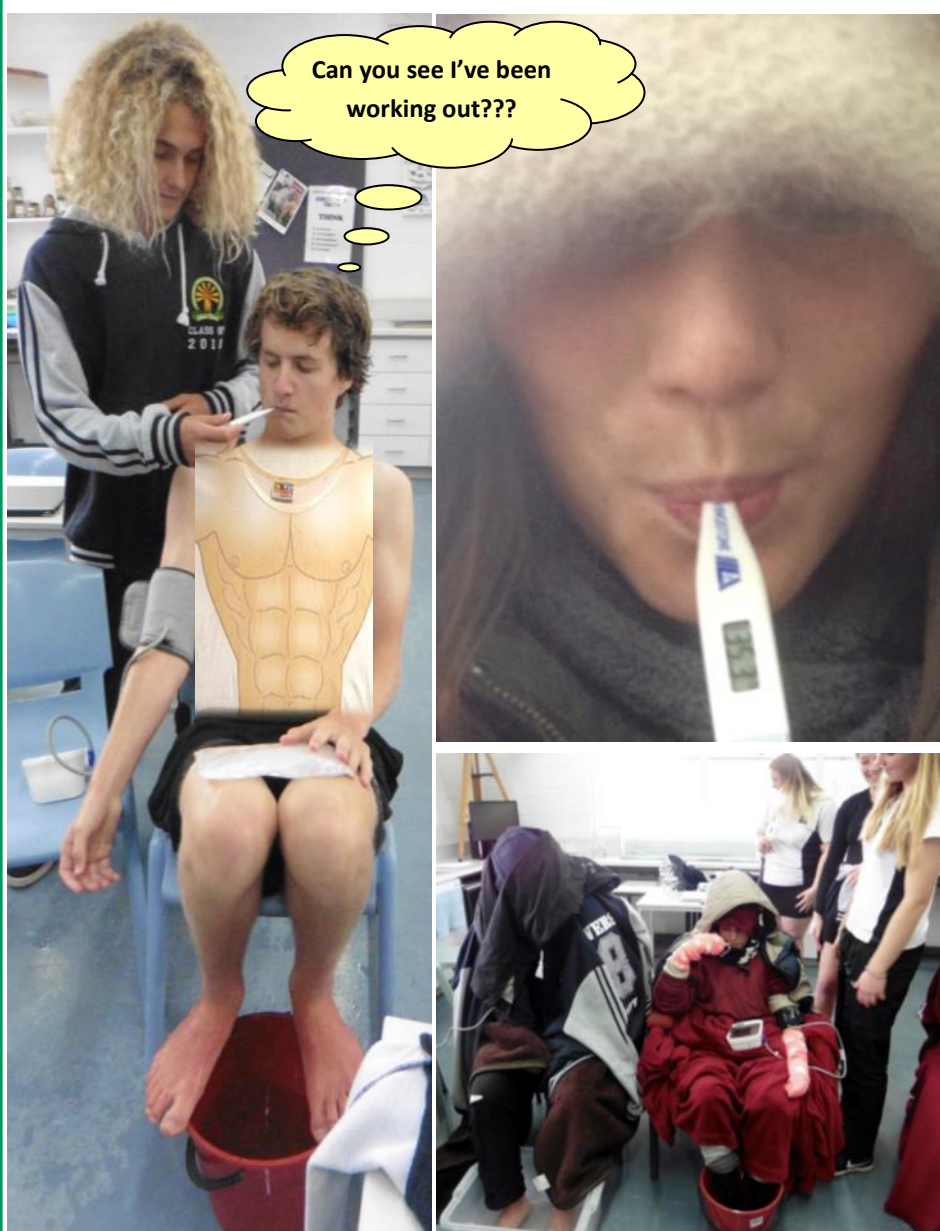
Science News Cont...



YEAR 10 PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Nothing beats hands-on learning experiences. Students literally swung off the rafters to learn about the pros and cons of 1 versus 2 and 3 pulley systems. Students were surprised when they couldn't lift the weight of our petite test subject using the 1 pulley system but marvelled at how easy it was when utilising the 3 pulley system.

Such hands-on learning experiences assists our students in their understanding of subject matter which would otherwise be potentially unexciting and difficult to comprehend.



YEAR 12 BIOLOGY

Our 24-strong Biology crew were recently involved in some seriously extreme heightening and lowering of body temperature whereby three brave volunteers willingly subjected themselves to icy temperatures and three more to uncomfortably hot conditions.

With feet immersed in icy and hot water respectively, fans cranking, air conditioning or heaters on, students in acceptable near-naked dress code or overwhelmed with warm clothing and blankets, had their vital readings recorded by assisting team members every couple of minutes over a half hour duration. Group members monitored core and peripheral temperatures, heart rate and blood pressure continually and noted associated levels of distress reported by their subjects.

It's all in the name of SCIENCE – in this case, to help us understand and appreciate the incredible workings of our own body and hopefully instil an appreciation of the need to look after it!

Science News Cont...



DR IAN MACLEOD

We were fortunate to have secured the services of **Dr Ian MacLeod** who recently retired as executive director of the Western Australian Museum, to spend a day in our Science Department giving short, very entertaining and inspiring presentations to as many year groups as possible. He covered many topics relating to his career in science, including how his profession in conservation of metals and aboriginal rock art has led to his involvement in artefacts from the Batavia, the Titanic ship wrecks, attending a murder case as a key scientific witness and more.

It was great to observe the impact this had on the students, most were captured by the energy and passion that Dr Ian instils on his listeners when he talks about science, especially chemistry.



DR KARL KRUSZELNICKI

In June three lucky Yr 11 and Yr 12 students were able to listen to **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki** speak at the Readers and Writers festival held at Voyager Estate, Margaret River. He gave a very entertaining and intellectual presentation. After which, the students were welcomed to his signing table. In the near future, we hope to organise a free live skype session with Dr Karl where students can participate in a Q & A session.

OTHER NEWS

This term we have invited students in from the cold and wet to play card games, chess, checkers and more in the science foyer. The students recently loved our Scinemea in the Science Lounge!



MR ATKINS DNA STRANDS PRAC

Mr Atkins' year 10's used blended garden peas to extract DNA strands and look at the shape of the DNA under a microscope.



Science News Cont...

EGG BEFORE THE CHICKEN

Towards the end of Term 2, we brought in an incubator with fertile chicken eggs. On a Monday morning the eggs started to hatch, taking up to 3 days for the last chick to crack its shell. Some lucky students were actually able to see a baby chick emerging from its shell. Once the chicks were 4 days old, we let the students come into the science foyer and interact with the chicks. Now we have a clutch of very tame, bigger chicks that have been moved to a safe and secure environment on a staff members farm with their parents.



FRUIT CAKE MINING

Ms Corrs Yr 8 science class enjoyed a fun experiment based on the Fruitcake Mining activity that simulates mining extraction of minerals with different values and provides an insight into the potential environmental impact of mining. Instead of Fruitcake we used Agar gel and various sized materials placed in different layers. The students had to think of this as a core sample and try to remove the materials from within the Agar with as minimal damage to the environment as possible.





"As a parent you'll now have access to a cross section of information from many of Australia's leading experts. All available here in one easy to follow resource on your smartphone, tablet or laptop."

The latest edition of SchoolTV is now available!

This month on SchoolTV - Body Image

Kids today are more obsessed with their body image than those in past generations. This is partially influenced by the media and their social connectivity. Encouraging kids to have a healthy body image in childhood, can lay the foundations for good physical and mental health later in life.

A recent study highlighted that body image is one of the top three concerns for Australian youth. Over half of girls in high schools have tried to lose weight. One-third of teenage boys wanted to be thinner and another third wanted to be larger. Children need to understand that their body shape and size is not a reflection of their health or success. Parents and schools need to work together to help kids understand that everyone is born with their own 'body-suit'.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to encourage their child to have a positive body image and why it is so important to their mental health. 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/body-image>



schooltv.me



FEATURING: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

THIS MONTH:

Body Image

Why are kids today
so obsessed with
their body image?



Community Noticeboard



TUNING IN TO TEENS Parenting Workshop

A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN OF AGED 11-16

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Communicate with your teen more effectively?
- Help your teen manage those difficult emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Teach your teen how to make friends and deal with conflict?
- Help your teen develop emotional intelligence?

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT ADOLESCENTS WITH HIGHER EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE:

- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to cope when upset or angry
- Have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- Have more stable and satisfying relationships?

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MAY BE A BETTER PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS THAN IQ!

Where: Margaret River Senior High School – Student Services Office
 When: 6 consecutive Monday's beginning 22nd, 29th October; 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November, 2018
 Time: 5.30 – 7pm
 Cost: FREE (places limited)
 Facilitator: Kerry Hawkins & Angela Ramirez (Co-Facilitator)
 Phone: 08 9757 0713 (Mon/Tues only) or Email: angela.ramirez@education.wa.edu.au

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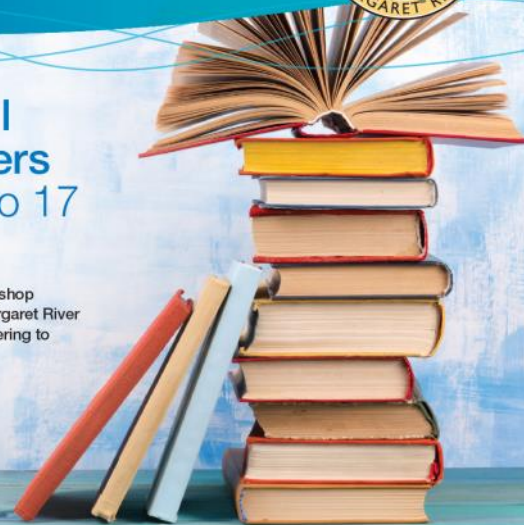


Book Chat Club



Calling all book lovers aged 12 to 17 years old!

The Margaret River Bookshop and Shire of Augusta Margaret River Library Service are partnering to start a Book Chat Club.



What is a Book Chat?

A group for people aged 12–17 who are enthusiastic about books. Each month we will chat about what we have read and give reviews and recommendations for other members of the club.

There will be prizes for best review of the month and even free snacks provided for the session.

The session will be facilitated by either a bookshop staff member or Librarian to assist in great book discussions.

Dates, time and location

4.30pm–5.30pm
 Margaret River Library
 Last Monday of the month

26 February 2018	25 June
26 March	30 July
30 April	27 August
28 May	29 October
	26 November



Contact the library on 9780 5600 for more information or visit amrlibraries.com



**BUSSELTON
 TEE-BALL
 ASSOC.**

Busselton Diamond Sports Combined **Registration Day**

Saturday 1st September 2018

9am - 2pm

Lou Weston Sports Ground
 King St, Busselton



All ages
 Bring your friends
 Have a go at
 junior softball!!

Find us on Facebook

Community Noticeboard



ACADEMIC GROUP

Academic Task Force & Academic Associates
Achieve success at school

Achieve your best with Academic Group!

Yr 11 & 12 Programs

Holiday Revision and Exam Boost Seminars

ATAR Exam Boost Seminars

Weekends in Term 3 and 4

One day courses popular with students wanting subject specific, targeted exam help before their Mock and ATAR Exams. Classes pack in six hours of exam focused teaching from an ATAR marker to boost exam performance. Students will receive feedback on their work and learn strategies to improve marks.

Dates: Term 3 & 4 on Saturdays and Sundays

View timetable online.

Time: 6 hours

Venues: Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School.

Enrol Online: www.academicgroup.com.au

ATAR Holiday Revision Programs

Term 3 School Holidays

10 hour courses, perfect for students wanting revision of their ATAR subjects and review of topics in preparation for exams. Increase your understanding and receive fresh insights.

Early bird discount: Enrol with full payment by Monday 3rd September and receive 10% discount.

Dates: Week 1 & Week 2 Term 3 School Holidays

View timetable online.

Time: 10 hours (2 hours each day/5 days)

Venues: Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School & University of WA (UWA).

Enrol Online: www.academicgroup.com.au

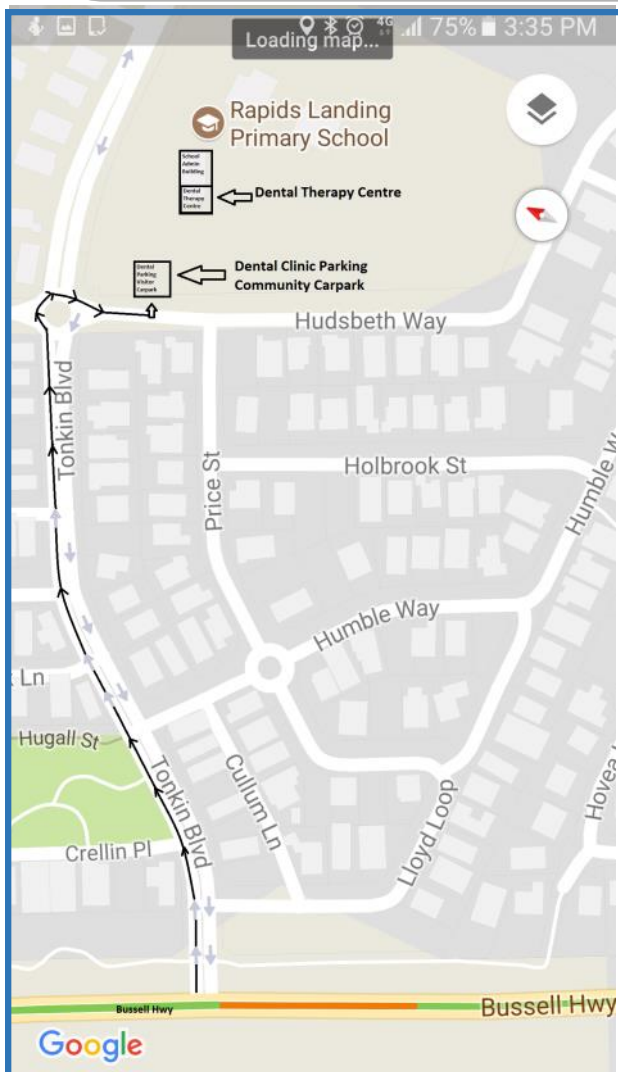
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Notre Dame Upcoming Events August

For more information and to register for any events, visit notredame.edu.au/events

Notre Dame Open Day Sunday 19 August

Kick-start your uni journey at the Notre Dame Open Day. Enjoy the atmospheric Fremantle campus, check out the facilities, enjoy music, food and games and get involved in the festivities.



Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre

Phone: 9757 8211

Address: 43 Tonkin Blvd, Margaret River 6285 (Rapids Landing Estate)

Directions:

- ⇒ Turn at Tonkin Blvd.
- ⇒ Turn Right at the round about to turn down Hudsbeth way.
- ⇒ Take first left to turn into the Rapids Landing Community & Visitor Carpark.
- ⇒ Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre is located to left of the Visitor Carpark.