



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15 March 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019—Term One

WEEK 7

March 18th

Yr 10 Parent Night

March 20th

Big Band Picnic—5pm

March 21st

U/S Play Rehearsals 3.30-5.30

March 22nd

Yr7 Culture Infusion Workshop

Yr9-12 Faction Athletics Carnival

WEEK 8

March 26th

SWSSWA Int Sch Swimming Carnival

March 28th

Yr7-8 Faction Athletics Carnival

U/S Play Rehearsals 3.30-5.30

March 29th

GRIP Leaders Conf: Yr7-10 Council

WEEK 9

April 1st—5th

Etika Dharma School Visit—Indonesia

April 1st—12th

Yr12 Work Placement

Yr 11 Rural Ops Muresk Sun-Fri

April 2nd

Parent Meet & Greet 3.30-5.30pm

April 4th

U/S Play Rehearsals 3.30-5.30

WEEK 10

April 8th

Yr10 Sci-Eng Excursion

April 12th

School Anzac Day Ceremony P5

April 13th—29th

School Holidays

2019—Term Two

WEEK 1

April 30th

Students Commence Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It is hard to believe we are already in week 6 as the school term seems to fly by. At this stage of the year both staff and students have settled into their routines and are concentrating on both academic and social pursuits. I have been extremely impressed with how students and staff have begun the year and this augurs well for the remainder of 2019.



Last Friday 15th March our Year 12 students decked themselves out in their finest attire to attend our 2019 School Ball. This was a very important occasion for our Year 12's and their parents and I would like to recognise the efforts of Ms Lee Pike, Mr Ben Finch and the Ball Committee for planning this extravaganza. We hope they all had a great time and enjoyed endless dancing on the night.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather forecasts we were unable to run our Annual Meet and Greet. We have re-scheduled this event to **Tuesday 2nd of April** and hope that many parents can attend on this date. More information will be published closer to the event.

I would like to acknowledge Chris and Sue Buckland for their initial efforts in preparing a submission for next year's Japan Cultural Tour. The initial cost indication is approximately \$3800, similar to the cost of previous years and 30 students have been selected to attend through a very competitive process. This Tour continues on a long tradition at Margaret River Senior High School which has provided many students with the highlight of their schooling.

Finally I would like congratulate our Year 7 and new students for the way they have settled in during Term 1. Both these groups have been valuable inclusions to our school and have had an excellent first term. In keeping with our Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework plan I have added information into this newsletter in relation to Noongar seasons.

Andrew Host

Principal

Noongar seasons

First summer December- January	Birak Hot and dry	Red symbolises heat, sun and fire. During this time, Noongar people used controlled burning to hunt kangaroo and wallaby. When the fire drive animals from bush lands, it was easier for hunters to spear their prey. Kangaroo, still eaten today, is a healthy food source for Noongar and non-Noongar people.
Second summer February-March	Bunuru Hot easterly winds	Orange symbolises abundance of fishing and lack of rain. At this time Noongar families camped near the coast and river inlets where fishing provided a good food source.
Autumn April-May	Djeran Cooler weather	Light green symbolises cooler weather and eucalyptus trees. Families moved further inland along the Swan River where they continued to fish. They also collected bulbs and seeds to eat.
Winter June-July	Makuru Cold and wet	Dark blue symbolises rain and cold weather. Winds turn westerly, becoming very cold. Noongar people moved inland away from the coast. For food they captured moulting swans (losing their feathers) and fat, juicy bardi grubs that live in grass trees. To keep warm and dry they work booka (kangaroo skin coats) and built mia mia (huts) for shelter.
First spring August- September	Djilba Cold and rain decreasing	Pink (or purple) symbolises growth of wildflowers and plants. Noongar people dug up native potatoes from beneath wandoo trees. They also hunted emus, kangaroo, bandicoot and possum for food.
Second spring October-	Kambarang Warm and rain decreasing	Yellow symbolises return of hot weather. Families move back towards the coast as weather warms up, where they enjoy waterfowl, birds eggs, pigeons, frogs, freshwater crayfish and turtles as part of their diet at this time.

Financial Information

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Welcome to the 2019 school year. Please find following links that may be helpful to all our families.

- ✓ **Financial Information Booklet**
<https://www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au/parents-and-community/financial-information/>

- ✓ **Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) \$350 towards school expenses**

Do you hold a:

- ◆ CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
- OR ◆ PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
- OR ◆ VETERANS AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

You may be eligible for up to **\$350** towards school expenses.

The SAS application forms can be collected from the front office, downloaded from our website under Enrolments/Financial Information or click on the pen to download the form....



Secondary Assistance Scheme

You may be eligible for up to:

\$350

towards school expenses

Please present your concession card along with your completed SAS Form to the front office at your earliest convenience. **SAS Applications close 12 April 2019**

I thank you for your support of our school and I wish you and your families all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Cristina Oliveira
 Manager Corporate Services

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 students need to leave during the school day for any reason, a parent or guardian can use the above methods to notify the school. All students are required to sign out through the Student Services Office.

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

Hetty Bogerd

Deputy Principal

Year 11 Muresk Ag College—Rural Ops

Students are spending the week at Muresk Agricultural College, doing 4 Units towards their Cert II Rural Operations.

They have been staying at Muresk Ag College and have trainers over from the Boyd Holden Livestock training, from NSW who are the most experienced and highly regarded in Australia. Over the week they have learnt low stress livestock training, mustering and moving livestock, operate quad/two wheel motorbikes, animal ethics and welfare and even horse whispering.

The 6 am to 6pm work days aren't bothering the hard working students. They are fully engaged, pushing through the hot conditions and loving it.

Belinda Howse



Upper School Biology



YR11 PERTH ZOO EXCURSION

It was a rude wake up call at some 'ungodly' hour on Monday morning of 25th February 2019. The bus departed at 7.00am sharp to transport 18 budding biologists and 2 staff members to the Perth Zoo for the day; a journey that was to take 3 hours and 30 minutes one way. If one does the calculations, it wouldn't be unreasonable to question such a quest to spend just 4 hours at the zoo.

But it was well worth it. Students enjoyed a one hour presentation on the topic of classification by zoo staff. The workshop was opened with an acknowledgement to the traditional, indigenous land owners upon which Perth Zoo stands today. This was followed by a stimulating lecture which included a close encounter with a handsome specimen of a *Tiliqua rugosa*, a slow moving species of blue-tongued shingleback endemic to W.A. and a notably smaller relative 'The Rottneest Blue Tongue'. A hands-on and interactive classification workshop using various animal skulls, followed by a self-guided walk through the marvellous grounds to learn some biology. Throw in some beautiful Perth weather, a not so mild 36°C and an excellent cohort of students, and the whole experience was an awesome one to be had by all.

Just one last note: We are very fortunate to have such a well designed and well kept Zoo in Western Australia where animal welfare is clearly of the highest priority. A visit comes highly recommended!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Paul Chamberlain who willingly gave up 13 hours of his time to be our wonderful bus driver.



Cert II Outdoor Recreation

BELAYING/ABSEILING/CLIMBING ASSESSMENTS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 27th February, the Year 11/12 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation students travelled to Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs to put abseiling and safety belaying skills developed in class to the test, in a natural and challenging environment. This is essential to provide the students with the opportunity to display abseiling and single rope top-line belaying competencies necessary for course completion.

A series of two climbs and abseils (all with a top-line belay systems where students provide the necessary safety protocols for each other) were rigged and manned by 2 qualified instructors affording the students many opportunities over the course of the day.

Students were required to not just abseil and climb but also to safely attach an abseiler/climber, carry out all safety checks, connect and operate a top-line belay ensuring the safety of the abseiler/climber.

We were blessed with great weather, sunny and light SSE winds, the ocean glassed-off; the conditions could not have been better.

The students displayed very good skills and safety awareness and practices ensuring a rewarding experience for all, both students and instructors.

Special thanks to Mick Dempsey of the Margaret River Climbing Co. for lending us his expertise on the day. We are very fortunate as a school to have been able to draw on his services for many years and look forward to continuing this into the future.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis



Art News

This year promises to be a really exciting one for Arts students and staff with the renovation of the Cultural Centre likely to be completed in time for our whole school Term 3 Arts Festival. Another major win for town is the new Margaret River HEART Studio Theatre and this will be the venue for our senior Drama production. New to staffing is Stacey Smart who will be teaching percussion as part of our Music program this semester. The Arts are proud to be offering an exciting new course as part of our Upper School program.

Andrew Winton (Song Writing Workshop)

Thanks to Isabelle Lemon, Teacher in Charge of Music, a group of 20 committed Music students (ranging from all years) were able to participate in a song writing workshop run by Mr Andrew Winton on Saturday the 23rd of March. Some students have now entered their original songs into the Quest Song Writing Competition. We all wish these students the best of luck.



Certificate III Events (Exciting new Upper School Arts course)

Teacher Amanda Gradisen has worked hard to complete the extensive qualifications required to deliver our students a Certificate III course in Events. This course will offer exposure and experience with the running of major events across a broad range of areas in our dynamic community. The aim is for students to connect closely with the events industry and we thank Mark Lane (CEO of Surfing WA) who is allowing our students to align with this year's Margaret River Pro where they can build experience in major aspects of this international, professional competition. We also thank Sophie Mathewson from the Margaret River/Busselton Tourist Association and Gene Hardy from Cape to Cape Explorer Tours who have visited our Events class as guest speakers offering information about events in our local context.



Upcoming Arts Events

Big Band Picnic Music Concert

Wednesday, 20th of March - 5pm

Jasper Jones

Upper School Production

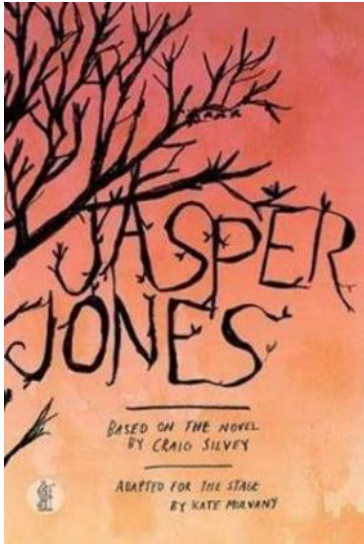
8th -9th -10th May, 7pm

Art News

Big Band Picnic Music Concert—Wednesday the 20th of March

As always this relaxed “picnic” style music concert will kick off our performance events for the year. Held in the quadrangle outside of the Auditorium on Wednesday evening, the 20th of March the concert begins at 5pm (performers are asked to arrive at 4.30 for set up). Two hours of performance will include concert band, guitar ensembles, class bands and choir. Families can bring picnic food along to enjoy. A cake stall will provide some sweet treats and a country week fundraiser. Please be reminded that this is an alcohol free school event.

Coming up: Jasper Jones – Upper School Production Week 2 Term 2



Students from Years 10 -12 are busy preparing for our production of *Jasper Jones* (based on the novel by Craig Silvey. Adapted for stage by Kate Mulvany). Set in the summer of 1965 in Western Australia this touching play exposes the racism, misogyny and buried secrets of a small rural community. The play involves adult themes and coarse language and is suitable for a mature (15+) audience. We are lucky enough to be performing the play at the new MARGARET RIVER HEART STUDIO THEATRE. The play will run for three nights from the 8th to the 10th of May. Tickets will go on sale in the last week of this term. Stay tuned for details of ticket sales to follow!

I would like to congratulate Arts students for the success we enjoyed last year and encourage them all to participate fully in Arts events on offer for 2019!

Parent Meet & Greet

**Tuesday 2nd
April 2019**

**3:30pm to
5:30pm**

**Location:
Lawn area in
the front of
the
Auditorium**

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND OUR “MEET THE TEACHERS”
AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL.



TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

3.30 – 5.30PM

MRSHS Lawn Area
Light refreshments provided

**Parent
Meet & Greet**

All Parents welcome.
We would particularly like to
meet Parents of our Year 7 students
and any parents with students new to
Margaret River Senior High School.

2019 Faction Swimming Carnival

On Friday 1st March, Year 7 – 11 students who nominated took part in the annual MRSHS Swimming Carnival held at the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Recreation Centre. The day comprised of a range of competitive swimming events and participation events including novelty races. Results from these events have been used to select the MRSHS Swim Team that will travel to Bunbury on Tuesday 26th March to compete in the South West Secondary School Swimming Carnival.

Well done to all students for the high levels of participation in all the events and for excellent representation of our school within the community. Your energy and participation was outstanding. Thanks is also extended to Mr Johnstone, Mr Farmer, Miss Read, Mr Sluiter and Mrs Williamson for their tireless effort throughout the day and Petra for her assistance in setting our scoring program.

A massive thankyou to the Year 11 & 12 Certificate II in Sports Coaching students who worked tirelessly to keep the carnival running on time. Also, special mention goes to Carolyn Homes, Janine Pedrick and Ester Pedrick for their awesome assistance on the day with overseeing events and placegetter ribbons and to Jules Pogue for her assistance throughout the day with supervision and marshalling. Students would possibly say she was the most important staff member on the day.....delivering the all-important Canteen orders.

Finally, the support of parents cheering on the sideline and encouraging good sportsmanship is what made the carnival such a great day. Thanks for giving up your valuable time to be part of this wonderful event.

The selection of the Interschool team will now take place in preparation for Tuesday 26th March.



1st: Taurus
(2387)



2nd: Pisces
(1095)



3rd: Aquarius
(981)



4th: Scorpio
(955)

Individual Champion Results

Category	Champion	Runners Up
Year 7 Girls	Tara McGimpsey	Emily Bower
Year 7 Boys	Tom Scott	Jyah Dodd
Year 8 Girls	Grace Dombroski	Rianna Coffey
Year 8 Boys	Kaspa Donovan	Max O'Beirne
Year 9 Girls	Riley Somerset	Mia Scott
Year 9 Boys	Timon Bonelli	
Year 10 Girls	Lucinda Jones	Sophie Atkins
Year 10 Boys	Alby Rogers	Jaxon Nettelbeck
Year 11 Boys	Ethan Buckland	



2019 Faction Swimming Carnival



News from the 'Funny' Farm



Four weeks until school holidays,
ALPACA my bags!
HA HA HA

I think I blend in just nicely.
I'll **STICK** around and see if they notice me.
HA HA HA



Year 9 Roping— Explorus High Ropes Course

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March, the Semester 1 Year 9 Roping students travelled to Explorus Adventure Learning to undertake an activity on the High Ropes Course.

At Explorus they were given the opportunity to scale and complete the course set across a series of platforms mounted in Karri trees between 9 to 12 metres above the ground, while classmates, previously trained in school-based classes, provided safety belaying for those up in the trees.

The students displayed excellent belay skills and roping communications to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment was fostered.

Special thanks go to Nicky Hanson (Explorus director) and the Explorus team for their professional facilitation and supervision, affording the students involved an exciting and engaging experience.

On route back to school in the afternoon, the group visited an abseil site to familiarise themselves with site safety, site management measures undertaken by DBCA and operating procedures specific to abseil sites. This is particularly relevant, as the students will be undertaking an abseiling excursion at Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs in Term 2.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis
Teacher



School News

Year 10 Careers and Transitions Night Monday 18th March 2019 7pm – 8.00pm MRSHS Auditorium

Further details have been emailed to all Year 10 parents.

2019 Premier's ANZAC Tour

In 2018 Margaret River SHS Year 9 student Emily-Rose Lochore was selected to be a member of the 2019 Premier's ANZAC Tour. This tour has been going since 2004 under a number of different WA Premier's. Emily Rose will travel this year to Vietnam with the Premier and the other 9 student Ambassadors selected from all schools across the state.

Now living in Perth and attending Perth Modern School Emily-Rose is seen here with Premier Mark McGowan MLA and Minister for Education and Training Sue Ellery MLC.

Emily-Rose joins a growing list of Margaret River SHS students and staff who have been chosen to be part of this highly competitive annual overseas tour.

Margaret River SHS's Year 7-11 students will have another opportunity to be part of this incredible excursion when the selection process commences for the 2020 tour later this year.

Mr Caudle
Head of Humanities & Social Sciences/Languages





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SPECIAL EDITION OF SchoolTV - Christchurch—How to talk to your kids

The Christchurch massacre is one of the most extreme acts of terrorism the world has seen in recent times. For New Zealand, it was a loss of innocence. SchoolTV was actually filming in Auckland when news broke of the harrowing events unfolding in Christchurch.

Unfortunately, this will impact on many kids throughout Australia and New Zealand. Some parents and care givers may struggle to explain this tragedy to their young people, many of whom are already struggling with high levels of anxiety about the state of their world.

It is important to put this event into context for children of all ages. Although we cannot control what happens in our world, we can choose the way we respond. The distressing nature of this event will never be forgotten, but at the same time we should not allow it to permanently disturb or destroy our future generations.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be provided with practical strategies on how to talk their children in a reassuring manner. It will also highlight the necessity to be aware of the signs of trauma, should a child be adversely affected. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://margaretrivershs.wa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/christchurch



Photo: Andrew Warner NZHerald.co.nz

SPECIAL REPORT

Talking to kids about Christchurch



Community Noticeboard

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AUSTRALIA

April EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS

Subject Revision & Exam Preparation

For all students Year 7 to 12

The April Exam and Revision Program offers students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their First Semester Exams.

Course will be conducted at:

Week One

(Monday 15 April to Thursday 18 April)

Christ Church Grammar School

Week Two

(Tuesday 23 April to Friday 26 April)

Hale School and Mindarie Senior College

Discount of 20% per subject for Christ Church Grammar and Hale School Programs

Pathways to Notre Dame— Online Info Session

18 March, 7pm

Taking a non-ATAR study route or want to apply to uni but don't have the entry requirements?

Find out all you need to know about pathways to Notre Dame at our Facebook live session.

We'll step you through all the information you will need to apply to Notre Dame, with a focus on Notre Dame's Tertiary Pathway Program.

Find out more and register today at [facebook.com/notredameaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/notredameaustralia)

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Thinking beyond careers – for parents
Wed 13 March 6pm / Register >



2019 SOCCER SEASON REGISTRATIONS

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.playfootball.com.au

FEE STRUCTURE FOR SEASON 2018

Miniroos (5-11) \$150

FIFA (12-18 years) \$180

Closing date 11th March 2018

Expressions of interest for NEW All Girls League to be played Friday Nights to info@footballmargaretriver.org

www.footballmargaretriver.org

KIDS KIDSPORT

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5-18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees

KIDSPORT is NOW ONLINE! Are you eligible? Visit the website below to apply

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2019 April School Holidays Skills Development Program Year 7 - 10



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Exhibitions, 92 Certificates of Excellence and 421
Certificates of Distinction.

*Academic Associates and Academic Task Force are part of the
Academic Group*

April School Holiday Program

6 hours per course - 3 hours a day over 2 days
Courses available in:

NAPLAN and OLNA Preparation

Familiarise your child with NAPLAN/OLNA questions with
help from specialist teachers who will refine your child's
skills in literacy and numeracy and hone in on recurring
problem areas.

Essay Writing

Help your child learn how to write persuasive essays. Your
child will practise skills to improve their writing for any
subject, including NAPLAN.

Foundation Maths and English

Recommended for students in Years 7 and 8 who would
benefit from revising subject concepts and skills practice
to prepare for the new term. Foundation courses will give
your child a boost in confidence and will address gaps in
understanding. Your child will have ample time to practise
with feedback on their work from our qualified teachers.

Advanced Maths and Intermediate English

Recommended for Year 9 and 10 students who would like
to extend their understanding in their subjects. Students
will review the more difficult components of the course
and preview upcoming work. Your child will have ample
time to practise with feedback on their work.

Learning Skills

Build your child's confidence by learning time
management, homework strategies, goal setting, learning
techniques and many more skills to build their confidence
and motivation.

Please turn over for timetable



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Community Noticeboard

Enrol in the 2019 April Skills Development Program

April School Holidays - 6 hours/subject - 3 hrs each day over 2 consecutive days

PLEASE SELECT A VENUE AND CHOOSE ONE SUBJECT PER TIME SLOT

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April

9.00am - 12noon

- NAPLAN Prep - Numeracy
- OLNAP Prep - Literacy

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- NAPLAN Prep - Literacy
- OLNAP Prep - Numeracy

Monday 15th April and Tuesday 16th April

9.00am - 12noon

- Essay Writing Yr 7 & 8
- Learning Skills Yr 9 & 10

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- Essay Writing Yr 9 & 10
- Learning Skills Yr 7 & 8

Wednesday 17th April and Thursday 18th April

9.00am - 12noon

- Advanced Maths
- Foundation English

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- Foundation Maths
- Intermediate English

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL

Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April

9.00am - 12noon

- NAPLAN Prep - Literacy
- Learning Skills Yr 7 & 8
- OLNAP Prep - Numeracy

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- NAPLAN Prep - Numeracy
- Learning Skills Yr 9 & 10
- OLNAP Prep - Literacy

Friday 26th April and Saturday 27th April

9.00am - 12noon

- Intermediate English
- Foundation Maths

12.30pm - 3.30pm

- Foundation English
- Advanced Maths

Sunday 28th April

9.00am - 3.30pm

- Essay Writing Yr 7 & 8
- Essay Writing Yr 9 & 10

Other subjects and times may become available, classes may be cancelled or changed depending on demand. See website for any changes.
Enrolment Terms and Conditions: Please see our website for our policy on payments and refunds.

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1. Go to Our Programs – Year 7 & 8 / 9 & 10

2. Click on Holiday Programs

3. Select the Enrol Today button.

Cost of course:

✓ \$200 per 6 hour course

Enrol in multiple courses and receive the following discounts:

★ \$780 for 4 courses

★ \$950 for 5 courses

★ \$1100 for 6 courses



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