



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021—Term One

WEEK 9

March 29th to April 1st

Yr 12 Work placement

March 30th

Yr 7 Parent Night

US Drama Rehearsals 3.30-5.30pm

March 31st

Yr 7 Immunisations

April 1st

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

2021—Term Two

WEEK 1

April 20th

Students commence Term Two

US Drama Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm

April 22nd

US Drama Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm

GRIP Leadership Conference

April 23rd

US Drama Rehearsals—all day

WEEK 2

April 26th

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

April 27th—April 29th

US Play Evening Show

April 30th

Yr 10 Perth Careers Expo

WEEK 3

May 3rd

Yr 11 Biology Caves Excursion Grp 1

May 4th

Yr 11 Biology Caves Excursion Grp 2

May 5th

SW Interschool Athletics Carnival

May 6th

Yr 11 & 12 First Aid Course

May 7th

Big Day In IT Career Day Perth

Yr 12 Drama ATAR Prac Exam

WEEK 4

May 10th—14th

Yr 12 Assessment Free Week

May 10th

US Music Prac Exam

May 11th—14th

NAPLAN

May 12th

Councillor-for-a-day

Principal's Address

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 8 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 2021.

At the end of Week 5, Mr Merv McKillop retired from Margaret River Senior High School finishing an illustrious career in education. Merv McKillop has been the most influential person in the history of this great school. His care, guidance, wisdom, patience and common sense approach has made the lives of those who have come into contact with him better. On behalf of all our community, past and present I want to thank him for what he has done and how he has enhanced our lives in the way he has done it.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Steve Jurilj to Margaret River Senior High School as our new Deputy Principal. Steve come from Perth Modern School and we are very pleased to have him as part of our Team.

Earlier in the Term our Year 12 students decked themselves out in their finest attire to attend our 2021 School Ball. This was a very important occasion for our Year 12s 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.

I would like to thank all parents who attended the Meet and Greet afternoon. It was great to see so many parents take the opportunity to meet with their child's/children's teachers. I would like to extend a thank you to Wendy Coffey and the Cadet Unit for supplying refreshments on the day.

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.

Andrew Host
Principal



Financial News

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the 2021 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:

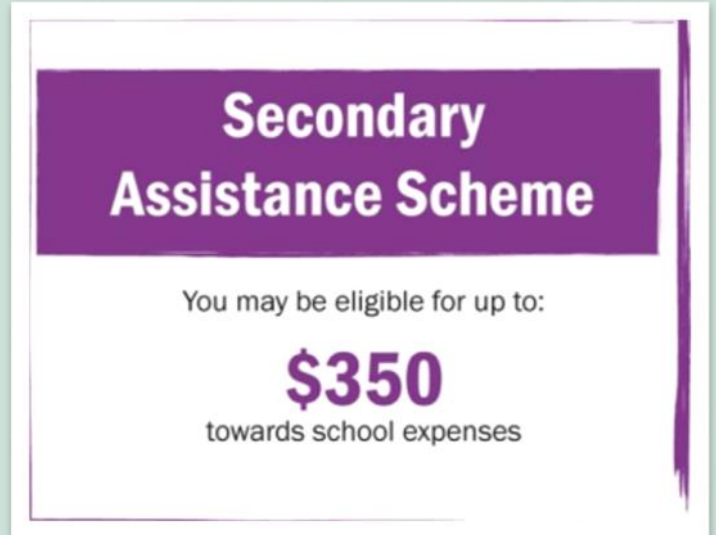
- CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
- PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
- VETERANS AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

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.

Please present your concession card along with your completed SAS Form to the front office at your earliest convenience.

SAS Applications close 1st April 2021



Thank you to those that have already paid in full their Contribution & Charges or have made contact with me to set up a payment plan. If you haven't done so please feel free to contact me via email Cristina.oliveira@education.wa.edu.au to set this up.

Statement of Contributions and Charges are currently being prepared and will be posted in the mail shortly. Payment in full of charges is due by **Monday, 10th May 2021**.

Bank details: BSB: 016-520 Account: 1083 88617 (please include student's name). If you are using online banking and paying something specific please use a similar reference eg: CountryW xxx, Fees xxxx or Europe xxx

Credit Card & EFTPOS facilities available please ring 9757 0700 to pay over the phone.

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

WE ARE HIRING - CASUAL HOME ECONOMICS ASSISTANT POSITION

MRSHS is looking for a casual Home Economics Assistant

The role of the Home Economics Assistant is to assist the teacher in the delivery of planned education programs. The role includes cleaning, maintenance of equipment, fixtures and fittings, food preparation and safe handling of food, food ordering and laundry duties.

Hours of work are around 5.5 hours per day and may include school holiday periods.

For further details and a full Job Description please contact Cristina.Oliveira@education.wa.edu.au



Arts News

UPPER SCHOOL SOIREE

Congratulations to Isabelle Lemon and the team of Instrumental teachers who showcased outstanding Practical Assessment work for an appreciative audience for the Upper School Soiree. Performance pieces were presented by the largest number of Upper School students in the history of the MRSHS ATAR and General Music Program and included a diverse repertoire of pieces performed on guitar, vocals, saxophone, flute and the piano.

Thanks to the tutoring expertise of Bruce Godden, Sunny Hardy and Michelle Spriggs! Thanks also to Sarah Wake for her greatly appreciated audio technical skills.

We look forward to seeing the students' progression through-out the year.

The next music event is the Big Band Picnic in Week 8 on Wednesday 24th March.



CERTIFICATE III EVENTS—YEAR 7 INTER-FACTION VOLLEYBALL

After the huge success of the 2020 Year 7 Inter-Faction Lunch-time Volleyball Competition, the Certificate III Events students coordinated and ran another successful event for the Year 7s in the gymnasium. The event involved 80 Year 7 students and 16 Year 11 and 12 Certificate III Events students. The aim of the event was to bring the Year 7 students together for a week of fun, to develop volleyball skills, to meet new friends and to reveal the triumphant Faction, which was ... TAURUS TEAM 1

The next large event for the Year 11/12 Certificate III Events is the Margaret River Pro and Healthy Habbitz Festival which will be held in Week 3 next Term.



UPPER SCHOOL PLAY - "COSI" BY LOUIS NOWRA

The Upper School Drama class has been busy rehearsing their play "Cosi" by Louis Nowra. Directed and produced by Mem McCormack the students will perform at the Margaret River Senior High School Auditorium next term. We are all looking forward to seeing a great live show by these talented performers. The performances will be held on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 28th April. Parents will be notified by SEQTA message and on our Facebook page when tickets will be available.

School News

EDUCATION PERFECT LANGUAGES WORLD CHAMPIOSHIP

Margaret River Senior High School Languages learners have started the 2021 EP Languages World Championship with astonishing dedication.

MRSHS is currently in 28th position out of nearly 4,000 schools world-wide with 53 of our students already achieving an award. Currently, four students are on an Emerald Award with over 5,000 points. Each time a student receives one of the six awards (Credit, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald or Elite), they are credited with an RRR or Commendation school award.

A total of 563 hours of Language learning has accumulated in just three days by 332 enrolled students and over 240,000 questions in German, French, Italian, Chinese, Indonesian, etc have been answered. This is a new school record. The interest, dedication, and enthusiasm by Margaret River SHS students has been astonishing. Every recess and lunchtime the HASS & Languages corridor is buzzing with students eager to achieve the next award level. On Friday, the Year 7 German class had re-taken the lead from the Year 8 German class and are heading for a pizza lunch.

The competition closed on Tuesday 23rd March at 1pm and all students studying Languages are encouraged to achieve a Credit Award (500 points or 3 hours of studying Languages) by then. The medal ceremony will take place on Wednesday 24th March and many certificates will be handed out in the Languages lessons that follow.

Patrick Marzohl
Teacher



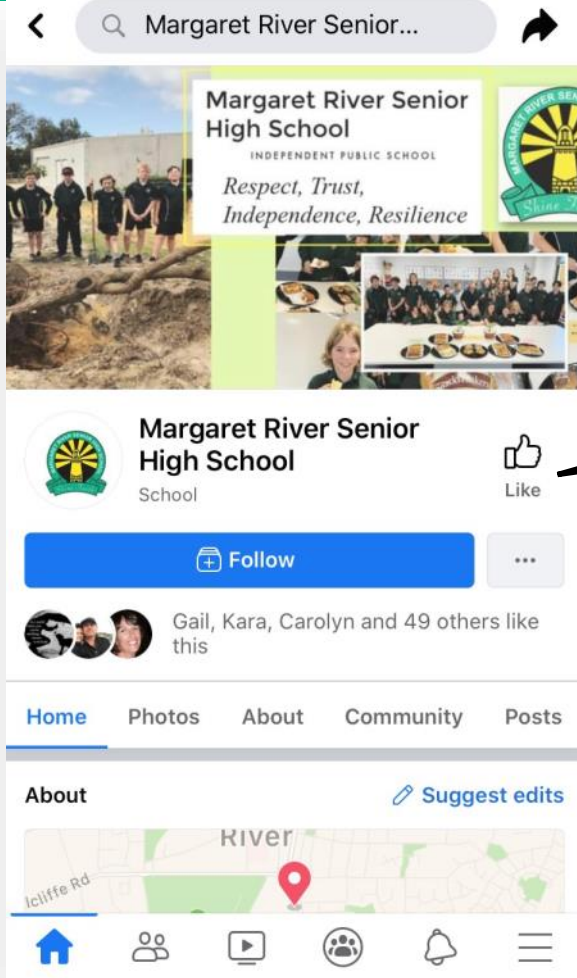
CERTIFICATE III VISUAL ART HEALTH & SAFETY UNIT

The Year 11 Cert III Visual Art students enjoyed a full day incursion to complete the 'BSBWHS201: Contribute to the health and safety of self and others' Unit of Competency in the computer lab at Margaret River SHS. The students completed their SmartMove certificate online and worked through a series of tasks to complete the full certificate. The unit involved recognition of Australian organisation safety signs and symbols, pre-start checks, identification of hazards and risks, hazards inspection checklists, response to emergency incidents and completing incident report forms. This was a great opportunity for students to complete one of their twelve units in an uninterrupted and focussed session.

Kate Marzohl-Duffy and Caroline Juniper
Teachers



MRSHS Facebook Page



Exciting news! MRSHS has launched our new Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/margaretrivershs>

Please come take a look and “Like” and “Follow” our page!

Our Facebook page will replace much of the content we place in our Newsletter articles, with the aim of condensing our Newsletters to be more succinct with targeted content, such as Principal’s message, Finance and general school announcements.

This will provide a way to communicate and engage with you, our school community instantly to keep everyone up to date with the happenings of the school. We want to make sure MRSHS stands out, showing what makes our school special and build a strong and positive online identity for MRSHS.

BIG BAND PICNIC

Big Band Picnic is coming up... put this very popular event on your to-do list this year!

Come along, enjoy a Picnic and **Live music on the lawn** outside the Auditorium featuring performances from Students of MRSHS. You will be entertained by the Concert Band, Choir, Senior and Junior Guitar Ensembles as well as the Year 8, 9 & 10 class bands. There will also be Year 7 Ukulele students mingling around busking during intermission.



WHERE: *Outside the Auditorium in the quadrangle on the grass.*

WHAT TO BRING: *a picnic, a picnic blanket and your friends. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and some cakes available, so bring some cash.*

Please note this is an Alcohol-Free event.

COVID PROTOCOLS: *Please enter through the service driveway where you must sign in and please practice social distancing with your picnic rug.*

Community Noticeboard

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Interested in meeting new friends?

Would you like to try a new sport?

MR Junior Gropers Rugby Club could be for YOU!

We are expanding our fledgling club to include under 12s (Year 7s)

Training starts: 17th March

For more info, contact Abi: 0490 764427

Or Stephen: 0422 902199



REGISTER NOW!
Registrations open until
26th March 2021

NETBALL
SEASON 2021

Divisions
U/9
U/11
U/13
11/1R

Email: margaretrivernetball@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/MargaretRiverNetballAssociation>



KIDSPORT

UP TO \$150 TOWARDS CLUB FEES FOR KIDS!

Eligible kids aged 5-18 years can access financial assistance to contribute towards club membership.



DETAILS

MARGARET RIVER JUNIOR HOCKEY
2021 SEASON STARTS SOON
Year 3-5 mixed boys and girls team
Year 6-8 girls team, Year 6-8 boys team
Year 9-12 girls team, Year 9-12 boys team
Want more info?
<https://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au/>

You can apply for KidSport online at
dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport