



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27 May 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 23rd - 27th May - Readers and Writers Festival

Mon 23rd May - Fri 3rd June - Year 12 Work Place Learning.

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June - Year 12 ATAR Examinations

Fri 3rd - Fri 10th June - Year 11 Examinations

Mon 6th June - Western Australia Day Public Holiday

Wed 8th June - Muresk Excursion Years 10-12

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th June - Cert II Outdoor Ed Canoeing Camp

Mon 13th - Fri 17th - Year 11 Work Place Learning for Country Week students

Tues 14th - Wed 15th June - Rotary Interviews

Wed 15th June - SW Sport Cross Country and IT Career Expo Perth

Mon June 20th - Fri July 1st - Year 11 Work Place Learning

Principal's Address



As we continue with another busy Term 2, our staff are preparing Semester 1 reports. This is a very important period for all our students and the work they are currently completing will have a significant bearing on their end of semester results. It is important for them to complete all set work to the best of their ability so the reports are a true reflection of their academic capabilities. Reporting student progress to parents, caregivers and the student is an essential component of a teaching and learning cycle. It supports improvement by identifying the areas where students are on track to continue achieving well and the areas where they might require support.

Our Year 11 and 12 students are about to do their first semester exams and our Year 12 Work Place Learning students are preparing for their work placements. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all businesses that support our students and provided opportunities for our students during this time.

On Wednesday the 1st of July we will hold our Destination High School program which will see all Year 5 students from our feeder primary schools visit us to get a taste of life at Margaret River SHS. We look forward to working with our future students on this important day and hope our visitors have an enjoyable experience through this program.

Upper school students are putting in their final preparations for 2016 Country Week which will take place in week 10. This is a great experience for the staff and students who attend this event and I would like to thank Mr

Shane Joyce and the Country Week coaches for their efforts in organising teams for the week. Best of luck to all our various teams and I am confident they will represent our school outstandingly.

I would like to announce that Mrs Annie Riordan was the successful candidate in our recent School Board election process. I would like to thank all parents who placed an Expression of Interest in this position and to all parents who cast their vote.

Lastly I would like to congratulate, belatedly, Ellenor Sibon for her success in achieving a Certificate of Excellence in English and HASS in the Gifted and Talented Education program.

Andrew Host

Principal

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Thank you to new parents who attended the AGM. The positions were filled by the following parents/guardians:

PRESIDENT: Shelley Bull

VICE PRESIDENT: Eve Bluntschli

TREASURER: Leah O'Dea

VICE TREASURER: Cilla Bevan

SECRETARY: Cilla Bevan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Shelley Bull, Eve Bluntschli, Cilla Bevan, Leah O'Dea, Peter Griffyn, Jodi Reed, Michael Lochore, Tania Narva and Doriana Mangili.

Please note that the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 15th June at 6pm** in the Conference Room, main Administration building. All welcome !

Shelley Bull

P & C President

Upper School News

Year 11 and 12 students are now well settled into their courses and have some major events coming up in the next month.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) are preparing for their Semester 1 Work Placements and the ATAR students are preparing for examinations. During this period any Year 11 or 12 student who is **not** on Work Placement or exams will have a **normal timetable** at school.

After the examinations, predicted ATARs will be calculated for students and any Year 11 who is deemed to be 'at risk' will be counselled and have the opportunity of adjusting their course for Semester 2.

Year 11 VET students will be on Work Placement for the last two weeks of this term. The normal timetable will operate for all Year 12 students and Year 11 ATAR students through to the last day of term (July 1).

Merv McKillop

Deputy Principal

2016 Destination High School

On **Wednesday 1st June**, local Year 5 students will be attending school for a day at Margaret River Senior High School. All feeder primary schools have been invited to participate in this exciting event. During the day the students will be involved in activities such as photography, computing, and a visit to the school farm, to name a few. **We ask that all students bring a notepad and pencil case for the day.** Students will not be required to bring recess or lunch as these will be provided by the high school, however if your child has special dietary requirements, we ask that parents please provide their lunch.

Students are asked to be at school by **8.55am**, we will have student helpers on the day to direct students to the bag rack areas. The students can board the bus at the high school at **3.20pm**, to return home to pick up points.

I am certain that Year 5 students will find the experience at the high school both extremely positive and rewarding. Margaret River Senior High School is a fantastic school and I am sure that you will be amazed at the resources and opportunities that exist at the school.

Lee Pike

Operations Manager

Contribution & Charges

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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.

I have begun the disbursement of fees to faculties so they can buy materials for their classes in Semester 2. If you haven't paid or made arrangements to go on a payment plan this may impact on your child's placement in high cost Semester 2 electives.

From now onwards you will receive a "*Reminder of Unpaid Billing items*". This statement only displays the billing items which have not been fully paid. The Sydney Canberra and Japan Tour costs will be reflected in this statement, this is for your information only as you will be advised when the next payment is due.

If you are using online banking and paying something specific please use a similar reference e.g.: Country Week John Smith 11.1, Fees John Smith 11.1 or Sydney John Smith 11.1. Please use round dollars amounts.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Cristina

Business Manager

Oliveira

2016 Equestrian Interschool Championships

Being new to this school, I was so pleased I could join this team along with Jessica Ridley. Planning started on the very first day of Term 1. In the school holidays (April 21-23) we packed ourselves, our horses and families for 3 days of competition representing our school at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon. This is a massive competition with 219 riders on 255 horses from 69 schools, including primary schools. It gets a little crazy after 3 days of stressful competition and camping out with our ponies, but Jess and I made it through and achieved some of our best scores to date in our respective classes.

Competition includes Dressage, Show Jumping, Combined Training, Vaulting and Show Horse/Hunter classes with Eventing having taken place earlier this year at Capel. Both Jess and I competed in Dressage and Show Horse/Hunter events. Fortunately we had great weather, and achieved competitive results in all our classes, with competition very tight and just 2% making the difference between most places.

I'd like to thank both Margaret River Senior High School for allowing us to represent the school and Corien Ridley for being an awesome team manager and arranging uniforms, saddle blankets, brow bands, caps and for co-ordinating everything up in Perth. When I finished my show horse class the judge said she loved our uniforms! I did feel we looked really good. Also thank you to the many amazing parents and students who supported our Sausage Sizzle to fund raise at the Big Band Picnic, which proved to be a lovely evening and helped raise our entry fees to this event which are quite significant.

I hope next year we are joined by some more of our classmates, as it is a great atmosphere to get out there and experience what other students are achieving with their mounts.

Lauryn Hall
Yr. 10 Student



I was fortunate enough to represent Margaret River Senior High School along with Lauryn Hall at this year's State Equestrian Interschool Championships held at the State Equestrian Centre in Perth during the April holidays. It was a really busy competition for us competing in Dressage and Show Hunter Classes. There were 219 riders on 255 horses making it one of the biggest equestrian events held in Western Australia. It is a really big competition and in my divisions there were 60 riders in my Preliminary dressage test and 65 in my Novice dressage test. I was very lucky to get to ride in the indoor arena for my Novice test, coming 15th in that division.

I rode in the International Arena outdoors for my Preliminary test coming 10th, only 2.85% behind the winner. These were both personal best's percentage wise for me and for my horse Diamond Dream Flying Spirit.

I would like to thank my team mate Lauryn who supported me when I rode and to MRSHS for letting us represent our school in our chosen sport. Next year I hope other riders at the school can come along and have as much fun as Lauryn and I did camping with our horses and enjoy the experience of big competitions.

Jessica Ridley
Yr. 7 Student



MRSHS Social Justice Group Host Guest Speaker

The MRSHS Social Justice group meets once a week to bring awareness of human rights and social justice issues to our school community and to give interested students the opportunity to take action in support of their chosen causes. This term we are focussing on refugees and asylum seekers.

Rosemary Sayer, author of “More to the Story – Conversations with Refugees” was our guest speaker at a recent meeting. Students heard stories of 7 refugees from Burma, South Sudan and Afghanistan; fleeing persecution and starvation, waiting amongst tens of thousands of other refugees in camps, perilous journeys by boat and finally being settled in Australia. Ms Sayer was impressed with the insight of the students’ comments and questions during the discussion.



Emma Campbell
Science Teacher

Year 12 Certificate II Outdoor Recreation Canoeing Camp

In week 3 of this term, the Year 12 Certificate II Outdoor Recreation classes culminated their canoeing and camp craft lessons with a two-day paddle, down a 28km section of the Blackwood River and an overnight camp at Sues Bridge. There was a healthy flow on the Blackwood creating some technical sections of swift water to test the group’s skills. Water levels also afforded the students to swim sections of rapids and perform throw bag rescues for each other. Students were also assessed on campsite skills such as food preparation, equipment management and minimal impact techniques.

Assessments carried out related to the Demonstrate Canoeing Skills, Perform Water Rescues, Maintaining an Overnight Campsite and Minimal Impact Techniques Units of Competency.

The conduct of the groups both on the river and around the campsite was exemplary, resulting in a positive experience for all concerned.

Special thanks to Brodi Read for assisting on the river and Iris Kupfer-Hollis and Craig Barnett for driving the support vehicle for each camp.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis
Outdoor Education MRSHS



Cosi

Performed over four nights and described as “moving...joyful...full of energy and feeling” the exceptional quality of our recent student production of Cosi was unquestionable.

I would like to thank:

- * Joey Gibson, Ian Rooke, Tim Brett and Rob and Lynette Sibon for help with our band, our lights and our set.
- * Craig Barnett and his dedicated photography students for capturing so many wonderful images of the show – enjoy them below.
- * Margaret River Fancy Dress for help with costumes.
- * The Brewhouse Brewery for loaning us chairs for the show.
- * Kylie Marsh, Bel Howse and Kate Minchin and students for the delicious supper served each night.
- * The many staff who offered help with props, costume, front of house.
- * All of the audience members who supported these students by coming along.

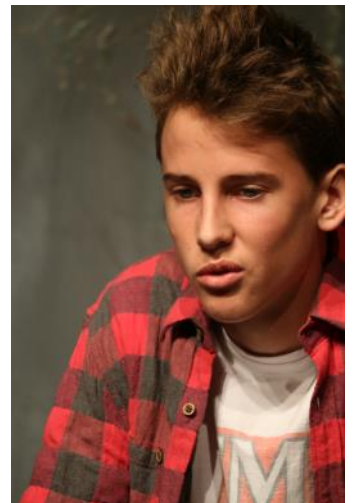
Most importantly thanks go to our cast and band members. You are talented, dedicated, focussed young performers who approached this show with maturity, good will, good humour and intelligence.

This term:

- **Year 9 Drama will perform their adaptation of an original play for primary school students and parents and friends on Wednesday the 22nd of June at 12.45pm.**
- **Dance and Music students will take to the stage in our Showcase at the Cultural Centre on Thursday the 23rd of June – more details to follow – please stay tuned.**

Both of these performance items are in Week 9 this term and attendance during the school term is important for rehearsals and preparation. Please note that some Year 9's will be involved in both events and will have to work hard to be fully prepared for these exciting performance opportunities.

Mem McCormack
Drama Teacher



Arts News Cont...



Investigation of Water, Heat and Temperature

In their first term of Science, Year 7 students are introduced to the fundamentals of using a wide variety of scientific equipment. In this practical class, they are learning how to use Bunsen Burners in order to heat water in a glass beaker and measure the temperature at set times using scientific thermometers. In all science practical classes, students must follow safe practices, such as wearing safety glasses and having covered shoes.

Mike Nikulinsky
Science Teacher



Students: Kirsten Wallace, Rhya Hackett,
Hannah Wennham, Bindi Fraser, Tahnee
Guthrie, Indi Mcfie, Riley McKinnon



School Drug Guidelines

Margaret River Senior High School has developed School Drug Education Guidelines that aim to keep young people safer and encourage a shared commitment to drug education between staff, students and parents.

The guidelines outline the procedures that exist within school to manage issues and incidents involving possible drug use and providing support intervention. The school Health and Wellbeing Committee has taken a drug education leadership role and developed the guidelines in consultation with staff, students, parents and community members. This addresses drug education and necessary related interventions in a caring and consistent manner within the Margaret River Senior High School community.

In conjunction with the guidelines, the Health curriculum has been revised to include the latest evidence based information and resources. Classroom programs focus on skill development, develop students' knowledge and understanding, attitudes and values and promote help-seeking behaviour. Learning is extended from the classroom to promote parent support of drug education programs.

This whole school approach promotes a sense of shared responsibility for student welfare and contributes to the prevention and reduction of harm to students, staff and the wider-school community.

Sandra Robertson
School Nurse

Farm News

Margaret River Primary School Visits

Six groups of kindy/pre-primary students came for their annual farm visit. They are studying a unit called "On the Farm" and as part of that unit they come for a tour of our school farm. The high school students rose to the challenge of taking small groups around to visit the following parts of our farm: shearing shed, cows, tractor, vegie garden, espaliered orchard, chooks, marron and feeding the alpacas.

Cert II Rural Operations

Mrs Howse took a group of 12 students to Muresk Agricultural College in the first week of the April school holidays so the students could complete a short course in Hospitality and Low Stress Livestock Handling. Students completed 5 units of competency in the week and had a fantastic time.

Whilst at Muresk we had a visit from butcher extraordinaire Vince Garrafa. A very entertaining man who showed the students how to cut up half a lamb, using every last bit, what each cut would be used for and how to cook it. Students used the lamb to cook up a storm for a BBQ that night and also for the following nights dinner when they made Osso Bucco.



One of the Units of Competency for the Rural Ops students is tractor driving. We purchased a new tractor last year which has a special "jockey seat"



Youth Cattle Handlers Camp

Chloe Brooks from MRSHS went to the Youth Cattle Handlers camp held in Brunswick Junction during the school holidays. There were 97 participants from all around the state. Participants were taught public speaking, ring craft, halter making and structural correctness. Chloe won the Champion Beef Junior Judging Award.



Shearing

Our regular shearer came in to crutch our ewes. The ewes will begin lambing any day now which is why we cleaned them up ready for lambing. Students enjoyed having a turn at bringing the ewes out for the shearer and watching the process. Later in the year they will get even more involved in shearing shed duties when we shear the flock after lambing.



Bel Howse
Farm Teacher

It's Worth the HASS&L

Hi all here is another one of many success stories of past **Humanities and Social Science & Languages** (HASS & L) graduates from MRSHS who have continued their passion and success in the Humanities and/or Languages.

Please note that the HASS faculty is trying to introduce ATAR Politics & Law into Year 11 in 2017.

ALEX TEMBY (Margaret River Primary)

Mum: Fran - retired matron of Margaret River Hospital

Dad: Gordan - a local builder



- HASS Politics and Law Teacher – Kalamunda SHS - 2016 is his first year. *(Finally he is in a real job and doing something worthwhile!)*
- Edith Cowen University graduate - Secondary Education Humanities & Social Sciences (HASS)
- Associate Director at government relations firm GRA Everingham.
- Member of the Board for Hannah House – Respite Centre to assist families with children who have life-limiting conditions
- Principal Policy Adviser - Office of the Premier, Government of Western Australia
- Chief Adviser across a number of key portfolios including treasury and energy.
- Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition
- John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar
- Bachelor of Commerce in International Business from Curtin University
- Graduate London School of Economics and Political Science
- Private consulting & stay at home dad household United Kingdom
- Chief of Staff - Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Western Australia
- Principal Adviser - Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Western Australia
- Chief Policy Adviser - Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Western Australia
- Policy Officer - Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Western Australia
- Intern / Research Assistant - United States Chamber of Commerce US Congress Washington D.C.
- Graduate University of Richmond – Politics
- Curtin University of Technology - Bachelor of Commerce (with Distinction) International Business
- **Dux of Margaret River Senior High School**
- **Graduated from Margaret River Senior High School – studied History & Economics.**

Mike Caudle

HOLA HASS & Languages

MRSHS Lions Fundraiser

On Saturday 30th March, the 2016 Country Week Girls Volleyball Team conducted a wood raffle outside the News X-Press newsagency. Beginning at 7:00am and working through to 4:30pm, the girls took turns at shifts in manning the post through the course of the day. Recent rain and cool temperatures helped the cause, encouraging many locals to be in with a chance to get a load of firewood.

The team raised nearly \$800 for their efforts, a great result.

Thanks to Sue Cannon for helping out on the day. Special thanks to GEOGRAPHE FIREWOOD for kindly donating the trailer of firewood to be raffled. The team and the school greatly appreciate support from the wider community with respect to fundraising ventures. The next fundraising venture for the Girls Volleyball team is scheduled for **Saturday 28th May**.

Stuart Kupfer-Hollis
Country Week Volleyball Coach



Evatt Political Debating Competition

On Friday 13th May, 22 Margaret River SHS Year 9 & 10 students attended the annual Evatt trophy debating competition. This leadership development event takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council. Teams of two students debate, amend, and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats in the preliminary rounds will proceed to the State Final. For the first time, an Evatt round was held in Margaret River and the Augusta Margaret River Shire opened up its council chambers to the students. The day started with a workshop where the students were taught specific diplomatic debating and negotiation skills. After morning tea, the eleven teams applied their skills and understanding in two competitive rounds.

Patrick Marzohl
HASS and Language Teacher



Career Centre -Term 2

The VET team has been off and running ensuring our students make a smooth start in their VET Courses within the South West. We have 12 students travelling to Bunbury to start or continue their Pre-Apprenticeship and VET in School Programs.

Over 23 Year 11 and 12's are enrolled in Community Services and Rural Operations at the Margaret River Education Campus and we have 5 Certificate 2 courses within the Margaret River Senior High School's program.

Our Year 11 students are preparing for their first Workplace Learning experience from the 20th of June - 1st July.

The Year 12's have reflected on their progress and choices made in 2015 and now start to make more informed decisions about their work placement. Our Year 12's are just about to commence their first placement and our Year 11 students will attend work placement at the end of Term 2.

We took a large group of Year 10 students up to Perth to attend the Career Expo at the Convention Centre. This gave the students the opportunity to explore all career pathways with representation from all universities and training providers, emergency services, armed forces and private colleges. Students walked away with a variety of resources and a better understanding of future possibilities. We will run another Career Expo in August which will give an opportunity for the students who missed out to attend.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 10 parents attend our first Year 10 to11 transition information session. This was an overview of the requirements for Year 11 and 12 and the choices available at MRSHS. There is a second parent night later this term. This session will outline in detail the courses available, the processes involved and allow for question time for more individual concerns and queries.

Over Week 4 we had the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Company come and run a 'Try – a – Trade' 3 day program. This exposed the students to 3 trades giving them an opportunity to learn new skills and think about future training opportunities.

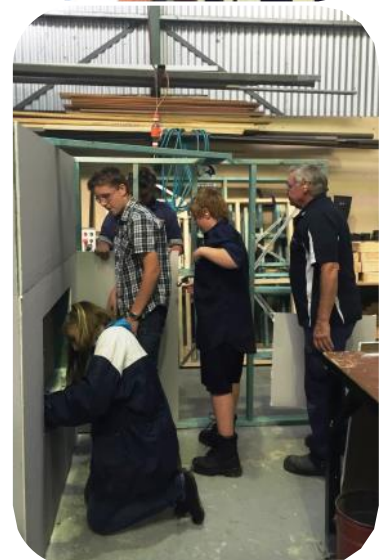
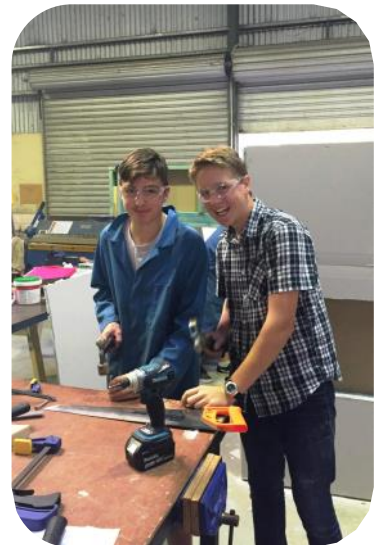
We have always had fantastic support from our community for our Workplace Learning Program but if you would like to register your business with the school for possible work experience for our students please contact the Careers Centre on 9757 0777.

Important Career and Vocational Dates, Career

Expo's and University Open Days:

- ⇒ Edith Cowan – South West Campus Bunbury
Tuesday 24th June
- ⇒ Edith Cowan – Joondalup Campus
Sunday 20th July
- ⇒ Edith Cowan – Mt Lawley – WA Academy of Performing Arts
Sunday 10th August
- ⇒ Curtin University – Perth
Sunday 3rd August
- ⇒ UWA Open Day – Perth
Sunday 10th August
- ⇒ Murdoch University –Perth
Sunday 24th August
- ⇒ Notre Dame University – Fremantle
Sunday 17th August

Kara Beecham
VET and Careers Co-ordinator





Thinking about University?

Parent Information Session

To help parents and students get prepared for university, representatives from the five **WA universities** will be a running parent information session.

If you have questions about courses, alternative entry pathways, application processes, how much it will cost, and what to expect, come along to the session.

When: Thursday 2nd June, 6pm

Where: Margaret River Senior High School

For more information contact: Amber Paulger at a.paulger@ecu.edu.au or by phoning 6304 6304

Registration is not required



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
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2016 Open Day

Saturday 28th May
10am to 2.30pm

Mornington Road, Wokalup
Lunch between 12 - 1.30pm

Take a bus tour of the farm sections
Look around the D&T buildings at student projects

Information sessions for prospective students/parents



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