



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 28th May

**Pupil Free Day
this Friday 30th
May**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th May - 30th May - Yr 11 & 12 Exams
26th May - 30th May - Workplace Learning
Year 12's
30th May - Pupil Free Day
2nd June - WA Day Public Holiday
6th June - Yr 11 Biology Cave Excursion
10th June - Junior Soiree Evening
11th June - Yr 9 Roping Excursion
16th June - 3rd July - Workplace Learning Yr
11's
20th June - Yr 10 Canoeing Camp
24th June - ECU WACE Presentations
26th June - Yr 9 Play
27th June - Planet Ark Tree Day
30th June - 4th July - Country Week
3rd July - Cows Create Careers
Presentation Day
4th July - Last day of Term

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already in Week 5 of Term 2. The 2014 school year is flying past us at a very rapid rate. Our students and staff have been busy over this term preparing for mid semester exams, the IPS review; from the Department of Educational Services, the Minister for Education visit to our school and a financial audit. As you can see, the first 5 weeks has kept everyone extremely busy.



At the end of Term 1 we held our annual ANZAC Day ceremony to remember those who have served our country and made sacrifices so we can live in a harmonious society. It always fills me with great pride when I see the outstanding way in which our students conduct themselves on such important occasions. We often hear about and see images of youth doing the wrong thing and being portrayed negatively in the media. I genuinely believe we have fantastically well behaved children in Margaret River and our surrounding districts and we do not acknowledge this enough. I am proud of the way our students conduct themselves and it gives me great reassurance that our future is in good hands.

I would like to thank Mr Martin Keen, Mrs Wendy Coffey and Mr Bruce Darby for supporting our Cadet Unit and our Head Girls at the Margaret River town ANZAC service.

I was impressed with the support we received from parents at our Week 2 parent night where 600 interviews were held. Our online booking system was positively received by parents and we thank them for their support. Reporting student progress to parents, caregivers and students 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. We would appreciate

feedback from parents who attended in order to develop a structure that meets the needs of all involved.

I would like to congratulate Chris Buckland on being selected as the 2015 Year 7 Year Coordinator at Margaret River SHS. He has already begun to play a very proactive role in preparing both students and their parents for the transition into high school.

I would also like to commend the work that has been done by our two Head Girls, Molly Ryan and Hannah Newstead. They have been involved in representing the school at the community ANZAC Ceremony, the IPS review and the recent Minister's visit. On all occasions, it has been commented on, that they are outstanding representatives of our school community. The girls are to be congratulated on the fantastic way they perform their tasks as the school leaders.

Andrew Host
Principal

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Languages News

The iPad Mini Language Lab for French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch



The European language students enjoy their new 'Language Lab'. With the help of iPad minis students can now listen to spoken texts, produce recordings to practice speaking, write texts to share, view online language learning videos and read about people, cultures and places in parts of the world that speak the language they learn. All lessons and lesson material is published on the 'moodle' for ongoing learning.

French exchange to La Réunion

Year 11 French learning students Phoebe Smith and Tabitha Dowding are preparing for their exciting trip to the volcanic island in the Indian Ocean. Having hosted a student from Réunion in January, it is their turn now to travel to the French island in July. They will immerse themselves in the culture and language of this tropical paradise. Students wishing to participate in the La Réunion exchange in 2015 need to contact Mr Marzohl on patrick.marzohl@gmail.com.

Patrick Marzohl

Languages and S & E Teacher

Chinese (Mandarin) Trial in Year 8

Year 8 Term 2 Indonesian language students have started a trial on Chinese (Mandarin) language in class. All students have the opportunity to choose either to learn Indonesian or Chinese (Mandarin) language for their LOTE subject.

Each language student has access to an on-line program with the latest software, digital electronic pen (E-Pen) and an electronic talking book to complement their listening, speaking and reading skills in the course.

Angela McCoy

Languages and S & E Teacher



Arts Update

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **The Laramie Project** who offered our community such a sensitive and powerful performance last term. Our Term 2 Arts program has got off to a great start with a fantastic incursion opportunity for all of the Year 8 students at our school. Year 8's attended a drama performance from the New Zealand Playhouse called "**BotFarm**". It involved man eating vacuum cleaners, a wonderful satire of "Big Brother" and an entertaining overview of George Orwell's Animal Farm. Thanks to all Year 8's for their wonderful audience participation.

Year 9 Fine Art students were recently treated to a workshop run by artist Rachel Coad. We thank Kathie Galiani, who is working in Visual Art this term, for coordinating this valuable drawing workshop.

This term will conclude with some wonderful performances from Music and Drama students. The **Year 9 Drama** class is busy rehearsing their original play "The Voyage of the Tonic". They will perform this comical production for approximately 100 Year 6 students (and any family and friends who wish to attend) on Thursday the 26th of June at 12 noon.

Keen musicians are currently auditioning and rehearsing for the lower school **Music Soiree** which takes place in the auditorium on Tuesday the 10th of June. This event will comprise of a mixture of musical items. Family and friends are encouraged to come along and enjoy the work of these talented students. The very next evening (11th of June) the **Upper School Music** students will perform their assessment pieces during their own soiree.

Preparations for this year's exciting school musical, **Little Shop of Horrors**, are well underway and we thank all of the teachers involved – especially Mr Lacy and Ms Den Boer who are directing this show. The musical takes place in week two of Term 3 and tickets will be available later this term – stay tuned for details so you can come and support this exciting, whole school arts event!

Mem McCormack

Teacher in Charge of The Arts

BotFarm Drama Incursion



The Laramie Project



Visit By Local Artist Rachel Coad



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One of the highlights of the Year 9 Fine Art course this term was a visit by the local artist Rachel Coad. Rachel is a figurative artist. The main component of her work is the human body which she presents in drawing and oil paintings. During the lesson the Year 9 students were introduced to her artwork and she gave them practical tips and inside knowledge on how to draw a portrait. The students produced amazing sketches and are now working on their own self-portrait.

Kate Marzohl-Duffy

Art Teacher

Year 12 Award Winners for 2013

At a recent assembly, our current Year 12 students were recognised for their academic performance in 2013. As a group, the students performed exceptionally well in their university bound courses, wholly school assessed programs and nationally accredited certificate courses. Special congratulations go to the following students who were the top performers in their course:

2013 Year 11 Awards



Tobias Edwards Top Student TEE Course and Poppy Brooke Runner-up TEE Course.



Genaveve Tuffen Top Student School Assessed Course and Bryson Cooling Runner-up School Assessed Course.

Year 11 Top Student TEE Course
 Year 11 Runner-up TEE Course
 Year 11 Top Student School Assessed Course
 Year 11 Runner-up School Assessed Course
 Top Student Materials and Design – Metals
 Top Student Workplace Learning 1A
 Top Students English 1A/B
 Top Students Design Photography 1A/B
 Top Student Dance
 Top Student Drama 1A/B
 Top Student Career and Enterprise
 Top Student Mathematics 1T
 Top Student Food Science 1A/B
 Top Student Materials and Design Wood 1A/B
 Top Student Cert II Visual Arts
 Top Student Cert II Information Technology
 Top Student Cert II Business
 Top Student Cert II Tourism
 Top Student Cert II Sport and Recreation
 Top Student Cert II Outdoor Recreation
 Top Student Cert II Building/Construction
 Top Student German 2A/B
 Top Student Music 2A/B
 Top Student Mathematics 2C/D
 Top Student Computer Science 2A/B
 Top Student Physical Education Studies 2X
 Top Student English 2A/B
 Top Student History 2A/B
 Top Student Biology 2A/B
 Top Student Human Biology 2X
 Top Student Economics 2A/B
 Top Student Mathematics 3X
 Top Student Mathematics Specialist 3X
 Top Student Chemistry 2X
 Top Student Physics 2A/B

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 Georgia Cummings
 Holly Harford
 Jamie Payne
 Liam DeMunari
 Regan Weightman
 William Jackson
 Aninya Marzohl
 Chris Egan
 Genaveve Tuffen
 Hayley Collison
 Jamie Payne
 Kate O'Leary
 Lewis Becker
 Aninya Marzohl
 Connor Aitken-Lombardo
 John Busby
 John Busby
 Mitch Kevill
 Poppy Brooke
 Poppy Brooke
 Poppy Brooke
 Sarah Dalbock
 Summer Porter
 Tobias Edwards
 Tobias Edwards
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Merv McKillop
 Deputy Principal

Library Study Help

The Library **Connect** site is a place for students to find help with their study and learning. There are links to helpful websites; documents about learning, studying, and preparation; online bibliography creation; graphic organisers and scaffolds to download and print along with much other useful content. Students login with their school username and password then go to the **Library Study Help** option in their **Classes**. Homework and study classes are again running Wednesday after school in the library until 5pm. All students are encouraged to come and complete their homework or study with teacher assistance.

Petra Stene
 Library Co-ordinator

HELP with your Study & Learning!

Go to: <http://connect.det.wa.edu.au>

- Login with your **username & Password**
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- Click on **Quick Class Switch**
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The Importance of Regular Attendance

Educational research has consistently pointed towards the link between school attendance and a student's achievement. Students learn better when attendance is regular and they have access to learning opportunities provided by their classroom teachers. Margaret River Senior High School is aiming to deliver a 92% attendance rate for all students. The benefits of attendance above 90% are evident in all facets of student achievement. The school makes regular contact with parents and care givers to monitor attendance. This includes letters, phone and e-mail contact to verify absences. Families who support their child by providing timely information regarding attendance are to be congratulated for their support. There are students who fall below the 90% attendance rate and this will impact on their achievement. A student who misses 10% of their schooling each year over 12 years of school effectively misses out on 1 year of instruction. Any student at Margaret River Senior High School who achieves less than 90% attendance is potentially 'at risk' of not achieving their academic potential according to the Department of Education's school attendance target.

Some strategies to improve student performance are:

- Appointments for doctors, dentists and other health professionals can be made outside of school hours where possible.
- Family holidays during school should be taken during school holiday breaks.
- Schools, parents, support agencies and communities work together to improve school attendance as it is a shared responsibility and mutual obligation.

Working closely with the school to develop positive attendance patterns.

Andrew Host
Principal

To notify of absences from school please phone Student Services on 9757 0795 or email:

MargaretRiver.SHS.StudentServices@education.wa.edu.au

Margaret River Education Campus Taster Morning

Last Friday 23rd May, Year 10 students had the opportunity to try three SWIT (South West Institute of Technology) courses as part of their transition to Year 11 studies and to find out about future options.

Hospitality and Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Apprenticeships and Trades and Art were the four most popular courses.

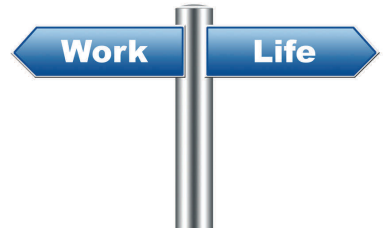
Students gained an insight into what is available in the TAFE system and the entry requirements for courses.

Hetty Bogerd
Deputy Principal



Vocational Education and Training (VET)

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 14 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 Tourism at the Margaret River Education Campus and we have 6 students enrolled in VET Certificate II courses within Margaret River Senior High School's program.



We ran two Career Speak nights for 2014 during Term 1 for parents to understand the changing world of work expectations and career development. Discussions also revolved around knowing where support is for parents and students, knowing some of the training and education options and finding ways to discuss and create career plans without conflict. If you missed these meetings and would like further information please don't hesitate to call the Career Centre for support. Our Year 11 students had their Work Readiness Interviews in April which becomes part of their preparation for their first Workplace Learning experience from the 23rd of June – 4th of July.

The Year 12's have reflected on their progress and choices made in 2013 and now start to make more informed decisions about their work placement. Our Year 12's are currently completing their first placement and our Year 11 students 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.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 10 parents attend our first Year 10 to 11 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 in the first week back in Term 3 on Thursday 24th of July. This session will outline in detail the courses available, the processes involved and allow for question time for more individual concerns and queries.

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 of June

Edith Cowan – Joondalup Campus
Sunday 20th of July

Edith Cowan – Mt Lawley – WA Academy of Performing Arts
Sunday 10th of August

Curtin University – Perth
Sunday 3rd of August

UWA Open Day –Perth
Sunday 10th of August

Murdoch University –Perth
Sunday 24th of August

Notre Dame University – Fremantle
Sunday 17th of August.

Kara Beecham
VET and Careers Co-ordinator





It was a rude wake up call at some 'ungodly' hour on Monday morning of 5th May 2014. The bus departed at 6.00 am to transport 17 budding biologists and 2 staff 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 which included a close encounter with a handsome leaf insect, lizard, snake and a very spikey echidna followed by a self-guided walk through the marvellous grounds to learn some Biology. Throw in some beautiful Perth weather 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 and a visit comes highly recommended.

Iris Kupfer-Hollis
Biology Teacher



Presenting the 2014 Student Council

The student council elections have been completed and the council has met for the first time. The council consists of 24 students, 12 from Upper School and 12 from Lower School. There are 19 girls and 5 boys on the student council.

The following students will represent the student body of Margaret River Senior High School:

Head Girl

Head Girl

Deputy Head Girl

Deputy Head Boy

Yr 12 Molly Ryan

Yr 12 Hannah Newstead

Yr 12 Summer Porter

Yr 12 Connor Aitken-Lombardo

Yr 12 Poppy Brooke

Yr 12 Siena Fiorentino

Yr 12 Sarah Dalbock

Yr 11 Tabitha Dowding

Yr 11 Bella McTaggart

Yr 11 Jennifer Kennaugh

Yr 11 Lani Payne

Yr 11 Phoebe Smith

Yr 11 Amy McFarland

Yr 10 Kathleen Fabre

Yr 10 Olivia Coffey

Yr 10 Cohen McCashney

Yr 10 Emmaly Coffey

Yr 9 Trinity Symonds

Yr 9 Holly Bell-Cannon

Yr 9 Annabelle Jones

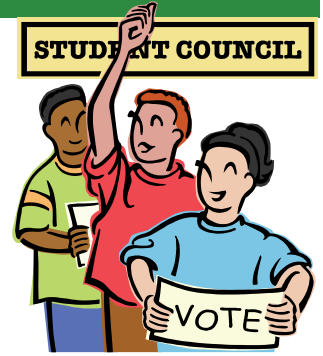
Yr 9 Kaya Hullen

Yr 8 David Lochore

Yr 8 Nicholas Payet

Yr 8 Kate Mann

Yr 8 Charlie Wrigglesworth



Student Leaders: Hannah Newstead, Connor Aitken-Lombardo, Molly Ryan, Summer Porter and Principal Andrew Host.

The council meets every Wednesday lunch time in the IT Room.

Patrick Marzohl

Languages and S & E Teacher



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Where Are They Now ?

Name:

Toby Pateman

Year graduated:

1999

Subjects studied at MRSHS:

Maths, English, Geography, Human Biology and Photography.

Post MRSHS education:

Bachelor of Civil and Construction Engineering, 1st Class Honours, Curtin University.

Qualifications achieved:

Graduate Civil Engineer

Current employment and the path taken to get there:

Graduate Civil Engineer; 8 years of work and travel, then 5 years of study, finishing in 2013. Currently working for Margaret River Structural Engineering.

Family eg: marital status, children?

Married, 2 boys aged 4 years and 2 years.

An event or memory from MRSHS that inspired and/or helped you in your post school life?

Meeting my lovely wife.



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Petra Stene

Library Co-ordinator

Margaret River SHS

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