



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday September 10, 2014

Term 4

**Students Commence:
Tuesday 14th October**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th September - Yr 10 -12 Drama
Performance night

12th September - Drama and Music
Practical Exams

15th September - Cheese Making
Presentation Day

15th - 19th September - Yr 12 Assessment
Free Week and Yr 12 Work Place Learning

22nd - 26th September - Yr 12 Mock WACE
Exams

24th September - Yr 7 & 8 Lightning
Carnival

26th September - Last Day Wholly School
Assessed Yr 12 Students & Last Day Term 3

14th - 17th October - Yr 11 Assessment Free
Week

15th October - Current Yr 6 Student Parent
Information Night

20th - 24th October - Yr 11 Exams

21st October - Yr 12 Graduation Dinner

Principal's Message



Term three has been a very busy and highly productive time for our students. This is a critical period for our Year 12 students, as our VET and Wholly School Assessed courses come to a conclusion and our ATAR students prepare to sit their Mock WACE exams. Our VET students will finish their 12 years at school with a final two week Work Placement. The students are well prepared by our teachers and I would like to thank Rotary for supporting this process by conducting highly effective workplace interviews with the students.

The Margaret River Senior High School Surf Team recently won the State Schools Surfing Title for the 9th consecutive year. Congratulations to the students and staff for their continued pursuit of excellence. The successful team members can now look forward to the National Titles at the end of the year.

The transition for our Year 7 (2015) students continues to progress smoothly. The school visits by our staff have continued and the current Year 6 students have been very active in asking questions regarding 2015 at MRSHS. The building program is progressing well and will be completed by the start of Term 4. A highlight of the exterior of the building is the display of mosaic tiles designed by the current primary school students and produced by local artist Ian Dowling.

The school has also commenced staff appointments for 2015, to accommodate the additional enrolments. We are planning to appoint around eight new staff members for next year.

Year 10 students have now completed their course selections for Upper School and I would like to thank the parents, students and counselling team for their very positive involvement. The Upper School timetable is now set with current Year 10 and 11 students placed into courses for 2015. Term 3 has been rich in extra curricula activities and I would like to thank the staff and congratulate the students who undertake these programs.

Merv McKillop

Principal

Attendance

There is a strong relationship between high levels of student achievement and high levels of student attendance, good organisation skills and parental support. We ask that parents minimise their children's absences during the term. When your child is absent, please ring Student Services on 9757 0795 or send in an absentee note as soon as your child returns to school.

Hetty Bogerd

Deputy Principal

SWSSA Winter Carnival 2014

On Tuesday 26th August the Year 9 and 10 students filled 7 teams (basketball, football, volleyball, netball and soccer) to compete amongst schools from Bunbury, Busselton, Collie, Donnybrook, Manjimup and Harvey in the annual South West School Sport Association Winter Carnival.

Margaret River SHS overall result was 7th out of 14 schools. Congratulations to the girls volleyball and the boys basketball teams for their first place result. Our strength continued in the volleyball with the boys finishing in 2nd place and the girls soccer team finishing the round robin in equal first place. Unfortunately, they were nudged to 2nd due to percentage. The boys AFL team came 5th out of 8 teams and the girls basketball finished in 4th. In netball the A grade girls finished 8th while the C grade girls finished in 6th place.

All teams represented the school with exemplary sportsmanship and dedication involving training prior to the competition and support for their team mates and their coaches on the day. Thanks to the Year 11 and 12 students who supported the coaches by umpiring, scoring and running the lines and also to Mr Cameron for organising this excursion for all to have a great day playing sport with other schools. We would also like to thank Sue Cannon for her assistance in coaching the girls' netball teams.

Sue Buckland

Physical Education Teacher

Girls Netball Teams



Girls Soccer Team



Basketball Team



La Réunion Exchange

Phoebe Smith and Tabitha Dowding returned from their French language exchange to the small French island in the Indian Ocean. On returning to MRSHS, they visited the Year 9 European languages class to talk about their unique experience and to encourage students to continue with language studies into Year 10 and beyond. The La Réunion exchange is an exceptional cultural and linguistic experience and both students spoke with enthusiasm about how it had benefitted them and their family. For more information about the La Réunion exchange program, please contact Patrick Marzohl on Patrick.marzohl@gmail.com.

Patrick Marzohl

Languages and S & E Teacher



As little Year 8's, new to the life of high school and the discovery of new and exciting things, our French class was introduced to student exchange. The exchange was to travel to a small French island off Madagascar called Île De La Réunion (or La Reunion for short) and to spend a month there living with another family. Straight away, Phoebe Smith and I were intrigued by this opportunity for adventure. After Year 8 we unfortunately couldn't continue with French but Phoebe and I still kept the passion for speaking French and going on this exchange. When we found out last September that we still had a chance to travel, Phoebe and I were so ecstatic. As other students from our school had done this already, our French teacher, Mr Marzohl, was very familiar with the whole program. We hurriedly got the paperwork for hosting and travelling in the exchange and sent it off. Within a few weeks, it was confirmed. Phoebe and I would be going on exchange to La Reunion! We had both chosen to host our exchange student prior to travelling, this was mainly because we were awful at French... and getting to know our correspondent in English would be much easier.

Our exchange buddies arrived in Perth on the 10th of December 2013 and flew out on the 27th of January 2014. During the month they stayed we quickly became extremely close with our 'Frenchies' and had one of the best summers of our life. My favourite bit of that summer was when our correspondents, Phoebe and myself spent the weekend at Southbound, the music festival, just dancing the weekend away to great music. Soon enough the month had vanished and it was time for them to fly home. We said our sobbing goodbyes and reassured each other that we would see them in 6 months when we travelled to La Reunion in July.

Suddenly it was the 29th of June and Phoebe and I had packed our bags and were waiting in the terminal for take-off. It took a full 24 hours to arrive at the island and we were so tired by then that the Australian kids on the exchange, including Phoebe and I, slept for 2 days after. Once we had recovered from the excruciating travel we were so scared because we could not understand a single thing our host families were saying, though after a few days we understood remarkably more than the first day. The island of La Reunion was such a beautiful place to travel and live on for a month. During our stay we did so many amazing things and met so many awesome people. I think my highlights were snorkelling on beautiful rainbow coral reefs, hiking to the tiny isolated villages in the mountains and paragliding down from a mountain/hill down to the ocean and of course, the people. The beautiful, accepting, outgoing French teens that made Phoebe and my stay that much better. The month went by like a blur! I wish I had stayed there longer because one month just didn't seem long enough. I did take a lot away from it though. The exchange was one of the most valuable things I have done to this day. The travelling made me feel more mature and comfortable with myself and who I am as a person; it inspired me to make an effort to travel to different countries and cultures and to learn more about myself and others all around the globe. It truly is an awakening experience to the beautiful and unique world we live in. I strongly advise anyone who is thinking or has thought about exchange to take the plunge. Go for it, because I am certain it will be INCROYABLEMENT MERVEILLEUX!

Tabitha Dowding

Year 11 student.

Arts Update

Thanks to Cinefest Oz, our Year 10-12 Drama students recently enjoyed an informative incursion based on filmmaking and costume design. This was presented by Peter Gurbiel (Writer/Director/Producer) and Iris Tascon (Costume Designer). Students gained insights into the film industry and the process and language of design.

On Friday 22nd August Priscilla Den Boer and Bruce Godden headed to Perth with our Senior Guitar Ensemble to the **Perth International Guitar Festival**. This weekend camp allowed students to attend a performance by Swedish guitarist and composer, Johannes Moller, at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. The next day our musicians rehearsed then performed in an internationally adjudicated guitar ensemble festival at Carine Senior High School. Congratulations to these staff and students for their outstanding results in this classical music festival.

This term our Upper School Drama and Music students are busy preparing their practical pieces for their exams. Preparation will include a special **performance evening** to be held in our auditorium **tonight at 6.30pm**. Here family, friends and interested community members will be invited to watch the Upper School Drama and Music students present some original and scripted performance work. The evening will include drama, music and a contribution from members of our student council. Attendance will be free and refreshments will be provided so please come along and support the efforts of our arts students as some count down their final days at MRSHS. Our Concert Band members are busy rehearsing for a concert called **Sweet Sounds of Spring**. Here our band (conducted by the talented Sunny Hardy) will perform along with the Margaret River Concert Band and Festival Brass for an afternoon of musical entertainment at the Margaret River Cultural Centre on Sunday 21st September. The concert begins at 1.00pm and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/concession, are on sale through our front office or at Lloyds.

Visual Art teachers are busy preparing for exhibitions which will take place early next term. Many Lower School students will be able to enjoy seeing their work displayed at the MR Agricultural Show and Upper School Art students will have their work available for sale at the **Creating Identity Exhibition** on Friday 7th of November. Please mark this date on your calendar as Creating Identity is always a highlight of our school year.

Mem McCormack

Teacher in Charge of The Arts



Languages News

Chinese Language Club

Chinese Language Club will run for Term 4 on Tuesday and Thursday during recess time at transportable Room 2 (Mrs McCoy Language Room). The activities will include Chinese calligraphy, practice speaking, reading and writing using Talking E-pen and all current Chinese language software packages for Macbook Airs, Dell laptop and Ipod.

Angela McCoy

Languages and S & E Teacher

S & E News

Online Year 8 & 9 Society and Environment Program

Parents are reminded that the Years 8 and 9 S & E program is now published on the school's moodle. If students miss classes due to vacation or illness, they can find all course materials, lesson plans, classroom records and achievement photos, and homework requirements on the website. Just visit MRSHS moodle and follow the class links Year 8 Australian Curriculum and Year 9 Australian Curriculum.

Year 8 Contour Models

The Year 8 Society and Environment students have studied mapping skills and learnt about contour maps. The students put their knowledge to test by producing contour models based on their map designs. The competition was about precision and mapping skills. The winners Bianca Barnett, Freya Lagan, Jordan Tan, Claire Preston, Angus Dowding and Trent Bradshaw matched model and map most precisely.

Patrick Marzohl

Languages and S & E Teacher



Olives

About 5 years ago, we planted olive trees at the school farm but they haven't been pruned since planting. Jamie McCall from Burnside Organic Farm is a local producer of olives and olive oil. He came in as a guest speaker and showed the students how to prune an olive tree correctly. We pruned and trimmed the olive grove down so all the trees are exposed to maximum sunlight, which should pay dividends in a couple of years' time with a massive crop of olives to pickle and use at school. We are very fortunate to have committed local producers who are happy to come in and share their expertise with the school.

Bel Howse

Home Economics/Farm Teacher



Student Council News

Form 9.2 Champions

Form 9.2 won the Year 9 inter-form competition of Term 2. The students improved tremendously with regards to school attendance and unexplained absences. The Form was treated to a pizza lunch and is highly motivated to defend the title. Thanks goes to all students for becoming diligent at informing Student Services when they are or were absent from school and making an effort to attend school regularly.

Student Council 'Beyond Blue' Project

The student council has organised a fundraising campaign to support Beyond Blue. On 10th September the council is holding a cake stall to inform about the impact of anxiety, depression and stress on students. Year 11 councillor Isabella McTaggart organised the information and awareness event and in conjunction with the drama department, an evening performance for students and parents with proceeds going towards this much needed support group. For more information, visit the website: beyondblue.org.au.



Patrick Marzohl

Languages and S & E Teacher

Margaret River SHS Takes Out 9th Consecutive State Scholastic Surf Titles

Jed Mattinson



Jacob Willcox



Congratulations to the school surfing team who won their 9th consecutive State Surfing Titles at Trigg beach on Friday 22nd of August.

The competition was held in solid conditions with a building swell and easing winds. The team was represented in 4 divisions and made the finals in all divisions, winning two and placing second in the other two finals.

Jacob Willcox and Jed Mattinson teamed up to win the prestigious Senior Boys title by defeating Carine SHS and will now compete in the Australian Junior Surfing Titles to be held in Yallingup in early December.

Annabelle Jones and Jamaica Selby were also victorious defeating Mandurah Catholic College in the Junior Girls final, picking off the bigger and better waves and displaying a consistent team score throughout the final.

A special thank you to John McTaggart, Mike McAuliffe and Josh Palmateer for their expertise with coaching throughout the year with the Surf Academy and we are looking forward to 2015.

Check out the link to all the action from the day. <https://vimeo.com/104702882>

Scott Cameron

Surf Academy Coordinator



Annabelle Jones and Jamaica Selby



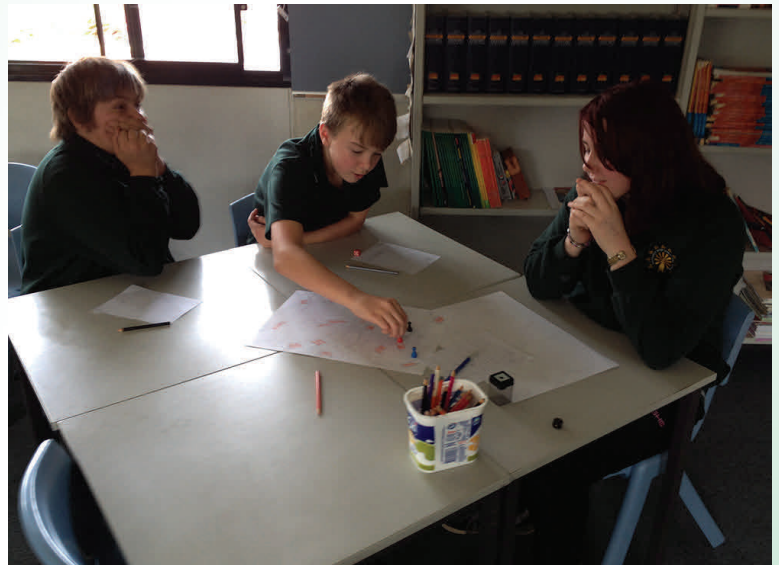
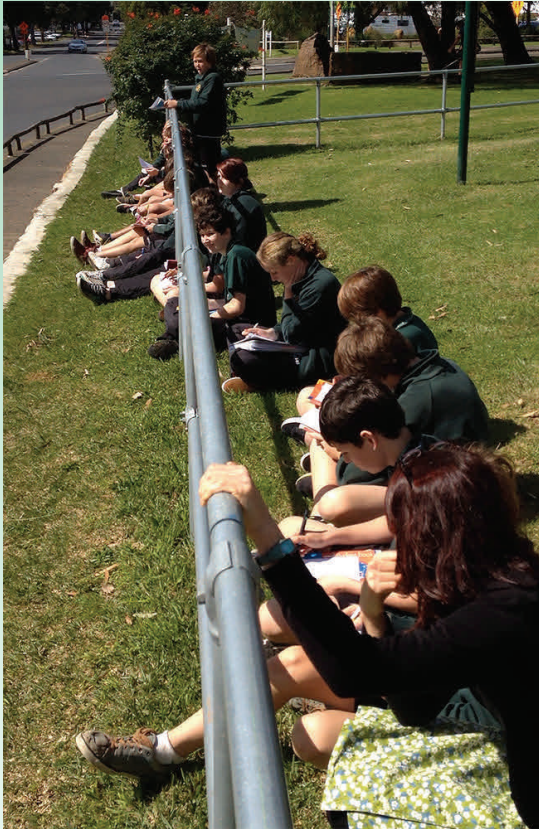
Jacob Willcox and Jed Mattinson



Year 8 Mathematics – It's All About Data Collection Now

The Year 8 Mathematics classes have completed mid-term testing and have commenced on the chance and data unit. In all classrooms students are busily predicting results and learning how statistics works and affects their everyday life. Some students conducted an investigation into traffic patterns and the occurrence of car colours in Margaret River.

Patrick Marzohi
Mathematics Teacher



Uniform Shop

Purchasing your uniform is now so convenient when you order and pay online through the MRSHS website. Go to www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au click on: **Parents and Community**, go to **Uniform Orders** from the drop down menu and place your order. You will receive a text message when your order is ready to be picked up from the Uniform Shop.

★ **Year 10 students** get in early and purchase your WHITE POLOS for Year 11 as soon as possible.

***UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS DURING SCHOOL TERM: TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS
8.45 - 9.30 am.***

Thank you to staff, students & parents/carers for your continued support of the MRSHS uniform.

Shelley Bull
Uniform Shop Coordinator



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or email: MargaretRiver.SHS.StudentServices@education.wa.edu.au