



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday December 5 2014

Principal's Message



The 2014 year is rapidly drawing to an end. It has been a year full of challenges and opportunities for our staff, students and parents. The school has been busy planning for the introduction of Year 7's into high school for the first time in 2015, preparing and presenting for the Independent Public School review and planning for the first time under a new funding model. I was very pleased with the feedback supplied by the Department of Educational Services after their review, especially with their finding which stated:

"The school can be justified in claiming it is achieving its purpose to ensure that the academic, creative, social and personal potential of each student develops to the highest possible level."

The school will grow significantly in 2015 with our school population increasing to above 850 students. We will also have over 10 new staff members who have been specifically chosen by the school through a number of selection panels. The increase in student numbers is a bonus for all students across the school as it will enable MRSHS to offer an increase in subject offerings. This will be particularly pertinent in the future with upper school offerings.

We just completed the Year 6 to 7 and 7 to 8 Orientation Days for students coming to Margaret River Senior High School in 2015. These were exciting days for the school as our future students get to experience high school life and we very pleased to see so many parents attend.

I would like to remind parents that the school uniform is compulsory. Parents can access information in relation to the school uniform from either the front administration office or via our website: www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au

We have two tours that are planned to run this term. Currently we have more than 50 students attending the Sydney/Canberra tour, where students have the opportunity to experience the Sydney Opera House, the Powerhouse Museum, the War Memorial and Parliament House to name a few. Later in December we will hold our inaugural Japan Tour where 20 excited students will visit and experience life in Japan. We hope that these will be two tours that will provide students with lifelong memories.

As this is the last Newsletter for this year, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their work in 2014. This has been a very successful year for Margaret River Senior High School.

I wish all in the community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and rewarding 2015. Students return to school on Monday 2nd February 2015.

Andrew Host
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP 2015 —BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING DATES

Open 9.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 27 January - Year 8 purchase and online pickups

Wednesday 28 January - Year 7 purchase and online pickups

Thursday 29 January - Years 9,10,11,12 purchase and online pickups

Open 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 30 January - All Years - Online orders pickup only

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**30th November - 6th December - Sydney
Canberra Tour**

5th - 6th December - Year 10 Canoeing

**10th December - Performing Arts Celebration
Concert**

11th - 18th December - Japan Tour

12th - 14th December - Cadet Camp

**16th December - Lower School Presentation
Assembly**

18th December - Last Day of School

**2nd February 2015 - Student's first day of
Term 1**

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Languages News

MRSHS (and particularly the S&E/Language Faculty) continues to punch above our weight with the announcement on the eve of Remembrance Day that **Year 10 student India Stanley has won a place on the 2015 12 day Premier's ANZAC Tour to Turkey** next year for the 100 year commemorations.

This is an amazing opportunity for India and an incredible achievement for herself, the school and the wider community. India is the fifth Margaret River SHS student or staff member to have won a position on one of the now eleven ANZAC Tours.

After writing an essay on the links of the ANZAC legend to Western Australia and West Australians today she was initially placed into the finals with 57 other students. She was selected from over 1000 Year 8 to 11 students from both public and private schools from across WA. During the October school holidays she participated in a panel interview and other activities in the process to select the final 32 students.

She will be part of a much larger than usual ANZAC Tour group of 32 students and five teachers from across Western Australia.

The Premier's ANZAC Student Tour will travel to Turkey from Thursday, 16 April to Monday, 27 April 2015. Travel in 2015 coincides with Anzac Day, with the group undertaking a study tour of the Gallipoli Peninsula and Istanbul, prior to attending commemorative services on 25 April marking the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli.

While the education program for the 2015 tour will cover Australia's broad involvement in the region during World War I, special attention will be paid to the part played by West Australians. India and the other 31 selected students will serve as youth ambassadors for Western Australia and commit to sharing their tour experiences at their respective schools and with organisations within their wider communities.

Special thanks to:

Mr Keen – MRSHS ANZAC Day Coordinator.

Mr Marzohl & his son Mishka (one of MRSHS previous ANZAC Tour winners) - for spending time over the school holidays with India re interview techniques.

Mr Nelson - India's Society & Environment Teacher.

Miss Sharpe - India's English Teacher.

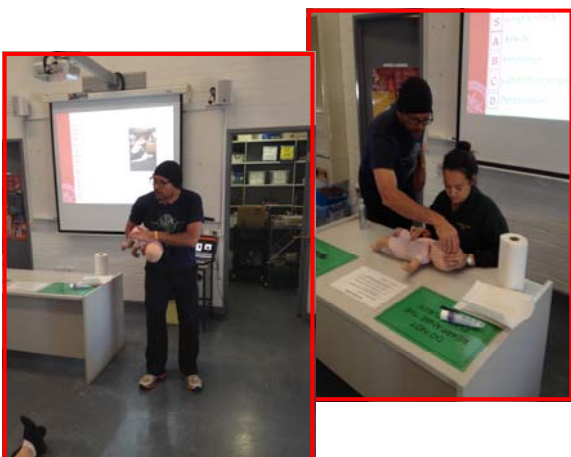
Mr Lacy - for assisting India during Homework Club

Mike Caudle

Head of Society & Environment/Language Enrichment & Engagement Coordinator



First Aid at MRSHS



The students in the Year 10 Childcare Class had a short but intensive First Aid Course this term. Stuart Kupfer-Hollis, the First Aid Specialist at Margaret Senior High School instructed the students on how to give first aid to babies and young children. This involved the D.R.A.B.C.D procedure, CPR, choking and burns. The students had the opportunity to practice these techniques on RESCUS-ANNIE – the small first aid mannequin. The students found this a very valuable learning experience and obtained some important knowledge in how to deal with these types of situations.

Nola Gregory

Home Economics Teacher

South West Philosothon

Is the pursuit of happiness self-defeating? It's such a pertinent question in today's world of immediate gratification and an image obsessed media. It's also the kind of question that some deep thinking Margaret River Senior High School students had to discuss at the inaugural South West Philosothon. Held at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School on the 29th October, the South West Philosothon aimed to bring together students with inquisitive minds in a "community of inquiry."

It seemed like an excellent opportunity for us to extend our newly founded Philosophy Club beyond the limits of our school environment and into the wider South West community.

Six schools competed on the night, each putting forward one team of four students (with a reserve), with an extra team from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar for numbers (seven teams in all). The students had an opportunity to consider, discuss and prepare ideas for the four topics of discussion beforehand. The topics were:

- Is the pursuit of happiness self-defeating?
- What are the limits of scepticism?
- Does free-will make us better people?
- Are rich countries morally obliged to provide debt relief to poor countries?

The night was challenging, interesting and fun. Our students represented their school with fairness, consideration and intelligence. Congratulations to all involved, it was a great success.

Our students were:

Year 8: Xaviae Nikulinsky

Year 9: Peppa Lane (Placed 1st in Year 9 competition)

Year 10: India Stanley (Placed 3rd in Year 10 competition)

Year 11: Tarn Staveley

Reserve: Noah Jennings

Thanks to Mr Nikulinsky for helping transport a group of keen philosophers up to Bunbury and supervising during the night.

Heather Sharpe

English Teacher



Uthando Doll Project

The Year 8 students have been working very hard on their Uthando Dolls ready to send them to South Africa at the end of the term. The class was visited by Lynne Tognolini – the Uthando coordinator from Perth. She explained the importance of what the students were doing and gave the class some background information as to how the project was started. Last year 2600 dolls from Western Australia were sent to South Africa but as she explained many more are needed to help meet the needs of the orphanages and kindergartens in KwaZulu-Natal.

At this stage students are making clothes for their dolls and finishing off their hairstyles. As their dolls have progressed, students can see a "personality" developing and many have felt quite connected to the doll they have created.

Nola Gregory

Home Economics Teacher



Career Cruises

Our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to be involved in Career Cruises which explored opportunity and training in industries that they might not have been exposed to in Margaret River.

On 4th November a group of enthusiastic student boarded the bus at 6.15am to head to Fremantle to visit the marine industry. We first toured Austral Ships and viewed the production line where four large customs ships were being built and the students could see the over 33 occupations involved in the process. After having a relaxed lunch on Fisherman's Wharf, we then walked to Challenger Institute of Technology where we were given a tour of the aquaculture industry and the various career pathways and training available. The students loved viewing the breeding tanks and seeing each stage in the production process. The end of the tour was the students experimenting with a bridge simulation activity where they could drive cargo ships and speed boats.

Our second tour was on 13th November which involved an exploration of the Creative Industries at Central Institute of Technology in East Perth, Northbridge and Leederville. We were met by the Career Counsellor at Central and shown around the Visual Art, Fashion and Design, Graphic Design, Animation and Game Design, Radio, Film and Television and Music Departments. We walked through classes of students in training and spoke to several lecturers delivering their courses. The day finished with a concert from the Certificate IV Music students in Leederville where they were being filmed and assessed and competing for a place in an upcoming music festival. The day finished with a tour of SAE (Creative Media Institute) which is a private college that delivers courses in multi-media, film and sound, game design, animation and interactive technologies. It was great to see the flexibility available in course delivery and how a small campus delivers Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor courses.

The students can be commended on their excellent behaviour on both excursions.

Kara Beecham

Career and VET Co-ordinator



PACTS Training – Parents as Career Transition Support

On Thursday 30th October and Thursday 6th November, the Career Centre ran a parent workshop to bridge the knowledge gap for parents on what the career options are today and to provide the skills to support their young person to find their direction. The workshops are aimed to inform parents about the landscape of career transition so they can discuss career and transition opportunities with their children in a knowledgeable way, and support them in finding all the information they need.

We will be running another series of workshops next year so please contact the Career Centre early next year for more information.

Kara Beecham

Career and VET Co-ordinator

Year 10 Childcare

Through Margaret River Senior High School's Enrichment and Engagement program, funding was granted to purchase three Real Care Babies for use in the Year 10 Childcare program. We have had the babies in our school for a month now with three girls each taking a baby home to care for over the weekend. These virtual babies require similar care to a real baby with the "mother" required to work out why the babies are crying and what they have to do to make it stop. This could involve changing the baby's clothes if it is too hot/too cold, changing the baby's nappy, feeding, burping, rocking or simply just comforting. At the end of the weekend the students receive a summary report that identifies how well they met their baby's needs.

The feedback from the students so far is that it has been a very positive and worthwhile experience, giving them a real insight into what it is like to care for a newborn child. Most students have struggled with a lack of sleep – being woken several times during the night.

Three students – Sophie Newstead, Ruby Kawati and Aimee Jennion decided to look after their three children together and organised a sleep-over. They quickly discovered that each of their children had different needs at different times, meaning that all three of them received very little sleep.

The Childcare program is designed to introduce students to the needs of young children and how, as a parent or caregiver, you can meet these needs. This unit is a foundation for future studies in the childcare or education industry as well as providing valuable parenting skills.



Nola Gregory
Home Economics Teacher

New Cooking Room

A Year 9 Cooking Class had the honour of being the first class to cook in the new Home Economics classroom this week. The class was selected to help "iron out the bugs" - of which there weren't many, before we welcomed our new Year 6's and 7's on their Orientation days.

The classroom, which is very bright and colourful, has been fitted out with all new quality cooking equipment and will be mainly used for Year 7 to 10 cooking classes from 2015 onwards.

Nola Gregory
Home Economics Teacher



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

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2014 Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who have successfully completed twelve years of schooling. The Valedictory ceremony was a fitting event to celebrate their achievement. On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate each of the graduates and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Merv McKillop
Senior School Deputy

| Subject Awards | Recipient |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Materials and Design - Wood 1B | Bryson Cooling |
| Cert II Building & Construction | Jack Kneebone |
| Cert II Business | Genaveve Tuffen |
| Computer Science Stage 3 | John Busby |
| Food Science & Technology | Kate O'Leary |
| Materials & Design Metal 1C/B | Bradley McDonald |
| Photography 1C/D | Genaveve Tuffen |
| English Stage 1 (WSA) | Genaveve Tuffen |
| English Stage 3 | Kaliopy Brooke |
| Literature Stage 3 | Aninya Marzohl |
| Cert II Outdoor Recreation | Jamie Payne |
| Cert II Sport & Rec Coaching | Jamie Payne |
| Physical Education Studies | Mitch Kevill |
| Cert II Information Technology | Christopher Egan |
| German | Aninya Marzohl |
| Mathematics 1B/C | Ella Campbell |
| Mathematics 2C/D | Asha Maguire |
| Mathematics 3A/B | Hannah Newstead |
| Mathematics 3C/D | Tobias Edwards |
| Mathematics Specialist 3C/D | Tobias Edwards |
| Economics 3A/B | Summer Porter |
| Modern History 3A/B | Kaliopy Brooke |
| Biology | Kaliopy Brooke |
| Chemistry | Tobias Edwards |
| Human Biology | Sarah Dalbock |
| Physics | Tobias Edwards |
| Senior School Engagement Program | Josie Ablett |
| Career and Enterprise | Bryson Cooling |
| Workplace Learning 1C/D | Bryson Cooling |
| Cert III Visual Arts | Molly Ryan |
| Cert III Visual Arts | Finnley Matthews |
| Dance | Priscilla Coffey |
| Drama - rising star | Rhys Rigby |
| Drama 3A/B | Holly Harford |
| Year 12 Music Award | Connor Aiken-Lombardo |



2014 Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony

| Special Awards | Recipient |
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| Runner-Up VET Course | Genaveve Tuffen |
| Runner-UP to Dux WACE | Kaliopy Brooke |
| Top student - VET Course | Bryson Cooling |
| Merv McKillop Dux Award WACE | Tobias Edwards |
| Encouragement Award | Jack Kneebone |
| Community Service Award | Priscilla Coffey |
| Nola Marino Forrest Medal for Leadership | Summer Porter |
| VET Community Service Award | Margaret River Primary School |
| Quiet Achiever | John Busby |
| Positive Achievement Award | Chloe Cicolini |
| Top Sportsman/Surf Academy | Jacob Willcox |
| Top Sportswoman | Asha Maguire |
| Defence Forces Long Tan Leadership Award | Hannah Newstead |
| Edith Cowan University Personal Excellence Award | Sarah Dalbock |
| Curtin University Principal's Recommendation Award | Kate Bottomley |
| Curtin University Principal's Recommendation Award | Molly Ryan |
| Margaret River Education Campus Award | Genaveve Tuffen |
| Australian Super Westscheme Award for Excellence in VET | Genaveve Tuffen |
| UWA Excellence Award | Kaliopy Brooke |
| 400 Club 2013 | Liam Speechley |
| 400 Club 2013 | Elizabeth Jackson |
| Cadet Recognition Award | Priscilla Coffey |
| Cadet Recognition Award | Bradley McDonald |
| Top Student in a Training Program | Jamie Payne |
| Principals Award | Hannah Newstead |
| School Board Award for a Staff Member | Robert Poulter |
| Best All Rounder | Regan Weightman |
| Citizen of the Year | Molly Ryan |
| Endeavour Award | Mohammad Fayazie |



Andrew Host and Merv McKillop with Tobias Edwards, Bryson Cooling, Kaliopy Brooke and Genaveve Tuffen



Kaliopy Brooke receiving Runner-Up to Dux from Merv McKillop



Terry Redman presenting to Bryson Cooling



Merv McKillop presents Tobias Edwards his Dux Award



Terry Redman presents to Genaveve Tuffen



Andrew Host addressing the graduates



Head Girls Molly Ryan and Hannah Newstead



Nola Marino presents to Kaliopy Brooke