



MARGARET RIVER

Independent SCHOOL

EST. 1982 AS NYINDAMURRA FAMILY SCHOOL

MRIS Matters

Our School's Weekly Newsletter — Distributed Fridays

Week 2/10

Term 4

25 October, 2019

2019 MRIS IQ Focus = Learning Intentions and Success criteria, EQ focus = Resilience

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends, "Kaya.....RU OK?"
Welcome to Mason Hobbins (Pre-primary) and his parents, Celine and Ken. At Our School we all want to learn so at our Cultural Session with the UNDALUP Association on Friday our staff learned to use WADANDI (pronounced w-ah-dandi) for the weekly language focus-not the word 'Noongar. (The word "Noongar" is used for man). *Love Wendy*

Weekly Wisdom "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent"....Eleanor Rossevelt

Virtue of the Week: Assertiveness

You are practising this when you:

Think for yourself

Share your ideas and feelings

Tactfully tell others what you really think

Choose not to allow others to lead you into trouble

Ask for what you want and need

Expect respect at all times

Parenting Ideas: Are you asking your kids to step up?

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/schools/insight/are-you-asking-your-kids-to-step-up/>

Parent Help Needed for High Tea & Ecology Open Morning is on

Fri, November 1. We need people to help out with:

*Donations of cakes, slices, cupcakes, mini tarts, sandwiches

*Food preparation and serving on the day

*Set-up and clean-up

*Flower arrangement

If you can help out or need to clock up some hours please contact the office on 97577515 or email office @mris.wa.edu.au.

Calling in Kambarang!



The fifth Noongar season, Kambarang was celebrated at MRIS recently with a indigenous feast. Parents, and students gathered at the school's new Outdoor Classroom area to enjoy a spread of indigenous dishes prepared by MRIS Wadandi mentor, Josh Whiteland. On the menu was kangaroo, emu, beach spinach, sea celery, and quandongs. The group also took a guided walk on the Nyindamurra Nature Trail with Josh to see the seasonal changes that come with Kambarang.

THE WAY THEY WERE

Name: Imogen Catherine St Pierre

Age: 5 **Year:** Pre-Primary

Favourite Food: Bananas

Favourite Virtue: Helpfulness

Challenging Virtue: Patience

I collect: rocks

My nickname is: Immy

My ancestors come from: England

Why I love my school: Because it is fun

When I grow up I want to be: a Doctor



THIS IS YOUR

Name: Imogen St Pierre

Age: 11 **Year:** 6

Favourite Food: Hot chips and lasagne

Favourite Virtue: Kindness

Favourite Book: 'Treehouse' books

I collect: earrings and cooking equipment

My nickname is: Immy, Im, Imo and ImIm

My ancestors come from: England

Why I love my school: because I have lot of friends

When I grow up I want to be: teacher

Because: I love kids



School News

Thank You

To Keppel for the wonderful support she has given our staff while Cass has been away.

To the Library team for the new -look of our library. Please check it out.

To Maree and Karen for the MRIS display at the Show. A colourful and artistic exhibit

To our parents who are attending the Year 5 camp in Perth

To all the attendees at our Non Violent Communication workshop

Quiet Achievers: Our families who attended the Kambarang Oct/Nov Celebration on Thurs with Josh. This support builds community and knowledge for our future.

High Tea & Ecology Open Morning and Website Launch on 1st Nov 10-12 am. All Welcome!

We are combining our HIGH TEA & ECOLOGY morning with Outdoor Classroom day. We will be launching the wonderful new website that Pam and Lindsay applied for via a grant. It is the start of the digital documentation of the nature pedagogy of MRIS, building on the 2008 book "WHEN ART MEETS SCIENCE" which was produced by the students and led by Pam (Science) and Maree (Art). The day will commence at 10.00 with 'Welcome to Country' given by Josh Whiteland from Koomal Dreaming followed by the launch of the website by Pam and Lindsay. While High Tea is taken, Johnny Prefumo, our well-loved Frog Doctor will entertain and educate our visitors with his knowledge of frogs and the Nature Education that has occurred at MRIS over the last 10 years. (Johnny was our resident scientist for the original book in 2008) A tour of the school and the trail will complete our High tea and Ecology morning. Please let new parents know and invite them to visit our school. 10 -12 am Fri 1st Nov in the PAC.

Meet our PATHS kids this week

We thank them for their contributions.

Felix in Year 1. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is a Shark. Favourite Virtue is kindness.

Claudia in Year 2. Favourite colour is **turquoise**. Favourite animal is a Red-tailed kelpie. Favourite Virtue is kindness

Jacob in Year 3. Favourite colour is **gold**. Favourite animal is a Snake. Favourite Virtue is love.

Ella Rose in Year 4. Favourite colour is **red**. Favourite animal is a stingray. Favourite Virtue is Creativity.

Harvey in Year 5. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is a Pug. Favourite Virtue is Resilience.

Saorise in Year 6. Favourite colour is **galaxy**. Favourite animal is a Kitten. Favourite Virtue is Tact.

While the High Tea and Ecology morning is happening, the students will be partaking in an Outdoor Classroom event. After the 'Welcome to Country' and Website launch the Pre – Year 6 students will be attending sessions on Frogs with Johnny Prefumo, Birds with Christine Wilder, Flora with Jenny Kikeros, Weeds with Rick Ensley, and Dieback with Drew McKenzie and Indigenous Culture with Josh Whiteland.

Curriculum Corner

Wadandi Word for the Week

This week's Wadandi word is Wadandi which means salt water/ocean people.



HIGH TEA + ECOLOGY OPEN MORNING
FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER
10 AM - 12 PM

MARGARET RIVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL invites you to come along for High Tea and an opportunity to have a look through our wonderful school.

Join us for the launch of MRIS's new nature website.

"Welcome to Country" with Josh Whiteland from Koomal Dreaming.

The ABC's 'Frog Doctor' Johnny Prefumo will be on campus.

Take a guided tour of the classrooms and the Nyindamura Nature Trail.
Discover more about our focus on nature.

High Tea available with a gold cold donation.

Please RSVP before 28.10.19 on 9757 7515 or email office@mr.is.wa.edu.au



The next MRIS croissants fundraiser will be on Wednesday November 6 at recess

Croissants cost \$3 with \$1 to go towards the MRIS French Program

Class News

Pre-Primary with Ann, Amanda, Julie & Mel

Welcome to Mason and his family who have joined the school this week!

A big thank you to Kirsten and Tanya for displaying the art work at the show at short notice.

This week we our English learning goal is to practice asking purposeful questions to gain further understanding. We have been practicing this skill through guessing games and comprehension activities linked to stories. In Maths our learning goal is to solve simple addition problems. Next week we will be incorporating maths addition problems in the 'Chocolate and Lolly shop' to extend the children's play.

Next Friday the Pre Primary children will be participating in the workshops that are offered at the High Tea. Some of the children's art work inspired by the Nature Trail will be on display in the classroom.

Have a great week



Year 1 with Skye

Our digraph this week is fur "ur".

In Numeracy we are looking at answering questions from a graph and talking about the elements that a graph needs.

The news topic for next week is share information about a dangerous/interesting plant or animal.

Year 2 with Kate & Jacki

We are having a fun packed and busy week!

Thank you to James for driving us to Ellensbrook on Tuesday and for Cass for being parent helper and icecream distributor! As part of our Year Two HASS program we learn about a significant building/ landmark in our local area. Ellensbrook is so rich in history as it was home to the Bussell family and is of cultural significance to the Wadandi people.

On Tuesday we also had a visit from Constable Care. This year the team instructed the children on early warning signs and keeping safe.

In Maths we are returning to multiplication.

In English we are in the imitation phase of Talk for writing, learning our model text and acting it out. In Science we are investigating 'what is a force?'

Thank you to Claudia for being our PATHS kid for the week. Thank you for your gentleness and your resilience while on crutches Claudia. What a star!

Have a great week!



Year 4 with Sara, Bel & Jasmin

Hello Year Four Families

Thank you to everyone for bringing in their camp forms. This week in Maths we are focusing on Square numbers and the 6 timetables. In Science we have been continuing our experiments with different types of packaging and scrunched, tore and twisted our way through different materials. We had a visit from Constable Care who presented a show on Kids and their Digital profile and what it means to be online. My PATHS kid for this week is Ella Rose who completes all her tasks with a smile.

Best wishes

Year 5 with Lindsay



Year 5 are on camp. See all the action from camp in next week's newsletter

Please also check out our new BEES (Building Environmental Education Sustainability) portal on the MRIS website landing page. This is a link to the school's new nature website - which showcases a wonderful array of interesting posts from all classes regarding their nature pedagogy work.

Year 6 with Laura & Jacki

Please send in at least 4 photos in jpeg format for the graduation book.

Graduation dinner is Dec 13th in the PAC catered for by Saul Atkinson. Invitations will be sent out soon. Thanks

School Dates & Info

School Calendar

Fri 1st Nov—High Tea & Ecology Open Morning for Parents interested in joining our school..... spread the word!

Thurs 31st Oct - 2 day NVC workshop for parents -cost \$250 each. Call Office to book please.

Fri 1st Nov

High Tea and Ecology Day 10 to 12 at MRIS/1-3pm Musical Concert

Week 4 – Year 3 Camp

Week 5 – Year 4 Camp

Wed 13th Nov – World Kindness Day

Mon 2nd Dec – Year 6 High School Orientation Day

Fri 13th Dec- High School Dance Tour visit

Tues 17th Dec -Concert

Thurs 19th Dec – Flinders Bay and final day of term

Fri 20th Dec -2020 Kindy Orientation

The Kindy Pre area is now a DAIRY AND EGG AWARE ZONE.

NO BINS AT MRIS - please reduce the packaging sent to school

MRIS is a SUNSMART school – we wear wide brimmed hats all year round.

Governing Body / Office News

Wanted: Parent/s for school banking. This person would need to attend school either weekly or fortnight for about ½ hour before school to collect deposits from children wishing to deposit into their Bendigo Bank Children's a/c. Bendigo bank will provide training.

Parent Job: If anyone didn't attend the busy bee or requires extra parent commitment hours, we would love someone to volunteer to spread a smallish amount of limestone pebbles to replace our woodchip mulch.

SURVEY – The 2019 MRIS Parent Survey will be coming to your inbox soon, please take the time to complete the survey as it a very valuable tool for growth and improvement.



Our little MRIS runners completed an obstacle course this week. A great turn out again and awesome effort by all!

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

CHEESE TOASTIE

100% FRUIT JUICE SLUSHIE

\$2 EACH



Community Corner

Book Chat Club

Calling all book lovers ages 10 and over!

The Margaret River Bookshop and Library of Margaret River Regional Library Service are partnering to host a Book Chat Club.

What is a Book Chat?

A group for people aged 10-18 who are enthusiastic about books. Each month we will read about 100 pages from a new book and discuss our thoughts and recommendations to other members of the club.

There will be prizes for best review of the month and even live awards provided for the season.

This session will be facilitated by either a part-time staff member or Librarian to assist in general discussion.

Dates, time and location

4.00pm-5.00pm
Margaret River Library
Last Monday of the month

25 February 2019	24 June
25 March	29 July
25 April	26 August
27 May	30 October
	25 November

Who Gives a Crap toilet paper - Find our new Facebook Group @ MRIS Parent Buying—Who Gives a Crap. Any queries, please contact Amy Penrose 0407 194 124

FREE GUIDE FOR PARENTS | Working Together - Therapy in the Early Years 2019 This guide can assist you in making decisions about

the therapy services that are needed to build your child's skills, so they can actively participate in family, school and community life. [Click here](#)

VACSWIM 2019-20

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer holidays.

Choose from three programs.

8 Days

Program 1
31 Dec - 10 January
45 minutes lessons
Enrolments close
10 November

\$10 per child - \$20 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry)

10 Days

Program 2
13 - 24 January
35 minutes lessons
Enrolments close
17 November

\$10 per child - \$20 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more
\$54 concession
(plus pool entry)

5 Days

Program 3
6 - 10 January
35 minutes lessons
Enrolments close
10 November

\$10 per child - \$20 concession
\$41 for a family of three or more
\$27.50 concession
(plus pool entry)

Enrol now

Visit www.mris.wa.edu.au or calling on 130 9600 6412.