

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends, "Kaya" & RU OK?

We are very excited to be offering our wonderful STEP course for all our parents. This course is the basis of our Behaviour Management at MRIS. We know that there is so much to learn about parenting and we never stop. This course gives us a plan for parenting to raise happy, healthy, confident, cooperative, responsible children. To form strong, life-long family relationships and to raise a child who is loved and able to give love... Our job is to guide – not punish or do everything for our child and to understand that a child's behaviour always has a purpose.

Come and join us for 4 Mondays 1-3 pm in the Library commencing Mon 9th March. Please book in at the office.

Love Wendy

Virtue of the Week: Courtesy

You are practising this when you

- Show others that you value and respect them
- Remember to treat elders, parent, teachers, and children politely
- Think about how your actions affect others
- Eat, speak and move graciously
- Make requests instead of demands
- Greet people with a smile

Weekly Wisdom: "Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy"

....Ralph Waldo Emerson

Parenting Ideas: Hopeful Kids are Happy Kids

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/hopeful-kids-are-happy-kids/>

Season of Bunuru: February & March

Bunuru is a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums.

Another striking flower that is hard to go past is the female Zamia (Macrozamia riedlei). Being much larger than that of its male counterpart, the huge cones emerge from the centre of the plant with masses of a cotton wool like substance.

MRIS Alumni takes out CSIRO STEM Award

Former Margaret River Independent School student, Josh Loyd has taken out the 2020 CSIRO Indigenous STEM Award. Now living in Melbourne, Josh was recognised for his contributions to Indigenous education programs.

A proud Wajarri Yamatji, Josh grew up in Margaret River and started his schooling at MRIS, then known as Nyindamurra Family School in 1994.

As part of the award, Josh will return to Margaret River to present a community event. "I would love to bring CSIRO back to Nyindamurra and showcase some of the amazing work the school does to connect its students with the Wardandi culture," he said.

Josh holds a bachelor's degree in engineering (Civil and Environmental) and currently works as a senior advisor, in a pioneering team of Indigenous professionals, incorporating Indigenous knowledge and designs into some of Australia's most iconic infrastructure projects. He strongly believes that Indigenous traditional knowledge and perspectives will provide the foundations for addressing some of the most pressing global issues, like climate change, diminishing biodiversity, and urbanisation.



Meet our PATHS kids this week We thank them for their contributions.

Henry in Year 1. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is a 28 parrot. Favourite Virtue is Kindness.

Chiara in Year 2. Favourite colour is **turquoise**. Favourite animal is Pegasus. Favourite Virtue is Creativity.

Braxton in Year 3. Favourite colour is **black**. Favourite animal is a Dragon. Favourite Virtue is Creativity.

Taj in Year 4. Favourite colour is **hot pink**. Favourite animal is a Kelpie. Favourite Virtue is Creativity.

Fiona in Year 5. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is a Rabbit. Favourite Virtue is Creativity.

Evie in Year 6. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is an Arctic Fox. Favourite virtue is Creativity.

School News

Thank You

To our Lunch Order parents Kelly and Lawson.

To Liz H for her generosity, care and support in year 1.

To Tania D for offering a joyous day of decorating lanterns for the August River Festival.

To our Library souls for their flexibility with changing the Library day.

To Fiona and Jo for helping out at the Taster day.

To Danelle and Aisling for coming to our class meetings to inform parents about Mindfulness at MRIS.

To Kelly D for finding Allergy Posters for the school.

Quiet Achievers

Sandee and Kelly D for designing the Canteen Menu for the year to ensure we offer allergy free fantastic food.

Thank you.

Meet the Specialists

This year we are offering a Forum-type session with our Specialist teachers to help our families get to know and understand the Specialist roles in our school. Music, Art, Drama, Languages, Phys Ed and Innovations tutors will be presenting on Tuesday afternoon 25 Feb in the PAC at 2-3 pm. Each staff member will give a short overview of their learning area and answer any questions, clarify understandings and discuss curriculum requirements. We welcome all our parents. Afternoon tea is provided. Please call the office if you are attending for catering needs.

Grandparent Day Thursday 26 March

We will be holding our 6th Grandparent Day on Thursday 26 March. Our theme this year will be "Old toys, dolls or bears". Bring along anything from your childhood that you still have and share a story about the history. Please let the office know if your family is coming for catering numbers.



THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Name: Alix

Age: 5 **Year:** PP

Favourite Food:
pasta, black bean sauce.

Favourite Virtue: love and loving everyone.

Favourite Book:
Tintin.

I collect: shells

My nickname is: I have no nickname.

My ancestors come from: France, Croatia, Buenos and Australia .

Why I love my school: because I love being on the bus and I love my class.

When I grow up I want to be: in a rock and roll band, an artist and a scientist.

Because: I am so proud of myself.



Office News

Please remember to sign in and sign out your child if they are late to school or have to leave early. Please let the office know if your child is absent via our new School Stream app or by phone or email.

Please download our new app Schoolstream. A great way to keep up to date, record parent hours and advise absences.

School Buses: The school has been informed that we are **not authorised to give permission for children to change the bus on which they are registered.** If families/ your child needs to take a different bus on a regular basis they must now contact School Bus Services and arrange permission and provide a note to the appropriate bus driver. If your child needs to take a different bus for the day please contact Shepherdson Transport and gain permission. The school office can only take information regarding children who need to stay at school for pick up. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Can you help? Are you able to collect 2 large terracotta tubs for the entrance to the school from Mitre 10 please. Call the office if this is something you can do.

School uniform is to be worn for every school excursion outing. School shirts and black pants or skirts or shorts.

Class News

Kindy

with Helen & Noela

This week we have commenced the PATHS (Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies) Program which is a research based, developmental curriculum that focuses on teaching social-emotional competences. Children loved meeting the PATHS characters, Twiggle the turtle, Henrietta the hedgehog, Duke the dog and Daphne the Duck. We also started, The Mollycools Virtues Program and children were introduced to Friendly Frog and we discussed ways to be friendly eg saying hello, welcoming others to join in. The carrot seeds that the children planted have germinated and are growing well. It's been lovely to see children checking on their progress and giving them a water.

The Kindergarten class meeting is on Monday 24th February at 12 noon. Hope you can make it.

Pre-Primary with Ann, Amanda, Julie, Raine & Jasmin

This week we have continued to play games that focus on differentiating environmental sounds. Next week I will begin the 1-1 On-entry assessments that focus on literacy and numeracy skills and understandings. (An info sheet was sent home last week!) In our PATHS (promoting alternative thinking strategies) lessons we discussed feelings- Everyone has feelings and all feelings are ok. We are looking for a weekly play dough chef! If you are interested please let me know. Have a wonderful week!

Year 1

with Skye

Thank you to everyone that made the class meeting. If you were unable to attend please check SeeSaw for information. This week we practised writing the letter 'd' and 'c' and discussed what being a good friend means. We also made fish lanterns out of recycled plastic bottles with Tania for the Augusta River Festival. A big thank you to Henry for being a very helpful and happy PATHS kid this week.

Year 2

with Kate

This week we are enjoying the 'imitation' stage of our talk for writing text Tiddilick. We are acting out the story and creating story maps. In Maths we are asking what are the names and properties of 3D shapes? In our inquiry topic we are discussing what we know about chocolate and generating wonder questions such as 'who was the first person to make chocolate? And where does it grow? In Science, Amanda has begun to investigate how things grow. Kitchen garden news: we are harvesting the seeds from the plants before we pull them out to start growing from scratch again. Reminders: Bush school and Discover deadly incursion 3rd March.

Have a great week!

Year 3

with Kate & Jacki

Another busy week of learning and fun! This week in Year 3 we have been learning about the concept of The Zones of Regulation. We have been practising identifying how we feel and what colour zone we are in at certain times of the day. Strategies have been explored on how we can get ourselves back into the green zone when we find ourselves feeling in another colour. The significance of Friendships has been discussed in our class this week. We have talked about what qualities we look for in a friend and how we can be a great friend to others. We made Friendship Flowers to represent the qualities each of us thought to be most important in friendships. On Tuesday we were very lucky to have Tanya come in to guide us in the making of lanterns for the Augusta River Festival. The lanterns were cleverly made out of recycled plastic bottles. They look amazing and will be on display at the festival on Sunday 1st March.

Year 4

with Sara & Jacki

Thank you to all those who attended the class meeting. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact me. This Week in Design Technology we looked at reading and writing binary code and the class created their name in binary. A big thank you to Tania who took our class to create lanterns for the Augusta River Festival. This week's PATHS kid is Taj who is quick to anticipate any jobs needing to be completed. If you have any queries please feel free to leave me a message on SeeSaw or email me on sara.walker@mris.wa.edu.au.

Year 5

with Jacob, Bel & Jasmin

Year 5 have begun their science work on adaptation. So far we have been busy creating a story map for our classroom persuasive text – Bring Back the Beasts, as well as looking at the two types of adaptation animals use to survive in their environments, i.e. structural and behavioural adaptation. Continue the conversation at home and discuss specific adaptations certain animals exhibit depending on their environments- like the white fur polar bears have for camouflage, etc. Consider how humans sometimes adapt the environment to suit them as opposed to adapting to the environment.

Year 6

with Laura

We are settling more into a routine and have finished the review of multiplication and the strategies that can be used. Thank you to Evie for being a responsible Paths Person this week. Thank you to everyone who helped out at Lions this weekend. We are all very grateful.

Phys Ed

with Sean

In preparation for the Sports carnival in Week 10 we are running a training session for the 400m every Thurs at 8.15am with Sean. If you are wanting to be part of the 400 m training squad please come and train before school.

School Dates & Info

School Calendar

Tues 25 Feb: Meet our Specialists 2-3pm in the PAC.

Mon 9 Mar, 16 Mar, 23 Mar & 30 Mar: STEP Course 1-3pm . Please book in at the office.

Fri 20 Mar: Harmony Day. Dress up in orange or traditional costume. Gold coin donation towards our sponsor child.

Sun 22 Mar: AGM at 10am.

Thurs 26 Mar: Grandparent Day 9 –11am.

Tues 7 Apr: Interschool Jumps and 400m at Augusta Primary School.

Wed 8 Apr: Interschool Athletics at St Thomas More Primary School.

Thurs 9 Apr: end of term 1.

Sun 26 Apr: term 2 Busy Bee.

Library Day is on a Friday. Please remind your child to bring in their library bag and any overdue books.

400 m training at 8.15am on Thursdays with Sean for interschool sports.

Other News

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our school **Breakfast Bar** so far, and a big thank you to Sarah Astromsky who will share the role of coordination with me. We have 5 Farmers Market Breakfast Bars left for the year, and we need more volunteers.

The Breakfast Bar is offered as a fundraiser to not for profit groups by the Margaret River Farmers Market. The Bar sells bacon and egg burgers, sausage in a bun and we are working on a vego option. Where possible we use produce from the stallholders and local businesses. All animal products are free-range or organic.

It would be fantastic if we can fill the rosters as early as possible.

Our market days ;

February 29

March 14 and 28

April 11 Easter long weekend and April 25 Anzac long weekend

Shift times;

6:40 am to 8 am, includes set up

8 am to 10 am

10 am to 12 am, includes pack up .

Last year we raised close to \$5000, which will go towards improving our Performing Art Centre stage.

This year money raised will also go to our specialist classes.

The Breakfast Bar stall is a fun and social morning and is an easy way to start getting your 20hrs for the Term. Please text or phone me if you can help or any of the following dates.

Claudia Serventy 0405 552 473

Taco Wraps!

Friday Canteen Day

Eggs / Nuts / Dairy & Vego friendly :-)

Gluten Free option on request

Vego Taco Filling

(The same yummy nacho sauce from 2019)

Lettuce, Carrot, Corn & Capsicum in a Tortilla wrap

\$4 each wrap

\$1 frozen orange wedges



A Fundraiser for your Year 6's