



MARGARET RIVER

Independent SCHOOL

EST. 1982 AS NYINDAMURRA FAMILY SCHOOL

MRIS Matters

Our School's Weekly Newsletter — Distributed Fridays

Week 10/10

Term 4

18 December, 2020

2020 MRIS IQ Focus = Learning Intentions and Success criteria, EQ focus = Mindfulness

From the Principal

Dear parents and friends,

“Kaya” & RU OK?

Thank you all for all your wonderful efforts throughout this very big year. We trust you have enjoyed being part of our Family School and we wish you a very restful and restorative break.

Research now confirms that the Summer Holiday season has a negative impact on learning achievement and we implore our parents to ensure that reading and writing and Tables learning continues during the break so all the effort our students have given throughout the year is not jeopardised.

Love Wendy

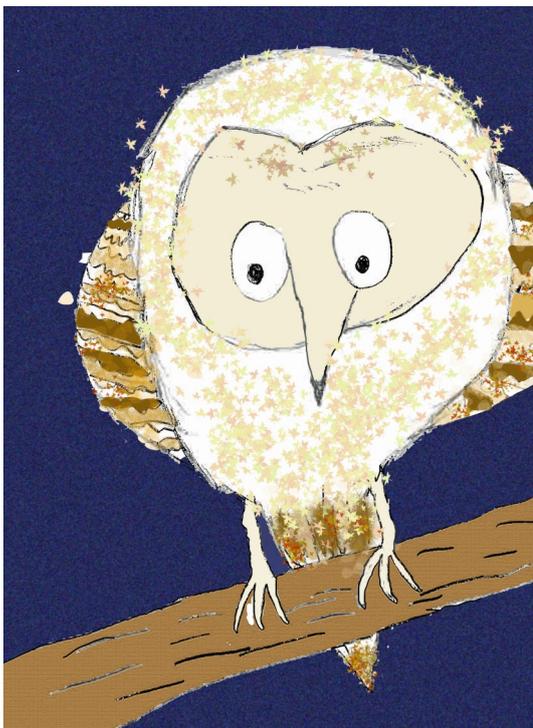
Weekly Wisdom

“You can never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon will be too late”.... Ralph Waldo Emerson

Wadandi Word Of The Week

“*Kaartdijin*” which means “knowledge”

MRIS 2021 fridge magnetic calendar will be available next year. Thank you Lily Middleton for your amazing artwork.



Farewell Maree!

Maree Mohn was appointed as the Art Teacher when MRIS (formerly Nyindamurra Family School) was established in 1982. This makes her the longest serving teacher at the school (38years)! Founding MRIS parent and former MRIS Chairperson, Lyn Serventy said her work with the students was astonishing and so far in advance of the level of art on offer elsewhere in those days. “There was always a crowd around the Nyindamurra stands at the local show marvelling at the creativity she drew from our students,” Lyn said. “I’ll always be grateful for the love of art Maree engendered in my daughters.” Over her years at the school, Maree has seen a number of her first students return to the school as teachers, she has seen the school triple in size and much new infrastructure being built. MRIS Art Education Assistant, Karen Larkin said she had the privilege of working closely with Maree in the Art Room for nearly a decade. “Maree was dedicated to her work here” she said, “Her skill, preparation and organisation made it a pleasure to work alongside her. “For the students, the map to where we were heading was always clear to follow and the steps of each project lead to a great finished work. “I was always proud of our display of Art-works at the show and we were always expecting to win best display and often did!!....a reflection both on Maree and the creativity of our students. I have loved being part of this journey and taken much pleasure at seeing the wonderful creations of our students under Maree’s tutelage.” “Creativity is such an important expression in this high- tech era.” MRIS Principal, Wendy Roediger said she was impressed with the wonderful work Maree has given to MRIS students over so many years. “Maree has truly been a creative force at our school.”



School News

Thank You

To our lunch order parents last week, Mick and Rob

Quiet Achievers

Sky, Fran, Manfred, Amalia and Jacki for all the work to present our Graduation Night



Classroom Teachers for next year

- Little Indies – Helen Ewing and TBC
- Kindy – Murray Stevenson with Noela Garland
- Pre Primary – Ann Murray / Shaunna Kilcullen with Liz Horsey and Raine Ladd
- Year 1 - Skye Robertson with Julie Jones
- Year 2 – Kate Appleton with Amanda Mas on Wed - with Kate O Hara and Janine Harrold
- Year 3 - Kate Cawse
- Year 4 – Sara Walker with Jacki Connew and Belinda Heussenstamm
- Year 5 – Jacob Horsey and Troy Robinson
- Year 6 – Laura Nicholls with Jasmine Luttrell and Belinda Heussenstamm
- French Language = Alicia McIntosh
- Art = TBC with TA Karen Larkin
- Music = Amalia Curtin with Sky River
- Phys Ed = Sean Allen
- Drama = Sky River with Fran Gronow
- Innovations with Rob Glass year 4,5,6

School Dates & Info

School Calendar

Mon 21 Dec: 2021 Kindy Orientation morning

Thurs 28 Jan and Fri 29 Jan: Staff Return— Teachers and TAs

Sat 30 Jan: Busy Bee for all parents to get school ready for the year

Mon 1 Feb: Students commence

Fri 5 Feb: Pupil Free Day



We have new basketball goals that need to be assembled then concreted into the ground in the hard-court. The children love to play with these so would be wonderful to have ready for Term 1 in 2021. If you can help please email or call June or the office.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

