



MARGARET RIVER

Independent SCHOOL

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MRIS Matters

Our School's Weekly Newsletter — Distributed Thursdays

Week 3/11

Term 2

6 May, 2021

2021 MRIS IQ Focus = Rigour

EQ focus = Compassionate Communication

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

“Kaya” & RU OK?

A big thank you to our students Millie and Juniper for attending the Margaret River Shire's Youth Summit. The Summit was to design a vision for the next 5 years and to discuss issues affecting our local residents. We are also excited to learn that several former students were representatives for the High School and showed an interest in these initiatives.

We are collecting quotes from our students for the 40th year celebration next year. Please forward any gems of wisdom you hear from your loved ones to the office or Wendy.

Love Wendy

Virtue of the Week: Understanding

You are practising this when you

- Concentrate and pay close attention
- Reflect on the meaning of things
- See the whole picture
- Resist distractions
- Put yourself in other people's shoes
- Forgive others and yourself when you make mistakes

Weekly Wisdom

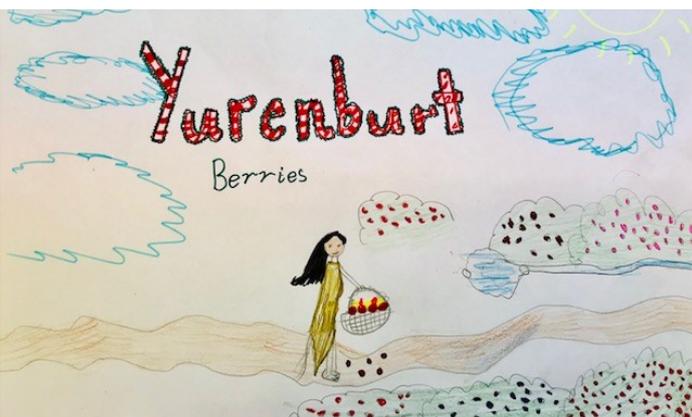
“What the heart understands today, the head understands tomorrow”... Anonymous

Parenting Ideas “When kids need a parental push”

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/blog/when-kids-need-a-parental-push/>

Wadandi Word Of The Week

“Yurenburt” which means “Berries”



Youth Summit 2021

‘Empowering youth voice for the future’ was the focus of the Augusta Margaret Youth Summit held at the Zone Room this week. MRIS was represented by Year 6 students Juniper Bowlers and Millie Hamilton.

The girls joined representatives from other local schools to review the shire's Strengthening Youth Plan 2018-2022 discussing issues like mental health facilities, public transport and local events.

The pair said the summit was very interesting and provided a real-life learning scenario which inspired them to want to be involved in public affairs and the shaping of the future.



THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Name: Sonny

Age: 4 **Year:** Kindy

Favourite Food:
Tacos

Favourite Virtue:
Compassion

Favourite Book:
“Go Go”

I collect: sea-shells

My nickname is:
Sunshine

Why I love my school: the stage in our class

When I grow up I want to be: a Horse rider

Because: I love to ride horses



School News

Thank You

To parents who offer Roster time to our classes.

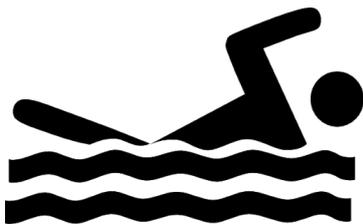
To Claudia, Angie and Ana for their work preparing Book Fair.

Quiet Achiever

Sara James Martin for providing her exquisite hand-made cheeses for the Positive Ed evening. Thank you.

Swimming

This term we have been given week 6 & 7 for swimming lessons. The classes will be double lessons for 5 days.



Week 6 Mon 24 May -Fri 28 May;
lessons for Pre, 1 & 2 commencing at 12.30

Week 7 Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June;
lessons for year 3, 4, 5, 6 commencing at 12.30

Please return the permission slip distributed to students on Friday. Please return the Swimming Stage forms next week so groups can be organized with adequate instructors. A student may not swim if a form is not returned to the organisers.

Buses will leave school after an early lunch and return after 2pm. Remember to provide goggles.

NAPLAN 2021

Next week is the National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy for year 3 and 5. This assessment is a test on a day that is just one rather narrow measure of student achievement. It is not expected that all students will be able to answer all questions correctly. At MRIS we use the results to assist the school to review the Programmes we use and to guide us to areas for future growth and development. We also see these assessments as an opportunity to help students build resilience to anxiety through teaching our students relaxation techniques, Mindfulness practices and calming activities. We encourage our students to use the strategies they have been taught and to give their best effort.

(NAPLAN was cancelled last year, and this will be the final year for pen and paper tests. The new online assessments will be for all students in the future.)

Readers and Writers Festival

We have several authors visiting our school over the next 2 weeks including Mark Greenwood, Kelly Canby and Josh Langley. We are looking forward to the inspiration and entertainment these authors will be offering.

Youth Summit

On the 3rd of May at the Zone Room next to the Skate Park, we went to the Youth Summit, an event organized by the AMR Shire so that young people could learn about the community and discuss what they think about issues in the region. We discussed with the other students from a variety of schools, including the high school, issues that are in the community and how we could solve those problems that occur to us. There were four main topics that we contemplated.

Environment – such as clearing forests,
Public Transport – not having any,
Mental health – people being scared to seek help and,
Schooling – not having enough courses in our regional TAFE.

We talked about many solutions on these topics but the main solutions that we came up with are:
Supporting WAFA, western Australia Forest Association (Environment), having an electric bus going from town to town (Public Transport), encouraging people to be more confident to talk to others (Mental Health), and maybe trying to get businesses to help with courses in TAFE (Schooling).

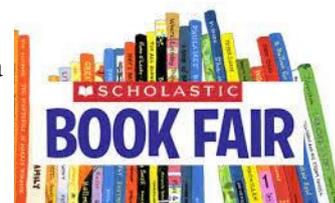
We enjoyed the experience and felt empowered to have a voice for the future and to represent our school.

Written by Millie and Juniper, Year 6

Book Fair

We are so grateful to Claudia and Angie for organising a Book Fair for our school.

The books will be on display in the Library on Tuesday 18 May for perusal to ascertain what to purchase. Then on Wednesday 19 May, the Library is open for purchasing.



Art News

with Skye

Can you help?

- Any artists who would like to come and help support the yr. 6 class doing their end of year piece. Maybe they could sit with them 1 to 1 and give them time to start their piece and do a rotational basis
- We are in need of someone to wash towels
- We are in desperate need of newspaper, magazines
- Help with putting up displays
- Help with cleaning up on Tuesday afternoons at approx. 2.40 and/or displays
- Call for any frames that can be donated
- Call for any creative and interested souls to help with framing artworks for upcoming exhibition.

Class News

Kindy

with Murray, Noela & Liz

The Kindy class has begun their French language lessons on Tuesday mornings. We were also lucky enough to have Louis' Mum, Mel, in on parent help to reinforce some of the things the children had learnt during French. Mel also played a few songs on her clarinet. We are keen to hear from any other parents who can play musical instruments. In class we have been focusing on the virtue of Orderliness. When we are orderly we have a place for our things and put things in their place. Thank you to everyone who made it to our Mother's Day concert on Thursday.

Pre-primary

with Ann, Shaunna & Marie

This week we had another great start with a walk along the Nature Trail followed by outdoor play in the Nature Park. It is wonderful to observe the children testing their ideas of balancing rocks and each other on simple seesaws, creating dinosaur worlds in the sand and making cakes in the mud kitchen.

In our Maths sessions we have continued our exploration into daytime and night time routines by practising reading o'clock times. In the 'birthday party' dramatic play corner there has been lots of cake making and 1-1 counting of candles. In our science sessions we have set up a number of experiments to test the effects of different growing conditions on seeds. One child suggested we sing to a seed each day to see if it would grow faster! We are looking forward to comparing the results.

Year 1

with Skye, Amy & Julie

This week we have been looking back at what we have learnt in maths so far. While working through our tracker books we are realising that we have learnt so much already! We are deep into the world of addition and all the ways we can see this concept and solve the problems, including addition families, turnarounds and different ways to say, show and write addition. We have had some lovely outdoor classroom experiences exploring this too. In history we have begun illustrating our 'When I was 4' books. It was wonderful to read the book and then listen to the wonderful memories from the children from birth to age 5 or 6. The first illustrations are full of detail and colour. We can't wait to see the finished product. Science lessons are all about the weather this term so you may have a weather expert in the house wanting to read and check the weather. We will be looking at proper newspaper and videoed weather reports and the details found in them. I hope you enjoy learning with us.

Year 2

with Kate, Amanda, Claire, Kate & Janine

This week we are investigating division and it's relationship with multiplication in Maths. In English we are researching an animal of our choice to write information reports. Thank you to Kate for bringing in the whale bone as a great 'hook' to generate some fantastic discussion and wonderings! We have been out and about on our nature trail, looking at changes in our square patches and due to the change of season. A reminder to all that gum boots and rain jackets can be left at school so we are prepared for any weather. Our Mindfulness sessions are helping us to manage our emotions now that we can identify them. Thank you to Levin for being our gentle and compassionate PATHS kid this week.

Year 3

with Kate

This week in Maths we have been busy measuring things using centimetres and metres and adding up collections of money. In Science we have looked at the size of the Sun, Moon and Earth in relation to one another. We used a basketball, tennis ball and marble to represent The Sun, Earth and Moon and placed them on the oval to show their relative distance from one another in space.

We have looked at some previous NAPLAN tests to familiarise ourselves with the format and questioning ahead of NAPLAN testing next week.

The children commenced researching information for their HASS Inquiry project 'A Journey Back in Time'. Each group is investigating how an aspect of life has changed over time.

For our Plant Study this week, we focused on the Zamia Palm.

Year 4

with Sara, Jacki & Bel

This week we have continued to work on our Persuasive writing and looked at adding reasons with the opinions. The class each randomly chose a product to advertise and convince people to buy. We are still working in pairs in this subject to help solidify and support our learning. In Maths are learning intention is to draw symmetrical shapes and identify lines of symmetry. We are reviewing the 6 timetables this fortnight and the students recognized patterns to help them remember. In Science, the posters defining the Physical Science terms have been completed and presented and the practical investigation into each term has begun. Each week we will write a Hypothesis and the findings. This week we focused on motion, speed and the pushing objects. In health the class continued with their inquiry into what makes a good friend and came up with six key points for being a positive friend.

Year 5

with Jacob & Troy

This week in science we have been discussing the 3 states of matter, boiling points and melting points. In HASS students have chosen waste products to research, from plastic, fuel, coffee cups, electrical goods, all the way to sewage. Shaun K – also known as the smiling teacher, will be in on Friday to teach us some social emotional skills and exercises that have been proven to boost one's well-being and ability to combat the everyday challenges.

Year 6

with Laura, Bel & Jasmin

Year 6 have had a very busy week. They had a visit from a Wadandi woman Shannon who discussed the stories from around the South West and totems. On Friday they will spend all day with Keppel for the Our Patch program taking samples from Chapman Brook and visiting Aquaponics, a dairy farm and Firetail winery. The prism and pyramids unit in maths was completed with the formation of 3D shapes from nets including the Icosahedron and the Dodecahedron. Thank you to Shannon for a wonderful talk and Charlotte for being a kind and compassionate PATHS person this week.

School Dates & Info

School Calendar

Week 4 & 5: Readers & Writers author visits

Tues 11— Thurs 13 May: NAPLAN

Tues 18 & Wed 19 May: Scholastic Book Fair in Library

Sorry Day: May 26

Reconciliation Week: May 27 to June 3

Thurs 3 June: Non Violent Communication workshop for parents, 1-3pm

Fri 2 July: End of term 2 and Reports home

Wednesday Baguettes \$1 at morning tea

Library is on Fridays, please bring in your borrowed books and library bag

School lunches are available to order on Fridays. Please send your money inside an envelope with your name, class and order written on the front.

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

Arlo in Year 1. Favourite colour is **orange**. Favourite animal is a Dingo. Favourite virtue is kindness.

Levin in Year 2. Favourite colour is **green**. Favourite animal is an Eagle. Favourite virtue is truthfulness.

Felix in Year 3. Favourite colour is **blue**. Favourite animal is a Whale. Favourite virtue is kindness.

Amelie in Year 4. Favourite colour is **galaxy**. Favourite animal is a Unicorn. Favourite virtue is love.

Grace in Year 5. Favourite colour is **coral**. Favourite animal is a Silky Bantam Chicken. Favourite virtue is determination.

Charlotte in Year 6. Favourite colour is **lavender**. Favourite animal is a horse. Favourite virtue is trust.

Term 2
Friday lunch orders

Soup of the week \$3

Garlic/ plain bread \$1

Head lice

We have had a few reports of head lice, please check your child's hair and treat if needed.



THE WAY THEY WERE

Name: Finnian

Age: 4

Year: Pre primary

Favourite Food: Honey and Peanut Butter sandwiches

Favourite Virtue: Courageous Cougar

Challenging Virtue: Persistent Panda

My nickname is: Finn

Why I love my school: because I like all the kids



THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Name: Finnian

Age: 11 **Year:** 6

Favourite Food: My mum's spaghetti

Favourite Virtue: Creativity

Favourite Book: "The Hobbit"

I collect: Fossils and rocks

My ancestors come from: Scotland, Ireland and England

Why I love my school: because the teachers are very nice

When I grow up I want to be: I don't know yet

Because: I haven't made up my mind

