



Alumni News

A quarterly newsletter to keep you in touch with happenings at MRIS (formerly Nyindamurra Family School)
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Third Edition

Welcome to the third edition of our *Alumni News*, a publication to keep former students connected with Margaret River Independent School, formerly Nyindamurra Family School.

Inspired by our 30th anniversary in 2012, we are reconnecting with former students via an Alumni List and this quarterly newsletter, featuring updates from past students and news of today's MRIS.

We want to hear & share your news & memories of the school with fellow former students & build & maintain strong links with you for the future. We invite you to visit the Alumni section on the school's website: www.mris.wa.edu.au

No matter how long you were at the school, please join our Alumni List, share some memories with us for future editions & perhaps include a current photo of yourself at work or play or with your family.

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Ongoing associations help MRIS thrive and grow for the future



Claudia Serventy

Margaret River Independent School's Heussenstamm and Serventy/Lane families represent three generations who have either been involved with or attended the school since its inception in 1982.

Mark and Leslie Heussenstamm and Lyn and Peter Serventy were instrumental in starting the school.

Currently we have their grandchildren Araya (Yr 6), Kirra (Yr 3) and Tex Heussenstamm (Little Indies) as well as Ike (Yr 5) and Evie Lane (Pre-Primary) as students at our school.

Claudia Serventy (Ike and Evie's mum) and Karl Heussenstamm 1982-1987 (father of Araya, Kirra and Tex) have seen many changes at the school over the years.

We also have a student/teacher connection in Sasha Pol.

Fourteen years after graduating from Nyindamurra Family School in 2001, Sasha has returned to her old school as part of the staff.

She is no stranger to MRIS, having completed her student teacher practice in 2009 and then teaching in Pre-Primary with Ann Murray during 2012 before heading off to travel overseas.

"It is a blessing to be back at my old school and part of the school team again," Sasha said.

She said there have been many structural improvements at the school but it has retained its small school essence.

"I am really enjoying teaching all the gorgeous Pre-Primary students," Sasha said.



Sasha Pol



Karl Heussenstamm

Help your school remain a viable alternative with our

FutureFives Project

You are invited to contribute a multiple of 5 (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$500) each term.

This project follows the school's Bush School motto— *From little things, big things grow* — demonstrating that small ongoing contributions can assist with big developments.

We look forward to any support you would like to offer.