

## Sixth Edition

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

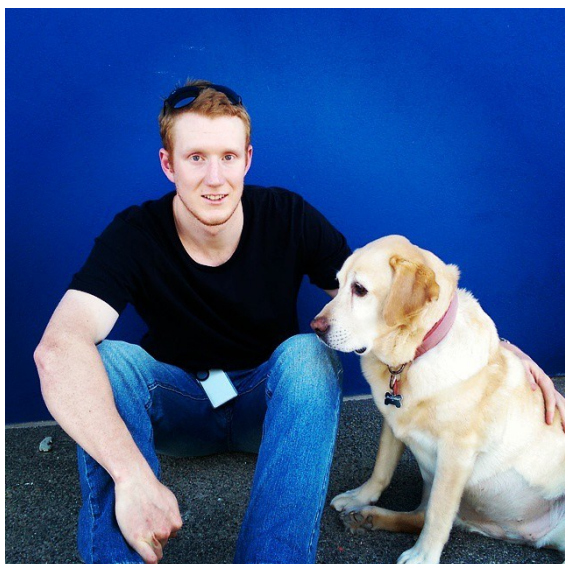
Inspired by our 30th anniversary in 2012, we are reconnecting with former students via an Alumni List and this quarterly newsletter, featuring updates from past students and contemporary school news.

We want to share your news & memories of the school and 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](http://www.mris.wa.edu.au)

Please join our Alumni List, share some memories with us for future editions and perhaps include a current photo of yourself at work or play or with your family.

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# From MRIS to Med School!



**Relaxing:** Jacob enjoying a rare moment of relaxation in his busy life.



**At work:** Now doing a Medical degree, Jacob has also completed an Engineering degree.

Jacob Sutton was a student at Nyindamurra/MRIS for nine years and is now pursuing a career in medicine.

He has fond memories of the acceptance shown by senior students to the younger children, and the school's willingness to compromise when he found structured learning challenging.

"I played tambourine in the Year Seven band even though I was only in Year 1. I probably did a terrible job, but I was keen so they let me do it. I even got time off from other classes to practice with them. We performed *"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"* at a function. It may be the coolest thing I've ever done.

"My tambourine career peaked in Year 1, so now I'm half way through medical school."

Jacob also has an Engineering degree and worked for two years as an Engineer to put himself through medical school.

He praised MRIS for its flexibility. "I was a bit of an odd kid. For example, I couldn't sit down for more than 2 minutes. Wendy let me do my work standing up at my desk all day. Without that sort of flexibility I think I would have learned nothing in primary school."

Jacob also plays music and sports, volunteers in the community and has an active social life.

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## 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.