



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

March 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018—Term One

WEEK 7

March 13th—15th

Yr11 Food Science Excursions

March 13th

Cert II OR Roping Assessment

March 14th

Yr10 Parent Night

Cert II OR Roping Assessment

Year 8 Immunisations

March 15th

Yr 9 High Ropes—Group A

Upper School Play Rehearsal

March 16th

Yr 9 High Ropes—Group B

Yr 7 Asian Languages Excursion

WEEK 8

March 19—23rd

Round 1 OLNA—Reading

March 20th

SWSSWA Interschool Swimming

Cyber Parent Info

March 21st

Big Band Picnic—5pm

March 22nd

Yr 7-8 Faction Athletics Carnival

GRIP Leaders Conference—Yr8-

11 School Councillors

March 22nd

Yr 9-12 Faction Athletics

Carnival

WEEK 9

March 26th—29th

Round 1 OLNA—Numeracy

Yr 11 Rural Ops Muresk Ag

College (Sun-Thurs)

March 27th

Global Youth Forum: Yr9-10
Councillors

March 30th—EASTER

EASTER BREAK

NO SCHOOL

Fri 30th to Tues 3rd Apr

Return to school: Wed 4th Apr

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

It is hard to believe we are already in week 7 as the school term seems to fly by. At this stage of the year both staff and students have settled into their routines and are concentrating on both academic and social pursuits. I have been extremely impressed with how students and staff have begun the Year and this augurs well for the remainder of 2018.

On Friday, the 2nd of March our Year 12 students decked themselves out in their finest attire to attend our 2018 School Ball. This was a very important occasion for our Year 12's and their parents and I would like to recognise the efforts of Ms Lee Pike, Mr Ben Finch and the Ball Committee for planning this extravaganza. I believe that this is one of the best school balls that I have attended with the attitude and behaviour of all that attended the ball being first class.

I would like to thank all parents who attended the Meet and Greet afternoon on the 27th of February. It was great to see so many parents take the opportunity to meet with their child's/children's teachers. I would like to extend a thank you to Wendy Coffey and the Cadet Unit for supplying refreshments on the day.

This morning I informed Year 11 students that there will not be a Japan Tour in January 2019. This decision has come about as the organising staff, who have given up their holidays for the past 4 years are unable to attend in 2019. As this is a highly specialised tour, very few staff have the expertise to organise and supervise this tour and meet the excursion requirements as outlined by the Department of Education. We do not have staff members, in this capacity, available for the Japan Tour for 2019. As a result, we are currently planning a tour to Queenstown in New Zealand for July 2019.

This will enable the current Year 11 and Year 10 students to participate in a tour, a long standing tradition at the school. This tour will need approval from the minister via the Department of Education, the same process as for our current China and Japan tours.

As there are now two year groups involved, places for this tour will be competitive and the final decision on who will be invited on the tour will rest with the Principal. As such I have encouraged all Year 11 students to focus on their behaviour, work submission and attendance over the next 18 months. I will meet with the Year 10 cohort next week to go over the standards expected of them to be considered for the tour.

I would like to acknowledge Chris and Sue Buckland for their initial efforts in preparing a submission for next year's New Zealand Tour. The initial cost indication is approximately \$3700, similar to the cost of the Japan Tour.

Finally I would like congratulate our Year 7 and new students for the way they have settled in during Term 1. Both these groups have been valuable inclusions to our school and have had an excellent first term.

Andrew Host
Principal



Student Services Procedures

Dear Parents

With 1051 students attending MRSHS, I would like to remind parents of some of our procedures that have been created for the efficient running of the school.

- **Students leaving during the day for appointments.**

Please ask your child to go to Student Services in the morning and ask for a "Leave Pass". A pass will be issued if the child has an appointment card from a doctor etc or if the parent has emailed or phoned the Student Services staff. At the designated time, the student will need to show their classroom teacher the pass and come to Student services to sign out and be collected by their parents/guardians.

- **Please do not ring your child on their mobile during the day.**

Students are not to use their mobiles at school. If they are ill students are to report to Student Services and we will make contact with parents/guardians that your child is unwell.

- **Please label your child's uniform.**

Lost property is kept in student services and uncollected gear is given to the Red Cross at the end of each term.

- **Issues relating to attendance**

Absences, lateness and other attendance issues are managed through Student Services.

- **Lunch drop-offs to students.**

Sometimes parents drop in lunches after school has started because they are running late. Please tell your child you are going to do this and they need to collect it from Student Services. We cannot deliver lunches to students. Students are not permitted to go down town for lunch as this is a 'duty of care issue'. If there are extenuating circumstances, students can see Ms Bogerd or their year leader who will sort something out.

Hetty Bogerd

Deputy Principal and Student Services Manager

Student Absences

Informing us about your child's absence from school:

The education act requires parents/guardians to inform the school as to why their child is absent from school within 3 days of the absence.

This can be done by one of 3 methods:

1. *Sending a note to the form teacher with your child*
2. *Ringling Student Services on 9757 0745 or 9757 0795*
3. *Sending an email to MargaretRiver.SHS.Absentees@Education.wa.edu.au*

Missing School
Matters



Free Office 365 by Using Your Student Login

Students are able to download Office 365 at home on up to 5 personal computers, laptops and mobile devices. Office 365 is provided free by the Department of Education – installation can be done at home using students' computer username and password.

To do this:

- 1). In an internet browser (eg Internet Explorer, Chrome)

Go to www.margaretrivershs.wa.edu.au:

- 2). Click on the JUMP Portal link at the top right

- 3). Choose **DoE Portal**:

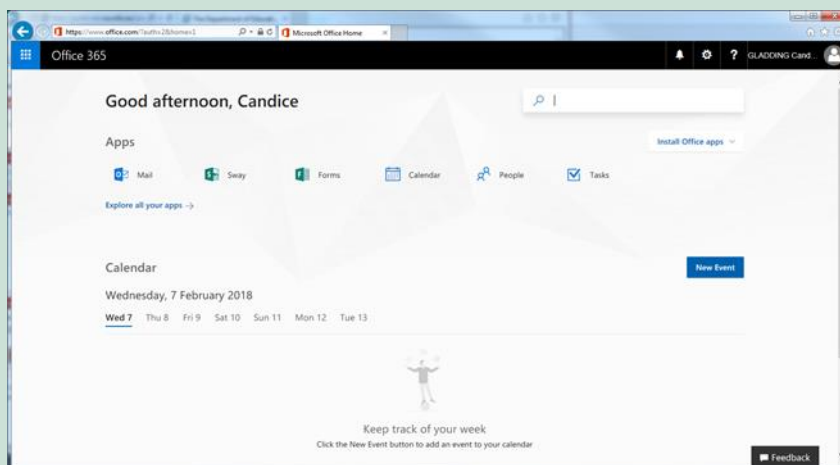
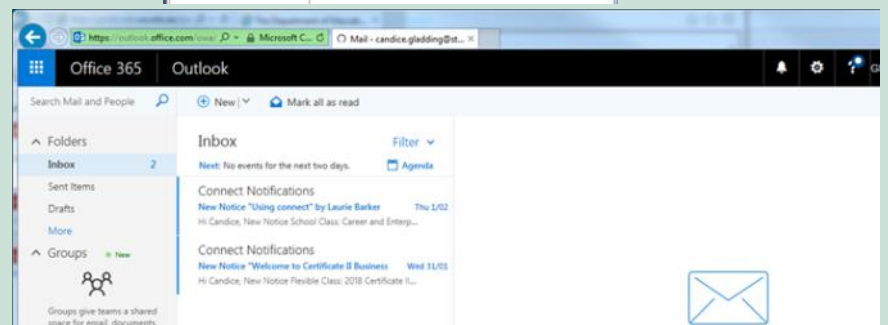
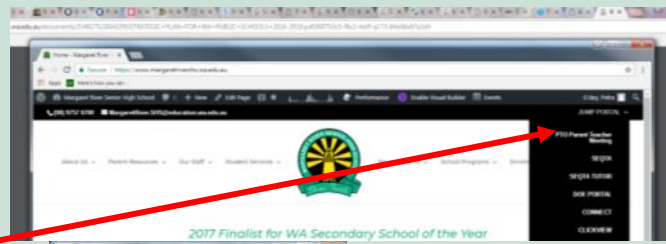
(or you can go straight to portal.det.wa.edu.au)

- 4). Login with your username & password

- 5). Click on the **orange Email and Calendar** link:

- 6). Click on the black and white **Office 365** link:

- 7). Choose **Install Office apps**:



- 8). Follow the prompts to install

N.B When you change your password you may need to update it in Office.

Water Works 2018

Hi everyone and welcome back to a new school year. The Water works committee had a busy Term 4 last year with the school audit and monitoring the water use of the school. Now we have to sit down and prioritise which areas to address first and either replace or improve fittings to reduce water use and wastage. The student members have come up with great ideas such as recycling water from the fountains into gardens, installing more user friendly water fountains whereby students can refill their water bottles more easily and more.

Over the holidays, monitoring of the main water meter led us discover that there were some major leaks in our system, the biggest one discovered when the transportables were moved from one site to another. Due to the age of the school we have lots of older style piping which is now starting to become brittle, especially with all the heavy machinery driving over it recently. In 2 weeks time, the education unit officer of the Water Corporation for the South West, Mr Tony Snelling is coming to the school to install a data logger on our main meter. This will enable us to easily track water usage and times when usage is high, what a wonderful thing technology is!!.

The committee members will be able to see this being installed and be part of its data collection and analysis. If we have future leaks, we can also have a visit from a specially trained "Water leak dog" who is trained to sniff out water leaks; how cool is that? We won't let any leaks get undetected now! We get these visits because we are an accredited Water Wise School.



This is one of the old meters we are regularly checking. It is a submeter off the school's main line and supplies the Farm. The Farm only uses scheme water if their Dam is low.

We have already had our first committee meeting last week and are organising posters to go around the school and a display in the science foyer. We are still looking for new members particularly from Yr 7 and Yr 10. So if you are a bit of a biologist, conservationist, and care about our water supply and disposal, come and join us, look out for the meeting dates in the notices.

Our next incursion with the members of this group is to go and visit the hot houses of the local TAFE and the High School Farm to compare them both and check out what water efficient mechanisms they have in place. We will do this in a lunch time next week. We are also going to start to design and implement a small succulent garden in the Yr 12 outdoor area.

Come and check our new display in the science foyer. Its all about which plants and food that we eat consume the most water to produce...there are a few surprises in there. Photos in the next edition.

Lisa Chandler

Science Department



...and this is the typical shower head in the change rooms at the school...not very water efficient at all. We aimed to get these changed in the future to new water efficient shower heads



Use a broom instead

Washing paving is a thing of the past and is not permitted under WA's permanent water efficiency measures.



This is the main school water meter. It records all the scheme water coming into the school. Currently, the school is consuming about 20KL - which is 20 Kilo litres, or 20,000 litres every 24hrs!! . 90 percent of our grounds are irrigated by water from the Margaret River Recycled water plant.....so we want to find out

Arts News

This year promises to be another exciting one for Arts students and staff. A big welcome to Wendy Armstrong who will be teaching percussion and brass as part of our Music program this semester.

With the Cultural Centre closed for renovations for most of 2018 we are preparing events with alternative performance venues. For example Dance students from (Years 7 – 10) will participate in the Youth on Health Festival at the Bunbury Entertainment Centre later in the year.

I would like to congratulate the talented Music students (past and present) who made up our MRSHS Jazz Band “The Dizzy Gs”. Keira Smirke, Peppa Lane, Remy Castan and Bryn Larkin (supported by Gary Larkin and their vocals teacher Michelle Spriggs) were amazing to watch at their farewell gig at the Arts Margaret River Sundowner at Cowaramup’s Pioneer Park.

I would also like to make mention of some of the exceptional results achieved in Arts ATAR courses in 2017. Both Kiera Smirke and Peppa Lane received over 94% for their practical Drama exam. Bryn Larkin auditioned successfully for WAAPA and has begun a Bachelor of Jazz Music at the academy. We are very proud of these strong achievements in The Arts.

Coming up:

Don’t Miss: Big Band Picnic Music Concert - Wednesday 21st of March

This relaxed “picnic” style music concert will be on in the grassed quadrangle outside of the Auditorium on Wednesday evening, the 21st of March. The concert begins at 5pm but performers are asked to arrive at 4.30 for set up. Then two hours of performance will include concert band, guitar ensembles, some class bands, audition items and some ukulele buskers. Families can bring picnic food along to enjoy and there will also be a sausage sizzle taking place and some sweet treats on sale to support local fundraising. Please be reminded that this is an alcohol free school event.

Coming up: The Real Inspector Hound (Upper School Production) - 9th - 12th of April

Our Upper School Drama class is busy preparing for our production of *The real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard. This hilarious parody of the “country house” murder mystery genre also laughs loudly at many aspects of the world of “theatre”. It is ludicrous, absurd and very cleverly crafted. Tickets will go on sale through the front office on **Monday the 19th of March** (\$15 for Adults and \$10 for students). This a one act play with no interval and audience members will be treated to a highly entertaining comedy.

End of 2017:

The 2017 Arts Calendar ended with an exciting Lower School Dance Road Trip. Our Year 9 and 10 dancers visited two local feeder primary schools to perform original choreography and teach primary students more about responding to Dance as an art form.

Approximately 40 students performed Drama and Music items in the auditorium as part of our yearly celebration Concert for Parents and Primary age students and they received standing applause from an audience stunned by the quality of the acting and the musicianship of our students.



I would like to congratulate all of students for the success we enjoyed last year in The Arts and encourage them all in their artistic pursuits for 2018!

Mem McCormack

Head of Learning Area: The Arts

Arts News Continued...



Coles Shopping Trolleys for Science



Coles Supermarket Margaret River has very kindly let us have the use of two of their new trolleys for the next two years, whilst the school is undergoing redevelopment.

The science department has been split in two for the next 2 years, with 4 classes being in the original science building near Wallcliffe Road, and two transportables being moved onto the oval site. So now there is a lot of equipment and materials being shuffled between both sites, on the long bumpy concrete pathways of the school. Our traditional trolleys are designed for indoor use, so we approached Coles, as their style of trolley is perfect, hard wearing and nothing falls off. We will return them as soon as our new building is complete.



Thank you to the Yr 7's from Ms Corr's Science Class in this photo and especially to Coles Margaret River.

From the Science Department



OLNA and Naplan Testing

Western Australian students are required to demonstrate the minimum standard in reading, writing and numeracy to be eligible to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). If a Year 9 student achieves Band 8 or higher in their NAPLAN testing they are not required to sit the corresponding components of the OLNAs in Years 10, 11 and 12.

NAPLAN TESTING

Year 7 and 9 students at MRSHS will be taking part in NAPLAN testing from 15th to 17th May this year. NAPLAN is a national assessment and all students are expected to participate. NAPLAN is accessible to all students to demonstrate their actual skills and knowledge.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that the tests are just one part of their school program and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

OLNA TESTING

The next round of OLNAs testing will be conducted from 6th to 29th March 2018. Parents have been notified by email if your child will be required to sit any of the OLNAs tests during this time.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) \$350 towards school expenses

Parents/ Guardians with Health Care Card & other concession cards maybe eligible for up to \$350 towards school expenses. Please see attached a SAS application form.

Please return it to the front office at your earliest convenience. **Applications close 13 April 2018**

[CLICK TO DOWNLOAD THE SAS FORM.](#)



Yours sincerely,

Cristina Oliveira

Manager Corporate Services

School Based Immunisation Program 2018

Year 8 vaccination program—The Department of Health is offering a free immunisation program for Year 8 students in 2018. The program offers a booster dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (dTpa) vaccine and a vaccine for protection against human papillomavirus (HPV). The new vaccine provides better protection against infectious diseases and some cancers in just two doses. Students in Year 8 will receive an information pack in Term 1 containing details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents must sign and return the consent form for their children to participate in this free program.

Year 10 vaccination program—The Department of Health is offering a free, one dose, Meningococcal ACWY immunisation program for Year 10 students in 2018. Students in Year 10 will receive an information pack in Term 1 containing details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents must sign and return the consent form for their children to participate in this free program. For more information about the vaccination program visit: healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation.



Farm News

CHICKENS AND EGGS

We purchased 100 Isa Browns at the start of the year for our registered certified egg enterprise. Beautiful free range eggs are available from the Front office of the high school or directly from our farm shop. Farm shop is an honesty box and is located down the organic garden road, adjacent to the school veggie garden. They are \$5 a dozen.

We have a new label for our cartons this year as well. →



CERTIFICATE II RURAL OPERATIONS

This group of 15 students went to Rylington Park in Boyup Brook for a week long shearing school. Students were taught to shear a sheep, throw a fleece and wool classing. It was a fantastic week fully funded by Australian Wool Innovation. Students started by shearing half a sheep and by the end of the week, most were shearing a whole sheep. This is a very difficult task because not only do you have to shear without cutting the sheep, you also have to hold the sheep in a very particular way to keep it still and minimise effort on the part of the shearer. Truly back breaking work but the students were super keen and kept on shearing all day.

Bel Howse

Farm Teacher



Languages News



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST SANTA LAURENSIA SHS STUDENT From 18th to 29th May 2018

Hosting an exchange student is a very positive and rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to learn at first hand new things about a different country, language and culture and to make a new lifelong friendship.

Margaret River SHS has been hosting Santa Laurensia students since 2008 and it has been a very successful programme. This year MRSHS will once again host a group of 18 students (10 girls and 8 boys) and two teachers. It's a great experience and both you and your guest will learn lots about each other! If you are interested please see or email Mrs McCoy at Angela.McCoy@education.wa.edu.au or Student Services for the Expression of Interest to Host form.



LANGUAGES NEWS

Chinese Language Enrichment

A group of Year 9 students are spending their Monday and Thursday recess and lunch times practising their Chinese language in Asian Languages classroom.

Angela McCoy
Asian Languages Teacher





SchoolTV is now available at Margaret River Senior High School!!!

This month on SchoolTV - School Transitions

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

This month on SchoolTV - Surviving Year 12

The final year of secondary school is a year of hard work and a huge commitment for students. With so much going on it can be hard to find the balance between study and life. It is a time when personalities start to emerge, there are more complex interpersonal relationships and there is the pressure to perform academically. With all of this going on, it's not surprising that some students have an emotional response and it is therefore extremely important for parents to know how to support their children during this time.

Some kids will need more support than others. Keeping the communication lines open with your child, their teachers, mentors and other parents will be crucial. Being aware of your child's mental and physical wellbeing can play a vital role in their success.

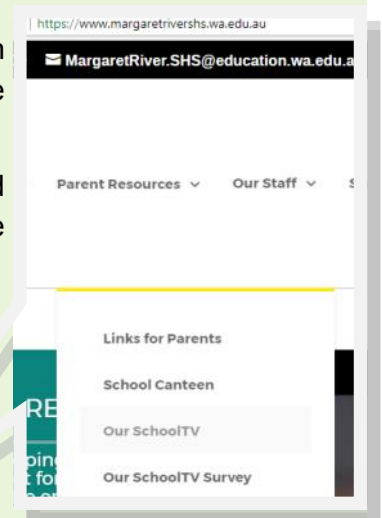
In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during both of these very important stages. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition and we always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

Here is the link to this month's edition:

[School Transitions](#)

[Surviving Year 12](#)



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FEATURING: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

THIS MONTH:

Surviving Year 12

How can parents support students during their final year at secondary school?



CONNECTING • INFORMING • EMPOWERING

Community Noticeboard



The WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod
is pleased to announce

entries

ARE NOW

open

for the
60th
Anniversary
Season

there are
A LOT of changes
- please read the
schedule
carefully!

find it here:
www.eisteddfodwa.org.au

We have changed the
way we will handle
Backing Tracks and
Music Scripts

Please read the schedule
to find out more!



Enter here:

www.stardom.com.au

Please note our new email address

and contact telephone number

wapa.eisteddfod@gmail.com

0432 956 440

Entries close

midnight

Monday

2nd April 2018



KIDShelpLine
Anytime Any Reason



Margaret River Hockey
'proud past - bright future'

It's Registration Time!

Fielding teams from Pre-Primary to Year 12

Junior Teams

Hook in 2 Hockey (Pre-Primary - Year2)

Boys and Girls Teams

Years 3-5, Years 6-8 and Years 9-12

Senior Teams

Men and Women

Teams are being organised

SO REGISTER NOW FOR A TEAM!

Pay at the start of the season

Training starts in March - Season starts beginning of April

Any questions contact Maxine Williams

E. mrjuniorhockey@mail.com

M. 0448 807234

Or register online at

www.margaretriverhockey.org.au



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KIDSPORT



TUNING IN TO TEENS Parenting Workshop

A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN OF AGED 11-16

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Communicate with your teen more effectively?
- Help your teen manage those difficult emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Teach your teen how to make friends and deal with conflict?
- Help your teen develop emotional intelligence?

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT ADOLESCENTS WITH HIGHER EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE:

- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to cope when upset or angry
- Have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- Have more stable and satisfying relationships?

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MAY BE A BETTER PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS THAN IQ!

Where: Margaret River Community Resource Centre (Old Hospital), Tunbridge St, Margaret River

When: Every Monday Feb 12th, 19th, 26th & March 12th, 19th, 26th, 2018 Excluding Mar 5th (Public Holiday) Time - 9.15 to 11.45

Cost: FREE (Limited Places)

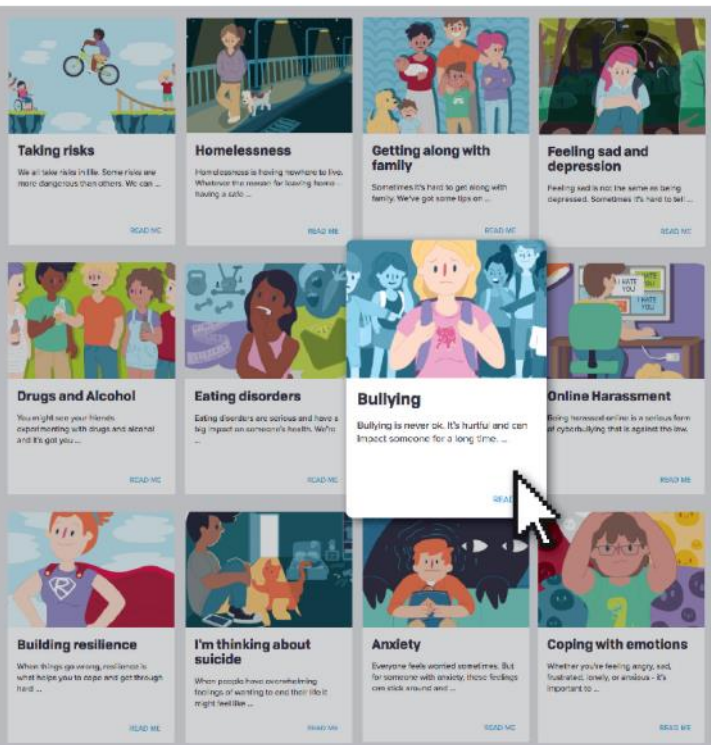
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