



MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th August 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- * **Tuesday 18th August:** Yr. 9 and 10 Winter Carnival
- * **Tuesday 18th - Thursday 19th August:** Yr. 11 Mock Interviews
- * **Friday 21st August:** State Surfing Titles Trigg
- * **Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th August:** Yr. 12 Rotary Interviews
- * **Friday 28th August:** Leavers Seminar and Guitar Ensemble Yr. 10-12
- * **Monday 31st August - Friday 11th September:** OLN Testing
- * **Thursday 3rd September:** Yr. 9 High Ropes Excursion Explorus and Yr. 12 Human Biology Zoo Excursion
- * **Monday 7th September:** Arts Festival Rehearsal
- * **Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th September 6:15pm:** Arts Festival Performance
- * **Friday 11th September:** Drama Mock Exam Busselton
- * **Monday 14th - Friday 18th September:** Yr. 12 Work Place Learning
- * **Wednesday 16th September:** HASS Fremantle Excursion

Principal's Message



As third term quickly moves towards its end students are working hard to achieve the best results they possibly can, in particular our Year 12's. This is a vital period of time for our Year 12 students, with our ATAR students preparing study schedules for exams and our Non ATAR students finishing off all tasks to complete their COS and VET courses. The way in which students finish off the last weeks of a course can often determine their final grade. I encourage all Year 12 students to work hard for the final three weeks of their schooling and aim to achieve the best results they can.

The Margaret River Senior High School Surf Team has once again claimed the regional championship and will head up to Perth to defend our state title. I would like to congratulate all students who participated and represented our school and acknowledge the fantastic efforts of Mr Scott Cameron, Surf Academy Coordinator and Mr John McTaggart who have worked closely with our surf academy students this year. This is a tremendous effort by our students and demonstrates the level of excellence that the Margaret River Senior High School Surf Academy is providing.

Our Year 10 to 11 counselling team is currently meeting with parents and students in relation to their subject selections for 2016. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and attendance at interviews at this very important time for our students. I would like to congratulate Michelle Miller for her work in the Year 10 Career IT classes as students have come to their interviews extremely well prepared.

We are currently getting a lot of families going on holidays during the term. Whilst we understand that the taking of holidays is often beyond the control of parents, the absences due to these holidays

has a significant impact on student learning. The school does not provide work for students who go on holidays and assessments that are missed often cannot be caught up on. This is particularly pertinent for Certificate and Upper School courses which will effect students' final grades. Students who go on School, State or Australian representation are provided work and missed assessments are taken into consideration when their final mark is being determined.

Finally, our school tour to China has just been approved by the Department of Education. This will be the first visit to No. 1 Middle School in Haining, which is our sister school. I wish Mr Keen, Mrs McCoy and the students attending a pleasant and rewarding journey.

Andrew Host
Principal

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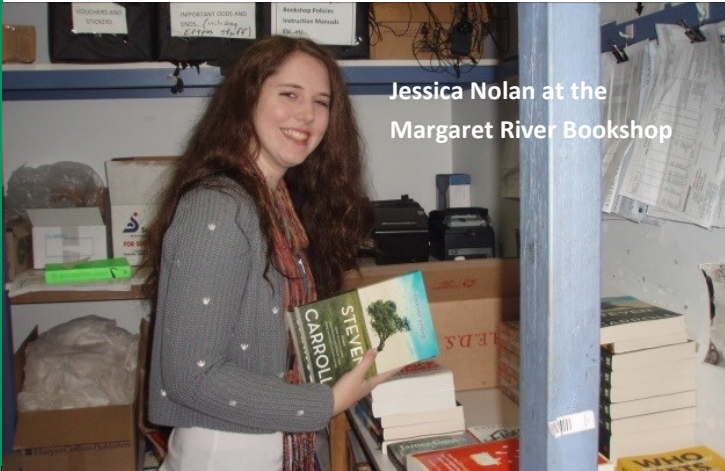
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Workplace Learning Program 2015

Our Year 11 and 12 students have completed their first work placement for 2015. Thanks to all the wonderful local businesses that support our program and mentor our students.

Kara Beecham

VET Co-ordinator



Jessica Nolan at the
Margaret River Bookshop



Eli Clarke at Shepherd Carpentry
and Building



Alex Kingston at the Margaret
River Veterinary Hospital



Blake Gillam at All Sea
Charters



Jonah Hancock at Willconstruct



Clay Caithness at Rohan
Annersley Plumbing



Darcy Dillon at Amaze'n Margaret
River



Braden Warnke at Ocean
Grown Abalone

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONT...



Brock Boley at Eagles Heritage



Amber Rogers with Carmello
Bonnano at Edible Art



Jasmine Martin at A New Attitude



Layne Beaumont at Margaret
River Produce



Louise Dumpleton at Shire of
Augusta Margaret River



Nook Pasoongnern at
Pharmacy 777



Mia Morgan and the
Cookies Galore Team



Riley Carter at South West
Computable



Madison Marshall at
Busselton Interiors

HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7 Morning/Afternoon Tea – Semester 1

The three Year 7 cooking classes ended their Semester One Cooking Course with a Morning or Afternoon Tea for invited guests. The students were required to design an invitation and practice their hosting skills to make sure their guest would have an enjoyable experience. Students then showcased their cooking and food presentation skills by preparing a variety of foods and then serving them with coffee and tea. Everyone; students, guests and invited staff had a fun and delicious time.

Nola Gregory

Home Economics Teacher



HOME ECONOMICS CONT...

Year 7/8 Sewing Semester One

Many students in Year 7 and 8 participated in the sewing course in Semester One. This course was designed to introduce students to hand stitching as well as using the sewing machine. The students used their new found skills to complete a variety of items including pin cushions, bags and small items of clothing. Students also made a doll for the Uthando project. Dolls, with clothes and other items, were constructed to be sent to South Africa to be given to underprivileged children.

Year 8 students have the option of continuing to develop their skills in Year 9.



Uthando Dolls

Nola Gregory

Home Economics Teacher

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

As part of the Australian Curriculum unit, “Studies of the Ancient World”, the Year 7 Humanities and Social Sciences students got their hands dirty by practicing the oldest form of writing from ancient Mesopotamia; Cuneiform. This style of writing was typically scribed on clay with a sharpened reed. Our modern day scribes were allocated a block of clay and were given the opportunity of using a variety of reeds gathered from the local region. Much



fun was had by students writing their names on their clay tablets. A special thanks to the Art department for offering to kiln dry the tablets. Students can now keep their cuneiform writing as a memento of their studies of the ancient world.



Jonathan Miller

HASS Teacher

European Languages

The Year 7 and 8 students have commenced studying Italian, their third taster language. The students have also busily acquired language study skills and are getting ready to commence independent language studies next term. They use apps such as Adobe Voice, Quizlet, Socrative, KeyNote, Bookcreator and others with confidence and are applying language skills in video and written text productions. The enthusiasm and positive energy the students exhibit while learning a second language is an inspiration and is reflected in the increasing number of students that have elected to continue their language studies in Years 9 and 10. The students in the elective Languages course can choose between intensive or recreational language study, select a language of their choice and complete a series of photography, movie-making, book writing, animation, food study, etc. projects. They learn language structures using the busuu and duolingo online programs. More universities are now offering the 10% loading incentive for Year 12 language students.



Patrick Marzohl

Languages Teacher

DESTINATION HIGH SCHOOL

On the last week of Term 2 our school was over flowing with enthusiastic and excited Year 5 and 6's from our local primary schools ready to have a taste of what high school involves. Students participated in a variety of tasks such as farm visits, cooking, science experiments, woodwork, drama, photography, art and information technology. Teachers also gave the students a taste of what Mathematics, English and Humanities & Social Sciences look like in the high school. We would like to commend the students on their positive attitudes and their interested approach to all tasks and the primary school teachers for their support on the day and in the preparation. We are looking forward to seeing these students in future years.

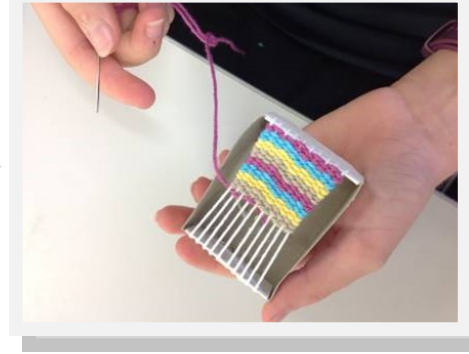
Kara Beecham
Deputy Principal



DESTINATION HIGH SCHOOL CONT...

Destination High School in Art

The Primary School visitors enjoyed a textile project in miniature and honed their fine motor skills. They produced tiny colourful weavings using match boxes as a loom. To all those students who have completed or are still to complete their weaving, do not forget to enter your matchbox weavings into this year's Agricultural Show. You can leave it on the match box or take it off.



Kate Marzohl-Duffy
Art Teacher

MENTORING

Several months ago there was an article in the Mail newspaper about the Margaret River Historical Society (MRHS) requesting for volunteers with mechanical knowledge to help refurbish some old machinery they had inherited. Being a retired Mechanical Design Engineer I have always had a fascination with old machinery and how designers in an earlier age went about designing and manufacturing machines.

At about the same time I was asked by MRSHS to mentor students who had an interest in mechanics. I have been part of the School Volunteer Program at MRSHS since 2003.

Following discussions with Lower School Coordinator, Craig Healy and Mentoring Coordinator, Kathryn Seisun, we decided to combine the two. I put the proposal to Jan Mathews, Curator of the MRHS and she was also keen on the project.

Subsequently, the students and myself visited the MRHS machinery site and chose a machine they would like to work on. It was a big circular saw, a "Dennis Power Saw" also known as a "Widow Maker" amongst loggers of a previous generation driven by a 2-stroke engine. When you see how it is operated you would understand why.

So to-date we have managed to strip the machine into two transportable parts and have the engine component at the high school to work on and do the best we can with. If we ever get it to run, I will be very happy, as I think the students will be. Our major problem as I see it at the moment is the electric components may not be available; such things as spark plugs, solenoids, distributor and points, coil but the disassembly and insight into the designers' mind will be very rewarding.

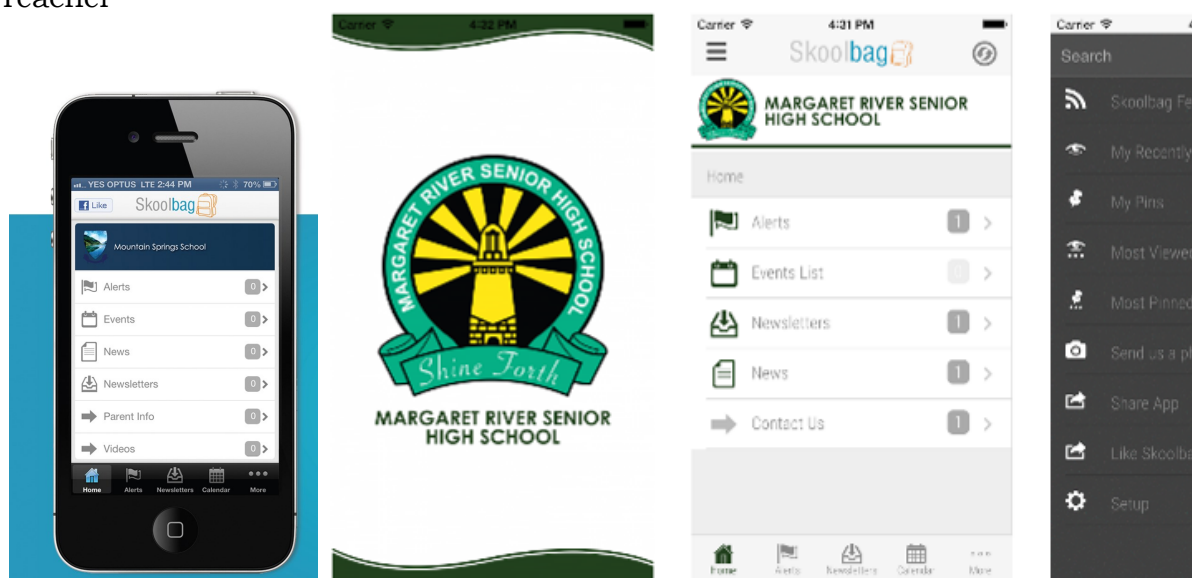
Written by Terry Pain
Mentor



MRSHS APP

Margaret River Senior High School now has an app for our parent and student community. You can download the app from the 'App Store' or 'Play Store' to be kept up to date with everything that is happening at MRSHS. It features Events, News, School E-news Newsletters, Documents, and push notification alerts direct from the school. There is also a feature where you can advise the school of student absences. We do not currently have the school website available on the app but we are looking to add this feature and others. To install the app, please see the instructions below.

Petra Stene
Library Teacher



How to Install the Margaret River SHS App on your Smartphone:

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Margaret River SHS in the search.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", the Margaret River SHS app will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "**open**"
6. Select "**OK**" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "**More**" button on the bottom right of the App, then "**Setup**".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.
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Android Users

1. Click the 'Play Store' icon on your Android device.
2. Click the search icon at the top and type in Margaret River SHS.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "**Install**" button.
5. Click "**Accept**" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to all of the students who performed in the Lower School Performing Arts Showcase. We are so proud of the talent in our school.

MONDAY 7TH AND TUESDAY 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

WE BRING YOU THE....

MRSHS ARTS FESTIVAL



At the beginning of Week 8 the Cultural Centre will come alive with an exciting showcase of performance skills from every year group in our school. The Arts and Home Economics Staff are working hard with well over 150 students to bring our town two evenings of dance, drama, music and visual art displays. Along with the entertainment the audience will enjoy delicious finger food (sweet and savoury) sampling the talents of Bel Howse and our wonderful catering students.

Reserved tiered seating for the show will ensure a relaxed atmosphere where parents, friends, family and all interested members of our community can sit back and watch our youth sing, act, play and dance the night away. Doors to the foyer will open each night at 6.15pm and savoury finger food will be served here prior to the show which begins at 7pm. More food will be enjoyed at interval where guests can purchase non-alcoholic drinks as they marvel at the talent they've seen so far and anticipate what's to come.

Make sure you don't miss this year's Arts Festival and a chance to enjoy the many skills our students have. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 31st of August** and will be priced at \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/pensioners. There will be a family deal with 2 adult and 2 student tickets for \$60. Tickets will sell fast so be ready to purchase from the front office during Week 7 this term so you do not miss this entertaining show. Thanks to all the hard working staff and students at MRSHS who will contribute to this exciting community event.

Mem McCormack

Teacher in Charge of The Arts



2015 COUNTRY WEEK

The 2015 Country Week Competition was a very successful week for Margaret River Senior High School. All teams competed very well against their opposition and provide excellent support for each other in the Black, Green and Gold.

We had the Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball teams playoff for 1st and 2nd in their respective grades and the Boys Volleyball play off for 5th and 6th positions in A-grade. These strong outcomes also resulted in Margaret River Senior High School finishing runner-up in the 3rd Tier Champion Schools Table.



Day 1

Congratulations to Clay Caithness and Chloe Daniels who were elected the Country Week Captains for 2015. Both Clay and Chloe, as part of their role this year, had the privilege of reading the student pledge to over 3700 country school students. Well done Clay and Chloe! Our successful day finished with Ten Pin Bowling where students demonstrated some very unique bowling techniques. Results were:

- Girls Basketball vs Manea SC - Win - 23pts - 15pts
- Girls Soccer vs Manjimup SHS - Win - 5 goals - 1 goal
- Boys Volleyball vs Newton Moore SHS - Win - 2 sets - 1 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Great Southern Grammar - Win - 2 sets - 1 set

Day 2

Day 2 finished up well with all teams taking points in each of their matches. Our successful Day 2 was concluded with dinner in the park in East Perth and then a night walk through Kings Park starting at the DNA Tower and finishing at the War Memorial overlooking the city night-lights. Results were:

- Girls Basketball vs Cape Naturaliste College - Draw - 11pts - 11pts
- Girls Basketball vs Northam SHS - Win - 26pts - 23pts
- Girls Soccer vs Katanning SHS - Win - 2 goals - 0 goal
- Girls Soccer vs Eastern Goldfields College - Draw - 1 goal - 1 goal
- Boys Volleyball vs Busselton SHS - Win - 2 sets - 0 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Bunbury Cathedral Grammar - Win - 3 sets - 0 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Esperance SHS - Win - 2 sets - 1 set

Day 3

Day 3 saw teams come up against likely final contenders with all team tested across all sports. Students finished their day with dinner at Bettys Café and some very competitive gaming in a Timezone Super Session. Results were:

- Girls Basketball vs Collie SHS - Loss - 26pts - 33pts
- Girls Basketball vs WACO Denmark - Win - 40pts - 11pts
- Girls Soccer vs Kalgoorlie-Boulder CHS - Win - 1 goals - 0 goal
- Boys Volleyball vs Bunbury Cathedral Grammar - Loss - 3 sets - 0 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Albany SHS - Loss - 3 sets - 0 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Bunbury SHS - Draw - 1 set - 1 set

2015 COUNTRY WEEK

Day 4

On Day 4 of the Country Week Competition, all teams were faced with crucial matches that would determine their final placings going into the Day 5 Finals. All teams were extremely competitive in their respective divisions and had achieved outstanding results. Exciting final day of competition was ahead! Students rounded out their day with a trip the Galleria Shopping Centre for some metro retail therapy....girls and boys! Results for Day 4 were:

- Girls Basketball vs Busselton SHS - Win - 28pts - 17pts
- Girls Basketball vs Pinjarra - Win - 28pts - 20pts
- Girls Soccer vs Narrogin SHS - Win - 6 goals - 0 goals
- Boys Volleyball vs Christmas Island DHS - Draw - 1 set - 1 set
- Boys Volleyball vs North Albany SHS - Loss - 1 set - 2 sets
- Girls Volleyball vs Australind SHS - Win - 2 sets - 0 set
- Girls Volleyball vs Newton Moore SHS - Win - 2 sets - 1 set

Finals Matches - Day 5

- Girls Basketball lost to Collie SHS – 2nd place
- Girls Soccer lost to Narrogin SHS – 2nd place
- Boys Volleyball lost to Collie SHS – 6th place (Total - 12 teams)
- Girls Volleyball lost to Albany SHS – 2nd place

I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to Wendy Coffey (Girls Basketball), Koby Willoughby (Girls Soccer), Stuart Kupfer-Hollis (Girls Volleyball), and Garrath Stewart and Kody Hooson (Boys Volleyball) for their commitment and dedication in coaching their respective teams, prior to and during the 2015 Country Week Competition.

Shane Joyce

Head of Health & Physical Education



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

SEMESTER 1 CANOE CAMP – BLACKWOOD RIVER

As part of the Canoeing Course the students finished the semester with an over-night camp at Sues Bridge Campsite followed by a 9km canoe paddle along the Blackwood River.

The camp gave students the opportunity to practice their camping skills, open fire cooking skills and canoeing expertise in the open environment. The weather was cold and wet with a few poorly set-up tents causing damp conditions for some of the students. All was forgotten of the sleepless night once we hit the water and the sun came out. The students worked with their partners to negotiate the white-water sections and their endurance was tested to complete the 4 hour paddle.

The students immersed themselves in the outdoor challenges and worked together as a cohesive group. Special thanks to Mr Shane Joyce and Mr Stuart Kupfer-Hollis for assisting with supervision and emergency response support over the duration of the camp.

Special mention goes to Meg Cameron, Kiera Smirke, Harry Godridge and Luka Burke for their attack on the rapids in reverse!



Sue Buckland

Outdoor Education

SEMESTER 1 ROPING EXCURSION – WILYABRUP

On Wednesday 17 June the Semester 1, Year 9 Roping class hiked into the Wilyabrup Sea Cliffs to participate in a day of abseiling and rock climbing. This excursion gave the students an opportunity to apply their roping skills, which they have developed in class in the natural environment. The chance to rely on each other for support and safety was tested through the belay systems they had to follow. Also the challenging climbs and for many, the first time at abseiling encouraged problem solving and team decision making. The students showed skill and maturity while having a great day on the cliffs!

Special thanks to Mick Dempsey and Stuart Kupfer-Hollis, whose presence allowed both the climbing and abseiling activities to run concurrently.

Sue Buckland

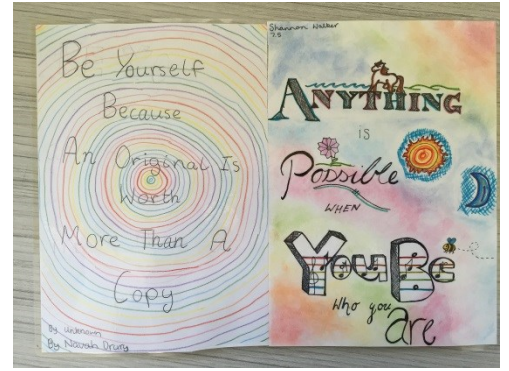
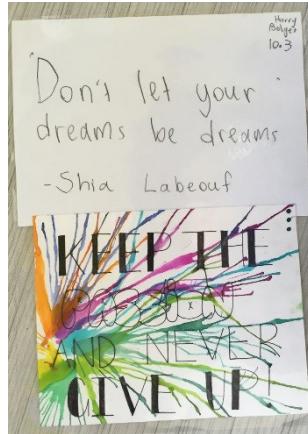
Outdoor Education



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Positive School Project

Year 9 Student Councillor Kate Mann initiated and managed the positive school's project. She encouraged all students to write a positive message or an inspirational quote and decorate it. Then she spent endless hours in the library laminating over 100 entries. The responses are on display in the new English building and are indeed, very uplifting. Thanks, Kate.



Upcoming Student Council initiatives

This FRIDAY:

Jeans 4 Genes Day at MRSHS! Please bring a gold coin donation.



Next Friday, 21 August:

The councillors have planned skating demonstrations at lunch time. With music and prizes. It will also be the start of 40 hour famine.

SCRaM

The SCRaM group consisting of Year 9 and 10 student leaders is currently preparing for the fourth and final round of this year's conflict resolution competition. Each participant will receive a certificate in recognition of the mediation skills learnt and applied. Special thanks goes to the group's mentor, Steven Castan who prepared the group very well and has shared some insight into the law profession.

Patrick Marzohl

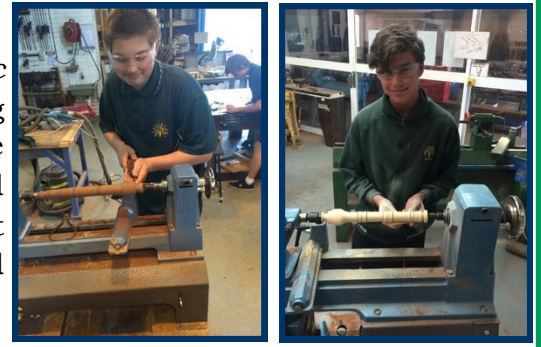
Student Council Coordinator



TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

Woodwork Lathes

The woodwork centre has taken delivery of two new *Vicmarc Variable Speed Lathes*, which will be very useful for our budding wood turners in all year groups. The variable speed aspect of the lathes makes them easier and safer to use. We found good quality machines made in Australia. We are happy to support Australian made equipment when it is of such high quality and these machines.



Ian Thwaites

Woodwork Teacher

The Year 5's and 6's who visited for Destination High School at the end of last term made these beautiful key rings from Curly Blackbutt. The students had a great time and we look forward to giving them more opportunities to be creative with wood when they come to high school.



Justin Twedde

Design and Technology Teacher

Year 8 Cooking

The Year 8's have enjoyed their introduction to Food Studies at Margaret River Senior High School. Working with their teachers Mrs Howse, Mrs Buckland or Ms Gregory, students were introduced to the routines of working in the cooking room and then proceeded to prepare a wonderful variety of recipes. The Year 8 Course culminated in students having to prepare a meal for their family at home as well making a mini gingerbread house. Many of these students have elected to continue their studies in cooking next year and we look forward to working with them.

Nola Gregory

Home Economics Teacher.



School Farm

We are growing many varieties of lettuce in our hydroponics shed. The lettuce has been so successful we can supply the canteen and Home Economics department with as much lettuce as they can handle on a weekly basis. Thanks again to Cain Humberstone for giving up a day of his time to help us set it up earlier in the year. His design is a very efficient and cheap way to set up hydroponics.

Belinda Howse

Head of Learning Area Technology and Enterprise



Summah Bennett and Jasmine Nielsen are harvesting.

NOTICEBOARD

A Message for Parents of Students in Year 9 and 10 in 2016

A sheet showing proposed Year 10 electives for 2016 will be distributed in form rooms to Year 9 students on Friday the 14th of August. Students who don't receive a sheet in form room will have had it posted home. Year 9 electives will be distributed during the following week.

If students have any concerns with their electives they can make an appointment to see Ms Bogerd to discuss this.

Hetty Bogerd
Deputy Principal



Looking for Respite Families

Think about what your family can achieve by helping our young clients, giving them the privilege of becoming a part of your family life.

Enable is looking for fun loving, supportive families that are willing to offer a stable home environment, social interaction, emotional support, communication and empathy to our clients. The respite support will be for overnight stays at different times throughout the year. Support provided is the normal natural day to day things such as providing a safe home, meals, emotional support and affection when it is needed. The same support that you would offer your own.

A current Drivers License, National Police Clearance WWC and First Aid Certificate is required. For more details please contact [Jemima Lewis](mailto:Jemima@enablesw.org.au) on 0439 845 481 or 9792 7500 or email Jemima@enablesw.org.au



BUS BAYS

Parents are asked not to park in the bus bays between **8am - 9am** and **3pm - 4pm**.



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SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (5-10 min parents and 10-15 min children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/DOEBParents>

For more information please contact
Kate Derry at 6488 3259.

ECU OPEN DAY

**SOUTH WEST
(BUNBURY)**

Sun 23 August 2015 12pm-3pm



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