



# MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31st March 2015

## **Term 2 Commences**

**Monday 20th April**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

\* **Thursday 2nd April—School Athletics Carnival.**

\* **LAST DAY OF TERM ONE**  
**Thursday 2nd April**

### **TERM TWO**

\* Friday 24th April—ANZAC Service

\* Friday 24th April Year 12 Biology Excursion.

\* **MONDAY 27th APRIL - ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY**

\* Tuesday 28th April—Parent Interviews.

\* Wednesday 29th April - Interschool Athletics.

\* Tuesday 5th May—Year 11 WPL Parent Night 6pm.

\* Tuesday 12th May—Career Speak, Year 10.

\* Wednesday 13th May—Friday 15th May NAPLAN.

\* Thursday 14th May—Year 10 Career Expo, Perth.

\* Friday 22nd May, MREC Taster Day.

\* Monday June 1st—Western Australia Day.

\* Wednesday 3rd June Year 10 & 11 Parent Night.

\* Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June—Year 11 WPL Country Week.

## *Principal's Message*

It is hard to believe we are already in week 9 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.



So far in Term One students have had a large smorgasbord of experiences offered to them by the school. These have included Santa Laurensia Indonesian School visit, Surfing competitions, our annual Swimming Carnival, Outdoor Education Roping courses and our Upper School Play.

On Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> March our Year 12 students decked themselves out in their finest attire to attend our 2015 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 and the Ball Committee for planning this extravaganza. The attitude and behaviour of all that attended the Ball was outstanding.

We have been very lucky to have students from Santa Laurensia visit us over the past weeks. The cultural exchange between the two schools has been as successful as ever and I would like to thank Angela McCoy for all her hard work in making such an event happen. The relationships that are formed on the visit are extremely important and develop great cultural awareness for all involved.

Last week we had two visitors from our sister school, N.O. 1 Middle School in Haining. It was a real pleasure to host our guests who worked hard with Mrs Angela McCoy and Mr Martin Keen to plan future visits to each others' schools.

This week parents will receive Term 1 Interim Reports outlining the development of their child at Margaret River Senior High School. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to review what progress is being made at school and how successful students have been in the first term of 2015. I encourage parents to contact teachers if they have any concerns, or areas they wish to discuss, as a result of these reports.

Finally I would like congratulate our new Year 7 and 8 students for completing their first term in High School. Both year groups have been valuable inclusions to our school and have had an excellent first term.

I hope everybody has a relaxing break and a reminder to students and parents that school begins on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

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# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Islands Aplenty

The Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences students put their outstanding craft skills to good use recently to produce a range of very colourful three dimensional models. Geography students across the year were asked to design their very own two dimensional 'Fantasy Island' complete with bays and mountain ranges and to turn this into a three dimensional model.

Using their knowledge of contours and topographical mapping conventions, students set about cutting out and colouring numerous pieces of cardboard to replicate their two dimensional designs. Results were excellent and accurate representations of the Fantasy Islands. Models are now on display in the library for all to see.

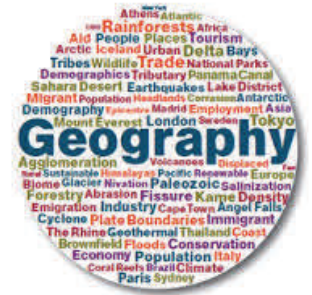
*Jonathan Miller*

*Humanities and  
Social Sciences  
Teacher*



# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CONT.....

## Margaret River Senior High School Students Take Part in 2015 Australian Geography Competition



Students from Year 8 are taking part in the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Australian Geography Competition this week.

Approximately 75,000 students from all around Australia have entered the Competition, which is organised by the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland (RGSQ).

RGSQ Competition coordinator Bernard Fitzpatrick said that the Competition gave teachers an opportunity to highlight geography in their schools.

"Geography is a vital subject that all young people should study," said Mr Fitzpatrick. "It helps students understand the world around them, and how people and environments are interconnected."

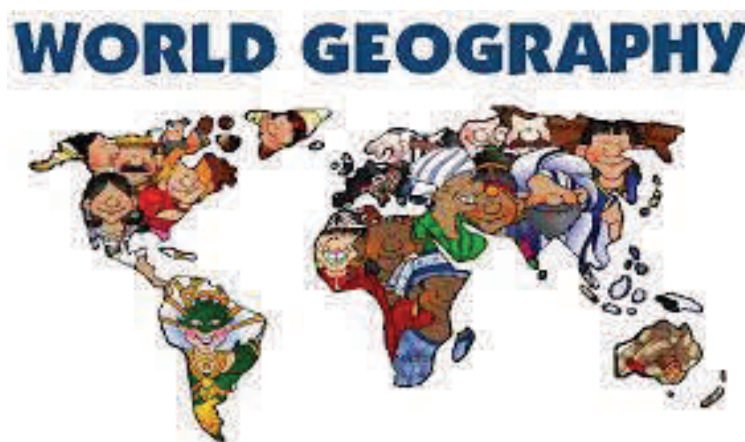
"With schools in many parts of Australia implementing the new national geography curriculum this year, it's an exciting time to be involved in geographical education and the Competition plays its part in this," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

Students who excel in the Australian competition have the chance to represent Australia in the International Geography Olympiad.

Two senior students from Western Australia will be selected to take part in Geography's Big Week Out in South East Queensland later this year. From that event, Australia's team will be chosen for the 2016 International Geography Olympiad in Beijing, China.

*Chris Bailey*

*Head of Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area*





# STUDENT COUNCIL

During Term 1 the Student Council was finalised. It consists of 25 members and represents the student body. The election process has three stages to ensure the most capable as well as the most accepted students represent their year group. The students had to write a nomination form and were invited to a merit-selection interview conducted by older student councillors. Finally, a popular election determined the overall winners.

This year, the MRSHS student council has formed a partnership with the Margaret River Lions Club and re-created the Leos Club. Student councillors will thus learn community service skills and will be invited to participate in community events.



The purpose of the Student Council is to advise the school administration on student needs and wishes, organise whole school events and build leadership capacity. The skills program for Term 1 included merit selection processes, personal presentation and committing to leadership. Next term, the students will focus on meeting and planning skills, representation skills and debating. In addition, the Year 9 & 10 councillors will participate in mediation to resolve conflicts (SCRaM) and political debating (Evatt Trophy competition).

Congratulations to Kate Thompson, Yr 10 student councillor, who was accepted into the Sir Charles Court Leadership program at Curtin University and Bella McTaggart who succeeded in achieving a place in the state final of the Youth of the Year competition. Good luck to both in their leadership endeavours.

*The 2015 Student Councillors are:*

## **Year 7 Representatives**

Caitlin Fisher, Lilliana Scott, Jac Fabre

## **Year 9 Representatives**

Charlie Wrigglesworth, Yana Bacich, Flynn Winstanley, Kate Mann

## **Year 10 Representatives**

Kiera Smirke, Kate Thompson, Annabelle Jones, Ben Bevan, Kaya Hullen

## **Year 11 Representative**

Clare Lagan, Holly Haywood, Olivia Coffey, Kat Fabre

## **Year 12 Representative**

Mackenzie Bougoure, Tabitha Dowding, Abbey Hayes, Noah Jennings, Bella McTaggart, Jordyn O'Dea

**Student Council representative on the School Board:** Kate Thompson (Year 10)

**Student Council & Leos Presidents:** Bella McTaggart, Tabitha Dowding

## **Leos Members other than student councillors:**

Sophie Johnson, Mackellar Field, Brittany Hartnett

### **School Has Begun!' Written by Kat Fabre, Year 11**

The school year has begun - for some it is warmly welcomed from the boredom of the holidays and for others, like the brand new Year 7's, it is a brand new, slightly scary adventure. Nevertheless, the school year has made way for exciting and new discoveries and recently we asked students from all years, 'What has been your favourite part of school so far'.

Bridie Wrigglesworth  
Year 7

*'The best part of the year so far has been meeting lots of new friends and I'm really excited for all the athletic activities coming up.'*

Aniela Doyle  
Year 8

*'The most exciting part of school so far has been becoming Form Representative.'*

Mackellar Field  
Year 9

*'I'm really enjoying all the new electives this year like Sewing and European Languages.'*

Katelyn Kitson  
Year 10

*'I really like my photography classes, I have a really good teacher and I really look forward to the China excursion coming up.'*

Kimberley Williams  
Year 11

*'I like dance. Dance is really fun and I really like my teacher. She's the best.'*

## STUDENT COUNCIL CONT.....

### **GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

On Thursday, 26 March, a group of 18 of our student leaders travelled to Bunbury to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. John Daniels drove the mini bus for us. The students experienced among other things, self-presentation skills, such as learning to tie a tie and how to organise formal wear. We arrived at the stunning Lord Forrest Hotel and joined 22 private and public schools from as far afield as Mandurah, Bridgetown and Manjimup. The students worked through a leadership program interwoven with engaging 'Loud Noises' activities. During recess and lunch time in the foyer of the hotel the students had ample opportunity to connect with student leaders from other schools. The highlight of the day was the final session when all 500 students danced to the directions given by selected students and teachers on stage. I feel very proud of our students. They conducted themselves with confidence, interest and loads of positive energy. Margaret River was again the most noticeable school in terms of contribution to activities and as volunteers. This was a day to remember, a day to inspire the students, to plan activities and to make a difference in the school community. Thank you GRIP Leadership team – our students got a grip on leadership today!



## LANGUAGES

### **EUROPEAN LANGUAGES**

Term 1 comes to a close and with it the French introduction course. The students learnt to introduce themselves in French and gained a functional vocabulary of 100 to 150 words. Next Term we will focus on German, in Term 3 on Italian. These short language courses teach specific language structures as well as academic processes and language learning skills. The students were exposed to a variety of learning styles, ICT skills and learning programs to identify personal strengths when memorizing and applying language patterns. They also were introduced to the following learning apps this term: Comicliffe, Adobe Voice, Quizlet, Pages and Keynote.

*Patrick Marzohl*

*Teacher of European Languages*

# HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONT.....

## **Athletics Carnival**

The Faction Athletics Carnival is on the last day of this term – it is being held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Gloucester Oval from 8.45am – 3.20pm (students meet at the oval on Thursday they do not come to school first). Students who usually catch the buses to school will be dropped off and picked up from Gloucester Park for that day.

Get out your faction coloured clothes and accessories for a fun filled day! The carnival is in a tabloid format to encourage maximum participation; students rotate in groups through different stations/ events with a mix of novelty and athletics stations. All students are required to attend the carnival. Please note if your child does not attend the carnival, a note explaining the absence will be required when the student next attends school. Food and drinks will be on sale at the oval through-out the day however please ensure that your child has a water bottle and healthy snacks to re-hydrate and refuel during the day.



school.

Spectators are more than welcome to come along, a map and information pamphlet will be available on the day. Any parents/community members, who wish to assist with the running of the event, please feel free to contact the



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Physical Education Teacher  
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## **YEAR 9 HIGH ROPES OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

### **EXCURSION TO EXPLORUS**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of March the Year 9 Roping students went to 'Explorus' in Karridale for a thrilling day of challenging themselves on a High Ropes Course suspended amongst the trees. The multiple elements on each section had their own unique difficulties and could be completed in different ways to test balance, skill and confidence while relying on the support of their fellow students to complete the course. All students wore harnesses, helmets and used a team belay system to promote group responsibility.

The students learned some different lessons to those in the classroom with a focus on learning more about yourself, the people around you and the natural environment. This exhilarating activity helped to develop trust and cooperation between participants.

The students demonstrated a wide range of roping skills including climbing, abseiling, belaying and the care of roping equipment.

Thank you to Nicky and her team from Explorus for their guidance and patience to ensure all students were safe, secure and challenged to get the best experience ever!

Sue Buckland  
Physical Education Teacher





# HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONT.....

## Swimming Carnival

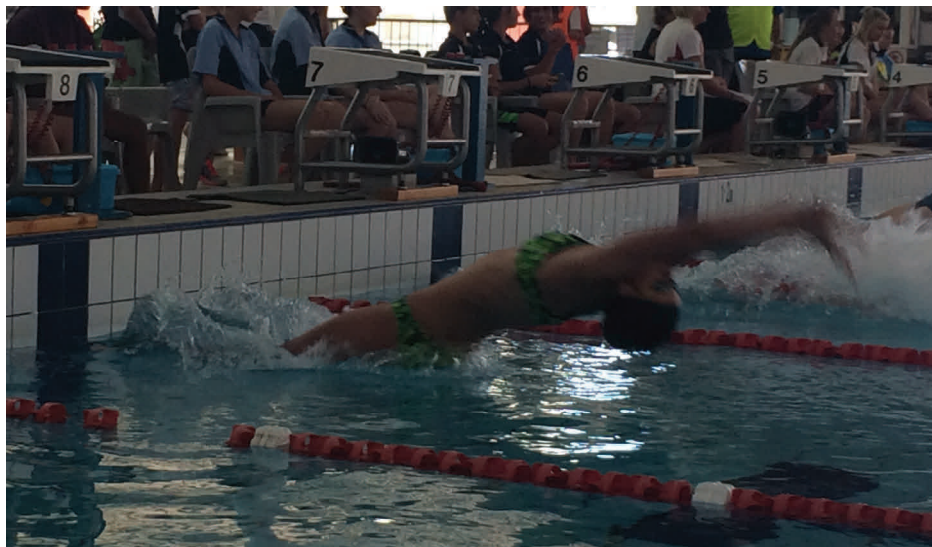
Over the past 8 weeks the Phys Ed Dept has completed the swimming programme which started with the Yr7 swimming lessons, followed by the MRSHS School

Swimming Carnival and culminating with the South west Inter-School Swimming Carnival at the South West Sports Centre in Bunbury.

The students did a couple of trainings during the week prior to the carnival and were surprised by a special guest, **Shane Gould**, an Australian Olympic swimming champion who won 5 individual medals (3 gold, 1 silver and 1 Bronze) at the 1972 Munich Olympics when she was only 15yrs old. She is the only swimmer in history to hold all freestyle world records for 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and 200m Individual Medley at the same time. Thank you Shane for giving up your time to pass on some valuable racing tips to our young swimmers.



A big thank you to all the students who attended. Your participation, energy and commitment were amazing and you did your school proud. All students showed great sportsmanship with staff receiving many positive comments about the conduct of the students throughout the day.



Thank you to Nook, Brock, Sol, Pat and Kerry for their timekeeping work which enabled the carnival to run smoothly and upheld our timekeeping commitment for the day. To Janine Pedrick who was our adult official. Thank you, appreciate your time and effort to support the running of this carnival.

Many thanks also to Mr Joyce and Mrs Buckland for organising and attending this carnival.

BELOW are the results relevant to our school.

Congratulations to those students who excelled in their races and to

those who participated and earned the points to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> best swimming school across the South West Schools.

## MRSHS placings

Lower School Shield - 3rd place

Metritorious Shield - 2nd place

Champion School shield - 3rd place

Ester Pedrick – 1st place Year 9 girls

Will Matthews – 3rd place Year 7 boys

Maizy Wood – 3rd place Year 7 girls.





# ARTS

The following photos help to tell the story of the big start we have had in The Arts for 2015.

Congratulations to:

## **BUSSELTON FRINGE FESTIVAL**

The Year 10 Drama Students who performed brilliantly at the Busselton Fringe Festival on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. Our plays were original scripts written by students at our school and the performance work was outstanding.



## ARTS CONT.....

### **BIG BAND CONCERT PICNIC**

Priscilla Krebs, Bruce Godden, Isabelle Lemon, Sunny Hardy and all of the Music students who performed at the Big band Picnic on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. You entertained a big crowd of parents and friends with a highly entertaining concert.



A big thanks to Bel Howse and the students who helped to cater for the Big Band Picnic and the Upper School Play – we are so lucky to be able to treat our audience members with all of that wonderful food.



## ARTS CONT.....

### ZIP ZAP ZOOM

Amanda Gradisen and the Upper School Dance students who travelled to Bunbury on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to enjoy the West Australian Ballet Company as they presented Zip Zap Zoom.

### DEAD WHITE MALES

The cast and crew of 'Dead White Males' – our outstanding Upper School Production – special thanks to all of the staff who helped us stage this wonderful production – especially Ed Lacy who took on an acting role. We were so proud of the skills of our staff and students on stage.

- \* Thank you to Craig Barnett and the photography students who captured the acting skills of our Drama students on film with the amazing photos taken during our weekend rehearsals.



I would like to welcome Tony Lane to our Arts staff as he steps in to take Junior Guitar Ensemble, class Music and guitar students for the rest of this year. We look forward to the contribution Tony will make to our Music program.

Farewell Priscilla Krebs – who will always be Miss D to us – thank you for the dedication you have brought to our Music program over the last four years!

*Mem McCormack*

*Head of The Arts Learning Area*



# HAINING TEACHERS VISIT MARGARET RIVER

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In 2014 two Margaret River SHS teachers, Angela McCoy and Martin Keen, were able to visit China thanks to support from the Augusta-Margaret River Shire, in pursuance of furthering the Sister City and Sister School relationship we have with Haining. That visit paved the way for a group of Margaret River students to visit China later this year, planning for which is well under way and 14 students look like getting the experience of a lifetime come October.

Last week Margaret River Senior High School was able to respond in kind to the wonderful hospitality shown to us while in China by hosting a reply visit by two teachers from Haining Number 1 High School, a precursor to a similar student exchange by Chinese students next year. While here Mr Zhi-gang Cha (Deputy Principal and Academic Director) and Ms Wanjiong Wu (Director of Senior Grade Two and English Teacher) visited a wide range of venues in the Margaret River region to help plan an exciting visit by their students next year, including the Sunflower Animal Farm, the Chocolate Factory, Candy Cow and Amazen. Our visitors also participated in a series of meetings with Principal Andrew Host and members of the Senior Leadership Team of Margaret River SHS over a three day period to exchange information on our respective educational systems and share ideas for future co-operative activities.



In addition to experiencing teaching/learning environments Margaret River style by visiting a number of classrooms over a range of faculty areas Mr Cha and Ms Wu were particularly taken by a visit to the Rivermouth to watch Mr Cameron and the Surf Academy Students show the skills that have made them the number one school surfing team in Australia several times. Despite resisting all efforts to get them into wetsuits and onto a board, both acknowledged that the chance to do so would be a highlight for the Chinese students and a certain selling point for future visits.

We look forward to our student trip to Haining in September/October and now equally to welcoming students from Haining to our region in the near future.

*Martin Keen/Angela McCoy*



## NOTICE BOARD



The Science department would like to acknowledge Margaret River Gourmet Meats who always generously cover the cost of all orders that the Biology Classes need for dissection specimens in their practicals.



### Contacting Student Services

To notify the school of a student absence or pass a message to your child.

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### Whooping cough (pertussis)

- ◇ Anyone can get whooping cough.
- ◇ Whooping cough is dangerous for babies and young children. It is important not to expose them to infection.
- ◇ Vaccination is the best way to prevent whooping cough. Make sure children are up-to-date with their vaccines.
- ◇ For more information go to the Department of Health website:

<http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au>



### Margaret River SHS

#### P & C Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open:

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30am—10.30am during school terms. EFTPOS and cash payments accepted.

Online ordering:

Follow the steps listed on the order form. You will receive a test message when your uniform order is ready to be collected from the Uniform Shop.

Contact the uniform shop by email:

[MRSHS.uniforms@permapleat.com.au](mailto:MRSHS.uniforms@permapleat.com.au)