Dear Parents/Carers

This week we welcome Jacob Horsey to our staff who is replacing Suzie while she is gracing Europe with her musical talents! Many of you have come across Jacob already as he has been working as a relief teacher with us since earlier this year when he moved to Margaret River from Queensland with his young family. Jacob has also been working closely with Suzie in preparation for his work here with the students. We are sure Jacob’s experience in classrooms and as an instrumental teacher will serve him well. Best wishes, Jake!

So if you are wondering where Suzie will be spending the month of June please see her little spot on page 3. Although we will miss her terribly, to have a music teacher here at MRMS who is actually an international musician is a huge privilege for our school and our students!

And now to our hardworking staff. Over the past few weeks our teachers and EAs have been engaged in a number of professional development activities:

- Michelle Bishop, an Inclusive Education Consultant and Psychologist from AISWA, spent two afternoons with us training us in the Keeping Safe Protective Behaviours Curriculum and various behaviour guidance scenarios and strategies. Reports from staff were very positive.

- Staff have also been raving about Jan Clarke, IT Consultant from AISWA, who spent the day with us on Friday last week. You might have seen her taking photos with an iPad at the Kaigi. Jan came to work with our teachers and students in MP and UP to show us how using iPad applications can augment our educational programmes, by stimulating and motivating students to source and demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways. Ask your children about the ebooks they made about their learning in Japanese and the Kaigi. The best thing about these tools is they can be applied to any curriculum area and do not detract from the children’s hands-on Montessori learning experiences.

- Rhonda Sheehan, principal at Beehive Montessori, will be spending the afternoon here on Friday this week and meeting with myself, Jan and Lee-Anne as well as workshopping curriculum planning and recording student progress with teaching staff after school.

Remember to help out if you can at our ‘special’ Busy Bee on Saturday June 21st 1pm – 4pm in preparation for the big School Registration Visit on Thursday June 26th! Come along and plant, weed, clean, tidy, arrange, and generally give the School a ‘juj’.

What a full few weeks it has been but an exciting few to say the least!

Kind regards, Lisa Fenton
JP1, Casa dei Fiori

Last week we welcomed some of our ‘old’ students from Middle Primary into the classroom to join us for Whole School Reading. This is always a lovely reminder of how well our children use Grace and Courtesy in communication with others. On entering our classroom they were all very courteous and mindful of the classroom rules as they greeted the teachers and the Junior Primary children. Once smiles were exchanged the children soon found a quiet space in the classroom to read their books and handwritten stories to their new friends. As the children finished their reading, some began to tell stories of their time in Junior Primary, recounting experiences and lessons with the materials. Many fond memories were shared this day and it is a reminder to us all how lucky we are to have this opportunity.

Jan, Corinna, Sue and Trish.

JP2, Casa del Cielo

The students have enjoyed the wonderful weather we have had. They have learned about the water cycle and they love using terms such as ‘precipitation’ and ‘evaporation’. We have also talked about ‘how to wait’. Waiting actually teaches children about respect, patience and delayed gratification. In the classroom, children are asked to wait quietly and patiently until the teacher is available. Through lots of practise, the children develop wonderful waiting skills, even the youngest of students!

Please practise ‘waiting’ (for short periods of time) at home. Just be clear in your expectations and consistent in your reaction to interruptions. And have fun playing out scenario’s!

Kind regards, Sonja, Sue, Denise and Sue G

JP3, Casa del Sole

Hello, this term the children have been enjoying speaking and sharing news through their ‘Show and Tell’. Last week we had cheese tasting and we viewed how cheese is made. This was riveting for the children. Thank you to Emil and his family for providing us with an interesting topic for ‘Show and Tell’.

We continue to need fruit cutters each morning. Classroom Jobs are posted on the classroom window. A big thank you to those families who have been able to assist us so far.

Just a reminder that children must be collected at the classroom door at the end of the morning cycle or afternoon cycle due to ‘duty of care’. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Regards Raylene and Gayna

MP, Casa del Mare & Casa della Stella

Hello everyone, children in Middle Primary have been putting a lot of work into researching the planets in our solar system. We have had some fantastic illustrations and some clever rhymes created to help us remember the order of the planets!

Tracy and Zac from Cape to Cape Catchment Group have been back to visit. Tracy spoke about macro invertebrates in our wetland and how we can care for this special place. Zac told us about some of the other native animals that use the wetlands in our area and how they were hunted, and used by the early Aboriginal people in Margaret River. We look forward to a Wetland excursion soon.

For sport the team from SNAG golf have taught us golf fundamentals in a fun and easy manner. We will be walking over to the Nippers Oval on Monday for SNAG golf and would like some parent help between 1 and 3pm.

We were lucky to have Jan Clarke show us how we can integrate the use of ipads in our classroom. We learnt how to use an app called Book Creator that enables us to create our own e-books using a combination of written text, photos and video clips. Creating these books helps us demonstrate our knowledge in new and creative ways. We will have access to the ipads for the remainder of this term and are looking forward to creating some great books to share.

Regards, Kate, Jasmine, Janine and Karen (MP1) and Lee-Anne and Tilly (MP2)

Billy, Mischa and Harper using the iPads to create Botany eBooks in MP2.
**P&F Meetings**
The P&F meetings are held once a month and ANYONE can come … parents, grandparents, carers. We very much need more people to participate and get involved. The two meeting dates are:
- Thursday, 19 June @ 9.00am at School
- Thursday, 31 July @ 9.00am at School
Please contact Linda Henry (linda@solani.com.au) with any feedback or information regarding P&F meetings.

**A Taste of Harmony Cook Book**
Cook book sales are going well and it is important to keep up the momentum as it is one of our key fundraisers. The book is sold in retail shops in town and the Marketing Committee is working on other sales strategies through online media, wineries and other retail outlets.

Please consider our wonderful cook book as a great gift for Nanas, Grandads, Aunties and Uncles. The book could be bundled up with an apron, a tea towel or an ingredient gift basket!

A Taste of Harmony cook book is available from school at $20 – please see Deb in the office or one of the P&F representatives.

**Cow Pat Lotto … is coming**
Cow Pat Lotto for 2014 is under way…. The Cow Pat Lotto Committee (Helen Barling, Denise House, Catherine Sharwood) is on track … the cow is booked again thanks to Sharon Penfold, we have the permit and the tickets are being printed!! We aim to distribute the tickets to families in the first week of Term 3 and look forward to another successful Cow Pat Lotto year!!

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**Very Important BUSY BEE**

**On Saturday, 21 June there will be a very important busy BUSY BEE!!**
This event is 1 week prior to the school re-registration (see last newsletter), and we need the whole school to get involved with getting the school ready. There are MANY jobs to be done before Re-registration Day.
There will be a sign up sheet outside the School Office along with a list of jobs and any additional equipment that may be required.
It will kick off at 1pm, bring the family!! Parent Commitment time can roll over to term 3.

Thank you!

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**Gardening Scholarship**

Gardening Scholarship available NOW for this term! We are in need of a parent to take on our gardening scholarship. This requires 2 hours per week (or 4 per fortnight). Please contact Sue McLeod if interested.

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**Class Mentors**

Class Mentor MP1 – As Denise House is our new P&F Chairperson. Rae Pethica has kindly taken on the role of Class Mentor in MP1. Thanks Rae! rae@fishica.com.au

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JP2 : Ann Noakes - haytrans@westnet.com.au
JP3 : Charity Coffman - charitycoffman@gmail.com
MP1 : Rae Pethica – rae@fishica.com.au
MP2 : Renee Keesing - ren-163@hotmail.com
UP : Rachel Taylor woodvibes@westnet.com.au

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**Suzie’s Trip to France**

I am taking time off for the rest of the term to join my singing girls for a musical journey in France. 3 other women and I joined up about 10 years ago forming “Red Dress”, to sing 4 part harmony ancient songs, and over the years this has expanded to include instruments and a much wider range of songs from world music to jazz to rock - anything with a good melody and interesting harmonies. We are taking this time to stay at Wendy’s place in La Roche en Buis in southern France, building our repertoire, writing songs and performing where we can. We also plan to eat well, drink wine and speak a lot of French.
I will be leaving my work in the very capable hands of Jacob, who will be taking my lessons at school.
I will see you all again next term.
Jusqu’à ce que nous nous retrouvions, au revoir!
Suzie Spiers
SEEKING SUPPORT FOR FILM – Steve Castan

Hi,
I am involved as executive producer for a film about asylum seekers and am raising funds. The Director is academy award winner Eva Orner.

I invite you to watch this interview with Eva about the asylum seeker film crowd funding campaign:


Please contact me if you would like more info, to support or to be involved.

Steven Castan stevecastan@vicbar.com.au
(Dad of Remy and Milan in Upper Primary)

Please donate to:
https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/bloody-unaustrial

SHOP POP SWAP UP

Enjoy an evening of bargain hunting and raise funds for a good cause. The Shop, Swap and Pop Up
Saturday 7th June
Margaret River Community Resource Centre
4pm – 7pm
Tickets $20 and include a glass of wine on arrival.
Profits to the Margaret River Community Childcare
Live music by Graeme Dickinson
Food and drinks will be also available for sale on the night.
People are asked to arrange the drop off their swap items before the event by contacting
Niomi O’Hara on 0427 012 008 or Mechelle Bernhardt on 0408 433 824 or emailing swapandpopupshop@gmail.com

MARGARET RIVER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 COORDINATOR

Margaret River Senior High School Principal Andrew Host has appointed Chris Buckland, Year 7 Coordinator for the remainder of 2014 into 2015. As in previous years Craig Healy will continue to be the Coordinator for Year 8. We held a parent information evening a couple of weeks ago and the night was a success. We will hold another parent information night next term, the date and time to be advised. The new building which will house the Year 7’s in 2015 is coming along and is on track to finish within the allocated time. It is a great building with heaps of space for students to work collaboratively as well as independently. We are still taking in enrolments for 2015 and would encourage that you do so as soon as possible. If you would like another enrolment form you can visit the front office, ring or email Monica Garman at the High School (margaretriver.shs@education.wa.edu.au). If there are any concerns or queries please feel free to contact the High School on 9757 0700 or email chris.buckland1@education.wa.edu.au.