Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3.
Well we have come back with a bang and have gone full steam ahead with the campaign for wetlands voting. Within a few days of school starting we went from 4th place to 1st and passed the 1000 votes mark. This was all because of YOUR HARD WORK! Then with 2 radio interviews and a morning braving the Antarctic weather at the markets we have surged ahead. Thank you SO MUCH to all those people who have collected signatures, sent emails, shared Facebook posts and generally nagged every single person they know in the world to support our wetlands!

I have had a busy couple of weeks getting back into the swing of things and have met with all Staff, the Marketing Sub-Committee and the School Council and will meet with the Adolescent Program Sub-Committee and P&F next week.

In case you were wondering, The Water Corporation have been working on Betts Street over the past week, connecting the water mains between Clarke Rd and Railway Tce to improve the pressure in the area. Thanks to Michelle Sheridan for following up with Vasse Civil, the contractors, on why we were not contacted prior to the work being carried out.

We would like to formally welcome Trish Murray as an official staff member to MP.

Have a great week!

Kind regards, Lisa Fenton

After a month long battle with three other community organisations from far flung areas of WA, Margaret River Montessori School has just emerged victorious, winning first prize of $14,600 from SGIO's Community Grant Fund for the school's unique Wetlands area. The School wishes to thank, from the very bottom of its heart, all those fantastic people who voted for the Wetland Project.

"We can’t wait to share the joy of seeing the Wetlands regenerate, flourish and bloom with all the community's children and adults, exploring and learning from this precious little piece of land. We welcome visitors and any member of the community who would like to work with us in securing and maintaining the future of our Wetlands."

There is much work to be done!"
0-3, Casa del Fiume
We have a couple of spaces free in 0-3 as we farewell Saraiya, Stella and Flynn who are transitioning to Junior Primary. Thanks Mel and Lauren for relieving last week.

Nicki

Junior Primary, Casa dei Fiori, Casa del Cielo and Casa del Sole
Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to Jack Dawson and Aarlia Janssen who have begun in JP3 and JP1. We also welcome their parents Leonie and John and Aleasha and Anthony. You may notice the beginnings of our playground upgrade. Our playground will be nature based and we are very excited about it. We will keep you posted on progress and of any assistance required.

Our vegetable gardens have really enjoyed the recent sunshine and rain. We would like to thank Kirsty Szandtner for coming in and harvesting kale and making kale chips for the children to try. The children loved this healthy snack.

The children enjoyed a visit from Rachel Drummond from the AMR library, representing the ‘Better Beginnings’ program. They appreciated her story reading and loved their new books.

Thank you to all of our fruit cutters who have been able to assist in the classrooms. More are needed. If you can spare 20 minutes at drop off time it would be appreciated.

We are all looking forward to a great term.

Thanks, Jan, Sonja, Raylene, Sue, Corinna, Sue P, Gayna and Denise

Middle Primary, Casa del Mare and Casa della Stella
Hello everyone, We have welcomed seven children from Junior Primary this term. Big welcome to Sophia, Amilee, Flynn, Phoenix, Sienna, Edie H and Beth. We have just started The Cycle of Great Stories with these children having done The Formation of the Universe yesterday, in the next two weeks we will share The Coming of Life, The Coming of Human Beings, The History of Writing and The Story of Numbers. We welcome Trish Murray to MP1 as Education Assistant five mornings per week. Next week we look forward to a presentation by a Marine Park Ranger from Ngari Capes Marine Park. The concept is to introduce the marine park, the habitats and sea creatures that exist within it, in a fun and light-hearted way to our students. The children can learn about a few sea creatures and where they live and understand the idea of a marine park while having some fun.

Kate & Jasmine, Lee-Anne, Tilly & Trish

Upper Primary, Casa della Luna
We are holding a Learning Celebration Afternoon Tea for UP parents on Friday 1st August at 2pm. We would love you to join us for a cuppa and see what happens in Upper Primary. 8th August we are going on an excursion to Busselton for an art exhibition, “Tilting at Windmills”.

This is a free event with the students having the opportunity to talk to the artist. 12th August we have two ladies from the CWA coming to knit neurons with our class for science week. Any parents who can knit would be welcome to join us. Lastly, on 15th August, we will be walking to the Cultural Centre to watch a production called "Still Awake Still".

Upper Primary Students

Music Room
I am back from my inspiring travels in Southern France and look forward to an exciting term of music.

Thank you Jacob for your work with the children. They loved your sessions. This term the whole school is planning to present a play at the end of term involving a lot of music, dancing and costume changes. You will no doubt be called upon to search for costumes in small sizes for ABBA, Queen, AC/DC, Russian dancers and more! Start looking now and I will add to the list throughout the term.

Suzie Spiers

Sport
This term middle primary children will be learning a range of netball skills including ball handling, passing techniques, positions and zones on the netball court and goal shooting. The occasional soccer based session may be on the agenda also for some of our soccer enthusiasts. Midterm middle primary can look forward to circus skills with Simon Walsh who has begun with junior primary circus sessions.

Sue Gaunt
Update: School News and P&F News …..

KidsMatter Corner – Last term we began the KidsMatter corner which, each fortnight, will contain a message from KidsMatter for families in relation to building resilience in our children through social and emotional learning. Please see the attached information sheet which provides tips for supporting social and emotional skills at home.

There is no health without mental health!

Parent Commitment Hours
Parents if you helped with the Wetland petition please record your time in the Parent Commitment file in the office.

Science Day – Thursday 14th Aug

In acknowledgement of Science Week we will once again be holding our annual whole school science day hosted by the UP class. Weather permitting, we will have this event on the hard court or the hall if it is raining.

Science Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists’ to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world we live in.

More details to come.

After School Sport
Term 3 Hip Hop dance began this week for MP and UP students, great to see boys and girls participating.

Starting on Monday (4th) Simon Walsh will be running sessions of Table Tennis in our undercover area from 3pm to 4pm for UP students only. We have 4 table tennis tables so numbers are limited to 16.

P&F Committee
Deja Moo – Many thanks to all the parents, staff, students and families that helped bake scones, man the stall, collect signatures for the SGIO grant, and sell Cow Pat Lotto tickets. A great day was had by all!

We also have a time slot to have a table outside newsXpress on Saturday 16th August to sell Cow Pat Lotto tickets - roster will be up on office door the week prior.

A cake stall will be held at IGA on Saturday 13th September - we ask all parents to bake a plate of yummy goodies...can be dropped off at school on Friday or bring down to IGA on Saturday morning or put your name on the roster (office door) to help out. Will provide more details closer to the time.

Save the Orangutan Movie Night
Friday 15th August 2014 - 5.30- 7.30pm in the Hall

Gold coin donation

Popcorn and drinks available for sale

Whole School Family event (not a drop and go)

Bring a cushion and come along.

We are hoping to fundraise to adopt a baby orangutan and offer money towards his/her wellbeing and environment preservation in Indonesia.

Thank you, Lee-Anne (MP2)
Community Notices

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au) by no later than 31 August 2014 for travel in 2015.

Please be aware; Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email [schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au](mailto:schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au)

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Suzie and Mike’s holiday accommodation


If you have anybody who would like to book the house, ask them to contact us directly at [suzie.mikespiers@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.mikespiers@gmail.com) or phone 0421 042 268 for cheaper rates. Suzie Spiers

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Margaret River Hawks Junior Cricket Club Registration Day Event which is to be held on Thursday Aug 14.

It will be a FREE Come & Try event where we will have Western Warrior & Western Fury players in attendance as well as a BBQ, music and an opportunities for autographs, photos and some giveaways too.

*Cricket is Australia’s number one sport and this being a World Cup year, it promises to be a fantastic season ahead.*

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Sale Dates:
2nd Sat
4th Sat