Dear Parents and Carers

Madi
As you all no doubt are aware by now the whole school is reeling from the terribly tragic and sad news about Madi Powell over the weekend and we are struggling to share the joys of Mother's Day that we would normally be celebrating, knowing that one of our own families is suffering so much. The school offers our love, support and heartfelt sympathies for the whole Powell family.

Siobhan Joly, our School Psychologist, is on hand now and for as long as we need her for counselling and support for our students, staff and families. In addition our very capable and experienced staff are well attuned to assisting students and families through situations such as this. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like to access these services.

Children have been able to access staff to talk to as well as a number of activities such as writing letters, sharing memories and creating art works as needed. The School has been and will be arranging support for the Powell family and we will keep you informed as to how you might be able to contribute if you wish to do so.

A funeral service will be held for Madi this Friday 16th May at the United Church, Tingle Avenue at 2pm.
More details to follow via email.
The school will be closing at 12pm that day.

3 year old afternoon programme – We are pleased to announce that the Wednesday 3 yr old Afternoon Programme will now be offered to parents of 3 yr old part timers as inclusive of your school fees (ie. free of further charge). The programme is run by the wonderful Trish Murray who is a qualified Montessori trained teacher and is held in Casa del Sole, the JP3 classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy a relaxing afternoon at school with rest time, stories and play indoors and out, as well as providing time for parents! Remember that numbers are limited so please put your name down at the office with Deb.

NAPLAN - This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students in Years 5 and 7 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Year 3 students will take part next week. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is administered by our teachers at school within the children’s familiar environment for the Federal Department of Education and simply looks at what level students are achieving compared with student peers throughout Australia.

This is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. Later in the year we will send information is available on the NAP website. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

40 Zone Speed Check & Footpaths – Please be aware that Margaret River Police intend to conduct speed checks in our 40km school zone.

The Shire has asked us to please remind all parents NOT to park on the footpath on Clarke Road. It is illegal to park on footpaths anywhere and the Shire Rangers will enforce fines.

Kind regards,
Lisa Fenton
....What’s on in the Classroom.....

**JP1, Casa dei Fiori**

Thank you to all those who attended the Busy Bee and assisted in making our room clean and beautiful for the children to begin the school term. Much appreciated.

This term we hope to get our vegetable and flower gardens booming and blooming.

We are looking forward to making some delicious recipes using our school grown crops and decorating our room with artistically arranged flowers. If anyone has expertise in either of these fields and would like to come in and share or work in the gardens, please come and see us. In the meantime, if you have either vegetables/fruit/flowers in abundance, please bring in and we will cook, eat, and/or arrange. Thank you.

Jan, Corinna, Sue and Trish.

**JP2, Casa del Cielo**

After a well-earned break, both students and teachers are getting back into the classroom routine. This week, we would like to welcome Seth Gray and his parents Simon and Melanie and Zahn Dearle and his parents Greer and Alex, to our school community.

We would also like to draw your attention to some parent commitment opportunities in the JP area. Your help is of great importance to our school and the children very much value your participation in their learning experiences. At the moment we are requiring a Nit Nanny and someone to help with the veggie patch. Also, we are always looking for parents to help with the fruit cutting. Maybe some fruit cutting dads? Please let us know if you can help.

Kind regards, Sonja, Sue P, Sue G and Denise

**JP3, Casa del Sole**

Hello, this term we welcome Laec Rhodes and his family to our school.

The children have really enjoyed being back with their friends and have been very busy with work in the classroom.

If you would like to view your child at work, please consider booking an observation in the classroom this term. These are invaluable for all parents. Please see me if you would like to discuss your child’s progress. This can be done at a mutually convenient time.

This term we continue to need fruit cutters in the morning and we have posted Classroom Jobs on the window for your Parent Commitment hours. A big thank you to all for your assistance with getting your child to school on time.

We know that mornings can be quite hectic, but a prompt arrival time helps to ensure that the classroom is settled in the morning cycle.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our mums and grandmothers!

*Regards, Raylene and Gayna*

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**MP1, Casa del Mare**

Hello everyone and welcome back to another busy term.

We started this term with the older students in Middle Primary heading out on an exciting excursion to the Willmot Street Wier. The children were met by the Cape to Cape Catchments Group who took us on an adventure to explore the local flora and fauna at the Weir. Zac Webb showed us how to make a rope using some native river reeds, and then we had a close up look at some Smooth Back Marron while Drew McKenzie spoke to us about the fish ladder and how it is used. This is what Tom Hage had to say about our excursion. "I thought the excursion was cool because we got to see the Smooth Marron and we got shown how to make a Wardandi rope out of some reeds. I thought it was cool when Zac said we could use the rope to tow a car if we get bogged at the beach, it strong!" We are looking forward to spending more time with the Cape to Cape Catchments group this Term.

Regards, Kate, Jasmine, Janine and Karen

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**MP2, Casa della Stella**

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term Two. We have had a fantastic start to the term. We have launched into many plans of work, including learning about the human body, the Solar Eclipse, different forms of leaves as well as continuing our big work across all curriculum areas.

We are looking for another cage similar to the one we have for our guinea pigs. If you have a large cage for small animals which you think we could use for our furry friends, please see me.

We are still looking for another Nit Nanny for our room. Regular checking definitely helps in breaking the cycle. Could we ask parents to check their children’s heads, on a Sunday night, and treat if necessary, as we seem to have a lot of scratching going on.

We are also learning about the Orangutang. The children are keen to fundraise to adopt an Orangutang, so stay tuned to see what they organise for this project.

Lastly, I am hoping to evolve the Safety House program more this year, so if you are interested in helping with this please see me so we can get working on this.

Keep smiling, Lee-Anne and Tilly

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**UP Casa della Luna**

Last week we went on a fantastic excursion where we walked to a number of different art studios as part of the Open Studio program. The artists explained how they created their pieces and the inspiration behind some of their work. The children were as usual, a credit to the school asking interesting questions and displaying exemplary manners. We also had some aerial photographs of Margaret River over a number of years and on the walk we stopped periodically so that the children could note the changes that have taken place from 2001 until now. Everyone had an enjoyable day!
Term 2 Scholarship Available
Maintenance scholarship for term 2 is available. Two hours per week requirement. Contact Sue McLeod if you are interested in applying.

Excursions – School Uniforms
Parents are reminded that if your child is going on a school excursion they are required to be wearing school uniform.

Whole School Reading
This is an event which sees our whole school engage in reading aloud simultaneously with the aim of engaging all children in reading for enjoyment. Older children will have the opportunity to read with and to younger children providing an opportunity for children of all ages to interact and also to allow our younger children to visit the other classrooms in the school. It will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 9:30am.

P&F Committee
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&F AGM. Thank you to our outgoing P&F position holders Lee-Anne, Shannon George, Lisa Hewitt.

Thanks go to our new position holders within the P&F:
Chair: Denise House
Vice Chair: Lisa Hewitt:
Secretary: Linda Henry
Treasurer: Helen Barling

The P&F Meetings are held every 3 weeks and are open to all parents and caregivers – we would love to see more people at the meetings.

P&F Fundraising Report
One of the key roles of our P&F is to co-ordinate fundraising for our school. The School relies heavily on the P&F fundraising support and for the year leading up to March 2014 provided approximately $20,000. These funds were used to assist in paying for the Car Park and Middle Primary playground upgrade.

The upcoming fundraising events for 2014-15 include:
- Cow Pat Lotto
- Possibility of another Lions Shed
- Possibility of another Art Auction
- A Winter Fashion Folly
- Cake Stall
- Farmers Market Stall
- Continuing Cook Book Sales
- Tea Towels and Accessories
- Book Week

We will not be participating in the Gourmet Escape carparking this year due to the huge amount of effort and time that is required by both the key co-ordinators and the 120 people over the 4 day event.

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

JP1 : Maria Hillman - hillmanbears@bigpond.com
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 woodibess@westnet.com.au

Virtue of the Month– Determination
You are practicing determination when you:
- Set goals for yourself
- Focus your attention on what you are doing
- Resist being distracted
- Keep going even if it gets difficult
- Ask for help when you need it
- Finish what you started
Fun-filled courses taught by professional drama teachers, performers and leaders, introducing children to the world of imagination and acting.

- Suitable for all age groups
- Have some awesome fun
- Help develop your self-confidence & communication skills
- Be part of a performance
- A great start in developing appropriate life skills

Classes in Margaret River and Busselton

Day: Tuesdays after school in Margaret River
Venue: The Zone Room, Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River

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Drama Certificate Course also available for High School students on Mondays in Busselton. Other classes may be held at other times depending on interest.

Contact Terry Thompson for enrolments and details.

Terry Thompson
Acting Up! Drama School
terry@actingup.com.au
0407 197 037

Cubs and Scouts are here in Margaret River!

Leaders are needed!

Are you interested in spending time with our youth? Scouts WA is a registered training organisation and offers free training for Leaders. A small committee of parents and volunteers who train as leaders runs the Scout Group. You and/or your children could be part of this active group. The program is varied and exciting with an outdoor focus. Imagine a weekend without computer games and iphones? A typical scout camp involves teamwork, challenges for building confidence and opportunity for personal development. Learning 1st Aid and participating in community service are also a big part of Scouting.

Cubs are for 8 to 10 year olds and Scouts are for 11 to 15 year olds. We meet at the ‘old tennis clubrooms’ between the Skate Park and Gloucester Park.

If you would like more information or know someone who would like to be involved in our leadership team please call
Group Leader Libby Dawson 0400735899