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Important Dates

24 June	UP Our Patch incursion
26 June	Students' last day - Term 2
20 July	Students' first day back - Term 3
20 July	School Council meeting
20 - 24 July	AP Senior School camp - Perth
29 July	Community lunch at AP
7 th August	Census day
Tues / Fri	Continued MP & UP going out program
Term 3, Week 3	Next Monti Connect newsletter published

Term Dates 2026:

Term 1 Student Dates: Monday 2/2/26 to Thursday 2/4/26
(10 weeks). Office open from Monday 19/1/26.

Public Holidays: Monday 2/3/26 (Labour Day), Friday 3/4/26 (Good Friday)
Pupil Free Days within term: none

Term 2 Student Dates: Tuesday 21/4/26 to Friday 26/6/26 (9 weeks).

Public Holidays: Monday 27/4/26 (ANZAC Day), Monday 1/6/26 (WA Day)
Pupil Free Days within term: Friday 15/5/26 (Official Reporting Day)

Term 3 Student Dates: Monday 20/7/26 to Friday 25/9/26
(10 weeks)

Public Holidays: none.

Pupil Free Days within term: none.

Term 4 Student Dates: Tuesday 13/10/26 to Thursday 10/12/26 (9 weeks). Office
open until 18/12/26.

Public Holidays: none.

Pupil Free Days within term: Friday 6/11/26 (Official Reporting Day).



We would like to acknowledge the Wadandi / Pibulmun Traditional Owners of this land on which we live, work and play, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



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Bush Babes News

Welcome to our newsletter Bush Babes....

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Looking Ahead

We are pleased to offer several opportunities for families interested in learning more about Montessori education and future pathways into Junior Primary.



Junior Primary Classroom Walkthrough

Bush Babes - Week 3

- For families with children approaching their third birthday.
- Experience the Junior Primary environment, observe Montessori learning in action and see how your child engages within the space.



Beginning The Montessori Journey Information Session

Friday 21st August

A short information session exploring Montessori education in the early years, transitioning into school life and the Junior Primary journey. Bookings are available through our website or the Enrolments Officer. This is a public event and spaces are limited.



Bush Babes Mat Session with Junior Primary

Bush Babes - Week 7

- For Bush Babes children at the end of their Bush Babes journey and looking ahead to Junior Primary.
- Join our Junior Primary students for a mat session and shared morning tea.
- To register please reach out to the Enrolments Officer

Bush Babe Transitioning children and parents joined the Junior Primary class for a mat session, that included a book, song, shared morning tea, and playtime in the Junior Primary playground.



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Extended Day News



In the afternoons, our Junior Primary friends have been having lots of fun in the Extended Day Program. With the huge storm and the change of season to Makuru, we have been talking all things weather!

A favourite activity was playing a dress-up game called 'What's the weather today?' in which the students chose from a range of clothes based on a pretend weather report presented.



We also watched shaving cream 'clouds' become heavy with water and 'rain' down into a jar below. We re-tested the Mia-mia's around the school during a rain shower to see if we could stay dry inside, and walked to the wetlands to observe the damage to the trees during the storm.

With all of these learnings integrated through science, art, songs, and games, the students have been able to engage in ways that suit their unique learning styles and interests.

I have loved watching their faces as the cognitive cogs turn, and they link new knowledge together with observations from our environment.

Lauren Burton - Extended Day Facilitator

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Junior Primary News

As we approach the Winter Holidays, the Junior Primary children have been busy preparing for our Kaigi Celebration of the Arts, we hope you enjoy their musical performances and are able to take a moment to look at the beautiful artworks on display. We are looking forward to sharing the children's creativity and hard work with our community.

The children have joyfully welcomed in our Mystery Readers this term and we are very grateful to all parents who were able to contribute in this way. We are making the most of every opportunity to learn and play outdoors when the weather allows. As you can see from these pictures, we have been exploring the wonderful wetlands we have access to and sharing citrus that one of our lovely families brought along for the children to share. You can support our Winter adventures by ensuring your child packs suitable warm and wet weather clothing, so they are able to comfortably enjoy their time outdoors.

We would like to wish all our families a safe, happy, and restful holiday break, especially those travelling. We hope you enjoy quality time together and return refreshed for the term ahead.

For cold and rainy days, families can support children's development through simple activities at home. Fine motor skills can be strengthened through baking, threading beads, drawing, colouring, cutting with scissors, folding paper, and helping with practical life tasks such as buttoning clothes or setting the table. Gross motor skills can be encouraged through indoor obstacle courses, yoga, dancing, animal walks, balloon games, and outdoor puddle-jumping adventures when the weather permits. We wish everyone a wonderful Winter Holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.



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Middle Primary News

As we come to the end of the term in Middle Primary, it has been lovely to reflect on the many experiences, conversations and moments of growth that have taken place in our classrooms. The children have been busy not only with their regular work cycle, but also with rich learning experiences that have supported their imagination, independence, collaboration and sense of connection to the wider world.

The children have continued to be inspired from The Great Stories, which open such rich pathways into many areas of learning. These stories invite the children to use their imagination as they consider the vastness of time, the formation of the Earth, the first forms of life, and the many changes that have taken place across the history of our planet. Many an interesting conversation takes place within our classrooms on all of these topics. It has been wonderful to hear the children discussing when the first creatures began to emerge from the oceans, the time when dinosaurs roamed the Earth, and the extinction events that shaped the world we know today.

This work connects beautifully with our current work in Zoology and Biology, particularly as the children explore the different Kingdoms of life and the classification of vertebrates. Through stories, timelines, impressionistic charts, research, discussion and hands-on materials, the children are developing a sense that the living things we study today are part of a much larger story — one that stretches back millions of years and continues to unfold.

We really do see the characteristics of the Second Plane child in this work. Children of this age are increasingly energetic, social and imaginative. They are ready to move beyond only what is immediately in front of them and begin to explore big ideas, distant times, moral questions and the wider universe.

When they gather around timelines, handle materials, move between research, discussion and drawing, or excitedly share their ideas about dinosaurs, fossils, animals and ancient life, we see this wonderful stage of development in action. It really is such a joy to observe and be part of this journey. Each child has contributed something unique to our classroom community, and it has been wonderful to see their individual strengths, interests and personalities continue to emerge.

Thank you for your ongoing support, communication and encouragement throughout the term. As we embark upon this last week we hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing break ahead, and we look forward to welcoming the children back next term ready for another wonderful period of learning.

The Middle Primary Team

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Upper Primary News

Surfing Stars!



Our Upper Primary surfing program has once again been a huge success! Over the course of the term, students embraced the opportunity to challenge themselves in the ocean, showing resilience, determination, and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. From sunny sessions to windy, rainy afternoons and a wide range of surf conditions, students learned to adapt, persevere, and make the most of every session. Along the way, they developed valuable knowledge about reading ocean conditions, understanding surf safety, and respecting the power of the sea.



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Upper Primary News

At the beginning of the program, each student set a personal surfing goal to work towards. Whether it was standing up consistently, catching unbroken waves, improving turns, or simply building confidence in the water, it was incredible to see the growth in both confidence and ability from the first session to the last. The progress made by all students was truly impressive.

A huge thank you goes to Simon Tien and his fantastic team of coaches for their expertise, encouragement, and enthusiasm throughout the program. We would also like to thank Ryan Brock and Matt for generously giving their time to drive the bus and help make these experiences possible. Well done to all of our surfers—we are so proud of the way you represented our school and embraced every challenge that came your way!



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Adolescent Program News

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Creative Expression Art classes in the Adolescent Program have been busy and productive this term. The art room has been buzzing with activity as students explored new ideas, experimented with different materials and techniques, and spent time developing their own creative projects.

One class explored the work of M.C. Escher and Op Art, looking at tessellations and graphic imagery. Students developed their own designs through drawing, taking inspiration from these styles before refining their ideas and carving them into lino blocks. They then produced a range of prints, experimenting with colour and composition to create unique outcomes. The other class focused on Surrealism and dream-like imagery, taking inspiration from contemporary artist Louis Jover. Students began by creating visual brainstorms of images that represented their interests, experiences, and personalities. These ideas were then used to develop mixed-media self-portraits, combining black-and-white photographs with collage, drawing, and a range of other art mediums.

It has been wonderful to see students engaging so positively with the creative process, taking risks, trying new techniques, and developing confidence in their artistic abilities. We look forward to continuing to support their creativity and seeing their ideas and skills continue to grow throughout the year.



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Adolescent Program News

Rewilding in Action!



What a wonderful demonstration of community, stewardship, and purposeful work at our Metricup Campus!

In one busy and productive day, our students, families, and staff came together to achieve something truly remarkable by planting 750 native trees.

This important work forms part of Harper's Project Rewilding initiative, helping to restore native habitats, support biodiversity, and strengthen the connection between our children and the natural environment.

Through hands-on engagement with the land, students experienced a core Montessori principle: learning through meaningful work that contributes to the wellbeing of the community and the world around them.

The planting of native species will create habitat for local wildlife, improve ecological resilience, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. It was inspiring to see everyone dig deep, work collaboratively, and embrace the challenge with enthusiasm, resilience, and care.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families, staff, and students who generously contributed their time and energy to make this project such a success. Together, we demonstrated what can be achieved when a community works with purpose and respect for the environment.

As these young trees take root and grow, they will stand as a living reminder of our commitment to caring for the Earth and our shared responsibility as stewards of the natural world.



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Scholarships

Margaret River Montessori School

Margaret River Montessori School is pleased to announce that applications for our 2027 Adolescent Program Scholarship Program are now open.

Our Scholarship Program is designed to support students and families who may face significant financial barriers to accessing or continuing a Montessori secondary education.

Through this program, MRMS seeks to support students who demonstrate a genuine enthusiasm for learning, resilience in the face of challenges, commitment to personal growth, and a positive contribution to their school community, both academically and socially.

Who Can Apply?

- Current MRMS Students due to be in Years 7-12 for 2027
- New and Applying students looking to enter Year 7-12 in 2027

Scholarship

Scan the QR code for more on scholarships



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"The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth." — Maria Montessori



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Wellbeing and Physical Education News

Kin Group activity welcoming in Makuru...

Hello Parents & Carers,

We are looking forward to our upcoming Makuru Kin Group Activity on Tuesday, 23 June 1.30-3pm.

This is a reminder for students to wear their Kin Group colours. The event will run rain or shine, so please remember to pack rain gear and appropriate clothing for wet weather.

We are looking for 1 more parent/community volunteer who may be interested in volunteering on this day to share stories, songs or books around the fire! This counts towards your community engagement hours. If this interests you, please e-mail Tessa Vincent at wellbeing@margmont.wa.edu.au

Your Move...

Please complete the Parent Your Move Survey Here!

[YOUR MOVE](#)



Swap fuel for feet!

Safe Cycling / Walking Routes to MRMS



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Inclusive Education News

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The Upper Primary students have been independently organising Going Outs into the wider community to source materials for their Mini Markets projects. Coles, Bunnings and Office National are amongst some of the businesses they have gone to. A group of students experienced the process of getting a refund from Office National.



A group of Middle Primary students have been working hard on designing and sourcing vests for the Going Out program. They called and booked a meeting with Southern WorkWear then walked to the business to ask about options and prices for the vests and to see the process of getting the vests made with printed logos.

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French Language News

Football Fever is here!



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SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!
WEAR A JERSEY,
YOUR TEAM'S OR COUNTRY'S COLOURS!!

LA COUPE MRMS

A fun filled day of soccer, French,
and World Cup activities!

JUNE 25, 2026

UP 10 - 1150 AM
FLASH MOB - 1150 AM
MP 13 - 1450 AM

- An allergy aware **Icy Pole** Treat (**QUELCH variety**) will be shared at half-time. Please reach out if you would like your child to **not** participate.

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Physical Education News

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Margaret River Montessori Martial Arts Fitness Club



- Upper Primary–Years 4, 5 and 6.
- Every Tuesday for the rest of Term 2
(Hopefully, this will also run in Terms 3 and 4)
- Start: 7:30am
- Finish: 8:15am
- Meet in the MRMS Hall
(Margaret River Campus)
- Breakfast of fruits served at 8:30am
- Parents can 'drop and go'
- Cost: \$5pp per session - \$25 for the rest of the term.
- Coaches: Finn Langlois, Oscar Chanin and Sean Allen
- Please email Olly to sign up:
deputy@margmont.wa.edu.au

The Montessori Martial Arts Fitness Club will be a student headed organisation being overseen by Deputy Principal Olly Chanin.

The instructors of the classes will be Finn Langlois (Year 8) with Oscar Chanin (Year 9) as assistant who have both had experience teaching Martial Arts. Sean Allen, experienced martial arts instructor and mentor, will also be overseeing and helping to plan lessons.

Fees will cover the fruit breakfast and some new equipment.

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School Council and P & F Corner

On Monday night this week, we held the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) for both our Parents & Friends (P&F) and our School Council (the Board of our school).

The result of our nominations are:

P&F

Chairperson – remains vacant - let us know if you are interested

Vice Chairperson – Steph Longmore-Dodd

Treasurer – Jodie Smith

Secretary – Kate Morgan

Class Mentor Coordinator – Alex Harris

Volunteer Coordinator – remains vacant - let us know if you are interested

Class Mentors – Nicola Raimbert, Kate Mingram, Sara McAllister, Mel Britto, Jodie Passmore, Amy Carter James, Jo Teasdale, Kelly Cope.

School Council

Chairperson – Kris Longmore-Dodd

Vice Chairperson – Dane Gaunt

Treasurer – Denise Leppard

Secretary – Caris Cadd

General Governing Body Member – Mel Pimm

General Governing Body Member – Anke Lasserre

General Governing Body Member – Ales Berlot

P&F Rep – Amy Sands

Staff Rep – Lee-Anne French

Myself

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Stephen Bebington, who has dedicated an extraordinary few years to our School Council, as Vice Chair. Stephen has been a steady presence and a source of practical wisdom through some of the most consequential years in the school's history. On behalf of all of us: thank you.

This level of service is no small feat; it speaks to a deep belief in our school and a quiet, consistent willingness to support it behind the scenes.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the extraordinary parents who give so generously to our school. Through the Board, P&F, Class Mentor roles, the Master Planning Subcommittee, and so many quiet moments behind the scenes. You offer not just your time, but your wisdom, care, and belief in what we do. We are profoundly grateful. It is no small thing to be part of a community where so many brilliant, big-hearted people lean in to help us grow. Our school is richer, stronger, and more visionary because of you, and we never take that for granted.

P & F Meeting Schedule

Term 3 - Meeting at Primary Campus Mon 27th July at 2pm

- Online Teams Meeting Mon 31st Aug at 7pm

Term 4 - Meeting at Primary Campus Mon 2nd Nov at 2pm

- Online Teams Meeting Mon 23rd Nov at 7pm

End of Year Celebration / Finalisation: 6pm Wed 2nd Dec (offsite Pearls Bar or similar)

If you think you can help or like to attend then please get in touch with Nats at

pfsecretarymontessori@gmail.com or 0428094585.

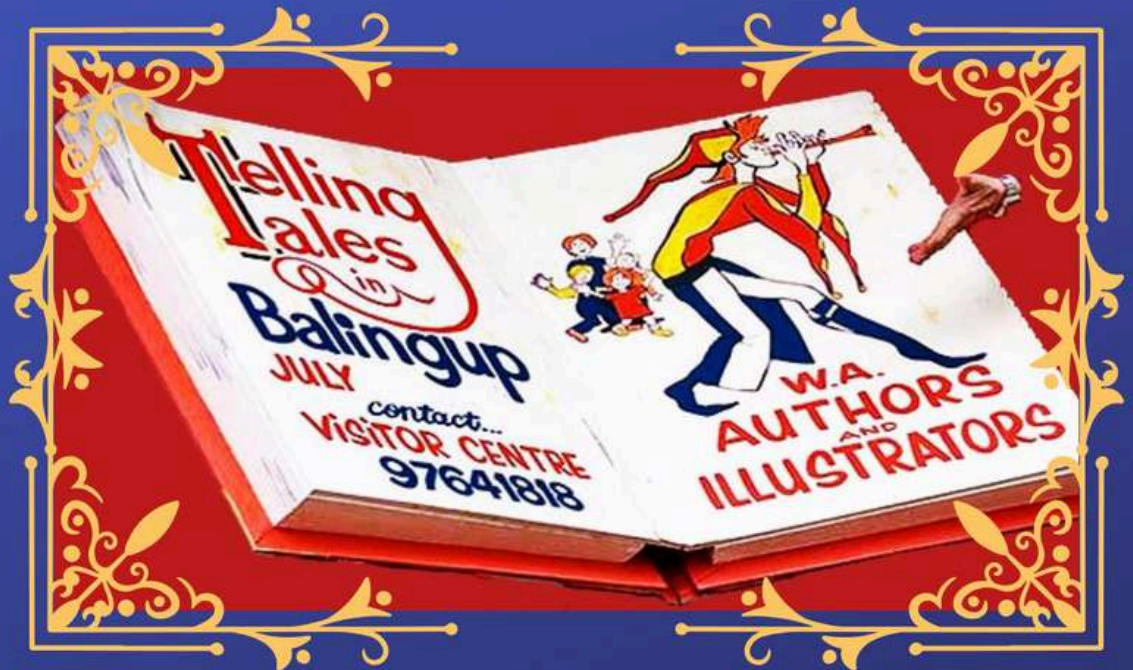


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Community News

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TELLING TALES CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

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11TH JULY 2026

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A Final Thought...

As we come to the end of another wonderful term, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a joy to watch the children grow in confidence, independence, curiosity, and kindness throughout the term.

We wish all families a restful and enjoyable break filled with opportunities for connection, exploration, and joy. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for more learning, discovery, and growth.



"There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature, to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature." – Maria Montessori

Let's keep in touch!



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