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Important Dates

11 August	Our Patch wetland excursion - Yr 3
12 August	Community Lunch at AP
13 & 14 August	MP Camp
17 August	School Council Meeting
19 August	SW School Lightning Carnival Bunbury - AP
19 August	Music Recital
21 August	Mammoth Cave excursion - MP
22 August	Music Wiz Quiz
Week 6	Book Week - Symphony of Stories
26 August	Community Lunch at AP
27 August	Our Patch Project & Presentation at the Heart - Yr 6
28 August	Mammoth Cave excursion - UP
Each week	Going Out Program - MP & UP
Term 3, Week 6	Next Monti Connect newsletter published



A Fond Farewell...

We extend our sincere thanks to our much-loved Art Teacher Michaela Fabrici for the creativity, passion and care she shared with our students over the past few years.

We wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter with her growing family.

We are also pleased to share that Jan will now be teaching Art across our Junior Primary classes, while Louwellyn Gossi will join us at our Primary Campus for MP and UP, and now teaching Art across both Campuses.

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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Term Dates 2026 and 2027

Please note change of Pupil Free Day Term 4 2026 now Friday 13 /11/26

Term Dates 2026

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 13/11/26 (Official Reporting Day). 

Term Dates 2027

Term 1 Student Dates: Monday 1/2/27 to Friday 9/4/27 - (10 weeks).

Office open from Monday 18/1/27.

Public Holidays: Monday 1/3/27 (Labour Day), Friday 26/3/27 (Good Friday), Monday 29/3/27 (Easter Monday).

Pupil Free Days within term: none.

Term 2 Student Dates: Tuesday 27/4/27 to Friday 2/7/27 (10 weeks).

Public Holidays: Monday 7/6/27 (WA Day).

Pupil Free Days within term: TBC (Official Reporting Day).

Term 3 Student Dates: Monday 26/7/27 to Friday 24/9/27 - (9 weeks).

Public Holidays: none.

Pupil Free Days within term: none.

Term 4 Student Dates: Tuesday 12/10/27 to Thursday 9/12/27 (9 weeks).

Office open until 17/12/27.

Public Holidays: none.

Pupil Free Days within term: TBC (Official Reporting Day).

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Kaigi of the Arts and Mini Market - Term 2

Photo Gallery



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Junior Primary News

The children have settled back into the rhythm and routines of school beautifully this term.

We have been delighted to welcome Susan (Atlas' mum) into school one afternoon per week to share her wealth of gardening knowledge and experience with our full time Junior Primary children. The children have been enthusiastic participants weeding, preparing soil and planting.

We are always very grateful when our parent community shares their special skills or interests with us! If you feel you may be able to contribute in such a way, please be sure to let us know.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying spending time in our nature play area (fondly called the dinosaur area) creating habitats for creatures, playing with loose parts and having adventures.

We have observed the changes that have occurred in the indigenous season of Makuru at the wetlands, sketching the natural environment and then painting it with water colours.

Book Week is coming up in Week 6 (day and time to be confirmed) so you may like to start discussing a much-loved book with your child and an outfit to wear.



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Middle Primary News

Learning Together Through Connection and Nature

The past couple of weeks have been filled with opportunities for our community to come together through shared experiences, meaningful relationships, and learning beyond the classroom.

One of the highlights has been our Play and Stay sessions. These special afternoons are a popular way to connect with the families, make new friends and build positive partnerships with the adults who guide your children when they are school, in a fun and informal way. We are grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make these sessions such a positive experience and look forward to more opportunities to build community.

We were also excited to launch our new Our Patch Nature Conservation Program for our Year 3 students. This initiative encourages children to become thoughtful environmental stewards by developing a deep understanding of the natural world within their own local community. During the first session, students visited a local wetland to investigate the differences between healthy and unhealthy ecosystems. Through careful observation, discussion, and inquiry, they explored how water quality, vegetation, and human activity influence the health of wetlands and the plants and animals that depend on them. The children considered how changes to an environment affect local flora and fauna and began asking thoughtful questions about how people can help protect these precious habitats.

Experiences like these reflect the Montessori belief that children develop a genuine respect for the environment when they are given opportunities to connect with it directly. By observing, questioning, and caring for the natural world, our students are building not only scientific understanding but also a sense of responsibility and hope for the future.

Next week we head off on our annual Middle Primary Camp at Camp Geographe. This is a huge milestone for our children as it is often the first time they have spent a night away from their parents in a school camp setting. We have been going to Camp Geographe for many years now. And it is a favourite and special spot for the children and adults alike.

We look forward to sharing more of the students' discoveries as the Our Patch program continues throughout the year as well as some special moments from Camp in the future.



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Upper Primary News

Tournament of Minds & STEM: Learning Through Collaboration and Creativity

This term, Upper Primary students have been immersed in hands-on learning through both our Tournament of Minds (TOMS) teams and our classroom STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) challenges. These experiences are providing students with authentic opportunities to investigate, design, create, test and refine their ideas while developing the skills needed to work effectively with others.

Maria Montessori famously said, "The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence." We see this philosophy come to life every day as students sketch, build, experiment, solve problems and bring their ideas to life. Through making and creating, they are not only developing their understanding of scientific and engineering concepts but also strengthening their ability to think critically, adapt and persevere.

Our Tournament of Minds teams have been tackling complex, open-ended challenges that require innovation, imagination and teamwork. Students are learning that successful collaboration means listening to different perspectives, communicating clearly, compromising when necessary and recognising that every team member brings unique strengths to the group. They are discovering that the best ideas are often created together.



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Meanwhile, students not participating in Tournament of Minds have been equally engaged in a series of STEM engineering challenges. Most recently, they have been designing and building their own Rube Goldberg-inspired chain reaction machines, exploring how energy is transferred through a sequence of carefully planned actions. Students have investigated forces such as pushes, pulls and gravity while applying the Engineering Design Process—planning, creating, testing, evaluating and improving their designs.

Whether they are working on Tournament of Minds or STEM projects, all Upper Primary students are developing the same essential skills: creativity, resilience, critical thinking, collaboration and problem-solving. They are learning to embrace mistakes as opportunities for growth, celebrate the successes of others and persist when a solution isn't immediately obvious.

As Maria Montessori observed, "The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'" Watching our students confidently take ownership of their learning, support one another and solve real-world problems reminds us that meaningful learning happens when children are trusted to explore, create and discover together.

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Adolescent Program News

Senior School Odyssey Camp – Exploring Perth Through Wonder and Curiosity

What an incredible way to begin Semester Two! Our Senior School Odyssey Camp to Perth was a resounding success, providing students with an authentic urban learning experience filled with exploration, challenge, discovery and connection.

A sincere thank you goes to everyone who contributed to making the camp such a memorable experience, particularly our students, who embraced every opportunity with genuine curiosity, respect and appreciation. Their willingness to step outside their comfort zones, support one another and engage positively with each experience made the week a pleasure for everyone involved.

The adventure began with an early morning departure from Margaret River before arriving in Cockburn, where students immediately demonstrated growing independence and responsibility by navigating Perth's public transport network to locate our accommodation in the heart of the city. This set the tone for a week centred on developing confidence, problem-solving and real-world life skills.

Over the following days, students immersed themselves in everything the city had to offer. Travelling almost exclusively by foot and public transport, they explored Perth's streets, parks and cultural precincts, clocking up some impressive distances — covering approximately 13 kilometres on foot in a single day!



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Adolescent Program News

Highlights included exploring Fremantle harbour and the WA Maritime Museum, before returning to the city to experience the WA Museum Boola Bardip and the immersive OceanXperience exhibition. Students were welcomed as members of the OceanX crew and challenged to investigate the extraordinary marine life found along Western Australia's coastline, combining science, technology and conservation through an engaging interactive experience.

Students also enjoyed time at Perth Zoo and Kings Park, where they completed orienteering challenges while learning about conservation and biodiversity. At State Parliament, they participated in a civics lesson, historical scavenger hunt and guided tour, taking their seats in the Legislative Assembly to reflect on the significance of democracy, leadership and active citizenship. Students learned about key moments in Western Australia's political history, including the remarkable achievements of Edith Cowan, Australia's first woman elected to parliament, whose legacy continues to inspire future generations of changemakers.

The week also included a visit to the Perth Careers and Employment Expo, encouraging students to think about future pathways, and a moving performance of The Diary of Anne Frank at the Heath Ledger Theatre, prompting thoughtful conversations about history, humanity and resilience.



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Adolescent Program News

Of course, some of the most memorable moments came between scheduled activities — sharing meals together, navigating the city, enjoying countless laughs and strengthening friendships. Throughout the week, students represented themselves and our school exceptionally well, demonstrating maturity, excellent communication skills and a genuine appreciation for the opportunities provided. A special thank you also goes to the staff who dedicated their time, care and enthusiasm to organising and facilitating the camp. Experiences such as these simply would not be possible without their commitment.

The Senior School Odyssey Camp once again demonstrated that some of the most powerful learning happens beyond the classroom. Students returned with stronger relationships, greater confidence, shared memories and new knowledge that will continue to enrich their learning throughout the remainder of the year.

We are already looking forward to the next Odyssey!



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Adolescent Program News

A Meaningful Journey to India

Katherine Shearer
MRMS Adolescent Coordinator and Guide

During the first two weeks of Term 3, I had the privilege of spending time in Chandigarh, India, alongside my colleague and friend Laureen Barnard - whom many of you will remember from her presentation earlier this year. Laureen and I first trained together in 2014, and we are both currently working towards our AMI Trainer of Trainers (ToT) qualification. Together, we supported the team at Vivek Montessori School as they continue developing their Erdkinder adolescent programme. Our role was entirely voluntary. We were invited to observe, mentor and collaborate with educators as they work towards creating an authentic Montessori environment for adolescents. This included working closely alongside approximately 240 Year 7/8 students and 12 adolescent guides, as well as engaging with the school's administration team. Through classroom observations, hands-on guidance, seminars, professional dialogue and collaborative planning sessions, we were able to support ongoing programme development while also engaging deeply with the students, guides and leadership team we worked with.

A significant focus of our time was spent in the adolescent programme itself, where we supported guides in refining their practice, strengthening the prepared environment, and deepening their understanding of adolescent needs within an Erdkinder context. It was a privilege to engage directly with students in their learning spaces, observing their independence, curiosity and growing sense of responsibility within a living Montessori community.

Although the programme is currently based in an urban setting, it is also in an exciting stage of growth. The school has recently purchased an 8-acre property with the vision of developing a more authentic Erdkinder farm-based environment in the future. It was inspiring to hear about this long-term commitment to deepening the adolescent experience in alignment with Montessori principles.

I would like to sincerely thank the Margaret River Montessori School community for supporting my absence and making this opportunity possible. I am incredibly grateful to work within a school that values collaboration, professional learning and contributing to the wider Montessori community.



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Physical Education News

Safe Cycling / Walking Routes to MRMS



Bike Racks Have Arrived!!

Last term, our Your Move team were excited to receive a large (and heavy) delivery containing 3 new bike racks! Made by Kardan in Perth, these racks are designed to fit four bikes each, with the front or rear wheel able to slot into the gaps. Joel and the Your Move team assembled the racks on the first day of Term Three and we are all excited to try them out!

The purchase of these bike racks was made possible thanks to us acquiring a Connecting Schools grant provided by the Department of Transport. By participating in the Your Move program, our school was eligible to apply for the grant, which was worth \$3500.

Thanks again to Your Move for providing us with the opportunities and impetus to increase active transport in our school!

Your Move....



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French Language News

Languages Week is here, and we're saying bonjour to fun across our school!

Our French classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as we celebrate Languages Week. Our Adolescent Program enjoyed a delicious French morning tea, while our Primary students came together through dance and LEGO Language, celebrating the joy of language and culture. This week also marks the beginning of an exciting whole-school differentiated project exploring the fascinating journeys of French explorers to Western Australia. As part of this learning adventure, students will unleash their creativity by designing a commemorative sticker inspired by the theme. This project is inspired by Teachers of French of Western Australia and gives students the opportunity to connect their learning with the wider French community. C'est magnifique! We can't wait to see where this journey takes us.

We ended Term 2 on such a high note!



There was even a Flash Mob!



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Wellbeing News

Primary School Clubs - See the AP Term 3 News for AP Clubs

WEEKLY CLUBS-TERM 3

MONDAY

- Acoustic Band with Tony- The Hall  *term commitment*
- Chess Club with Joel- The Hive 
- Library open for quiet time 

TUESDAY

- Choir with Tony and Jana- The Hall  *term commitment*
- Library open for quiet time 

WEDNESDAY

- Library Open for quiet time 

THURSDAY

- Create and Chat with Tessa- Jarrah 
- Book Club with Jana- Maleleuca 
- Dance Club with Lily- The Hall  *UP Only* *term commitment*

FRIDAY

- TOMS with Lily and Rosie- Acacia  *UP only*
- Library open for quiet time 

Library News

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF
STORIES



22-28 August 2026



We have a week full of fun, excitement and memorable experiences planned for our students as we celebrate Book Week!

Stay tuned as more information will be shared soon.

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Dance News

Dance Club with Onyx

Join us on Wednesday mornings for a fun and welcoming Dance Club led by Year 7 MRMS AP student, Onyx Robertson.

- Dates: Wednesday – Week 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 (note- no session on week 7 due to AP camp)
- Times: 7:30am start 8:15am finish
- Maximum numbers: This is limited to between 6 and 10 students. Initially it will be open to Year 3 and Year 2 only. Places will be based on a 'First in, best dressed'.
- Location: Primary School Hall
- Clothing: Please wear comfortable active wear type clothing
- Cost: \$5 a session (\$25 for the term) – this money goes into the AP student communal 'Production and Exchange' pot which is then spent by the student body.
- Deadline: Please respond by 12pm - Friday 7th August. A member of staff will then be in contact to confirm if you have been allocated space.
- Supervising staff: Lisa Fenton and/or Lily Rooney
- No previous dance experience required, all levels welcome and accommodated.

Explore movement, music and creativity in a relaxed, supportive environment while learning some basic techniques from a variety of styles including jazz, contemporary and ballet. Students will also have the chance to learn a short routine, build confidence, express themselves and, most importantly, have fun. Come along, give it a go, and discover the joy of moving to music!



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Events News

MARGARET RIVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL

music wiz quiz

fancy dress



22 AUGUST 2026 | DOORS OPEN 6:00PM | QUIZ STARTS 6:30PM

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FROM **\$25** PP (Earlybird price - save \$10pp)
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Come dressed as your favourite artist or band and be in the running to win yourself a prize, or extra points for your table!

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More chances to win prizes, gain points and have a blast

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Erdkinder METRICUP CAMPUS PROUDLY PRESENTS

OPEN DAY & FETE SUNDOWNER

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 2PM - 7PM
62 HARMANS MILL ROAD, METRICUP




Free Event / Open to the whole community
Enjoy an afternoon filled with fun activities for all ages
Meet our passionate educators and students
Discover how our unique approach to learning sets us apart
Explore our state of the art facilities and stunning rural property
Live music from our students
Delicious selection of food, refreshments with great coffee
Wonderful range of Arts & Crafts made by our students
Games, facepainting and raffles
Alcohol free event

While bookings are not required, a quick RSVP via the QR code helps us prepare for the day
THANK YOU!

Big Picture EDUCATION AUSTRALIA

TAKING THE BIG FREEZE for Sue & MNDWA

Margaret River Montessori School

Around 30 staff, students and families took the icy plunge at Gnarabup Beach on **Sunday 19 July** to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease WA (MNDWA) in memory of our much-loved founding parent and former staff member, Sue Gaunt. Despite the wild weather, our community embraced the challenge with plenty of spirit and support from the shore.

The fundraising page will remain open for another month, so if you'd still like to donate or share the page, every contribution—big or small—is greatly appreciated.

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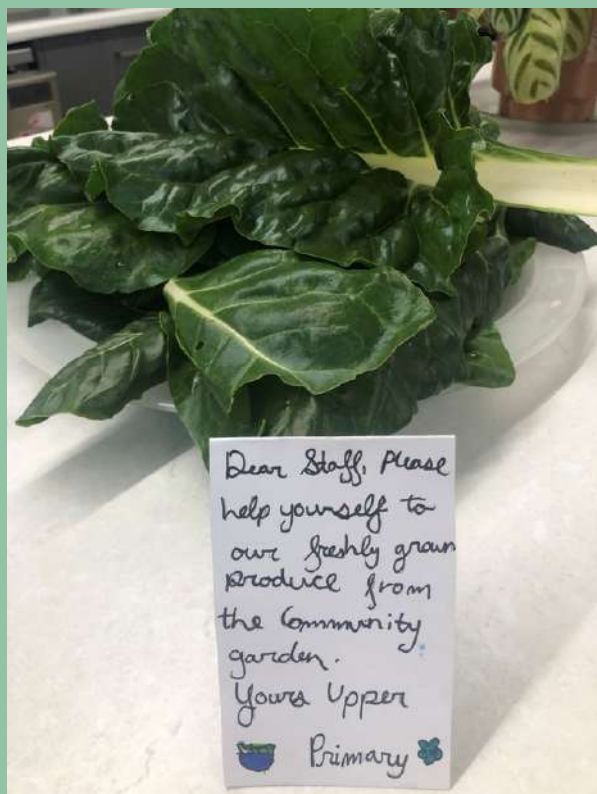
 

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Our Community News

Growing together -thank you so much Upper Primary for the spinach and to Jerika for turning the fresh produce into yummy scrolls for all the staff!

From This....



To That....



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 Kate Morgan at pfsecretarymontessori@gmail.com

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Community News



A Community Connection Event for Neurodiverse Families



**SATURDAY
22 AUGUST**



**THE HANGOUT
MARGARET RIVER**
(3/40 Station Rd,
Margaret River)



FREE



Families with neurodivergent children aged **15 years and under** are invited to join us for an afternoon of connection, fun and community.



From **2pm to 5pm**, children will enjoy supported activities while parents and carers have the opportunity to meet other families, share experiences, and build lasting connections in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment.



Light refreshments will be provided.



Places are limited.
Register today:

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- ♥ Purpose Therapy Services

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A Final Thought...

Thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter for Term 3. We look forward to sharing another term of learning, discovery and connection with our wonderful school community. Be sure to keep an eye on Parent Orbit for weekly updates, upcoming events and important notices as we continue this journey together.



*"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed."
— Maria Montessori*

Let's keep in touch!



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