Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome back to another busy term. We were delighted to see so many of the children back at school today.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday. I have heard quite a few stories about memorable moments among them being a grandfather knocked over by dolphins, swimming lessons in the ocean and a trip to Geraldton.

**Staffing 2016**

Principal: Lyndy Richmond
Manager Corporate Services: Josie Kent
Teachers:
- Sherree Nicholson FTE 0.6 Senior Room
- Tarin Collins FTE 0.4 Senior Room
- Natalie Beaton FTE 1.0 Junior Room
Education Assistant:
- Leanne Capelli FTE 0.6
- Ann Borona FTE 0.3 On Leave 2016
Cleaner: Vicki Layfield
Gardeners: Liz Borona, Danuta Michalik

**Councillors**

As has become the tradition at MRPS, our Year 6 students become our councillors. So that each child has a chance to shine and to grow as a leader, each will serve one term with all being involved in Term 4 as this is our busiest term.

Term 1: Noah and Patrick
Term 2: Judd and Charli
Term 3: Hamish and Charli
Term 4: Noah, Patrick, Judd, Charli, and Hamish

**Forms**

Several forms were sent home on your child’s first day at school. Please return ASAP.

The forms were:
- Statutory Declaration
- Swimming Forms x 2
- Permission: Images
- Permission: Internet
- Permission: Bus Numbers

**Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons commence next Monday 08.02.16 and continue until Friday, 19.02.16.

This year all children will leave school at approximately 10.10 AM and travel to Southern Cross pool either in Josie’s bus or private vehicle. On arrival half the group will have morning tea and then
supervised free time in the pool while the remainder have a lesson, followed by a later morning tea and supervised free time in the pool. We expect to be back at school by 12.20 PM. The afternoon session will not change.

Please put swimming gear – bathers, towel, goggles, rash shirt in separate bag from school bag. Children must wear a shirt or rash shirt for lessons. For the duration of the swimming lessons, also supply morning tea and water as part of their swimming gear.

Library

Library day is Tuesday. Please encourage your child/children to borrow regularly and return books promptly.

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contributions assist the school in providing materials to improve your child’s learning experiences. It would be fantastic if all contributions could be received during Term 1. Families may choose to send in cash, a cheque or pay by direct deposit to our ANZ BSB 016798 ACCOUNT NUMBER 253884676.

Please make sure that you identify your deposit with your child’s name to ensure that we credit it correctly.

Early Close

Please remember that Tuesday’s are early close days and school finishes at 2.30 p.m.

Lunch Orders
Lunch order day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child’s lunch order is at the shop by Wednesday.

Students’ Stationery

Thank you to those families who have been able to send in their children’s stationery for the year. Not all stationery and books are needed immediately and those not needed will be stored in the classroom for future use.

Please ensure items are marked clearly with student’s name.

Regards

Lyndy Richmond
Principal

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Enjoying the new shade cover
Southern Cross General Practice

Dr Mark Byrne has now commenced practicing at the newly named “Southern Cross General Practice”

The opening hours for February are:
Monday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 10.00 am - 5.30pm
Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm
(May open Saturday mornings if required)

The new phone number for the practice will be:

9049 1147

but they can still be contacted on the old number, 9049 1152 for the time being.