

Moora Residential College

Term 1 2024 Newsletter

A note from the College Manager

Dear parents, carers, and friends of MRC,

Term 1 has flown by! At times the hot weather was unforgiving, but I think we have managed it very well and the pool was well-used.



The students were kept busy with inside activities while it was warm, but I think they are looking forward to the cooler weather and spending time around the fire at the yarning circle. At the beginning of term, we welcomed our two new cleaners Jessica Begg and Virpal Guraya. The two ladies have settled into their new roles very well. We have also welcomed our new male Supervisor Garry Wilson to the team. Garry comes with an awesome skill set and is ready to teach the students lots of new life skills.

At the beginning of term 1, we took delivery of our new college bus. There was great excitement for the team when the new bus drove down the street. It is beautiful inside and out as you will see from the photos.

Supervisors have continued with ongoing Classroom Management Strategies (CMS) training this term and during the second week of the holidays we will attend the Supervisors' Boarding Conference in Perth with the other colleges.

As Easter approaches the MRC team wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Easter, enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back again in Term 2.

The new College bus!

The new college bus was finally delivered on Feb 19th. All of the staff and students were very excited for this long-awaited delivery and are looking forward to their first adventure in the new bus.



The RESI way..

Our focus is on positively rewarding the RESI way of doing things.

Respect
Encouragement
Safety
Independence

Reminding students of the expectations around the college.

Look out for our new PBS Expectation posters that will be going up in time for next term



College Activities

The Vegetable Garden Take-Over

Toward the end of 2023 we noticed a new plant had reared its head in our vegetable garden. Not remembering exactly what we had planted or even its approximate location, we waited with bated breath to see what we were growing.

Ove the Summer holidays this plant continued to grow and grow and grow and grow! Mrs Harvey googled the web to find images that resembled this plant. Mrs Harvey took pictures and posted them on a site called "Gardening WA" – her suspicions and predictions were either a pumpkin or a zucchini plant.

Alas, all the watering and singing to this plant only made the plant grow even faster. It consumed the tomato bushes, ran completely over the parsley and sage herbs, and started to make its way over the fence and toward the outside of the boys' dorms.



Nij, our gardener finally unfurled the mystery. Underneath the mountain of foliage and creeping vines, stood a very beautiful, brightly coloured, green, and yellow pumpkin! Mrs Harvey screamed with delight and took this highly respected pumpkin inside to the kitchen. "The proof will be in the pudding" she exclaimed as she carefully pushed the sharp knife through the centre! Oh joy, oh joy! It was a sight for sore eyes – just perfect!

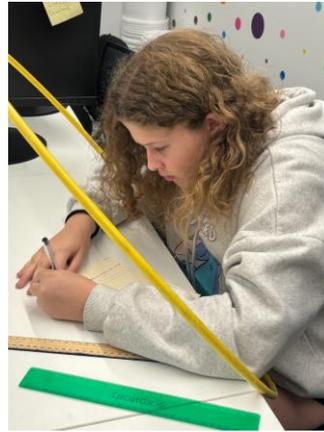
The story ended happily ever after with a great pot of home-made pumpkin soup and a batch of pumpkin scones.

Pen Pals

This year we have taken pen to paper and started a writing club. This style of letter writing is a dying art and if the youth of today have no knowledge of such things as writing, stamping, addressing and posting letters then how can this art form be passed on?



Our first letters were mainly to family and we even posted them at the letter-box in town! The students learnt how to correctly address the envelope and include the necessary information for these letters to arrive at their destinations.



We are awaiting a list of students wishing to do the same from the other Resi colleges. Merridan, has reached out, City Beach has expressed an interest and so has Geraldton. Once we get a list together we can converse with each other. You never know, the friendships formed

through this letter writing club just might be the start of a very long relationship.

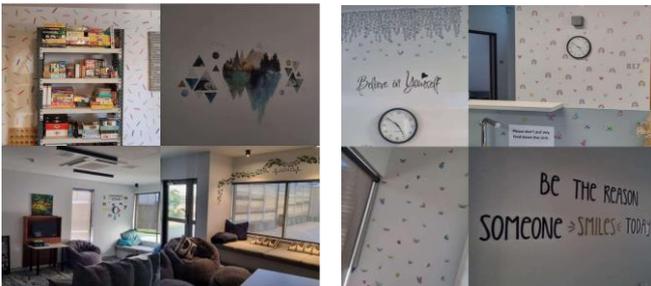


Changing Things Around

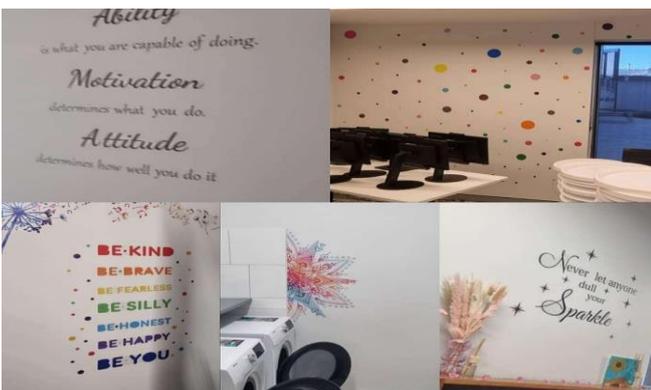
Miss Porter was busy over the holidays changing dorm loungerooms and adding a splash of colour all over the college! With some DIY activities planned to add some more decorations, we hope to make MRC feel brighter and have inviting spaces wherever you turn.



We have had many changes; our students have settled in well to the new year and we look forward to seeing the evolution of their home away from home 🏠



As always, a big thank you to all the MRC staff who worked tirelessly and made sure all the last-minute final touches were complete for the 2024 new year. Also, a big thank you to our MRC students for following the RESI way by helping our new students settle in and for respecting their new and improved spaces within the college.



Ready Steady Cook

Ready Steady Cook is back up and running for 2024, look out for some delicious food being prepared by the students.



Positive Behaviour Support

We have a new cupboard for our PBS stock. Students earn RESI Bucks for following the Resi way and meeting college expectations and they can then save their "Resi Bucks" and spend them on prizes from the cupboards. The PBS stock is always changing, and students have lots to choose from. Following the RESI way means we do and have Respect, Encouragement, Safety, and Independence.



PLEASE, EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH ITS OWNER'S NAME!!

What to Bring in Term 2

WINTER WEAR

- Please remember to bring back warmer clothing for the cooler days and warm P.J's for the cooler nights.
- Please pack an alarm clock for your student. Students hand in their phones, iPads etc at night so they like something to wake them up.
- Please ensure that your student brings a water bottle back to the college with them.

School Uniforms

In partnership with **CMSHS** we support students to wear the correct school uniform every day. Please support your student and ensure they have the correct school uniform and that your student has a school winter jumper.

Also please make sure your student has all pens, pencils, rulers and other stationery required for schoolwork to help them be ready for their school day.

GENERAL

NO aerosol cans are to be kept in the students' rooms; they need to be handed into the Supervisors!

NO electric blankets/heaters or fans are allowed to be brought in from home. All the students' rooms are air-conditioned/heated.

Please ensure that your child returns to the college with a drink bottle.

Please can ALL students bring back a washing basket. This helps to keep your dirty washing in, when you are hanging out your wet washing it gives you something to carry the washing in and out to the clothesline.

AIC Statement

When you receive your AIC confirmation statement from Centrelink, please email this to Jess our MCS so she can add this to your child's file. Here is an example of what your statement will look like.

Locked Bag 7834 Canberra Bc, ACT 2610
Reference: 111 111 111A

Parent Name
Address
SUBURB WA POSTCODE

10 January 2024 (may be a date in 2023)

Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

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| Payment on 24/01/2024 | |
| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,476.39 |
| TOTAL | \$2,476.39 |
| Payment on 11/4/2024 | |
| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,476.39 |
| TOTAL | \$2,476.39 |
| Payment on 11/7/2024 | |
| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,503.61 |
| TOTAL | \$2,503.61 |
| Payment on 03/10/2024 | |
| Basic Boarding Allowance / Term | \$2,503.61 |
| TOTAL | \$2,503.61 |

Information used for calculating your regular Payment Entitlement for 2024\$Amount

PAYMENT FOR
STUDENT NAME

Contact information

If you have any questions about this letter please ring:
13 2 318 OR 13 1202 for Multilingual Services
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Please quote reference number 111 111 111A)

Your local Centrelink Office:
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm
www.centrelink.gov.au

If you are sending an email regarding fees or accounts please forward to our new email

moorarescol.admin@education.wa.edu.au



Important Dates for Term 1 and 2

| Event | Date |
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| MRC closes for Term 1 | Thursday 28 th March at 5:00pm |
| MRC opens for Term 2, 2024 | Sunday 14 th April at 3:00pm |
| Central Midlands Senior High School | School starts Monday 15 th April 2024 |
| MRC closes for Term 2, 2024 | Friday 28 th June at 5:00pm |
| Save the Date: | MRC 50 th Anniversary, will be held at the college in partnership with CMSHS on Saturday 23 rd November 2024 |

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Ashton and Breeze with their certificates from school, Ashton's for English, and Breeze's for a PBS award. Well done!

