



Millars Well Primary School

WORDS FROM THE WELL ISSUE 16

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Recent P&C Meeting

The P and C held a further meeting last night to ratify decisions that had been made at the previous meeting in Term 3 when there were insufficient numbers to approve decisions. Thank you to the 12 members that attended last night. Your support is appreciated and helped finalise important decisions and positions within the P and C. Thank you to Mrs Fiona Byrne who has taken on the role of P and C Secretary and also Uniform Co-ordinator, along with Ms Aimy Baxter.

The P and C is a valued group where parents can directly plan activities, provide support, and contribute to resourcing the school benefiting all children and families. They operate our school canteen and the uniform shop. Without further support, the function of the P and C Association is limited to the work only a few can do.

The canteen will only be open on Wednesday and Friday during this term and requires volunteer support. Thank you to the parents who have already indicated their willingness to be involved.

In Term Swimming

Next week children will begin their In Term Swimming lessons at the Karratha Leisureplex. These lessons are provided annually through the Department of Education In Term Swimming program. I hope that your child enjoys the experience and learns skills that will assist them in being confident in and around the water. It's a great opportunity to learn these skills and I encourage all students to be involved.

Staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Astrid Morgan who has returned to our school and is now teaching students in the lessons that were previously provided by Mr Mark Simpson (PE) and Ms Erin Smith. Mrs Morgan will also be providing support to students and families in our students at risk program or those that receive educational support. This will primarily occur on Tuesday each week.

Mrs Anne Carr also joins our staff and will take over the Art program previously delivered by Ms Pippa Lovell. Mrs Carr is a capable and passionate teacher and artist who has entered her own works in local exhibitions. Mrs Carr has already inspired staff on our school development day by providing a practical lesson to engage in.

Thank you to Ms Hayley Barker, and Mrs Sally O'Donoghue for their work and support in the office last week while I was out of the school. Their support has been really appreciated and I am sure they have enjoyed the experience of caring for the needs of students and staff on those days.

Congratulations and welcome back to Ms Smith who had her wedding over the holiday break and has also returned from a brief leave.

Reminder for End of the Year Events

While we are still quite some time from the end of year, I can inform you that the last day for students is Thursday 18th December and for staff the last day is Friday 19th December.

Our whole School Presentation Night is booked for Wednesday the 10th December and our Year 6/7 Graduation event is Wednesday 17th December.

We will have a short prefect assembly this week on Thursday 23rd October.

Until next time, warm regards

Weston Jackson
Principal

SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE

- **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY** – FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER
- **SWIMMING LESSONS** – MONDAY, 27 OCT – FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER
- **TA 7 ASSEMBLY** – THURSDAY, 13 NOV



An example of the artwork completed by staff on the Professional Development Day.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on **Thursday, 13 November** and will be hosted by Mr Maxwell's TA 7 class. The assembly will commence at **8.25am** in the covered area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour over Term 3: **Ethan Whiting, Leah Turnbull, Jessika Booth, Tyga King, Portia Scolari, Horizon Robertson, Ebony Bradley, Trisha Shinde, Jinja Shub and Regita Maluka.**

Physical Education Award – Sahen McKay. Science Award – Ben Simpson and Alyssa Cooper.

Certificates of Merit: Taylor Kelly, Quinton Scolari, Josh Chapman and Jamal Hodzic. Well done!



VALUE FOCUS - CONFIDENCE

Confidence means....

feeling I can do it and not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new.

Examples of Being Confident

- raising my hand to answer a hard question.
- doing hard work without asking for help.
- sharing a new idea with my teacher and class.
- saying "hello" and talking to someone new.

Habits of the mind to help my Confidence

Accepting myself means not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.

Taking Risks means thinking that it's good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.

Being Independent means thinking that it's important for me to try new activities and to speak up.



CYCLONE PROCEDURE

The annual cyclone season is upon us again. From an organisational point of view, the most difficult time is when a yellow alert is called during the school day. When Karratha goes on to yellow alert all schools close (as do most, if not all, work places). If the alert occurs during the night or in the early hours of the morning, school will be closed. If a yellow alert is called before lunch, the school closes at lunch time. Parents need to make arrangements to pick their children up as the school will not simply send them home.

Please ensure you have a copy of the school's Cyclone Procedure and read the information carefully. If you need clarification of this procedure or did not receive this information, please contact the office or access the information on the school's website: www.millarswellps.wa.edu.au.



ARE YOU MOVING?

If you know that you will be leaving town before the commencement of the new school year (February 2, 2015), or that your child(ren) won't be attending Millars Well PS next year, please advise us at the office as soon as possible. This helps us with the planning of classes and determining staffing levels.



CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS 2015

We will soon be considering class structures for 2015. Our role is to ensure that children are placed in classes that best suit their needs and allow them to develop to their full potential. One of the things that have been a great tradition in the school has been the input that parents have had to this process. If you have a perspective on your child's placement for next year, you are invited to submit this **in writing** and please address it to:

**The Principal
Private and Confidential
Class Placement 2015**



Please understand that teachers spend many hours creating classes to ensure there is a balance in regard to class dynamics and abilities. We therefore ask that if you make a request it is based on the specific needs or issues pertaining to your child. Additionally we request that you do not specifically ask for particular teachers. There is always the possibility of staff turnover. We will try wherever we can to take parent information and student needs into consideration.

IN TERM SWIMMING

In-term Swimming commences this coming **Monday, 27 October**. Please ensure your child brings their bathers, rashies, towels and goggles each day with the lessons finishing on **Friday, 8 November**. A timetable advising parents when your child will be attending the pool will be sent home later this week.



GUIDED READING

We have had huge success across the school this year with our Guided Reading program. We would like to thank all those parents, uncles, aunties and grandparents who have volunteered their time over the year, our great results have been thanks to your support.

Guided Reading sessions are taking place in TA 9, TA 10 and TA 11 on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30 and on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 in TA 13, TA14 and TA16.

These sessions are run with approximately 5-8 students and you will be provided with clear instructions and questions for each session. If you would like to help with your child's Guided Reading sessions, please contact their class teacher.

Once again thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again for our final term.



P&C UPDATE

Canteen

The P&C would like to remind everyone that the canteen is now open every **Wednesday** and **Friday** for this term. We also need volunteers for these days. Volunteers are extremely important to the running of the canteen. If you are able to help for an hour or two please put your name down on the roster that will be in the office .

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now open every Tuesday from 8.00 – 8.am.

LIBRARY NEWS

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break.

This term I will run two Book Club issues and a Book Fair. Issue 7 Book Club magazines were sent home on Friday and are due back today (Wed 22nd) but will also be accepted tomorrow (Thursday 23rd).

The **Book Fair** will be held in the Library during Week 5, beginning on Monday 10th

November. Leaflets will be sent home during the week prior. It will be a great opportunity to pick up some books and novelties for Christmas gifts. If you have any queries about Book Club or the Book Fair, please call in and see me in the Library on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Thanks.

Robyn Rayson

Library Officer

THE GIFT OF GIVING

This term Millars Well students will be working hard to help others this Christmas. Through our Financial Literacy program 'Money Smart', students from Years K-7 will be fundraising money to buy presents for the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal and to assemble Christmas food hampers for those in need.

This program will aim to teach students not only essential money and language skills but also highlight the importance of helping those less fortunate, volunteering and the joy helping others can bring.

Towards the end of term we will go on an excursion to Karratha Centro shopping centre so the students can purchase the items themselves. We will provide updates in each newsletter of upcoming fundraising events and how much we have fundraised. This is an exciting whole school project that will aim to provide Christmas cheer around the Pilbara!

VACSWIM 2014/2015

VACSWIM DECEMBER and JANUARY 2014/15 SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Swimming pools and beaches are part of our Western Australian lifestyle. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's October school holiday swimming program is conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

VacSwim is available to all children five years old and under 18 years on the first day of each lesson. Details of dates, locations, costs and how to enrol are online. For further information and how to enrol, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Program 1 - Monday 29 December 2014 - Friday 9 January 2015

(9 day program - no lessons 1 January 2015)

Enrolments for January Program 1 close Monday 17 November 2014

Program 2 - Monday 12 - Friday 23 January 2015

Enrolments for January Program 2 close Monday 24 November 2014



**BOOK FAIR
GARDEN**
Catch the reading bug!





everyone's family

Money for School Costs

The Smith Family offers Educational Support through Scholarships (Money) and other Educational Programs from Pre Primary to Year 9.

Eligibility Criteria: Health Care Card or Parent concession card; attendance 70%+

For further information, on sponsoring a child or a scholarship ask the school or please contact us:

The Smith Family, Welcome Lotteries House, Karratha

Ph 9144 1854 or text 0435 800 821 and we will call you

tsfkarratha@thesmithfamily.com.au

thesmithfamily.com.au

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TERM 4 PROGRAM

FUN-FILLED DRAWING LESSONS (For 5-10 Years)

TUESDAYS - 21st Oct.'14 - 9th Dec.'14 4:30-5:30pm

THURSDAYS - 23rd Oct.'14 - 11th Dec.'14 4:30-5:30pm

FRIDAYS - 24th Oct.'14 - 12th Dec.'14 3:30-4:30pm

FUN FOR LI'L FINGERS (For 3-4 Years)

WEDNESDAYS - 22nd Oct.'14 - 10th Dec.'14 10:30-11:30am

THURSDAYS - 23rd Oct.'14 - 11th Dec.'14 9:30 - 10:30am

FRIDAYS - 24th Oct.'14 - 12th Dec.'14 10:40-11:40am

Every Week At Karratha Family Centre

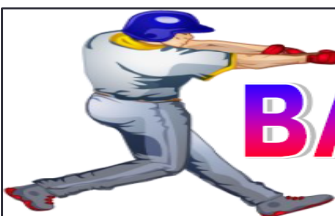
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PACKED GAME AND HELP CEMENT ITS FUTURE WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO SCOPE THE INTEREST IN TOWN
AND WHICH AGE RANGES ARE KEEN**

PLEASE EMAIL

pilbaracoastbaseball@gmail.com

**LET US KNOW YOUR NAME, AGE AND TOWN YOU
LIVE IN .**

**FROM HERE WE CAN DETERMINE THE BEST AGE
DIVISIONS AND**

**THE BEST WAY TO SET UP
A GOOD COMPETITION**

**THE SOONER WE GET THIS INFO
THE SOONER WE CAN GET STARTED**



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To help parents manage difficult behaviour in 2 - 12 yo

Facilitated by Brad Williams who will provide a humorous look at parenting and a **serious** look at discipline!

2 WORKSHOP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Karratha Leisureplex, Opposite Broadhurst Rd, Dampier Hwy.

Workshop 1: 2 x 3 hr sessions
Mon 27th & Wed 29th Oct, 9.15am to 12.15pm.
Creche available by arrangement with Leisureplex.
Register online <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/123-magic-emotion-coaching-am-oct-2014-tickets-13039404209>

Workshop 2: 3 x 2 hr sessions
Mon 27th, Tue 28th & Thurs 30th Oct, 6.30 to 8.30pm
Register online at <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/123-magic-emotion-coaching-pm-oct-2014-tickets-13039474419>

You will learn:

- The two approaches to parenting.
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking.
- How to handle the 6 kinds of testing and manipulation.
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour.
- How to control obnoxious behaviour.
- How to show empathy while developing emotional intelligence in your child.
- How to strengthen the relationship with your child.

Cost \$40 pp OR \$60 for a couple
Parent workbook included. Tea and coffee provided.

What people are saying...

- An end to the yelling and arguing!
- It saved our lives
- Simple, sane, effective
- What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember at those times when memory is the first thing to go

Book online by following the link for the course you wish to register for.
For further information contact Bess or Francesca at link_karratha@bigpond.com
ph: 9144 2150 mob: 0400 100 446



New programs at Karratha Leisureplex!

Exciting new social sports have been added to our Term 4 programming for people of all ages!

Kindy Cricket Mondays 11am-12noon \$90 27 October to 1 December	Kindy Tennis Fridays 10am-11am \$90 31 October to 5 December
Toddy Tennis Fridays 9am-9.45am \$90 Ages 2-3years, 31 Oct to 5 Dec	Toddy Cricket Thursdays 10.15am-11am \$90 Ages 2-3years, 30 Oct to 4 Dec
Junior Futsal Mondays 3.30-5.30pm \$35pw Year 3-9, get a team together!	Park Cricket Fridays 6-8pm \$35pw Yr7-open Mixed teams welcome!
Family Cricket Mondays 6-8pm \$35pw All ages, with 2 generations	KLP Stickball Mondays 6-8pm \$35pw Age 13+ Indoor baseball 27 Oct to 9 Dec

For more information and to register contact the Leisureplex on 9186 8556 or visit www.karrathaleisureplex.com.au



City of Karratha presents

FAMILY SHOWCASE

PRIZES TO BE WON

ALL AGES AND FAMILY WELCOME

SHOW OFF YOUR FAMILY TALENT!

WICKHAM
Sat 25th Oct
2pm - 3pm
Wickham Community Hall

KARRATHA
Sun 26th Oct
2pm - 3pm
The Youth Shed

Registration essential, email elyce.huren@karratha.wa.gov.au. For more information contact Elyce Huren on 9186 8687.

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