Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Voluntary Contributions - I would like to thank those who have paid voluntary contributions for 2015. Contributions are $60 per child and all money goes directly into resourcing our school and benefiting your children. The percentages of contributions we have received this year are:
- Kindy 57%
- Pre-Primary 64%
- Years 1-6 57%

Payments can be made at the office via cash, cheque, credit card or Eftpos. Please speak to Tammy or Donna in the front office if you would like assistance with your payment.

Naplan Student Information - Individual NAPLAN reports for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sent home today with a parent brochure explaining the report. The report shows your child’s performance compared with other students across Australia and in relation to the National Minimum Standards. If you have any questions or concerns about the information on your child’s report, please contact your child’s teacher. Please remember that this was one test on one day, aimed at capturing a snapshot of your child’s achievement. NAPLAN testing compliments, but does not replace the information that teachers gather through ongoing assessment across the year.

Faction Athletics Carnival - Please mark in your calendar – Friday, 4 September as our athletics carnival. This will be a highlight of our year and we hope to see as many parents and relatives there as possible. A program will be sent home early next week. Please note, the canteen will be closed that day but will provide coffee and cake for sale at the event. There will also be a sausage sizzle plus drinks for sale as a fundraising activity for our Year 6 students. Do not miss out on our faction carnival – it will be a blast!

School Upgrades - This year we have been working towards a number of school improvements. Recently we had a new entrance installed in our office which has made a huge difference to the look and feel of our Admin building. In the pipeline are projects to upgrade the very old Pre-primary kitchens and upgrades to our library. I would like to make very special mention to Jeremy Scolari and his team of workers from Turf Guru who volunteered their time to assist us with our admin refurbishments. We can’t thank you enough and greatly appreciate your efforts!

First Aid and School Safety - Providing a safe environment for our students, staff and school visitors is a huge priority for us. We recently held an emergency evacuation drill and were pleased with how swiftly and organised the evacuation was. This Saturday, our staff will complete First Aid training. This will help to ensure we have the on the spot knowledge to respond quickly and effectively when faced with an emergency situation.

I would like to alert parents to an incident earlier in the week whereby a young woman walked onto our school grounds. It is important to have a good and timely reminder to speak with your children about ‘stranger danger’ and the importance of reporting suspicious activity. I am pleased with the way our staff and students responded. We do have video surveillance at the school and the police have been provided with a number of critical leads to catch the offender.

School Robotics and ICT Program - In the lead up to Science Week, I would like to acknowledge the work of our Science and Technology specialist Mr Steven Maxwell. Science and ICT have been identified as key focus areas as students prepare for the 21st Century workplace. Mr Maxwell has introduced a Lego Robotics program into our school which is not often available to students. The program aims to teach students to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively. Students use iPads to program their robots and are thoroughly enjoying the challenges of computer programming.

Parent Open Night - Our teachers recently volunteered their time to hold a parent open night. All staff reported large turnouts in their classroom and welcomed the opportunity to chat with families they might not see on a regular basis. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and preparations made to prepare classrooms and I thank those who supported the night.

Kind regards,
Erin van der Sluys
Principal
ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Thursday, 5 September and will be hosted by Ms Learmonth’s TAU class. The assembly will commence at 8.25am in the undercover area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour: Brock Buckland, Lily-Tai Chan, Georgia Eversden, Aurora Shaw, Grace Byrne, Skye Mackinnon, Brodie Lewis, Rawdy Stott, Abigail Garbin, Alyssa Cooper, Maswa Naraidin, Tyler Scott, Austin Crowe-St Jack, Addison de Smid, Lily Kot, Aden Dolman, Caitlin Van Roon, Max Peck, Troy Ridley, Cleavon Wilson, Mackenzie Coles, Florica Caplescu, Chase Riegel, Cayden Kelly, Giovanni Montalvo, Mya Kjellgren and Jada Viti. Physical Education Award - Tyler McDonald and Eilah Chudzki. SCIENCE / ICT Award: Seth Gilbert and Josh Swiatek. Canteen Award - Taylor Brown, Paige Brown, and Keifsen Stream. Well done!

P&C UPDATE

Millars Mess

Don’t forget you can order lunch online with Our Online Canteen. Sign up at https://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Once registered and you have an account you will be able to select Millars Well P.S, add your child/children, credit and this will allow you to order from the canteen.

Remember that Tuesday is Sushi day and orders need to be made online by Monday night by 6pm. If you are placing an order for sushi using the lunch bags then the order needs to be in by the previous Friday.

If you are able to help in the canteen this term, please let Rebecca know via the P&C Facebook page as well as putting your name down on the roster that can be found on the page Millars Well Primary School Parents and Citizens Association.
The roster is the post at the top of the page. Thank you to all our awesome parent volunteers who have helped so far this term.

Uniform Shop

The school sports carnival is only a week away and if your child/children need a new sports shirt or broad brim hat please see our wonderful volunteers Tash and Kylie at the uniform shop, open every Wednesday morning before school. If you cannot make it then, you can fill out the uniform form found in the front office and your order will be filled for you on Wednesday. Sport shirts are $30 and can be purchased for adults as well as students. There is also some old stock of faction shirts that are $15 (limited amount). Hats are $18 and come in a variety of sizes.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee has some great fundraising ideas in the works so please watch this space!

Next Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday the 8th of September at 7.00pm in the staff room. We would like to have as many people there as possible. We have a few issues that we need to discuss and vote on and we need at least 12 members to do this. Please come down, bring a friend and join in making some decisions for our school. We want to discuss what we can spend some money on for the school and our teachers have put forward some ideas that we are going to look into. See you there!

MWPS P&C

EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDRAISING

As part of the Early Childhood fundraising efforts, we would like to extend our Parent Direct and Chalk Educated Toy fundraising catalogues to Millars Well PS families. Catalogues are available from the front office. A percentage of every purchase will go towards our Early childhood. These catalogues contain fantastic opportunities for Christmas and Birthday presents for the whole family.
Purchases can be made via cash, cheque, money order or credit card. Please return the order forms to classroom teachers or to the box in the front office by Friday 18th September.
We appreciate your support in continuing to improve our Early Childhood Environment.

Tasha Burnside, Callie Garstone, Kellie Vidler
Early Childhood Teachers

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Once again we will be participating in the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' program. In previous years, we have received a large number of educational resources for our school. For every $10 spent at Woolworths, you will receive an ‘Earn and Learn’ sticker. Stickers may be placed in collection boxes at Woolworths or in our front office. The promotional period for Woolworths Earn & Learn is Wednesday 15th July 2015 until Tuesday 8th September 2015. If you would like to know more, please visit: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.
FROM THE KINDY GARDEN

The Kindy students have been very busy growing sunflowers. We grew them from seed on our classroom windows so we could see the roots and first shoots developing. We then planted the seedlings into our garden beds and took responsibility for watering them. The students learnt the sunflowers need water and sunlight to grow. They also measured their sunflowers with blocks as they grew and watched insects like ladybirds and bees come. The sunflowers have been very exciting to grow and we can’t wait to harvest the seeds from the flower heads.

Kindy Sunflower Recounts

“It growed with water and sun.” Flynn

“E grow. E growin high. Stop on a rock.” Kobe

“When it was raining my sunflower growed. It growed and got a flower.” Oakley

“It growed when the rain coming down. It dripped on it and it groweded. When they’re tiny they pop out of the seed. They’re small and they grow.” Coby

“It started in a little seed. And it got bigger and bigger and bigger. It got in a sunflower. It will get seeds in it. It will die. We’ll put them in the ground and grow them again.” Aaliyah

“Cause we put water on it first then it grows. Then it grows again. Then again, then again, then again. I love it.” Ruby M

“They just stay in there all tiny and they just grow and grow ‘acause of the rain.” Charlee

“It’s the biggest! Sunflowers grow into little seeds and then they start to grow. And they grow and they grow and they grow into sunflowers.” Joshua C

FAIRYTALES IN PRE PRIMARY

This term in Pre-Primary we have been learning about fairy tales. One of the fairy tales that we read was Jack and the Beanstalk.

Part of our learning activities was planting beans that could grow up to the Giants castle. We planted our beans and then made sure they were in enough sun and were watered so they could grow up into the clouds.

It was so exciting watching the roots form and seeing the seedlings begin to sprout. We love integrating gardening into our learning journeys!

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

It is that time of year again, Jumps and Throws Event as well as the ever exciting Faction Carnival. This year we will be holding our Jumps and Throws Wednesday the 2nd of September, commencing at 8:40am as per the timetable sent home for those students who have been chosen to represent their Factions.

Friday the 4th of September, the whole school will be participating in our school Faction Carnival, with all students marching onto the Millars Well Oval at 8:45am. The students have worked hard during the past term preparing for these carnivals and we would love to see as many families as possible supporting the students as they participate in their events.

If you can assist in setting up either the Jumps or Throws Carnival on the Wednesday morning or on the Friday for our Faction Carnival from 7:30am on Millars Well Oval, it would be very much appreciated. Please let the Donna at the front office know if you are available to assist. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mrs Fazzolari
Physical Education Teacher
This week has been Children's Book Week across Australia. It is organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia. Some information about CBCA:

"Established in 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) is a not for profit, volunteer run, organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature. In 2015, the CBCA will be celebrating 70 years of enjoying and promoting the best of Australian literature for children and young people."

Each year CBCA releases a short list of books in each of six categories, from which a winning book is announced as 'Book of the Year' in its category. Go to www.cbca.org.au to check out all the winning, honour and notable books for 2015. I have most of these books in our Library, so please encourage the children to come in and check out my display. Robyn Rayson, Library Officer

Recently TA14, PP1 and PP2 had the opportunity to see, learn about and climb aboard one of the Pilbara Army Regiments newest vehicles. Weighing over 6 tonnes, this 6 wheel drive Mercedes Benz has an amazing list of accessories. Unfortunately a stereo and DVD player aren't included. We learnt that you have to have special training and license to drive one of these and when the army take them out on surveillance missions they travel in pairs. They can travel for over 2000km before needing to refuel and that it costs lots of money to fill the fuel tank. We would like to thank the Pilbara Army Regiment for allowing Alexander and Leon to bring this in for "Show and Tell".
Junior Basketball Summer 2015 - 2016 Registrations
NOW OPEN
Friday 21st August 2015 – September 4th 2015

Google 'Karratha Basketball Association’ to find our Fox Sports Pulse website to register.

Kidsport available

Little Dribblers play Thursday afternoons.
Boys Games played Tuesday afternoons. Girls Games played Thursday afternoons. Teams will be mainly school based and advised after registrations close

Meet and Greet – Tuesday 13th October at the Leisureplex

Like our Facebook page for regular updates
https://www.facebook.com/KarrathaBasketballAssociation

Any queries please email: juniorkarrathabasketball@gmail.com

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2015
Western Australia’s most popular swimming program for more than 90 years.
Enrolments now open
9 day program (40 mins/day) 29 September to 9 October 2015
5 day program (35 mins/day) 5 to 9 October 2015
Enrolments close Sunday 30 August 2015
Enrol online now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming
T: 9402 6412

Baynton West Primary School Presents...

Disney’s Aladdin

Come on a magical ride through the Arabian night. Sit back and enjoy the adventures of Aladdin, a “common street rat”, as his fortunes change after stumbling across a very powerful lamp...

DATE: There will be two performances of Aladdin: September 8 and September 10, 2015
TIME: Food and drinks will be available from 6pm on both nights. Doors open at 6:45pm and the adventure begins at 7pm!
VENUE: St. Luke’s College, Gymnasium
TICKETS: $13 adults, $10 children (4 yrs. old and above)
All children under 4 years of age must not occupy a seat unless there is a ticket purchased for them and all children must be accompanied by an adult
Tickets can be bought at Ticketbooth.com.au.
Go to https://events.ticketbooth.com.au/event/BayntonWestAladdin and select the concert date you require
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