Principal’s Message

Farewell Mrs Adams
Mrs Elena Adams and her children will be leaving Millars Well PS next week. They will be moving to Perth and will be very sad to leave their friends in this wonderful school community. Mrs Adams has been teaching at MWPS for five years and is a highly respected and valued colleague and will be sadly missed. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Mrs Adams for all her hard work and dedication and wish her and the family all the very best in the future.

Attendance
We currently have 92.5% attendance so far this term. Please remember every day counts when students attend school and it is important that the school is notified should students be late or absent from school.

Cycle to School Day
Last Friday our school community excelled to support National “Cycle to School Day”. The great majority of students participated by riding, scooting or walking to school in order to promote health and fitness, decrease traffic congestion and reduce carbon emissions. At assembly students were asked to indicate their preferred mode of travel to school and the great majority indicated they preferred to walk, scoot or ride compared to being driven to school by car. A special dress up bike parade was conducted for Kindy and Pre-Primary students and another was held for year 1-6 students and the results were spectacular. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in active travel for the day and special thanks to Mrs Fazzolari for coordinating this special occasion.
**Early Arrival at School**
Please note students are not permitted to arrive at school before 8.00am. Commencing next week, students who arrive early will be required to sit outside the front office until 8.00am at which time students will be supervised in the undercovered area by Mr Maxwell. This is to ensure the school can provide adequate “Duty of Care” for our students.

**Siren**
Please note we are trialling additional sirens to assist us with school routines and punctuality throughout the day. Over the next few weeks we will be sounding the siren at 8.20am, 10.20am, 12.40pm and 2.30pm. Should you have any feedback regarding these additional sirens, please inform the school office or your child’s classroom teacher.

**Car Park and Traffic Flow**
All schools are faced with the challenge of car parking issues and traffic flow around drop off and pick up times. Representatives from SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Awareness), Police and the City of Karratha have been invited to come out to the school this month and view the school’s traffic flow with the intention of improving our current situation. In the meantime, a few pointers include the following:

- Encourage students to participate in active forms of transport to and from school eg walk, scoot and cycle (with emphasis on safety).
- Adhere to two minute parking or less in designated zones in western car park.
- Try not to park for any length of time if you are just dropping off children.
- Use additional parking at the rear of the RSL building off Petries Street. This has 71 bays and is less than a 100m walk for students to walk to school. This area is underutilised.
- Park a few hundred meters from school and walk the last part of the journey.
- Please try to leave the western car parks for the pre-primary and kindy students

Please ensure you don’t:

- Park in the staff car park
- Double park in any of the car parks
- Leave children unattended in vehicles. This would become a police matter.
- Allow students to be transported in vehicles without wearing a seat belt.

Being patient, polite and courteous is always appreciated by everyone in the school community and will assist us to manage traffic around the school.

**Voluntary Contributions**
A reminder that if your child(ren)’s voluntary contributions have not been paid, it would be appreciated if this could be forwarded to the school office at your earliest convenience. These funds go towards valuable student resources to make our great school an even better one.

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**NAPLAN**
All students in years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN this year. This provides the school with a snapshot of how individuals and the school compares with other students in the same year level throughout the country. This year the testing will take place between Tuesday 10th May and Thursday 12th May. All students in years 3 and 5 will complete assessments in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions. Please liaise with your child’s classroom teacher should you have any queries? Should you have any genuine reason from withdrawing your child from NAPLAN assessment, this needs to be submitted on a special form available in the school office by Friday 8th April.

**Assemblies**
We have been entertained by two awesome assemblies since the last newsletter. On Thursday 25th February Mrs O’Brien was brave enough to take on the first performance of the year, promoting her LOTE (Japanese) program with students in TA 13. The girls were dressed in Kimono designer outfits whilst the boys were attired in “Sumo”. After such a brief introduction to LOTE, it was very impressive to see our students count to 25 in Japanese and then coordinate the whole school (students, parents and teachers) to count to ten in Japanese, using actions. Well done and congratulations to TA13 and Mrs O’Brien.

Yesterday morning we were treated to TA 11’s assembly. These year 1/2 students were dressed in superhero outfits and spoke clearly and confidently on the microphone. The class performed the song “What I Am” with some very strong messages including: “Be strong”, “Never Give Up” and “Always Hold your Head up High”. This song was performed with actions and the students were very cute indeed. Great work TA 11 and Mrs Byrne and Mrs Stott. Thank you also to the large number of parents who attended the assembly.

Warm regards

**Daryl Mansfield**
Principal

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Certificates of Merit

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our recently assemblies for their hard work and endeavour:

PP 1  Ruby, Joshua, Michael and Tara.
PP 2  Lilly, Archy, Stella and Oakley
TA 9  Reannah, Xavier, Kyle and Georgia.
TA 10 Eloise, Liam, Aurora and Kalinda-Rose.
TA 11 Taylor, Christopher, Riley and Jacob.
TA 13 Deegan, Jazmin, Zach and Scarlett.
TA 14 Kaitlyn, Blake and Noah.
TA 4  Trey, Chauntelle, Mackenzie and Jye.
TA 5  Mikaela, Chelsea, Charlie and Angus.
TA 7  Ella, Ebony, Jacob, Jacob and Sidney.
LOTE Abigail & Faith Garbin, Triana Inglis, Christopher Mills and Leigh Turner.
PE  Lily Kot, Jett Bonney, Jazmin Adams and Austin Crowe St-Jack
Sc  India Baker, Holly Gill, Lily Maskiel and Liam Mitchell.

P&C News

The P&C had their AGM on Tuesday 1st March and we had a great turnout. We were able to fill all office bearers positions and congratulations to the following people who are now our new P&C representatives:

Jessica Mitchell – President
Jenny Carr – Vice President
Lynn Botes – Treasurer
Melanie Garbin – Secretary

Thank you very much to the outgoing office bearers, Karen Hancock, Adey Richards and Fiona Byrne. All three volunteers have been on the P&C for the last few years. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.

Millars Mess

Don’t forget you can order lunch online with Our Online Canteen. Sign up at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Once registered and you have an account you will be able to select Millars Well P.S, add your child/ren, credit and this will allow you to order from the canteen. Please ensure that you have listed the correct TA for your child as there are still a few lunches going to the wrong classrooms. Remember sushi can be ordered on a Friday using the regular ordering process either online or at school on an order bag.

Rebecca is always looking for volunteers in the canteen. If you are available to help at all on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays please see Rebecca in the canteen or look on the Millars Well Primary School Parents and Citizens Association Facebook page to add your name to the volunteers. It is the post at the top of the page.

Uniforms

Thank you so much to our wonderful, hardworking Uniform Shop volunteers Tash Regan and Kylie Bayliss for all of the time and effort that you have put into the shop. So many people have commented on how great the new uniforms look.

Parents are now able to order uniforms online using Our Online Canteen! If you haven’t signed up yet you are able to at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. New and old stock will be available to purchase, this makes ordering and paying for uniforms a lot easier. Parents can opt to collect the uniforms themselves or can have the uniforms delivered to their child’s classroom to take home. Please ensure you have the correct TA for your child as this will ensure you receive the uniforms in a timely manner. Please note that if there is zero stock on hand, the uniform shop won’t be able to supply that item.

At the moment the turnaround for ordering and receiving uniforms from our supplier is nine weeks. This process is being reviewed and we are hoping to reduce this turnaround significantly. There is limited or no stock for some items at the moment so please be aware you may not be able to order these items. The next delivery is expected to be in April. If you would like to see what is available the uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning 8.30-9.00am. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Very shortly the Winter uniforms will be available to look at and try on. As the P&C do not want to have too much Winter stock in the shop as space is limited a preorder and pay form will soon be handed out. Parents wanting Winter uniforms of tracksuit pants and/or jumper will soon be able to return their preorder form with payment.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee met recently and have created a list of fundraising events that will be happening throughout the year. Children should have all brought home their Easter raffle tickets. Please ensure their TA and name go on each ticket, this will make our job a whole lot easier. There are no spare tickets so please don’t lose them. We will be looking for volunteers who can help put together the prizes on Wednesday evening the 23rd March; further details regarding this will be provided closer to the date.

Classroom Representatives

Through a few suggestions and seeing how other schools operate their P&Cs we are looking at having a parent representative for each classroom. This will be a person that the P&C can contact and be able to come to meetings to help vote on issues. If you are interested in this please see your child’s classroom teacher as they have a form you can fill out and return to the P&C. This role can be shared amongst a couple of parents.

Donations

The P&C would like to thank Troy and Alicia Bain of Troy’s Tyres 2 You for the kind and much needed donation of a new fan for our Uniform Shop. The previous fan stopped working and within days a new fan had arrived, thank you very much Troy and Alicia.
Next Meeting
The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday the 16th of March 2016 at 7.00pm in the staff room. We hope to see lots of people there. We need at least twelve people to be able to vote and pass motions through.

To keep up to date with what the P&C are doing please request to join our Facebook page Millars Well Primary School Parents and Citizens Association.

Fiona Byrne
Outgoing P&C Secretary

LOTE - Japanese

Nihongo no kyoushitsu ni irasshaimase! (Welcome to our Japanese classroom) What a subarashii (wonderful) beginning to the school year with the re-introduction of Nihongo (Japanese) into our school. All the students have gotten on board using Nihongo greetings daily and Sensei as the title for our subarashii teachers. We have searched the world to find Nihon (Japan) in relationship to Australia, written our names in Katakana, one of the alphabets used in Nihon and are perfecting colours. This semester students will be assessed in their ability to speak, understand and respond to Nihongo. We will start adding more conversational language into our forever expanding bilingual minds.

Ride to school day and dress up your bike or scooter day.

Last Friday the 4th of March it was ride to school day and dress up your bike & scooter day. Many people rode to school and many dressed up their bike or scooters. The people that had dressed up their bikes or scooters got to participate in our 2016 parade. Mrs Hole and Mrs Scolari were our judges for the day. The students that dressed up their transport got separated into year level groups and started to begin the parade. Every one showed off their hard work as they walked with their bike or scooter across the undercover area. Everyone did an amazing job but at the end of the parade there could only be 1 winner. For the kindy’s and the pre-primary’s the winner was Isabella Thrill; the year 1’s and 2’s it was Mikaere Wano, for the year 3’s and 4’s it was Matthew Botes and finally for the 5’s and 6’s it was Nikita Smith. All of the winners received a brand new helmet and a new lock as well. Even though it was a sweltering morning, it was great to see how many people had participated in the parade.

Written by Nikita Smith

TA 13. Arigatou gozaimasu. Thank you for all your hard work. Give yourself a big round of applause. In 2 weeks you learnt and performed an assembly item in a completely new language with such perfection. Sumo otoko no ko, you looked so kakoi (cool). Kimono onna no ko, you looked incredibly kawaii (cute) omedetou gozaimasu Congratulations on a job well done.

ブライエン先生 O’Brien Sensei
Online registrations for 2016 are now open from 28th February to 13th March 2015.

Register now at www.myfootballclub.com.au and click on the ‘Register Now’ icon. Follow the links to find your Football Federation of Australia (FFA) number. Once you receive your FFA number via email, return to the above page and click on ‘Click here to proceed to the login pages’. Put in your child’s FFA number and password and click ‘Log in’. Click on ‘Register’ then confirm your child’s details. Follow the prompts to complete your registration.

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