Principal’s Message

It has been a smooth transition from the school holidays into Term 2. For those of you that may not know me I am the Substantive Principal of Millars Well Primary School. I have returned from my leave and I am very happy to be back at school. I have had a great break and I can see that our school has maintained steady progress. I have really appreciated the warm welcome from students and our school community and have enjoyed sharing stories of my holiday adventures. Our front office ladies Ms Ferris and Mrs Ditterich have been warm and welcoming to our new enrolments and families. Mr Harry Anderson has made sure that our gardens and grounds are looking good and our cleaning staff have made our rooms sparkle.

Some things I have noticed since being back are the beautiful uniforms, amazing new furniture, nice gardens and awesome kids. We have old furniture to dispose of so please drop into the office if you need desks or chairs.

Within the next few weeks we are having some new work done on our school oval which will include aeration of the current grass area and filling in the uneven surface. The area beyond the current grass is going to be reticulated and lawn put down. This will increase the amount of grassed area we have and also improve the surface. It’s going to be exciting.

Upcoming Events

NAPLAN - Schools have always been busy places and in the coming weeks students and staff are involved in several activities. Next week from Tuesday – Thursday students in year 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN assessments. These are nationally conducted tests that assess the progress and achievement of students as they move through the school system. The results can be very useful in planning and monitoring for schools and individuals. As a school we do use these results to focus upon teaching points with students and to guide the direction we take in learning areas.

Winter Carnival - Thank you Mrs Fazzolari and staff for commencing our Winter Carnival preparation. The Winter Carnival will involve our Year 6 and some Year 5 students. Throughout the term, during Friday sport, Years 4-6 students will focus on the skills and technical aspects of various games, in preparation for this Interschool event on the 17th June. If you would like to know more, or would like to be involved in Friday Sport, please contact the school, Mrs Fazzolari or the class teacher.
Annual Report
This week at our staff meeting we reviewed aspects of our Annual School Report for the purpose of looking at areas of strength and improvement. This report is available for parents online on the school website. A main focus in schools will always be upon literacy and numeracy, and attendance. Our staff work collaboratively in phases of learning to ensure they have consistent targeted and successful approaches.

Literacy Program
Some of our junior primary staff attended “Talk 4 Writing” last week which is a professional learning program which we believe will enhance our literacy programs in the school. Investing in teaching development and sharing with parents will improve the progress and achievement of children.

A really important role as a parent is taking an active interest in your child’s learning – make sure you are aware of what is happening in the class at school. Teachers love to share and show what they are doing and will be happy to keep you informed. If you need to see myself or a teacher, please make an appointment. It is normal for work to come home with your child. Talking about their day is also a really good way of staying in touch. How was Maths today? What did you do? What did you read about today? Questions that ask “why” can sometimes develop children’s thinking further. Why was Maths …. great, good, okay, or awful???

This week Ms Vidler (Kindy) and Ms Gore (Literacy) both held parent information sessions. A big thank you to the parents that attended.

Late to School
Finally, our classes need to begin their learning on time with children seated and ready to go by 8.20am. When children get to class after school has commenced they take time to catch up, readjust, find out what is happening and, and impedes the learning program of everybody else. I am really concerned by the number of students that arrive at school after the bell has gone and how this impacts upon their learning and those that are already in the class. Let’s all be “Ready to go”.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Regards

Weston Jackson
Principal

Scholastic Book Fair
The first of two Book Fairs for this year will be held in the Library during Week 4, 16th-20th May. Leaflets will be sent home with the students in Week 3. There will be a display of books, posters and novelties set up all week in the Library and you are welcome to come in and browse.

Purchases can only be made with me on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8am-3pm. Payment is accepted by cash, cheque or credit card. Our school receives a very generous percentage of the total sales in new books for the Library, so we really appreciate your support. I look forward to seeing you in the Library during Book Fair.

Robyn Rayson, Library Officer

Kindergarten & Pre Primary Enrolments 2017
We are now taking applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten and Pre Primary in 2017. Applications are to be made by no later than 3pm, Friday 22nd July, 2016.

Please note if your child is going to enter Pre Primary and resides in our local intake area, you do not need to make an application, however you will need to provide the school with proof of residence. If your child does not reside in our local intake area you are required to make an application.

To be eligible to enter Kindergarten (4 year old program) in a Government School in 2017, a child must turn four on or before the 30th June 2017. To be eligible to enter Pre-Primary (5 year old program) in 2017, a child must turn five on or before the 30th June 2017.

Please come to the Administration Office with a copy of the birth certificate, current immunisation details and proof of address and you will be provided with all the necessary paperwork.

An application for a Kindergarten/Pre-Primary place may be made at ONE SCHOOL ONLY.

millarswellps.wa.edu.au
NAIDOC Shirt Order

Miliars Well Primary School will be celebrating NAIDOC on the 23rd of June. There will be an assembly at 8:30am followed by NAIDOC activities. In preparation of NAIDOC Day you are able to purchase a NAIDOC shirt for your child/ren.

At this stage, the cost of a shirt will be $50. If you would like to purchase a shirt please complete the order form and return, with money, in a sealed envelope to the front office by 11th May. An example of the shirt design is below.

Winter Uniform

The 'new' winter uniform will be available via pre-order ONLY. All sizes are available at the uniform shop to try on. Please be aware that once uniforms have been ordered they can NOT be exchanged, as we will not have the stock available. Orders need to be placed by FRIDAY 27th MAY. Winter jackets cost $34.00 and winter pants $30.00.

Fundraising

The next fundraising activity is a Bake Sale at Karratha City Shopping Centre on Saturday 28th May at 9.00am. We will need lots of home baked goodies and volunteers to help run the stall. Further information will be supplied soon. Money from fundraising will be put towards replacing the school’s Malus Magic Faction Carnival shade marquee.

J Mitchell
P&C President

Super Kids Award

For the past 6 years I have been running, dancing and setting up fundraising events for kids with cancer. I do it because about 6 years ago when I was in Pre Primary, my best friend Emily sadly past away of a brain tumour.

I was very surprised when I found out that I had received the Good Guys Super Kids Award for good deeds and I also received a Samsung Galaxy Tab A. Along my journey, I have met many lovely kids and their families suffering from cancer. Thank you to all the teachers and students that have supported me to help find a cure.

If you wish to donate my every day hero page is https://give.everydayhero.com/au/super-kids-helping-sick-kids

Our Online canteen

Did you know you can do your lunch orders online, and days in advance? And if you’re having trouble making it into our Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings, then you can simply order them online too? Just go to ouronlinecanteen.com.au and sign up.

Canteen

The canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are some changes to the menu with chicken noodle soup being replaced by soup of the day and pikelets will no longer be available. Coffees are available from 8.00am - 12.30am

Uniform Shop

Stock has arrived with all sizes of polo shirts available, however we are still waiting on shorts.

P&C News

The P&C are still seeking a Secretary and more Fundraising committee members. If you are interested, please advise the front office and a P&C representative will contact you.

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ANZAC Day Report

On the 6th of April we had an Anzac service on the grass area in front of the Pre-Primary classrooms. Captain Sean Sutherland from the Pilbara Regiment came and addressed the school in honour of the sacrifices and bravery of the soldiers at war. Each class created their own wreath and two representatives respectfully laid their wreath at the bottom of the flag poles. It was clear that a lot of effort and joy went into making the wreaths. The Anzac spirit was evident through the air. Thank you to everyone who was involved in this event.

By Nikita Smith

Dockers Cup

It is with great pride that I report the commendable way our selected senior students represented our school at the first interschool sports carnival for 2016; the Dockers Cup, hosted by Baynton West Primary school. The Dockers Cup is an annual Football competition for boys and girls here in the West Pilbara. This year we entered one boys’ team and one girls’ team, who showed great commitment to training during lunchtime as well as in their class Physical Education lessons. Both teams were impressive on the day, demonstrating a great level of skill and extraordinary sportsmanship. Our boys won five games from five, being named the champion boys of the tournament and our girls came a very close second to the Baynton West girls with the deciding points being scored in the final minute of the game. A big thank you to Mr Simpson for his guidance and support to our boys on the day- you as well as Mrs Arnott and all of our students who participated were amazing!!!

Letitia Fazzolari
Physical Education Teacher
Support Chaplaincy @ Millars Well Primary School!
What we do, why we do it.

Hello to students, staff and parents at Millars Well Primary!
I will be commencing as Support Chaplain at your school on Tuesday 17th May, and am looking forward to building new relationships within your school community this year. The purpose of this letter is to let you know a little about myself and what I can offer.

A CHAPLAIN’S ROLE:
Chaplains at public schools in WA are employed by YouthCARE, therefore I am accountable to both YouthCARE and the school.

A Chaplain is a qualified part of the Pastoral Care team at the school - a Christian who is motivated by his/her beliefs, to provide relief and support to those they encounter, particularly those suffering from stress and emotional pain. At no time should/does a chaplain attempt to sway people towards his/her own beliefs. I work with people from all cultural, religious and non-religious backgrounds, there is no bias.
I am a listening ear and supportive presence for students, parents and staff. I provide a link between school and community based services, sometimes suggesting an appropriate ‘outside’ service for a student. We may discuss issues/concerns with friends, home life, behaviour or anything else that is impacting on the student’s ability to learn. I work as closely as possible with staff and parents, in consultation with the student, providing appropriate feedback to those involved in the student’s care.

A Support Chaplain is different to an in-school chaplain, who typically spends several days a week at a school. As a Support Chaplain, covering numerous schools across the Karratha/Dampier area, I am only at your school for one day per fortnight. If you require a one on one appointment, please make contact with the school office, prior to your school’s chaplaincy support day.

ABOUT ME
I am an experienced Primary School teacher and Pastoral Care Practitioner, having worked as a teacher in many rural areas of WA, and most recently employed as a Pastoral Care Practitioner at Joondalup Health Campus (for three years), in Perth. I also have the recommended qualifications required by YouthCARE, for School Chaplaincy.

WORKING TOGETHER
I am here to listen to students, family members and staff who have personal concerns and/or are facing difficult challenges in school and life. Often having the opportunity to discuss concerns in a non-judgmental, safe and confidential environment, is the crucial first step required in walking towards resolution and renewed hope. With students, I will often suggest the best point of contact and support is their parents, and am available to work together with parents in this process.
Parents who do not wish for their child to access the Chaplaincy service are asked to notify the school office. Otherwise, if I have ongoing contact with your child I will be in touch with you.

Kind regards,

Elaine Wilson
Junior Hockey

* Thursdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm at the Bulgarga Tennis Courts.
* Only $50 for 8 week season.
* Starts Term 2 (May 5).
* Register at first session on May 5!

Inquiries contact Steve Cook 9144 4423
Facebook Page = Nickol Bay Hockey Club

Karratha Health Services

Open Day

Annually hosted by the West Pilbara Regional Health Service, with support from the Country Health Service.

Saturday 14 May 2016
10am – 2pm
at Nickol Bay Hospital

Come down and meet your local health services providers from Nickol Bay Hospital, Population Health, Mental Health, and other local community organisations.

There will be fun activities for the whole family to enjoy:
- Interactive stalls
- Hospital simulation tours
- Bouncy castle and Pony Rides
- Coffee and food stalls

Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

For more information about this event, please contact the Nickol Bay Hospital Senior Administration on 9185409 or email WA1512014@health.wa.gov.au

FREE PARENTING PROGRAMS
From Wednesday 18th May - 22nd June 2016
2 hour sessions weekly, for 6 weeks
for parents of 4-11 year olds

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Tuning Into Kids

is an evidence based parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and their children.

The Program teaches parents skills in emotional coaching, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children’s emotions in an accepting and supportive way.

This approach assists the child in managing and understanding their own emotions.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact 9185 1488 or email karrathahealthservices@gmail.com

Morning and Evening sessions
9.30am - 11.30pm
6pm - 8.30pm
LIMITED SPACES