Principal’s Message

Flu Symptoms
You will already be aware of the “flu” like symptoms that are going around at the moment. The health department provided a letter that was sent home last week about this. These “flu” symptoms impact upon our students and our staff.

Your assistance in keeping your child at home when they are unwell is certainly appreciated. Your understanding when staff are away through illness is also appreciated. Our staff do amazing things but are only human. When they get sick they need to rest, recover and seek medical support just like other people.

There are a small group of relief teachers that are available to assist in school but it can be difficult for us to get additional teachers on some days, especially when there are several schools seeking relief staff. Becoming angry, upset or abusive with school staff about this situation is not helpful. If you need to talk to someone about this situation, please come and see me.

NAPLAN
We will be sending home 2016 NAPLAN results next week. These are for students in Years 3 and 5 who took part in the NAPLAN assessments earlier this year. They are useful guides to your child’s achievement. If you would like to discuss your child’s results, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

We use the results to assist in our whole school planning and areas of focus. We also use individual results to help plan Individual Education plans for students.

School Athletics
The Olympics may just about be over but our own Athletics Carnival is about to begin with Wednesday 24th August being the first day of competition. Selected students participate in the Jumps and Throws events and the 400m race.

The running and team program will take place on Friday 26th. Please consider putting some time aside on either day to come along and support your child, and their faction in the day’s events.

A program guide for the carnival is included with this newsletter and will be available on the day at the recording tent.

Mrs Fazzolari has been coordinating this whole school event and staff have been supporting her by training and selecting students for events.

Students will still be able to order lunches from the canteen for Friday and a separate Faction lunch order form has been sent home today.
Independent Public School Presentation

On Wednesday 17th August, Mrs van der Sluys (School Council Chair) and I took another step forward for our school in the process towards IPS. We made a 30 minute presentation to a Department of Education IPS selection panel. This was to provide information about our school context, plans, and opportunities in becoming an Independent Public School. There are a number of schools expressing their interest in this process and there is a limited number of places. We will hear about the outcome of the process in 3-4 weeks.

Book Week Dress up Day

Monday 22nd August is our Book Week character dress up day – we hope your child will get into the spirit of the day and dress up as one of their favourite book characters. It is always interesting to see who our staff also dress up as.

Poetry Slam

The big Poetry Slam occurred this week on Monday and Wednesday, with winners being announced on Thursday. I had the opportunity to read some poetry at our recent assemblies promoting this focus in our school and the way in which students got involved was amazing. Congratulations to all that took part and in particular those that presented poetry to the assembly. You were great!

My favourite poem from our Poetry Slam was “Too Many Daves” (included above right) which was presented by Liam Richards in TA10.

Thank you Ms Chambers

Mr Maxwell has been on some extended sick leave and we wish him a speedy recovery and return to school soon.

Ms Chambers has taken on his teaching responsibilities in ICT and Science and has done great work with our students. This week she supported some of our Year 6 students with Dancing Robots as an assembly item, highlighting National Science Week. We have really appreciated her work in our school during this time.

Weston Jackson
Principal

Free Concert!

Bring your friends and families to the PAC this Saturday for a free concert.

The Silver Threads Salvation Army Band and the Karratha Combined Schools Band will be joining forces to bring you an hour of entertainment.

Come and see this massed band of 50-60 instruments all playing together! All welcome. Free Entry. Saturday 20th August. 7.30PM start.

Too Many Daves

Did I ever tell you that Mrs M’Cave
Had twenty-three sons and she named them all Dave?
Well, she did. And that wasn’t a smart thing to do.
You see, when she wants one and calls out, "Yoo-Hoo! Come into the house, Dave!" she doesn’t get ONE.
All twenty-three Daves of hers come on the run!
This makes things quite difficult at the M’Caves’
As you can imagine, with so many Daves.
And often she wishes that, when they were born,
She had named one of them Bodkin Van Horn
And one of them Hoos-Foos. And one of them Snimm.
And one of them Hot-Shot. And one Sunny Jim.
And one of them Shadrack. And one of them Blinkey.
And one of them Stuffy. And one of them Stinkey.
Another one Putt-Putt. Another one Moon Face.
Another one Marvin O’Gravel Balloon Face.
And one of them Ziggy. And one Soggy Muff.
One Buffalo Bill. And one Buffalo Buff.
And one of them Sneepy. And one Weepy Weed.
And one Paris Garters. And one Harris Tweed.
And one of them Sir Michael Carmichael Zutt
And one of them Oliver Boliver Butt
And one of them Zanzibar Buck-Buck McFate...
But she didn’t do it. And now it’s too late.

By Dr Suess

Money Smart Program

In Term Four, TA 9,10,11,13 and 14 will be completing the Money Smart Program. This program has been completed in previous years at Millars Well and the students have always enjoyed it. It is a program that teaches about money through fundraising and teaching students how to make a difference for people who may be less fortunate than themselves. The two charities that we will be raising money for are the Kmart Wishing Tree and the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Students will have a large part in purchasing items for these two causes in Term Four.

The following fundraising events will be taking place later this term:

A 5 cent jar will be placed in each classroom for the rest of the term. Please bring in your Scent coins. There will be a friendly competition to see which class has the most money at the end of each week.

Week 7 – TA9, 10 and 11 cake stall on Wednesday 31st August.
Week 9 – Crazy Hair Day on Friday 16th September for a gold coin donation.
Week 10 – TA 13 and 14 cake stall on Wednesday 21st September.

Junior and Middle School Teachers

millarswellps.wa.edu.au
**Millars Well Poetry Slam**

In preparation for Book Week and to celebrate all the wonderful poetry that children have been learning about and writing in class this term, our school hosted an inaugural Millars Well Poetry Slam this week.

A total of 49 students from Year 1-6 braved the front of the assembly area to perform their chosen poem to the audience. Many students even chose to write their own poem to perform and the judges were impressed by everyone’s efforts, talents and stage presence.

Thanks to the following superstars for your spectacular effort and delivery both at the Junior and Senior Events and then again at Thursday’s Whole School Assembly- you are amazing!

1st Place Junior- Toria Macale
2nd Place Junior- Liam Richards
3rd Place Junior- Taylor Kelly
1st Place Senior- Nikita Smith
2nd Place Senior- Lily Kot
3rd Place Senior- Florica Caplescu

Huge thanks must go to all the class teachers for helping to allow this event to go ahead and in particular to our amazing judges Mrs. Dunne, Mrs. Ditterich, Mrs. Rayson, Ms. Randal and Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Dunne got into the spirit of things so much that she even wrote and performed her own poems over the PA to announce our lucky winners!

**Rio Tinto Excursion Recount**

On the 8th and 9th of August, all of the classes from Pre Primary to Year 6 participated in the 50 year anniversary of Rio Tinto, Ground Breaker excursion.

All of the children really enjoyed learning about the history of Rio Tinto. There were lots of interesting facts and displays on show, such as, a display of the types of iron ore that they collect and transport to different countries and continents.

There was also a 3D printer and a display of the trailer for the new Red Dog movie, True Blue. Another one of the displays was about the new trucks and trains so now they don’t need a driver which makes it a lot safer and easier for Rio Tinto employees.

Finally, there was an author, Mark Greenwood and his wife (illustrator for most of his books). Mark taught all the children about the Legend of Lasseter’s reef and told us about his love of writing and travel. He told all the children about where he had travelled and told a sad story about when he visited Gallipoli.

Overall the children really enjoyed the excursion and learnt a lot of new and interesting facts about the history of Rio Tinto.

Written by Theresa Budd and Holly Gill
Kindy have grown their own amazing sunflowers from seeds. We have learnt about the parts of a plant, how to care for a plant and the lifecycle of a sunflower. We are very excited because the ladybugs are just beginning to come and play in our garden! We will be learning how to be gentle and watch with our eyes so we don’t hurt them.

"You put seeds in the ground, then it grows. It gets roots, a stalk. It gets lots of leaves, taller and taller and taller. Then it gets a sunflower. Seeds are in flowers. When they’re ready we can pull them off and plant them again." Sam

"You put the seed in the dirt then it grows a shoot. Then it grows some leaves and some...ahhh...roots! It grows lots of leaves. Then it grows a sunflower and then the sunflower grows bigger. Then we do it again. A life cycle." Elliot

"You put seeds in and it starts shoot out. Start to get roots and then it get leaf. Then it start into a sunflower and leaves. You pick the flower off and get out seeds. You plant them again and pick them and plant them again and pick them again..." Kacey

"We plant seeds and then it grows a shoot. It grows roots. Then it keeps growing. Then it gets leaves. It’s a sunflower! Get more seeds out of the sunflower and do it again. That’s a life cycle of a sunflower." Kaia

"Need seeds. Starting up to grow and then they grow up to roots. Then they grow up to leaf. Then it grows up to flower. Then it grows up to a big huge flower. Seeds come from the flowers. We make it. Sophie"
To all parents and caregivers of Year 6 students who will be attending Karratha Senior High School in 2017

Please complete your enrolment forms and return to KSHS ASAP to assist in planning for next year. Enrolment packs can be sourced and returned via your school office or the high school.
Point Samson
KIDS ART AWARDS
and PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Every year the Point Samson Community Hall fills up with a colourful display of children’s art. The Kids Art Awards are held in conjunction with the Cossack Art Awards and celebrate our thriving art community.

The variety and quality of the artworks was inspiring and created some tense moments for local artist and teacher Monty who kindly judged and announced the winners on Saturday 6 August.

A total of 179 artworks were received and hung in age categories. Prizes were awarded to first, second and third place winners with numerous high commendations.

The photographic competition received 13 outstanding entries which displayed technical skill and artistic interpretation.

This event is sponsored by the Point Samson Community Association and the City of Karratha. Thank you to Michelle Bez and Claudia Kraus for management and organization.

WINNERS

3-6 YEAR AGE CATEGORY
1st Place: Arlan AINSBURY
2nd Place: Daylin HICKS
3rd Place: Amelia BIDOLI
HIGHERLY COMMENDED
Aine LANCILANDS, Isaac FISHER

7-9 YEAR AGE CATEGORY
1st Place: Jack NEWETT
2nd Place: Connor HALL
3rd Place: Zane LYNDON
HIGHLY COMMENDED
Alica GIU, Fletcher ROOLE, Lucas CLIFTON, Taylor HOUEN, Josian BOUQUET

9-10 YEAR AGE CATEGORY
1st Place: Braxton KARAKA
2nd Place: Corey CHADWICK
3rd Place: Hayley THOMPSON
HIGHLY COMMENDED
Shery KO, Kayla SALTA, Maya PIANTA, Ruby WOOD-HILL

11-12 YEAR AGE CATEGORY
1st Place: Erin GREAVES
2nd Place: Isaac FORWOOD
3rd Place: Sebastian FORWOOD
HIGHLY COMMENDED
Tyla LOVELL, Maha PANETUE GEORGE

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION Junior Winner: Amalia BIDOLI
Runner Up: Josiah BIDOLI
Highly Commended: Tyle LOVELL

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION Senior Winner: Jackson BYRNE
Runner Up: Tyger LOVELL
Highly Commended: Jarvis HURLEY

JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Online Registrations OPEN until 31st August 2016

JUNIOR SEASON (Years 1 – 9)
Search ‘Karratha Basketball Association’ to register through our ‘Fox Sports Pulse’ website. Click on ‘Junior Registrations’

GAME DAYS NOW WEDNESDAYS for Boys and Girls
Games between 4:00pm and 7:00pm at Karratha Leisureplex

Season Dates
Meet & Greet Wednesday September 21st
19 October to 7 December 2016 and 8 February to 15 March 2017

FEES $140 including insurance
KBA is a registered Kidsport Association

Like “Karratha Junior Basketball” for regular updates

Any queries to: juniorkarrathabasketball@gmail.com