



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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Millars Well, Karratha 6714

Upcoming Events

- P&C AGM Meeting
Wednesday 22 Feb at
7pm school staffroom
- Labour Day 6 March
- Prefect Assembly 9 Mar



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Principal's Message

Welcome

Welcome to our school community and the 2017 school year. We have several new families to our school and I extend a warm welcome to you. I hope you have a smooth transition into our school.

Our total school numbers at present are 267 students from Kindy to Year 6. This is made up of 138 Males and 129 Females. Students are not evenly distributed across the school K - 19 , PP - 40, Yr1 - 32, Yr2 - 41, Yr3 - 26, Yr4 - 36, Yr5 - 36 and Yr6 - 37. This means that we have mixed year groups in classes (composite classes) . Teachers are well prepared for this as it is not uncommon in schools today to have composite classes.

At Millars Well we successfully plan and teach to meet the needs of individual students. This has been reflected in our NAPLAN results. We provide additional time to our staff to meet and plan as teams or phases of learning. This gives staff the opportunity to share their planning, teaching and assessment practices. These meetings are attended by a member of the school leadership team.

Settling in

The beginning of the school year can be an anxious time for students and parents but these anxieties can be minimised when they are discussed. Separating for the first time or after a longer holiday period does require some adjustments. I encourage you to meet with the teacher or a member of the leadership team if you are feeling like you would like to know a little more about the start of the year or your child's progress. Our staff are committed and will listen and help where they can.

Class Information

Staff are sending information letters home to parents and hosting parent information sessions. These letters provide an outline of what will be happening in class and an introduction of themselves.

It has been pleasing to see the number of parents who have come along for the information sessions. This provides an opportunity for parents to familiarise themselves with their child's classroom and the various programs, expectations and routines that take place at school. Should parents have any queries, please liaise with your child's classroom teacher as it is important to work closely together in order to ensure positive outcomes and a happy environment for students.

Staff movements

A warm welcome and introduction to new staff Ms Hayley Adie (PE teacher) and Mrs Asher Buck, (School Officer).

Staff on leave are Mr Jackson, Mrs Ditterich, and Mr Maxwell.

I have been required to take some unplanned sick leave which will mean that Ms Breigh Pearson will be Acting Principal and Mrs Callie Martin Acting Deputy in my absence. Both are very professional and committed educators who are looking forward to maintaining the momentum that Millars Well School has been able to achieve in the past years. They are very familiar with the ways of working at school and will continue to ensure all students achieve success. Our staff are relatively unchanged from 2016 and they have already made an impressive start into the year with students.

Priorities

The Department of Education have a document called Focus 2017 and our school priorities align with these.

Focus 2017 maintains the momentum and progress we have already made in the four priorities in our strategic plan, High Performance – High Care.

These priorities are:

- Success for all students
- High quality teaching
- Effective leadership
- Strong governance and support.

Consistent with Classroom First, the areas of emphasis in Focus 2017 are all about finding ways to accelerate learning success for every student. The directions in Focus 2017 are built on the understanding that the most powerful lever we have to achieve this acceleration is having high performing school leaders delivering exceptional teaching in every single classroom. This embodies a culture of high performance and high care in our school as there is nothing more caring than to ensure a child's success in their future life.

Student success in Literacy and Numeracy has strong connections to good attendance and good behaviour.

Our challenge will be to build upon the success of 2016. NAPLAN data indicated that students made positive progress in these areas and our attendance data was also positive. Staff will focus upon individual student achievement and may ask for your support in areas such as Guided Reading and Ten a Day if you are available.

Cyclones

Be familiar with procedures for cyclones within our region. It is not unusual to experience a cyclone or two during this term and knowing the procedure for school closure is important. School cyclone information is available at the front office and is also available on the school website.

Health Care plans, Contact details and medications

Please ensure that when you change your mobile or contact details please let us know. It is important that we can contact you should the need arise. If your child has a health care plan we need to have the most current details. If they require any medications please check the expiry date is still valid.

Warm regards

Weston Jackson
Principal



Parent & Citizens

The P&C plays a significant role in the school. Their support and fundraising goes a long way to provide valuable resources and infrastructure to further enhance MWPS and improve opportunities for our student clientele. **The AGM is planned for the 22nd February at 7pm in the school staff room.** We would really appreciate parents coming along in order to confirm office bearers and commence various initiatives for the school community.

Uniform Shop

A huge thanks to Kylie Bayliss and Tash Regan who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure families have been able to purchase new uniforms. The uniform shop is open every Thursday from 8.00 – 8.30am

Canteen

A reminder our school canteen operates every day except Wednesdays. New menus were sent home last week. Orders can be placed by logging onto the website: ouronlinecanteen.com.au.

Place and order online between now and the 10th March to go into the draw to win \$10 of canteen credit.

**Our Online Canteen**FREE, SAFE AND EASY TO USE

Our school canteen is online and its time to

WIN WIN WIN \$ 10 canteen credit

Our school has made the important change by registering for an online ordering system. This will enable a more efficient and effective service available to you and your family.

We ask you to support us by ordering online

If you are not yet registered :

- Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Sign up by completing the registration form and follow prompt



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YOU WILL GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN \$ 10

THE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN ON 13th March

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED, CREDIT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR ACCOUNT

Start ordering today:
www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Safe & Secure Support Line: 1300 116 637 Order 24 / 7

Term Planner

An outline of significant school dates is being sent home with this newsletter. This is also available on our school website. We endeavour to provide as much forewarning as possible regarding important dates, however, from time to time these dates are subject to change.

Voluntary Contributions

A contributions payment envelope has been sent home with this newsletter. Contributions are an important part of our school's revenue and assist the school to purchase resources to enhance learning outcomes for your children. Please place cash/cheque in the envelope provided or complete the EFT details and return the envelope to the front office.

Your early attention to this is appreciated. A Contributions and Charges Schedule was sent home at the end of last year and is available from the office. Please note that costs quoted in the area of optional activities are set at a maximum level and many of the programme costs will be less than the quoted amount.

DENTAL SCREENING NOTIFICATION

It's approaching that time of year again where our Dental Therapy team will be visiting your child's school to screen Pre-Primaries, Year 3's, Year 6's and any new or outstanding patients.

For those unfamiliar with the screening process – it is simply a growth and development check by our Dental Officer.

It is a legal requirement to screen new patients, (and every 3-4 years in between), prior to receiving any treatment through School Dental Services.

Please note that dental screening is a very quick non-intrusive process and is not a dental examination.

During the screen, children are lined up and simply need to bite together. The process takes approximately 5-10 seconds per child.

School Dental Services do not require parents to be present or consent to Dental Screening. However, if you wish to opt your child out of dental screening, please contact the clinic immediately to advise.

If you have any queries regarding dental screening, please contact the clinic on 91431666 (7:30am-3:30pm).

Warmest regards,
School Dental Therapy Staff.

Library News

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to our new families.

I am a part time Library Officer here at MWPS, my work days are Monday and Wednesday 9am-3pm. I run Scholastic Book Club, with two issues sent home each term. Issue One brochure went home this week, and orders are due by Monday 13th. Please pay by credit card if possible as it saves busy office staff lots of time!

You also now have the option to log onto the Scholastic website at <http://www.scholastic.com.au> and register on their LOOP for Parents, enabling you to place and pay for your own orders. The items will come to the school and I will hand them out to the students as usual.

I also organise two Book Fairs in the Library, in May and November. Scholastic offers great 'rewards' for sales from Book Club and Book Fairs, so our Library benefits greatly with a steady stream of free lovely new books and resources. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding Book Club, please phone or call in and see me.

Have a great term!

Robyn Rayson, Library Officer

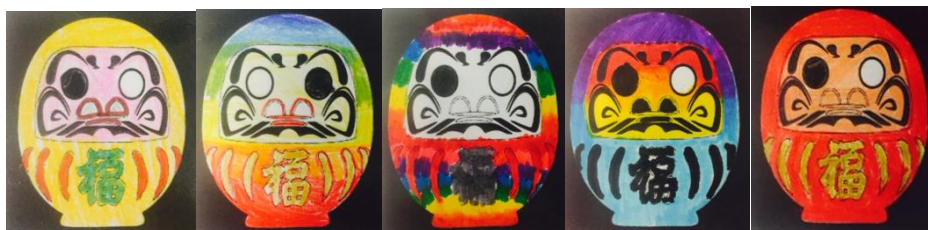
Introducing Ms Adie


Hi! My name is Hayley Adie and I am very excited to be a part of the Millars Primary School community. As the school Physical Education teacher I look forward to developing the students' skills and widening their passions for sport.

This is my first year in the Pilbara and I am loving being here. During my spare time I enjoy getting outdoors camping, hiking and swimming. I have been lucky enough to visit many parts of the world following my passion of teaching and coaching. Living and working in Laos for the National Sports Committee and teaching in South Africa have been some highlights for me. I look forward to working with students, parents and staff at Millars Well to strive to achieve success in 2017.



ひさしぶり！ The year of the  is well under way.
Some students have already made their wishes to *Darumasan*



This semester Year 4,5&6 will be striving to their black belt  in *hiragana* and all students will be learning about the topic 'school'

There will be **Nihongo Club** at lunchtime every Tuesday, which is an informal chance for students to learn more Japanese, talk about their worldly adventures and dreams or to just enjoy authentic Japanese toys, puzzles and books.

Parents and guardians, my classroom is open for you to come in, help out and learn some Nihongo yourself anytime. Everyone is welcome.

今年もよろしくお願いします



CODERDOJO WA IN THE PILBARA

**Information Session
and Community Forum**
**Karratha
Library**
Thurs, 23rd Feb
5pm – 7pm

5 – 6pm: Learn about CoderDojo
6 – 7pm: Building the Pilbara Network
Bookings required
contact Karratha Library on 9186 8660

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KLP TERM ONE PROGRAMS







WEEK STARTING MONDAY
13 FEB

CHOOSE FROM:

MINI MEGASPORTS

Zumba

MINI MASTERCHEF

Triathlon

FIRST AID CLUB

Megasports

Download an enrolment form and find out all the details at karrathaleisureplex.com.au/term-programs or speak with one of our friendly team at reception



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