



**Millars Well**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Friendship and Achievement

# Community Newsletter

## Issue No.2

45 Gawthorne Drive,  
Millars Well, Karratha 6714

### Upcoming Events

6<sup>th</sup> March Labour Day  
9<sup>th</sup> March Prefect Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> March Ride to School Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> March TA10 Assembly



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## Principal's Message

We have had a great start to the school year and I am very pleased with how well our students have settled into their classes and the school.

Student behaviour has been great and the quality of learning happening in classrooms is outstanding.

Thank you to parents who attended class meetings. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the classroom teacher and ask questions they have regarding the classroom.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, please ensure you make time to meet with your child's teacher. We aim to work in partnership with parents and be responsive and approachable at all times.

### On-Entry

All Pre-Primary and Year 1 students will participate in On-Entry Literacy and Numeracy testing from week 3 to the end of week 6.

This testing is very effective as it allows us to monitor the success of our teaching programs from Kindergarten to Year 2. Your child's teacher can share your child's results with you.

Please organise a time to meet with them if you would like receive this information.

### NAPLAN

All Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN in term 2 on Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May.

Students will complete assessments in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions. This provides the school with a snapshot of how our school and students compare with like schools and students in Australia.

Please liaise with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or queries. If you have a genuine reason to withdraw your child from NAPLAN assessment, please see the office.

### Arriving Early to School

Students are not permitted to arrive at school before 8.00am. If students do arrive before this time they are required to sit outside the front office until 8.00am.

Students will be accompanied to the undercover-area where they will be supervised until classroom doors open at 8:10am. Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students are also required to wait in these areas.

At 8:10am the duty teacher will deliver them to their Kindy or Pre-Primary class. This is to ensure the school can provide adequate "Duty of Care" for our students.

### Emergency Evacuation

On the 17th of February, the school conducted a lockdown and evacuation drill. It is important the school practices these types of procedures so we are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

### School Council

Please contact the school office if you are interested in being a member of the School Council.

This committee meets regularly throughout the year to discuss and oversee various school decisions and initiatives. It consists of staff members, parents and members of the wider community. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Student Leaders

At the beginning of the school term we organised elections for Prefects and Faction Captains. The enthusiasm expressed by our Year Six students along with the self-confidence and quality of speeches was outstanding.

I would like to congratulate all students who nominated and delivered a speech to their peers. Congratulations to the elected Prefects and Faction Captains for the leadership roles they will be under-taking throughout the year.

These students will receive their badges next week at our school assembly.

### Attendance

Developing the habit of going to school every day and arriving on time is vital. The importance of regular school attendance is well known and the link to achievement at school is clear. The attendance rates for each year groups are shown below.

To celebrate outstanding attendance Mrs Martin and I would love to see all students have 100% attendance for the next two weeks, starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

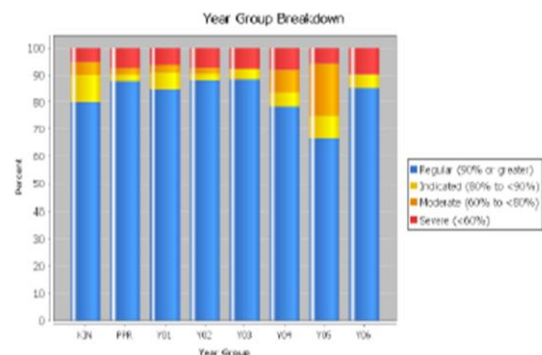
We encourage students to attend every day for this period, to be able to receive an icy pole reward on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. We hope all students can reach this goal.

We would also like to acknowledge those students who have exceptional attendance for all of Term 1.

If your child achieves 95% or above for attendance for Term 1, they will receive a \$10 Yo-Get-It voucher at the end of term.

We hope all students can reach this goal too!

Year Group	Attendance Rates
Kindergarten	89.8%
Pre-Primary	93%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	92.3%
Year 4	90.2%
Year 5	89.5%
Year 6	93%



### P and C Meeting

I would like to thank all the parents that made the time to attend the P&C AGM on the 22nd of February. A special thanks to Maurice Palmer for his commitment and work last year in the role of P&C president and congratulations to Natasha Regan for being elected to take on the role this year.

Thank you to all the parents who have been nominated to take on roles this year. I am sure it is going to be a very productive, busy and great year!

Warm regards,  
Breigh Pearson  
Principal



## Introducing our Prefects!



Congratulations to Charlie Hancock, Jye Vidler, Abbey Eversden, Anais Stott, Lily Kot and Mackenzie Coles!

Hi my name is MacKenzie Coles and I am glad to say I'm the 2017 Events Prefect along with Lily Kot. I'm glad to be the school prefect as I'm a responsible student.

So, a little bit about me. I am 11 years old I have a 14-year-old brother and a 7-year-old little brother. I have been at Millars Well since Pre-Primary and I still have some of my friends and lots of new friends! I am in TA8 with Miss Johansson.

Hello and welcome to our Environmental Prefect update. We have a lot of fantastic ideas for this year! Keep an eye out for updates about "Clean Up Australia Day" at the school. We are also keen to have a weeding day in our Community Garden in preparation for some new plants.

**We are also looking for donations of soil, plants, seedlings, if you are able to help please contact the school!**

If you have any environmental concerns or ideas please come and see Abbey or Charlie your Prefects!

## Introducing our Faction Captains!



Congratulations to our Faction Captains!  
Legendre Lightning: Angus Tait and Kiara Tait  
Rosemary Rebels: Braiden Irwin, Mikhaela Acebes  
Delambre Dragons: Amna Siddiqui and Alyssa Kjellgren  
Malus Magic: Jacob Bonney, Antionette Palmer

Hi my name is Amna and I'm your Faction Captain for Delambre Dragons. I'm 11 years old and in TA7, I love to play different kinds of sports and I am a really joyful person!

## Ride Safely to School Day

Ride Safely to School Day asks parents to encourage their children to consider alternative modes of transport to benefit children's health, education and to help out the environment.

We would love to see you riding or walking to school on Friday the 17th of March. The students who ride or walk to school will be greeted with fruit platters, stickers and Millars Medals.

Regular exercise is a great way to help beat chronic health problems such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes and mental health illness.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.bwa.org.au/riding-to-school/>



### A Poem by TA9

Our first day in the big school,  
we knew TA9 were going to be cool.

We started the year with lots of smiles on our faces.  
We weren't sure of the challenges that were going to  
face us.

We came from Pre-primary we are now Year One  
we are ready to have so much fun.

From the first day we got stuck into our work  
making masterpieces with a little smirk.

Saying our sounds in leaps and bounds,  
giving each person a go and doing the rounds.

Oh don't forget about our numbers too,  
who knew we could count by two!

In Science we are learning all about space,  
in PE we are learning to race!

We have been rather artistic,  
using our talent and being majestic!

We are looking forward to the year ahead,  
before we know it there will be a man on a sled!

Every day I promise to do my best  
and will try not to make too much mess.



### Science & Technology Teacher

Hi, my name is Erin Cummings and I'm very excited to return to Millars Well Primary School as the Science Teacher. I have recently taken 3 years off work to welcome 2 beautiful boys into the world. I'm originally from Newcastle in NSW and enjoy visiting family there whenever I can.

This term our focus will be Earth and Beyond. We're beginning by looking at the relationships between the planets in our solar system and their moons.

I'm passionate about teaching and look forward to working hard with the students, parents, caregivers and staff at Millars Well to make Science accessible and engaging for all.

#### Mrs Cummings



### West Coast Eagles Visit

Last Thursday (23/02/17) some West Coast Eagles players came to our school. Years 4 to 6 went to an assembly and they talked about their favourite game that they have played and what numbers they wear.

Their names were Paddy Brophy, Francis Watson, Mal Karpany, and Kim Hannah. It was exciting for all of our footy fans and we all got something signed, it was awesome!

#### By Sintra Buck



### **Guided Reading**

The teachers from Years 1-3 are in desperate need of parent helpers Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30-9.00 to assist with Guided Reading.

This plays an important role in our Literacy program and cannot run efficiently without parent help. If you are able to assist, please let any of the junior teachers know or leave a message at the front office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you**

**Jodie Michael, Tamara Clarke, Ann McComb, Chantelle Smith**

### **Music Program**

As you know it's the start of the year, right now the music lessons have started and are led by the one and only music teacher Mr Crocker.

It's fascinating how only one person can teach thousands of people all throughout the Pilbara. Mr Crocker is the type of teacher that can create the most spectacular musicians. It's also unbelievable that he can teach and play four and more instruments himself. He can play the Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet and there are more instruments that he teaches.

You may not be aware that the instruments that we listed here are instruments that he only teaches to Primary Schools, the others are for High Schools Students only.

You may also like to know that the Flute and Clarinet are woodwind instruments and the Trombone and Trumpet are brass instruments. All four instruments you have to blow into so don't forget to breathe!

**By Triana Inglis and Mariah Acebes**

### **Physical Education**

In sport we have been practicing our cricket skills and playing modified games. For the remaining weeks of term one, we will be challenging our basketball abilities and developing our teamwork, strategies and sportsmanship. The junior students will also continue exploring some new yoga moves!

Following this we will begin preparing for the Dockers Cup by developing our confidence and skills in the area of AFL Football.

This week we were lucky enough to have some professional football players visit us from the West Coast Eagles. All senior students actively engaged in the session and were very excited to receive some prizes and autographs.

**Miss Aide**

### **Millars Well P&C Update**

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our wonderful committee for 2017. Our Vice President is Donna Scott, Secretary is Jake Reynolds, Treasurer is Lynn Botes and myself, Tash Regan as President. We'd also like to thank Maurice Palmer and Jenny Carr for their contributions as President and Vice President for 2016. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

Millars Mess is up and running again this year. We have 2 amazing ladies looking after our kids, Bec Scolari and Tracy Reynolds. They have both recently completed the Traffic Light Course on good and ugly foods, which they passed with flying colours. The online canteen competition ends on the 10th March so register and get in there for your chance to win!!

Reminder that canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's.

Thank you Bec and Tracy for looking after our kids health, we appreciate all your time, effort and love you put in.

It's great to see our new uniform throughout the school. This would not be possible without our Uniform Shop. A special thanks to Kylie Bayliss for giving up so much time to ensure our uniform shop is stocked and available. We are hoping to have all stock, including dresses available next week. Uniform shop is open every Thursday 8:00 - 8:30am.

If you have any fundraising ideas, school engagement initiatives or wish to have a discussion about school matters please feel free to get in touch with myself or your P&C committee members.

The first initiative is the annual Easter raffle with more information to come soon. Also we will be holding a survey via survey monkey seeking your feedback.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March, 7pm. Everyone is welcome and all voices will be heard.

Looking forward to a great year for P&C and seeing some new faces.

**Warm regards,  
Tash**





## Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Karratha Dampier  
Teeball Association  
**Monday 20th March  
7:00pm**

Meeting Room at  
**KDCCI**  
(located in Leisureplex)

All committee positions will be vacant.  
There will need to be 10 people in attendance for  
the season to commence, without attendance, there  
will be no season.

Fun ~ Fair play  
Fundamental Skills ~ Family Involvement

[kardam.teeball@gmail.com](mailto:kardam.teeball@gmail.com)



## Karratha District Junior Soccer Association Incorporated

YAY - IT'S SOCCER SEASON!!!

The Karratha and Districts Junior Soccer Association Inc invites all new and past players to register for the 2017 Soccer Season.

Soccer registrations are open to all children who will be aged 6 to 18 years on 30th September this year. Registrations open on 4th March and close on the 20th March and can be done online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au).

We will also be offering the MiniRoos programme for children aged 4 to 6 years on 30th September this year. Registrations coming soon.

Clubs in our district are:  
Bulgarra Glory - E: [bulgarraglory@gmail.com](mailto:bulgarraglory@gmail.com)  
Dampier Red Dogs - E: [disc6713@gmail.com](mailto:disc6713@gmail.com)  
Nickel - E: [nickelsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:nickelsoccerclub@gmail.com)  
Salt - E: [saltsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:saltsoccer@gmail.com)

Wickham Wanderers - E: [wickhamwandererssoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:wickhamwandererssoccerclub@gmail.com)

Join our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/karrathajuniorsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/karrathajuniorsoccer)



## FUTURECLUBS JUNIOR SPORTS EXPO

**Karratha (6 -15yrs):**  
Fri 17 March, 3.30 - 7.30pm  
Karratha Leisureplex

**Wickham (6 - 15yrs):**  
Sat 18 March, 8.00 - 11.30am  
Wickham Rec Precinct

# FREE

To register and for more info  
visit [www.karratha.wa.gov.au](http://www.karratha.wa.gov.au) or  
contact City of Karratha  
Club Development Officer  
Natalie May on 9186 8555  
[natalie.may@karratha.wa.gov.au](mailto:natalie.may@karratha.wa.gov.au)



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## Karratha Little Athletics

### 2017 Registrations

to be held at

Frank Butler Centre - Hunt Way, Bulgarra

Saturday March 11 and Saturday March 18, 2017

9.00am to 11.00am

Registration Fee: \$125.00 - includes 2017 club shirt (note: cash facilities only)

The 2017 season runs from May 12 to September 15 on Friday nights 5.00pm - 7.30pm

With a training and orientation night to be held on May 5 at 5.30pm

Members need to have been born between 1st October 1999 and 30th September 2010 (ie. aged from 6 and 16 years on 30th September 2016).

Parent's participation and supervision will be required for all events.

For further information please contact [registrars@karrathalittleathletics.org](mailto:registrars@karrathalittleathletics.org) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/sports/karrathalittleathletics/>



Karratha Little Athletics is a registered KidSport participant. To see if your child is eligible for a KidSport sponsorship please visit [www.kidsport.org.au](http://www.kidsport.org.au) or ask at registration