



**Millars Well**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Friendship and Achievement

# Community Newsletter

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Millars Well, Karratha 6714

### Upcoming Events

6<sup>th</sup> April Easter Hat Parade

6<sup>th</sup> April Dockers Cup

7<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Term



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## Principal's Message

It's unbelievable to think we are at the end of week eight! It has been a great term with numerous highlights. These include: Clean up Australia Day, Ride to School Day, Harmony Day, the Harmony Day Painting of the Pipes Project, Leadership Day, Assemblies, exciting classroom activities and impressive work from our students.

Thank you to the parents, staff, students and wider community for working hard to ensure these events were a success. This term, I have been really impressed with the learning that has happened in classrooms and the positive behaviour exhibited by students. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work to provide a stimulating academic program while fostering a warm and caring environment for our students.

Thank you to our P & C and parent community for your continuous support and friendly and positive attitude to ensure our school operates smoothly. Next term, Mr Weston Jackson will return from his leave.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to be the Principal of MWPS. I will remain in the school in a different role and look forward to the year ahead.

### Principal



## Term Dates

Last day of school for students is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, students then return on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

We would like to wish all students a safe and happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed in Term 2.

## Leadership Course

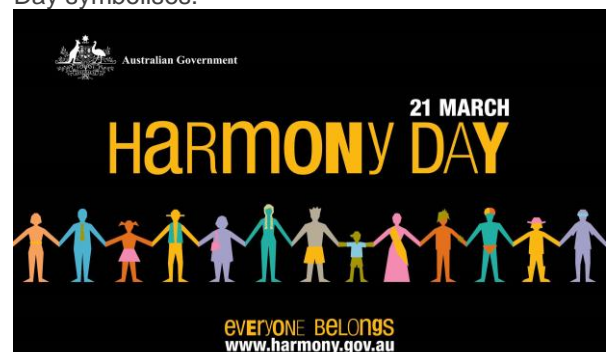
Our Year Six Leaders attended a special leadership day on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at the Leisureplex.

The day provided opportunities for student leaders to learn and demonstrate initiative, working collaboratively and speaking confidently publicly. Our students excelled and were a real credit to themselves and Millars Well PS. Many thanks to Ms Johansson and Mrs Arnott for coordinating this superb opportunity.

## Harmony Day

This special day was coordinated by our student leaders and Mrs Martin to promote and celebrate the broad range of cultures we have at Millars Well PS.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, students were asked to dress in traditional cultural outfits or alternatively wear orange to symbolise 'Harmony'. The students had a wonderful day and learnt about what Harmony Day symbolises.



[millarswellps.wa.edu.au](http://millarswellps.wa.edu.au)

### Easter Hat Parade

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of April we encourage students from K-6 to attend school with an Easter hat they have designed and made with their parents/siblings.

On this day, students will be involved in an Easter hat parade and prizes will be awarded to students with the most creative design.

### Easter Raffle

Many thanks to the P & C and the school community for coordinating the Easter Egg Raffle. Please return your tickets to the office and donated Easter eggs to the canteen by Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April.

### Dockers Cup

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April our senior girls and boys AFL teams will be participating in a Lightning Carnival at Baynton West. The students will be playing for the "Dockers Cup" which is always a very exciting carnival with emphasis on skills, fun and participation.

Children have the opportunity to order a special lunch from the Baynton West Canteen. Please return the order forms as soon as possible.

Fixtures get under way at 8.45am and the carnival will conclude by 1.00pm. In the event of extreme weather, the carnival will be postponed until Term Two.

Parents are invited and encouraged to join in the fun and support our teams.

We wish our students a great day and I would like to thank Miss Adie for all her work behind the scenes to coordinate this special day.

### Dental Screening

The Dental Therapy Team will be visiting our Pre-Primaries, Year 3's, Year 6's and any new or outstanding patients on Tuesday 28th March.

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, (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 9143 1666**

### Mental Health Commission Message

The Mental Health Commission is hosting a special information forum for parents and teachers regarding the proposed Karratha community Step up/Step down facility and service.

This forum is only for parents and teachers. A forum for other community members will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Attendees will be provided with information regarding the facility and service and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Location:** The Function Room Karratha Leisureplex

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Start:** 6:00pm –7:30pm Finish

## What's happening in TA6...

In TA6 we have been creating artwork based on Pilbara Storms. We viewed cloud formations over the hills of Karratha and added our own touches. The artwork was created with oil pastels and is in the abstract style.



Mrs Donna Stott

## Japanese and HASS Update

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> every year Japanese celebrate "Hinamatsuri" literally meaning Doll Festival. It is a special day celebrating the health and wellbeing of girls. Within homes beautiful dolls are displayed leading up to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If dolls are left out on the 4<sup>th</sup>, it is said the daughter will have a late marriage. Oh no!!! We made our very own Hina (dolls) and displayed them in the Japanese class.



In HASS the Year 5/6s explored their family origins leading up to Harmony Day. As you can see, we are a very multicultural little school!



O'Brien Sensei





Happy Birthday to the following students:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Abigail Garbin        | Rhomeline Fernandez |
| Lykan Hepi            | Marcus Kimpton      |
| Emily Regan           | Maddison Bucktrout  |
| Sophie Downham        | Sunny Dyer          |
| Kaiden Humphries      | Cody Kittle         |
| Alyssa Kjellgren      | Brandon Mackinnon   |
| Deegan McDonald       | Tyler McDonald      |
| Ella McKay            | Jack Michael        |
| George Millward       | Tamelia Mitchell    |
| Amonlee Mowarin-Jacob | Lacey Oliver        |
| Kalinda Rose-Palmer   | Wyatt Parker        |
| Kyle Renton           | Jaymen Ware         |
| Hannah Richards       | Troy Ridley         |
| Maggie-Mae Smith      | Dinoshan Subramoney |
| Leah Turnbull         | Laurieann Walters   |



To the following recipients of this months merit certificates:

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Cameron Ghambarie   | Charlie Lonnie             |
| Amelia Maskiell     | Salomon Gathmann           |
| Lilly McKay         | Kanan Subramoney           |
| Flynn Payne         | Samuel Buck                |
| Agnes Millward      | Georgia Eversden           |
| Alexander Lindsay   | Emilia Trebell             |
| Jamal Hodzic        | Abbey Bayliss              |
| Tyde Lovell         | Sintra Buck                |
| Banin Ghambarie     | Mariah Acebes              |
| Jasmine Vallelonga  | Veda Motlop                |
| Nic Gagliano        | Hari Manikandan            |
| Kayd-Cooper Gibson  | Lily Kot                   |
| Patrick Costelloe   | Travis Murray              |
| Pippa Maskiell      | Hamza Ali                  |
| Kaia Bode           | Jayla Bonney               |
| Hilda Lee           | Thomas Chambers            |
| Jett Bonney         | Huntah Alvarez             |
| Triana Inglis       | Trey Kittle                |
| Shontae Wongawol    | Skye McKinnon              |
| Trey Kittle         | Tarete-Rose Koroheke-White |
| Addison de Smid     | Wyatt Parker               |
| Hannah Richards     | Tyranny Perry              |
| Kalinda Rose-Palmer | Charlotte Close            |
| Joshua Regan        | Charlie Hancock            |
| Viannah Motlop      | Glen Mitchell              |
| Mikaere Wano        | Coen Bryce                 |

## TA10 Assembly

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March TA10 hosted our first classroom assembly for 2017. Mrs Michael's Grade 1 and 2 class theme was "How to be a good friend!"

The ingredients to make a good friend are kindness, patience, honesty, forgiveness, encouragement, respect, trust, and fun!

Thank you Mrs Michael, and congratulations to the students on a very fun and entertaining assembly.



## News from the P&C

Thank you to all that attended our P&C meeting Wednesday 15th March, we had some new faces join us, which was great to see.

### Millars Mess:

Congratulations to the winner of the \$10 online canteen credit, Hamish Hancock. The next competition will be in Term 2.

### Uniform Shop:

We are finally fully stocked and slowly sorting our issues with short sizes. Uniform shop is open every Thursday 8-8:30am, cash, cheque or online canteen available.

### Fundraising:

Thank you to all parents who have returned their raffle tickets and Easter eggs already. For those still to do so please write your child's name and TA on every ticket as there will be class prizes. Please have tickets and eggs to school no later than Friday 31st March. Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 5th April.

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 3rd April at 7pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there.

**Tash**  
**P&C President**

## Japanese Club

Konnichiwa / Ohayogozaimasu, today we are going to talk about the Japanese Club introduced by the fabulous Japanese teacher Apryl O'Brien, A.K.A O'Brien Sensei. O'Brien Sensei was born in Australia, when she was a young adult, she went to Japan to study the language and the culture. When she finished her studies she came back to Australia and put her skills to good use and became an intelligent teacher! O'Brien Sensei is such a delightful person that she made a club for Japanese lovers to play, hangout and learn some more about Japanese. In the Japanese Club/Her room is filled with Japanese things and culture, there are also things you can play with.

She has Japanese board games, toys, umbrellas, mini Zen gardens, Japanese cushions and everything Japanese she can get her hands on. In Japanese club we can play with some toys she has for instance; Sushi Panic, Pokémon puzzles, Pokémon Cards, mini Zen gardens, origami paper, 'paper scissors rock' toy and you can even draw manga (anime). O'Brien Sensei has lots of Japanese movies and lets us students watch them, such as 'Panda GO Panda', 'Ponyo', 'Totoro' and etc. Remember be nice to O'Brien Sensei and love Japanese, also try to learn some more of it! 😊😊

By Triana Inglis and Mariah Acebes

## Country Week Basketball

Hello parents and guardians, my name is Austin and I would like to talk about the kids from Millars Well Primary School who represented Karratha Basketball at Perth Country Week Championship 3 weeks ago.

The boys who went were Michael Hodnett, Jack Michael, Jacob Bonney and Austin Crowe-St Jack. The girls who went were Lily Kot, Tahni Johnston, Alyssa Kjellgren and Kiara Tait.

Two very lucky people got MVP (most valuable player) All Star were myself (Austin) and Lily Kot.

Under 13 boys got into the grand final but sadly they lost. Under 12 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Under 13 girls came 6<sup>th</sup>. Under 12 girls came 1<sup>st</sup> winning the grand final.

It was fun being all together, we stayed at Seashells Hotel (next to Scarborough beach).

By Austin Crowe-St Jack

## Harmony Day

On Tuesday the 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

As part of the celebrations 20 of our students were invited by the Karratha Visitors Centre to paint the pipelines in front of the Centre on De Witt Road. The children created their own piece of Aboriginal inspired artwork and painted it onto the pipelines. The work is visible by the road and will be a great reminder to all to promote the values of Harmony Day.

A few of our students were even interviewed on the spot by ABC Radio, an experience I am sure they will never forget.

We would like to thank the Karratha Visitors Centre, Water Corporation and Argonaut Engineering and Construction for sponsoring the event.







## APRIL HOLIDAY MAYHEM ACTIVITIES

|                              |  |              |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|
| MON 10 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL   | ALL DAY CHILL OUT  | 11AM - 5PM   |
| TUES 11 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL  | FISHING TOUR @ CLEAVERVILLE   BUS LEAVES @ 10AM SHARP   LUNCH PROVIDED, BYO FISHING GEAR | 10AM - 3PM   |
| WED 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL   | TRIPLE M   MUNCHIES, MILKSHAKES & MOVIES   | 10AM - 4PM   |
| THURS 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL | BRILLIANT BAKING   MEGA GAMING   | 10AM - 4PM   |
| FRI 14 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL   | CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY   |              |
| MON 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL   | CLOSED - EASTER MONDAY   |              |
| TUES 18 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL  | KRYSTAL'S ART ATTACK   3 ON 3 B-BALL COMP  | 11AM - 4PM   |
| WED 19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL   | MECCANO MADNESS   WOOD BURNING   | 11AM - 4PM   |
| THURS 20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL | YOUTH ONLY @ MOONRISE   MEET US THERE!   | 4PM - 8:30PM |
| FRI 21 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL   | LEISUREPLEX DAY OUT   (INDOOR GAMES, SWIM LPM)   MEET AT LEISUREPLEX AT 10AM             | 11AM - 4PM   |

To register or for more information contact Megan Taylor on 0429 061 652 or email [megan.taylor@karratha.wa.gov.au](mailto:megan.taylor@karratha.wa.gov.au).  
Outside of the workshop hours The Youth Shed will be closed. All activities are free unless stated otherwise.  
Bus Shuttle from The Youth Shed available

**GUMALA 3A INDIGENOUS PLAYGROUP (0-4 YR OLDS)**

**Monday-Friday 9:00am - 11:30am**

Come along for a free, fun morning of activities, play and morning tea with other Indigenous families.

**10 Hedland Place, Karratha (next to the Service Station)**

Gumala 3a Indigenous Playgroup

**SCHOOL'S OUT!**

Spend your holidays at the Karratha Leisureplex!

**nab AFL Auskick**

Who is ready for some football?

Registrations will be OPEN from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017!!**

Registrations and payments for 2017 will be ONLINE only. Please go to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/> and select REGISTER

Karratha Auskick Sessions are held at the Bulgarr Oval every Saturday 9am-10am. Please meet in front of the sheds near the Frank Butler Centre.

Our first Auskick session will be on **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017.** We cant wait to see you all!

City of Karratha | **INW NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK** | North West Shelf Project | RioTinto

## 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| <b>COLOUR FEST</b><br><b>31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, FRIDAY</b><br>3PM - 6PM<br>PEGGS CREEK PAVILLION, KARRATHA<br>11-18 YEARS OF AGE<br>  | <b>DIVE-IN CINEMA EXTRA! GANZA!</b><br><b>1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, SATURDAY</b><br>4PM - 9PM<br>WICKHAM RECREATION PRECINCT<br>11-18 YEARS OF AGE<br> | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, MONDAY</b><br><b>GUEST SPEAKER</b><br>2016 WA YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR VANESSA VLAJKOVIC<br>1.30PM - 2.30PM<br>KARRATHA LEISUREPLEX<br>CLOSED EVENT |
| <b>4<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, TUESDAY &amp; WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>GRAFFITI ART PROJECT</b><br>DURING SCHOOL HOURS<br>ROEBOURNE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL<br>CLOSED EVENT | <b>BLOCK PARTY</b><br><b>6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, THURSDAY</b><br>5.30PM - 8.30PM<br>THE YOUTH SHED, KARRATHA<br>11-18 YEARS OF AGE<br>               | <b>STRONG SPIRIT YOUTH FESTIVAL</b><br><b>7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, FRIDAY</b><br>4PM - 8PM<br>ROEBOURNE RECREATION PRECINCT<br>11-18 YEARS OF AGE<br>                           |