



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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Millars Well, Karratha 6714

Upcoming Events

9th-11th May - NAPLAN
12th May - P&C Mother's
Day Stall
12th May - Earbus
12th May - PP2 Mother's
Day Pamper
15th May - PP1 Mother's
Day Pamper
18th May - TA4 Assembly
19th May - Indigenous
Morning Tea



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Principal's Message

We're Back

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 and I have returned from sick leave.

I am very happy to be back and can see that our school has been in good hands and has been well cared for during my absence.

I wish to thank my staff for their great work and also Ms Pearson in her role as Acting Principal and Mrs Martin as Acting Deputy while I was on leave. I also wish to thank Mrs Buck for being such a help in our front office as school officer during Term 1. This is the first point of contact for most visitors and parents and we have a great team that make everyone feel welcome and at ease.

Mrs van der Sluys also returns as Deputy Principal after her maternity leave and Mrs Ditterich returns from long service leave after having a lovely rest. We have all really appreciated the warm welcome from students and our school community.

Harry has made sure that our gardens and grounds are looking amazing and our cleaning staff have made our rooms sparkle.

Our school community has been warm and welcoming to our new families. Thank you.

New Staff

We also make welcome Miss Pitman our new PE teacher and Miss Docherty our new Year 5/6 teacher in TA 7. Mrs Arnott will take leave from our school next week and commence maternity leave. It is an exciting time and we wish her the very best and thank her for her committed teaching and guidance in class and across our school.

NAPLAN

Next week students and staff in Years 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 use these results to focus upon teaching points with students and to guide the direction we take in learning areas. There is further information with this newsletter.

Step Up and Step Down Mental Health Facility on Gawthorne Drive

On Wednesday evening, a good representation of parents attended our P&C meeting to discuss and question a representative from the Mental Health Commission on the proposed development of a facility across from the school on Gawthorne Drive. While this may seem new to you, consultation commenced in late 2015 and a parent information session at the Leisureplex on 11th April was advertised in the last newsletter of Term 1 this year. One outcome from the evening was the commitment from the Senior Policy Officer to hold another information session in Karratha. If you need more information or wish to have a voice in this proposal keep an eye out for the date and contact one of our P&C

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School Sport

Thank you to Miss Pitman and staff for commencing Friday Sport and Winter Carnival preparation. The Winter Carnival will involve our Year 6 and some Year 5 students. Throughout the term, Friday sport with Years 4-6 will focus upon the skills and rules of games in preparation for this interschool event which will be held on the 16th June. If you would like to know more, or would like to be involved in Friday Sport please contact the school, Miss Pitman or the class teacher. We would love your support.

Building Confidence

Confidence is our focus at present from the Keys to Success value program. Classes will be discussing how to display confidence and how to help others. Being confident is not easy for everyone and having strategies or recognising opportunities to have a go can often help.

No Dogs at School

Please - no dogs at school. It may feel like a relaxed and comfortable way to walk the family pet into school but this can create an awkward situation for many of our students. It also puts your much loved pet at risk. Not all dogs react the same way to all kids and not all kids react the same way to dogs.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Weston Jackson Principal



Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 6th April we had our annual Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to all the parents for the outstanding effort in creating such spectacular hats!

Congratulations to our winners:

PP 1 – Eden Kingi, Elliot McComb

PP 2 – Kellen Caetano, Richie Jana

TA 9 – Lilly McKay, Tom Killeen

TA 10 – Ethan Crabb, Mitchell Plester/ Ella Tasila

TA 11 – Malakai Parker, Elsie Bryce

TA 12 – Mikare Wano, Xavier Austin

TA 4 – Zaria Beattie, Jack Plester

TA 6 – Blake McKay, Matthew Botes

TA 7 & TA 8 – Abbey Eversden, Neveah McNeil

Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Enrolments 2018

We are now taking applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten and Pre-Primary in 2018. Applications are to be made by no later than **3pm, Friday 21st July, 2017.**

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 2018, a child must turn four on or before the 30th June 2018. To be eligible to enter Pre-Primary (5 year old program) in 2018, a child must turn five on or before the 30th June 2018.

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.

NAPLAN

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in Literacy and Numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN testing will occur in all schools across Australia during week 3 from the **9th – 11th May.** Please encourage your child to try their hardest and the staff will ensure the actual testing period is as stress free as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact Erin van der Sluys, Deputy Principal. **Some of the tests commence at 8.20am so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.**

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ANZAC Day Service at Millars Well Primary

We held our ANZAC Day Service on Friday, 28th April at 8.30am at school in front of Pre Primary. Each class created their own wreath and two representatives respectfully laid the wreath at the bottom of the flag poles.

Thank you to Warrant Officer First Class Barry Tully from the Pilbara Regiment for participating and to everyone who was involved in this event.



Library News

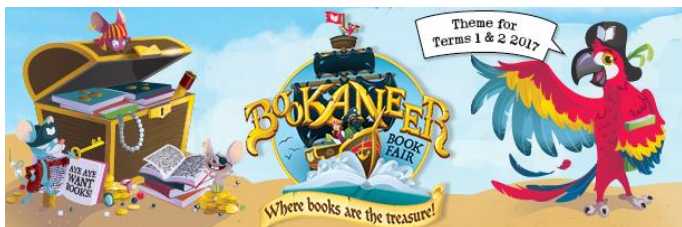
Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families! I am in the library on Mondays and Wednesdays, Asher Buck is in on Fridays. Please feel free to pop in and see us with any questions relating to our library on those days.

Issue 3 Book Club magazine went home this week. Please send cash orders back to school by **Friday 5th** for me to process, or go online and place your own order via the parent loop on the Scholastic website (This makes the entire process much easier for all!).

We will also run the first of two Book Fairs for the year in the Library during Week 4. It will be open **Mon 15th, Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th** between 8am-3pm for purchases, accepting cash or credit card.

We will have some fantastic books for sale and exclusive sales so please come in and stock up! Our school receives a very generous percentage of total sales in new books for our Library, so we really appreciate your support.

Asher and I look forward to seeing you in the Library during the Book Fair!



P&C Update

Firstly we'd like to thank all those involved in the P&C, without your help and support we wouldn't have had such a successful start to the year!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Easter Raffle. Because of the overwhelming amount of Easter eggs/gifts we received, we were able to award 6 prizes per class and give every child a small Easter egg. We also managed to raise **\$1872**. With this amazing amount of money, we were able to purchase two complete sets of home readers for Pre-Primary. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and brought in Easter eggs. It is greatly appreciated!

This year we have teamed up again with Bakers Delight, Karratha to run the 'Dough Raiser Program'. A note and card were sent out earlier in the week. Simply present your card or mention Millars Well Primary School when purchasing products and Bakers Delight will donate 5% of your sales to our school. Spare cards will be available at the office. Thank you to Kylie Bayliss for organising this on behalf of the school.

Mother's Day Stall Friday 12th May

This year we have pre-purchased a fantastic range of gifts for the children to choose from for Mother's Day! We are, however, asking for donations of gift bags. If you have any spare gift bags, no larger than A4 size and would like to donate them, please deliver them to the office by Wednesday 10th May.

Children will be given time to visit the stall and purchase gifts which will range from \$1 - \$5, a limit of 2 gifts per child.

Please remember NO MONEY - NO GIFTS so please ensure your child comes prepared on the day.

Millars Mess

A new menu and price list was sent home last week for Term 2, spare copies are also available from the office.

With a new term comes a new competition! The 'Early Box' competition will begin in Week 3 and run for a 4 week period. The class that delivers their canteen box earliest to the canteen for this period will win a 50c credit for every student in the class.

The Canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't forget you can order your lunches at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Uniform Shop

If you wish to purchase winter uniforms for the cooler weather please head to the uniform shop to order now. Winter jackets are \$34 and winter pants are \$30. Sizes must be correct as we order stock as required. The uniform shop is open Thursdays from 8.00-8.30am.

Our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 31st May at 7pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there.

**Tash Regan
P&C President**

Introducing New Staff

Hi, my name is **Sahra Pitman** and I am the new Physical Education teacher at Millars Well PS. I was born and raised in Exmouth and then eventually moved to Perth for high school and University. Most recently I was living and working in Bunbury, however I have moved to Karratha for some warmer weather! I love spending time fishing, being active and enjoying the outdoors. I am extremely excited to be working with all the students at Millars Well PS.



Hello! My name is **Caitlin Docherty**, the new teacher with the funny accent! Originally from Scotland, I have been in this lovely country down under for the past seven years. I arrived as a backpacker and loved it so much I never got round to leaving. I've spent several years in the Pilbara, and after moving down south to gain my teaching degree, I once again find myself back in red dirt country – I can't seem to stay away! I'm very excited to embark on my teaching career at MWPS with the amazing Year 5/6 in TA7, and look forward to the busy year ahead!



PALS Project

Our wonderful and bright 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow' mural is finished. It is situated near the canteen. Please take the time come past and view this art piece and ask your children about the meaning of it.

The mural was created as part of the PALS program, which is an initiative of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs encouraging Western Australian schools to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local community. The PALS program itself is broken into the following components:

Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people;
Acceptance of difference as unique and to be respected;
Learning more about ourselves and each other, and,
Sharing a common journey along the path of healing and reconciliation towards a more harmonious and optimistic future.



The song "From little things, big things grow" was the inspiration behind the incorporation of the cultural concept of Songlines, history of Australia and the solid example of reconciliation as demonstrated through the student's artistic creations represented on the mural.

It was completed with the help of many people, thanks to those who volunteered their time outside of school hours- Erin Arnott and Kellie Vidler(who coordinated the program), Phil Arnott, Donna Stott and a very big thanks to Gareth Michael for his technical know-how and time.

A Note from Mrs Arnott

Dear parents, students and Millars Well Community,
I would like communicate my appreciation and thanks to you all for the wonderful experience you have given me during my time at Millars Well. I will soon be embarking upon a new adventure-becoming the mother of TWINS! Unfortunately, this means my time at Millars Well will draw to a close on Friday the 12th May. I have loved working your school and getting to know many of you. Please be sure to stop for a chat if you see me around Karratha and know that any offers of babysitting will be happily received ;) Thanks you for the support, kind words and laughs over the years; Millars Well is a truly special place to work.



Happy Birthday to the following students:

Sophie Downham
Chloe Hayes
Alyssa Kjellgren
Deegan McDonald
Ella McKay
George Millward
Amonlee Mowarin-Jacob
Kalinda-Rose Palmer
Kyle Renton
Troy Ridley
Dinoshan Subramoney
Laurieann Walters


Sunny Dyer
Cody Kittle
Bradon Mackinnon
Tyler McDonald
Jack Michael
Tamelia Mitchell
Oliver Lacey
Wyatt Parker
Hannah Richards
Maggie-Mae Smith
Leah Turnbull
Jaymen Ware



To the following recipients of this months merit certificates:

Richie Jana
Hannah Richards
Mitchel Plester
Sophia Saunders
Hari Manikandan
Amnda Siddiqui
Tahni Johnston
Amonlee Mowarin-Jacobs
Imogen Costelloe
Tyrell Ware
Skye Laing
Zachery Kratchovill
Kayd Cooper-Gibson
Ali-Mae Swanson
Antoinette Palmer
Aussie Maluka
Ella Chudziak

Logan Moore
Gemma Turnbull
Jett Bonney
Jorja Maccan
Abbey Eversden
Mahli Hodzic
George Millward
Michael Stream
Aaliyah Parsons
Kobie Moore
Harry Smith
Jenna Tait
Troy Ridley
Angus Tait
Mackenzie Coles
Abbey Eversden
Liam Richards



KARRATHA
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
TOWARDS TOMORROW

YEAR 7 STUDENTS 2018

**YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO
THE YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING**

**Thursday 18 May 2017
7.00pm**

KARRATHA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Curriculum structure and offerings
- Extra curricular programs
- Future pathways and study programs
- Future school directions
- Opportunity to meet the Principal, Deputy Principals, Curriculum Leaders, Student Wellbeing staff and teachers.

For further information contact the school on 9187 8000



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7 to 17 yrs.

FREE

18th May	8th June
25th May	1st June
	15th June

Karratha Library—Thurs 5 to 7pm

*Bring your own device and 'hotspot'
Children under 10yrs to attend with an adult
Bookings Essential—Ph: 91868660*



Kids!

Tell us about your mum.



Mum's stories are the best! So what better way to celebrate Mother's Day than getting to tell Karratha about your mum.

Drop your letter to Spirit Radio at 31 Bond Place for your chance to win a prize for your mum.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



FRIDAY 12th MAY



Jumbo Nail File \$1



Antique Frame \$3



Lantern \$4



Beaded Key Ring \$3



Drink Bottle \$4



Pen \$2



Magnetic Frame \$2



I love you' key ring \$2



Tool Kit \$5



Rose Soap pk 6 \$3



Cards \$1



Photo Frame \$3



Measuring Cups \$5



Air Freshener \$1



Travel Mug \$5

Limit of 2 gifts per student. Siblings please speak to each other to make sure Mum doesn't get the same gifts. Cards are available for year 1-6 students.

NO MONEY = NO GIFT

TERM 2 PROGRAMS

STARTS MONDAY 8TH MAY

4 GREAT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:

- ATHLETICS / FITNESS
- MEGASPORTS
- MINI-MEGASPORTS
- ZUMBA KIDS

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. Prices are based on \$15 per session.



Draw 'n' learn

TERM 2 PROGRAM 2017

FUN-FILLED DRAWING LESSONS (For 5-10 Years)

MONDAYS - 1st May-26 June '17 3:30-4:30pm
 TUESDAYS - 9th May-27th June '17 3:30-4:30pm
 THURSDAYS - 4th May-29th June '17 3:30-4:30pm
 (Every week at Karratha Leisureplex)
 WEDNESDAYS - 10th May-28th June '17 4:00-5:00pm
 (Every week at Dampier Community hub)
 FRIDAYS - 12th May-30th June '17 3:30-4:30pm
 (Every week at Karratha Family Centre)

FUN FOR LIL' FINGERS (For 3-4 Years)

TUESDAYS - 9th May-27th June '17 9:30-10:30am
 WEDNESDAYS - 10th May-28th June '17 10:30-11:30am
 THURSDAYS - 4th May-29th June '17 9:30-10:30am
 FRIDAYS - 12th May-30th June '17 9:30-10:30am
 (Every week at Karratha Family Centre)

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