



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement



Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

28th July – School Disco
1st – 3rd August – PEAC
Testing
4th August - Minister for
Education Visit, 8.30am
4th August – Aboriginal and
TSI Children's Day
4th August – Indigenous
Morning Tea 9.00am
7th August – FeNaCING
Public Holiday
10th August – TA12
Assembly



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back

We hope you had a chance to catch up with family and friends and perhaps even get away. I am happy to be back from my own holiday and thank my staff for the smooth start to Term 3. We have had a few new enrolments and currently our student numbers are at 279.

We have had a strong response to enrolments for Kindy 2018 with 39 applications. This is a big increase from our current Kindy numbers for 2017. Confirmation of placements will be made shortly and parents will be informed by letter confirming and offering them a place.

Semester One reports have been sent home and if you wish to follow up on any information in the report please arrange to meet with the teacher or myself. Our staff have discussed goals for the remainder of the year during the School Development Day at the beginning of this term.

PEAC Testing for Year 4

PEAC testing will occur next week for all children in Year 4. A separate note has been sent home to all Year 4 students about this. Each year students in Year 4 are invited to take part in this testing to identify who may be invited to take part in the Primary Extension and Academic Challenge program during 2018 and 2019.

Minister's Visit

Next week we are delighted to host a visit from the Minister of Education the Hon. Sue Ellery. The Minister will be accompanied by our local member of Pilbara Mr Kevin Michel. During the visit the Minister will meet with invited P & C and School Council representatives. She will also visit classes and gain a general overview of our school.

Parents and Citizens

Congratulations to our P and C for a very successful meeting on Monday 24th July. There was a great turnout of parents and staff. Mrs Amanda Tully was elected as our new Treasurer. There was discussion about a significant fundraising event planned to be held on Saturday 2nd September which offers to be a great night for everyone. There is more information in this newsletter about the event.

Staff Changes

Mrs Robyn Rayson our Library Officer is on leave and Mrs Karen Roach is replacing her.

Ms Breigh Pearson is our appointed Deputy Principal for the next 12 months while Mrs Erin van der Sluys is on maternity leave.

Mrs Fiona Byrne is on leave for Term 3 and Ms Sahra Pittman is the class teacher for TA4.

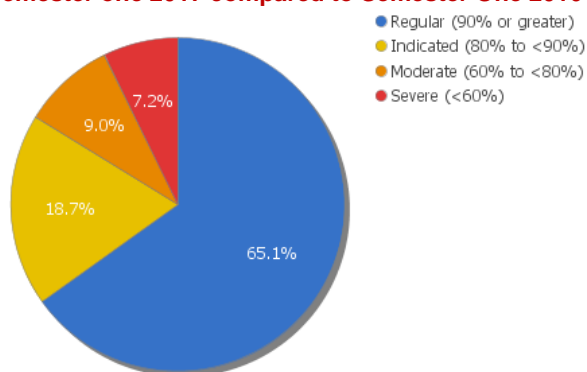
Mr Steven Maxwell has returned from his leave and is teaching PE and HASS in the school.

Year 6 Camp

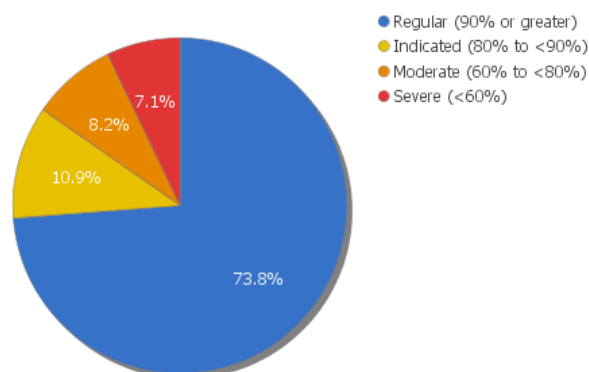
The parents and staff of Year 6 continue to raise funds and plan for the Coral Bay camp in week 10 this term. There is a school disco this Friday to raise funds for the camp. At present there will be 36 students, 2 staff and 3 parents attending camp.

Attendance

Semester one 2017 compared to Semester One 2016

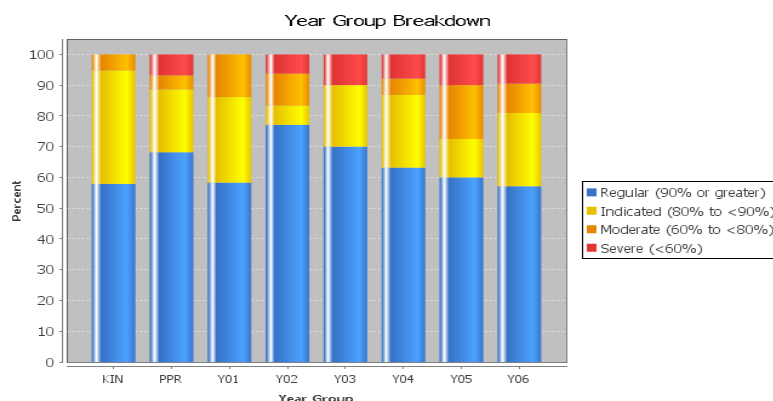


2017



2016

In Semester One 2017 we did not perform as well as we did in Semester One 2016. Regular attendance has decreased by 8%. We will be making a big effort this semester to improve attendance.



This graph indicates that our best and most regular attendance occurs in Year 2. Nearly 80% of Year 2 attend regularly, less than 60% of Year 1 and Year 6 attend regularly. These are critical years in learning for children.

We are concerned about attendance and know that there is a strong correlation for levels of achievement and progress and student attendance. For most children, the more they attend the greater their achievement and progress.

NAIDOC

Last term was concluded with our NAIDOC celebrations. The activities and visitors into our school provided an amazing opportunity to recognise and celebrate NAIDOC. Thank you to all that attended or helped along the way. We will be formally thanking those involved at our assembly on Thursday, 10th August.

Every child does matter and every single day does make a difference.

Thank you for your support in our school.

Weston Jackson
Principal

P&C Update

The P&C have a busy schedule this term with some fantastic events being held.

Fundraising

Our Fundraising Committee have been working hard to organise a **dinner** to help raise funds for our 'Big Ass Fan' that we are hoping will be installed in the undercover area later this year.

The dinner will be held at Vita Cafe, Saturday 2nd September at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 31st July via the online canteen shop (www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) for \$50 per person. If you would prefer to pay in cash then you can do so at the school office, or on Thursdays between 8- 8.30am at the uniform shop.

The cost of your ticket will include a 3 course meal, entrée, buffet main and dessert. Drinks and cocktails will be available for purchase on the night (**all profits are kindly donated by Vita**) along with a silent auction and raffles.

We will also have a raffle leading up to the dinner which will be drawn at Vita on Saturday 2nd September. There are 5 prizes which have all been kindly donated by supporting businesses. 1st prize - 3 nights two bedroom accommodation at Ningaloo Coral Bay in 'The Beach Shack' - 2 adults & 3 children, valued at \$1065. These tickets will be available from the office for \$5 each. All proceeds will go towards to our 'Big Ass Fan'.

A **Father's Day Stall** will be held on Friday 1st September from 9am, in the undercover area. Like the Mother's Day Stall, the P&C will purchase gifts that will be sold ranging in price from \$1 to \$5. A letter will be sent home closer to the date with more information. If you have any spare gift bags or wrapping paper that you would like to donate we would greatly appreciate it.

Millars Mess

A new term brings with it a new competition, Online Canteen competition is back again! Simply order your recess/lunch at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to go into the draw to win \$10 credit. Competition starts Monday 31st July and closes Friday 25th August, with the winner being drawn Monday 28th August. The Canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every week.

Uniform Shop

All uniforms are in stock and available for purchase Thursday mornings from 8-8:30am; we accept cash, cheque or Online Canteen. Our Faction Carnival kicks off on Wednesday 6th September; please make sure you have faction shirts and hats.

Thank you to all those that attended our P&C meeting on Monday 24th July; it was nice to have some new faces. Due to the large turnout, the P&C have decided to change our meetings permanently to Monday nights. We hope to see even more new faces and the regulars at our next meeting, Monday 21st August at 7pm in the staff room.

Tash Regan
P&C President



Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children - from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

From the Sports Desk

Our Faction Athletics Carnival is fast approaching with Jumps and Throws on Wednesday, 6th September and the Faction Carnival on Friday, 8th September. We are looking for volunteers to help with judging and various duties which will assist to make the day run more smoothly. If you are available to assist please email steven.maxwell@education.wa.edu.au

NAIDOC DAY

On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June, Millars Well Primary School celebrated NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee). This year's theme, *Our Languages Matter*, aimed to celebrate the unique and essential role of Indigenous languages in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. We began our celebrations with an assembly which included traditional Aboriginal dancing from Maurice Palmer and students, and a performance of Torres Strait Islander songs from Serai Cedar. We also had amazing speeches presented by a large group of Millars Well P.S. Indigenous students who shared their family stories and languages. Following this was a variety of exciting activities including traditional cooking, coconut scraping, role model speeches, face painting, language tree mural, badge making, puzzle and book corner and traditional dancing and songs.

The NAIDOC celebrations were organised in conjunction with Millars Well's Indigenous Parents Committee and community members to achieve goals of embedding knowledge of Indigenous people and culture amongst students, staff and parents. The response from all involved was inspiring and events like these don't happen without vital community support and collaboration. Millars Well Primary would like to acknowledge and say a special thank you to the City of Karratha and Woodside North West Shelf Project for their generous contribution of \$2000 towards our NAIDOC celebrations. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Murujuga Rangers, REFAP, Roebourne Girls Academy, V Swans, Clontarf Football Academy and parents for volunteering their time towards such a successful celebration of culture.

In recognition of our wonderful community support and volunteers, Millars Well will be hosting a 'Thank You Morning Tea' on Thursday 10th August. Invites will be sent out shortly.



NAIDOC DAY





100th day of School

On Tuesday the students from PP1 and PP2 celebrated the 100th day of school with a day of activities and a huge party. We decorated crowns with 100 hundred stickers, made necklaces with 100 beads, wrote 100 words and built amazing structures using 100 cups. We also enjoyed throwing 100 water balloons. Students and teachers used their imaginations to dress in the theme '100'. Thank you to our parents for joining us and providing the delicious party food.

