



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement



Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

21st Aug – Constable Care
Incursion

21st Aug – P&C Meeting
7pm

22nd Aug – School Health
Nurse Visit – Kindy only

22nd Aug - Book Week
Dress Up Parade,
Undercover Area 8:30am

23rd Aug- Jump & Throws
Carnival

24th Aug – TA6 Assembly

25th Aug – Faction Carnival

6th Sept – Interschool
Jumps & Throws

7th Sept – TA9 Assembly

8th Sept – Interschool
Athletics Carnival



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Principal's Message

We've had a very busy few weeks which included a visit from the Minister for Education, the Hon Sue Ellery, Mr Kevin Michel, Member for Pilbara and our Regional Executive Director for School, Mr Neil Darby. We also had FeNaCING which is a highlight of the City of Karratha community. Congratulations to students from our school who took part, particularly those in our instrumental music group with Mr Crocker. This group performed on stage during Saturday Morning.

Minister's Visit

The Minister's visit on Friday 4th August provided our school leadership group and parent representative group to meet and briefly talk with her and our local member Mr Michel. It was a valuable opportunity to speak firsthand about issues affecting the school. Some items discussed were, the need for school fencing, the high quality of teaching programs and support being provided for students, and ways in which we can continue to improve our school.

It was noted that painting in class and wet areas, the administration main wall and new signage presented a positive and welcoming environment. Our yards and gardens are well maintained and there is a positive feel in our school.

Mr Michel has also been very supportive of our school community when concerns were raised about the location of the proposed Mental Health Step Up Step Down facility. A written response from the Mental Health Commission to our communities concerned has been received by the P&C.

Kindy Enrolments for 2018

This year we have received a greater number of enrolments than anticipated for Kindy in 2018. At this stage the school plans to have 2 separate classes. We provide Kindy with 15 hours (2 and ½ days per week) of schooling and this can be done in a variety of ways. It can be a program that is 2½ days each week, it can also be provided by doing 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. We have previously done both models and have always received both positive and negative feedback about each model.

We will be inviting feedback from parents of 2018 Kindy children about the hours provided. Please give this some careful thought and talk with others. We want to be able to provide a program that supports you.

Young Artists

Congratulations to several young artists from school that recently entered works in the Point Samson Kids Art Awards. It is great to see so many young talented artists expressing themselves and having a go.



St John Ambulance First Aid

Our local St John Ambulance recently provided learning to all students in our school and raised awareness about safety and dealing with an emergency. They brought their Ambulance into school and allow students to climb in and around to become familiar with the inside of this very special vehicle. We are very grateful for their time volunteered and the learning opportunities that they provided to our students.

Coming Events-

Representatives from the Eagles and Lady Dockers will drop in this Friday 18th to talk with students in TA 4,6,7 and 8.

On Monday 21st, Constable Care will be doing a presentation to Juniors at 9.30am and Seniors at 10.45am.

Tuesday 22nd, Book Week Dress Up Parade at 8.30am in the undercover area.

Wednesday 23rd – Jumps and Throws event for our Athletics Carnival.

Friday 25th – Running and team games for the Athletics Carnival.

Please remember we are a **nut free** school. Nutella and peanut butter contain nuts. Save these treats for after school. Please be diligent as some of our students have severe allergies.

Don't forget to buy tickets for the P & C school night out at Vita. Come and meet other parents from our school.

Weston Jackson
Principal

P&C Update

Fundraising Dinner

It is half way through Term 3 and our Fundraising Committee is busy planning a fundraising dinner at Vita Café on Saturday 2nd September from 7pm until late.

Tickets are now on sale via the Our Online Canteen uniform shop (www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) for \$50 per person. They can also be bought from the MWPS Front Office (cash only) or the uniform shop (Thursdays 8.00am - 8.30am).

Your ticket includes a 3 course buffet meal of entrée, main and dessert. Drinks and cocktails will be available for purchase on the night, and Vita have very kindly offered all the drinks profits to the P&C!

We will be having silent auctions and raffles on the night, and there will be a **special guest performance from Joel Jackson**, star of the short TV series "Peter Allen - Not the Boy Next Door." Joel grew up in Karratha attending the local schools, was heavily involved in the community and is now a familiar face in all homes around Australia. He has also appeared in Deadline Gallipoli, Hyde & Seek, What We Know, Safe Harbour and most recently worked alongside Daniel Radcliffe in Jungle. Joel took home the Logie Award for Most Outstanding Newcomer and Best Lead Actor in a Television Drama. He was also nominated for Best New Talent.

It is going to be a fantastic night out, so grab a table of friends, and get your tickets now before they are all gone!



P&C Update

Raffle

Raffle tickets are still on sale from the MWPS front office for \$5 each, and the winners will be drawn at the dinner. All prizes have been kindly donated and include:

1st Prize - 3 nights accommodation at Ningaloo Coral Bay in The Beach Shack for 2 adults and 3 children, valued at \$1,065

2nd Prize - Car Service to the value of \$400 from Lift Equipt

3rd Prize - Ocean Burner 4 Burner Solid Plate and Folding Legs BBQ from Home Hardware, valued at \$200

4th Prize - Peta Gnech for Hair Colour, Cut and Blow Dry up to the value of \$200

5th Prize - Framed Emma Blythe Print "Australian Made Art", valued at \$150

All proceeds go towards funding the "Big Ass Fan" planned for the undercover area. A big thank you to all the volunteers who manned the FeNaCLNG stall selling tickets, and then followed it up on the weekend with some bumper sales at the Centro Shopping Centre!

Father's Day Stall

A Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 1st September from 9.00am in the undercover area. The P&C have purchased gifts that will be sold ranging in price from \$1 to \$6. A letter with more information will be sent home closer to the date. If you have any spare gift bags or wrapping paper that you would like to donate we would greatly appreciate it!

Millars Mess

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.

Millars Well Canteen will be providing lunch from the pavilion canteen area for the Faction Carnival on Friday the 25th August. Order forms will be going home soon. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the lunch rush at 11.30am, and also donations of cakes/slices to be sold from the canteen. Cake donations can be brought either to the canteen the day before the carnival or to the pavilion on the day of the carnival.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Uniform Shop

Make sure you have your faction shirts and hats ready to go with the Faction Carnivals commencing on 23rd August.

All uniforms are in stock and available for purchase Thursday morning 8-8.30am. We accept cash, cheque or Online orders.

P&C Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for this Monday 21st August at 7pm in the Staff Room. We had a fantastic turn out for our last meeting with quite a few new faces, we would love to see you all again at this coming meeting.

Our final meeting for Term 3 will be Monday 11th September at 7pm. If you are not a P&C member but would like to contribute to providing some amazing resources for our fantastic school, then we would happily welcome you to our team! Just come along with \$1 and you can join on the night.

Point Samson Kids Art Awards

Some of our very talented students were fortunate enough to have their artwork selected for the Point Samson Kids Art Awards.

On Saturday the 12th August the curator announced the winners and 2 of our students were awarded prizes!

Troy Ridley won 3rd Prize in the 9 – 10 year old category for his undersea inspired piece. Troy received a certificate and took home \$50 cash! Congratulations Troy!

Hari Manikandan was given a certificate for his "Sounds of Pilbara" piece.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to the City of Karratha and the Point Sampson Community Association for sponsoring the event.



First Aid Training

During Weeks 3 & 4 the volunteers from St John Ambulance visited our school to teach students some vital first aid lessons.

Students were taught the DRSABCD, how to call 000 in an emergency, how to help someone who is unconscious, and how to put a casualty in the recovery position. The students also got a tour of the Ambulance and much to their delight got to blast the school with the sirens!

Many thanks to Nicole Turner, Donna Corker and Cassie McIntyre for your invaluable knowledge and kindly finding the time to visit our school. It is greatly appreciated!



TA6 Cherry Blossoms

TA6 created amazing art work based on Japanese Cherry Blossom trees. To create the work, the students wet strips of crepe paper and let it dry on the white paper. This created the water colour effect background. Then the students drew a tree on the paper and glued little balls of tissue paper to represent flowers.



LOTE Notes

In Nihongo we have been learning the word 'hoshi' It has two meanings. What are they? All students participated in celebrating Tanabata. They have all made wishes... Will they come true? There is a display in the office. Some students have learnt 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' in Nihongo. Lyrics are to the right.



kira kira hikaru



osora no hoshiyo



mabataki shite wa



minna o miteru

kira kira hikaru

osora no hoshiyo

From the Sports Desk

It is that time of year again, Jumps and Throws Carnival as well as the ever exciting Faction Carnival. This year we will be holding our Jumps and Throws Carnival on the 23rd of August, commencing at 8:40am.

Friday the 25th of August, the whole school will be participating in our school Faction Carnival, with all students from Kindy - Year 6 marching onto the Millars Well Oval at 8:45am. The students have worked hard during the past term preparing for these carnivals and we would love to see as many families supporting the students as they participate in their events as possible.

If you can assist in setting up either the Jumps or Throws Carnival on the Wednesday morning or Faction Carnival on the Friday from 7:30am at the Millars Well Oval, it would be very much appreciated. Please let Donna at the front office know if you are available to assist. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Steven Maxwell

Physical Education Teacher

Vicinity Karratha Art Display

Our school has been asked to participate in an art display at the Vicinity Shopping Centre. Student's artwork will be on the wall between Red Dot and Bright Eyes.

Please be sure to check it out!





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**PROTECT
YOURSELF AGAINST
MENINGOCOCCAL**
It's up to YOU

Are you 15 – 19 years of age?

You are eligible for a **FREE Meningococcal ACWY** vaccine.

WHY?

- Meningococcal disease is a potentially life-threatening illness and is a result of a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain.
- It causes severe disease in healthy teenagers and young adults.
- Cases have been increasing annually.
- This age group have some of the highest rates of meningococcal carriage and illness – once infected; they can transmit the bacteria to people who are at increased risk of infection, including young children.
- Getting vaccinated will protect you and also help stop the spread of this potentially life-threatening infection to vulnerable people.

Where can I get vaccinated?

At School for students year 10 to 12:

- Schools will send out consent forms prior to immunisation day.

Age-eligible individuals who do not attend school:

- Contact Population Health to make an appointment.

Pilbara Population Health – Karratha
Telephone: **9143 2221**
Dampier Highway (next to the hospital)



In 2018 and 2019, the program will target incoming Year 10 students **only**.

Those not eligible for the state wide program (ages outside 15-19 years) may purchase the vaccine privately from their GP or Aboriginal Medical Service.
Visit www.health.wa.gov.au or www2.health.wa.gov.au for more information.

FIRST AID
— FOCUS

St John Ambulance has recently been running First Aid Focus classes at your school.
First Aid Focus is a free program that allows students to learn basic first aid skills.

Students learnt the following skills:

- DRSABCD
- How to call for an ambulance
- How to help an unconscious casualty
- How to roll someone into the recovery position
- And how to clear a blocked airway

Please discuss and practice these important skills
at home with your family.

Please contact karratha@stjohnambulance.com.au or
08 9185 1222 for all your first aid training and kit servicing needs.



We are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program for 2017. From now until 19th September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points.

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These stickers can be dropped into the collection box at the school front office or at the Millars Well PS collection box at Woolworths.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources.

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