



Millars Well
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Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

18th - 22nd Sept – Year 6
Camp

21st Sept – PP Assembly

23rd Sept – Last Day of
School

10th Oct – First Day for
students Term 4

16th Oct – Year 6 KSHS
Transition

18th Oct – Earbus visit

19th Oct – TA7 Assembly



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Principal's Message

P & C Fundraising Dinner

Our P & C held a fundraising dinner at Vita last Saturday evening to raise funds for a big fan for our undercover area. This is going to cost approximately \$19,000.

The night was a great success and many parents and staff attended. There were amazing prizes on the night that had been generously donated by many businesses in our community.

The event could not have happened without the combined efforts of our P & C and Fundraising committee who did a lot of work behind the scenes.

Vita Cafe was very generous in their contribution by reducing the cost to the school and also donating a portion of their profits.

Joel Jackson an ex student of Millars Well School and Karratha Senior School Head boy, performed for dinner guests. This became a sing-along later as the night progressed. Joel has won an AACTA for his performance in "Peter Allen not the boy next door" and a Logie for playing the part of Charles Bean in "Deadline Gallipoli". Joel also stars alongside Daniel Radcliff in "Jungle" which is currently being shown at the Melbourne International Film Festival and in the Los Angeles international film festival in October.

On behalf of the school I offer our appreciation to everyone that attended and thank our very special P & C members for arranging this event. There is already some interest in this becoming an annual event.

Book Week Dress Up

This was an amazing dress up day and the children's costumes were outstanding. Several staff decided to theme "Where's Wally" and at times this was a little confusing even for me. I have never so many "Where's Wallys" around school before. Thank you to all the children and staff that made this a great dress up day.



NAPLAN

Individual Year 3 and Year 5 student results in NAPLAN have been sent home and I hope that you have had a good look at the progress and achievement of your child. You will be able to see how your child performed in this assessment and also note a comparison to other student's achievement. Staff will look at our school's performance, trends over time and compare our results with other schools.

We can use this information to look for patterns in what has been understood well and what areas we need to improve. NAPLAN will be moving towards online assessment which will mean that students will complete the assessment on a computer or mobile device. Students will have several opportunities to practice on these devices and become familiar before doing the actual assessments in the future. Some WA schools are trialing this now.

Events

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Faction Carnival this year. I was pleased to hear that it was a great event with fantastic sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Our Faction Results were as follows:

	Faction Points	
1 st	Rosemary Rebels	379
2 nd	Malus Magic	352
3 rd	Delambre Dragons	348
4 th	Legendre Lightning	303

Country Squash WA

On Monday we had a visit from the Country Squash Development Officer. A portable squash court was inflated and many students were able to experience the thrill of playing squash outdoors.



A reminder to the Kindy 2018 parents that the preference survey needs to be returned by Friday, 22 September 2017.

Thank you to the families who have recently paid their overdue contribution – it has been greatly appreciated.

If you know that you will be leaving town before the commencement of the new school year or that your child/ren won't be attending Millars Well PS next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. This helps us with the planning of classes for 2018.

Recently our very special Library Officer, Robyn Rayson retired. Robyn has been at Millars Well for 15 years and she will be greatly missed by both students and staff. Her last day was the 23rd August and we thank her for her contribution to our school over the years. Robyn has kindly donated to the school library a beautiful picture of Sturt's Desert Peas.

Weston Jackson
Principal



P&C Update

What a fantastic evening everyone had at the Fundraising dinner at Vita Café on Saturday. There were many happy prize winners and over \$10,000 was raised!

A huge thank you to the following companies for their generous donations: **Bright Eyes, Bush Lolly Café, Cool Change, Destined Feather, Dunnart Picture Framing, Emma Blyth, Empire 6714, Eyeluminous, Fresco Produce North West, Gorgeous Gifts, Handy Hands, Helispirit, Hola Pretty, Home Hardware Karratha, House Proud, Just You, Karratha Body Balance Spa, Karratha CAD Centre, Karratha Contracting, Karratha Country Club, Karratha International, Kmart, Letz Waffle, Lift Equipt, Nails Are us, Nerium, Ngurrangga tours, Ningaloo Coral Bay, Onyx on Sharpe, Peta Gnech for Hair, Pro Fleet, Red Earth Flowers, Retravision, Scensty, Scott Cycles, Silent Donor, Soul Café, Vita Café, Xtreme Edge, Yo-Get-It and Young Living.**

Thank you to all the people involved who made this night a great success.

Canteen and Uniform Shop

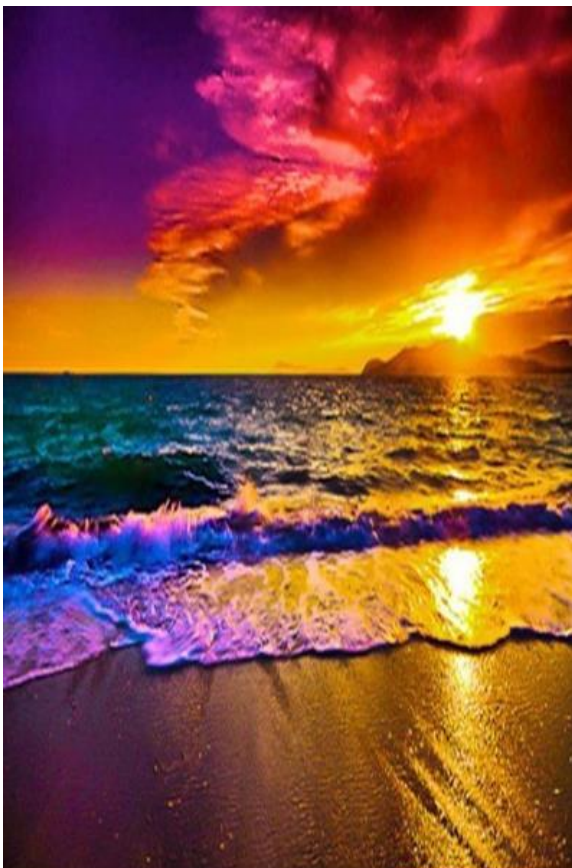
The canteen will be **CLOSED** the last week of this term from Monday, 18th to Friday the 22nd September.

The Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, 12th October, the first week of Term 4.

Sunset

I'm standing on the edge of the ocean. Looking far, far away. With the palm trees tall and thin behind me. I turn around, not knowing I'm even alive. I walk slowly and steady on the soft white sand. Then turn around so quickly it's like I'm in a crowd playing a band. But I stop. I Look up. And there, behold, the wonderful sunset. Orange, yellow, brightness galore. I stand there not knowing to blink or not. Then, I look up even more to see a majestic blue sky. But I blink and blink and blink and blink. I turn to the palms, I turn back, I turn to the palms again, I turn back. I go back and forth, back and forth. I fall on the sand. I faint.

by Ellah Chudziak Year 4



From the Sports Desk

On Wednesday the 23rd of August, the wonderful jumping, throwing and running skills of Millars Well Primary School students were on display during our annual Jumps and Throws Carnival. It was fantastic to see all of those who participated, trying to beat their personal best.

On Friday the 25th of August, a sea of blue, red, green and orange marched upon the Millars Well Oval for our annual Faction Carnival! Kindy and Pre Primary started the day with some wonderful running in front of a crowd of parents. All who participated on the day made our school proud demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship, whether it was in an individual running race or in team games.

Many thanks to the teachers working on the day; also Craig Moore and Glen Renton for helping set up and pull down shade tents, and the families who came to support. You all played a big role in our wonderful day!



Year One Runner up Champions	Aaliyah Parsons & Reeve Baker
Year One Athletics Champions	Legacy Harris & Coby Kelly
Year Two Runner Up Champions	Mienna Chudziak, Milla Markoff & Aidan de Smid
Year Two Athletics Champions	Jhordyn Chambers & Jett Bonney
Year Three Runner Up Champions	Zarhli Taylor, Jamal Hodzic & Linkin Caetano
Year Three Athletics Champions	Gabriella Moar & Lynton Ugle
Year Four Runner Up Champions	Tyranny Perry & Deegan McDonald
Year Four Champion	Ellah Chudziak, Kahteecia Kelly & Kayd Cooper-Gibson
Year Five Runner Up Champions	Laura Tully & Rowan Reynolds
Year Five Athletics Champion	Lilly Bell, Coen Bryce & Beau Bailey
Year Six Runner Up Champions	Mikhaela Acebes & Braiden Irwin
Year Six Athletics Champions	Antoinette Palmer & Tyler McDonald

Book Week Parade Winners

What an amazing variety of Book Week characters we had on display at Millars Well PS. Congratulations to the winners below who put a lot of thought and effort into their costume.

	1 st	2 nd
KIN	Ella McKay	Ethan Ruedel
PP1	George Millward	Logan Moore
PP2	Charlie Lonnie	Billie Chambers
TA9	Lily McKay	Ruby Michael
TA10	Quinton Scolari	Pippa Maskiell
TA11	Lynton Ugle	Hamish Hancock
TA12	Alexander Lindsay	Mikaere Wano
TA4	Jenna Tait	Kahteecia Kelly
TA6	Blake McKay	Annastacia Austin
TA7	Abbey Eversden	Trey Kittle
TA8	Luke Porteous	Aden Dolman



Father's Day BBQ

On the evening of Thursday 31st August the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students hosted a BBQ for their Dads at school for Father's Day. Dads got to see their children's classrooms, look at school work and play games as well as meet some of the other Dads. Gill McComb delivered the APEX trailer with eskies full of ice and a BBQ ready to go. Coates Hire once again generously donated a lighting tower for the night. Many thanks to APEX and Coates Hire for their continued support. Dads went home with handmade ties, tool boxes and an interview all about them. It was a fantastic evening for everyone.



Test Your LOTE Knowledge

1. In *Nihongo* we have been learning about classroom objects and position. Which sentence is the same as the diagram on the left?



- A. ^{hon wa isu no ue}ほんはいすのうえ ^{desu}です。
 B. ^{hon wa isu no shita}ほんはいすのした ^{desu}です。
 C. ^{hon wa isu no tonari}ほんはいすのとなり ^{desu}です。
 D. ^{hon wa isu no naka}ほんはいすのなか ^{desu}です。

2. In *Nihongo* we have been learning the different writing systems. Which one is the correct way to write 'Australia'?

A. In kanji 濠太刺利

B. In romaji O-sutoraria

C. In hiragana おーすとらりあ

D. In katakana オーストラリア

(Answers are on the back page)

Information From the School Nurse

Influenza

Influenza, or the 'flu' is caused by an influenza virus. It is spread through the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. It is also spread by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your nose, eyes or mouth. Common symptoms include sore throat, cough, fever, headache, chills, tiredness and muscle aches.

People with the flu should rest and drink plenty of fluid. Use paracetamol in recommended doses if necessary - but do not give children any medication containing aspirin. Be sure to keep your child home from school while he or she is sick. If you require school work for your child contact the school to prepare some for you to collect. The best way to prevent flu from spreading is by washing your hands regularly and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information, contact your GP or local Immunisation Clinic.

Why should I consider having my child vaccinated against the flu?

The National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia's peak body for health advice, recommends annual vaccination for anyone six months of age or older who wants to reduce their chances of becoming ill with the flu.

Annual flu vaccination is strongly recommended for anyone six months of age or older with a medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe illness from flu. Children and adults with heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system, are eligible for free flu vaccine through the National Immunisation Program.

Children without underlying medical conditions who become infected with flu can also develop serious illnesses. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. Flu can also cause convulsions and diarrhoea in children.

Influenza viruses are always changing. Each year scientists try to match the strains of influenza viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu illnesses that year. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination against flu and protection lasts about a year.

The seasonal flu vaccine is available on prescription or via GP and immunisation clinics and is provided free for certain groups. Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting.



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.

Answers to *Nihongo* quiz

1. B. The book is under the chair

2. D. Katakana is used for names outside of Japan and borrowed words.