



Millars Well
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Community Newsletter

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Millars Well, Karratha 6714

Upcoming Events

23rd Oct to 3rd Nov –
Swimming

23rd Oct – KSHS Year 6
Transition

2nd Nov – Science
Assembly

6th Nov – KSHS Year 6
Transition

9th Nov – St Luke's College
Year 6 Orientation



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. We are only two weeks in and already so many things are happening.

Back From Camp

Our Year 6 students have returned from their camp to Coral Bay in the last week of Term 3. They had a fabulous time and were really well looked after by our parent helpers, camp staff, tour guides, dive instructors, Ms Docherty and myself. The weather was kind to us and we learnt a great deal about the environment of Coral Bay and its marine life.

Some highlights were sand boarding, snorkeling over the reef, seeing sharks and of course whale watching. The week could not have occurred without the support and effort of parents who assisted with fundraising and preparing for the event. We especially thank Mr Michael Boona for driving the bus, Mr Clint Johnson and Mrs Rebecca Scolari who assisted with supervision and support all week.

Year 6 STEP OUT and UP

Year 6 students have started their transition program into secondary school on Mondays. Students make their own way to Karratha Senior High school each Monday and have the opportunity to become familiar with the school's operations, facilities and structure. Our Year 6's are accompanied by either Ms Johannson or Ms Docherty each week. One comment from a student who went this week is that they do a lot of walking on a much larger campus. Next week while at transition, they will still attend scheduled swimming lessons.

Swimming Lessons Make a SPLASH

Next week swimming lessons begin for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Students need to bring their bathers, rashie, sunscreen, towel and hat each day. These lessons take a great deal of organisation and timetabling but benefit students in teaching them essential skills to swim and survive. I encourage all students to take part in these lessons especially when many of our families have access to boating and our wonderful Pilbara coast.

Wearing Hats is COOL

Every day is a hat day and a broad brimmed hat is part of our school uniform. It is obvious that many students enjoy wearing their school uniform including those in early childhood. It's great to see that they take pride in being a part of the school.

One aspect that we sometimes overlook is the importance of wearing a hat. Students need to wear a hat every time they are outside. We encourage all students to wear their own hat and not rely on sharing or wearing a spare one. We have limited spare ones available.

As we get older we become more aware of health and safety concerns of being sun smart and wearing protection such as a hat whilst outdoors. It is important that this message becomes a natural action for young children and they wear a hat whenever outdoors. At Millars Well School we foster a culture of wearing our uniform including a hat.

Boundary Fence

We have good news that our request for a boundary fence has been approved and plans are being drawn up. A new fence will add greater security and control to our school. It is hoped that the new fence will be in place by the beginning of 2018. It is something we have been working on for some time and I believe that the recent support of Regional Executive Director Neil Darby, our local Member Mr Kevin Michel and a visit from the Minister for Education, Sue Ellery has added significantly to our request being approved. We are very grateful for their support and this fence being provided.

Big Fan

We have approval to install a Big Fan in the undercover assembly area and hope to see this in place shortly. The P & C have been very busy raising funds and also accessed a grant from the City of Karratha to meet the significance cost of this.

Placement Request 2018

We are in the planning stages for 2018 and invite parents to consider any class placement requests they may have. Please put this request in writing and address it to the Principal marked Private and Confidential. Be clear about your request. You might consider including information about being with a close friend or someone who adds to the pleasure of being at school and learning. Requests for a specific teacher at this stage of the planning process are not considered valid.

Enrolments 2017

Will you be here next year? If you know that you will be leaving town before the commencement of the new school year (31st January 2018), or that your child(ren) won't be attending Millars Well PS next year, please advise us at the office as soon as possible. Thank you to parents that have already indicated they will be leaving in 2018. This helps with our advance planning for class structure and staffing.

If you know of young families that have not yet enrolled please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Kindy 2018

A big thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey for Kindy in 2018. Based on responses from the Kindergarten questionnaire, we have decided to proceed with the model of two full days each week with the alternate week having an extra full day. The information session for Kindy and Pre-Primary parents is planned for Wednesday, 29th November commencing at 8.45am – 9.45am in our Library.

Thank You

Rio Tinto Light Vehicle Workshop kindly donated \$393.30 to our school from recycling batteries. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Weston Jackson
Principal

In Term Swimming

In-term swimming will commence this Monday 24th October and will finish on Friday 4th of November (Week 3 and Week 4). Payment must be made before students can attend.

The lessons will be conducted at the Karratha Leisureplex and there will be five lessons per day, as outlined below.

Bus leaves School	Lesson times	Bus Leaves Pool
Lesson 1 (TA9 & TA6)		
8.30	8.45 - 9.25	9.35
Lesson 2 (TA12 & TA4)		
9.15	9.30 - 10.10	10.20
Lesson 3 (PP2 & TA7)		
10.05	10.20 - 11.00	11.10
Lesson 4 (PP1 & TA8)		
10.50	11.05 – 11.45	11.55
Lesson 5 (TA10 & TA11)		
12.00	12.15-12.55	1.05

Please note the following

- Students who have their lesson at the beginning of the day (8:30-9:25) please wear their bathers to school.
- Upon returning to school, students will need to change back into school uniform. Please supply your child with a plastic bag in which to place their wet bathers and towel.
- Children are permitted to wear thongs to and from the pool but **MUST** have shoes at school.
- All children **MUST** wear a swim vest (rashie) or T-shirt and have sunscreen on.
- Children may bring goggles to wear, however the swimming instructor will decide if goggles must be removed for a particular skill.
- Some lessons run during recess or lunch. Where this occurs children will be given a break after swimming to change, eat and drink and have supervised play.
- Children not attending swimming will be supervised at school.
- It is suggested that children in TA10 and TA11 eat a little more at recess, then after their lesson have another snack. For children in these classes that order lunch, please order from the **cold menu (NOT HOT FOOD)**.
- If your child has asthma and may need their puffer during swimming lessons, please ensure that this is packed with their swimming gear.
- Students cannot attend unless payment has been made by Monday morning

Library News

Welcome back to a busy Term 4 in the library, which again sees many new families arriving. I am available in the library on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** for any library queries.

Our second book fair for this year will be held in **WEEK 5** with purchasing available on these same days from **8am to 3pm** using cash or credit card online – (from home or at the fair). This may be a great time to start your Christmas shopping. Scholastic Book Fairs offer some exclusive items that are not available in stores. Our school receives a substantial percentage of total sales in new books so your support is valued.



Also a reminder to search the usual hiding places for any overdue library books your child may currently have on loan... amongst your own books, book shelves, under beds, in the car, in bags etc.

Karen Roach, Library Officer

Canteen Update

We are starting our "Fast box challenge" again!

It will start on Monday the 23rd October and run for 4 weeks. The winning classroom will get 50c credit per child to spend at the canteen!

Our Summer menu will be introduced on the 30th October.

Hand Washing Tips From The School Health Nurse

Washing hands is the easiest way to protect ourselves from contagious diseases, like colds, influenza and gastroenteritis. Hands should be washed before and after eating or preparing food, after going to the toilet and after nose blowing.

When teaching your child to wash their hands:

- Use clean water and soap, making sure they cover their hands and wrists.
- Use a brush to clean under nails if they're dirty too
- Dry their hands with something clean (like a paper towel)
- Alcohol based sanitisers are useful when soap and water is not available. Use half a teaspoon of the product and encourage your child to rub their hands together until they're dry. If you can see dirt on their hands, it is better to use soap and water.

For more information go to www.healthywa.wa.gov.au

COMPLEMENTARY COLOUR ART BY TA6

Currently on display in the front office and TA6 wet area are some amazing examples of complementary art.

Colours that are opposite each other on the **colour wheel** are considered to be complementary **colours** (example: red and green). The high **contrast** of complementary **colours** creates a vibrant look especially when used at full saturation. Selecting **contrasting colours** is useful when you want to make the **colours** stand out more vibrantly. If you are composing a picture of lemons, using a blue background will make the lemons stand out more.

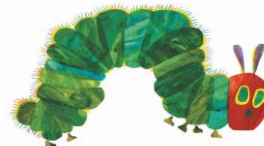


PP Minibeasts

At the end of Term 3, PP1 enjoyed learning about Minibeasts. During our learning experiences, we read a number of Eric Carle books: *The Very Busy Spider*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Bad Tempered Lady Bird*. We completed a mini artist study on Eric Carle and learnt how he creates his famous illustrations with painted paper collage. We then experimented with his techniques and created a 'Minibeast Garden' collage.



ERIC
CARLE



Year 6 Camp to Coral Bay

During the last week of Term 3, the Year 6s went on an exciting adventure to Coral Bay for camp! We saw whales and a huge pod of dolphins playing, we snorkelled with brightly coloured fish and SHARKS and played awesome camp games! The camp food was delicious and filled us up. On our final night we held a very entertaining Year 6 Talent Show. Everyone said it was amazing and it was the probably the best week of our lives!

Recount by: Abbey Eversden



Generous Donation from APEX

Millars Well Primary would like to thank APEX for generously replacing our old home readers with 550 brand new levelled books. We are extremely grateful for their support.



Dear Apex Members,

Thank you for giving new books to Millars Well School. They are very special all the other books are old so I am very excited to take them home to read them. Thank you.

From Gemma, TA9 Year 1

Dear Apex Members,

We would like to thank you for your books you have given us. Our old books are very dirty, rusty, well used, ugly. Your books are amazing and awesome. So awesome that I get to read one every night at homes then take it back to school. Thank you.

From Kanan, TA9 Year 1

Dear APEX members,

Thank you for the 550 books so, so, so much!!!! When I grow up I want to work for APEX. Also, I hope there is a book about white wolves.

From Reeve Baker, TA 10 Year 1

Dear APEX members,

Thank you for the lovely books because they are not ripped they are brand new. I like that I can read more. I like them a lot.

From Taya Cox, TA10 Year 2

Dear APEX members,

It was very kind of you to give us some more books. I will be really excited to read some new books because some of the old books have been ruined and have been scribbled on. So thank you so much for giving us some nice new books.

From Georgia Eversden, TA 11 Year 2



Dear APEX members,

Thank you for all those new books. I hated the filthy looking books with mundane pictures. I hope those new books are much better. I was getting so bored, I wasn't even wanting to read the books that were old. Thank you so much for all those books.

Sincerely Bryce Hinchcliffe, TA 11 Year 2

Hi Apex Members,

Thank you for giving Millars Well all of those books. Millars Well are so happy about the books that you gave us. I love new books because I love the smell of new books and how they are clean and sparkly. The old ones are boring, ripped and smelly. I love the new ones and I feel all happy and sweet like cotton candy, I can't stop thinking about them.

Thanks so much.

From Milla, TA12 Year 2

Dear APEX members,

Thank you so much for those new books. Millars Well are all going to love those books that you got us. I love all the books that you got us because they are very shiny and have very nice pictures. Our books are very old and some have rips and need sticky taping. It is lots of work to sticky tape books! So thanks for those books APEX.

From Skye Laing, TA 12 Year 3



ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION



Children's Crossing

On Gawthorne Drive, near Teesdale Place, there is a designated children's' crossing. This is **NOT** the same as a pedestrian crossing (zebra crossing) which has the alternating black and white stripes on the road– and where vehicles are required to give way to pedestrians.

Children's crossings are attended by a Traffic Warden (crossing guard) who assist children cross the road safely for approximately 1 hour immediately before and 1 hour immediately after school, during the school term.

When there is no Traffic Warden, children's crossings become a normal part of the road and vehicles travelling on the road have right of way.

Pedestrians crossing at a children's crossing (when there is no Traffic Warden) **MUST** give way to vehicles.

Motorists are requested **NOT** to stop at an unmanned children's crossing. By stopping, they are potentially placing the pedestrian at risk as vehicles travelling in the opposite direction may not stop.

Children are advised to refuse to cross the road if a vehicle stops to let them cross (if there is no Warden) as they are crossing when it is unsafe and may step into the path of a vehicle travelling in the opposite lane.

Children as Pedestrians and Cyclists

Children under the age of 10 do not have the physical and cognitive skills to make their own safe judgements and choices about traffic, vehicle speeds and distances, which increases their vulnerability.

Children up to 10 years should be supervised by an adult when around traffic.

It is lawful in Western Australia for people of all ages to ride on the footpath, but it is important to be aware that driveways are dangerous for cyclists.

Most cycling injuries occur on public roads and when children fall off their bikes. Everyone must wear approved cycling helmets that meet Australian standards and fit correctly at all times while riding.

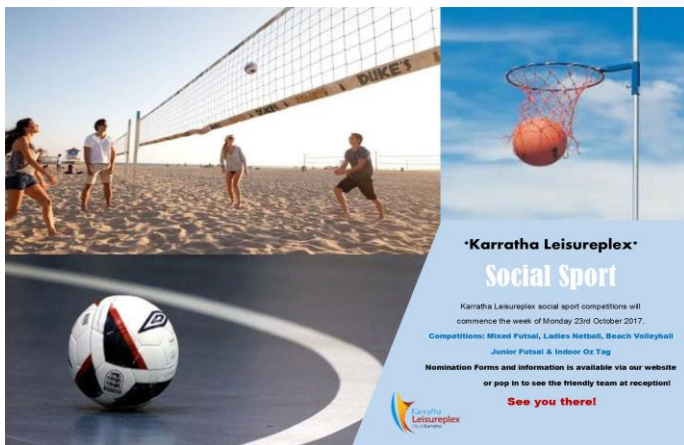


We are proud to announce a community mural project at Tambrey Pavilion by artist Melski McVee. We need your help to bring the mural to life!

Complete the following survey to tell us what you think makes Karratha special, and join us at the community painting day at Tambrey Pavilion from 9am – 12pm on Saturday 28 October.

Take the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GL95XM9>



REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL - CONTACT YOUR LIBRARY:

Dampier: 9186 0406, Dampier Community Hub, High Street
Karratha: 9186 8600, Dampier Highway opposite Broadhurst Road
Roebourne: 9182 1223, Corner of Sholl and Padbury Streets
Wickham: 9187 1661, Tamarind Place, Wickham



Karratha Library - Thurs 5:15 to 6:45pm

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



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