



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

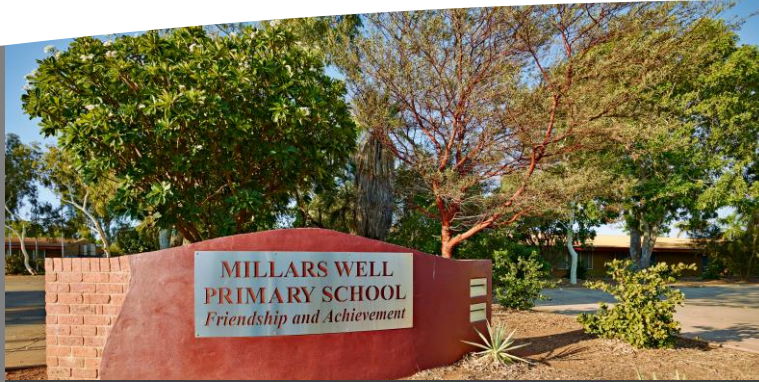
6th Dec – Presentation
Night 6pm

11th Dec – Graduation
Event 6pm

13th Dec - Reports go home

14th Dec- Last day of Term

31st Jan 2018 – Students
Return



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Principal's Message

In our last newsletter for the year I would like to say thank you.

Thank You

Thank you for supporting your child/ren through their school year. Thank you to our staff for investing so much energy into their students, lessons and our school. Children really thrive when we work together to create a good school and a great learning environment for them to be a part of.

This year some parents have been involved in our P&C. Some have played a major role in supporting our Year 6 students fundraising for camp and many parents have taken part in class activities at school. We've also had parents who have donated their time and services around our school in various ways. I hope that you felt a part of our school through your involvement and positive contributions. Thank you to all of our P&C members and especially our Executive Committee: President Mrs Tash Regan, Vice President, Mrs Donna Scott, Treasurer Mrs Amanda Tully and Secretary Mr Jake Reynolds. Our P&C provide a service to our school through operating the canteen and uniform shops. Thank you to Mrs Scolari, and Mrs Reynolds in the canteen and Mrs Regan and Mrs Bayliss in the uniform shop.

Simple as ABC

If you get an opportunity to be involved in our school and haven't done so yet, please consider being involved in 2018. Positive and productive involvement is a healthy activity for the mind and soul. It makes us all feel better. Act Belong Commit.

Ten a Day

This year we were able to achieve some outstanding results in NAPLAN and in particularly Numeracy. This has made me reflect upon the value that our Ten a Day program adds to children's learning.

I know many of you have seen this in class at the beginning of each day. A good routine to commence the day does improve learning and sets a tone for the rest of the day. It is also a very useful way to inform and share with parents the type of learning that is occurring in the classroom.

Staff

Our school staff are amazing. We have all been to school at some time but once you have worked in a school you begin to appreciate what an amazing thing it is to help children and work alongside parents each day.

Our front office ladies meet and greet and welcome, our Education Assistants ensure that individual assistance and support is available to children and they support teachers in sharing the load. Teachers juggle a number of activities at once while maintaining order. They do it because they have a passion for it.

Each day our school is fresh and welcoming thanks to the amazing efforts & hard work of Harry (the best gardener in town!) and our cleaning team led by Jan and well supported by Dah.

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Farewell to Mrs Martin

Mrs Martin will be taking maternity leave in 2018. She has been amazing in supporting all staff and students having a focus on Literacy, the planning and assessment of Individual Education Plans, our Minilit and Multilit programs and much more.

Mrs Martin has really added value to student achievement and the way we work in school. We all wish her the very best on the next exciting stage of motherhood and family.

We will continue the support for students and staff through this approach with Mrs Byrne. Mrs Byrne is a very experienced teacher who knows our school very well. She is a dedicated, passionate teacher and parent that has high but realistic expectations. She knows many of our students and has worked in a variety of year levels across the school. Within her own class she utilises current best practices to improve learning.

We are fortunate to be able to provide a Music and Performing Arts program for the first time in a while next year. Mrs Sue Ann Devries will work 3 days each week and provide a Music / Performing Arts program for our students.

We will also have two new staff joining us next year, they are Ms Patterson and Ms Westburg.

As we prepare for 2018 remember to stay safe over the holidays. Children return to school on Wednesday 31st January while staff begin work on Monday 29th January.

In the event of any impending cyclones on the return to school remain aware of SES warnings and announcements on local TV and Radio. Cyclone information is also included in this newsletter.

This Wednesday 6th December is our Presentation night at school. It commences at 6pm sharp behind the Senior block. Please bring a rug or chair to sit on and some nibbles or a hamper to enjoy the evening. We will celebrate the evening with some class entertainment and awards will be presented to selected students. Individual class notes are being sent home to inform parents about any special requirements children need for the night. The Year 6 students will have a Graduation evening on Monday the 11th December.

Weston Jackson
Principal

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Contributions and Charges 2018

Included with this newsletter is the schedule of school contributions and charges for 2018. This is for information purposes only and we will send a payment envelope home to all families early next year or you may pay whilst ordering your booklists through Officemax. Please note that costs quoted in the area of optional activities are set at a maximum level and many of the program costs will be less than the quoted amount. School contribution charges have remained unchanged and are \$60.00 per child.

Presentation Night

Classes are busily preparing their items for our Presentation Night which is on Wednesday 6th December commencing at 6.00pm behind the Senior block. The evening will consist of a variety of class performances, Year 6 graduation ceremony and individual book prize awards. Awards will be distributed to students from each class in the categories of 1x Achievement and 1 x Endeavour. Split classes will issue an Achievement Award to one student in each year level and an Endeavour Award. A program is included with this newsletter.

To ensure the best possible atmosphere we would like to remind parents of the following information:

- Strictly no smoking, no alcohol and no pets.
- Students should bring a small pillow or towel to sit on.
- Student seating and walkways will be marked and early arrivals are asked to leave these areas free.
- Children must remain with their class group until the conclusion of the evening.

Term Dates 2018

Dates gazetted for primary students in public schools in Western Australia are below. These dates do not include school development ('pupil free') days. Schools will schedule 3 days where students do not attend. All students in Years PP-6 will start their first day of the 2018 school year on Wednesday 31st February 2018.

Semester 1	
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January - Friday 13 April
Break	Saturday 14 April - Sunday 29 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April - Friday 29 June
Break	Saturday 30 June - Sunday 15 July
Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 16 July - Friday 22 September
Break	Saturday 22 September - Sunday 7 October
Term 4	Monday 8 October - Thursday 13 December

Library News

The second Book Fair was held in the Library during week 5 this term. Our school receives a very generous percentage of the total sales in new books for the Library, so we really appreciate the support we received for this event!

A HUGE shout out to all the parents and students who came in to look and purchase items. Over \$1800 worth of books and novelty items were sold, which equates to \$647 worth of free items from Scholastic. Thank you!!

As the end of year approaches, please keep an eye out for any library books at home. Encourage your children to look in all those obvious places...under beds, in your cars, in their school bags. It can be easy to put these away amongst your own books too. All students' current loans **MUST** be returned to the library **BEFORE** week 10.



Enjoy safe and happy holidays.
Merry Christmas from the library!

Karen Roach, Library Officer

Old Home Reading Books Available For Purchase

5 for \$1.00

Due to the generous donation of 550 new home reading books, Millars Well Primary will be selling many of our old readers. Please see Karen in the library between the hours of 8:20am – 2:40pm if interested. Books will be available to purchase (5 for \$1.00) until sold out.

2018 Booklists

School Book Lists have been sent home and are ready to view on officemaxschools.com.au. All you need to do is go online, view the list, make any changes you like, and then submit your order. It's that simple.

Follow these easy steps:

1. Search for your school Millars Well Primary School, Karratha, WA and enter your school access key **W7UW9C**
2. Complete the student's details and select their class.
3. Review your list and make changes (if required).
4. If you need additional items, top up from our Back to School special range, and checkout.

Please note: For home deliveries only, if you have more than one student at the same school repeat above steps.

Order Cut Off	Delivery Charges	Delivery Window
3 December	FREE	Before end of December 2017
4 – 17 December	\$9.95	By 24 January 2018
After December 17	\$19.90	Cannot be guaranteed before the start of Term 1

For orders placed after 17th December delivery is not guaranteed before the start of Term 1.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open before school commences in 2018 on Sunday, 28th January from 2.30pm – 4.00 pm and also on Tuesday, 30th January from 2.00pm – 3.30pm. It will be closed on Thursday, 1st February, the first week of Term 1.

School Dental Service

The Karratha Dental Therapy Centre at Karratha Primary School will be **closed** for the school holidays from Friday 3rd November and will reopen Wednesday 31st January, 2018. For any emergencies please call the Baynton West Dental Therapy Centre at Baynton West Primary School from Monday 6th November through to close of school term.

Any emergencies during the School Holidays please contact your local dentist or the Hedland General Dental Clinic 91722223.

LEGO Legends in TA4

This term our class has had a number of exciting learning experiences with Lego. Students watched a video about the invention of Lego and we used it to look at and discuss the reading strategy of sequencing. Students took notes and together as a class we developed a time line of events.

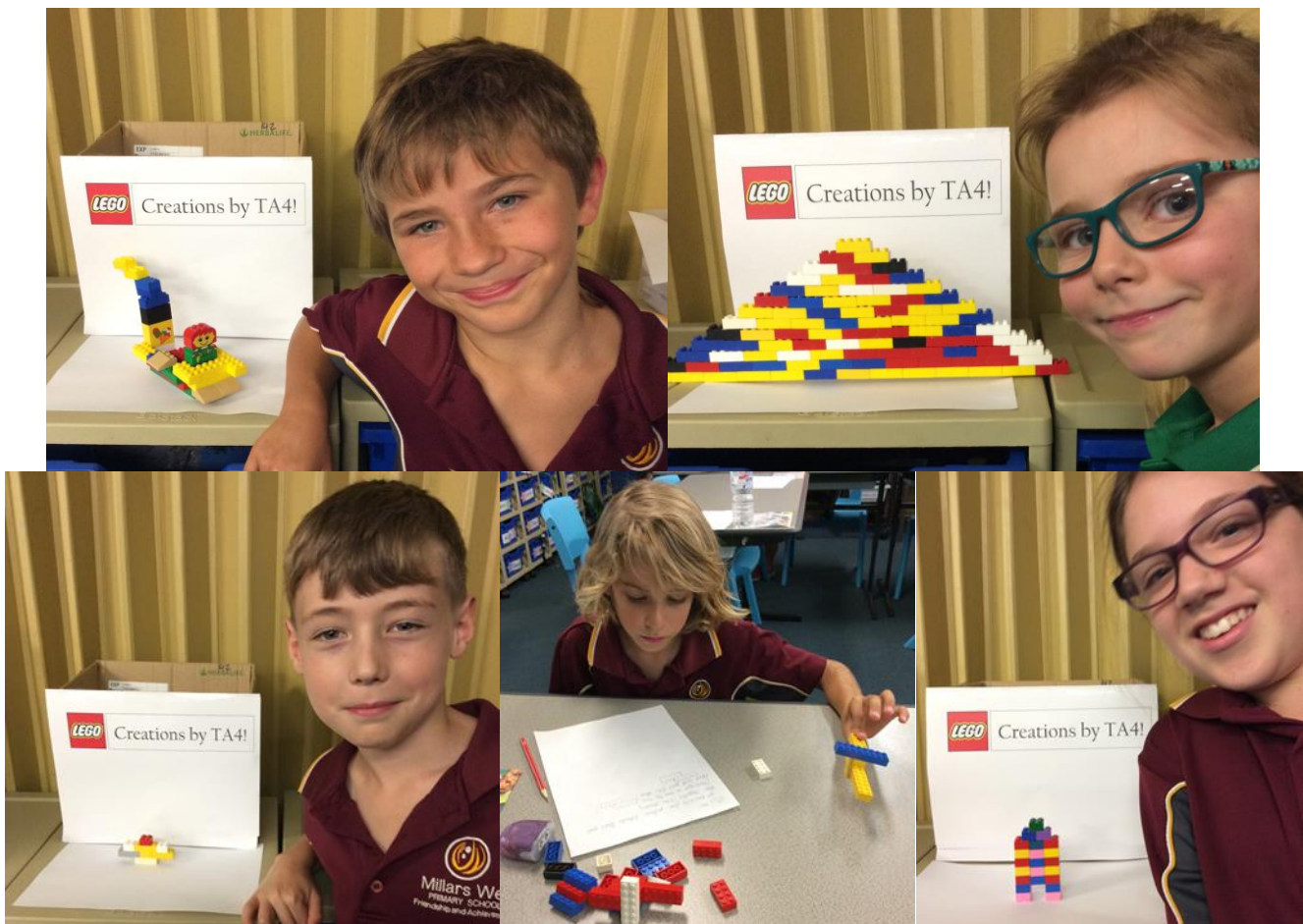
Students were then given the challenge of creating a small Lego structure that another student would attempt to make by looking at a photo and following a written procedure.

Students then had to evaluate how well they made their structure and think about how easy or hard it would be to recreate.

The students have had fun working in pairs watching another student have a go at making their Lego construction. They were on hand to give some verbal instructions if it was needed.

The student's feedback has been great and they have found that a lot of the structures were too detailed and big and they would recreate a small and easier structure next time. Others thought their structure was too easy and basic and would make it a bit more difficult. Students will have the opportunity to do this and we are looking forward to the next creations.

We have been able to look at sequencing, informational texts, procedure writing, technology and design all in this one activity. The students have enjoyed this process and it has been great to see them use their imagination and creativity.



LOTE Notes

konnichiwa
こんにちは

What an amazing year it has been. Your children are slowly flourishing into beautiful
nihongo speakers, and will definitely be asking Santa if they can go to 日本;)
mokyoubi kyukumi

This 木ようび was the LOTE Assembly. I hope you enjoyed it. Well done to 九くみ for
their amazing ひつじ costumes (you parents are さいこう) and performance. And for all
the other students you made me burst with pride when we all came together in song.

arigatou
ありあごう everyone for your enthusiasm and support for language learning throughout
2018nen
the year. Can't wait to see you all back in 二〇十八年.

O b r i e n sensei yori
オブライエン先生 より



**CHRISTMAS
APPEAL**
THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

Millars Well will be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal again this year. We would love it if families could support us by donating any of the following items:

Christmas Bon Bons

Christmas Puddings

Christmas Cake/ Fruit mince pies

Coffee/ Tea

Long life Custard

Long life Full Cream Milk

Fruit Juice

Cordial

Packets of Chips/Shapes

Breakfast Cereal

Non-alcoholic drinks

Tinned Ham

Tinned Vegetables

Items can be dropped into the office up until the 14th December!

All donations will go to families in need in the Pilbara.

CYCLONE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Cyclone Watch/Warning:

Children are to attend school as per normal.

Blue Alert

In a blue alert the school will usually remain open.

If a Yellow Alert is predicted and likely to be declared at some time during the school day *the school will not open and children are to remain at home.*

If the school is to close, this information will be broadcasted via the following **local** radio stations. Emergency information is broadcasted at approximately ¼ past the hour. The frequency of the updates will depend on the type of cyclone alert. School closure will be broadcasted between 6.15am and 7.45am.

- ABC Radio (Official Broadcast)
- Spirit Radio (Unofficial Broadcast)

The closure advice will be repeated each morning until the decision to re-open the school is made by the DDG after discussion with the RED. Principals will then be notified that a school can reopen

School buses may be affected at this stage. Any change to the bus operation will be given on the radio at the above times.

PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL. All information and updated reports relating to the warnings and school closure **ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO.** Please keep yourself informed.

Yellow Alert

If a Yellow Alert is declared during a school day, the following will occur:

• **Yellow Alert before 12:00:** – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at lunch time. Students will not be sent home until collected by, or instructions are received from parents.

• **Yellow alert after 12:00:** – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at the usual time. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.

• **Yellow alert after 14:00:** - If a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm schools will generally be closed the following day. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.

The above does not preclude immediate closure in extenuating circumstances and if deemed necessary by the Cyclone Committee.

Red Alert

The School will remain closed during a Red Alert.

- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm, schools will remain closed the following day.
- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm but subsequently cancelled, the Regional Executive Director in consultation with the Cyclone Committee has the discretion to ensure that schools open the following day.

AFTER THE CYCLONE

If a Red Alert is called after 2.00pm schools will generally be closed the following day to allow for assessment and repair of serious damage. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.

Staff and students cannot return or enter school grounds until the school has been assessed and meets all safety and health standards

Please keep yourself informed via the radio, until all threats from the cyclone is past.