



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

14th – 18th May – NAPLAN

18th May – Walk Safely to
School Day

21st May – P&C Meeting at
7pm

23rd May – National
Simultaneous Storytime

24th May – TA13 Assembly

25th May – Indigenous
Morning Tea, 9am

26th May – Earbus

31st May - Cross Country

4th June – WA Day Public
Holiday

7th-8th June – School
Photos



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Principal's Message

I hope that you had an opportunity to spend some quality time with your child/ren and friends these last holidays. While it was only two weeks, it's amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it.

The second week of the holidays was particularly busy around Karratha with the ANZAC dawn service and the opening of the Red Earth Arts Precinct. The dawn service was very well attended by our community and our school was represented by myself and student leaders in laying a wreath.

The new REAP is a great facility for us all to enjoy and I'm sure many of you have already been and had a look through. The new library, theatres and stage areas are amazing. Included with this newsletter is a build your own REAP.

Prior to the holidays we held our ANZAC Day Service on Friday, 13th April at 8.30am at school in front of Pre Primary. Thank you to Warrant Officer First Class Barry Tully from the Pilbara Regiment for participating and to everyone who was involved in this event.



Successful Schooling

A recently published report from the Commissioner for Children and Young People in WA highlights the primary and secondary factors for school and learning based upon the views of young people.

It was really reassuring and no surprise to read that the three most important primary factors forming the foundations for successful schooling and learning are:

1. Having friends and positive relationships with other students.
2. Teachers who have a genuine interest in student's well-being and future.
3. Families that are involved and interested.

These main points are important and I believe we encourage and focus upon them at Millars Well PS.

Comments like – "Friends are important because it makes learning more enjoyable and somewhat easier," and "With friends you will have more confidence and try harder."

It is also very important to be connected and involved in your child class and schooling. You can do this by talking about their day, what they are doing, what did they enjoy? If you have something great to share or a concern you would like to clear up please make time to meet and talk about it.

NAPLAN

Next Week year 3 and year 5 take part in the National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy. The reality is that it is just another day and week at school; however, there are some assessment items that need to be done. You can really assist your child this week by ensuring that they are well rested each night and come to school fresh, alert and prepared for the day. It is equally important not to overstate or place greater importance on the week. We actually want your child to be refreshed and alert every day they come to school.

Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF)

On the first day of term Joel Jackson, my son and ex-student visited our school. Joel attended Millars Well PS and Karratha Senior High School as a student before studying at the National Academy of Dramatic Arts (NIDA).

Joel was in town to help with the City of Karratha REAP celebrations. He is also an ambassador for ACMF, an organisation that promotes music and arts for young children and they assist in providing equipment, resources and programs.

As an actor and musician, Joel recognises the value of music and creative arts programs, and with his experience here as a student he was keen to promote our school and ACMF.

During his visit he met with our music teacher, Ms Sue-Ann de Vries and spoke with some students from TA 11 and TA12. From those interactions, Joel will develop some short 2-3 min videos that deliver a positive message about music. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and commented on how great our students and school are.

Bright Path

Our school uses the Bright Path program to assist in making teacher judgments of students work.

Brightpath is based on over a decade of pioneering research at the University of Western Australia. The software records the results of assessments and reports a range of formative and summative information to teachers and principals. This provides an informed basis for developing teaching programs targeting the needs of individual students.

Keep an eye out for these posters in our classrooms and wet areas. I'm sure you find it interesting and useful guide for your child's progress.

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Allergy Awareness

We have reviewed the allergy information in the school handbook based on the recommended guidelines from The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI),

We have adopted an approach of allergy awareness to protect students who have mild to severe allergies (anaphylaxis). Banning particular foods and declaring schools to be 'nut-free' are not recommended by ASCIA as it is not possible to guarantee such positions. It is recommended that schools develop strategies to promote allergy awareness.

It is important that accurate information is obtained from parents and carers, staff are trained in the recognition and management of acute allergic reactions, planning for unexpected reactions (including in those not previously identified as being at risk), age appropriate education of children with severe allergies and their peers, and implementation of practical strategies to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to known allergic triggers.

Mother's Day Stall

A big thankyou to our P & C and Fundraising committee for arranging this year's Mother's Day gift stall. This highlights how special our Mums are with students at school.

Our Early Childhood classes also hosted a pamper day for Mums. Thank you to our staff for arranging this and making the Mums (and some Dads) that participated feel very pampered and special. Our students always look forward to this event.

I hope all our Mums have an enjoyable Mother's Day this weekend.

Crossing Guard

Welcome back to our Crossing Guard, Mr Glenn Keay. It's great to see him helping our students cross the road safely to school. Please remind your child/ren to use the crossing.

Weston Jackson
Principal



Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Enrolments 2019

We are now taking applications for enrolments for children starting Kindergarten and Pre-Primary in 2019. Applications are to be made by no later than **3pm, Friday 20th July, 2018.**

Please note if your child is going to enter Pre Primary **and resides** in our local intake area, you **do not** need to make an application, **however you will need to provide the school with proof of residence.** If your child **does not reside** in our local intake area you **are required** to make an application.

To be eligible to enter Kindergarten (4 year old program) in a Government School in 2019, a child must turn four on or before the 30th June 2019. To be eligible to enter Pre-Primary (5 year old program) in 2019, a child must turn five on or before the 30th June 2019.

Please come to the Administration Office with a copy of the **birth certificate, current immunisation details and proof of address** and you will be provided with all the necessary paperwork.

An application for a Kindergarten/Pre-Primary place may be made at ONE SCHOOL ONLY.

Library News

Thanks to everyone who has returned overdue library books. Please continue to search in those usual places, there are several still outstanding.

Week 5 sees our first **BOOK FAIR** for 2018. Our school community always gives wonderful support for this event and the students really look forward to it.

Purchases can only be made in CASH or by CREDIT CARD online from home or at the event in our library, which will operate from Monday, 28th May to Thursday 31st May.

I am available from Monday to Thursday every week for any library enquiries.

Karen Roach, Library Officer

P&C News

The P & C will be meeting twice this term. Upcoming meetings are 21st May and 18th June. We would love to see you there!

Millars Well P&C

Millars Mess

A new term brings with it a new competition, Quick Cliq competition is back again! Simply order your recess or lunch at www.QuickCliq.com.au to go into the draw to win \$10 credit. Competition starts Monday 21st May and closes Monday 18th June. The Canteen is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every week.

NAPLAN

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in Literacy and Numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN testing will occur in all schools across Australia during week 3 from the **15th – 18th May**. Please encourage your child to try their hardest and the staff will ensure the actual testing period is as stress free as possible. If you have any concerns, please contact Fiona Byrne

Some of the tests commence at 8.20am so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time

From the Sports Desk

On Thursday the 3rd of May, Millars Well Primary School took a mixed boys and girls team to the annual Dockers Cup Carnival hosted by Baynton West Primary School. Our students displayed excellent sportsmanship and both teams tried their best, none more so than our boys team who made it to the final only to lose by a goal in the last minute of the game to Baynton West PS. What a nail biter!

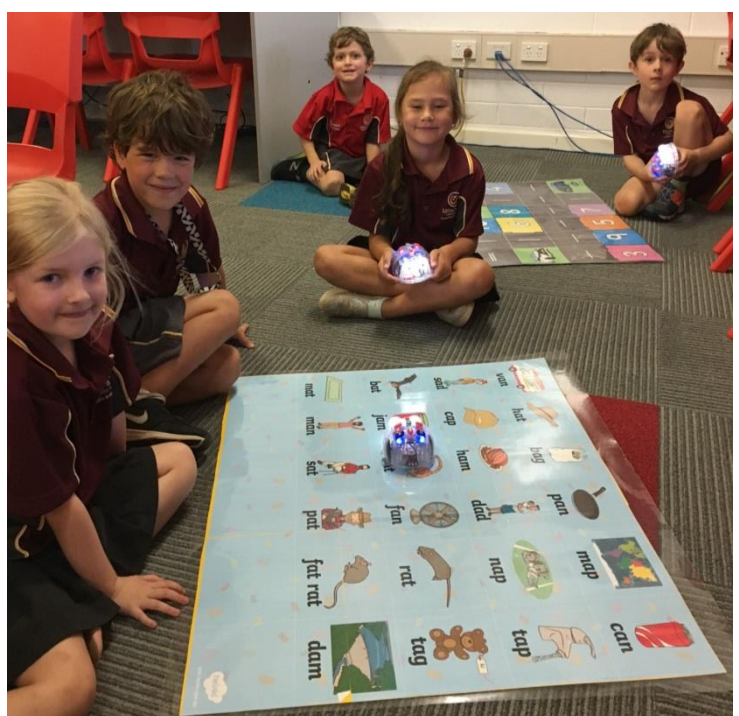
Thank you to all the parents who supported and cheered our students on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Baker who helped coach our girls team. We can feel extremely proud of our students!

Mr Steven Maxwell, Physical Education Teacher



Coding in TA9

TA9 have been enjoying our new blue bots from Scitech. We have been building on our coding skills and learning to work well as a team. We are integrating digital technologies into our maths and literacy programs. Everyone is excited to see what we can explore in the coding world next.




ECE Water Fun Day

In the last week of term, Kindy and Pre-primary students enjoyed a water fun day while demonstrating the 5 SunSmart steps - Slip on a shirt, Slop on Sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade and Slide on some sunglasses. Throughout the morning, students participated in water based activities such as slip'n'slide, bubbles, paddle pools, frozen treasure hunts, goopy slime, water squirters and water walls.



LOTE Notes

<p><i>We are working on our self introductions in</i></p> <p>日本語</p> <p><i>*Students may challenge themselves with the more detailed self introduction</i></p>	<p><i>To pronounce Japanese, chunk the consonant and vowel together.</i></p> <p><i>eg. Ha-ji-me-ma-shi-te</i></p>	<p><i>The vowel sounds are</i></p> <p><i>a-part</i> <i>i-pit,</i> <i>u-put</i> <i>e-pet</i> <i>o-pot</i></p>
<p><i>Yr 1-2</i></p>		
	<p><i>Hajimemashite</i> <i>Boku/Watashi wa (your name) desu</i> <i>(age) sai desu</i> <i>Yoroshiku</i></p>	<p><i>Nice to meet you</i> <i>My name is ()</i> <i>I am () years old</i> <i>Please look upon me favourably</i></p>
<p><i>Yr 3-4</i></p>		
	<p><i>Hajimemashite</i> <i>Boku/Watashi wa (your name) desu</i> <i>(age) sai desu</i> <i>(year) nensei desu</i> <i><u>Douzo</u> yoroshiku onegaishimasu</i></p>	<p><i>Nice to meet you</i> <i>My name is ()</i> <i>I am () years old</i> <i>I am in year ()</i> <i>Please look upon me favourably</i></p>
<p><i>Yr5-6</i></p>		
	<p><i>Hajimemashite</i> <i>Boku/Watashi no namae wa (your name) desu</i> <i>(age) sai desu</i> <i>Shougakkou (year) nensei desu</i> <i><u>Douzo</u> yoroshiku onegaishimasu</i></p>	<p><i>Nice to meet you</i> <i>My name is ()</i> <i>I am () years old</i> <i>I am in Primary school year ()</i> <i>Please look upon me favourably</i></p>

P&C Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Raffle:

Kindy Blue

1 Sophie
2 Judito
3 Aimee

Kindy Green

1 Alina
2 Jack
3 Mitch

PP1

1 Jack
2 Sunny
3 Willow

TA9

1 Jenson
2 Elliot
3 Johannes

TA10

1 Harvey
2 Billy
3 Robbie

TA11

1 Elsie
2 Siana
3 Maddison

TA12

1 Charlie
2 Isabella
3 Legacy

TA13

1 Aurora
2 Georgia
3 Josh

TA4

1 Cody
2 Skye
3 Kobie

TA6

1 Jarvis
2 India
3 Logan

TA7

1 Isaac
2 Abbey
3 Sophie

TA8

1 Austin
2 Tyde
3 Tamelia



Easter Hat Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing efforts creating their Easter hat: Kindy- Sophie, PP-Darcy, TA9- Elisha, TA10- Caleb, TA11- Legacy, TA12- Ethan, TA13- Georgia, TA4- Sophia, TA6- Linkin, TA7- Matthew, TA8- Angus



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, the 18th of May, is 'National Walk Safely to School Day'. This initiative is aimed at encouraging Primary School children to walk and commute safely to school promoting Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Our school will be supporting the 'Walk Safely to School' event, by offering children who do walk to school a sticker and some delicious fruit in the undercover area. Parents and caregivers are invited to participate and join in with the fun.

The objectives for the 'National Walk Safely to School Day' are:

- To encourage parents and caregivers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

NAIDOC 2018

On the 26th, 27th and 28th of June, Millars Well Primary School will be celebrating NAIDOC. Your child will participate in a range of activities on these days.

One of the activities will be t-shirt painting. In preparation for this activity, **your child will need to supply a plain t-shirt**. The shirt can be a range of colours – e.g. white, red, yellow, blue, green or black.

Please label your child's t-shirt and deliver it to the class teacher.

NAIDOC Shirt Order

Millars Well Primary School will be celebrating NAIDOC on the of June. In preparation of NAIDOC Day you are able to purchase a NAIDOC shirt for your child/ren or yourself. The cost of a child shirt will be \$35 and an adult shirt will be \$42. If you would like to purchase a shirt please complete the form below and return, with money, in a sealed envelope to the front office by **Monday 21st of May**. Sizing charts are below and an example of the shirt design is to the right.

Unisex short sleeve polo

This relaxed and generous fit is our signature unisex style and most commonly used throughout the range. It is a little wider throughout the body and sleeves than usual and the waist is not shaped making this a versatile shirt fit. Order a size down if you'd like it more fitting. Measurements are in centimetres.

Measure Yourself!

Length: The full length of the garment starting from the top of your shoulder.

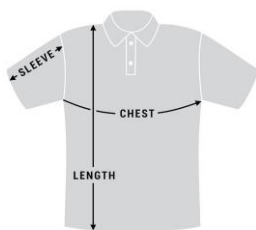
Sleeve: Starting from the end of your shoulder to the bottom edge of the sleeve opening.

Chest: Measure around the widest part and make sure the tape is flat across you back.



Kids Polo

SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH	SLEEVE
2	50-54	43	18
4	54-60	47	18
6	60-65	51	19
8	65-68	56	19
10	68-73	59	19
12	73-77	61	20
14	77-82	63	21



Adult Polo Unisex

SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH	SLEEVE
XS (8)	89-94	64	22
S (10)	95-99	68	22
M (12)	99-104	70	23
L (14)	104-109	71	25
XL (16)	109-115	74	27
XXL (18)	115-120	75	27
3XL (20)	124-128	76	28
4XL (22)	132-136	78	29
5XL (24)	142-147	81	29
6XL (26)	149-154	84	30
7XL (28)	156-160	87	31
8XL (30)	164-170	90	32

I would like to purchase a NAIDOC shirt/s:

Family name/s: _____

Quantity: _____

Size/s: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Mother's Day Pampering in ECE

Early childhood students invited their Mothers into the classroom for a morning of pampering. It was a great turnout for all classes and a lot of fun for everyone. Many Mums and some Dads went home looking fabulous after having make up and nails done and being massaged.



