



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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45 Gawthorne Drive,
Millars Well, Karratha 6714

Upcoming Events

18 June – P&C Meeting,
7pm staff room

21 June – Winter Carnival

22 June – Indigenous
Morning Tea, 9am

26-27 June – NAIDOC
Events

27 June – Interschool
Cross Country

28 June - NAIDOC
Assembly

29 June – Reports go home

29 June – Last day of Term

16 July – First day for
students Term 3



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Principal's Message

Robo Cup

This Saturday teams from Millars Well Primary School will compete in a Robo Cup Challenge hosted at Wickham PS.

We wish all students taking part the best of luck. There are 88 teams competing across the range of events which is more than double from previous years. It will be very strong competition and one we hope all students who participate enjoy. Please see below for a timetable of events. Congratulations and thank you to the staff that have helped prepare students for this event and parents for their support.

Pilbara RoboCup 2018

Schedule of Events



Time	Event
10.00am	Welcome to Pilbara RoboCup
10.30am	Bee-Bot Dance Challenge – Main Stage Bee- Bot Maze Challenge – Room 3/4
12:00 PM	Bee-Bot Awards
12:20 PM	EV 3 Dance Challenge – Main Stage EV 3 Rescue Challenge – Room 3/4
2:00 PM	EV 3 Awards
2:15 PM	Pilbara RoboCup closes

Ms Docherty on Leave

Ms Docherty from TA7 is currently on leave to attend her wedding overseas. We wish her the very best and look forward to her return at the end of Week One, next term.

Mrs Ta'ala will be in TA7 continuing the class program for that period of time. Ms Docherty has student reports completed and these will be handed out at the end of term when reports go home.

Winter Carnival

Next Thursday, selected students in Years 4-6 will take part in an Interschool Winter Carnival. Students will be participating in one sport on the day: Basketball, Netball, Minkey, Soccer, Badminton or League Tag. Students who have been selected will take a note home from Mr Maxwell.

Year 6 Camp – Coral Bay

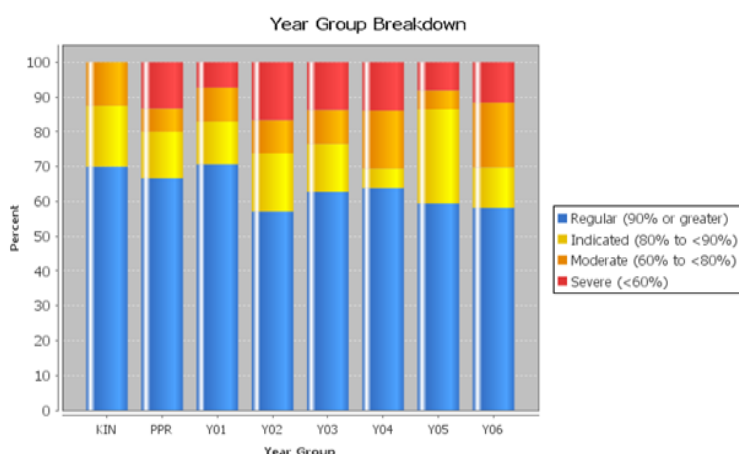
Our Year 6 camp is planned for Week 10, Term 3 from the 17th – 21st September. Parents and students are busy fundraising for this camp and class teachers are inviting expressions of interest for parent helpers. There will be more information in a class note but if you are willing to help on camp, please contact a class teacher or the school and outline your special skills, qualifications etc that you have. For example: "F" class endorsed license, Surf lifesaving certificate, CPR, First Aid, Working with Children Check etc.

** Please note that these are approximate timings only, all attempts will be made to keep timings as close as possible to this schedule **

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Attendance

Attendance is cumulative just like learning. The more we attend, the more we can learn. I recently had a conversation with a parent about the importance of the early years of school. This is where children grow and learn the foundations for the development of language, problem solving and creative thinking. Research shows that children with less than 90% attendance are at educational risk.



This graph indicates the number of students in blue that attend 90% or more in our school at present. Year one has the least number of students that are in an at risk category.

We regularly send letters home to families that indicate the risk category their child is in. Your child's level of attendance will be reported in our Semester One reports.

Taking holidays or a family vacations during school term has an impact on your child's education and cannot substitute the planned learning program at school. These breaks are often a source of low attendance and places children in an at risk category.

If a child misses...	That equals	Or...	PP to year 12 adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance category
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	Nearly 1 ½ years	Part-way through year 11	Regular 90%-100%
1 days per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	Over 2 ½ years	Part- way through year 10	Indicated 80%-89%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	Over 5 years	The end of year 7	Moderate 60%-79%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	Nearly 8 years	The end of year 4	Severe 0%-59%

NAIDOC

School events will be held on Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 27th June. You are invited to attend and take part in these special events on the day including our special assembly on the 28th June.

P&C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday 18th June at 7pm – You are all invited. Please visit the P and C Facebook age to view agenda items.

Important Dates

School concludes this term on Friday 29th June and reports will go home on that day. Students return for Term 3 on Monday 16th July. Please note the Staff Development Day when students do not attend school in Term 3 is on Friday 3rd August before the FeNaCING weekend..

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

Our first Book Fair for 2018 held in Week 5 this term was a raging success! A big thank you to all who supported our school by purchasing items. There was just under \$1100 worth of sales which gives our library approximately \$300 worth of free books!!

Keep an eye out for information about the Term 4 Book Fair provided in the newsletters, sms messaging, and on the Facebook page.

Also a big shout out to those who support the library with the regular Book Club issues each term. This also generates hundreds of \$\$\$\$ in rewards for the school in the form of books, educational games and resources.

Karen Roach, Library Officer

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is on Monday, 18th June at 7pm. We would love to see you there!

P&C meetings for Term 3 will be held on the 23rd July and 10th September.

Millars Well P&C

Millars Mess

The Quick Cliq competition finishes on Monday! 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 the winner will be drawn on Monday 18th June. Results will be announced on Facebook and the canteen board on Tuesday, 19th June.

From the Sports Desk

The fantastic long distance running skills of our students were on show during our annual school Cross Country event, held Thursday the 31st of May. There was a tremendous effort put in by all students who participated on the day. The course was challenging, but with their commitment to training our students were impressive.

Congratulations to all who participated and a big thank you to all of the families and friends who attended on the day.

The students who placed in the top five of each division will have a chance to represent our school on the 27th of June in Dampier. They will be competing against other schools in our region in the Interschool Cross Country. I am sure you all join us in wishing these students the best of luck.



Junior Girls Year 1/2

- 1st Place – Piper Pitt
- 2nd Place – Aaliyah Parsons
- 3rd Place – Siana Stott
- 4th Place – Elisha Maccan

Junior Boys Year 1/2

- 1st Place - Josh Collard
- 2nd Place - Charlie Lonnie
- 3rd Place - Sam Lonnie
- 4th Place - Logan Moore

Intermediate Girls Year 3/4

- 1st Place – Sophia Saunders
- 2nd Place – Emillia Trebel
- 3rd Place – Zarhli Taylor
- 4th Place – Skye Laing

Intermediate Boys Year 3/4

- 1st Place – Jarvis Michael
- 2nd Place – Aiden de Smid
- 3rd Place – Jake Ridley
- 4th Place – Lynton Ugle

Senior Girls Year 5/6

- 1st Place – Ellah Chudziack
- 2nd Place – Lauren Tully
- 3rd Place – Scarlett Wellington
- 4th Place – Charlee Daley

Senior Boys Year 5/6

- 1st Place – Trey Kittle
- 2nd Place – Jethro Pitt
- 3rd Place – Axel Pitt
- 4th Place – Austin Moore

FACTION POINTS

- 1st Place – **Delambre** 94
- 2nd Place – **Legendre** 89
- 3rd Place – **Malus** 88
- 4th Place – **Rosemary** 59

Design and Technology

In Technology and Design, TA11 and TA13 have been learning about the processes of wheat and meat from paddock to plate. We have also designed wheat seed crushers to make flour and a water trough that could provide water to cattle on a station.

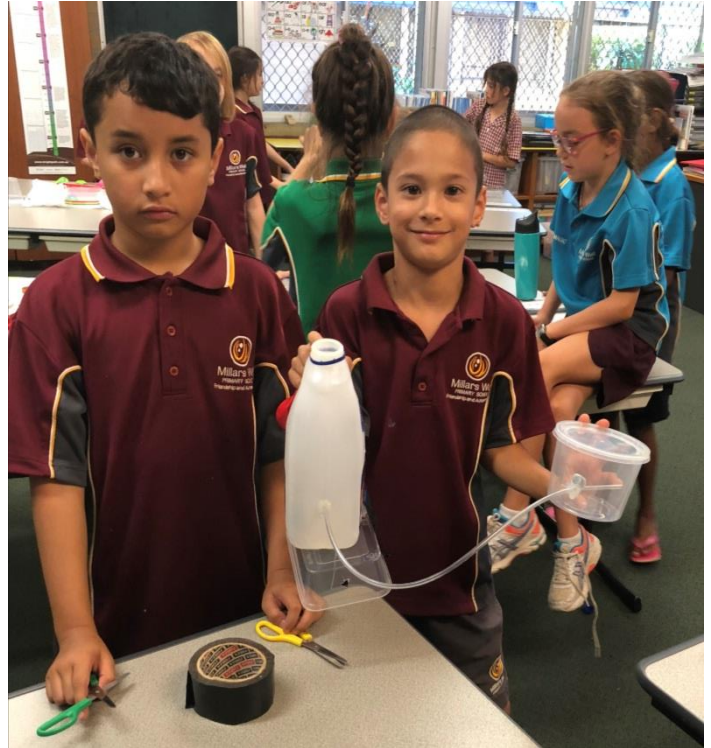
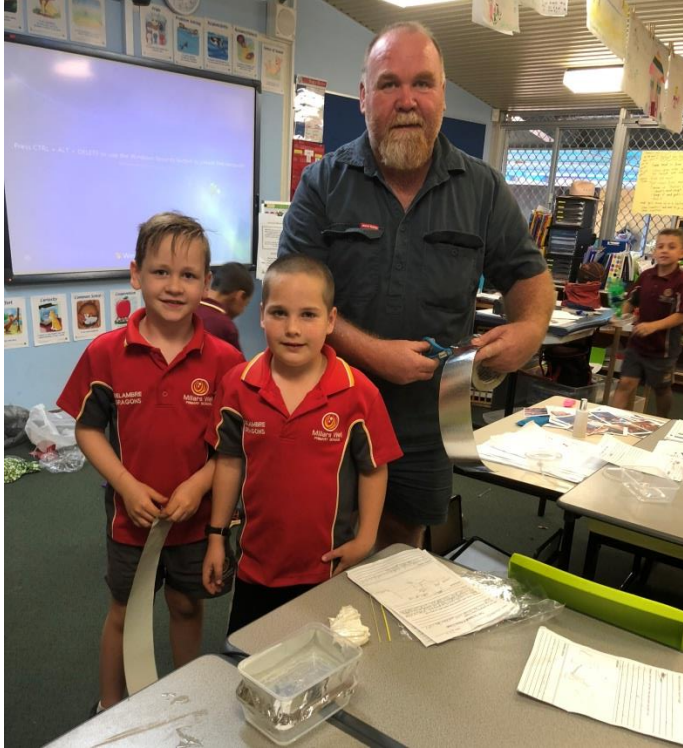
We've learnt that when wheat turns goldish/ tannish it is ready for harvesting. Wheat seeds get milled into flour. You can make damper out of flour with just water. We learnt that off Ms Baumgarten when she came to make damper with us. When we crushed wheat, I thought it was a challenge because it was harder than I thought it would be.

Richo from Mardie Station came in to help us learn about meat. I learnt there's heaps of different parts on a cow that you can eat. I learnt cattle has to be sorted before it goes on a truck to an abattoir. I know that you can fit about 250 Karratha's into Mardie Station. At Stations, they have to muster cattle with helicopters, horses, buggies and motorbikes.

When we made a water trough, we had to design it first and then do lots of drilling and gluing. Lucky Mr Crabbe, Mr Austin and Mr Reid helped us. The hardest part was stopping it from overflowing. Real water troughs shouldn't overflow because rain water is precious.

By Quinton Scolari, Year 3





In Design and Technology we are learning about Food and Fibre. Last week, **TA9, TA10** and **TA12** had an interactive lesson with Farmer Anna who has a farm in NSW. Farmer Anna has about 500 animals on her farm; 400 sheep and 100 cows. We learnt that all animals need shelter, food and water to survive and that Dairy Cows produce 30 litres of milk a day. It was a lot of fun and very interesting. We got to see other schools in WA on our computer screen too.

Interesting Facts

- Cows drink 60 litres of water per day.
- The sheep huddle up together to stay warm when it is cold.
- You can use a drone to herd cows, check on the animals and check on the farm.
- Dorper Sheep usually have twins.

Coby Kelly and Gemma Turnbull Year 2, TA12

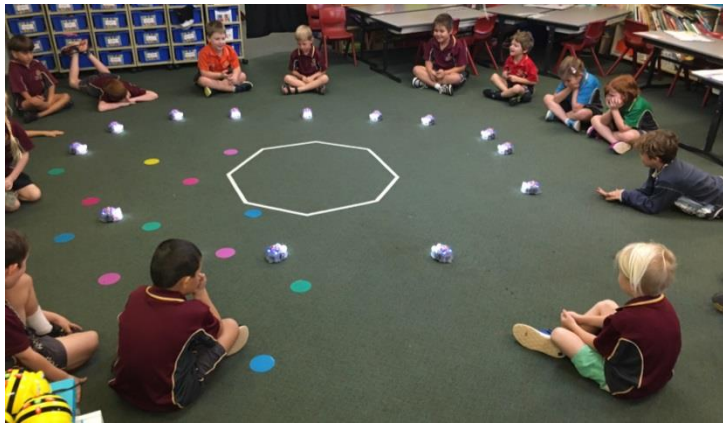


Scitech Visit

On Wednesday Tim from SciTech came to visit Millars Well. He spent some time in TA9 working with the students and engaging them in technology and critical thinking skills. The children had small competitions throughout the morning.

First the students estimated how many moves it would take to get your robot from their spot to the octagon in the middle of the classroom (since every move the blue-bot makes is 15cm). Next they practiced their design skills by dressing up their blue-bots to help identify which was theirs. They had to think about a design that would still allow their blue-bot to move.

After, we spoke about how places around the world now have robots that deliver products. Then, students had to use their creative minds to find a way to deliver a teddy bear from their spot into the octagon and return their robot back to their spot. All students loved getting involved and using trial and error to succeed. Finally, some students from TA4 came to visit and show us their performance they have prepared for the Robo Cup this weekend in Wickham. TA9 are lucky to have 8 students competing in the Bee-Bot maze on the weekend and we wish them the best of luck!



PP1 Beebots

PP1 enjoyed their introduction to coding with Tim from Scitech. Students participated in a number of activities including a Beebot race where they had to estimate how many times they had to press the forward button to reach the centre line. The Beebot that stopped closest to the line was the winner. We look forward to Tim's next visit and using Beebots in class.



PP1 Wind Socks

Our Pre-Primary class has been observing the weather during Science. Here they are with their fantastic wind sock creations. The children were very proud of their work and love watching them blowing in the wind.



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 23rd of May MWPS participated in the annual National Simultaneous Storytime. This event takes place all over Australia and for the first time this year in New Zealand. Schools, libraries, childcare centres, families and communities read the same book at the same time. This year the book was *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. There were 1, 062, 230 adults and children who took part, that is a lot of reading! At our school, the book was read over the P.A system while classes listened and followed along with a copy of the book on the interactive whiteboards. After the reading students participated in some activities related to the text. The event was enjoyed by staff and students and we look forward to participating again next year.






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YEAR 7 2019 CAMPUS TOUR

Parents and Year 6 students are invited to take part in a tour of our campus.

Tours are approximately 30 minutes and will be conducted on the dates and times below. Bookings are essential. To book a place on any tour please contact the school on 9187 8000 or email nicole.kot@education.wa.edu.au

Tour Dates

Wednesday 6th June

Tuesday 12th June

Wednesday 20th June

Thursday 28th June

Tour Times

5.00pm
5.30pm
6.00pm

4.30pm
5.00pm

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3a Gumala Indigenous Playgroup

10 Hedland Place, Karratha

Open Morning

You're invited to an Open Morning at the 3a Gumala Indigenous Playgroup on Wednesday 27th June from 9.00am-11.30am.

Come along and share a morning with our families; reading, cooking, building, creating and talking to find out more about the 3a Abecedarian Approach.

Enrolment for this event is available at <https://plis.det.wa.edu.au/?EventID=21164>

Morning Tea is provided.