



Millars Well
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friendship and Achievement

Community Newsletter

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Millars Well, Karratha 6714

Upcoming Events

03 Aug – Staff
Development Day –
students do not attend.

06 Aug – FeNACING
Public Holiday

09 Aug – TA9 & TA10
Assembly

13 Aug – Earbus

21 Aug – Jumps & Throws

23 Aug - Faction Carnival

24 Aug – Bookweek Dress
Up

30 Aug – PP Assembly

30 Aug – ECE Father's Day
Sausage Sizzle



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Principal's Message

Road Safety

The safety of our students is very important and this week the Constable Care program delivered a road safety message and bullying message to classes. The Constable Care program visits us each year and we see it as an important support to the teaching and learning programs in classrooms.

I have also received an email outlining a concern that a young child has crossed a road nearby and was nearly hit by a car. While this is an isolated event, child safety is a concern to all of us; we want our children to be safe.

The Department of Transport suggests that children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by a parent when crossing the road and when riding on a footpath. I have attached an information sheet from the Police Department about safety.

We can all help by talking about safety with children and by being a good example. We also can support or guide others when we notice things aren't right. Let's all keep an eye out ☺



Bullying

This headline can create terrible feelings within us and should be dealt with. We believe that early action, intervention and response are the best ways to deal with bad behaviour and bullying. If at any time you hear of bad behaviour or bullying towards your child, please let the class teacher or myself know.

Attendance Census

Next Friday, is school census where student attendance in schools is counted. This information is very important and needs to be accurate.

During the week, I visited some families to highlight and discuss attendance. It is very easy to become complacent about attending school and not notice the total number of absences that add up over a child's schooling. I can view this long term data and see exactly how many days of schooling a child has missed in total.

Regular attendance is a significant factor in a child achieving their potential.

New names but same people

May I introduce, announce and congratulate staff who recently had a name change.

Ms Fogarty is now Mrs Ware and Ms Docherty is now Mrs McLaren. Congratulations to both of our staff and best wishes.

School Development Day

Friday 3rd August is a School Development Day and staff will be joining other schools to undertake Professional Learning. Staff will be taking part in STEM, Talk 4 Writing, Instructional Strategies, Maths, Numeracy and Digital technologies, Robotics, Differentiation, and Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework workshops to name a few.

There is no school for students on that day.

Monday the 6th August is a local public holiday for the FeNaCING Festival.

New Class Room Dividers

I have looked into the costs for new room dividers for the school and this will be a significant amount, more than \$80,000. The improvement will however significantly add to the appearance and function of classes.

I have asked the P & C to assist with funding this and hope that when the time comes you are also able to assist in some way. Our P & C operates the Canteen and Uniform Shop in school and although it is not the intention to make a significant profit, any funds raised through these operations are eventually redirected into the school to support our students and school program. This is an important goal of the P & C in their Constitution.

Athletics

Our Faction Athletics events are being held in Week 6 on Tuesday, 21st August for Jumps and Throws and Thursday, 23rd for track and team events. All children have the opportunity to participate. In Year events, children compete in division races against children of their same year level. This is the same for the Jump and Throw events. Championship Running events will also be selected from the fastest runners in Division One year races. The best from these events will represent their faction for Junior (Yr 1-2), Intermediate (Yr 3-4) or Senior (Yr 5-6) championship points.

Book Week

Book week is also in Week 6 and we will be highlighting books and having a dress up day on Friday, 24th August. The theme is "Find your Treasure" – needless to say I found mine 19 years ago when I came to MWPS ☺

Disco Fever Fundraiser

Friday was our Disco night and I am sure the children had a great time. I would like to thank Ms Baxter (teacher and parent) for her great work in the lead up to this event and her helpers for selling tickets, arranging the BBQ, music and supervision.

Japanese Display

Sensei does amazing work in our school with our language program.

This week in Nihongo we have been learning about an Annual Festival called Tanabata. No! Not - Ton of Butter! However, it does sound quite similar.

From a Chinese legend it said that on July 7th the Weaver Princess Star –Orihime and the Cow Herder Star –Hikoboshi meet over the Amanogawa (Please ask your children what this is. Hint: It's a chocolate bar) Why only once a year? Another question for your children.

In present day Japan, decorations are hung throughout streets and people write Tanzaku, wishes on colourful strips of paper, make paper ornaments and hang them on bamboo trees. We have made our own wishes.

I want ... (...ga hoshi desu.)

I want to do ... (...o shitai desu.)

I want to be ... (...ni naritai desu.)

My favourite was 'I want to be a Millionaire. Not a Billionaire. That would just be too much' and I hope you are preparing for the guinea pigs, rabbits and horses!!! Happy Tanabata.



Thank you all for supporting our school through class help, P & C work, volunteer support or being proactive.

Weston Jackson
Principal

P&C News

The Millars Well P&C are happy to announce that we were able to donate a new fridge to the school canteen. Thank you so much to all who have supported fundraising events so far this year.

Millars Well community, we now have a fundraising goal!

The school would like to replace the old concertina sliding doors that are currently in the classrooms, with new sliding doors that will double as white boards and pin up boards. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page for upcoming fundraisers. Thank you!

Millars Well P&C

Millars Mess

We will be commencing the Quick Box challenge in Week three and it will run for four weeks. There is a senior and junior block winner for this challenge.

From the Prefects

The **Millars Well Key to Success** for this term is Confidence. Confidence means "Believing you can do something well and succeed at it. Not worrying what others think of you, not being concerned about being the best and not worrying about making mistakes. It is important to stand tall and speak clearly."

To be a confident person, it is extremely important to make sure your brain is telling you optimistic thoughts – this is called positive self-talk. Sometimes our brain tells us negative comments – we need to derail these thoughts and make them positive.

Things your brain can tell you: I learn my best when I make mistakes; I take risks and give it my best shot even though my work is not perfect; I don't need the approval of others; I will have different ideas and opinions and that makes interesting discussion.

Here are some ideas that might help you to demonstrate confidence at school:

- Participating in new and difficult activities
- Choosing to meet someone new
- Sharing a new idea with family and friends
- Completing homework on time

Teachers will be looking for students who show 'Confidence' at school. If students are given a 'Confidence' token, don't forget to hand it into the office for the Friday raffle draw. You may be the lucky winner of a prize!

From the Prefects cont.

Maths Wizard is a competition held on Mondays for a time limit of 5 minutes. It helps us to practise our fluency, our mental math skills and revise what we have already learnt in class. The competition will be for the rest of the term. So remember to try hard, you may be the winner of a certificate and prize!!

Our **Community Garden** is up and running again. This is helping us learn about Food and Fibre in our Technologies learning area. Thanks to the Junior teachers and students for organising, planting, mulching and watering the garden. And a special mention to Ms Vidler for being the driving force behind the project. Students will be watering the plants at recess and lunch. Well done to those students who water the plants. KEEP IT UP!

On Tuesday, we had people visit our school from the **Constable Care** program. They explained to the seniors about coping with anger and how to prevent bullying. And for the juniors they talked about the importance of road safety. Thanks Constable Care, we had a great time listening and learning.

From the Sports Desk

Interschool Cross Country

Millars Well Primary School students displayed some great long distance running during the annual Interschool Cross Country event held in Dampier at the end of Term 2. All of our students strived to do their personal best running in soft sand and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Many thanks to the students for their wonderful participation and also the parents who supported their children for this event!



From the Sports Desk cont.

On Thursday the 21st of June, Millars Well Primary School took five teams comprising of a Volleyball, Teeball, Minkey, Soccer, and League Tag team to the Bulgarra Oval to represent our school in the annual Interschool Winter Carnival hosted by Karratha Primary and St Paul's Primary school. There was a great effort made by all of our teams and none more so than our school Volleyball and League Tag team who won the Interschool Carnival Shield for their sport- Fantastic Work!

Thank you to the parents who supported and cheered our students on the day. A special thank you to Lenny Chambers who trained our League Tag Team every Friday afternoon. Tracey Reynolds and Tammy Tennants who trained our Tee Ball and Bec Scolari who coached the Volleyball team. Thank you very much for the time given to train the students on a Friday afternoon. Your help was very much appreciated! Yet another carnival we can feel extremely proud about our students!



This term students will be competing for the champion faction for 2018. Jumps and Throws will be on Tuesday 21st of August and the Athletics Carnival will be on Thursday the 23rd of August this year. Over the course of the term students will be running heats of various events during Physical Education Lessons to see who will get into the final for Jumps and Throws. The four top students based on the highest results (2 male/2 females) from each faction for Junior, Intermediate and Senior will go through to the finals on the day. This year we are aligning our Faction Carnival to the format of the Interschool Carnival and as such there will only be medals presented to the overall champion and runner-up boy and girl from Junior (Yrs 1-2), Intermediate (Yrs 3-4) and Senior (Yrs 5-6).

If you are able to help at the Athletics Carnival even for a small amount of time please let me know by emailing steven.maxwell@education.wa.edu.au.

Steven Maxwell, Physical Education Teacher

NAIDOC

Last term, Millars Well PS celebrated NAIDOC. It was a huge success with many community groups, parents, staff and students all helping to make it an awesome event. This year's theme was "Because of her, we can". The theme aimed to celebrate and highlight the active and significant roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played and continue to play in their community and beyond. Many of the activities the students participated in aimed to focus on this important message.

The school would like to acknowledge and thank the following groups that visited our school:

Roebourne Girls Academy - The girls worked with students to develop their basketball and team building skills. The girls did a great job of explaining the drills to the students and we all had a lot of fun.

Clontarf - The High School boys work with students to develop football skills. The boys were very confident and clear when explaining what the students needed to do. The students had a great time and hope they will return next year.

The Murujuga Rangers - They held information sessions with some classes. They informed the students about flora and fauna in the Pilbara and how to look after our environment. They explained what the Rangers do and how they care for the rock art around the Burrup and how they look after the land and animals around Karratha.

Clinton Walker and Felix Wilfert - They displayed and talked about artefacts and bush medicine found around Karratha. Clinton also told the students different dreamtime stories and imparted lots of information about Aboriginal culture. He was extremely interesting and the students were very excited to ask questions to find out more.

Saria Cedar - Sarai is a wealth of Torres Strait Islander knowledge. She talked about her culture and did coconut scraping with the students. She played and sung at our NAIDOC Assembly and explained to us what the NAIDOC theme meant to her and her family. Her presence at our NAIDOC celebrations is highly valued and we appreciated her making the time to visit our school every year.

Neville Jetta - Neville plays football for the Melbourne Demons and spoke to the senior classes through video link. He spoke about his career, his journey to get there and what the NAIDOC theme means to him. The students really enjoyed listening to Neville and were very excited to ask him many questions about playing football and his journey.

Parents - Thank you parents for all the time and help you put in to organise our NAIDOC celebrations and the help and support on the two days of activities. Your help was invaluable!

Tamara Ware - Who was a huge driving force in planning and organising our NAIDOC activities and resources. Thank you for all your extra help and your support ensured our NAIDOC celebrations ran smoothly.

The school would also like to acknowledge and say a very special thank you to the **City of Karratha** and **Woodside North West Shelf Project** for their very generous contribution of \$1,969 towards our NAIDOC celebrations. Their generous donation goes towards buying resources for the students to become more culturally aware and learn about Aboriginal and TI culture. Also, a special thanks to **Kmart** for supplying the school with t-shirts for students. The students loved painting their shirts and there were many unique and thoughtful designs.





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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.



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