



**Millars Well**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Friendship and Achievement

# Community Newsletter

## Issue No. 6

45 Gawthorne Drive,  
Millars Well, Karratha 6714

### Upcoming Events

- 08 Sept – Optiminds
- 10 Sept – P&C Meeting, 7pm, Staff room
- 13 Sept – TA7 Assembly
- 17 Sept – The Mathy Matt Show
- 17 to 21 Sept – Year 6 Camp
- 20 Sept – TA4 Assembly
- 21 Sept – Last day Term 3
- 21 Sept – Canteen Closed
- 8 Oct – Staff Development
- 9 Oct – First day for students Term 4



Millars Well Primary School is a collaborative, safe, vibrant school, focusing on values, literacy and numeracy. All students are empowered to realise their full potential as happy, independent, responsible members of our rapidly changing society. In achieving this vision, parents are partners in the education of their children.

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## Principal's Message

### Punctuality

We've noticed a lot of our students are missing out and need your help.

Each day many children across the school miss the start of the day. It is an important time and allows them the opportunity to chat or play with friends, put their lunch order in, hang up their bag, get into class and start their daily routine. We have amazing children and parents in our school and it is a shame that the start of the day is not the best it could be.

Have a look next time you visit the class and you will see what we mean. As a parent you want your child to have the best start they can have each day. We do too.

Children that arrive in class before 8.20am have the best start they can have for the day. They are aware of what's going on, they are prepared and they've had time to talk with their mates. It reduces their anxiety by being on time. Please allow your child time to be on time.

### Talk it through

Sometimes it can be very difficult to talk through a concern or issue. It helps to clarify what is the main concern? How real is it? What do you really need to find out? All staff are available to talk with parents to come to a common understanding.

### Placement Request 2019

We are in the planning stages for 2019 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.

### Individual Education Plans

Many of our students have individual learning goals. The teacher sets these goals as mini milestones for progress and this helps the child realise the next steps they are aiming for in their learning.

The IEP's (Individual Education Plans) are reviewed regularly with parents. If you are uncertain or require any information about an IEP do not hesitate to talk with the class teacher.

### Interschool Athletics Carnival

This week students competed in the Annual Interschool Athletic Carnivals. Jumps and Throws were in Wickham and the running and team events on Thursday. A big thank you to students for representing our school, parents that helped and Mr Maxwell for coordinating the carnival with Tambrey PS.

### Road Safety

Our Crossing Guard has been away recently and children have been careful in his absence. It was great to see our local Traffic Police conduct a speed check reminding everyone to be cautious when travelling past the school.

### Year 6 Camp to Coral Bay

Our Year 6 students travel to Coral Bay in Week 10 for a school camp. They will leave on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept and return on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

The purpose of the camp is to develop effective interpersonal skills and the ability to work cooperatively in groups. They will develop an understanding, respect, and appreciation of the unique heritage listed coastal and marine environment of Coral Bay.

We have appreciated the support from parents who have helped with fundraising activities and the efforts of both Mrs McLaren and Ms Johansson.

The next assembly will be hosted by TA 7 Year 5/6 and is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Our last day of term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### School Development Day

Monday 8th October is a School Development Day and staff will be undertaking Professional Learning.

**There is no school for students on that day. Students return to school on Tuesday, 9th October.**

**Weston Jackson**  
**Principal**

### YOHFest 2018 - Pushed to the limits.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 30 brave and enthusiastic years 4,5 and 6 Millars Well students took to the stage at the new Red Earth Arts Precinct.

In a very short time frame they choreographed their dance moves to tell the story of what is like to be pushed to the limits and come out smiling. Taij Cox did an awesome job as Mr. Tech and Laura Tully wrote a beautiful speech to introduce our presentation of "Happy to Just Be Me". It was such an amazing experience for all of the students to get the feel of what is like to perform in front of so many people and the fun of being backstage.

Students were then able to watch the rest of the schools performing. We were the only primary school to participate and we had to open the show.

A big thank you to Kristie Brown for organizing all the music and coming in to give us some dance tips. I was so proud of each and every student who participated.

### Miss Sue-Ann



### Cake Stall

To raise money for the Money Smart Program, TA9, TA10 and TA12 will be having a cake stall at school on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** during recess and lunch time. Please bring money to purchase a yummy recess snack.





## Book Week

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August our school had the annual Book Week dress up parade. As always it was a lot of fun and the costumes that both staff and students came to school in was amazing!

This year's theme was 'Find your Treasure'. A lot of staff dressed up as pirates and there was a lot of pirate talk going around the school!

Book Week is an important week to celebrate as it encourages everyone to pick up a great book to read. Reading everyday together assists with your child's love of reading, something that needs to be encouraged and it helps with learning new vocabulary and developing comprehension. Regular reading to your child not only helps with their developing reading skills but also their writing and spelling skills. I encourage all families to make this a daily habit.

## Congratulations to all of our Book Week winners!

**Kin 1:** Sophie, Jimmy; **Kin 2:** Lucas, Isla; **PP:** Harry, India; **TA9:** Elliot, Kellan; **TA10:** Logan, Richie; **TA11:** Indi, Siana; **TA12:** Giselle, Lincoln; **TA13:** Mahalia, Hamish; **TA4:** Sophia, Amira; **TA6:** Linkin, Axel; **TA7:** Jorja, Scarlett; **TA8:** Laura, Ellah.





### 2018 Cossack Art Awards

Ta 4 and 6 were very lucky to be able to attend the 2018 Cossack Art Awards Children's Art Workshops. Kelly and Aisha from the City of Karratha took us through the gallery and spoke to us about the categories of paintings and about individual artwork winners.

We then participated in an art workshop with Jan, who showed us Pilbara plants and how to use them in creating artworks. We used textas to complete the work, creating colourful masterpieces.

Miss Westberg, Mrs Stott, Miss Sue-Ann and Mrs Dunne had a great time with the children too, everyone had a fantastic day immersed in art!





# Father's Day 2018

The Junior Primary had a wonderful morning celebrating with their Dads who were treated to head and back massages, portrait drawings, shaved faces, games, dancing and fruit and biscuits for morning tea. Thank you to all who made it such a fun morning.





**ECE BBQ:** On the evening of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students hosted a BBQ for their Dads at school for Father's Day.





## From the Sports Desk

On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> August our annual Jumps and Throws Carnival was held. It was fantastic to see all of those who participated, trying their personal best.

On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, was the Faction Carnival! Kindy and Pre Primary started the day with some wonderful running in front of a crowd of parents. All who participated on the day made our school proud demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship, whether it was in an individual running race or in team games.

Many thanks to the teachers working on the day; Craig Moore for helping set up and other parents who assisted, and the families who came to support. You all played a big role in a fantastic day!

Junior Boy Runner Up: Coby Kelly

Junior Girl Runner Up: Piper Pitt

Intermediate Boy Runner Up: Bryce Hinchcliffe

Intermediate Girl Runner Up: Jhordyn Chambers

Senior Boy Runner Up: Trey Kittle

Senior Girl Runner Up: Lilly Bell

Junior Boy Champion: Reeve Baker

Junior Girl Champion: Legacy Harris

Intermediate Boy Champion: Jarvis Michael & Lynton Ugle

Intermediate Girl Champion: Milla Markoff

Senior Boy Champion: Beau Bailey

Senior Girl Champion: Ellah Chudziak

Final Results: **Malus Magic** 319, **Rosemary Rebels** 352, **Legendre Lightning** 433, **Delambre Dragons** 445









# Interschool Carnival

Representing Millars Well Primary School at the West Pilbara Interschool Athletics Carnival, hosted by Millars Well Primary and Tambrey Primary, was done so with the upmost of pride and determination by those students selected from Years 1-6. Starting in Wickham with the Jumps and Throws Carnival, Millars Well showed just how hard they have been training with a number of students winning or placing well in their events.

This continued into the Athletics carnival where Millars Well PS placed third overall in the competition to Tambrey who were named the Champion school for this year's carnival. Well done to all of the students and teachers involved, we all had such a wonderful day! A special mention to Legacy Harris who won the Junior Girls Interschool Champion medal this year.



## Year 6 School Camp

During the last week of term the Year 6s will be travelling down to Coral Bay to spend time at the Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp (NRAC). NRAC provides an amazing experience where students will engage with their classmates in new ways; have the opportunity to learn about the Ningaloo Reef, its marine life and our local eco system while enjoying water-based activities such as snorkeling and whale watching. We can't wait to share our stories with you in Term 4!

## Konnichiwa from Nihongo Class

In *Nihongo* we have been concentrating on learning our *hiragana* characters. There are 46 main characters each with one of the 5 vowel sounds.

hiragana	romaji	sound
あ	a	pa <u>ṭ</u>
い	i	pi <u>ṭ</u>
う	u	pu <u>ṭ</u>
え	e	pe <u>ṭ</u>
お	o	po <u>ṭ</u>

There is one exception, ん 'n'. This is the only consonant to stand alone.  
'*Samishii desu*' (He is lonely).

🤔 Every week we have a quiz. I wonder, 🤔 how much do they know?

1. What does *Nihon* mean?
2. What is the highest mountain in Japan?
3. What does '*midori fudebako*' mean?
4. What is this number 三百四十三?
5. What are these *hiragana*? ら、ひ、の、る、ぬ、と



## P&C News

We hope all Dads had a great Father's Day and loved the presents the kids bought for them. It was such a pleasure to be a part of the store again this year, watching the excitement on the kid's faces and hearing their lovely manners. It was a huge success, raising \$333, which will be used to purchase a first aid kit for the canteen. Thank you to Lara Hinchcliffe, Stephy Maskiell, Karissa Moar and Kylie Bayliss for all your help with the Father's Day Stall.

Next P&C meeting is **MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September**, 7pm in the staff room. Remember, if we don't have numbers at meetings we can't make decisions, which means NO canteen or uniform shop!  
Meetings for term 4: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## Canteen

**The canteen will be closed on the last day of Term 3, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

There will be a new summer menu starting next term!



**At this stage we do not have a date for the next Federal Election, so this is only an expression of interest to work.** The AEC may contact you once an election date has been announced to see if you are interested in working. There are various types of work available with the AEC during an election period including:

- Working at an Early voting centre for up to 3 weeks prior to election day in some major towns.(Kununurra, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Broome, South Hedland, Halls Creek) Usually 8.30 to 5pm but some weekend and late work required.
- Remote polling teams that travel to communities for a 2 week period prior to polling day. (must be able to be away for 2 weeks and be able to drive a four wheel drive vehicle. Some polling experience preferred)
- Visiting hospitals and nursing homes to allow people in the facilities to vote. (one or two days' work)
- Qualified trainers are required to provide training for polling staff from Kununurra to Bruce Rock
- Temporary staff are required to undertake various administrative duties in a variety of locations for 6-8 weeks pre and post-election periods.
- Or you may be interested in only working as a polling person on Polling day, (which is always a Saturday from approx. 7am to 10pm)

Working for the AEC is a great opportunity to see democracy in action and meet new people and training is provided for all positions.

If you are interested, or you know anyone who may be interested register your interest now via the AEC website employment page by clicking here <http://www.aec.gov.au/employment/election/index.htm> to register.