



**Millars Well**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Friendship and Achievement

# Community Newsletter

## Issue No. 7

45 Gawthorne Drive,  
Millars Well, Karratha 6714

### Upcoming Events

22<sup>nd</sup> October – P&C Meeting, 7 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Swimming lessons commence

8<sup>th</sup> November – Earbus

14<sup>th</sup> November – Kindy & PP 2019 Parent meeting

15<sup>th</sup> November – LOTE Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> November - P&C Meeting 7pm

20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Millars Got Talent Jnr Finals

21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Millars Got Talent Snr Finals

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Next Step Conference

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Prefect Assembly

30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Helper Morning Tea, 10.20am



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

### Year 6 Camp

Last term, our Year 6 students had an awesome camp in Coral Bay. Congratulations to Mrs McLaren on her organisation and program. Thank you to parents for their support and assisting with fundraising activities. Thank you to Mr McComb and Mrs Ware for their assistance and to our fully engaged and well behaved Year 6 students.

There were lots of exciting coastal and marine activities and interactions provided at the Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp. Children learnt a great deal about the environment, cooperation and team work.

Thank you to North Fleet for giving us a great deal on our transport.

### Swimming Lessons commence this week

School swimming lessons are for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6. These lessons benefit students in teaching them essential skills to swim and survive.

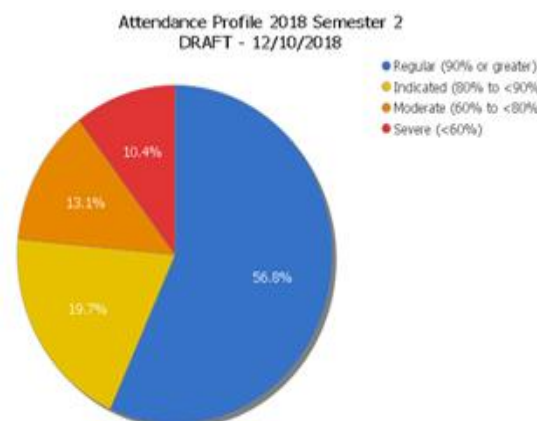
I encourage all students to take part in these lessons especially when many of our families have access to boating and the wonderful Pilbara coast. Students will need to bring their bathers, rashie, sunscreen, towel and hat each day.

### Attendance

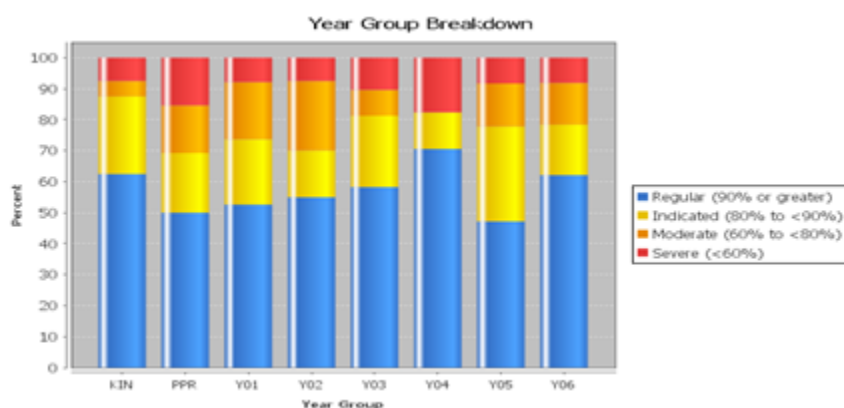
I need to share with you what is happening in attendance across our school and hopefully provide an understanding of why we monitor it so closely.

Recently, students received their NAPLAN data. Children who are in the at risk category of attendance do not achieve as well as the students that attend regularly.

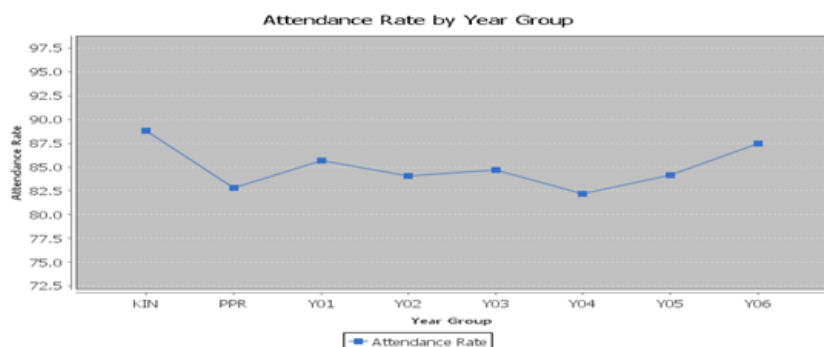
Below are some graphs that highlight attendance rates for specific year levels. The graph indicates that 56% students attend regularly. Our expectation is this should be significantly higher.



The graph below shows categories of attendance in year levels. Year 4 has the most regular attenders (in blue) they also have the most students at severe risk (in red). Year 5 and Year 1 have the fewest students that regularly attend in our school. Less than 50 % of students in year one and year five attend regularly.



Overall the group with best regular attendance is Kindy and have fewer children in the severe at risk category. Well done Kindy families.



### Achievement

Recently, NAPLAN reports were sent home with students in Year 3 and Year 5. It is recognised that students with regular attendance achieve better than students with less regular attendance. As a school, we look at whole school data and individual data to target areas of need. The results also assist in our reporting to parents' information. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's NAPLAN results please make a time with the class teacher.

### 2019 Plans

Will you be leaving in 2019? If so, please let us know as we are now planning school structures for next year. If you also have a class placement request for your child/ren now is the time to put it in writing. Class placements requests can be left at the front office and marked – **Class Placement Request 2019**.

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 valid.

### Kindy 2019

Thank you parents who responded to our survey for Kindy for 2019. Sessions in 2019 will be 2 days one week and 3 days the next week. The annual information session for **Kindy and Pre Primary 2019** parents is planned for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 8.45am in our library. In 2019 there is currently planned two Kindy groups and two Pre Primary groups. If you know of a family still to enrol encourage them to see the school as soon as possible to secure a placement.

**Weston Jackson**  
Principal

### Library News

In Week 6, we host our final **BOOK FAIR** for 2018. Our school community always shows fantastic support to this event and the students get really excited as it approaches. It's also a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts!!

Purchases can be made by CREDIT CARD online from home OR using CASH and CREDIT CARD at the event in our library, which will run from Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 8am to 3pm. Students can purchase before and after school. Parents are welcome to come and have a look anytime in the week.

Thanks to those parents who have followed up with overdue items in person or by phoning or emailing me. It is appreciated. Please continue to keep an eye out for any MWPS library books at home.

**Karen Roach**  
Library Officer



### P&C News

As the year comes close to an end the P&C would like to thank all the support given to fundraising events this year. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents / caregivers of the role the P&C have played in the school community.

The P&C operates the Uniform Shop with a dedicated team of volunteers. Without the volunteers, there would be no Uniform Shop. The P&C are the employers of the canteen staff and provide a vital role in providing nutritious meals for many children. If the P&C are unable to operate, the canteen would be closed. The P&C holds fundraising events in order to assist the school by being able to purchase items such as fridges for the classrooms, the big ass fan and so on.

At the start of the year the turnout to meetings was very encouraging. The amount of people who attended made it possible for the P&C to put forward ideas and suggestions and the P&C was able to make business decisions, with the support of voting members. As the year went on numbers dwindled.

The P&C has unfortunately not been able to move ahead with any new business for the last two terms, as a minimum of 10 people is required to vote at meetings and this has not been achieved.

At the beginning of every year all P&C positions are vacant and if you want to ensure that the important services that the P&C provide remain open, I encourage you to get more involved and join us in the last 2 meetings of the year. It is a great opportunity to get a feel for it; it's really not scary, and see if being on the P&C committee is for you. Hopefully next year we can start fresh with new and old faces returning to meetings.

Next P&C meeting is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
Please join us!

Thank you

**Nolene Holmes**  
**Millars Well P&C President**

### Millars Mess

Simply order your recess or lunch at [www.QuickCliq.com.au](http://www.QuickCliq.com.au) to go into the draw to win \$10 credit. Competition starts Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Results will be announced on Facebook and the canteen board on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Money Smart

As part of our Money Smart program, TA9 – 13 have been fundraising for the Kmart Wishing Tree and Salvation Army Christmas appeals. Later on this term we will be going to the shopping centre to purchase items for donation with the money raised. What a fantastic way to practise our math skills in real life.

On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, TA11 and TA13 had a bake sale. The next day we used a coin counter to count all the money and excitedly watched the numbers increasing on the display panel. The bake sale had generated a whopping \$570.50!

Thank you to all parents/carers who contributed items for sale and gave up more of their time to help with selling.

During the next few weeks, we will continue to accept coin donations through our 5c Jars. Please remember to send in any loose coins to your child's classroom.



# Perth Scorchers

This week, TA7 took part in a cricket workshop run by representatives from the Perth Scorchers.

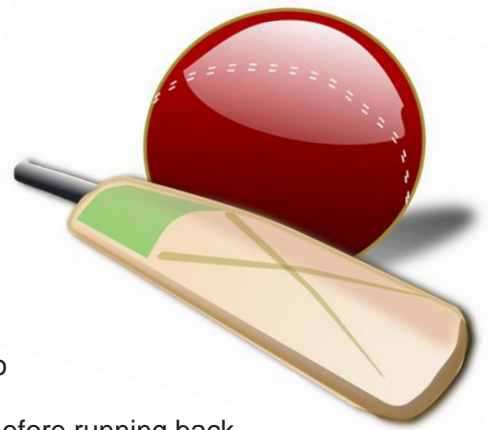
We were taken through a series of fun warm-ups which included lots of throwing and catching.

After that, we split up into groups to practise two key cricket skills, balling and wicket-keeping. One game was called 'Cricket Baseball' and the aim was to beat the three ballers by racing the ball around their wickets. The other game, 'Hit the Wicket', involved racing other teams to hit the wicket three times before running to the base.

We split into pairs for our last game, where we had to hit eight balls in a row before running back and forth for the most runs.

On behalf of TA7, I would like to say thanks to the Perth Scorchers for coming all the way to the Pilbara to teach us about cricket. We had the best time!

by Coen Bryce



# Year 6 Camp



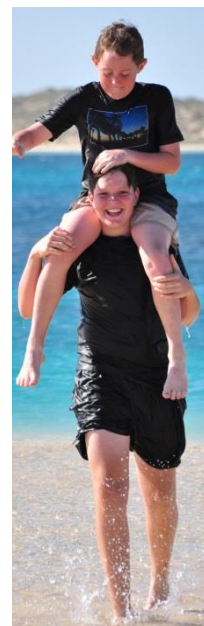
On the last week of Term 3, the Year 6s went to Coral Bay for school camp. We had a smooth bus journey and a relaxing first day, meeting the camp leaders, setting up our tents and playing beach games.

Over the course of the week, we enjoyed lots of fun activities such as snorkeling and viewing marine life from the glass bottom boat; a marine biology presentation which taught us all about the Ningaloo Reef; and a trip on a charter boat where we were lucky enough to see whales, turtles and dolphins! We also played some awesome games, our favourite being Spotlight.

Another highlight was at the end of camp, when the teachers (Mrs McLaren, Mrs Ware and Mr Jackson) gave out funny certificates, like the Drama Queen Award, the Foot in Mouth Award (for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time), the Sunshine Award (for always being happy) and many more.

Long story short, camp was a super cool experience for the Year 6s, teachers and parent helpers, and everyone had an absolute blast at Coral Bay!

by Triana Inglis





## TA10 Special Visitor

For the past two weeks, TA10 have had a special visitor in our class. Miss Jamie Tunbridge, a Preservice teacher from Murdoch University has been helping in TA10 and delivering some really exciting lessons. We have been learning about procedure writing and the need to give explicit instructions. During this sequence of learning, we have made yummy pizza and block creations. We have also been learning about Length and how to measure using a number of different resources. We even measured Hannah with pop sticks! She is 10 pop sticks long.

We have really enjoyed Miss Tunbridge being in our class and hope she visits us again soon.

Ann McComb  
Year 1 Teacher, TA10



## TA 12 Science

TA12 have been learning about how push and pull forces affect how an object moves or changes shapes. Recently, students have investigated what factors affect the fall of a paper helicopter, and then conducted their own investigations to find out what effect changing other factors has on the helicopter's fall time.

Students were required to plan an investigation and identify which variables to change and keep the same to ensure the test was fair. They made two helicopters and modified one of them to change the wing size, wing shape, wing angle or stem length to observe which helicopter fell first.



## TA 6 Keys to Success

TA6 have been working on the Keys to Success and under the Confidence key, wrote uplifting statements to help boost everyone's confidence.

We based the mural on the house from the movie 'Up' (Artfully created by Dash Anderson and Jarvis Michael).

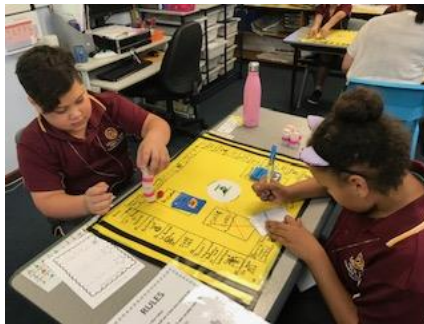


# Honey Talk

When people talk about bees, most people would talk about honey. However, bees play a much more important role than just producing honey. Bees contribute to one of the most important processes in horticulture and agriculture, pollination. Sadly, in recent years, honeybee populations have been in decline.

During Term 2 and 3, TA4 and TA6 students engaged in a unit of work that explored the importance of honeybees and how the decline of honeybee populations can impact us. Using their learning, the students then worked together to develop engaging board games promoting awareness about honeybee decline and inspire advocacy.

When all the hard work was done, we invited parents in to play the games.



### Teddy Bears Picnic

The 2018 Teddy Bears Picnic & Early Years Expo is on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Please find the attached flyer with details on this great event, more details will be released over the coming days on our EPIC Karratha Facebook page.



### Wiyi Yani U Thangani Gatherings - Pilbara

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, June Oscar AO, warmly invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls to come together as part of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) project.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls have many strengths and play a central role in bringing about positive social change for our families and communities.

The Commissioner and her team are speaking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (18+) and girls (aged 12-17) through a series of community gatherings across the country, to hear directly about their needs, aspirations and ideas for change.

To register email us at [wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au) or phone us on (02) 9284 9600.

#### Roebourne – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

- Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

#### Karratha – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

