Principal’s Address

Welcome back to school after a long weekend of Funacing fun! Now that sugar levels have returned to normal levels, we can all knuckle down to the business of learning and demonstrating our Keys to Success.

The Team

I am pleased to congratulate Mrs Jen Hill and Mrs Annamarie Oosthuizen who have recently been appointed to fixed term positions as School Officer and Education Assistant respectively.

Talking with Our School

From time to time there are issues that need to be addressed. You will find a flyer attached to this newsletter that details the process. In a nutshell, we greatly value the positive relationship between school and home, and are committed to a solutions-focused approach. The first port of call to raise a concern is the classroom teacher. Matters can then be referred to the School’s Executive Leadership Team for further support. An appointment can be made at the front office. The Pilbara Education Regional Office can then be contacted and are typically responsible for managing matters such as out of boundary enrolment applications for example.

School Council

Membership for school council was recently sought for two specific representative groups; Kindergarten to Year 2 and Indigenous students. I am very pleased to welcome Mr Dan Pederson and Miss Rosanna Smith.

Crosswalk Attendant

I continue to seek support from the community to have a dedicated crosswalk attendant. This is neither the school’s responsibility, nor Karratha police though WA Police are the employers. If anyone is interested or know someone who may have an hour to spare at either end of the day, I will happily put you in contact with the proper authority. I urge everyone to exercise caution when driving in and around the school.

Whale Shark Race Around the World

The race has begun! Search http://zoatrack.org/projects/243/analysis to join in the fun. Our Shark, Gy, AKA A-666 or Jannie, is doing well and has already been pinged several times. There is a lot of learning going on around the school and I acknowledge and appreciate Mrs Helen Osborne’s leadership of this initiative.

I am preparing to lay a bet with colleagues from Baynton West PS, Roebourne DHS and Karratha SHS. GO GY!

Troy Withers
Principal
Whale Shark Naming
In term 2 Tambrey students were invited to enter a competition to name the school's whale shark. Congratulations to Hannah Miles for her winning name Gardarrabuga YIRRATHARNAGGA which is whale shark in Ngarluma language of the Roebourne people - GY for short.

Canteen News
The canteen will be closed next Monday 10th August. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. It will be open as usual on Wednesday and Friday.

FeNaClng
On Sunday Tambrey students did the school proud by winning the annual Apex School vs School Tug of War. They were awarded $200 prize for their efforts.

This was followed by a wonderful performance from Tambrey's Choir which was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. Congratulations and well done to all those involved!

Above: Hannah Miles from Room 8
Below & Right: the winning Tug of War team at FeNaClng
Children's Book Week

Week 6 Aug 24-28

Students will have the opportunity to join in fun literature-themed activities during Book Week followed by the annual Children's Book Character Parade. The much-loved parade will be held during assembly on Thursday, August 27 and children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character.

Special Group Photo Orders

The specialist groups photographed are now available to order online from MSP Photography. To order and view the groups online simply go to www.msp.com.au and click Order Online. You will then be prompted to enter a shootkey, below are the shootkeys for each group:

- Group Name
- Shootkey
- Faction Captains
- BJTZC8RW
- School Captains
- S53WODYN
- Student Leaders
- SVNT22LN
- Choir
- V7Z7AXAZ

Last day for ordering is Wednesday 19th August. Any orders received after this date will incur a $20 retrieval fee.

If you have any queries please contact MSP office on 08 9342 3465 Monday-Friday.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking is on every Wednesday morning in the Library at 8am.

For this term only if you make 3 or more deposits you will be in the running to win some fantastic prizes.

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly held on Thursday, 30 July:

- ECC1 Jaxon Lewis, Azahn Pickett
- ECC2 Elizabeth Black, Erin Christensen
- ECC4 Lexi Murphy, Alex Holweck
- Room 1 Ky'Rhys Eades, Samson O'Brien
- Room 2 Frenzii Bampton, Jessie Holloway
- Room 3 William Bailey, Macaulay Scobie
- Room 4 Jay Hawkins, Hallie Wood
- Room 5 Stanley Lockyer, Alex Chambers
- Room 6 Callum Marshall, Alyssa Hiew
- Room 7 Ashlee Jones, Mieleei Bampton
- Room 8 Jarred Begg, Jedd Singer
- Room 9 Tahlia Brown, Tobi Oosthuizen
- Room 11 Gabbi Scobie, Tiarna Bridges
- Room 12 Shayne Southwood, Emen Auna
- Room 15 Casandra Somerville, Ahlia Park
- Room 16 Olivia Dredge, Denae Clifton
- Room 17 Mason Grant, Juliana Sy
- Room 18 Bailey Tattam, Nathaniel Starr

A huge THANK You to Simon from Handy Hands for coming in over the holidays and spraying the whole school grounds for weeds. We appreciate your support.
**Community Noticeboard**

**KARRATHA PEER SUPPORT GROUP**

**FAMILY - CHILDREN-RECOVERY - PEER SUPPORT - WELLNESS**

"CONNECT" SHARE "NO SHAME" "NO STIGMA" "NO JUDGEMENT"

**FREE**
Every Tuesday
5.30-6.30 pm
Pilbara Health Network
2/2699 Sharpe Avenue, Karratha
91856662
Email: mh3@pbn.org.au

No need to book... just call in!

What is Peer Support?
Connecting with others that have lived through similar experiences sharing strategies for dealing with situations and providing encouragement during both challenging times and rewarding times

Peer Support means "you are not alone"

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**Keeping our Children Safe**
Alcohol and other drugs

**A workshop for Parents/Carers**

**Date**
Wednesday, 12th August
(6.30pm - 7.30pm)

**VENUE**
Welcome Lotteries House
7 Morse Court, Karratha

**Facilitators**
Alesa Ansell - Senior Health Promotion Officer
WA Country Health Service, Pilbara
Population Health
Tanis Neeson - Pilbara Regional Consultant
School Drug Education & Road
Aware (SDERA)

**THE WORKSHOP WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING:**
- What are the trends?
- Addressing the issues – how can you support your family?
- As a parent/carer, how can I support my child? - focus on resilience
- Parents/Carers as role models

**For further information contact the school on 9187 8000**
Talking with my school

Do you want to speak with someone at your school about a particular enquiry or concern?

As a parent or carer you play a vital role in your child’s learning. Building a positive relationship between home and school plays an important part in the education of your child. Effective communication is the key to the success of this relationship.

Schools are committed to responding promptly and helpfully to your enquiries, concerns, suggestions and compliments.

Your school also provides information about support services for children with disability, intensive language classes, special programs, and its policies and procedures.

Where do you start?

Before contacting your school with an enquiry or concern you may want to:

- talk with family and friends to clarify your enquiry/concern
- write down your enquiry/concern
- make a list of all relevant information specific to your enquiry/concern
- take a support person with you if you feel nervous about talking about your enquiry/concern.

The next step is to make an appointment with the most appropriate person at your school.

Alternatively, you can write to the school. Enquiries/concerns received in writing are responded to in writing.

1. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the class teacher if it is about your child’s:

- academic progress
- general behaviour
- homework
- assessment
- attendance
- social or emotional wellbeing.

In your discussion with the teacher:

- give all relevant information
- discuss all possible outcomes for addressing your enquiry/concern
- settle on an option that can be achieved with input from you, the teacher and your child.

2. Discuss your enquiry or concern with the principal if:

- you were not able to achieve a satisfactory arrangement regarding your enquiry/concern with the class teacher
- your enquiry/concern is about the conduct of a teacher or another member of the school staff
- your enquiry/concern is about another aspect of school life that is impacting on your child’s education.

The principal will need time to discuss your enquiry/concern with all relevant parties but you can contact the school for progress updates.

Your enquiry/concern will be managed according to established school policy and procedures.

Anonymous enquiries/concerns are only acted on if enough information is provided for the principal to follow-up.
3. You may contact the regional education office or local education office if:
   • your enquiry/concern has not been resolved by your school’s principal
   • there is a reason for not raising your enquiry/concern with the school directly.
   Your school can help you with contact details for the coordinator of regional operations at the regional education office.

4. Consideration by the Director General
   The next level for consideration of an unresolved enquiry/concern is to write to the Director General of the Department of Education.
   You may lodge a written description of your enquiry/concern and the steps you have taken to achieve an outcome. The Director General may appoint someone to review your enquiry/concern.

   **Postal address:**
   Director General
   Department of Education
   151 Royal Street
   EAST PERTH WA 6004

5. Independent review
   Your final recourse for your unresolved enquiry/concern is an independent review by the State Ombudsman. The Ombudsman’s approach is independent and impartial while observing procedural fairness and strict confidentiality at all times.

   **The Ombudsman can be contacted:**
   T: 9220 7555
   T: 1800 117 000 (free for country callers)
   **Postal address:**
   Ombudsman Western Australia
   PO Box Z5386
   St Georges Terrace
   PERTH WA 6831
   **Office location:**
   Level 12
   44 St Georges Terrace
   PERTH

**Other useful contacts**
The Standards and Integrity Directorate at the Department of Education offers general advice on matters related to staff conduct.

T: 1800 655 985 (free for country callers)

The Equal Opportunity Commission offers advice about discrimination.

**General enquiries:**
T: 9216 3900
T: 1800 198 149 (free for country callers)

**Office location:**
Level 2, Westralia Square
141 St Georges Terrace
PERTH

**Postal address:**
PO Box 7370
Cloisters Square
PERTH WA 6850