Principal's Address
Welcome to another busy term at Tambrey Primary School. There have been a number of staff changes. We farewelled Ms Carly-Jo Stewart, Miss Brittany Norton and Mrs Tanya Pratt at the end of last term due to a range of unavoidable personal reasons. They will be missed, but on behalf of our school community, I wish them all the best.

As a result of these unfortunate departures and some exciting initiatives, we welcome a number of staff. Mrs Amanda Wilkins is an experienced early childhood educator who will teach in ECC4 for the remainder of the year. Miss Larissa Herring is a recent graduate from Notre Dame University with early childhood training who will teach in ECC1 and ECC5 as well as Health in our junior primary classes. Mrs Flavia Greenland also brings her wealth of experience to ECC4 in tandem with Mrs Hinchcliffe. Mrs Rebekah Murphy is happily returning to education to teach health to our middle and upper classes. Mrs Amy Bailey and Mrs Kerryn Ingrey are joining the team as special needs education assistants.

I am very excited to launch a number of initiatives designed to better meet the needs of our students. Following a review of our one line budget and student achievement, Mrs Megan Graham has been appointed to lead the efforts to target our students who are achieving below expectations in Years 3 to 6.

This program will focus on literacy and numeracy. She will be joined by an education assistant following a merit selection process.

We are drawing on the experience of Mrs Ngaire Satre who will run a Talented and Gifted program on Thursdays for our high achieving middle and upper students. Parents of students identified to be involved in these programs will be informed individually and invited to share in the program and celebrate their children's progress.

Other initiatives launched this term recognise and enhance the leadership and professional practice of our teachers that will ultimately have a positive effect on students.

ANZAC
We commemorated ANZAC day on Friday 24 April with a service in front of our flag poles that was run by our student leaders. Who did a wonderful job. Warrant Officer Class Two Troy Hutchinson was our special guest and gave a very moving address and followed up by engaging with the student leaders to share his leadership journey and provide some very good advice. Special thanks go to Mrs Linda Willoughby and Mrs Kylie Miller for their organisation of the event.

Canteen reopened
I am very happy that we have a canteen service reinstated and appreciate the support of the P&C and in particular Mrs Anne-Marie Horn. I encourage everyone to volunteer to help keep our canteen open.

Left: Room 3's amazing ANZAC display
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Transition to NAPLAN on Line trial

Along with 35 other diverse schools across the State, we have been invited to take part in the Transition to NAPLAN Online trial. This is an opportunity for Tambrey Primary School to both shape the way NAPLAN is conducted in the future and review and enhance with way we integrate Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into teaching and learning. We will be ahead of the game as the trial provides device and infrastructure support that is not likely to be repeated for all schools. Broadly speaking, once implemented, NAPLAN on line will allow better assessments, precise results, faster turnaround through enhanced item types, broader range of skills, enhanced accessibility, better differentiation and automated scoring. First trialling of assessments will begin in 2016.

Solving the Mystery of the Whale Shark

I am pleased to announce that our expression of interest in securing a whale shark to track as part of a research project to solve the mystery of their world wide journey was successful. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in and presents many wonderful scientific learning possibilities. Mrs Helen Osborne is attending the launch next week and working with the researchers and writers to make the most of the experience for our students. The technology involved is quite expensive so I am grateful to the Masons of Karratha for their donation and invite everyone to enter the competition to name our whale shark for a gold coin donation.

Building and Infrastructure Rejuvenation

Following last week’s assembly, our fan was installed in the under covered area. Thank you to the P&C for their financial support. Attention has also been paid recently to rectify the uneven paving around the school and painting to 3 of our Early Childhood classes and the under covered area will soon take place. We have also sought a $20 000 funding grant to improve our playground shade.

NAPLAN

Our Year Three and Five students will join their peers across the country next week to engage in literacy and numeracy assessments. While NAPLAN is an important tool to provide parents, schools and systems with valuable information about student achievement and progress, I urge everyone to treat it as just another learning activity for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understandings to the best of their ability.

Reporting to Parents

Reports to parents on student achievement and progress will be available on Thursday 2 July. One of the key points to remember is that grades are allocated against expectations of achievement for the child’s current year level. For example, a C grade indicates your child is achieving at the expected level, a B or A grade indicates your child is achieving beyond expectation for their year level not necessarily achieving at a higher year level.

Troy Withers
Principal

Left: Our new fan in the undercover area that was installed last week.
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at assemblies held on Thursday, 30 April

ECC1 Hayden Smith, Luca Planta
ECC2 Kyan Vidler, Nyiah Calder
ECC4 Matilda Rossiter, Ayden Horn
Room 1 Arthur Suri, Joshua Hale
Room 2 Corien Bosman, George Innes
Room 3 Eva Taylor, Cooper Dagger
Room 4 Mina De Bot, Kirk Goodhue
Room 5 Samarah Fitzgerald, Katie Stapff
Room 6 Chisera Winton, Charlie Peters
Room 7 Kobi Hill, Kenyon Narrier
Room 8 Ingelina Goodridge, Kieran Roosendaal
Room 9 Tobie Oosthuizen, Jesse Briggs
Room 11 Ashton Jarmin-Harris, Keenan Hicks
Room 12 Nitya Malik, Nathan Yusuf
Room 15 Chad Winton, Dion Hutton
Room 16 Tayla Webber-Hyde, Tyrrell
Lyndon
Room 17 Jesse Crake, Lauren Aston
Room 18 Ahrt Kennedy, Braydon Ryan

Library News

Library looking for P&C volunteers
Our little library is in need of some helpful volunteers to assist with the following:
- Scholastic Book Club (ongoing)
- Book Fair (Wk 6)
- Contacting new books (ongoing)
Anyone interested please contact Ashlen Taylor in the library (Tues, Wed & Thurs // 8am-4pm)
Thank you in advance

Above: We were lucky enough to have Captain Cleanup perform at our school this week.

Smith Family Scholarships
Money for school costs

The Smith Family offers Education Support through scholarships (money) and other Educational Programs from Pre Primary to Year 9.

Eligibility Criteria: Health care card or parent concession card and attendance 70% +
For further information please ask the school or contact:
The Smith Family, Welcome Lotteries House, Karratha
Ph: 9144 1854 or text 0435 800 821 and we will call you.

2015 Voluntary Contributions

Thankyou so much to the families that have paid their Voluntary Contributions for this year. Statements were sent out last week as a reminder to those that have not paid.
Receipts for payments are available on request at the front office.
Room 11 have been reading Weslandia by Paul Fleischman. Each student worked on a quest with three other students looking at characters, vocabulary, comprehension and evaluating the book. We also looked at how Wesley stood up as an individual and the success he achieved as a result of this.

Students designed and made their own lands. They then had to decide about crops they were going to grow and how they would use them. This was all presented orally to the class. These are a few samples of lands.

Lachlandia  Keiralandia  Madlandia

You’re invited to LINK’s

2015

Teddy Bears’ Picnic

The Teddy Bears’ Picnic, a free community event for families with children aged 0–6 years will bring families together to showcase the services and facilities that are available in the City of Karratha.

Where? Frank Butler Centre & Bulgara Oval

When? Thursday 25th June 9 am – 12 pm

Term 2 Programs

May to June 2015

Athletics runs Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm, Ages 6-12yrs

Participants will develop in the three key areas for Athletics running, throwing, agility and coordination, jumping and throwing. Get ready for lots of activity and fun! Starts 4 May, runs 8 weeks.

Megasports runs Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.30pm, Ages 4-8yrs

Try a different sport each week, get involved in fun activities and games and even more and more games. Starts 5 May, runs 8 weeks.

Dance Zumba on Wednesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm, Ages 4-14yrs

Dance to high-energy, international beats. Before participants know it they’re getting fit and having fun. It’s easy, effective, exhilarating and calorie-burning. Starts 6 May, runs 8 weeks.

Racquet & Bat Sports Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm, Ages 6-14yrs

Get involved in Tennis, Badminton, Cricket and Hockey. 2½½ weeks of games and activities with lots of racquets and bats and fun. Starts 8 May, runs 8 weeks.

Craft Creations runs Mondays 3.45pm-4.45pm, Ages 6-12 yrs

Immerse yourself in a variety of hands-on craft activities. From creating musical crafts to 3D colourful birds, to a variety of painting and stitching projects. Starts 4 May, runs 8 weeks.

Adventure Tots Wednesdays  10am-10.45am, Ages 2-3yrs

A very interactive experience. Take an adventure through a maze, find your way to the end of the treasure map and try a variety of new activities and movements. Starts 8 May, runs 8 weeks.

Mini-Masterchef on Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm, Ages 6-12 yrs

A fun cooking experience. Showing how easy it is to create fun snacks and healthy meals. Bring your parents along to learn as well. Starting from May 14, runs 6 weeks.

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