Dear Parents, Friends and Carers

Thank you for your support during the realignment of some classes recently. This was an important but necessary task to adjust our schools staffing allocation and match to student enrolments. A great deal of planning and preparation went into the change and I sincerely thank parents for their support during this time. While I have been away from school I was able to remain in limited contact. Thank you to the parents that informed the school where they had a particular request for their child’s placement. I thank our staff, Mr Palmer and Ms Smith for working through this issue.

Early Childhood Restructure
Next term we will be adjusting our Kindy groups to form one full group and two smaller groups that will be integrated into our Pre Primary classes. This is being achieved in consultation with parents and our early childhood staff. Ms Vidler remains our Kindy Teacher on Monday and Thursday with Mrs Saunders on Wednesday morning. Ms Clegg and Ms Baxter will remain in PP/K1 and, Mrs Brand and Mrs Morton in PP/K2

My sincere thanks to Mrs Elena Adams for her work in our Kindy group this term. Mrs Adams was appointed for one term only in anticipation of our expected enrolments but these numbers have not been sustained.

Recycling Warriors
Returning to school I have noticed that the new wheelie bins for recycling are now in place with many thanks to Toxfree. Our school is involved with the Recycling Warriors initiative which allows schools to have their own recycling depot onsite and students are encouraged to deposit their rubbish in the appropriate labelled bins - paper/cardboard, aluminium, glass and food scraps. As a school we already try to reduce, re use and recycle and the support of Toxfree enables us to be more environmentally friendly. Toxfree collects the recycled items weekly and provides statistics on the amount and type of rubbish collected.

Parent Involvement
I missed the special morning tea put on by P and C for staff last week but I know that it was really well received and a beautiful gesture. Thank you. We are planning to invite parents into our school for a morning tea and class visit in the near future and hope to begin with our ECE (Early Childhood) first. This is an opportunity to remain after an assembly, have a look in classes, and catch up with other parents. We would love a parent, or two to be able to act as a teacher / parent contact in the future. This person will support the teacher in contacting and working with other parents for class and school activities.

New Technology
Millars Well PS has recently received the delivery of 12 iPads and a storage unit that will sync, charge and store the iPads securely. We would like to thank the P&C Committee who have kindly provided funds for the purchasing of the goods. It is envisaged that the iPads will be used with Special Needs students, who will be using special apps which cater for their learning needs and also within small group rotations during Literacy and Numeracy lessons.

Millars Well will also become a wireless school in the near future and this will allow for the flexible usage of the iPads and other devices across the school at any time. The iPads will allow the school to engage and motivate learning for our students and support them in their learning environment to be innovative, creative and critical learners in the 21st Century.

ABC Radio
Students recently participated in a radio interview as a result of a persuasive text task. Thank you to Ms Smith, Ms Corcoran and staff for supporting our students and the ABC radio. A small group of students will take part in an Italian feast as a reward for their good work next week at school.

Mr Palmer has been planning our ANZAC assembly with prefects and this will take place on Thursday 18th April commencing at 9.00am. Please come along if you have time.

Warm regards
Weston Jackson
Principal
Our next assembly will be held this Thursday, 11 April and will be hosted by Miss Barker’s TA 12 class. The assembly will commence at 8.25am in the covered area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Certificates of Merit

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour over the past two weeks: Isabelle Grinke, Jae Grabenhofer, Abbey Bayliss, Jonathon Narrier, Leigh Turner, Blake Wiltscut, Raphael Fernandez, Chelsea Bradley, Penny Gormlie, Jordyn Penman, Lacey Oliver, Deece Norris-Morehu, Areej Randhawa, Cory Hospital, Natasha Smith, Finley Lake, Mitchell Bond, Dakoda Moore, Grace Eversden, Lois Van der wel, Maddison Churnside, Axle Falkinghham, Aryan Singh, Jasmine Gill, Sean Ramage, Stephanie Evans, Machlan Felix, Kiara Jefferies, Jack Schultz and Kyra Wallace. MUSIC Award – Cohen Hancock and Deece Norris-Morehu, LOTE Award – Trenton Peck and Louis Van der wel. PHYSICAL EDUCATION Award – Thomas Eaton and Trevor Davis. Well done!

Value Focus: Organisation

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignments’ due dates. With help and some practice, kids can develop an effective approach to getting tasks completed.

Examples of organised behaviour include:
- making sure you understand the teacher’s instructions before you begin work
- having all your school supplies ready at a neat desk
- recording your assignments and their due dates
- planning when you’re going to do your homework so that you have enough time

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person’s organisation include:
- Setting Goals - thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- Planning My Time - thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

From the Deputies Desk

Millars Well Primary went live to the airwaves through ABC Northwest radio last week. On Thursday, March 28 Tristan Nel, Mitchell Holmes, Maddison Smith and Georgia Evans were interviewed about the Millars Well Primary approach to recycling and caring for the school environment.

This term all of our students have been working hard at perfecting their ability to write strong persuasive texts. They have been looking at all of the necessary elements to persuade a reader of their opinion. They have discussed strong introductions, including 3 arguments backed up with evidence and explanation in clear paragraphs, and the importance of a powerful, summative conclusion. They have also focused on the use of rhetorical questions and rebuttals along with emotive language and many other persuasive devices.

After all of this hard work Miss Smith put together a competition for the students to let their talents shine! Rather then make the competition subject about any old thing, Miss Smith picked a topic that was important to our school, “Should we Recycle?”, this topic was even more pertinent with the arrival of the new recycling bins from Toxfree. As the students began working on the competition in their classes, two students that were working particularly well were selected to read their drafts on the radio. Our two environmental prefects, Maddison and Georgia, were also interviewed on the schools’ approach to caring for the environment. The program was aired last Friday, March 29. Now we can look forward to the fabulous final entries to persuade us all to recycle with those winners possibly reading their masterpiece on the radio as well!

Register for the Newsletter by Email

The Millars Well Primary School website www.millarswellps.wa.edu.au has a new look. Save paper and keep up to date with school information by registering to receive the newsletter by email. At present we only have a very small amount of parents and caregivers registered.

Can you please complete the information below and return to the front office as soon as possible so that we can proceed with the emailing of our fortnightly newsletter to you or send an email to donna.ditterich@education.wa.edu.au to register your interest. If you are currently registered, please confirm that you wish to continue to receive notices by email.

Please print clearly as many email addresses can be difficult to read.

Parent’s Name: ________________________________
Email address: ________________________________
Eldest Child’s Name: ________________________________ TA____
ANZAC Day is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. On ANZAC Day, Thursday, 25 April ceremonies are held in towns and cities across the nation to acknowledge the service of our veterans.

At Millars Well Primary we will hold our Anzac Day Service on Thursday, 18 April at 9.00am at the grassed area in front of Pre-Primary. Warrant Officer Eddie Penman from the Pilbara Regiment will address the students during the service. Children from community groups e.g. cadets, guides, scouts are invited to wear their uniform on the day. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Easter EGGstravaganza kicks off Year 7’s Fundraising efforts!

The Year 7’s have been very busy this term fundraising for their camp in Coral Bay at the end of Term 3. We have been very pleased with the whole school’s support with our different fundraising ventures. We will continue to sell Icy Poles and Chupa Chup Lollipops every Friday after school near the flagpoles outside Pre-Primary.

Just before Easter we held an Easter Egg hunt with all classes finding lots of pegs and numbered cards that the students then exchanged for mountains of chocolate. After the hunts we still had some eggs left so we have packaged them all up and we are having a “Guess the number of eggs” competition. It costs $1 per guess and you can make your guesses in the Library at lunch-time every day. The winner will be announced after lunch on Friday 19th April.

We will have many different and exciting fundraising events next term. We again would like to thank the whole school community for your amazing support so far and in the future.

Please be advised that the canteen will be closed on Thursday, 18th and Friday, 19th April. The P&C apologise for any inconvenience this will cause. Please make sure that your children have a packed lunch on the days that the canteen is not open.

Starting next term toasted sandwiches will become an everyday item rather than just a special item on Tuesdays.

A HUGE thank you to all our families who supported the P & C and our great Easter Raffle. It was an amazing success and we had an awesome amount of eggs, boxes and baskets donated. A special thanks to Chantelle Smith for donating heaps of plastic containers and Karen Hancock for the bags. Thank you also goes out to all the awesome Millars Well mums who found time to help with sorting and wrapping. They were Siobhan, Leah, Karen, Nerida, Caron and Arran. They didn’t even eat many eggs!!! So thanks again to everyone; we do this for the kids and they were so excited when it came time to draw the raffles and that’s what it is all about!!! We raised around $1300 which will be going straight back to the school.

SOR Community Library

Just an update for all avid readers; the interim Community Library at Pam Buchanan Family Centre closed prior to Easter and the Library proper will reopen in its previous premises at Pilbara Institute on Monday 15th April. The staff look forward to seeing everyone then. Robyn Rayson, Library Officer
**HEALTHY FOOD IDEAS**

**Lentil Salad**

- 1 x 400g tin brown lentils, drained and rinsed through
- 1/4 cup chopped sundried tomatoes
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 90g tin of corn kernels, drained and rinsed through
- 1/4 cup of chopped fresh basil and parsley
- 1-2 tbsp of red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Combine lentils and corn in a microwave safe bowl and place in the microwave on high for 1 minute. Stir through all other ingredients and serve. Enjoy! As an optional extra you could add low fat feta. (serves 4 as a side dish)

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

Last week students from St Lukes High School came to our Pre-Primary and Kindy to teach them some football techniques. The high school students are studying sport at school and part of the program is to create lesson plans for younger children. This project enables great partnerships between local schools and provides younger children with older buddies and role models. The St Lukes students will be returning later this week to continue their good work with a Year 2 class.

*Sally O’Donoghue, Physical Education Specialist*
THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

West Pilbara Communities for Children in partnership with Protective Behaviours WA invites you to attend the Protective Behaviours Child Safety Training Workshop to be held in Karratha.

This workshop is a must for all parents and carers. The comprehensive training workshop has been designed to teach parents the content of the internationally acclaimed Protective Behaviours Child Safety Programme in order to increase their children’s personal safety. There are many ways of talking to children about their personal safety and where we do so it is important that we do not scare them or leave them feeling unsure, afraid or dis-empowered.

The programme empowers the individual with the right to feel safe and sets out ways in which they can gain the appropriate help when they are not feeling safe.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO:

- Provide parents and carers with a basic understanding of child sexual abuse and other unsafe situations.
- Provide specific personal safety training skills, techniques and examples to use with your children.
- Reduce your anxiety about your children’s safety so you can allow them the freedom of movement they need as they grow up.

WHEN & WHERE

DATE: 18 APRIL 2013
TIME: THURSDAY EVENING 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
VENUE: WELFARE LOTTERIES HOUSE, 7 MOREE COURT, KARRATHA

COST: FREE OF CHARGE, TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED

PLACES ARE LIMITED, FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

REGISTRATION: MICHELLE BARAHAWATH
PHONE: 0427 556 143
EMAIL: karrathary@tplibrary.org.au

DEAR PARENT

This workshop is an adult training session and is not suitable for children to attend, thank you for your cooperation.

PROTECTIVEBEHAVIOURSWA.org.au

Early Years Group

The Early Years group is funded through the West Pilbara Communities for Children initiative.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS Child Safety Training Workshop

CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Learn some wicked circus moves like juggling, tumbling, devil sticks, spinning plates and more!

11 April 2013
Roebourne Youth Centre
2.30pm to 5pm

12 April 2013
Wickham Amenity Building
3.30pm to 5.30pm

13 April 2013
Karratha
The Youth Shed
9.30am to 11.30am

If you are 12 to 25 years of age come and join in the FREE fun!

Spaces are limited so register now at www.roebourne.wa.gov.au.
For information contact Sophie Doy on 9166 8555 or email sophie.doy@roebourne.wa.gov.au.

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Karratha Monthly Market

at the Millars Well Primary School

the 3rd Sunday of each month, Sunday 19th May, 10 - 2 pm

Food | Crafts | Bric a Brac | Buskers | Fundraising | Kids Activities
All Welcome, Stalls $10
contact Arran 0408 938 851, arranmc@bigpond.com for more details

Millars Well Primary School
Hockey for 12 -16 yr olds.
Come play the game, learn some skills and try some tricks!
Hockey will be held at Pegs Creek Oval on Monday afternoons from 4pm – 5pm.

It Starts on the 6th of May and finishes on the 1st of July

Cost - $50

To Register –
Come to our registration day on the 7th of April from 4-5.30pm @ Pegs Creek Oval

Visit our website http://nickolbayhockey.myclub.org.au/
download the form and email nbhajuniors@gmail.com

Or register on the 6th of May before you play.

Karratha Broncos Junior Rugby League
Have A Go Day

Venue: Bulgarra Oval
Date: Sun 14th April 2013
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Registration and AGM to follow

There will be a Sausage Sizzle and Soft Drinks for sale

For more information call Rick Howard on 0438441214

Come on down and have a go!!

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RAW DANCE COMPANY
WORKSHOPS

GET INTO HIP HOP, JAZZ AND BREAK DANCING
AT THE YOUTH SHED THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!
Wednesday 24 April to Saturday 27 April

Whether you’re male or female, a child or adult, a seasoned dancer or just want to have a go, RAW Dance Company has something for everyone.

Juniors (ages 6-11) 10am to 12:30pm (45-min sessions)
Intermediate/Seniors (ages 12-17) 1pm to 5:15pm (45-min sessions)
Adult fitness and Dance Classes (ages 18+) 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Grab a registration form and timetable from The Youth Shed on Hillview Road or online at www.roebournewa.gov.au/youths.

For more information contact The Youth Shed on 9186 8646.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

FREESTYLE WEEKEND

Freestyle BMX, skateboarding and scooter competition

Sunday 7 April 2013
registrations from 1pm
competition kicks off at 2.30pm
@ The Youth Shed Skate Park

Registration forms available at www.roebournewa.gov.au or from Shire of Roebourne, Welcome Rd, Karratha.

For further information contact Sophie Doy on 9186 8555 or email sophie.doy@roebournewa.gov.au. Drug and Alcohol free.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK @ MOONRISE CINEMA

13 April 2013 | Be active. Be happy. Be you.

Head to the Moonrise Cinema on 13 April for a double feature of Jungle Book 2 at 6.30pm and Katy Perry: Part of Me at 8.15pm!