Dear Parents, Friends and Carers

Strategic Directions

Last week I attended the Annual Western Australia Primary Principals Association Conference in Perth. The Conference centred upon Strong Foundation, Strong Future as the theme and Principals and Deputies were presented with information from a range of international education experts. We were also able to hear directly from The Minister for Education, Peter Collier and the Director General Education, Sharyn O’Neill. Both were able to outline the strategic directions and commitments of our system and schools. There will remain a focus upon our schools being good schools, having good teachers and for students to achieve excellence. Literacy, Numeracy and Attendance remain highly important in education. At Millars Well PS we focus upon the individual child as a learner. We plan targets and monitor progress regularly. Our staff work collaboratively and professionally together to share their planning and knowledge.

Reporting Standards

Australian Schools are working towards the implementation of the Australian Curriculum which will be fully implemented by 2015. Our school has begun its implementation and last week teachers in years 1-3 presented information to parents for reporting against the Australian Standards. At the end of this semester children in years 1-3 from Millars Well PS will receive grade allocations in accordance with the new Australian standards. There will be a slight realignment with "the standard" that may have been expected. Examples of the standard was shown by teachers to parents that attended the meeting and discussed the allocation of grades.

Miss Smith was also able to present data for attendance in years 1-3. This information shows that although our attendance overall is satisfactory there is a concern that a large number of children take vacations during school time. This does have an impact upon their learning and the continuity of the class as a whole.

Year 5 now – High School in 2015 information

A reminder to all Year 5 parents that Karratha Senior High School is hosting a special information session regarding programs and transition for current year 5 students, who at the end of 2014, will move into a High school setting. I strongly encourage you to attend this information session on Tuesday, 25th June, at 7.00pm at the Performing Arts Centre, Senior Campus.

Your assistance please

I need to ask your assistance with a matter that can impact upon children’s education and the class program. Our school day begins at 8.20 and children are expected in class by 8.17. When children arrive late there is an impact upon their learning and other students in the class room. We appreciate parents getting their child/ren to school on time.

Whole school Cross Country and Fun Run

What an amazing effort by our students and families - more than $11,000 has been raised as a result of the Fun Run conducted on Wednesday, 5th June. That is an incredible amount of money and the generosity of families and friends in raising those funds is outstanding. On behalf of the school, parents, students and staff thank you to everyone involved for your efforts and support. The funds will be utilised in the school to purchase resources, and support special events. This week is our whole school cross country. I wish all runners the very best in their efforts. From the event a number of children will be invited to represent the school at the Interschool Cross Country to be held on 3rd July.

RecFish West visit

I had the priviledge to supervise 30 of our students who went to Dampier for a Recfish West clinic on 6 June. The students were provided with information about fishing for the future and looking after their health by being Sunsmart. The fishing session provided a mixed bag of fish and activity. One highlight was a small shark chasing bait fish. Catches of the day included, barracuda, brim, flathead, squid, mullet and a very genuine looking rock (not a stone fish). Some children were able to take their catch home, which I hope is now either in the freezer or has been consumed. A great time was had by all students and prizes were given away. Our thanks to Woodside for sponsoring the event and RecFish West for their tour of the Pilbara.

Warm regards
Weston Jackson
Principal
ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held this Thursday, 19 June and will be hosted by Mrs Neeson’s TA 7 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: Deegan McDonald, Tex Vidler, Emily Regan, Lachlan Wheals, Faith Garbin, Marcus Kimpton, William Pritchard, Joseph Chapman, Veda Motlop, Donald Ranger, Antoinette Palmer, Aussie Maluka, Hudson Bryce, Brayden Smith, Cain Schultz, Paige Kelly, Stacey Fletcher, Zecara Bung, Rylee Hood, Lorenzo Alvarez, Kyra Wallace, Lekahni Pearce, Claudia Van der Wel, Caitlin Watts, Chloe Falkingham and Joelly Davey. MUSIC Award – Thomas Eaton and Regita Maluka. LOTE Award – Lachlan Pickford and Millie Steeghs. PHYSICAL EDUCATION Award – Natasha Smith and Joshua Swiatek. Well done!

VALUE FOCUS—CONFIDENCE

Confidence means…. feeling I can do it and not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new.

Examples of Being Confident

- raising my hand to answer a hard question.
- doing hard work without asking for help.
- sharing a new idea with my teacher and class.
- saying “hello” and talking to someone new.

Habits of the mind to help my Confidence

Accepting myself means not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.

Taking Risks means thinking that it’s good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.

Being Independent means thinking that it’s important for me to try new activities and to speak up.

FROM THE DEPUTIES

At Millars Well PS we encourage and reward positive behaviour of all our students. As has been the case over the previous years a ‘Rewards Day’ will be used as an incentive for positive and appropriate behaviour from students throughout the course of a term.

This term the year 1-7 students have the opportunity to participate in a Rewards Day over two days, the 2nd and 3rd July (week 9 of term). I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to secure the return visit of ‘Rad Rock’, a mobile climbing wall. Rad Rock provide an 8 metre climbing wall with 4 distinct climbing routes. You can find details of Rad Rock at the following web-site www.radrock.com.au.

Some students may be excluded from the event subject to inappropriate behaviour in the term. To clarify any student who has been sent to buddy class three times or more or a child that has been suspended from school will not participate. If a student is to be excluded from this event parents will be notified by the classroom teacher for buddy room visits and by Administration for suspensions.

KINDY & PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2014

Government schools are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre Primary students for the 2014 school year. Parents are advised to contact local schools to make an application and to receive further details about enrolment procedures. Birth certificates, immunisation records and proof of address must be presented on application. Detailed information regarding the enrolment process is available on the application form and at the education department website http://www.det.wa.edu.au.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 26 July 2013. An application for a Kindergarten or Pre Primary place can be made at ONE SCHOOL ONLY. All current Kindy students MUST reapply for enrolment next year.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has finished. If you have collected stickers but don’t have a complete page, please send them into school as soon as possible. We thank parents for their support.

CANTEEN CLOSED & VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Uniform Shop Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for someone who would like to manage the uniform shop for 1 hour on a Tuesday. This is a vital service for existing and new families to the school. If you are interested, please talk to Siobhain in the Uniform Shop.

Canteen Closed

The canteen will be closed from Wednesday, 3 July to Friday, 5 July in the last week of this term. Please ensure that your child has recess and lunch provided for these days. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.
adidas Fun Run

Well done to all the children who participated in the Fun Run. I was so impressed with everyone’s efforts on the day, with some children running up to 7km. As a school we raised $11,000. Thank you to everyone who fund-raised, it was an amazing effort.

Cooking Classes

On Friday the 14th of June Kianna Barker, who works as a Healthy School Officer and her team came to school to do a nutritious cooking class with TA7 and TA8. Children prepared and cooked a variety of healthy meals, one of which is displayed in the newsletter this week. The aim of the program is to educate children about eating healthy foods and to show children how to use produce from gardens to create meals.

Mini Mudder

During this week students in TA6, TA7 and TA8 will all be participating in a Millars Mini Mudder Challenge. Students are encouraged to work as a team to complete the obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. It shows children a different and fun way to keep physically active. Kylianne Turton who is a Wellbeing and Fitness Coach from Next Step Therapy designed the course and will take the lessons. Kylianne runs personal and group fitness training sessions. If you would like more information you can contact her at nextsteptherapy@hotmail.com or on 0406 950 182.

Chevron City to Surf

On Sunday the 21st of July there will be a City to Surf Run held in Karratha. There is an option of a 4km run/walk and a 12km run/walk for both adults and children, the course is yet to be finalised; but it will be held in the Bulgarra area. I have registered a school team, if you register under the school team you will receive 15% off the registration fee. It will be a great morning of fun and fitness, we may even like to run in the school shirts to promote our school and team. To register you need to go to chevroncitytosurf.com, click on KARRATHA, and go to Register Now. Then you will need to search for an existing team, our team is called Millars Well Primary School, follow the prompts and fill in your details. In order to receive the 15% discount you will need to put SCHOOL13 in the promo code section. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me at sally.hebiton@education.wa.edu.au or 9185 2400.

Sally O’Donoghue, Physical Education Specialist

Crumble Cups

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups muesli
- 1L of yoghurt
- 800g tinned fruit drained e.g. sliced peaches

**Method**
- Arrange plastic cups and put 1 teaspoon of yoghurt into each cup
- Cover yoghurt with a teaspoon of muesli
- Add a layer of fruit then repeat layering until cup is full

Serves 6
Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Book Fair in the Library. Total sales amounted to $1880.00 which resulted in $564.00 worth of free new resources for the library. I hope everyone is enjoying their purchases.

Robyn Rayson, Library Officer

**YEAR 7 FUNDRAISING**

Last weekend the Year 7’s held their second Car Wash and Sausage Sizzle at the Millars Markets. We would again like to thank all the students and parents that helped.

Don't forget that we are still selling lollipops and icy poles after school on Fridays. The "MALUS MAGIC" faction wristbands have arrived and are being sold before school everyday outside the library. Be quick because they are fast running out.

Lastly, we would like to say a **HUGE thank you to UCC Karratha for donating the sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle.** If you need any catering done, give them a call 0439 135 009.

Mrs Neeson and Mr Wheals.

The Karratha School Dental Therapy Centre is CLOSED from Friday 5th July to Sunday July 21st inclusive. The clinic reopens Monday 22nd July. In case of an emergency please contact your Private Dental Practitioner.

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**SCHOOL DENTIST**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Students are invited to practice their mental maths calculate strategies. They may attempt a set of questions below appropriate to their age and ability level. Parent assistance encouraged 😊

### Junior Set

**Name:**

**Class:**

-Friendly Numbers

As students learn about place value, they are taught about friendly numbers. Friendly numbers have a zero in the ones place and make simple addition easier.

Eg $10 + 2 	imes 12$ or $20 + 5 = 25$

- $10 + 1 =$
- $10 + 2 =$
- $10 + 3 =$
- $10 + 4 =$
- $10 + 5 =$
- $1 + 10 =$
- $2 + 10 =$
- $3 + 10 =$
- $4 + 10 =$
- $5 + 10 =$
- $9 + 10 =$
- $20 + 5 =$
- $20 + 3 =$
- $20 + 2 =$
- $20 + 6 =$
- $30 + 1 =$
- $40 + 3 =$
- $50 + 6 =$
- $70 + 4 =$
- $60 + 1 =$

### Middle Set

**Name:**

**Class:**

-Five Times Tables:

Our five times tables can be thought of 5 groups of any number. It is often easier to work out 10 groups and then halve that number to determine 5 groups.

Eg 10 groups of 4 is 40 (10x4=40), therefore 5 groups of 4 is 20.

Students may need a diagram to help their understanding of this concept.

- 10 groups of 6 = 60
- so 5 groups of 6 =
- 10 groups of 8 = 80
- so 5 groups of 8 =
- 10 groups of 5 = 50
- so 5 groups of 5 =
- 10 groups of 9 = 90
- so 5 groups of 9 =
- 10 groups of 4 = 40
- so 5 groups of 4 =
- $5 \times 6 =$
- $5 \times 7 =$
- $5 \times 3 =$
- $5 \times 8 =$
- $5 \times 2 =$
- $5 \times 9 =$
- $5 \times 0 =$
- $5 \times 10 =$
- $5 \times 2 =$
- $5 \times 1 =$

### Upper Set

**Name:**

**Class:**

-Twelve Times Tables:

Rather than learn our times tables by heart, it is a great strategies to use relationships to work them out. The twelve times tables is easier if we break up the numbers. Eg $4 \times 12 = 10 \times 4 + 10 \times 2 + 2 + 2 + 2$ or $4 \times 10 + 4 \times 2 = 48$

- $5 \times 12 = 50 + 10 =$
- $7 \times 12 = 70 + 14 =$
- $3 \times 12 =$
- $8 \times 12 =$
- $9 \times 12 =$
- $1 \times 12 =$
- $4 \times 12 =$
- $10 \times 12 =$
- $12 \times 12 =$
- $0 \times 12 =$
- $12 \times 6 =$
- $12 \times 7 =$
- $12 \times 3 =$
- $12 \times 8 =$
- $12 \times 2 =$
- $12 \times 9 =$
- $12 \times 0 =$
- $12 \times 10 =$
- $12 \times 2 =$
- $12 \times 1 =$

Please record your name, class and answers and return to the office when complete. A winner will be chosen from each set on the day of the following newsletter. Additional are sheets available from the office.

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**Last Newsletter Winners**

Jnr: Addison de Smid TA10

Middle: Alice TA11

Upper: Emma TA7

Please see Miss Smith for your prize.