Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

On-Entry Results
Many schools across Western Australia participate in On-Entry testing for students in Pre-primary and Year 1 at the beginning of each year. These assessments look at essential early Literacy and Numeracy skills and can be used to map student progress and achievement.

I am very pleased to inform you that our average Year 1 results this year have improved dramatically and in many cases doubled.

These results coincide with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum in Pre-primary and signify the incredible work achieved by our Pre-primary teachers and parents last year.

Term 2, Pupil Free Days
Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th of April are School Development Days and will be pupil free days for Millars Well students.

On Monday, teaching and support staff from Karratha State Schools will meet at the Karratha High School for a series of professional learning sessions.

Ms Vidler, Ms Clegg, Mrs Burnside, Miss Garstone, Miss Pearson, Miss Barker, Miss Elmer and Mrs Morgan have all volunteered to present to teachers and assistants from surrounding schools.

I feel we are incredibly fortunate to have such a generous and talented group of staff who are willing to support and upskill teachers and assistants from other schools.

Attendance
School attendance remains a significant focus for us this year. Regular school attendance, that is an attendance rate of 90% or above, directly relates to academic success for students. Unfortunately, only 75% of our students have regular attendance this term and already, 25% of students have missed more than 5 days of school.

We need to work with families to try and improve the regular attendance rates and minimise all non-essential absences. Please use the SMS message system, phone our office staff or send a note to your child’s teacher to explain all absences.

ANZAC Day
On Thursday, 10th April at 9am we will be having an ANZAC Day Assembly. Special guest, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Smith, the Commanding Officer from the Pilbara Regiment will be in attendance. The theme we have chosen for the assembly is ‘Respect’ and we invite all school community members to attend. Students who are members of service clubs such as Scouts or Brownies may wear their uniforms for the assembly if they wish.

Kind regards,

Erin Smith
Acting Principal
ANZAC DAY SERVICE at MWPS

ANZAC Day is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peace-keeping 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.

This year's Anzac Day poster honours the men and women of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are completing their service in Afghanistan, continuing the Anzac spirit and legacy in modern times.

At Millars Well Primary we will hold our Anzac Day Service on Thursday, 10 April at 9.00am at the grassed area in front of Pre-Primary. Special guest, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Smith, the Commanding Officer from the Pilbara Regiment will be in attendance. 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.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour:

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Monday, 28 and Tuesday, 29 April are School Development Days. STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. Staff will be involved in programs that will enhance their professional skills. Term 2 commences for students on Wednesday, 30 April.

VALUE FOCUS - PERSISTENCE

Over the next four weeks at school we will be focussing on Persistence which means trying hard and not giving up when something feels like it’s too difficult to do.

Examples of Persistent Behaviour are:
- Continuing to try even when school work is hard
- Not being distracted by others
- Checking my work when I’m finished to make sure it’s correct
- Completing assignments on time

Habits of the Mind to Help You Be Persistent

I Can Do It means thinking that even when my work is hard, I can still do it.

Giving Effort means thinking that the harder I try, the better my success will be.

Working Tough means thinking that to be successful, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun.

SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

IMMUNISATION REMINDER

Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is a key element to ensuring that we have very low incidence of vaccine preventable communicable disease in Australia.

This is just a reminder that it is important for parents to make sure that their children are fully vaccinated and have received all their childhood vaccinations (including measles, mumps and rubella & diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio vaccines at 4 years of age which they can receive from 3 ½ years of age.

You can make an appointment with your GP or visit Pilbara Population Health. Immunisation Clinic days at POP health are:
- Tuesdays (Booked appointments) 8:30 am – 10:00 am or 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.
- Fridays (walk in - no appointment necessary) 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Call 91432221

If you are not sure about your child’s immunisation status you can contact medicare on 1800 653 809 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au (you need your medicare card to access) If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Cross Bun Stall

The Year 6s and 7s will be hosting the MWPS Annual Easter Egg Hunt along with the running of an Easter Hot Cross Bun / Cupcake stall on Friday, 11th April.

Students are to bring along a gold coin donation to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Also, if students would like some yummy hot cross buns or cupcakes for recess on Friday, a gold coin donation will be required.

The Year 6s and 7s would like to thank you for your continued support as they work hard to raise funds for their Camp and Graduation.

TA 13’s Egg-cellent Character Creations

TA 13 have been working very hard being awesome authors for the past five weeks. They have written some fantastic narratives this term and the most recent narrative has been a text innovation on Humpty Dumpty. In technology and Enterprise they designed their own Humpty Dumpty character and with the help of Mrs Dunne, Mrs Pickford and Mrs Carr, came up with these crazy characters! TA 13 and their Humpty Dumpty characters, wish everyone a safe and egg-citing Easter holidays ☺

NOR- WEST SWIM CHAMPS

During the last weekend of March, a few students from Miliars Well PS competed at the annual North-West Open Swimming Championships, hosted by Karratha. Participants travelled from as far south as Busselton, and as far north as Broome to compete in this annual event.

Grace Keogh, Olivia & Kalhan Bunter, and Millie & Nadia Steeghs, all represented Karratha with determination and a positive competitive spirit, swimming strong to record some very impressive PB’s!

Grace had a great swim in the 50m Breaststroke event, winning Gold. Her times secured her a place in the State Junior Swimming Championships, held in Perth last weekend. She had another great competition, swimming a PB for her 100m Breaststroke event.

Well done to all competitors!
On Wednesday the 9th of April, Kindy and Pre Primary had an Easter Hat Parade inviting parents for a picnic morning tea. KPP1 & KPP2 students created their own hats and Kindy parents assisted by making some interesting hat designs for their children. It was great to see parents and children enjoying the festivities of the day.
Karratha Mother’s Day Classic
Sunday, 11 May 2014
Walk or run for breast cancer research
From 7am at Frank Butler Community Centre
www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

MDC medal & gift
Zumba
Life & Soul aerobics warm up
Bouncy castle
Brekkie barbeque & drinks
Face painting
Loads of giveaways

Special guest Alison Braun

Online registrations close 7 May

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APRIL 2014
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

MONDAY 14 APRIL
10am-12pm Recycled T-Shirt
Designer Art
Come and create new
accessories from recycled T-Shirts.

2pm-4pm Ice Cream
Workshop
Create your own
cold rock ice cream.

TUESDAY 15 APRIL
10am-12pm Minute to
Win It!!!

2pm-4pm Cool Science
Come along and do cool, crazy
experiments and food science.

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL
10am-3pm Leisureplex Day
10am-12pm Indoor Games
12pm-1pm Lunch

1pm-3pm Pool and Aqua Run
Please bring your own
snacks and lunch.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL
10am-12pm Jewellery
Workshop

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TUESDAY 22 APRIL
10am-3pm Day Out in Dampier
Have fun down at Dampier
Foreshore, playing games.

Extreme Frisbees, Beach
Cricket, a Soccer Round
Robin and more!
Please bring your
own snacks and lunch.

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL
10am-3pm Leisureplex Day
10am-12pm Basketball workshop
12pm-1pm Lunch

1pm-3pm Pool and Aqua Run
Please bring your own
snacks and lunch.

THURSDAY 24 APRIL
10am-3pm Day Out in Dampier
Adventure Challenge
and Beach Carnival.
BBQ provided.

Friday 25 April
10am-3pm Movie Marathon Day
Watch movies and make
yummy Anzac Biscuits
to snack on.
Please bring your own
snacks and lunch.

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Open to ages 12-25 years. Please note. We are closed
on Friday 18 and Monday 21 April.

All participants must fill in a registration form available
at www.roebourne.wa.gov.au/tys
For more information go to www.roebourne.wa.gov.au/tys
or contact Elyce Huren on 9186 8667 or email elyce.turente@roebourne.wa.gov.au.

ATTENDANCE FREE
Places are limited. Register now!

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WHAT
FILM WORKSHOPS
IN WICKHAM.
REGISTER TO MAKE AND STAR IN YOUR
OWN SHORT FILM THAT’S PREMIERED
IN THE 2014 YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL!!

When
Sunday 13 to Thursday 17 April
10am-1.30pm + 2pm-4.30pm

Where
WICKHAM

For further information please contact Sophie Doy on 9186 8576
or email sophie.doy@roebourne.wa.gov.au.

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Free Parent Workshop
Parents As Career Transition Support

Want to know how to help your teenager with career ideas?

What is WACE & VET?

What is the difference between State Training Providers (TAFE) & University?

What sort of jobs are out there?

What Is an Apprenticeship?

Where to go for more information:
**FREE Workshop**

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
Where: Welcome Lotteries House, 7 Morse Court, Karratha
Time: 12.30pm arrival, lunch provided, workshop commences at 1.00pm and concludes at 3.00pm

RSVP: please advise if you have any special dietary requirements

To book please call Rebecca Fitzgerald
0477 079 977 or email Rebecca.Fitzgerald@pilbarajoblink.com.au