Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

NAIDOC - This Monday we celebrated NAIDOC at school. The day began with an assembly hosted by Ms Pereira and TA6 who told us a few Dreamtime stories. Activities included Art – Ms Vidler, making Bookmarks – Paula Couthard, Cooking Damper- Ms Baumgarten and Mrs Jo Walley, Face Painting- the Smith family, Painting Boomerangs- Phillipa Couthard and Vanessa Wally, The Family Tree- Kirsty Palmer, a visit to the library, the Ear Bus visit and of course Rad Rock climbing. A big thank to our many parents and helpers that volunteered their time on the day and to our parent organising group who worked closely with Ms Lovel to plan the day. At lunch time students enjoyed Johnny Cakes and sample kangaroo stew from the canteen. Many students returned for a second serve of the food provided.

Reports - All students have taken home Semester One reports on Wednesday of this week. In some cases staff have met with parents to discuss the report that has been sent home. Once you have read the report you may wish to meet with the class teacher to discuss the progress your child has made this term. Please arrange a time with the class teacher when it is convenient to follow this up in Term 3.

Cross Country - Thank you to Mr Simpson and our students that represented the school last Friday at Dampier. Students ran hard and competed well in the spirit of interschool competition. It was terrific to see so many parents that were able to attend during the morning to support our team and our students.

Staffing adjustments - Mrs Sally O’Donoghue returns from her leave and will recommence teaching duties in Semester Two. Mrs Morgan’s work in TA 16 has been really appreciated this semester and I thank her for the contributions she has made in the classroom and around our school. Our students and staff have enjoyed the positive energy and enthusiasm Mrs Morgan has provided in supporting students, parents and staff.

The State government has had a staffing and employment hold on several positions across government agencies including Education and this was recently lifted on 1st July. It is possible that now this has occurred there could be a flow on as positions and placements that have been on hold are now filled and announced. Any impact upon our staffing at school will be announced as we become aware of them.

School Development Day - Friday 1st August is a pupil free day
School staff will take part in professional learning with staff from others schools on this day. K-2 staff will undertake learning of the Early years Learning Framework and the new National Quality Standards. These National standards are used to assess 6 aspects within the early years of schools. They are reported upon by each school within Australia. Staff from Years 3-7 will have the opportunity to work with Paul Swan- who is highly respected for his work in the field of Mathematics. There is an opportunity planned for parents to attend a workshop, please refer to the back page of this newsletter.

Local Public Holiday - FeNaCLNG weekend is the 2nd and 3rd of August and school will closed on Monday 4th August as it is a gazetted local public holiday.

Kids, Computers and Devices: Managing Your Child’s Screen Time
Parents are warmly invited to attend this seminar with WA’s leading parenting specialist and resilience coach for children and teens, Debbie Bushell. This year Debbie will offer important insights into current on-line practices and present important boundaries and parenting strategies that manage a child’s healthy screen time. Friday 1st August, 10am – 12pm (registration and morning tea from 9.45am) at the Karratha International Hotel, Cnr Hillview & Millstream Rds with morning tea and handouts provided. This seminar is a free event supported by St Hilda’s School as part of their ongoing support to country parents. Early bookings advised as seats are limited, RSVP to Joanne.Haynes@sthildas.wa.edu.au or phone 9285 4100.

Please have a safe and enjoyable break with family and friends if you are fortunate enough to have a break during the school vacation. The first day of school for students in Semester 2 is Monday the 21st July.

Kind regards,
Weston Jackson
Principal

Enrolments 2015

Friday 25 July is an important date in your child’s education
If your child is 4 or 5 years old by 30 June 2015, starting Year 7, starting Year 8 or changing schools, you need to apply to enrol them in a public school for 2015. All children from Pre-primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

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, 25 July 2014. 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.

School Dental Therapy Centre

Wishing to inform you all that our School Dental Therapist, Mary Hawkes, left Karratha at the end of last year and is retiring from our Service on July 4th. Mary’s replacement for this year is Kristy Barnsley. Our Dental Centre will be closed for the School Holidays and reopening on Monday 21st July. In the event of an Emergency during this time, please call either:

1. Nickol Bay Dental Clinic – PH: 91 441470
2. Karratha Dental Care – PH: 91 855600
3. Port Hedland General Dental Clinic – PH: 91 722223

From the Sports Desk

We have had a very active end to term 2 at Millars Well PS. On the 20th of June we fielded 8 teams at the Winter Carnival, it was a great day and all students who represented the school did a fantastic job and showed impressive sportsmanship. The girls League Tag team came home with the trophy as did the AFL side that went through the day undefeated and shared the trophy with Tambrey PS. A big thank you to the parents that helped out on the day: Craig Watts who looked after our T-Ball side, Louise Mills, Simon Featherstone, Nicole Kot and also Camerin and Emma Coles who couldn’t make it on the day but helped out throughout the term with training the T-Ball team. Your help was greatly appreciated and we couldn’t have done it without you!

On Friday the 27th of June, Millars Well PS had 18 students represent the school at the Interschool Cross Country. The course threw up some challenges with the soft sand but the runners gave it their all and did well to have the school finish 5th out of the eight schools that attended.

Continuing with the running theme, Millars Well Primary School has a team entered in the Chevron City to Surf which is being held on July 27th. There is a 4km and 12km course and we would love to have family’s enter the event and participate with their kids. To register for the event please log on to www.chevroncitytosurf.com/karratha the school promotion code that you will need to enter is SCHOOL14. Last year Millars took out the honour as the largest team, hopefully we can do the same this year.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday, look after yourselves, stay fit and we will see you next term!

Mark Simpson, Physical Education Teacher
It was another fun filled character day in years 1-3 last Friday. We had many interesting characters from movies, books and the creations of our student’s fabulous imaginations. Over the day we explored characters feelings, personalities and different ways we can describe characters thoughts, feelings and actions within our Narrative writing. Thank you to all the parents who assisted in the amazing costumes and allowed our school to become immersed in the world of Narratives. Miss Smith and Ms Pereira had a hard time choosing their favourite characters during our character parade as everyone looked sensational.
KARRATHA EDUCATION NETWORK

Welcomes

DR PAUL SWAN

Presenting

A session for PARENTS

“Helping your child with maths – without ending up in tears.”

When: Thursday 31st July, 2014
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Where: Karratha Primary School
Register: Contact Karratha Primary School on 9185 1026. Places limited

Content: In this session Paul Swan will share some simple ideas for helping children learn basic numbers facts. Often these facts are the building blocks for further mathematical understandings. Paul will share some basic cards, dice and board games that only take a few minutes to play and can be played as a family.