Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

**Enrolment for 2015** - Friday the 25th was the final day for enrolment applications into Pre Primary and Kindergarten for 2015. Applications will now be reviewed and within the next 3 weeks parents will be informed in writing if their application has been accepted. At present there is a strong indication that all applications will be accepted. We will continue to warmly welcome new families as they arrive within our area and plan accordingly to accommodate their application to enrol.

**Census Day** - This Friday 1st August is WA Schools Census Day. We will report upon our enrolments and will be given an indication of funding that we will receive on 2015. It is important that our census details and enrolments are accurate to ensure we receive the funds required to deliver teaching and learning programs in 2015.

**Staff change in TA 16 Year 3/4** - At the end of term 3 we said farewell to Mrs Morgan, teacher in TA 16 Year 3/4. We can now re-introduce and welcome back Mrs Sally O’Donoghue from her six months of leave. Mrs O’Donoghue has worked in our school for several years as a Pre Primary teacher, Phys Ed Specialist and Classroom teacher. Many parents have already dropped in and said hi to Mrs O’Donoghue but if you haven’t had that chance yet, I am sure she would love to say hi to you at some time.

**School Development Day – Pupil Free** - This Friday 1st August is a pupil free day for students. Staff will use the day as a whole School Development Day which will involve most government schools in the Karratha network. Staff working with Years K-2 will learn about the Early Years Framework and the National Quality /Standards in the Early Years. Years 3-7 will learn about Maths and Numeracy with Dr Paul Swan – respected Professional who is an expert in the area of Maths education. Dr Swan will visit Millars Well Primary School on Thursday afternoon and meet with our staff before presenting to parents in the evening at Karratha Primary School

**Parent Session - Places are limited**

- **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.
- **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.

**FeNaCING Festival** - Monday the 4th August is a Public Holiday and School will be closed.

**School Athletics Practice** - This term is our school athletics and interschool athletics carnivals. Students and staff are busy on Fridays preparing for these carnivals and will be practicing team games and selecting athletes for individual age races. Please let your teacher know if you are available to help for a short while on Fridays from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for Faction practice.

**City to Surf Legends** - For the second year in a row Millars Well Primary School has taken out the City to Surf School Challenge- an enormous thank you to Mr Simpson our Phys Ed teacher and the students, parents and staff that took part last Sunday in this event. The school was awarded Best School Spirit in Karratha as well as Largest Team for the event.

**Pre Primary and Kindy Early Childhood** - We have an amazing Kindy and Pre Primary – last term staff hosted a Mud Day with great success; the kids loved it and I think staff had a wonderful time also. There was creative food making with real food as well as a structured play outside. The Early childhood team with the assistance of a few parents have built and planted a small garden that is now full of sweet corn. Congratulations to the Early Childhood team on their successful Mud Day and the great garden that they are creating which was initiated by Mrs Vidler.

I will be out of the school this Wednesday – Friday attending an Advanced Coaching in Leadership course. Ms Erin Smith Deputy Principal will be in charge in my absence.

Wishing you all a fantastic week and FeNaCING.

Kind regards,

Weston Jackson
Principal
Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour over the term: Kalinda Rose Palmer, Josh Chapman Abbey Bayliss, Noah Porteous, Hari Manikandan, Riley Kelly, Antoinette Palmer, Jacob Simpson, Tristan Neil, Aryan Singh and Olivia Bunter. Physical Education Award – Sheridan Kittle. Science Award – Aryan Singh and Ethan Whiting. Well done!

**Value Focus - Resilience**

**What helps you to become resilient?**
- A caring and supportive family
- Caring friends who you can trust
- Being encouraged to try
- Setting yourself realistic goals and reaching them

**How to build up your own resilience**
- **Get connected.** Make friends, get to know people, join in with teams, clubs and organisations.
- **Don’t give up.** Everyone has to deal with a crisis from time to time, try to work your way through it. Things will get better.
- **Change is here to stay – accept it!** Of course, it’s unsettling when you feel comfortable with something, then it all changes. Try to see change as a chance to alter the future, not the end of the world as you know it!
- **Get good at making realistic goals.** Make long-term goals and then work out the steps you have to take to achieve them.
- **Remember that being realistic doesn’t mean accepting second best.** As you reach each goal, you can aim higher.
- **Face up to problems.** Think about how you can solve them instead of wishing that they would go away.
- **Learn from the bad times.** Often people find that they have developed better skills, made new friends and got to know themselves better after they have gone through some crisis.
- **Trust yourself.** Develop your skills [eg. communication, problem solving, conflict resolving] and instincts, and then develop confidence in your ability to use them.
- **Practise thinking positive thoughts.** Always be hopeful of your ability to get through, and that things will improve.

**National Science Week**

**National Science Week - 16th-24th August**
In preparation for National Science Week 2014, Donna Stott and I would like to have a display of student's work in the library. For the junior classes we have some take home Science activities that students can complete and return to school on or before the 13th August. These activities are short and are related to the topic of Physical Sciences that we are looking at this term. If anyone would be interested in completing these activities please see Donna Stott or myself on Wednesdays or Thursdays in the Science classrooms (TA 3 and 4). For the middle and senior classes I want to work with students to complete research or an investigation on a topic of interest to have ready for display in week 5. Interested students can meet me in the library at lunchtime every Wednesday. Hope to see you there!

**Fiona Byrne, Science Teacher**

**Guided Reading Parent Helpers Needed!**

Year 1 and 2's are desperately seeking parents and helpers who are able to commit 30 - 40 minutes of their time each week to assist with Guided Reading. We need more volunteers in order to keep this successful program running. Guided Reading is every Monday and Wednesday at 8:30am in the TA 9/10/11 Wet area. We hope to see you there!

**Year 6/7 Update**

**Year 6/7 Camp fundraiser and helpers**
Thank you so much to everyone who came down to Woolies to help raise funds for the year 6/7 camp, a big thank you to Nerida and Mel for getting this going and to Woolworths who donated the produce for the raffle. Wow!!! We made a $776.55 profit!!!

Congratulations to the person who was the lucky winner of the meat/veg hamper which was kindly donated by Woolworths.

A reminder that there a Parent Information session this Wednesday at 3pm. Agenda items will be: Camp, Graduation, fundraising and transition to high school.

We look forward to seeing you then.

**Mrs Neeson and Mr Maxwell**
What a fantastic turnout we had to the City to Surf on the weekend! Thank you to all the parents who joined in and supported Millars Well PS, resulting in the school receiving the Largest Team and the Best School Spirit Awards. Special congratulations to Kalhan Bunter, Olivia Bunter and Tom Kelly for completing the 12km course. What a great effort!

Mark Simpson, Physical Education Teacher

Mud Day was a focus on child centred play including dirt dough, clay, choc pudding, mudpies, princess puddings, potions etc. Links to the National Quality Standards include purposeful play to enhance learning, flexible use of both indoor and outdoor environments, and use of both natural and built learning environments.
CALLING SINGLE MUMS!!

Soroptimist International of Karratha & Districts (SIKADS) are holding a Pamper day for single Mums

Date: Thursday August 14, 2014
Time: 9am – 2pm
Venue: KDCCI Boardroom at the Leisureplex.
Cost: FREE

Places are limited so contact Shirley on 0429 477 850 or 0408 957 432
Or email karratha.cmservice@frontierservices.org
As soon as possible