Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

**NAPLAN** - If your child is in year 3, 5 or 7 they will have received their NAPLAN report recently. Please read the parent information booklet when interpreting results; if you wish to discuss your child’s achievement please arrange a meeting with the class teacher.

Achievement is closely linked to attendance and I am enclosing some information about attendance and what it means.

**Attendance and Achievement** - Student Attendance falls into one of four categories.

- **Regular Attendees** 90-100% attendance
- **At Indicated Educational Risk** 80-89% attendance
- **At Moderate Educational Risk** 60-79% attendance
- **At Severe Educational Risk** 0-59% attendance

We have a number of students that are currently in the 90-100% category and quite a few that have achieved 100% which is an amazing achievement. (It is likely that everyone will get sick or be unwell at some time.) A letter regarding attendance has been sent by post to students below 90% and this reports your child’s current attendance.

You may like to compare this with semester one report attendance.

**But what does it mean?**

Children with an attendance rate of 80% miss 1 year of school by the end of Year 4 and 2 years by Year 8.

Children with an attendance rate of 60% miss 1 year of school by Semester 1, Year 3 and 4 years by Year 10.

This information places great importance upon attendance and the impact it can potentially have.

Regular attendance is fundamental to your child’s social and academic learning.

- Every day matters;
- Lateness affects children’s educational progress
- Punctuality and regular school attendance are developed at an early age
- Children who miss school find it difficult to keep up friendships in the class
- Children build confidence in communication, teamwork, organisation and social skills
- Children who attend school regularly take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available

Congratulations to students that have achieved regular attendance at school.

**Literacy and Numeracy Project** - Last week Ms Smith, Ms Pearson and I presented information to Principals across WA involved in the National Literacy and Numeracy Program, with details about our school progress and ways to develop whole school approaches. Millars Well uses whole school approaches including ten a day maths, guided reading and we also use progress maps to track achievement. Since the presentation several schools have shown an interest in how it is being done at Millars Well.

**Interschool and School Athletics** - My congratulations to students that competed in our recent School Athletics Carnival. A big thank you to Mr Simpson for his organisation and staff for their assistance on the day. Wonderful news for Rosemary Rebels – Champion Faction for 2014.

This week we host the Interschool sports at the Kevin Richards Oval- adjacent to School. This is on Friday 12th September and School across Karratha will compete. Today selected students travelled to Wickham Primary School to compete in the Jumps and Throws events.

**Father’s Day BBQ in ECE- our Early Years** - Well done to our staff who hosted a large group of Dads for a Father’s day BBQ last week. It was a great idea by staff to invite Dads in for a chance to mix, mingle and see what is happening in the Pre Primary and Kindy. Some pictures are on the back page of this newsletter.

**Placement requests for 2015** - We need to know if you have a particular class placement request for 2015. These requests are carefully considered and taken into account when placing students. Your request needs to be in writing and addressed to the Principal – Class placement request. Initially all current teachers are involved in the placement of students for 2015. They know the students well and plan for balanced classes that have a mix of abilities and boys and girls. We also need to know if you may perhaps be leaving town. This information gives us a chance to model classes for 2015 and to prepare.

This week our assembly is hosted by TA14. We hope to see you there.

Kind regards,
Weston Jackson
Principal
Being Independent
Taking Risks
Accepting myself
Habits of the mind to help me

Examples of feeling I can do it and not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new
Confidence

Machlan Felix and Sarah Featherstone. Physical Education Award – Haiden Hills and Rangihauata Robertson. Science Award – Dee Dee Robertson and Hudson Bryce. 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.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE UPDATE

Gastroenteritis, commonly called ‘gastro’, is an infection or inflammation of the digestive system. Gastroenteritis can be caused by a number of different germs including a virus, bacteria or parasite. We have seen many cases of gastro in the Pilbara at present.

How do you get gastroenteritis?
The germs that cause gastroenteritis can be found in food, water, soil, animals and in humans. Gastro is contracted by taking in germs through your mouth - drinking or eating something contaminated with germs and/or close personal contact or indirect contact (touching contaminated surfaces) with microscopic amounts of faeces (poo) or vomit from an ill person.

Signs and symptoms
Gastroenteritis symptoms usually begin 1 to 2 days after contracting the germ. Symptoms include diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach cramps and sometimes fever.

Treatment of gastroenteritis
Treatment depends on the germ causing the gastroenteritis, but in general people with gastroenteritis should:
• Drink plenty of fluids such as plain water or oral rehydration drinks (available from pharmacies).
• Avoid anti-vomiting or anti-diarrhoeal medications (unless these are prescribed or recommended by a doctor).

What if your child has gastro?
Exclude them from school for 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped.
The easiest way to prevent gastro is to make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly - especially before eating and after going to the toilet. If hand-washing facilities are not available use an alcohol-based gel.
After an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting - clean contaminated surfaces (benches, floors, linen and toilets) immediately using detergent and hot water.

If you require any further information on gastroenteritis, please don’t hesitate to contact: 9143 2251

Shelley Paterson, School Health Nurse

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

On Wednesday the 27th and Friday the 29th Millars Well PS held the Jumps and Throws and Faction Carnivals. It was a fantastic day with all students showing great sportsmanship and encouragement to their fellow peers. It was great to see so many families come down to support the kids. A big thank you to Mel Garnham, Simon and Sally Featherstone for their help throughout the day; it was greatly appreciated. Also a big thanks to those parents that helped out with the sausage sizzle!

Rosemary Rebels held off a fast finishing Malus Magic to take out the 2014 Millars Well Faction Carnival.

We now have the Interschool Carnivals coming up on the 10th and 12th of September. Millars Well will be hosting the Carnival on the 12th at the Millars Well Oval and it would be great to see families down there to cheer on our school. Below is the list of the Runner Up and Champion boys and girls from each year division:

Year One Girl Champion: Ellah Chudziak; Year One Runner Up Girl Champion: Kirra Baldock
Year One Boy Champion: Kayd Gibson-Cooper; Year One Runner Up Boy Champion: Travis Murray
Year Two Girl Champion: Torie Davis; Jess Booth; Caitlin Van Roon; Year Two Runner Up Girl Champion: Jada King
Year Two Boy Champion: Beau Bailey; Year Two Runner Up Boy Champion: Joe Chapman
Year Three Girl Champion: Antoinette Palmer; Year Three Runner Up Girl Champion: Tahni Johnston
Year Three Boy Champion: Joshua Swiatek; Year Three Runner Up Boy Champion: Ricco Hohepa
Year Four Girl Champion: Nikita Smith; Year Four Runner Up Girl Champion: Holly Gill; Taylor Brown
Year Four Boy Champion: Finlay Simpson; Year Four Runner Up Boy Champion: Ruairi Neeson
Year Five Girl Champion: Kadisha Davis; Rangihauata Robertson; Year Five Runner Up Girl Champion: Trisha Shinde
Year Five Boy Champion: Kalhan Bunter; Year Five Runner Up Boy Champion: Jonah Bell
Year Six Girl Champion: Joyraia Palmer; Year Six Runner Up Girl Champion: Jasmine Gill; Marie Acebes
Year Six Boy Champion: Fionn Neeson; Year Six Runner Up Boy Champion: Lee Poyner
Year Seven Girl Champion: Lekhani Pearce; Maddison Churnside; Year Seven Runner Up Girl Champion: Grace Keogh
Year Seven Boy Champion: Jordan Mills; Year Seven Runner Up Boy Champion: Tom Kelly

Congratulations to everyone!

Mark Simpson, Physical Education Specialist

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

As a part of Literacy and Numeracy week TA16 went to the pre-Primary to read to the children. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed working with each other and it was a great opportunity for TA16 to practice their reading skills.
On Wednesday the 3rd of September our Early Childhood classrooms celebrated Father’s Day with a barbeque. It was great night had by all and it was fantastic to see all the Dad’s wearing their personally designed T-Shirts.
Junior Basketball Online Registrations Now Open

Season starts October 16th
School Based Teams
Games played Thursdays between 3.30pm and 6pm
Grand Finals Saturday December 6th

Google: Karratha Basketball Association Fox Sports Pulse
and follow the links.

Registrations close 30th September, 2014

Like our Facebook page for regular updates
https://www.facebook.com/KarrathaBasketballAssociation

Any enquiries to: juniorkarrathabasketball@gmail.com

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THE KARRATHA HISTORY NETWORK PRESENTS...

BLAST from the PAST!

A ‘back in time’ dress up day for all students in the Karratha Network!

Friday, 26th September

For more information contact Jillian Tarca-
History Coordinator, Pegs Creek Primary School
jillian.tarca@education.wa.edu.au
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2pm - 3pm
Wickham Community Hall

KARRATHA
Sun 26th Oct
2pm - 3pm
The Youth Shed

Registration essential, email elyce.huren@karratha.wa.gov.au. For more information contact
Elyce Huren on 9186 8687.

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