Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

**Helmet Safety / Car park Speed / Pedestrians** - I have been very alarmed by the number of students that are now riding bicycles to school without a helmet. Some tell me that they don't have one, some say they are allowed. It just doesn't seem to make any sense that they are putting themselves at risk of a serious head injury should they have an accident. Please talk with your child about their safety and the importance of wearing a helmet. We regularly assist students that have fallen off their bike on the way to school and most times it is just a cut or graze. We really do not want to be dealing with preventable head injuries if possible.

I have also been concerned by the speed at which some vehicles are driven in the car park by visitors and parents. I often see this from the office window and feel embarrassed to have to advise the driver. Please drive at walking pace, even when the car park is empty. When walking through the car park use preferred paths and crossings - be careful and cautious. Look for moving vehicles. Keep young children close at hand. Your safety is everyone’s business – we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

**P & C URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP** – Last night the P & C were unable to elect a new secretary as we did not have sufficient numbers to make a quorum. We have a nominee, but we needed more people at the meeting. At present the main issues are the Canteen operations and the Uniform shop. We have recommended that the canteen only open 2 days per week. There will be another meeting on **Tuesday 21st October** where we hope more parents can attend to finalise these decisions.

We are in dire need of greater involvement and support from our parents for the P & C. It is disappointing that from our 327 students; very few parents assist this representative group. The opportunity to be involved and supportive while your child is in school passes very quickly. Talk with other parents and bring a buddy. We meet at least twice per term. I would also like to ask for the assistance of a volunteer working group to help our gardener on a morning closer to Cyclone clean up time to give our school a quick tidy up. This would be really helpful.

Thank you to our Secretary Danielle for her contributions this year. Her support in our P & C has been truly appreciated and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future as they move on. This week some parents indicated their availability to support by working in the canteen and uniform shop. We know Karratha is a busy place and it is difficult to find time to help in school. Thank you parents that have offered to help – you are fantastic.

**Rewards Day** - This Friday we have arranged reward activities for students. The activities will include: Bubble Blowing, Face Painting, Volleyball, Undercover area big games, Dancing, Basketball games and drills, Octopus/dodge (k-pp), Doctor, Doctor (1-3), Capture the flag (4-7) Students will have an allocated time to participate throughout the day as year groups.

**Music Festival news from the Music specialist teacher Mr Crocker** – Last week Karratha Music Students from Years 6-10 went to Port Hedland to play in the Pilbara Music Festival. The Combined Schools Band played in the school ensemble division and some students entered in solo categories. The students played exceptionally well, receiving an encore from the judges and audience. I would like to acknowledge the excellent musicianship and dedication shown by the following students who attended the music festival and contributed to the band’s success; - in particular from Millars Well School - Aryan Singh who received an encouragement award, Chloe Falkingham and Kyra Wallace.

**Staff Changes** - Mr Simpson finishes this week as our PE teacher. He has provided our students with an energetic PE program and has been responsible for our whole school carnival events which are quite a big task. His friendly and cheerful manner has been appreciated by students, parents and staff. We will miss him as a teacher but we will still see him around the school helping as a parent. Mr Simpson is also our current Vice President of the P&C. Good luck and thank you Mr Simpson on behalf of MWPS.

Ms Lovell has taken some leave from our school and will not be returning this year. Ms Lovell has supported students, staff and parents throughout the school particularly in areas of behaviour and also Students at Educational Risk.

Mrs Morgan will re-join our staff next term in a teacher role and supporting the leadership team. Mrs Morgan will provide some of the PE lessons for students in term 4 as well as some health programs with particular classes.

**Mrs Carr** is a regular relief teacher in our school and in term 4 will join our staff to continue the Art program that has been provided by Ms Lovell. The Art program has been a wonderful opportunity for students to be more focussed upon arts expression.

**Miss Smith** - Congratulations in advance to Miss Smith who is getting married and will be tying the knot during the school holidays. We all wish Ms Smith the very best for the big day and know it will be a wonderful celebration.

**MATSITI** - I will be way from school Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th October as I have been invited to make a presentation to the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Education Conference in Sydney. This is a National Conference involving all States and Territories. During my absence the leadership of the school will be shared by Ms Pereira, Mrs O'Donoghue, Ms Barker and Mrs Morgan.

I wish you all a very restful break and if you are travelling please take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

**Weston Jackson**

Principal
Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour: Mack Moody, Jade Lewis, Riley Gill, India Baker, Jae Grabenhofer, Mikaylee Swiatek, Aotetonga Robertson, Leelan Reynolds, Ali-Mae Swanson, Kyah Hospital, Max Peck, Austin Crowe-St Jack, Adrian Bak Jing Sheng, Penny Gormlie, Tyrell Councillor, Jye Vidler, Lewis McComb, Cayden Kelly, Alexandra Pranada, Imogen Gibbs, Jackson Gott, Tom Keily, Veronica Motlop, Jackson Inglis, Kamryn Ware, and Noah Vassiliou. Physical Education Award – Tom Keily and Fionn Neeson. Science Award – Trenton Peck and Leigh Turner. 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 Development Day**

Monday, 13 October is a School Development Day, STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. Staff will be involved in programs that will enhance their professional skills. Term 4 commences for students on Tuesday, 14 October.

**School Health Nurse Update**

**Chickenpox**

Chickenpox is caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus. In some children the illness will start with a fever or feeling unwell, but in others the rash will appear first. The spots usually start on the chest as red, itchy lumps. These will become fluid-filled blisters, which will burst and form a crust.

Chickenpox is very contagious and is spread when the person sneezes or coughs or when someone comes in contact with the fluid from one the blisters. Your child should have had the chickenpox vaccination at 18 months of age. Vaccination is the best way to avoid chickenpox, so make sure that your child is up-to-date with his or her vaccinations.

If your child does contract chickenpox, keep him or her home from school for at least five days after the first spots appear, and until after all blisters are dry. Give your child plenty of fluids and paracetamol or ibuprofen, if needed. If blisters are in the mouth, try a soothing mouth wash and don’t give foods high in acid or salt. Soothing lotions or oils for the bath can help the itch.

Diagnosis should be confirmed by a doctor as chickenpox is a notifiable disease (it must be reported). Please make sure the school is informed if the doctor diagnoses chickenpox.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse, Shelley Paterson, 91432251 for more information or see the fact sheet at www.public.health.wa.gov.au/

Shelley Paterson, School Health Nurse

**Karratha School Dental Therapy Centre**

**CLOSED FROM:**

Monday 29th September

**REOPENS:**

Monday 13th October

**EMERGENCIES:**

- Nickol Bay Dental Clinic PH: 91441470 OR
- Karratha Dental Care PH: 91855600 OR
- Port Hedland General Dental Clinic PH: 9172 2223

**Blast from the Past Postponed**

Blast from the Past will be postponed until next term. We will hold a History assembly next term, along with the Blast from the Past dress up day for all students. Watch this space...
Many of the amazing authors at Millars Well have been working hard to produce some very interesting Narratives about the Pilbara. These Narratives were entered in a contest that was open to all students in Karratha, Dampier, Wickham and Roebourne. Over 500 entries were received and the judging was incredibly difficult with so many engaging stories.

Bailey Ames won the Year 1/2 category and Luke Porteous came second in the Year 3/4 category. Bailey and Luke were invited to attend a special afternoon tea at the Ibis to receive their amazing prizes. At tomorrow’s assembly three more young authors will be receiving encouragement prizes! We were all really impressed by the student’s creativity and persistence throughout the writing process and everyone is to be congratulated for their amazing effort.

Miss Pearson and I would like to thank all of our parents who supported us with their generous sponsorship, it was greatly appreciated. A big thank you also goes to Mrs O’Donoghue, Mrs Burnside, Ms Vidler and Miss Smith for helping in the judging process. The winning entries are now on display at the Karratha Library for everyone to read and enjoy.

Hayley Barker, Year 2/3 Teacher

On Wednesday the 17th of September the Kindy and PrePrimary students watched a Scitech show all about bubbles. The students had a fun time sharing their knowledge about bubbles, observing and predicting what might happen. The students discussed how to make different sized bubbles and some even got to have a go at making different shaped bubbles. All the students and teachers enjoyed the show. This was a great way for the students to talk about and be involved in the Science Inquiry Process.

Fiona Byrne, Science Teacher
On Friday, 12 September, selected MWPS students marched to the Kevin Richards Memorial Oval ready to compete at the Interschool Athletics Carnival. This day included Division A and B running races for boys and girls in each year level and Championship races for the best in the junior, intermediate and senior age groups. There were also relays, flag relays, leaderball and passball. Unfortunately we did not win any shields on the day but I was very proud of all the student’s efforts and I was pleased to see plenty of perseverance. Well done!

Mark Simpson, PE Teacher
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

September School Holiday
Karratha Library Activities

Thursday 2nd October, 9:30 – 10:30am
Hermit Crabs

Thursday 9th October, 9:30 – 10:30am
Sea Theme

Bookings essential – phone 9186 8660
Suitable for ages 5 – 12 years

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

SUNDAY 12-1PM & 3.00-4.00PM

$20 PER JUNIOR MIN OF 5 JUNIORS
AGES 5 & UP
PRIZES, GAMES AND LOADS OF FUN
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OR KARRATHA COUNTRY CLUB
91851045
1-2-3 Magic™ and Emotion Coaching

To help parents manage difficult behaviour in 2 - 12 yo

Facilitated by Brad Williams who will provide a humorous look at parenting and a serious look at discipline!

2 WORKSHOP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Karratha Leisureplex, Opposite Broadhurst Rd, Dampier Hwy.

**Workshop 1:**
- 2 x 3 hr sessions
- Mon 27th & Wed 29th Oct, 9.15am to 12.15pm.
- Creche available by arrangement with Leisureplex

**Workshop 2:**
- 3 x 2 hr sessions
- Mon 27th, Tue 28th & Thurs 30th Oct, 6.30 to 8.30pm

You will learn:
- The two approaches to parenting.
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking.
- How to handle the 5 kinds of testing and manipulation.
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behavior.

- How to control obnoxious behaviour.
- How to show empathy while developing emotional intelligence in your child.
- How to strengthen the relationship with your child.

Cost $40 pp OR $60 for a couple
Parent workbook included. Tea and coffee provided.

What people are saying...
- An end to the yelling and arguing!
- It saved our lives.
- Simple, sane, effective.
- What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember at those times when memory is the first thing to go.

Book online by following the link for the course you wish to register for.
For further information contact
Bess or Francesca at
link_karratha@bigpond.com
ph: 9144 2150   mob: 0400 100 446

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**Baby play**

- Do you have a new baby and not sure what to do together?
- Ever wondered about this “play” stuff?
- Want to know how and why babies play?
- Want some more ideas on how to play with your baby?

As part of the “You and Your Baby” workshop series, LINK presents “Baby Play” an interactive session exploring early child development and play. This session aims to provide parents with a fresh look at how to enhance their baby’s emotional and brain development through play.

**When:** Thursday 25th September 2014, 9 am – 11 am
**Where:** Meeting Room, Karratha Leisureplex, Dampier Highway
**Cost:** $20 pp – limited to 15 people

For further information, please contact:
P: 91442150   E: link_karratha@bigpond.com   W: www.linkwa.org.au

Facilitators:
Sarah Rheinberger  
(Occupational Therapist)  
Elysia Canning  
(Speech Pathologist)