Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

One month into the school year and I am so pleased to see just how well our students have settled in. Student behaviours have been great and I am wrapped with the quality of learning that is occurring in classrooms. Thank you to parents who attended our class meetings. These meetings are designed so parents can meet with teachers and clarify any questions they have regarding class operations. We aim to work in partnership with parents and be responsive and approachable at all times.

School Census
The 2015 school census was run on Friday February 13. Our student numbers leading up to this date were significant as they determined our school budget for the year. We are now waiting to have the figure confirmed. Our student enrolments at the time of Census were 298. This year, we will be operating a one-line budget which includes both salaries and the cash component for the school year.

Helmet Safety
I am very concerned about the number of students riding bicycles to school without a helmet. I will continue to deliver a very clear message to students about the importance of wearing a helmet and I urge parents to do the same. We regularly assist students who have fallen off their bikes on their way to school and dread the thought of a child sustaining a preventable head injury. I would like to acknowledge the students who have responded positively and are now wearing their helmets to and from school.

Car Park
Mr Jackson raised some parent car park concerns last year and as a timely reminder I wish to do the same. Please take care. Car park users are asked to drive at walking pace, even when the car park is empty. When walking through the car park, please use the preferred paths and crossings. Young children must have adult supervision at all times and we ask everyone to please exercise care and caution.

On Entry Testing
From week three, all Pre-Primary and Year 1 students will participate in On-Entry literacy and numeracy testing. This testing has been very effective as it allows us to monitor the success of our teaching programs from Kindergarten to Year 2. Over the past three years, student results at Millars Well PS have been steadily increasing which is wonderful news.

Staff Changes
Next week, Mrs Kylee Saunders leaves us to commence her Maternity Leave. We wish her all the very best in the coming weeks and are grateful for her leadership and the professional knowledge she has shared across the school this year. Mrs Catherine Dimitrov will be taking over TA16 for the remainder of the term. Already Mrs Dimitrov has settled in beautifully with our staff and has enjoyed working across our classes this term.

Kind regards
Erin van der Sluys
Principal
**ASSEMBLY**

Our next assembly will be held on **Thursday, 12 March** and will be hosted by Ms Johansson’s TA 7 class. The assembly will commence at **8.25am** in the covered area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**LABOUR DAY**

Just a reminder that **Monday, March 2** is a public holiday in Western Australia to celebrate the granting of the eight hour working day to West Australian workers. It is held on the first Monday in March and recognises the contributions that working people make to the prosperity of our great state. **Accordingly, school will be closed and children will not attend.**

**P&C UPDATE**

We are so excited that the canteen is back up and running. Well done to Li and all the wonderful volunteers who helped out to get the canteen ready on time. The canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the rest of term one. There is a new menu out so please use this one when ordering as prices have been amended from last year. New menus were sent home this week. If you missed it, new menus are in the classroom and at the canteen. Thank you for your support. The P&C have lots of fantastic ideas we would like to see happen in the canteen this year so watch this space!

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm** in the staff room. We had a fantastic turn out last time for our AGM and would love to see just as many people there this time. A lot of people have joined since the AGM so thank you so much! Come along on Tuesday and see what a P&C meeting is all about. It really is a casual and friendly atmosphere and is always exciting to hear what ideas members have for our school. The fundraising sub-committee has lots of wonderful ideas for fundraising for this year!

The P&C have been able to get new fridges for the Pre-Primary this year and went into the classrooms last Friday! Last year, fridges were donated to the school to be put into classrooms so students can keep their lunches cool and fresh in our warm climate. The students love them and it has been great to extend this to the Pre-Primary this year.

If you haven’t already, join the Millars Well Primary School Parents and Association page on Facebook. You are able to keep up to date with what is happening at the school and it is a great way to keep informed. We have 114 members at the moment which is terrific and would love to get more!

See you on Tuesday!

**MWPS P&C**

**THANK YOU TO KARRATHA BIKERS & THE SMITH FAMILY**

Karratha Bikers Association has donated to The Smith Family $1499.49 worth of Stationery which has been divided up between all the Karratha Schools (pictured below). The aim is to assist schools to provide stationery to those who cannot afford to purchase it.

Families who cannot afford to purchase stationery and have a Health care card or Parent Concession card could also be eligible for a Scholarship from The Smith Family. For more information call 9144 1854.
Wow!! What an amazing start to the year the junior block has had. We have been busy learning, learning and learning!! We have learnt lots of mental strategies that have helped us to work out tricky math sums. We have made double bugs, friends of ten caterpillars and friends of ten hands. We have written recounts on these activities and have learnt recounts need to include a title, orientation, what we did and feelings.

The Year Twos have been learning to write their recounts into paragraphs!! Also, we have been learning about place value. To help us learn this concept we have been doing lots of different place value activities to help us partition different numbers into tens and ones. For example, 18 is made up of 1 ten and 8 ones or 10 ones and 8 leftovers. Some of us have mastered this concept already so we have been working on partitioning larger numbers. This is just a snippet of what the junior block has been up to.

Make sure you come in and have a look at the brilliant work your child has been doing. We would love to see you! Huge thank you to all our wonderful helpers for guided reading and other parents who have offered help in the classrooms. We really appreciate it!

Dress as your Favourite Colour Day: On the 20th March, Friday week 7 the prefects are holding a fundraiser to raise money for World Vision. World Vision is an organisation that supports children who are living in poverty in foreign countries. Please bring a gold coin donation and dress in your favourite colour.
THANK YOU TO KARRATHA POLICE STATION GOLF COMMITTEE

A big thank you to the Karratha Police Station Golf Committee who very generously donated $1500.00 to Millars Well Primary School. This money will be used to improve technology for students.

THANK YOU TO KMART

A big thank you also goes to Kmart and Simon and Sally Featherstone for donating the sand pit toys pictured left for our Year 1 and 2 play area. We really appreciate your generosity. We would like to give the Yr 1 and 2 students the opportunity to play with sand toys during recess and lunch so if you have any old plastic buckets, plastic spades, plastic containers etc... could you please bring them to TA5, Mrs O'Donoghue’s class.

PARENT HELPERS

We would like to thank all the wonderful parent helpers who came in last week to help with our reading groups. We really appreciate the time you give to help the children develop their reading skills. We look forward to the continued support throughout the year.

WANTED

Mr Maxwell would like to grow some seedlings and needs egg cartons for the seeds. If you have any that you do not need, please deliver to TA 4. Your support is appreciated.
Senior Registration Day is next Wednesday night the 4th March at 6.30pm at the Bulgarra Tennis Courts, Hunt Way, Bulgarra.

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KARRATHA AUSKICK CENTRE
REGISTRATION DAY
AFL AUSKICK (Kindy – Yr 3 boys or girls)

When: SAT 7th March
Where: Frank Butler Centre, Bulgarra
Time: 9.00am – 10.00am
Registration forms available on the day or on-line @ aflauskick.com.au
(Please print off and bring with you.)
All registrations must be accompanied by full payment.
This year’s fee is $70- per child (Includes Auskick pack)

Further information contact
Steve 0439 736 729 or Louise 0439 736 769

Karratha Little Athletics 2015 Registrations

Karratha Little Athletics is a registered KidSport participant.
To see if your child is eligible for KidSport sponsorship please visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/KidSport or ask at registration.

For further information please contact registrar@karrathalittleathletics.org or visit http://www.facebook.com/groups/karrathalittleathletics/