Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Council Update
I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new parent representatives on our School Council; Mrs Nicole Turner, Dr Dersiree Taverner and Mr Gareth Michael. We are planning our first meeting in week nine this term. Thank you to the outgoing committee members for your efforts over the past two years. The School Council evaluates the school performance data, ratifies the school budget and reviews the school priorities and general policy direction. Key points we will be discussing at our first meeting include the endorsement of our new school logo, the 2015 school budget and the possibility of joining the likes of Pegg Creek PS, Karratha PS, Baynton West PS and Karratha SHS and becoming an Independent Public School.

Thank You P & C
We have been very blessed with an outstanding P and C who last year donated over $15,000 to our school. I would like to thank our current P and C members for the incredible work you have carried out this term to improve our canteen, run our uniform shop and fundraise for our school. On behalf of our staff and students, we extend a sincere thank you. To our president Rebecca Scolari and your team, you do an amazing job and at the end of the day, our students benefit.

World Vision Support
On Friday 20th March our student prefects organised a Fancy Dress Day to fundraise for our school sponsored child. I’m pleased to report that their first fundraising event was a success and they raised $325.00 for World Vision. Thank you to Ms Johansson, Mrs O’Donoghue and Mrs Morgan for supporting our school leaders throughout the term.

Easter Egg Raffle
Thank you to families who have donated Easter Eggs for this year’s Easter raffle. As tempting as it was to work only meters away from where they have been stored, all eggs have remained untouched. Thank you to Mrs Melanie Garbin, Mrs Aimy Baxter and Mrs Michelle Day for kindly offering your time to package up the prizes. Tickets will be collected up until Wednesday when the draw will occur.

Staff Development Days
On the Monday 20th April, all school teaching staff across the Karratha region will participate in a combined professional development day. I am very pleased to announce we have three staff members this year who will be delivering this training. Thank you to Ms Breigh Pearson, Mrs Tasha Burnside and Mrs Astrid Morgan for volunteering to present and share your knowledge to up skill teacher staff across our network.

On Tuesday 21st April, Millars Well staff will participate in curriculum training at school.

Term Dates
The last day of term one is Thursday 2nd April. Students return to school on Wednesday, 22nd April.

School Voluntary Contributions
School voluntary contributions for the year are $60 per student from Kindergarten to Year 6. Your support in paying these contributions in a timely manner is appreciated.

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

Our next assembly will be held on **Thursday, 21 May** and will be hosted by Mr Wheal’s TA 14 class. The assembly will commence at **8.25am** in the covered area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

**Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 April** are School Development Days. **STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL.** Staff will be involved in programs that will enhance their professional skills. **Term 2 commences for students on Wednesday, 22 April.**

**CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour: *Jett Bonney, Maddison Bucktrout, Reannah Bradley, Caleb George, Sonia Francis, Annastacia Austin, Josh Chapman, Leo Jones, Jenna Tait, Angus Hancock, Eloise Kratochvill, Leah Turnbull, Lochie Tucker, Latham Smirke, Michael Hodnett, Latifah Bung, Amna Siddiqui, Trey Kittle, Piper Macale, Chelsea Bradley, Ciara Mitchell, Mackenzie Coles, Joe Chapman, Kasidi Pearce, Korey King and Amelia Donnelly. SCIENCE / ICT Award: Amna Siddiqui and Kayd Cooper-Gibson. Well done!*

**ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

When New Year's Day, Anzac Day, or Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday the next following Monday is also a public holiday. **Accordingly, Monday, 27 April is a public holiday in Western Australia.**

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT MWPS**

ANZAC Day, originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, has grown to become perhaps the most important national day in Australia. In addition to recognising the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served in war or on peacekeeping operations, ANZAC Day has become core to the identity of Australia itself, a day on which Australians reflect on the ANZAC spirit and its place in Australia today.

This Anzac Day marks an important milestone: the centenary of the Gallipoli ANZAC landing on the 25th April, 1915. On this day, we honour and reflect on the impact of war, conflict and peacekeeping operations in Australia’s history.

**At Millars Well Primary we will hold our Anzac Day Service on Friday, 24 April at 1.45pm** at the grassed area in front of Pre-Primary. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

**P&C UPDATE**

**Canteen**

We have had a busy end of term! We would like to thank everyone who completed the online survey for the canteen. Parent and caregiver feedback is very important to us and we are in the process of making some changes for next term.

In order to be able to provide more homemade, healthier options we have decided that we need to buy two new ovens for the canteen which at the moment the canteen is without. We are very excited to be able to let everyone know that Apex will be very generously donating $1500.00 to the P&C to go towards this. This means that we are able to start the changes in the canteen much sooner than we thought. We are also in the process of organising a sushi day on one of the days that the canteen is not open. This will be discussed and voted on at the next P&C meeting early next term. These canteen changes are very important to us on the P&C. It will take time to implement and will not be able to happen without volunteer help. Please keep this in mind and if you are able to volunteer for an hour or so in the canteen next term, it will be much appreciated. We will let everyone know when we need volunteers on the Facebook page so please keep an eye out.

**Thank You**

We also want to send a big thank you to *Astrid Morgan* who applied for a shire grant for the P&C to receive ten new computers for our school. This is a huge effort and we very much appreciate the time and effort it takes to apply for these grants. The students will enjoy using these new computers.

Another donation of a fridge/freezer for our kindy classroom was kindly donated by *Natasha and Jeff Payne*. Thank you so much, this will be well used for the kindy students this year and in the future.

Thank you to *Tash Regan and Kylie Dearsley-Bayliss* for taking on the uniform shop and keeping it open for us. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning form 8-8.30am. If you are unable to get down at that time, you can fill out a form and with your money hand it into the front office.

**Raffles**

Remember our Easter Egg raffle is on again. If you haven't already please put your child's name on the tickets and along with your $5 return the plastic bag back to the front office along with your donation of an Easter Egg. Each classroom will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize and it will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April. If you do not want to participate, please return the unused tickets back to the front office. *Thank you!*
We also have our first Principal’s Car Park Raffle happening. If you would like to be in the running to be able to park in the first bay in the staff car park for one month then you need to bring your money (50 cents per ticket) to school to buy your ticket. Please bring your money to the front office. This fantastic prize will be drawn on 1st of April as well. You’ve got to be in it to win it!

**Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be Tuesday 28th April at 7pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing the canteen and other issues and would love to see as many people as we can. We will be voting so need at least 12 members to be able to do this. If you haven’t been to a meeting before, come down and bring a friend to see what it is all about. It isn’t so much about putting your hand up to do something but putting input into what we are discussing. We are always looking for new members.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter and enjoy the school holidays. See you all next term!

**MWPS P&C**

**INDIGENOUS MORNING TEA**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first Indigenous Morning Tea! It was great to see so many people there and it was fantastic to share our different cultures. We were able to discuss some of the opportunities we want for our students and also start making plans for NAIDOC in term 2.

Our next Indigenous Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, week 2 of term 2 (May 29) at 9am. All parents and carers are welcome and a bus has been organised for those who need a lift. We hope to see you there!!

**RECYCLING WARRIORS**

Back in 2011, Rio Tinto and Toxfree formed a partnership to develop and trial a pilot recycling programme that provided several primary schools with the opportunity to recycle their rubbish at their own depot on the school grounds.

Thanks to the success of the pilot programme, Rio Tinto and Toxfree signed a three year partnership to continue Recycling Warriors, which now sees all local primary and high schools and early learning centres from Dampier, Karratha, Roebourne and Wickham engaged in recycling. Since its inception, Recycling Warriors has seen almost 33 tonnes of rubbish recycled!!

Millars Well Primary contributed 934 kilograms of rubbish to the combined recycling figure of over 14.5 tonnes collected in 2014!

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The first Book Fair for this year will be held in the Library during Week 5, Term 2 beginning on Monday 18th May, through to Friday 22nd May. Leaflets will be sent home with students in the week prior. There will be a display of books and novelties set up and you are welcome to come in and browse.

Purchases can only be made with me on the Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8am-3pm, by cash, cheque or credit card. Our school receives a very generous percentage of the total sales in new books for the Library, so we really appreciate your support. I look forward to seeing you in the Library during the Book Fair.

**DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE**

Karratha Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for the School Holidays from Wednesday 1st April, 2015 and will reopen Monday 20th April, 2015. In the event of an emergency please call your local Dentist or the Port Hedland General Dental Clinic on 9172 2223. Stay safe and all enjoy a wonderful holiday.

**PREFECT NEWS**

Last Friday the Prefects organised a Dress as your Favourite Colour Day, where students and teachers came to school looking wonderful and bright. It was a huge success and we raised $325 that will go to our World Vision sponsored child in Talensi. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event.

**P&C GRANT SUBMISSION SUCCESS**

Our amazing P&C recently submitted a grant to improve our current ratio of computers to students and were successful. A huge thank you to the City of Karratha for approving the grant and for the ten flash, new school computers! This was an initiative of the City of Karratha’s grant scheme Computers for Communities.
PP1 have been very busy learning lots of new letters and sounds this term. Each day we practise a new sound and have lots of fun exploring things that start with that letter. Some of the activities have been counting caterpillars, making King crowns, whisking, finger-painting and pretending to be Scientists discovering new letters deep below the ice. We are always looking for parent helpers in our class to share these experiences with.