Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staffing Changes
Sadly, Mrs O'Donoghue and Mrs Gibson will be leaving us this term. Mrs O'Donoghue has recently commenced maternity leave and Mrs Gibson has been offered a teaching position at Mullewa DHS close to her family. At this stage I can inform parents that we have appointed Miss Kate Learmonth to Year 5 and are working to replace Mrs Gibson. I would like to thank Mrs O'Donoghue and Mrs Gibson for their tireless efforts this semester. They have both been very valued members of our school teaching team and will be missed.

Reporting to Parents
School reports have been completed and are currently being printed. As per the instructions of SCSA (the School Curriculum and Standards Authority), we are using the following letter grades and achievement descriptors for Years Pre-primary - Yr 6.

- **A** Excellent achievement of what is expected of this year level.
- **B** High achievement of what is expected of this year level.
- **C** Satisfactory achievement of what is expected of this year level.
- **D** Limited achievement of what is expected of this year level.
- **E** Very low achievement of what is expected of this year level.

We anticipate that the majority of our students are performing at the expected or satisfactory (C grade) level. I would also like to add that as these are mid-year reports, teachers will be making professional judgements taking into account what has been taught and assessed at this point in time.

School Uniform Survey
We have had 46 responses to our School Uniform Survey. Here are some of the findings from the respondents:

- 37% didn’t mind the uniform, 26% didn’t like our uniform and 33% liked some aspects of our uniform;
- Overwhelmingly, most people didn’t like the yellow polo shirts (78%);
- People valued comfort and ‘looking smart’ as key features of a school uniform;
- 75% felt the school uniform was good value for money or felt indifferently.
- 72% would like our school uniform to include a school uniform or jacket.

Our School Council will review these findings to consider future uniform options and will keep you posted after the next meeting early Term 3.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
The Federal Government is working with all State and Territory Governments to gather data on students requiring medical, learning, physical or sensory assistance at school. From 2015, this data collection will occur across all school years and will assist Governments and the Department of Education to make better policies and resource schools consistently across Australia.

It is a requirement for us, as a school to contribute to this collection in Term 3. I would like to confirm that no individual students will be identified at the national level of reporting data and parents may choose to opt out.

More information will be distributed to families with children requiring assistance next term.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary Enrolments 2016
A further reminder ‘Applications for Enrolment’ are now open for all students entering Kindergarten and Pre-primary in 2016. Even if your child is currently enrolled in Kindergarten at Millars Well PS, an ‘Application of Enrolment’ is still required. Parents and carers are encouraged to submit their applications before the end of term.

Kind regards
Erin van der Sluys
Principal
Our next assembly will be held on **Wednesday, 1 July** and will be a NAIDOC assembly. The assembly will commence at **8.25am** in the covered area. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

**CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

Congratulations to the following children in being recognised at our last assembly for their hard work and endeavour: Aidan de Smid, Eli Plummer, Indi Wellington, Glen Mitchell, Malakai Parker, Quinton Scolari, Hamish Hancock, Elijah Kingi, Jessica Day, Emily Regan, Michael Binas, Travis Murray, Jess Grant, Mikaylee Swiatek, Jazmin Adams, Austin Van Roon, Scarlett Wellington, Kui-Tai Chan, Hari Mainikandan, Veda Motlop, Jaslyn Boona, Joshua Swiatek, Charlie Hancock, Portia Scolari, Coen Bryce, All-mae Swanson, Aussie Maluka, Lacey Oliver, Cory Hospital, Holly Gill, Mitchell Botes, Brayden Smith, Tarsh Shinde and Dakoda Moore. ART Award – Cayden Kelly and Steve Moloney. SCIENCE / ICT Award: Grace Byrne, Ellah Chudziak, and Mitchell Botes. PHYSICAL EDUCATION Award - Abbey Bayliss and Luke Porteous. CANTEEN Award – Taylor Kelly and Jacob Simpson. Well done!

**KINDY & PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2016**

Government schools are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Pre Primary students for the 2016 school year. Parents are advised to contact local schools to make an application and to receive further details about enrolment procedures. Birth certificates, immunisation records and proof of address must be presented on application. Detailed information regarding the enrolment process is available on the application form and at the education department website [http://www.det.wa.edu.au](http://www.det.wa.edu.au). The deadline for applications is **Friday, 24 July 2015**. An application for a Kindergarten or Pre Primary place can be made at **ONE SCHOOL ONLY**. All current Kindy students MUST reapply for Pre Primary enrolment next year.

**P&C UPDATE**

Term 2 is quickly coming to a close and we would like to thank everyone who has come along to meetings, volunteered their time in the uniform shop, the canteen and on Sushi Tuesdays. Without your help we would not be able to provide these services at our school.

**Millars Mess**

The canteen has had a busy term and it has been great to see people volunteering their time. If you are able to help next term please put your name down on the roster that can be found on our Facebook page [Millars Well Primary School Parents and Citizens Association](https://www.facebook.com/MillarsWellPrimarySchoolParentsAndCitizensAssociation). The roster is the post at the top of the page. The canteen needs volunteers to help out on a Tuesday (for sushi), Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (in the canteen).

**Uniform Shop**

The school sports carnival will be on next term and if you would like your child/children to have a new sports shirt please fill out the form found in the front office. The shirts will need to be ordered early term three.

**Fundraising**

We hope everyone has enjoyed looking at the Character Creations Kids Costume Club fundraiser that went out a few weeks ago. Please return your orders to the front office ASAP. We would like as many orders as we can before the end of the term. Many thanks with supporting this fundraising effort by the P&C.

Remember that the school has an ongoing fundraising offer with Bakers Delight. Anytime you make a purchase at the bakery, simply mention our school and they will enter a code and a percentage of the purchases will go to our school. This is an easy way to support and raise funds for Millars Well Primary School.

**Next Meeting**

From term three the P&C will be meeting every Tuesday in week 2 and 8 of the term. This makes our next meeting on Tuesday the 28th of July. We would love to see members come along. There will be lots on the agenda with motions to pass and we need at least twelve members to vote. Hope to see you there! The P&C wish everyone a happy and safe school holidays.

**MWPS P&C**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thanks everyone who came along to support the Book Fair in Week 6. Sales amounted to almost $2000 which was fantastic for the size of our school now. This meant I was able to choose $660 worth of lovely new books for our Library. The next Book Fair is booked in for November.

I hope you have all heard about the $2 Mega Book Sale that began last week. It will continue this week (Week 11) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime and after school in the Library. Most books are brand new, just excess copies from Book Club and Book Fairs that I don't need. The students can pick up some great holiday reading!

Robyn Rayson, Library Officer
FUN RUN
On Friday the 5th of June we held our annual Fun Run event. It was great to see parents attending and running with their child many laps of the oval. We had our own DJ Mrs van der Sluys pumping out the beats to get all our hearts going. Everyone had a blast. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated. We raised $6700 of which the school receives $3778 which will go towards technology.

WINTER SPORTS
Friday the 12th June, students from Yr 4-7 represented Millars Well PS doing a variety of sports. They competed against other schools from Karratha and Wickham and proudly represented Millars Well. It was great to see all the parent support on the day. A huge thanks to all teachers who attended and coached a sport.

Pictured right is the basketball squad at Winter Carnival. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were outstanding on the day. The highlight was the final game against KPS who was defeated convincingly.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
On Wednesday 24th June, 18 students represented Millars Well PS at Dampier for Cross Country. I was extremely proud of all the students who participated as they tried their hardest. Millars Well came 8th overall with 117 points. Well done.

Results:
JNR GIRLS
Ellah Chudziak 10th, Scarlett Wellington 19th and Jazmin Adams 24th.
JNR BOYS
Blake McKay 5th, Kayd Gibson –Cooper 14th and Brodie Lewis 22nd.
INTERS GIRLS
Alyssa Kjellgren 11th, Tahni Johnston 20th and Lacy Oliver 21st.
INTERS BOYS
Sheridan Kittle 10th, Josh Swiatek 12th and Michael Hodnett 23rd.
SNR GIRLS
Trisha Shinde 15th, Dakota Moore 18th and Jayda Viti 20th.
SNR BOYS
Finnlay Simpson 14th, Jacob Adams 20th and Lochlan Moody 23rd.

YEAR 4 Society & Environment
Thank you to Michael Boona and Alum Cheedy who came to visit during the Year Four SOSE lesson to talk about traditional Aboriginal culture. The kids had a great time showing off their knowledge and learning more about totems, language, cultural practices and even a song in local language.

DENTAL THERAPY
The Karratha School Dental Therapy Centre is CLOSED from Monday 6th July and reopens on Monday 20th July. In case of an emergency, please contact your Private Dental Practitioner.
MOTHERS’ DAY PAMPERING
IN PRE-PRIMARY....

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