Welcome back, we hope you had a chance to catch up with family and friends and perhaps even getaway.

Our students are recharged and energised for a busy term and I’m hoping staff will be able to keep their own energies levels up also.

Semester One reports were sent home at the end of last semester. If you wish to follow up on any information in the report, please arrange to meet with the class teacher.

Mrs Robyn Rayson, our Library Officer is taking Long Service Leave each Friday and Mrs Rowena Eversden will replace her in the Library.

Ms Breigh Pearson, our Deputy Principal is on 4 weeks leave and will return on Monday 22nd August. Mr Steven Maxwell is replacing her during this time.

Ms Callie Garstone returns from leave on Tuesday 2nd August and will then share her PP1 class with Ms Baxter.

Mrs Donna Stott will be commencing leave for the remainder of the year with Mrs Fiona Byrne teaching fulltime in TA 11.

There are currently vacancies listed on the Jobs WA website for Education Assistants for our school. I encourage you to apply for this pool if you are keen to work within our school as an EA. We have recently employed two EA’s, Lisa Moore and Kellie Maccan to work and support teacher programs in PP – Year 1 in phonics and letters and sounds.

We are still concerned about children who attend less than 90%. We know that there is a strong correlation between a student’s level of achievement and their attendance. For many children, the more they attend the greater chance to achieve and progress.

Some children have a very real and genuine reason for absences and when these factors are considered they have good attendance.

Letters have been sent home to families whose child/ren are currently in the Indicated at Risk group. This is to improve awareness and highlight that they may have the capacity to move into regular attendance group with only one or two days more attendance.

Every child does matter and every single day does make a difference.
I tried to do my homework

I tried to do my homework
But a show was on TV.
A song was on the radio.
A friend was texting me.
My email chimed, and so, of course,
I had to look at that.
It linked me to a video
of someone’s silly cat.
I watched a dozen videos,
and then I played a game.
I almost didn’t hear her
when my mother called my name.
I looked up at the clock
and it was time to go to bed.
I didn’t get my homework done;
just other stuff instead.
I hope my teacher listens
to the cause of may inaction.
It’s really not my fault the world is just one big
distraction.

Kenn Nesbitt
**Interschool Cross Country**

Millars Well Primary School displayed some terrific long distance running during the annual Interschool Cross Country event held in Dampier at the end of Term Two. Many of our representatives regularly attended training sessions outside of school hours and I am proud to report that each student strived to do their personal best, as well as demonstrating great sportsmanship. A big congratulations to Samson O’Brien for placing second in the ‘Junior Boys’ race and receiving the medal for ‘Runner up Junior Champion Boy’. Many thanks to the students for their wonderful participation and also the parents who supported their children for this event!

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**Winter Carnival**

On Friday the 17th of June, Millars Well Primary School took six teams comprising of a Basketball, Netball, Minkey, Soccer, Badminton and League Tag team to the Karratha Leisureplex to represent our school in the annual Interschool Winter Carnival hosted by Karratha Primary and St Paul’s Primary school. With teams playing inside and outside the venue, a huge effort was made by the students, parents and teachers involved on the day. I was pleased to hear a number of reports from teachers and spectators from others schools about the great behaviour and excellent sportsmanship from our students. There was a great effort made by all of our teams and none more so than our school Soccer team who won the Interschool Carnival Shield for their Sport- well done!

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**Winter Carnival cont.**

Thank you to parents who supported and cheered our students on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Palmer who trained our Netball girls every Friday afternoon, Mrs Kjellgren and Ms Assan who assisted with our Basketball team alongside our very own Finlay Simpson who coached the team, Mr Simpson for being a Badminton coach and referee extraordinaire, and to Mr Neeson, who from all accounts, was a terrific referee and assisted greatly in the coaching of our Soccer team.

Yet another carnival we can feel extremely proud about our students!

**Letitia Fazzolari**

*Physical Education Specialist*
On Thursday, 23 June, Millars Well Primary School celebrated NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee). The day was focused on emerging students and community in activities and experiences acknowledging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We started the celebration with an assembly including an amazing presentation of speeches from a selection of Millars Well P.S. Indigenous students who shared their family stories. There was also a special performance by Serai Cedar. Following this was a variety of art and craft activities, traditional cooking, storytelling, face painting and language activities to involve everyone in a range of opportunities to deepen understandings of Indigenous culture. The NAIDOC celebrations were organised in conjunction with Millars Well’s Indigenous Parents Committee and community members to achieve goals of embedding knowledge of Indigenous people and culture amongst students, staff and parents. The response from all involved was inspiring and overall considered a positive display of respect and pride. Events like these don’t happen without vital community support and collaboration. We would like to thank the Murujuga Rangers, REFAP, Roebourne Girls Academy, Clontarf Football Academy, Josie Alec and Ngarluma Choir and City of Karratha for their contributions towards such a successful celebration of culture.
NAIDOC DAY cont.
To all parents and caregivers of Year 6 students who will be attending Karratha Senior High School in 2017

Please complete your enrolment forms and return to KSHS ASAP to assist in planning for next year. Enrolment packs can be sourced and returned via your school office or the high school.

Feedback questions.

1. Do you or your child have concerns about behaviour at school? Please provide examples for inside and outside of the classroom.

2. Can you tell us the things we do well when we address the behaviour issues at Millars Well Primary School?

Tear off and return slip to the front office or email millarswell.ps@education.wa.edu.au with responses.