**Have your contact details changed?**

We are currently updating our records and would appreciate you notifying us of any changes to your details. Please complete and return this form to Jen and Candy in the front office or call on 9144 2020.

**Parent/Guardian 1 Details**

Name: 

Mobile Number: 

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**Parent/Guardian 2 Details**

Name: 

Mobile Number: 

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**Principals Address**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Transition to NAPLAN Online**

Since last year, we have been one of 77 schools across the State involved in the Transition to NAPLAN Online trial. This has given us the opportunity to be well prepared for 2019 when all States have agreed to implement NAPLAN online. We have already enjoyed the benefits of support through this project in the shape of devices and wifi upgrades and the opportunity to familiarise students in trial testing in an online environment. The intention of the trial is to identify and eliminate the issues at both a logistic and educative level – basically to try and break it, before it becomes a reality, and to inform the system and other schools of the best way to prepare for NAPLAN online. Over the coming weeks, we workshop the journey so far and the next steps, with other trial schools and Department of Education personnel, as well as trial the actual platform itself with The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA). We will be instrumental in contributing to a smooth transition from paper tests to online submission.

**Leading Learning for All**

We are a proud public school and embrace inclusive education. We have agreed to trial the Leading Learning for All resource which is designed to support mainstream schools catering for the broad range of students with special needs. Our feedback will inform the finaliteration of the resource before it is released to schools across the nation and across all sectors of education.

**Healthy Body - Healthy Mind**

Our thanks to our P&C and the broader school community for supporting our school through the Fun Run yesterday. All funds raised go to the P&C who in turn directly support the school to improve student achievements in all aspects of their lifelong learning journey. I am looking forward to getting our Nature Playground project off the plans and into reality.

**Annual Report**

The 2015 Annual Report is available from Schools Online. This is an excerpt from the report giving you a look at the year that was:

**Challenges embraced**

As a school, we embraced a number of challenges. The fluctuating fortunes of the mining industry, together with other factors, resulted in significant staff changes during the year. Six teachers and three support staff left during the year.

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**Left: It was a perfect morning for the P&C Fun Run on Tuesday**
Deputy's Address

Through good management of staffing processes, flexibilities afforded by the Student Centred Funding Model, professionalism and diligence of staff, patience and understanding by the school community the effect on students of such changes were kept to a minimum. The transient nature of our students continued. While there was little difference in student numbers across the year, there were 65 different students counted in the second census compared to the first. The flexibilities of the One Line Budget were embraced. With schools generally conservatively staffed at the end of 2014, the significant salary variance available at the beginning of 2015 was able to be accessed in the early part of the year to provide sustainable programs that targeted the needs of students. A reasonable portion was planned for and carried forward to 2016 in order to maintain these programs and strategies.

Kindy Overflow enrolments

With the financial support of the Department of Education Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning, we opened a Kindergarten overflow centre for the greater Karratha area this week. Students from outside our intake boundary are also welcome to apply to enrol for this year with the understanding that they must apply to enrol in their local primary school for pre-primary.

Staffing update

I would like to thank Mrs Kerri Renton for her service to our school this year as our library officer. The recent Book Fair was a great success. We welcome Helen Spencer to the team while a recruitment process is undertaken.

Independent Public School

Our School Council Chair, Mrs Evette Smeathers and I attended the first IPS development session recently. We have a school based task to undertake before the next session that focuses on our schools’ governance, effectiveness of our School Council and implementation of improvement strategies. The selection process then entails our presentation to a panel providing a narrative of our journey to describe key strengths and weaknesses, processes, strategies and improvement towards improvement. The selection criteria remain the same: capacity to assume greater responsibilities for our own affairs, level of local support and potential benefits to students and the broader community.

Troy Withers
Principal

It has been thrilling to see so many students engaged in learning a text with actions during recent weeks. This activity forms a central part of our new Talk for Writing Program which evidence shows improves the standard of children’s writing. Talk for Writing is powerful because it enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version. You can read more about the program at http://www.talk4writing.co.uk/about/

We know that many of our students enjoy playing with Pokemon cards and that they can be an expensive toy. Recently some students have been upset by cards being lost or they have regretted trading cards. With this in mind, we would only like to see Pokemon cards in school on Thursdays at the Pokemon Club. Mrs Willoughby hosts a Pokemon club on Thursday lunchtimes in room 16. With the assistance of student leaders, members of the club maintain rules for Pokemon activities.

If you have any questions about these items or anything else please do contact us.

Helen Spencer
Deputy Principal

Cross Country
Friday 3 June

Approximate start times:

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The Cross Country will be held on Tambrey Oval, parents are more than welcome to come and cheer the students along.

Please ensure all children have runners on, wear sunscreen and have a hat and drink bottle.

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly held on Wednesday, 25 April:

ECC1 Thomas Richards, Taharley-Rose Carlton
ECC2 Jye Marshall, Zanyka Mills
ECC4 Katie Beadle, Finlay Kerr
Room 1 Isham Yasser, Hayden Smith
Room 3 Lachlan Morgan, Matilda Rossiter
Room 4 Akeim Hicks, Dwayne Johnson
Room 6 Elijah Ellison, Ned Corfield
Room 7 Jack Southwood, Lateifa Wilson
Room 8 Mina De Bot, Callum Marshall
Room 9 Chimera Winton, Rhys Smith
Room 10 Koby Stafford, Brynn Rundell
Room 12 Quadarea Hicks, Ashlee Jones
Room 15 Jack May, Destiny Whitehurst
Room 16 Collin Liah, Riley Churchman
Room 18 Ella Main, Lachlan Pickles

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit certificate at the assembly held on Wednesday, 25 April:

Karratha and Dampier children will be accommodated at the following locations:

- Damper Primary School... 9183 1174
- Karratha Primary School... 9185 1026
- Millars Well Primary School... 9185 2400
- Peps Creek Primary School... 9144 4141
- Tambrey Primary School... 9144 2020
- Baynton West Primary School... 9185 3001

Parents are advised to contact one of the above locations to make an application and to receive further details about the application and enrolment procedures. Child’s birth certificate and immunisation records must be presented on application.

An application for a Kindergarten place may be made at ONE SCHOOL ONLY.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATION

Applications for Kindergarten place are due by 3pm Friday, 22 July 2016 at any of the above locations.

KINDERTGarten Local IN-TAKE SCHOOLS

If there are more applications than places available at any particular school, places will be offered in the following priority order:

1. Children living in the intake area of the local-intake school, who will have a sibling enrolled at the school, and who lives nearest the school.
2. Children living in the intake area of the local-intake school, who will not have a sibling enrolled at the school, and who lives nearest the school.
3. Children not living in the intake area of the local-intake school, who will have a sibling enrolled at the school, and who lives nearest the school.
4. Children not living in the intake area of the local-intake school, who will not have a sibling enrolled at the school, and who lives nearest the school.

Parents are advised to make an application for enrolment as soon as possible. Please note that proof of residence will be required, together with immunisation, birth certificate and visa documentation (if applicable). Cut off date for applications for enrolment is 3pm Friday, 22 July 2016.

Congratulations to our School Captains for 2016. Casandra Somervile and Rahni Kammerer. We are confident they will represent our school with pride and integrity.