As the first half of the school year comes to a close, it is a good time to check-in on the progress that our students are making in various aspects of their learning, as well as how we are progressing as a school with our improvement priorities.

This week, you should have received your child’s individual report for semester one, detailing their relative level of achievement for each of the subjects learned about in semester one, as well as the thoughts of teachers about what your child’s strengths and opportunities for improvement are. Please take the time to read what has been written by the teachers and discuss with your child - this will ensure that you are as informed as possible about what and how your child has been learning so far this year, as well as helps your child understand what they need to work on next.

One of the school’s ‘Big Five’ Improvement Priorities this year [and last...] has been to grow our enrolment and attendance - whilst there is definitely still room for improvement with our attendance rates, we have had some pleasing results with our enrolment levels, which have steadily climbed from 183 [early in term one] up to the current figure of 209!

To ensure that we can maintain low class sizes, as well as continue welcoming new enrolments in all year levels, we’re creating a NEW CLASS from the start of term 3! The class will be a year 1/2 class and their ‘home’ will be in Room 1, which has recently been our Family Centre. We’re very excited to welcome back Mrs. Judy Miller as the teacher for this class.

Much of the aforementioned growth has come from our two Preschool groups - terrific reflection on the esteem with which Ms. Varn, Ms. Sam and Mr. Giovani are held in and beyond our school community! As with the creation of the new early years class, we want to ensure that we can keep on welcoming new Preschoolers in the second half of the year, so we are employing an extra assistant - Ms. Hayley Wagland - to provide more support and ensure that we can maintain good adult : student ratios.

Finally, we bid some sad farewells this week to Mrs. Lesh [going on leave for the remainder of the year], Ms. Maria Woroniuk [working at Larrakeyah PS in term three], as well as Mr. Jonathon [position ending in the middle of the year]. Ms. Murray will take over Mrs. Lesh’s T/1 class for semester two, whilst a new teacher - Ms. Tina Trudgen - will join our team as an Art teacher for the second half of the year.

Last week, I found out that I had won the principal position here at Millner and will be able to continue on for the long-term - I am very happy and excited to be able to stay on at a school that has such committed staff and supportive parents and families.

Warwick Peter-Budge
Principal
Congratulations to Varn Baker and Sam Dreha for receiving a fantastic award from Autism NT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

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A BIRTHDAY DURING THE
HOLIDAYS!!!