

## **WA school leaders applaud Government education initiative**

The Western Australian Primary Principals' Association (WAPPA) commends the Department of Education on the introduction of 'KindiLink', a voluntary kindergarten program for three-year-old Aboriginal children. WAPPA members are pleased that the Department has recognised and responded to the call for greater education support for Aboriginal children at an early age.

Following a recent trip to the Kimberley region, which has over 100 Aboriginal communities of varying population sizes, WAPPA President Stephen Breen said "it is apparent that a community based, grass-roots level program is essential to support Aboriginal families in preparing children for compulsory schooling."

Mr Breen is confident that "if resourced effectively for the longer term, KindiLink will have a positive impact: not only for the children and families involved, but for whole school communities.

"The program will work towards preparing these children for their first years of schooling, ensuring they are given a fair opportunity to achieve positive educational outcomes when they reach primary school," said Mr Breen.

"It is vital that KindiLink is given a strong chance to succeed through effective resourcing and community support over the next three years. I commend the Minister for Education for this initiative," said Mr Breen.

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### **Fact File**

The Western Australian Primary Principals' Association (WAPPA) is a member based, not-for-profit Incorporated Association.

WAPPA has a membership of over 1,100 comprised of primary school principals, deputy principals and aspirant leaders from across Western Australia.

WAPPA's vision is for the *sustainable enhancement of the profession of primary education in WA through member support, leadership development, and advocacy to influence educational outcomes.*

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