

# PAPULU APPARR-KARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



● Papulu Apparr-Kari CEO Karan Hayward, PACE Officer Kenny Williams and University of New South Wales' Dr Stuart Phillpott examine data from the Parent Survey.

## PACE Parent Survey partnership

IN 2014 the Parent and Community Engagement (PACE) team partnered with the University of New South Wales to help identify the reasons why children in Tennant Creek, Ali Curung and Epenarra were not attending school.

The University's Dr Stuart Philpott said the data gathered through the PACE Parent Survey had the potential to provide a very sound basis for individual case management and inter-child agency cooperation in Tennant Creek and the

region.

"This data provides a much more accurate definition of the issues as to why children don't engage with school and also brings into question the stereo-type of Aboriginal people not wanting to send their children to school," said Dr Philpott.

More than 85 per cent of parents in the region participated in the survey. The data is now being analysed by the University and the results will be compiled into a report for parents.

The academic report will be made available publicly through the Papulu Apparr-Kari website.

Dr Philpott said he was very pleased to have had the opportunity to work with the PACE team on this project and that the data survey work undertaken by local PACE officers was a good example of how to conduct first rate field research.

Papulu Apparr-Kari would like to thank all parents in Tennant Creek, Ali Curung and Epenarra who contributed to the survey.