FROM THE PRINCIPAL — MRS ROSSER

Last week was very settled and calm and the children looked just beautiful dressed in their uniforms.

Our Kindies started today, all seems to have gone well, hopefully they will all return tomorrow…..sometimes when they been one day they have had enough !!!!!

Welcome to Mr Tim Cassell and Miss Louise McAneney who will be continuing teaching at MPS this year. Other new faces are ESL teacher Mrs Judy Ostler, SLSO Mrs Debbie Gould and in the office Mrs Belinda Chatman who will be here each Friday. We are very fortunate to have such quality people join our already talented and hardworking MPS team.

Mrs Johanna Campbell funded through the Chaplaincy in Schools Initiative, commenced on Friday as our Student Welfare Officer. Mrs Campbell’s role is to support teachers and children in their relationships with one another by being a friend and listener, enabling positive and confident actions and feelings. Mrs Campbell works across the three primary schools, giving support for 10 hours each week. I am thrilled about Mrs Campbell being in our school and I know that we will reap the benefits.

Mrs Campbell’s role is to support teachers and children in their relationships with one another by being a friend and listener, enabling positive and confident actions and feelings. Mrs Campbell works across the three primary schools, giving support for 10 hours each week. I am thrilled about Mrs Campbell being in our school and I know that we will reap the benefits.

CORRECTION
Captains for 2013
Jessica Hill and Domonic White

Vice Captains
Vivian Tosetti and Jackson Hay

Prefects
Rebecca Hancock    Blake Medlyn
Julia Williams     Ethan Pay
Naomi Field       Nicholas Facchi

Our first P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening commencing at 7.30pm. Come along and be part of this positive and productive group, it is lots of fun!! We are always looking for new members.

The Champion Post will be taking photographs on Thursday of our Prefects, Captains, House Captains, Kindergarten children and new staff.

Mandatory Child Protection training will take place tomorrow afternoon with all staff, casual and permanent.

Just a reminder that if you have a concern regarding your child, you need to contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. The problems can usually be solved quickly by the teacher without disruption as they have all of the information.

I hope that you have a lovely week enjoying the cooler days.

Tomorrow we will have a visit from Kyle Miles and four Sydney Roosters team members representing the NRL. The boys will speak to the children about a program called Tackle Bullying - identifying and combating bullying and building positive self esteem. Learning to deal with bullies is a life skill.

Throughout Terms 1 and 2, Mrs Michelle Tory and Mr Malcolm Bruce from Parkes High will be teaching our Year 6 students one session each week in Science and Music. This sharing of expertise within the Henry Parkes Learning Community will assist students in their preparation and transition to High School. It is also an opportunity for teachers from both MPS and PHS to learn from one another. Science commenced on Friday and Music today. It’s exciting and innovative and I’m sure will achieve positive outcomes.

Our Champions Post will be taking photographs on Thursday of our Prefects, Captains, House Captains, Kindergarten children and new staff.

Mandatory Child Protection training will take place tomorrow afternoon with all staff, casual and permanent.

Just a reminder that if you have a concern regarding your child, you need to contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. The problems can usually be solved quickly by the teacher without disruption as they have all of the information.

I hope that you have a lovely week enjoying the cooler days.
Canteen News

05.02.13 Tuesday D Winter
06.02.13 Wednesday J Field
07.02.13 Thursday C Bowd, K Johnston
08.02.13 Friday S Tildsley, M Ross
11.02.13 Monday N Willis
12.02.13 Tuesday L Skillin

Reminder
Wraps are available on Tuesday and Hot Dogs are available on Thursday

Canteen Helpers
The canteen cannot operate efficiently without the support of our wonderful canteen helpers. If you are able to assist as a helper in the school canteen, please contact the school on 68621999.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

Sunglasses
Sunglasses are available for purchase from the canteen.
Small $6.00
Medium $7.00
Large $8.00

PBL
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude

Term 1 Planner 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 2</th>
<th>04.02.13</th>
<th>05.02.13</th>
<th>06.02.13</th>
<th>07.02.13</th>
<th>08.02.13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>NRL Visit</td>
<td>Medley event for</td>
<td>Assembly</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting</td>
<td>school carnival</td>
<td>2.10pm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 3</th>
<th>11.02.13</th>
<th>12.02.13</th>
<th>13.02.13</th>
<th>14.02.13</th>
<th>15.02.13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Swimming Carnival</td>
<td></td>
<td>Assembly 2.10pm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>12.02.13</td>
<td></td>
<td>14.02.13</td>
<td>15.02.13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 4</th>
<th>18.02.13</th>
<th>19.02.13</th>
<th>20.02.13</th>
<th>21.02.13</th>
<th>22.02.13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Scripture 1.20pm</td>
<td>Lachlan Swimming Carnival Condobolin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Condobolin</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 5</th>
<th>25.02.13</th>
<th>26.02.13</th>
<th>27.02.13</th>
<th>28.02.13</th>
<th>01.03.13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Assembly 2.10pm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>28.02.13</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 6</th>
<th>04.03.13</th>
<th>05.03.13</th>
<th>06.03.13</th>
<th>07.03.13</th>
<th>08.03.13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Assembly 2.10pm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>07.03.13</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There is a Fete Meeting followed by a P&C Meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 5th February at 7.00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

PBL
There have been a few changes to our PBL system for 2013
* PBL is now moving into the classrooms. This means teachers will be focusing on Positive Behaviours within classes and rewarding students who demonstrate these.
* Teachers will continue to hand out tickets to students who display appropriate behaviours in the playground, walkways, assembly etc.
* Tickets may come in three colours - red, blue or white. All are of equal value and are still to be collected by students.
* Personal best points no longer exist due to our PBL reward system moving into classrooms.
* All students are working towards a major rewards day at the end of each term.

We hope all students have a happy and productive year in 2013.
Remember - Show respect
Be responsible
Have a positive attitude.

PBL Team
Library lessons commence this week.
Tuesday:  5/6H, 3/4O, 1B, 1/2N
Wednesday:  2C, KH, K/1P
Thursday:  3/4DM, 5/6E, 5/6F

**Borrowing is:**
Kindergarten - 1 book
Year 1 - 1 book
Year 2 - 1 book
Year 3 - 2 books
Year 4 - 2 books
Year 5 - 2 books
Year 6 - 2 books

If you participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and you can borrow an extra book each week.
Children need a library bag to borrow. Library bags are available from the canteen. Please encourage and remind your child to borrow on their designated day.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Middleton Public School students will have the opportunity to be involved in the **Premier’s Reading Challenge**. This is a special initiative of the NSW Government, to foster a love of literature and encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure. The Premier will send a signed certificate to all students who meet the Challenge.

*The K-2 Challenge* is to experience 30 books from a booklist. The books can be read to the child, read by the child or in a shared reading situation.
*The 3-6 Challenge* is to read 20 books, with at least 15 of these books chosen from the Premier’s reading booklist.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge starts in February and finishes in August. Come on take up the challenge! If your child is interested in taking up the challenge they can let me know in library lessons this week and I will send home the record sheet. If you would like more information please come and see me.

Have a great week!
Helen Standen - Librarian

---

**CAREWEST**
Kindergarten support staff and I will be meeting this week with the MPS Care West Preschool teachers to plan how best we can work together during 2013. The preschool provides a most important service for our community and it’s vital that we work collaboratively.

**Parkes Marist Junior Rugby League**
Registration Day - Saturday 9th February 2013 at the Cambridge Hotel from 12.00 noon to 3.00pm. For more Information call Secretary Kim Ryan on 0400600610

**Parent Helpers**
All parents are welcome any time at Middleton School. Any new parent helpers are required to be screened under the Child Protection Act and complete a form that can be collected from the school office.

Volunteers and other workers must sign in at the front office where they will be issued with a pass to wear while at Middleton School premises. The teachers will ask you to sign in at the office if the Visitor’s Pass is not visible.

---

**Parkes School of Dance Inc**
(formerly Pilott Dance School)

**Enrolment Day**
4 February 2013
4pm til 7pm
17 May St, Parkes
All classes will be offered including ballet (from age 3), pointe, contemporary, tap, jazz, hip hop, boys and adult groups.
Email: parkesschoolofdance@hotmail.com

Find us on Facebook Parkes School of Dance

---

**NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal**
Last Wednesday the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal for 2012 was presented to John Trim.
This medal is awarded to a student who displays commitment, achievement and contribution to school sport.
Unfortunately the medal was misplaced and should have been presented to John at last year’s presentation evening.
Our apologies and congratulations to John.
Mr B Dumesny - Award Co-ordinator
MEDICATION
Parents, please be aware that only prescribed medication can be administered by school staff trained in, and holding a certificate for Administration of Prescribed Medications and Asthma Treatments.

All paperwork must be filled out and be accompanied by a letter from the doctor who prescribed the medication. The letter must state what the medication is, what dose is required and the times the medication is to be administered.

If medicine has not been prescribed by a doctor, staff will not administer it.

A note from mum or dad is not OK. Paracetamol/analgesics and other ‘across the counter’ products including cough syrups, creams and ointments are not prescribed medications.

Parents are most welcome to come to school to give their child non-prescribed medication when it is needed.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES
Students should not be arriving to school early as there is no teacher supervision until 8.50am.

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL
Any child who arrives late to school must be signed in by an accompanying parent/caregiver in the office.

If you are taking your child early please make sure you have signed them out at the front office and obtained a pass out for their teacher.

SMOKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS
A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS THAT SCHOOLS ARE STRICTLY NO SMOKING ZONES. This is in accordance to the “Smoke Free Environment Regulation 2007”. Please refrain from smoking on school grounds as strict penalties may apply.

ABSENCES AND EXEMPTIONS
Parents please do not allow your children to stay home unless they are ill. If your child is going to be away for a number of days please phone the school. A phone call does not need to be followed up by a letter.

If you have are going on holidays or your children are having any planned leave from school, please call into the office and collect an exemption from school application. Your children will be given an exemption rather than be marked absent.

This type of leave is not calculated in a school’s attendance record.

ABSENTEE NOTES
Absentee notes must be sent into school when a child has been absent for any reason. To help make it easier for parents, you may collect a blank absentee note from the school office and complete.

FOOD ALLERGIES
Please avoid sending peanut products to school and forbid your child to share their lunch with anyone.

In recent times more and more children are presenting with food allergies. We currently have a number of children enrolled who suffer form allergies to certain types of foods and for some the allergy can be life threatening. For the safety of those children concerned, we ask parents to avoid sending peanut butter sandwiches to school.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule. Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn at school.

Label Everything!
Your child’s belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child’s belongings with their name. Don’t forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.
Primary Swimming for Sport
Our swimming program for primary sport will commence this Wednesday. Students in Years 3-6 will need their swimmers and towel, sunscreen and money. The cost is $4 or $2 for season ticket holders. All permission notes MUST be returned before students can participate. Please ensure all notes are returned by tomorrow (Tuesday) to allow us time to organise ability groups and parent helpers.
This is a great opportunity for students to practise for the swimming carnival. Entries will be taken on Wednesday afternoon. Please discuss this with your children and return the ‘Suggested Entries’ note to the school by Wednesday.

Parent Helpers For Swimming
Thank you to those parents who have offered to assist with supervision at our weekly swimming lessons. We still need more parents so if anyone else can assist with either the Junior or the Senior groups, please let us know as soon as possible.

The parents we have rostered to assist this week are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 2</th>
<th>Year 5/6 10:15 – 11:15</th>
<th>Year 3/4 12:35-1:35</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 6th Feb</td>
<td>*Kerrie Hamilton</td>
<td>*Stephen Gaut</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>*Helen Vere</td>
<td>*Helen Vere</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>*Suzanne Kent</td>
<td>*Raegan Lowe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>*Bob Trim</td>
<td>*Kelly Westcott</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you
Mrs Fisher

Swimming Carnival
This year our carnival will be held on Tuesday 12th February (Week 3) from 9.00am to approx 3.00pm. The 200m Medley will be held on Wednesday 6th Feb at 10.00am ...before our swimming for sport. Notes have been sent home today with the newsletter.

INFANTS SPORT
Infants sport will be held each Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am.
We would appreciate it if there are any parents who could help.
If we do not have parent helpers we will not be able to have Infants sport.
Sport Co-ordinator
Debbie Buerckner