FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All classes are operating smoothly and the children have been positive and working very hard. It is certainly a good start for the beginning of the year. Great work!!

Tomorrow our Swimming Carnival will be held. I look forward to seeing lots of families in attendance to support the children. Thank you to those parents who have made themselves available to assist. It will be a hot day so be sure to come along well prepared.

On Friday Police officers Wally Biles and James Dolbell will be addressing the Year 5 and 6 students about Cyber Bullying. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable and taken very seriously by schools and police, so it’s appropriate that the children are regularly reminded about their responsibilities.

Mrs Kathryn Postle is our School Counsellor and will be at Middleton Public School each Monday and Friday, the same days as our Student Welfare Officer Mrs Johanna Campbell. Both ladies will be supporting children, teachers and parents and will be working closely with the school’s Learning Support Team, their support and advice will be invaluable.

K-2 Teachers will be meeting today with a team from the health department to learn about the Got It! program. Got It! will be implemented during Term 2 and will assist students and parents in the development of self-esteem, responsibility and resilience. Surveys will be sent home in the next few weeks to all parents of K-2. Further information will follow as required.

Enjoy the week ahead!!

Mrs Sherree Rosser
Students Of The Week

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Support Staff

Miss Kathryn Postle – School Counsellor

Our school counsellor Kathryn Postle will visit our school every Monday and Friday throughout 2013. School counsellors are able to administer academic, behavioural, social and emotional assessments. They also provide counselling for concerns that are impacting on children at school. Referral forms are available at the front office or through your child’s class teacher. Once these forms are returned Kathryn will contact you and your child’s class teacher to further discuss the referral. Class teachers are also able to complete referral forms for issues of concern. In this case a referral form may be sent home with your child. If you require help completing the form or have any questions you can contact the front office and arrange an appointment with Kathryn.

Mrs Johanna Campbell – Student Welfare Officer

Mrs Campbell is our Student Welfare Officer and will be working every Monday and Friday. Once Johanna is familiar with the students she will commence supporting those referred either individually or in small groups. Enhancing self-esteem, social skills and resilience will be a focus with the children. If your child is referred to Johanna you will be asked to complete a referral form. Johanna will be conducting lunchtime craft and construction activity groups throughout the year. Johanna is also able to support parents and caregivers and can be contacted on 6862199 for an appointment.

Awards

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**Scooters and Skateboards**

Skateboards are not to be bought to school for any reason
- Students may ride scooters but must wear a helmet and store their scooter in their classroom.

**Children’s Crossing**

Please ensure that you either come to the school grounds to collect your child in the afternoons or park in Park Street and have your child walk up the pathway to your vehicle.

Children have been running across Medlyn Street to vehicles and not using the crossing which is extremely dangerous.

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**Canteen News**

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**Boy’s Blue School Shirts**

School shirts are available from the canteen for $15.00 each.

*Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager*

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**Library News**

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Due to the swimming carnival there will be no library lessons on Tuesday. Children will be able to borrow on Wednesday or Thursday.

**Bottle Tops**

Please keep sending bottle tops in and if you have any bright coloured spray bottles.

*Mrs Standen*

**Waste to art**

Needed for our waste to art creation for 2013:
- Bright plastic bottles—cleaned out with labels removed.
- Bright plastic bottle tops.
- Any big bright plastic shape that would make a face.

We need lots of stuff and we need it soon so start collecting.

Send all of your great bright plastic rubbish to the library or school office. All students who contribute to the rubbish pile will be invited to be part of our masterpiece.

*Happy Collecting !!!*

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**Sport**

There will be no primary sport on Wednesday due to the swimming carnival being held on Tuesday. All primary students were given a note today regarding final details for the carnival tomorrow.

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**PBL Student on Target**

*Nicole Hessel:*

Nicole was seen in the playground last week, behaving in a responsible manner, as she looked after her new kindergarten buddy. She was being kind and considerate, making sure her buddy was comfortable and happy.

Well done Nicole!

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**PBL**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude
### Term 1 Planner 2013

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**Bus Passes**

Any student entering Year 3 and traveling on a bus, will need to complete a new bus form. These forms are available from the school office.

**Sunglasses**

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

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**Parkes Under 13’s Boys Hockey Tryouts**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 12th February
6.00pm at Stephen Davies Hockey Fields
Contact: Mark Wright 0428 521663

**Rascals Under 16 years Disco Fundraiser for Brent Morgan to travel to China for soccer**

Thursday 14th March 2013
6.00pm til 8.00pm at Rascals
$5.00 entry

**MINI FETE**

Call Bill & Beth on 66625112

For a FREE assessment

**Maths & English**

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GOT IT! is a joint program run by the Western NSW Local Health District, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and the Department of Education and Communities and will be running in our school 2013.

GOT IT! is an early intervention program for children with emerging behaviour problems.

The program helps children enhance their self esteem and develop better skills in:
- Making friends
- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Getting on with others

GOT IT! is also designed to assist parents with:
- Developing a consistent parenting approach
- Managing difficult behaviours
- Learning a range of different management strategies

We will be introducing parts of the program for all children in Kindergarten to Year 2. By doing this, we hope to help children who have problems in these areas to improve their skills and prevent these issues from getting worse later in their schooling and family life.

The program involves working with the classroom teachers to introduce a social and emotional well-being program for infant’s students and running small groups for children and their parents during Term 2.

Attendance in the small groups is free of charge but places are limited. Parents of children in Kindergarten to Year 2 will receive a letter and questionnaires package shortly explaining the program in more detail.

By simply returning this package to classroom teachers, your child will have the opportunity to win an iPod Shuffle!

If you have any questions regarding GOT IT!, please contact the school.

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**PHYSICAL CULTURE (PHYSIE) STARTING AGAIN SOON!**

Physical culture is a great sport for your daughter to participate in, PHYSIE builds confidence and poise but that’s not all…

PHYSIE also develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and balance through a regular program of exercise and dance. It is also very social and your daughter will make great friends.

If your daughter is in preschool or older she can start physie.

Registration days are: February 5th at the Hospital Community Centre from 4.00pm - 4.30pm for 3 - 5 year olds and from 4.30pm - 6.30pm for other age groups; it is also possible to register on any future Tuesday afternoon.

All enquiries to Di on 68624137 (late registrations welcome)
This year Middleton Public School is having a Minifete on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. We’re raising funds for a class set of ipads to inspire and extend our kids’ learning opportunities.

The fete is just for kids, with parent helpers and teachers manning the stalls. The fete will run from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

There will be an amazing list of activities for the kids to do.

**There will be no money on the day, but kids prepay for $1 tokens (a maximum of $30) which will be distributed on the day. Send in your child’s money in an envelope labelled with the amount of money, your child’s name and minifete.**

**We need your help:**

- Cooking cakes, slices, biscuits for the kids to buy for some afternoon tea
- **tombola items** - there’s a prize for the class with the most tombola. Put anything kids would love into a snap lock bag – think hair accessories, pens and pencils, individually wrapped lollies and chocolates...let your imagination run wild – and hand into your class room teacher.
- **White elephant stall items** – kids toys, books and CDs

There will be a special lunch on Minifete day, with a hot dog and a lolly for $2.50. An order form will be in next week’s newsletter.

Helen Vere - P&C President