FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was certainly a pleasant change having some rain and cooler weather over the weekend.

Our Lachlan Swim team under the supervision of Mr Harris had a great day in Condobolin on Friday. Children who will be representing Middleton Public School at the Western Carnival on Friday 8th March are Julia Williams, Chloe Gould, Kacey Nightingale, Meghan Barber, Jackson Hay, Brendan Trim, Blake Medlyn, Raiden Choyce, Savannah Draper, Lily Crocker, Natalie Kent, Abigail Simpson and Royce Simpson. As we would expect our children were beautifully behaved at Condobolin, they tried their best and encouraged each other. Mr Harris really enjoyed himself.

Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place over the next two weeks. It is most important that you come along to these meetings so as you can discuss your child’s needs with the class teacher. When you show to your children that you are interested in their schooling, there is a direct positive impact on their learning and attitude.

We were successful in our application last year with Priority School Funding. That means that we have been granted one and a half days additional support teacher time and funds to engage support staff in assisting individual students and small groups. So thank you all very much for completing the PSP surveys at the end of 2011…the effort was certainly worthwhile. Great work everyone!!

Our first AECG meeting for the year was held at Middleton Public School last Thursday. Our Junior AECG Presidents are Katelyn Spence and

Read all about it.
- A Taste of Numeracy parent workshop
- Literacy and Numeracy Ideas
Kyle Lenehan and Jason Jordan Adams and Maddison Hastie are Vice Presidents. Our students have many interesting ideas for this year one of which is to create a mural behind the Aboriginal Peace Garden. Presentations of badges will be made at an assembly over the next few weeks.

AECG executives Kyle Lenehan, Maddison Hastie and Kaitlyn Spence. Absent was Jason Jordan-Adams

Remember to visit your child’s teacher!!
Mrs Sherree Rosser

Fun Run
Congratulations to our school captains Jessica Hill and Domonic White who competed in the Orange 10km fun run. Both achieved in the top ten for their age group. What great role models!! Congratulations to Ms Davies who also competed.

Kindergarten and Year 1
Choir will be starting for Kindergarten and Year 1 on Tuesday morning before school at 8.50am - 9.10am in the K/1P classroom.
Mrs O’Donnell

ear 2, 3 and 4 Vegetable Garden Project
There is a new Middleton garden project underway! The garden will be located at the rear of the Stage 2 classes at the eastern side of the school. To begin this garden we need would be grateful for the following donations:
Compost - homemade, even just a handful
Watering Cans - the one you have in the back of the shed not being used
Worm Farm / Compost Bin - again the one you never ended up using
Manure - aged sheep, cow, horse
Liquid Fertiliser
Potting Mix
Mulch - Straw, Lucerne, cane sugar
Seeds and Seedlings
Garden tools - small ones only
Garden Gloves - for little hands
Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance and donations.
Mrs Orr

Lunchtime Computer
On Wednesday during the lunch break the school computer room will be open to students from Kindergarten to Year 6. This will allow all students to have access to the internet to complete homework assignments. Please encourage your child to come and complete their homework if there is no internet access at home. All students are welcome to attend with priority given to those students completing class homework.
Mrs Orr

GIRLS SOCKS
Following discussion at the last P&C Meeting it was decided that girls could wear long or short white socks to school. However when representing the school they must wear short ankle socks.

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.
Students Of The Week

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:

Shelby Summers (KH), Holly Duncan (K/1P), Jayda Willis (1B), Ryan Harrison (1/2N), Iesa Smith (2C), Lara Piercy (3/4DM), Lily Crocker (3/4O), Rebekka Choyce (5/6E), Melaney Smede (5/6F), Rebecca Hancock (5/6H), Joshua Richings (Mrs Butler), Jai Ryan (Mr Dumesny), Nathan Hessel (Mrs Mackenzie), Jade Egan (Mrs O’Donnell), Savannah Draper (PBL Award) and Sharni Holmes (Mrs Standen).

Well done!!

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Merit Certificates last week for Obeying School Rules:-


Well done!!

Primary Sport: Royce Simpson
Infants Sport: Breeanna Lowe
Assembly Item: No Item

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“Wear something Red Day” - TOMORROW
Tuesday 2th February
Flood and Fire Relief Fundraiser

Term 1 Fundraiser
Wear something red with your school uniform such as a ribbon, shirt, socks shoes (no thongs or sandal’s) etc.
When: tomorrow Tuesday 26th February
Donate a gold coin.

We are all aware of the serious damage and distress the floods and fires have caused in Australia these past few months. I know we are all appreciative that Parkes has not had to face these kinds of natural disasters.

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PBL Student on Target

Savannah Draper:
Savannah approaches all tasks with great enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She is a terrific helper in the Library and has been a fantastic Kindergarten buddy. Keep it up Savannah!

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

Dress Up - Tuesday 5th March

Next Tuesday 5th March students may dress up as their favourite teacher AND wear crazy hair! Students have received this award through our PBL Behaviour system. PBL Team

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Awards

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Canteen News

26.02.13 Tuesday J Milne
27.02.13 Wednesday L Sweeney
28.02.13 Thursday N Smede
01.03.13 Friday T Trim, K Hamilton
04.03.13 Monday S Jordan
05.03.13 Tuesday D Winter

Girls Winter Uniform
Girls blue winter shirts, long and short sleeve have arrived and are available for purchase.
Short Sleeve $18.00 or
Long Sleeve $20.00.

Boys Grey Socks
Socks are available from the canteen. $3.00 a pair.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

High School Forms -
Year 7 2014 High School
Reminder: Forms have been handed to Year 6 students. These need to be returned to the Middleton School Office no later than March 15 please.

Permission Notes
Just a reminder that all permission notes need to be completed. Parents were sent home notes at the end of last week, along with Child Protection Notes that needed to be corrected. Please complete these and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Got It!
Kindergarten to Year 2
Don’t forget to return your completed package by Monday 4th March, for your child to have the opportunity to win an iPod Shuffle.

Members from the Got It program will be at our Middleton Public School on Wednesday 27th February from 3.15pm to help any parents who may need assistance filling out the form and to also answer any questions.

Swimming - primary sport
Primary sport will be back to normal this week with swimming on Wednesday.

Netball Tryouts
There will be PSSA girls netball tryouts on Wednesday at school. Please meet Mrs Piffarelli on the basketball courts at 1st half of lunch. Tryouts will be open for Years 4, 5 and 6 girls only.
Mrs Piffarelli

Middleton Swim Team excel in Condobolin
Last Friday, 26 Middleton students travelled to Condobolin to compete in the Lachlan District Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers were excellent in their behaviour, performances and sportsmanship.

Three of our relay teams gained places in their events and have progressed to the Western Trials in Dubbo on Friday 8th March. Many individuals swam impressive times and also gained places in the Western team.

Whilst many students did extremely well, special mention must be made of Abigail Simpson’s achievements. Abigail was unbeaten in all Junior events and even won the open age 100m freestyle event.

Good luck to our swimmers when they compete in Dubbo at the Western Carnival.
Mr Harris

HEAD LICE
Please continue to check you child’s hair daily as there have been a number of students absent with head lice.

TIPS
- Using a long tooth metal comb is the best way to remove lice eggs from the scalp.
- It is usually advised to treat for head lice a week apart to kill any remaining lice eggs that would have hatched.
- It is important to be thorough when treating for head lice. Miss one and soon you will have an infestation again!
- Plaiting or braiding girls’ hair as this can make it difficult for head lice to attach themselves to the bottom of the hair strand.
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**MINIFETE**

It’s time to start bringing in spending money for the minifete! The maximum allowed is $30 – you can send it in all at once, or in increments (eg $5 per week). Mrs Standen will be keeping track of each child’s tokens ready for distribution on the big day, **Friday 22nd March** from 1-3pm!

Please make sure the money is in a clearly labelled envelope with the amount of money, your child’s name and minifete.

**We need your help:**

- **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 in to your class room teacher.
- **White elephant stall items** – kids toys, books, DVDs and CDs

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**Special lunch Order for 22”nd March**

Hot dog and lolly: $2.50. Please fill in the following and return in an envelope or snap lock bag with payment. Multiple orders welcome

Name(s): ___________________________________________________

Class: ______________________________________________________
Recipe for Success

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is pleased to announce “Recipe for Success” in Parkes. Recipe for Success is a unique autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop. It has been designed using contemporary evidence based strategies by Aspect’s Behaviour Support Team as part of their direct work with families. By the end of the 3 day workshop every family will have been guided to write their own Autism Specific Positive Behaviour Support Plan based on a chosen behaviour.

This is a FREE workshop and it will be held on 12th, 13th and 14th March 2013 at the Parkes Services Club, 17 Short St, Parkes. To Register online go to our website www.autismspectrum.org or contact Jodi Woodward on 6628 3660 or jwoodward@autismspectrum.org.au.

Making Pizza

**Ingredients**
- muffin
- tomato sauce
- cheese
- ham
- pineapple

**Need**
- plastic knives
- paper plates
- chopping boards
- serviettes

**Method**
1. Wash hands
2. Cut muffin in half
3. Spread tomato sauce
4. Sprinkle on cheese, ham, pineapple
5. Get mum or dad to cook in oven for approximately 10 minutes
6. Let cool
7. Eat Yummy.

Mrs O’Donnell’s 2C Reading group were reading the book “Making Pizzas” and made pizzas in class. Ms Clarke helped.

The Block Allstars will be at Hay’s Hardware Parkes on Sunday 10th March 2013. There is a colouring in competition which will be sent home today to be completed and returned to the Middleton School office by Thursday 7th March 2013.
Welcome to our first edition!

LITERACY
A child’s journey towards literacy involves learning to speak, listen, read, understand, watch, draw and write. You can help your child develop these skills from birth through to adulthood.

- Reading aloud to children
- Listening to children read aloud and reading along with them
- Making time for children to read books independently a priority
- Providing books and other reading materials in the home
- Talking with children about books they’re reading
- Asking children what they’re learning at school
- Providing the materials and opportunities for children to write at home
- Taking children to the library to check out books and multimedia materials
- Giving books and magazine subscriptions as gifts
- Monitoring children as they complete homework assignments

Emphasizing the value of literacy and the importance of school success

NUMERACY
As parents/carers, we often find it difficult to know how to support our child’s learning especially once they begin high school. Here is a section from a website which gives parents/carers great ideas for encouraging Maths at home.

Are you a bit scared of maths yourself? Try these ideas:

Mathematics is often the subject that most parents tend to shy away from, so here are a few simple suggestions for things that you can do at home to improve your child’s understanding of maths.

1. Maths at breakfast: Instead of presenting each child with their individual pieces of toast, present it altogether on one platter. Have each piece cut into quarters and ask your children how many pieces of bread there were originally. For older children, ask the question after a few of the quarters have been eaten.

2. Maths while out for a family walk: Look at the house numbers as you walk up and down a street. Have your child predict the number of the next house. The numbers can go up or down, usually by twos, in either odd or even numbers.

3. Maths while planning your week: Time is one of the most difficult concepts for kids to understand. Try asking your kids to work out how long it is until… (e.g. If we need to be at Grandma’s at 3.00 and it takes 15 minutes to get there, what time do we need to leave?) This is...

Want to know more? Then visit
Would you like to be more involved in your child’s learning of Mathematics?
Do you pick up your child from school?
If you answered “YES” to both questions, Then join…

A Taste of Numeracy at Middleton Public School

WHEN: Wednesday 20th March 2013
TIME: 2.15pm until 3.00pm
WHO: Parents/Carers and students of MPS
DETAILS: Visit stalls displaying Mathematics learning activities happening in your child’s classroom. The teachers of MPS along with the Henry Parkes Learning Community Numeracy Mentor will be available to provide parents/carers with ideas and information to help/support/improve your child’s Mathematics skills and understanding.

Games and prizes

Afternoon tea

For more information, contact …..
This is a combined event between MPS and HPLC.