FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our mini fete which was held on Friday was a huge success. The children had a wonderful time and took away lots of goodies. Thanks must go a group of young men who generously set up their band and played while the children had fun. They were James McDonald and Connor Hamilton.

Congratulations to the staff and P&C members who manned a total of 25 stalls ensuring that the event was action packed. Funds raised will go towards improving access to technology.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Executive, students and Angela Bottaro-Porter ran a numeracy Parent Information Session. Whilst attendance numbers were lower than expected the feedback was very positive. All parents went away with numeracy goodies. We will present another session during the evening next term.

Tomorrow Mrs Norton and I will be attending a training day in Dubbo on the new Australian English curriculum. Our teachers, along with all teachers in the Henry Parkes Learning Community will be participating in training on our School Development Days at the beginning of next term. English is to be implemented in 2014.

We wish Abigail and Royce Simpson the very best when they compete in the PSSA NSW Swimming Championships. I will be there on the 2nd to cheer them on. Go Middleton!!

Our April P&C meeting is to be held next Tuesday evening the 2nd at 7.30pm. The Live Life Well committee will be presenting at this meeting. Come and learn more about a wonderful initiative that will enhance your child’s health and fitness.

Last week’s P.B. Award Winner

Gemmah Neilson - K/1P

Generous - Gemmeh is always sharing nicely with others and helping.

Enthusiastic - It doesn’t matter what we are doing in class, she is always excited to do it!

Motivated - Gemmeh completes all her work and is always looking to learn more!

Memory - Gemmeh has a fantastic memory, and tells our class many interesting things!

Artist! - Gemmeh always draws and colours neatly in her bookwork.

Happy! - Gemmeh loves being at school learning. She smiles all day and has a positive attitude!

Congratulations Gemmeh!
Andrew Baker from the Mitchell Conservatorium of Music has offered tutoring for a band. He is sourcing funds to support this initiative.

Our week culminates in our Easter celebrations with the Combined Scripture Service and the Easter Hat Parade. Have an enjoyable Easter break. School resumes on Tuesday 2nd April. I will inform you when I have more information.

HAPPY EASTER
Mrs Sherree Rosser

News for 3/4 DM
No news for 3/4DM this week. Students will be saying their 2 minute oral speech.
Ms Davies & Miss McAneney

ICAS
Any student who wishes to participate in the ICAS competitions need to return the form by Thursday 28th March. If you have misplaced this form please see Mrs Mackenzie.

Voluntary School Contribution
Our voluntary school contribution for 2013 will be $55.00.

The General School Contribution covers additional essential requirements which government funding allocations fall short in providing.

This $55.00 includes Life Education, 1 performance from Musica Viva and General School Contributions.

Please make payment at the school office by Thursday 28th March and you will go in the draw for a $75.00 tracksuit OR a $75.00 IGA voucher.

Canteen News

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Girls Winter Uniform
The girls navy skirts are available for sale from the canteen at $30.00 each. Also in stock are girls and boys blue shirts, boys grey winter trousers, grey socks, girls navy slacks and tracksuits.

Food—reheated
The canteen can not reheat food brought to school by students. This is a Health Food Policy.

Wraps are available on Tuesday and Hot dogs on Thursdays.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

Sport
Primary Sport - Swimming
No more swimming for primary sport this term. Class sport for the rest of the term.

Middleton Care West Preschool
You are all invited to attend an information session in the hall for the Middleton Care West Preschool this Wednesday 27th March starting at 3.20pm. (for approximately 1 hour)

Any questions contact Sandra on 0448 086428

Children’s drink bottles must only be filled with WATER
**PBL Student on Target**

**Blake Medlyn:** Blake is to be commended for giving up his lunch time and teaching a younger student how to kick a football properly. Blake is always eager to assist others, this is just one example of how he displays a positive attitude and takes responsibility at our school.

**Excellent effort Blake.**

**PBL**

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

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**Awards**

**Students Of The Week**

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

- Ebony Weekes (KH), Flyn Egan (K/1P), Summer Ruse (1B), Kattie Anne Miller (1/2N), Jackson Parker-Lee (2C), Shelby Holmes (3/4DM), Ella Ross (3/4O), Jackson Hay (5/6E), Chloe Gould (5/6F), Jason Jordan Adams (5/6H), Bobby Parker-Lee (Mrs Butler), Ruby Smith (Mr Dumesny), Katelyn Hawley (Mrs Mackenzie), Makinley Willis (Miss McAneney), Marcus Cotter-Cushway (Mrs O'Donnell), Blake Medlyn (PBL Award) and Cooper Wright (Mrs Standen).

**Well done !!**

**Merit Certificates**

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Merit Certificates last week for Library or Release Lessons:


**Well Done!**

**Primary Sport:** Maddison Studdert

**Infants Sport:** Charlee Studdert

**Assembly Item:** 5/6E - Miss Ehsman

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**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.

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**Mitchell Conservatorium of Music**

A new school year brings new opportunities to learn a musical instrument or join a band. Learning a musical instrument is great fun and there are many additional benefits including improved listening and learning skills and great confidence amongst peers and in performing. Mitchell Conservatorium teachers are highly trained to deliver a wider variety of individual, group and ensemble lessons. At Middleton Public School, we are pleased to offer lesson in woodwind and piano. Lessons may be available in instruments such as guitar and drums. Discounted fees are available for 20 minute lessons and small group lessons. Limited places are still available, please contact Andrew or Jane on 6852 3766 for more information.
## Term 1 Planner 2013

### Week 9
- **25.03.13**
  - 3.20pm - MPS Carewest Preschool Info Session
  - 10.00am - girls netball game at Bedgerabong

- **26.03.13**
  - Carewest Preschool Info Session

- **27.03.13**
  - EASTER HAT PARADE

### Week 10
- **01.04.13**
  - EASTER MONDAY

- **02.04.13**
  - 7.30pm P&C Meeting
  - PSSA State Swimming

- **03.04.13**
  - PSSA State Swimming

- **04.04.13**
  - Assembly 2.10pm

- **05.04.13**
  - Good Friday

### Week 11
- **08.04.13**
  - Parkes High School Info Evening

### Week 1 Term 2
- **29.04.13**
  - Staff Development Day
  - No students

- **30.04.13**
  - Staff Development Day
  - No students

- **01.05.13**
  - Assembly 2.10pm

### Week 2
- **06.05.13**
  - Grip Student Leadership Conference Dubbo

- **07.05.13**
  - Assembly 2.10pm

### Week 3
- **13.05.13**
  - Western Boys Hockey

- **14.05.13**
  - Western Boys Hockey

- **15.05.13**
  - Western Boys Hockey

- **16.05.13**
  - Western Boys Hockey

- **17.05.13**
  - Western Boys Hockey

## Parkes Saturday Junior Netball Competition - 2013

Parkes Junior Netball competition will start on 4th May 2013

**Divisions**
- **Net Set Go**
  - Kinder to Year 2
  - $60.00 registration fee
- **Super 8’s**
  - Year 3 to Year 4
  - $70.00 registration fee
- **Division 2**
  - Year 5 to Year 6
  - $80.00 registration fee
- **Division 1**
  - Year 7 to Year 12
  - $90.00 registration fee

**Registration Dates**
- **Saturday 23rd March**
  - 10.00am to 12.00pm
- **Thursday 28th March**
  - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
- **Saturday 6th April**
  - 10.00am to 12.00pm
- **Thursday 11th April**
  - 5.30pm to 7.00pm

**Venue for registration**
Netball Club House near netball courts.

Registration forms and team forms are available from the Parkes District Netball Website or on Registration Days.

### Boys and Girls school Hockey tryouts

- Must have a mouthguard
- A stick and shin pads. (Please see Mrs Orr if you need a stick or shin pads).

Tryouts will be at **school** on Thursday
4th April from 3.10 to 4.30pm

Mrs Orr and Miss McAneney
The Sound of Music
Does your child have an interest or talent in performing? Perhaps this is for them!

The Parkes Musical and Dramatical Society will be producing “The Sound of Music” this year and they’re calling for children for the Von Trapp Family. For anyone involved, this is a very big commitment, and also a wonderful time of learning, developing and fun! Auditions will be held on the 6th and 7th April. Please see me if you would like to know more or see the advert below.

Mrs C Butler

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School Holiday Activities
Bookings will be taken from Friday 5th April.

Storytime - Stories, rhymes and craft.
For preschoolers and their families.
10.15am - Tuesday 16th and 23rd April.
Older children welcome to attend.
Must be accompanied by parent / carer.

PyjamaRama - Family story time.
6pm - Tuesday 16th and 23rd April.

Rhyme Time - Rhymes, singing, music and stories for preschoolers and their families.
10.15am Wednesday 17th and 24th April.
11am - Friday 19th and 26th April.
Older children welcome to attend.
Must be accompanied by parent / carer.

Paint like Michelangelo -
Painting and stories inspired by the famous artist
Age 7 and up.
Morning and afternoon sessions on Thursday 18th April.
Cost: $2. Bookings are required in person.

Polly - Polly is on a rescue mission and needs your help
Age 5 and up.
Morning and afternoon sessions on Monday 22nd April
Cost: $2. Bookings are required in person

Discover, Rediscover the Joy of Reading!
Parkes Library - 6861 2309 - Behind the Post Office - Bogan Street

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By Parkes Musical & Dramatic Society
AUDITIONS – Middleton Primary School Hall Parkes
VON TRAPP CHILDREN: Saturday 6th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm
ALL OTHER ROLES: Sunday 7th April 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Rehearsals Commence: Sunday 26th May
Show Season 24th August to 15th September
Please go to our website www.parkesmandd.com.au to get all audition information
For further information please email lyntownsend5@bigpond.com
AUDITIONS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE