FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Easter celebrations were really enjoyable. It’s such a special time when girls and boys cooperate to create some amazing Easter hats as well have celebrating the Christian message at a combined scripture service.

On Wednesday Ms Kerry Gilbert our Wiradjuri tutor, Mrs Mackenzie and I will be meeting our Aboriginal families for a BBQ lunch at Bushman’s Dam. Invitations have been sent out and we are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

A Parkes High School Information session will be held in 5/6F classroom from 7.00pm-8.00pm next Tuesday evening 9th April. This is particularly important for parents of students in Years 5 and 6, students are encouraged to attend. The flyer is included in today’s information.

Mrs Viki Nixon has generously donated funds towards the 3/4 classes garden beds. She has also provided potting mix and grown seedlings for the 1B garden. Mrs Nixon has also given her time towards weeding the 1B beds and preparing them for this season’s crop.

We wish Abigail and Royce Simpson all the best for today and tomorrow when they compete at the State Swimming Carnival.

HAPPY EASTER

Mrs Sherree Rosser
Voluntary School Contribution

Thank you to all the families that have paid their voluntary school contributions. All students that have paid have gone into a draw for a $75.00 tracksuit or a $75.00 IGA voucher. This will be drawn at assembly this Thursday.

ANZAC Service

Our school ANZAC service will be held on Thursday 11th April at 11.00am. There will be special guest representing the RSL attending this ceremony.

Parents and the community are most welcome to attend.

Middleton Public School will be marching on ANZAC Day 28th April. Summer uniform is to be worn with the red school jumper. NO HATS.

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.

Canteen News

03.04.13 Wednesday H Vere
04.04.13 Thursday C Bowd, K Johnston
05.04.13 Friday S Tildsley, M Ross
08.04.13 Monday N Willis
09.04.13 Tuesday L Skillin

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn

From Monday 8th April when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed you can place the Points Sheet in the collection box at school.

Primary Sport

Primary Sport is class sport.

Infants Sport

Week 9 No sport (Good Friday)
Week 10 If anyone is able to help out with Infants Sport please come along at 10.30am
Week 11 No Sport - they will be involved in a PBL Activities Day.

Netball

On Wednesday, the Middleton netball team had their first game in PSSA netball knockout competition against Bedgerabong and small schools. The girls put in a fabulous effort, despite difficulty with the heat and strong winds. It was a close game and Middleton showed some wonderful defence against some strong shooters.

The girls played to the best of their ability and show great enthusiasm. Unfortunately, the girls lost 8-5.

Thank you to Calli Miller for helping set up and pack up the courts, and to those parent who came to support us.

Mrs Piffarelli

News for 3/4 DM

Write a paragraph about a pet that you own. Some things to include are: name, age, gender, food, grooming and any other interesting information that you might like to share. You may show a photo of your pet.

Ms Davies & Miss McAneney

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Students Of The Week
Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:
Charlie Skinner (KH), Elsie Orr (K/1P), Lane Ticehurst (1B), Liam Snyman (1/2N), Diesel Hawley (2C), Bradley Shepherd (3/4DM), Riley Milne (3/4O), Jessica Hill (5/6E), Maddison Hastie (5/6F), Talisha Strudwick (5/6H), Angel-Katlyn Marks (Mrs Butler), Ella Ward (Mr Dumesny), Kacey Nightingale (Mrs Mackenzie), (Miss McAneney), Noah Webb (Mrs O’Donnell), Molly Smith and Harry Lamrock (PBL Award) and Daniel Harry (Mrs Standen).
Well done!!

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to the children who were presented with Merit Certificates last week for Showing Others Respect/Honesty:
Well done!

Primary Sport: Raiden Choyce
Infants Sport: Jaz Masling
Assembly Item: No Item

PBL Student on Target
Harry Lamrock and Molly Smith
Wow! What amazing demonstrations of responsibility, generosity and community mindedness we have seen from these two students.
• Over Christmas Harry made an independent decision to donate the prizes he won in a Christmas raffle to charity.
• Last weekend Molly determinedly walked from Parkes to the telescope in support of young children who walk an equivalent distance each day to collect water.
We are extremely proud of Harry and Molly for making decisions to actively support others in need. Outstanding Effort!

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

Life Education Van
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Thursday 2nd May to Friday 10th May. (Week 2 of next term).
The cost is $4.00 per student.
(The cost is normally $9.00, but $5.00 has been funded by North Parkes Mines)
Attached with this weeks newsletter is the permission note.
If you have paid your voluntary School Contributions, Life Education was included
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### 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 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**

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**Please do not send any nut products to school with your children.**  
**Thank you**
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

The Sound of Music
Remember that auditions will be held in our school hall this Saturday 6th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm for children and Sunday 12.00noon to 3.00pm for adults. There is an additional audition opportunity this Wednesday 3rd April at 7.00pm for people who may be away on the weekend.

Children’s auditions take the form of some teaching of a song and perhaps some dance/movement and observation of the children’s response and participation. They do not need to be experienced—they just need to demonstrate their ability to perform. It’s fun and a very good experience.

Mrs C Butler

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.
Do you care for a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder?
Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, PDD-NOS, Rett Syndrome or CDD

Parkes & District ASD Support Group meet every 2nd Friday of the month at a pre determined place from 10am – 11.30am
Our next meeting will be FRIDAY 12TH APRIL at the Cedar Cafe (Green Parkes Gardens on the Forbes Rd)

The group gives parents & carers the chance to meet others in a similar situation, talk with, listen to, support others & be supported.

Support Groups have been shown to be an important activity to increase the social & emotional wellbeing of people going through similar experiences. Parents can often feel isolated when trying to learn how best to help a loved one with an ASD.
It can make a world of difference to meet with other parents & caregivers who have a mutual understanding & to exchange tips & stories. BECAUSE A LITTLE SUPPORT GOES A LONG WAY.

For more information contact:
Sharon Woods 6864 3224, Deb Collier 6862 2789
Michelle Morgan 6892 1246 or Teisha Budd 6862 6556

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME

The Community Visitors Scheme is a Federal Government initiative to help establish links between people living in Residential Aged Care Homes and their local community.

The Parkes and surrounding district Community Visitors Scheme are currently seeking Volunteers both Male and Female to visit with residents. The role of a Community Visitor is simply to be a friend and companion to a resident who has limited or no contact with family or friends and who are at risk of isolation.

As a Community Visitor, you will be asked to set aside some time once a fortnight to visit someone in a Nursing Home or Hostel in your local area. Your visits will provide an important link between the Resident and the wider community.

If you would like to know more or you are interested in receiving a free information kit please contact:

Val Mann
Parkes Information and Neighbourhood Centre
80-82 Currajong Street Parkes
Phone: (02) 6862 3757
Email: commvisitors@pinc.org.au

Do an hour of physical activity everyday
Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.

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.