FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jump Rope For Heart:
What a fantastic sight it was on Friday to see all of the students and staff from our wonderful school participating in activities for Jump Rope For Heart. The enthusiasm shown by all of the students as they completed each activity was amazing and everyone involved should be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to Miss Eshman for her organisation of the activities and to Mr Dumesny for organising the prizes for the two lucky students.

Debating:
Best of luck to our debating team who will be participating in their next debate tomorrow at 10.15am. We wish them all the best and also to Mrs Fisher who has put in many extra hours working with the students.

Staff Car Park:
The staff have been noticing several concerns with the staff car park. The first issue being that parents and caregivers are walking through the staff car park when dropping off and picking up students either from Middleton Public School or Carewest preschool. This is a safety concern as there is traffic movement in the car park constantly through the day. It would be appreciated if this area was no longer used as a thoroughfare for students and parents.
The second concern is parents and caregivers using the staff car park to park in when dropping off or picking up students. Please be aware that this car park is for staff only.
Thank you for your assistance with these matters - I really appreciate it.

P & C Meeting:
Many thanks to the parents and community members who attended the P & C meeting last Tuesday night. There were many interesting topics discussed with lots of ideas being put forward for fundraising in particular. Watch this space for an exciting fundraising community event coming up in the near future!!
**Wambangalang Excursion:**
It is a very exciting week for the students in both Year 4 and Year 3 with both years heading off to Wambangalang later this week. The Year 4 students will be departing on Wednesday morning and returning on Friday, while the Year 3 students are heading off for the day on Thursday. I am sure that they will all have a wonderful time and many thanks to the teachers for giving up their time to attend these excursions. I am looking forward to attending the excursion with Year 3 on Thursday along with the other staff attending.

Please note that all money should be finalised and payments completed either today or tomorrow.

**MS Readathon:**
Congratulations to those students who have registered on line and have been completing the MS Readathon. I had a phone call from Elizabeth from MS Readathon this morning who has asked to remind all participating students that all monies and sponsorship need to be finalised and sent in by 31st October 2014.

Elizabeth was very excited by how much the 7 students from our school had raised so far. Congratulations to these students!

**Gym Group:**
Congratulations to the students who demonstrated their fantastic gym skills for the assembly item last week. Many thanks to Mrs Holmes and Mr Dumesny for all of their hard work in getting the item organised. It was sensational!

Mr David Simes - Principal

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**Awards**

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:
Marley Conway (KH), Beau Lees (KP), Elsie Orr (1M), Lowanna Bloomfield (1/2C), Neikea Simpson (2DW), Richard Gaut (3/4D), Cheyenne Kelly (3/4M), Samuel Gregson (3/4OH), Taylah Osborne (5/6E), Kate Waghorn (5/6H), Aidan Kirk (Mrs Butler), Joshua Bowd (Mr Dumesny), Ruby Moore (Mrs Dean), Jesse Shorter (Mrs Fisher) and Joselyne Folau (Mrs O’Donnell). Well Done!!

**Merit Certificates - Citizenship/Sportsmanship**

Well done!!

**Infants Sports**
Jayden Mongahan

**Primary Sports**
Jackson Parker

**Assembly Item**
No Item

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**Silver Pennants**
Congratulations to Kattie-Anne Miller and Tanika Salafia who were presented with their Silver Pennant at Thursday’s Assembly last week for receiving five certificates/awards this year! Well done!

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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.
**Debating**
The Middleton Debating team will participate in the semi-final round of the Western challenge Debating Competition tomorrow at 10.00am. We will debate against Bletchington Public School. The team has worked hard to prepare for this debate and we wish them good luck.

**Kindergarten and Year 1 Choir**
Choir is on tomorrow before school in the hall. We will be performing ‘Wombat on a Surfboard’ in Week 8 and not Week 3 as stated in last week’s newsletter.

*Mrs O'Donnell*

**Year 4 Wambangalang Excursion**
On Wednesday Year 4 will be going on a 3 day excursion to Wambangalang Environmental Centre, near Dubbo. A note of last minute reminders and list of what to bring was sent home last Friday.

Students will be meeting at school on Wednesday morning at **7.45am to depart at 8.00am**. Students will be returning on Friday to Middleton PS at **5.00pm**.

**Year 3 Wambangalang Excursion**
Year 3 students will be attending a one day excursion to Wambangalang this Thursday, 16th October.

Students need to meet Mr David Simes and Ms Sonia Davies at **7.20am to depart at 7.30am**. Students will be returning to Middleton Public School at **5.00pm**.

All food is included in the cost of this excursion. Students will have morning tea, BBQ lunch and afternoon tea supplied at Wambangalang.

Students need to wear suitable, sun safe casual clothes for outdoor activities. This includes T shirt (no singlet tops), shorts, jumper, socks, joggers and broad brimmed hat (school hat is a suitable choice).

Students need to wear sunscreen and bring a large refillable water bottle with water in it. A small back pack can be used to hold a jumper/raincoat, water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

All medication for the day needs to be in a clearly labelled zip lock bag that includes dosage and time to be taken. This needs to be handed to Mrs Carol Martin at the school bus stop.

**State Athletics**
Best of luck to Abigail Simpson, Savannah Draper and Pacey Jordan who will be attending the State Athletics at Homebush this week.

**Primary Winter Sport PB Points**
Congratulations to the following five children who scored the highest amount of Personal Best Points for Term 2 and 3 Winter sport. They were presented with their certificates at last week’s assembly.

1st Ethan Hoswell
2nd Breeanna Lowe
3rd Teagan Smede
4th Ryan Cotter
5th Charlee Studdert

*Ms Davies*

**Swimming – Parent Helpers**
Please remember to hand in any parent helper notes to school as soon as possible if you are able to assist with primary swimming. The primary teachers would like to thank the parent helpers in advance for their assistance. Parents have been very generous with their time in the past and we really appreciate this as we could not do it without you.

**Primary Sport – Swimming**
Primary students will have swimming for sport this week on Wednesday. Seniors will be from 10:15 – 11:15 and Juniors will be from 12:35 – 1:35. The cost is $5 ($2 for pool & $3 for the bus) or $3 for season ticket holders.

Students please remember your swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and money.

**Library News**
Scholastic Book Fair in Library Tuesday 21st October to Thursday 23rd October from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

**Book Fair Garden Competition**
There are 10, $6 book fair vouchers to be won!!! Make a flower or a bug out of paper to go into our Book Fair Garden. Return flower or bug to Mrs Standen before Tuesday 21st October and all names will go into the draw to win a voucher.

*Mrs Standen - Librarian*
Active After Schools Program
Notes have been sent home to all students in the Active After Schools Program. Dancing commences today and will be on every Monday, with Monday 24th November Week 8 being the last day. Cricket commences on Thursday and will be on every Thursday afternoon until Thursday 27th November. There are still a few spots available on Thursday in Cricket. Please see Miss McAneney if you require any details.

Students need to be picked up on Monday and Thursday from school at 4.30pm.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News
Parkes Upmarkets
Congratulations to all our Middleton garden students who have been busy growing vegetables at school to sell at our local markets. We raised $315 at the Parkes Upmarkets yesterday!!! Exciting news!! There are several jars of marmalade available for $5 at the school office. Many thanks to the families and staff who donated extra vegetables and citrus.

School Banking with Central West Credit Union
All students at Middleton Public School have the option of participating in a School Banking program on a weekly basis.
- Each Thursday students are encouraged to bring their deposit to school using their deposit wallets provided by the bank. These deposits are then processed and the wallets returned to the children.
- Any students who would like to participate can call into the Central West Credit Union to open an account to participate in the school banking program.

Canteen News
Canteen Roster
14.10.14 Tuesday C Bowd
15.10.14 Wednesday P Logan
16.10.14 Thursday J Duncan
17.10.14 Friday L Logan
20.10.14 Monday S O’Brien, D Winter
21.10.14 Tuesday J Milne

Desperately Needed
Volunteers to work in the canteen on Thursdays. If you can help out please contact Barb at school on 6862 1999.

Canteen Term 4
This term the canteen WILL NOT be selling hot food except for Hot Dogs on Thursdays. The new summer menu was sent home late last term. Please note an increase in the price of some items.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager
The Middleton Public School Dance
will be held on Thursday 6th November
6.30pm to 8.30pm
at Parkes Services Club (RSL) upstairs

Students have been enthusiastically learning the dances as part of the Daily PE Program.

Parents while your child is at the school dance, go and enjoy a meal downstairs. Thursday night is Carvery Night at the club.
Your choice of roast lamb/chicken/pork or beef, served with gravy, roasted potatoes and pumpkin and vegetables.
Also on offer is chicken or beef schnitzel or crumbed fish
Bistro open from 6.00pm to 8.30pm

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Little Athletics News
The Parkes Little Athletics season commences on Monday the 13th October and we welcome all local families to join our club for the 2014/15 season. Registrations will still be open to new and returning families with a 2 week free trial available for all new families, please bring along proof of age (birth certificate / passport) to ensure that your child is allocated to the right age group as well as a hat & water bottle for all athletes.
Monday 13 October, 5:15pm at Northparkes Oval
Contact: President Gail Richardson-Bartley 0408 968 175
Registrar Sue Riley 0428 131 614
Parkes M&D Society Presents

Parkes Annual Charity Concert
A NIGHT ON BROADWAY!

A One Act Play & Musical Theatre numbers from

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
WEST SIDE STORY  Wicked  Oklahoma!  The Rocky Horror Picture Show  MARY POPPINS

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

And more, all from our talented youth!

SHOW DATES:
SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER - 7:30pm
SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER - 2:00pm

TICKETS:
$15 each
ALL proceeds going to the
Parkes Parkinson’s Support Group
and CanTeen!

ON SALE 7th OCTOBER:
You can purchase these from
www.parkesmandd.com.au
OR
Parkes Stationery & Office
Furniture