FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Canberra Excursion:
All of the students and staff arrived back late on Thursday night after their three day Canberra Excursion. I know that the staff were very impressed by all of the students' behaviour and attitudes during the whole excursion. Congratulations to all of the students for their outstanding behaviour! Many thanks to Miss Ehsman, Mr Harris, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Cooke and Mr Draper for the extra hours they have put in during the excursion.

Visiting Staff:
On Thursday we had a visit from Joy Harvey who is the Relieving Assistant Principal Learning and Support and two other teachers from the Orange area. They met with Mrs Butler, Mrs O’Donnell and myself to discuss many topics including Individual Learning Plans. They were all very impressed by our fantastic school including our high quality individual vegetable gardens, gardens and the high quality programs that have been implemented for all of the students.

Working With Children Check:
In line with new legislation we are asking all volunteers in our school to complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC). In order to make sure that the safety, well-being and welfare of our students is the paramount consideration. The school is asking all volunteers to complete the WWCC by Week 5 of Term 3. There is no cost for volunteers to complete this check. The online check can be accessed by going to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and then completing the online application form. Thanks for your assistance with this matter, it is very much appreciated.

Spelling Bee Competition:
Congratulations to Lara Piercy and Brayden Chapple who represented Middleton Public School at the Western Region Spelling Bee Competition last week. You should both be very proud of your efforts on the day and congratulations on your achievements.

Last week’s P.B. Award Winner

Emma Walton - KP

Emma is worthy of winning the PB award because she always does her personal best.

She has worked so hard throughout the year to achieve her wonderful academic results.

Emma is always a respectful, responsible student who demonstrates a Positive Attitude everyday.

Congratulations Emma!
**Farewell Mr Cassell:**
At the end of this week we will be saying farewell to Mr Cassell who is leaving our wonderful school and 1/2C to travel overseas to take up a teaching position. We wish Mr Cassell all the best for his overseas adventures and are sure that he will have many new exciting tales and stories to share. Thank you Mr Cassell for all of your great work with 1/2C this year and for all of the extra activities and duties you have taken on. We know that you will enjoy your travels. Mrs Leanne Simes will be taking over from Mr Cassell and will be teaching 1/2C for Term 4.

**2015-2017 School Plan:**
Today Mrs Norton and I are attending a workshop around the development of the 2015-2017 School Plan. We will be working with other schools from the Lachlan Region and Mr Craig Renneberg who is the Principal School Leadership and our Director.

**Debate:**
On Wednesday our debating team will be participating in their next debate. We wish them all of the best and I am sure that they will represent the school with pride.

**PBL Activities:**
On Friday the students will have the opportunity to participate in a Positive Behaviour For Learning activities. There will be a variety of activities available for the students to enjoy. Many thanks to all of the staff for their hard work organising these activities. It promises to be a great time for all!

**Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015:**
If you know of any families, friends or neighbours who have 2015 Kindergarten enrolments for Middleton Public School, please ask them to call into the school office to pick up an information pack and add their child’s name to our list.

**Early Arrivals:**
Staff have been noticing an increase in the number of students who are arriving at school very early each morning. Staff are on duty from 8.50am each morning and before this time there is no supervision. It would be appreciated if students did not arrive until about 8.50am each day unless prior arrangements have been made with staff. Please remember when students arrive in the playground, they are to sit down and wait for the teachers on duty instructions.

**End of Term:**
This Friday is the last day of school for this term. I would like to thank all of the staff and students for all of their hard work this term. It has been a very busy term with many different events happening. Many thanks to the parents and community members for all of their assistance and support this term. We all really appreciate it! I hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone back ready for another bustling term.

**Term 4:**
As there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of next term, staff and students will all return to school on Tuesday 7th October 2014. (Monday is a Public holiday).

*Mr David Simes - Principal*

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**Assembly This Week!**
This week’s Assembly will commence at 2.10pm with a display by the Primary Gym Group in the back playground near the sports shed.
Awards

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last term:
Ethan Moran (KH), Ashley-Eve Ruse (KP), Riley McMaster (1M), Ava Quade (1/2C), Tanika Safalia (2DW), Connor Proberts (3/4D), Tyrone Fardell (3/4M), Nina Gaut (3/4OH), Brad Shepherd (5/6E), Piper Clohessy (5/6H), Ethan Hoswell (Mrs Butler), Lillianna Walton (Mr Dumesny), Alivia Whatling (Miss Gilbert), Mitchell Davies (Mrs King), Jacinta Wright (Mrs Fisher), Lily Crocker (Mrs Norton), Sally Medlyn (Mrs O’Donnell) and Karlah Stubbs (Mrs Standen).
Well Done!!

Merit Certificates - Teachers Choice:
Well done!!

Infants Sports: Lee Piercy
Primary Sports: Teagan Smede
Assembly Item: Gym Group

Silver Pennants

Congratulations to Levi Edwards and Hayley-Jade Miller who were presented with their Silver Pennant at Thursday’s Assembly last week for receiving five certificates/awards this year! Well done!

PBL Activities
Rewards Day!
Mufti -Day

Students have received a mufti day for demonstrating positive behaviour for the last 5 weeks of term. Students will get to wear mufti on the last day of school this Friday 19th September.

Congratulations everyone!

Canteen News

Canteen Roster
16.09.14 Tuesday J Jeffery
17.09.14 Wednesday P Logan
18.09.14 Thursday HELP NEEDED
19.09.14 Friday S Tildsley

TERM 4
06.10.14 Monday Public Holiday
07.10.14 Tuesday J Milne
08.10.14 Wednesday C Bowd

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
Next term the canteen WILL NOT be selling hot food except for Hot Dogs on Thursdays. A new menu was sent home last week. Please note an increase in the price of some items.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

LOST

A navy blue school skirt went missing after the assembly last Thursday. Could all the girls in 3/4D check if they have taken it by mistake.
## Debating Zone Finals
The Middleton Debating team will participate in the Zone Finals this Wednesday at Bletchington Public School in Orange. Their topic is ‘That All Children Should Learn a Second Language’ and Middleton is the negative team.

The team consists of Jordyn Chapple, Savannah Draper, Alleyne Gaut, Melaney Smede and Noah Hamilton. The students have worked hard to prepare their arguments and we wish them luck.

## Premiers Spelling Bee
Congratulations to our school representatives, Lara Piercy and Brayden Chapple who participated in the Western Region Spelling Bee at Dubbo West Public School last Wednesday. Lara reached Level 4 and Brayden reached Level 7 with placed him 3rd in the region.

## Lois Jones / Rex Smith Hockey Gala Day
The boys and girls hockey teams will be participating in the Annual Interschool Hockey Gala day this Thursday 18th September. Permission notes need to be returned by tomorrow, Tuesday 16th September.

## Parkes Little Athletics
Registration Night Monday 15th September 2014
Where: Northparkes Oval  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Contact: Register Sue Riley on 0428 131614  
President Gail Bartley on 0408 968175  

Please note - you must bring birth certificate for each child or a valid passport, proving child’s age.

## Term 3 Planner 2014

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In the garden....
This week we are planting potatoes in sacks and tomatoes.

Volunteers
During Term 4 we need volunteers in our kitchen and garden classes. These classes are on Wednesdays from 12.20pm to 1.50pm. You don’t need to be skilled as the students do the work! Thank you for considering our request. Volunteers can include parents, grandparents and family friends.
Parkes Swimming Club
Learn to Swim Lesson

Parkes Swimming Club is conducting seven Learn to Swim Sessions on Saturday mornings starting 25th October from 10.00am to 12 noon. Lessons will be half hour duration conducted by accredited and insured Learn to Swim teachers, Barbara Weaver and Jodie Turner.

Participants must be 6yrs and over.
Lessons will be limited to 6 participants.
The seven lessons will cost $70.00 which must be paid when enrolling. The teachers will not be paid. This is a community activity and all money will go to the Swimming Club as part of the Club’s fundraising activities for the season.

Enrolment can be made on Saturday 20th September from 9.00am to 11.00am outside the Parkes Pool or by contacting the Secretary of Parkes Swimming Club, Barbara Weaver on 6862 5282 or by email barbaracharolee@hotmail.com
Participants do not have to be members of the Swimming Club.

Parkes District Netball Clinics
11-15 yrs

Come and learn new skills and fitness for netball. Run by our coach coveneyer Sarah Smith along with our senior rep players.

Clinic Dates:
9th, 14th, 16th, 21st October from 4.30 - 6.00pm
Rep Team Tryouts Thurs 23rd October 4.30 - 5.30pm

For more information please contact Megan Heraghty - Secretary 0416 535669

Parkes 2014 Spring Touch Football Competition

Online nominations are currently open for
Austouch (K-Yr2)
Junior Primary (Yrs 3-4)
Senior Primary (Yrs 5-6)
Junior Secondary (Yrs 7-9)
Senior Secondary (Yrs 10-12)
Open Men’s and Men’s Over 30’s
Open Ladies & Mixed Competitions

Austouch starts 8th October 2014
Juniors starts 10th September 2014

For more information, including fees please contact the names below or to nominate/register please go to www.parkestouch.com.au

Austouch Khristie Murray 0412 216 398
Juniors David Cooper 0429 848 078
Mixed Noel Huggett 0417 374 606
Seniors Chris Reynold 0408 427 581

Parkes & District Junior Cricket Association Inc
Registration Days for 2014/2015 season

Date: Saturday 13/9/14
Venue: Woodward Oval
Time: 8.45-11.30am OR

Date: Saturday 20/9/14
Venue: Woodward Oval
Time: 8.45-11.30am OR

Date: Friday 26/9/14
Venue: Woodward Oval
Time: 4.00-5.30pm

Fees: U16 $80  
U14 $65  
U12 $45  
U10 $20  
In2cricket $65  
Family maximum $120

For more information please contact Greg Morrissey (Secretary) ph 6862 3406 or 0428 963605.