FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Forbes River Arts Festival:**
On Saturday we will have 13 students performing as part of the choir at the Forbes River Arts Festival. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon and night and a big thank you to all of students and Mrs Butler for all of their extra work in rehearsals. A huge thank you to the parents who have been ensuring the students get to rehearsals and to the day on Saturday.

**Boomerang March:**
The Boomerang March will be held this Saturday commencing at 9.00am from in front of the RSL. It would be fantastic if we could have a large number of students come along to represent our school in this special March. The students are asked to meet staff at the side of the squash courts at 8.45am so we can get organised. Students are to wear their full summer uniform for the March. The March will be a fantastic community event for Parkes and will take the same route as the ANZAC March.

**Year 7 Selective High School Applications:**
Applications for Year 7 students to attend a Selective High School in 2017 are now open. If you are wishing to complete this application, please contact me for further information or visit the link [https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsw/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement](https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsw/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement)


**Sydney Excursion:**
The travellers from Year 5 and 6 returned from the Sydney Excursion on Thursday night tired, but full of new knowledge and stories about their trip. Congratulations to all of the students for their wonderful behaviour and thank you to Mrs Standen, Mrs Orr, Mr Harris, Mrs Cooke, Mr Draper and Mr Lamond for giving up their time to supervise the excursion. Without this support, excursions like these would not be able to take place.

**Prac Students:**
Miss Goodheart and Miss Kew who were at Middleton Public School completing a prac earlier in the year, have returned today to complete another prac. They will be work with Miss Ehsman and Miss McAneney. We are sure that they will have a wonderful time at our fantastic school.
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Whooping Cough:
Please see below information from NSW Health regarding Whooping cough:

Whooping cough information for schools;
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

David Simes - Principal

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 CHOIR
Choir practice will be on each Thursday from 12.00 - 12.20pm. The item “Oh Dear What Can Be The Matter Be” will be performed in Week 8 on Thursday 26th November.

SCHOOL DANCE
The School Dance will be held on Thursday night 5th November from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Parkes Leagues Club. Students are busy practising the dances for this popular event.

OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We would love to have any old school uniforms if not needed for our clothing pool.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION
The Kindergarten Excursion will be on Friday 20th November.

PRIMARY CHOIR
This Saturday 13 members of our Year 2-6 Choir will be performing as part of a children’s choir at the Forbes River Arts Festival. They will practise early in the afternoon for the first time with the full choir singing together. They will then have their own spot on stage later in the afternoon. In the evening with the glow of huge lanterns, they will sing again and then join all performers in the Finale.

We are looking forward to a very special day and evening and I know these students will be excellent ambassadors for Middleton.

All students involved have received notes.
Mrs C Butler

YEARS 1 AND 2 HOMEWORK PROJECT
Over the next 3 weeks Years 1 and 2 will be completing a homework project. This will take the place of regular homework.

The project is based on the Science unit of work “Physical World”. Year 1 students will be researching sources of light and Year 2 students will be studying the effect that pushing and pulling has on an object.

Students will be bringing the project outline and marking system home today. Please ask your child for this.

The project is due on Friday, 13th November.
If you have any questions please see your child’s classroom teacher.
Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Simes, Mrs Grady and Mrs Westgarth

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:
Maddison Doering (KH), Harley Stevenson (KP), Dakota Mallison (1M), Noah Webb (1/2SG), Sally Medlyn (2W), Brady Hill (3/4DW), Liam Snyman (3/4M), Jay Arrow (3/4OR), Luke Westgarth (5/6E), Abigail Simpson (5/6H), Indiana Hambrook (Mrs Butler), Tanika Salafia (Mrs Norton), Hayley-Jade Miller (Mrs O'Donnell), Charlie Skinner (Mr Dumesny) and T'niqwa Wilson (Mrs Standen).

Well Done!!

MERIT CERTIFICATES — Computer Skills

Well done!!

Infants Sports: Kye Weekes (1/2SG)
Primary Sports: Bridget Mrak (5/6H)
Assembly Item: 1/2SG - Mrs Simes

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Students on Target

Tyrone Fardell

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

PBL Focus for this week
“Kindness Towards Others”

Canteen News

28.10.15 Wednesday E Quade
29.10.15 Thursday L Kennedy
30.10.15 Friday J Milne, M Eldridge
02.11.15 Monday S O’Brien, D Winter
04.11.15 Wednesday A Whiteman

ROSTER FOR NEXT YEAR
We desperately need more volunteers to compile a roster for next year. If we don’t get more helpers the canteen will only be open for 3 days a week next year.

Our canteen roster is current to the end of the term. It will be necessary to continue this roster for Term 1. We will be short of workers with some families moving to High School.
If you are currently on the roster and DO NOT wish to continue for next year please let me know. If you are able to help please complete the form below.

Due to our Insurance Policy children are not permitted in the canteen.

Middleton Public School Canteen
Casual Work Available

When: weekly, fortnightly, monthly
Hours: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Experience: Not necessary
Salary: A La Carte lunch

Name: ..........................................................
Phone: ..........................................................
Child’s name and Class: ....................................

Please circle
Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Thursday Friday
Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

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.
3/4OR and 3/4M
On Friday afternoon 3/4OR and 3/4M went to the interactive classroom and joined other schools for a virtual excursion of the Museum of Contemporary Art. The excursion focused on colour and emotion in art and included a walk through the Museum of Contemporary Art. It also included a colour and emotion game show. The game show encouraged us to explore artworks through a range of emotions and how colour plays an important part in the expression and appreciation of art. All the students involved found the experience very interesting and were enthused and inspired by the excursion.

Sport

YEARS 3-6 SPORT
- Years 3 and 4 will do swimming for sport this week. Students please remember to bring your swimmers, towel, sunscreen. **Cost of swimming for this week is just $2.00 for pool entry (nil if you have a season ticket).** The cost of the bus for this week is being paid for through Sporting Schools Grant.
- Years 5 and 6 WILL NOT BE swimming

K-2 SPORT
Infants sport will take place from 9.35am to 10.15am on Friday’s. This change in times will ensure we are not doing sport in the heat of the afternoon. Any parents/carers who wish to help with Infants Sport are most welcome to attend.

*Mrs D Grady*

CANCELLATION OF GYMNASISTICS
Due to Mr Dumesny’s decision to renew leave from his Release Teacher duties the gymnastics program that he had started this term will now be cancelled. Mr Ranger and Mrs Dean will recommence as the Release Teachers from this week until the end of the year.

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**TUPPERWARE RAFFLE**
Thank you to the parents and staff for supporting our Tupperware party last week. We had a fabulous result which has enabled us to now have a huge Tupperware raffle with these prizes, listed below:
1st TUPPERWARE Kitchen Picnic Pack, worth over $400. (Includes the popular round dip and nibbles serving platter.)
2nd TUPPERWARE Freezer Mates Jumbo Set, worth over $200.
Tickets are available from the office at the price of 3 for $5.00 or $2.00 each. Raffle will be drawn at school on 14th December 2015.

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Entry into the Aurora College – Virtual Selective High School
The Aurora College Virtual Selective High school provides rural and regional students with access to an academically challenging curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science in the junior years, and other subjects in Years 11 and 12.
Students in Aurora College attend their local High School but study Maths, English and Science subjects through virtual connection with their Aurora teachers, and attend a residential school twice per year. The students attend normal lessons with their peers for their other subjects.
Entry to Aurora in Year 7, 2017 is through the Selective High School examination. This examination is in March 2016, but application to sit the test has to be made now (applications close November 16th). Go to the link http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php to fill in the online application form.
Further information about Aurora College can be obtained by visiting the website http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/ or by contacting Mrs Helen Vere at Parkes High School on 68621844.

2016 Parkes Elvis Festival
Calling all teachers and parents who would like to give back to the community.
The 2016 Parkes Elvis Festival Volunteer Program is now open and we are looking for people to help out in a variety of ways. We need volunteers at information points, Elvis Central shop attendants, event assistants and raffle ticket sellers.
Volunteering is a rewarding experience.
Call the Festival on 02 6862 6000 for more information or drop by the Visitor Information Centre

CRUNCH AND SIP
Choose apricots with a sweet fragrance and a golden to deep orange colour as this is when they are at their sweetest. Let your child know that the carotenes in the apricot will help them see in the dark and they’ll be asking for apricots everyday for Crunch & Sip.

Strawberries are always a favourite with children due to their sweet taste. To keep them sweet and looking their best, remove them from their punnets when you get home and place them on a paper towel on a plate and cover it with cling wrap.

Cherry tomatoes are great for Crunch & Sip as they can be eaten without creating a mess. Don’t make the common mistake of placing them in the fridge, leave them at room temperature until they are very ripe, then place them in the fridge.

Waste to Art
- Please start collecting bright coloured plastic bags or soft plastic that can be woven. They need to be a solid colour not patterned. No grey clear bags. We need a large quantity so start collecting now.
- Keep collecting bright coloured bottle tops.

Keep recycling and reusing.

Drop off and Pick Up
Please ensure that you drop off your child in the Medlyn Street drop off designated area or in Park Street. Encourage your child/ren to use the children pedestrian crossing at all times.
Last week, Year 5/6 students experienced their bi-annual Sydney excursion. Excited students began arriving at 5:30am and piled their bags onto the footpath and waited for the buses. Teachers marked their student’s names off, quick goodbyes were said and the 59 children hopped onto the buses all on time, along with Mrs Standen, Mr Harris, Mrs Orr, Mrs Cooke, Mr Draper and Mr Lamond.

Before we knew it, we were eating our morning tea and using the great play equipment at one of the parks in Bathurst. The children burst into the park with tonnes of energy. Too much in some instances and several pieces of advice had to be given. After a less than perfect start to our excursion, we were soon back on the road and heading east.

Our next stop was at the Katoomba Scenic World. We descended into a beautiful rainforest valley via the steepest railway track in Australia. It was originally used for transporting coal. We then walked through a temperate rainforest along a boardwalk. To finish off at Scenic World, we caught two cable cars across two different valleys for some amazing views including a great look at the three sisters.

Our first port of call in Sydney was at Sydney Tower and Oztrek. Sydney Tower, being Australia’s tallest building, offered us excellent views of Sydney Harbour and surrounds. From up there it was very obvious why Port Jackson was chosen for settlement rather than Botany Bay. What a beautiful harbour. We watched a great 3D film in Oztrek that dragged you into it and made you feel as if you could grab things in the film. We even felt the spray of water from surfers.

It was off to the Woolbrokers Motel from here to find out who each of us were rooming with. Dinner was scrumdiddly with chicken schnitzel, mashed potato and peas followed by mango cheesecake. We were supposed to take a bit of a stroll around Darling Harbour after dinner but mother nature was watering the place and time wasn’t really on our side so a decision was made to take our time showering and getting a good night’s rest.

The next day was busy, busy and busier. Breakfast at 7.00am was followed by a walking tour of the Rocks. The weather was forecast to be a humid 32 degrees, so it was lucky to have the walking tour early. We split into two groups and were lead around the historic area absorbing as much as we could and getting a feel for what life must have been like 200 years ago.

We then watched an interesting 3-D documentary about natural disasters at the I-Max theatre. The I-Max theatre had a massive curved screen and the sound was unbelievable. What an advance in technology since Mr Harris was watching silent movies as a kid. It was so realistic.

The Sydney Aquarium was right next door and there is just something about fish that makes you think you could watch them for hours. From the tiniest fish, through to huge sharks, giant crayfish, octopus, dugongs, murray cod and stacks more, they were all mesmerising. Mr Draper was itching to bait up a fishing rod and catch a huge whiting. There wasn’t quite enough time and we had to rush through a little bit but the aquarium was still great.

Next on the list was the zoo visit. What a great place! Some of the best views of Sydney’s beautiful harbour can be taken in by the zoo’s animals. Animals of all sorts were enjoyed by our students. The zoo is one of the best, most relaxing bits of the excursion.

After two hours at the zoo, Manly Beach was in our sights. Sydney is a great city and Manly Beach is one of its jewels. We built castles, played cricket, volleyball and parachute games. As the sunset on another action packed day, Middleton students walked along the beach front becoming witness to all the fitness freaks that live on the north shore. Our students appeared to really enjoy the battered fish, pizza, grilled chicken, tenderloins and pasta whilst sitting on the waterfront. We then walked from the north side of the harbour across our iconic bridge, being amazed by the shining lights. What a city.
Sydney Harbour is magic in all sorts of weather and it had to be because Sydney bunged on some wet, chilly weather for our harbour cruise. Unfortunately we had to stay in the cabin for most of the cruise but geez we have an amazing harbour. From the cruise, we headed to ANZ Stadium. We checked out the change rooms, media boxes, views from the stands and did some ‘warm up activities’ in the change room warm up area.

One of the most enjoyed things on the excursion was the swim time that we had at the Aquatic Centre. There were spas, a novelty pool, a whirl pool and a huge bucket that dumped water on everyone. Time flies when you’re having fun and we all had fun at one spot or another. We found ourselves heading for home with some great memories. A huge thank you, to Miss Ehsman, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Tolhurst for the countless hours they spent organising the great excursion and to Mr Draper, Mr Lamond, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Standen, Mrs Orr and Mr Harris for the roles they played in the excursion.