FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten students:
A very big welcome to our 43 kindergarten students who started their education at our wonderful school this morning. A huge to many new families who are beginning on the Middleton Public School journey. I am sure that it will be a positive relationship between home and school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the classroom teachers or the administration staff.

New Students:
A very big welcome to the new students and their families who have commenced at Middleton over the past week. It is lovely to have you at our fantastic school and I know that you will enjoy your time at our school.

HPLC Principals and P & C Presidents:
Last Thursday night, the four Principals from the Henry Parkes Learning Community and the four P & C Presidents from each of these schools met over dinner. The meeting discussed the new 2015-2017 school plans and shared ideas about each school and some possible combined activities. It was a very positive meeting and many thanks to Stephen Gaut who gave up his time to attend this meeting. This meeting followed on from an earlier meeting at the end of 2014.

HPLC:
This afternoon is the first meeting for the year of the Henry Parkes Learning Community to be held at the High School. The meeting will discuss our plans and ideas for the year ahead.

Parents and Citizens Meeting:
Our first Parents and Citizens Meeting will be held this Tuesday night commencing at 7.30pm in the library. It would be wonderful to see some new families attending, please come along and find out all about this hardworking committee.

Notes:
Many thanks to the families who have already returned the general notes including the medical note which were sent home last week. If you haven’t returned these forms and notes as yet, it would be appreciated if they were returned to Leanne in the office as soon as possible.

Home Readers
This year we are rearranging the reading boxes. Independent and Home Readers all will become Home Readers. Collation of these boxes will take a little time to complete so Home Readers will not go out for a few weeks. Thank you for your patience whilst this new system is up and running. Books are still available through the school library for your child to borrow.

Mr David Simes - Principal
Awards

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

Mitchell Davies (1M), Lilly Gosper (1/2SG), Charlie Skinner (2W), Sarah Field (3/4DW), Billy Swindle (3/4M), Coen Glastonbury (3/4OR), Anna Westcott (5/6E), Molly Shorter (5/6H), Kye Weekes (Mrs Butler), Ashley Ruse (Mrs Norton) and Lehni Milford (Mrs O’Donnell).

Well Done!!

Merit Certificates - Obeying School Rules:

Well done !!

Primary Sports

Shaun Deagan

Middleton Public School Captains for 2015

Alleyne Gaut   Jesse Shorter

Vice Captains

Lily Crocker   Bailey Bowd

Prefects

Maia Haenga   Bridget Mrak
Abigail Simpson   Anna Westcott
Alex Williams   Joshua Winter

Canteen News

Canteen Roster
04.02.15 Wednesday J Milne, M Turner
06.02.15 Friday C Bowd, E Quade
09.02.15 Monday S O’Brien, L Johnston

Welcome back to another year. We are going to try for the first term, opening Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for lunch orders. By the end of Term 1 we will know how many volunteers we have.

The canteen will be open every day for Crunch and Sip and lunch snacks, but NOT lunch orders on Tuesday and Thursday.

Monday will be Wrap Day and Wednesday will be Hot Dog Day.

Donations of Preloved Clothing

We are always on the look out for any preloved school uniforms for our second hand clothing pool. If you have any uniforms that are still in good condition, but are no longer needed, it would be appreciated if you could send them into Mrs Wright.

We are also asking for any school shoes and joggers in good condition which you may no longer need.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P&C Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd February in the School Library commencing 7.30pm.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

PBL Students on Target

Bailey Bowd

Bailey saw a student upset in the playground. He came across to see if he was ok & to assist him.

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

Waste To Art

Needed for our waste to art creation for 2015:

- small soft coloured balls
- round silver lids of all sizes ie Milo tins
- Collecting all year - small coloured tops/ lids for our “Fantastic Plastic Garden”!

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Library News

Library lessons commence this week.
Tuesday: 3/4OR, 5/6H, 1M, 1/2SG
Wednesday: 3/4M, KH, KP
Thursday: 3/4DW, 5/6E, 2W

Borrowing is:
Kindergarten - 1 book
Year 1 - 1 book
Year 2 - 1 book
Year 3 - 2 books
Year 4 - 2 books
Year 5 - 2 books
Year 6 - 2 books

If you participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge you can borrow an extra book each week.

Children need a library bag to borrow. Library bags are available from the canteen. Please encourage and remind your child to borrow on their designated day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Middleton Public School students will have the opportunity to be involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is a special initiative of the NSW Government, to foster a love of literature and encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure. The Premier will send a signed certificate to all students who meet the Challenge.

The K-2 Challenge is to experience 30 books from a booklist. The books can be read to the child, read by the child or in a shared reading situation.

The 3-6 Challenge is to read 20 books, with at least 15 of these books chosen from the Premier’s reading booklist.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge starts in February and finishes in August. Come on take up the challenge! If your child is interested in taking up the challenge they can let me know in library lessons this week and I will send home the record sheet. If you would like more information please come and see me. Have a great week!
Helen Standen - Librarian

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule. Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn. Hats can be purchased from Totally Workwear, Mensland or Arnold Byrnes.
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

Classes commence for Stage 2 students on Friday 6th February, Week 2. Parents and community volunteers are a vital part of the success of this program.

If you are available or know someone available on Fridays from 12.20pm to 1.50pm. You may be able to assist once a month or every week. Please see Mrs Orr if you are able to assist in a kitchen or garden class.

In the garden this week……..

Year 3/4 students will be picking snake beans, cherry tomatoes and strawberries. They will also be making new garden labels and labelling the vegetables. Another ongoing project is to expand our gardens onto the new retaining wall area and adult assistance would be greatly appreciated as there is dirt and manure to be moved.

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**Swimming Carnival**

This year our carnival will be held on **Tuesday 10th February (Week 3) from 9.00am to approximately 3.00pm**. The 200m Medley will be held this Wednesday 4th February at 10.00am before our swimming for sport. Information and notes were sent home last week.

**Primary Sport Swimming**

Students in Years 3-6 will be swimming for sport on Wednesday. **All permission notes must be returned before the students can participate.** The cost is $5 or $2 for season ticket holders. Students will need their money, swimmers, towel and sunscreen. Year 5 and 6 will be swimming from 10:15am-11:15am and Year 3 and 4 will be swimming from 12:35pm-1:35pm.

The parent helpers for this week are as follows:

Year 5 and 6 – Kellie Piercy, Kim Ryan and Phil Williams

Year 3 and 4 – Craig Smith, Stephen Gaut, Erik Snyman, Nicky Sutton and Rachelle Blackhall

The parent roster will be sent home to all parent helpers on Friday this week. If any parents/caregivers are able to help, please return notes to Miss Ehsman as soon as possible so the roster can be finalised.

On behalf of all primary staff, I would like to thank all helpers for their continued support with swimming.

There will be no swimming on Wednesday next week.

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**Year 4 2LVR RADIO SHOW**

Year 4 students are invited to participate in our Radio program during 2015. This involves becoming a radio announcer on local radio station 2LVR which is located in Forbes. Students are well prepared for the experience and as a group of 3 students along with teacher assistance organise a one hour segment which includes talking about our school happenings and music. A separate note asking for expressions of interest will be given to all Year 4 students. Please return this promptly to ensure that your child doesn't miss out on this exciting, worthwhile experience.

*Mrs Orr and Mr Ranger*
IS YOUR CHILD / CHILDREN INTERESTED IN PLAYING JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2015?

Parkes Marist Junior Rugby league is a family friendly club catering for both Boys (Under 6 – Under 16) and Girls (up until and including Under 12’s).

Registration Day is on Saturday 7th February 2015 at the Cambridge Hotel, 12pm – 4pm.

New and re-registrations can be done online – Go to http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?client=0-2466-96409-0-0 or Join our facebook page – Parkes Marist Junior Rugby League and click on the link.

For more information contact Club Secretary Kim Ryan on 0400 600 610 or come along to our Registration Day.

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Sparks Kids club . . . . starts Thursday 5th February.

It is held on Thursday nights 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the school term at the Parkes Baptist Church Hall - Corner Currajong & Church Streets.

Cost: $3 per person or $5 per family

Sparks is a mid week church program for children in primary years 3-6. The program includes games, Bible talks, memory verses and chat groups, singing, dinner and more games!

For more information call or email SPARKS coordinators - Julie Layton: 0427 606 818 or email: jlayton0875@gmail.com or Jenna Field: 0447 250 738.

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**St George's Anglican Church**

**TERM 1 in 2015**

**TUESDAY**

Little Acorns: 10am - 12pm  
(Upper Hall)

Toy Library: 3.30pm - 6.30pm  
(Lower Hall)

RESUMING 3 FEBRUARY 2015

**FRIDAY**

(Upper Hall)

Kid’s Club: 4 - 5.30pm  
(5+ includes afternoon tea)

Youth Discipleship: 6 - 7pm

Youth Group: 7 - 8.30pm  
(15+ includes support)

RESUMING 6 FEBRUARY 2015

**SERVICE TIMES**

**PARKES**

Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am & 9:30am (Family Service)  
Sunday School in recess during School Holidays  
Wednesday 10:00am  
**PEAK HILL**  
Sunday 9:00am

For updated information on services and activities contact us at:

Cnr Hill & Church Streets, PARKES  
0622 1868 (office) OR 0622 2003 (rectory)  
www.stgeorgesparkes.wordpress.com  
or Anglican Parish of Parkes on Facebook

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Free workshop for parents & carers of children with autism!  
Forbes - March 11

Register your place:  
positivepartnerships.com.au