FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parkes Show Exhibit:
Congratulations to all of the schools in the Henry Parkes Learning Community for winning “The Most Attractive Exhibit” at the Parkes Show last week. All of the schools put together a wonderful display of high quality work which was enjoyed by the many visitors who came along to view the display. Congratulations to our school winners in other categories including the mural, individual artwork and vegetables. Another wonderful effort and well done to all of the students and teachers for all of their hard work this year. Many thanks to the staff members who gave up their time to man the HPLC show display during the day and night—it is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Mrs Norton, Mrs Simes, Mr Tolhurst and Mrs Piercy for all of their hard work in putting preparing and assembling the display.

Talent Quest Heats:
It was wonderful to watch the heats of the Talent Quest last week and congratulations to all of the students who performed acts. You all did a wonderful job and I know that the judges had a really hard time scoring each of the acts. I am looking forward to the finals of the Talent Quest in Week 10.

Jump Rope For Heart:
We had a glorious afternoon on Friday for our Jump Rope For Heart activities. Many thanks to the students who donated their gold coin and a big thanks to Miss Ehsman for organising the afternoon. It was lots of fun.

SASS Staff Recognition Week:
Last week in our schools was SASS staff recognition week and we celebrated with afternoon tea during recess on Thursday. Without our SASS staff, our school would not run like the well oiled machine that it is. A huge thank you to Mrs Tolhurst, Mrs Wright, Mrs Piercy, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Huntly, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Martin, Miss Bolt, Mrs Nixon, Miss Clarke, Aunty Barb and Mr Tolhurst for the awesome job that you all do in our school.

Students arriving early of a morning:
We have noticed an increase in students arriving early at school in the morning. Just a reminder that there is no supervision until 8.50 am in the playground. When students arrive they are expected in sit under the cola and wait for the teacher on duty to take them into the playground.

P&C Meeting
The P&C Meeting which was to be held tonight has been cancelled.
**Wambangalang Excursion:**
Our Year 4 students are heading off to Wambangalang for their three day excursion in the morning. I am sure that they will have a wonderful time participating in a variety of exciting activities. Many thanks to Mrs Orr, Miss McAneney, Mrs Martin, Mr Middleton and our parent helpers for giving up their time to supervise the excursion.

**Western Spelling Bee Final**
Best of luck to students who are representing the school at the Western Spelling Bee Final in Dubbo on Thursday.

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:
Chelsea Baker (KH), Estella Johnston (KP), Lani Roach (1M), Cooper Fiedler (1/2SG), Ava Quade (2W), Neikea Simpson (3/4DW), Hayley Janssen (3/4M), Iesa Smith (3/4OR), Kane Leigo (5/6E), Maia Haenga (5/6H), Tanika Salafia (Mrs O’Donnell), Bridget Mrak (Mrs Dean), Jesse Shorter (Mrs Brooks) and Nathan Purtell (Mrs Standen). **Well Done!!**

**MERIT CERTIFICATES — Release/Library**

**Infants Sports:** Josie Jennings
**Primary Sports:** Nina Gaut
**Assembly Item:** Gym Group

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**SILVER PENNANTS**
Congratulations to Kattie-Anne Miller and Jayden Connor-Allen 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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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**
**Students on Target**
Ben Rolington

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

**PBL Focus for this week**
“Kindness Towards Others”

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**YEAR 4 WAMBANGALANG EXCURSION**
All Year 4 students going on the excursion in the morning need to meet at school at 7.45am to depart at 8.00am tomorrow morning. The bus returns on Thursday to Middleton Public School at 5.00pm.

**YEAR 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION**
There are still quite a large number of families that have only paid the deposit. Please ensure that regular payments are made as the closing date is fast approaching.

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**Canteen News**

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**Sports Shorts**
Sport shorts for boys has now changed to navy. They are available from the canteen for $20.00 a pair.

**Girls Summer uniforms**
Just a reminder that next term the girls will wear their summer uniform.

Mrs B Osborne—Canteen Manager

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**Kip McGrath Education Centre**
Maths & English
Call Bill & Beth on 68625112
For a FREE assessment
Lois Jones / Rex Smith Hockey Gala Day
The hockey gala day is on Wednesday 16th September for our girls and boys hockey teams. Boys will be in the morning and girls in the afternoon. A note with further details and permission notes will be sent home this week.

Library News

Waste to Art
- Please start collecting bright coloured plastic bags or soft plastic that can be woven. It needs 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.
- For the next two week could you collect and send any clear plastic bottles eg water bottles, soft drink bottles. All sizes needed. No milk bottles.

Keep recycling and resusing.

Mrs Standen

Talent Quest
It was such a pleasure to witness our students performing acts which they had organised themselves. How brave they all were to perform in front of a large audience. Thanks to all the students who come along to support them. Congratulations to them all.

Our finalists will be sent home a note today. The final will be held on Tuesday 15th September. Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children perform on the day.

Assembly Items Weeks 9 and 10
The primary gym group will be displaying their skills for assembly items over the next two weeks. The Juniors (Years 3 and 4) will be with Mr Dumesny and the Seniors (Years 5 and 6) will be with Miss McAneney this week.

The students involved in these items are asked to bring brightly coloured shorts and tops to wear. Correct footwear is essential.

Middleton Public School is a part of the Woolworths Earn and Learn.
Please send in all your stickers from Woolworths as the promotion finishes tomorrow. Once we tally up all our points we will be able to get some great resources for our school.
Welcome to a new season of Junior Touch Footy with Parkes Pumas

The season starts on Wednesday 9 September (next week) so it’s time to log onto our website and submit your teams for this year.

For junior touch footy the options are:
- Junior primary girls (years 3-4)
- Junior primary school boys (years 3-4)
- Senior primary school girls (years 5-6)
- Senior primary school boys (years 5-6)

Secondary mixed (all high school kids)
We are combining the high school competition and making it a mixed competition - with 3 boys/3 girls on the field at any time.

Simple process:
Go to website at http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-468-0-0-0

THANK YOU
Thank you to Ella Ward and her mum for donating clothes and stuffing to make a girl scarecrow. In the garden this week we will be planting spring seedlings.
Our annual Jump Rope for Heart day raised $167.90 for the Heart Foundation. As you can see the boys and girls had a great time!