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Last week’s Personal Best Award

Nell Smith - 3/4O

- A bubbly, happy, smiley little personality in 3/4O!
- Nell participates in all class activities and all school activities giving 100% in everything she does.
- She is always listening, ready to learn and all her work is beautifully presented.
- Nell cooperates with others and is a helpful class member who displays initiative.

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

- Marley Spedding (KH), Elana Glastonbury (KM), Isobel Cantrell (1RW), Amelia Ah-See (1/2W), Lee Piercy (2J), Coen Glastonbury (3/4D), Hope Butt-Anderson (3/4GD), Holly Duncan (3/4O), Harrison Ryan (5/6E), Emily Sole (5/6H), Connor Proberts (5/6P), Ryan Snyman (Mrs Butler), Joshua Miller (Mrs O’Donnell), Ella Ross (Mrs Fisher) and Ruby Moore (Mrs Standen).

Well Done!!

_**MERIT CERTIFICATES —**_

**Settling into Routines**


**Infants Sports:** Olivia Alexander

**Primary Sports:** Karma Smith

**Assembly Item:** 5/6P—Mrs Piffarelli

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## Library News

**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 then 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.

Mrs Standen - Librarian

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**Waste to Art**

_Needed for our Waste to Art creation for 2016_

- Hard bright coloured plastic and plastic bags - nice bright colours.

*Keep recycling and reusing.*

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## 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 students.

- 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.

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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.
Winter Uniforms
With the school holidays in 6 weeks, it is a good idea to start thinking about a winter uniform, which can be put on lay-by at the canteen.

Navy Sports Shorts
The sports shorts have arrived with many sizes available.

Track Suits
If you would like a track suit for winter, please place an order with Barb in the canteen this week.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

THANK YOU
Thank you to Mr Alan Parker, Mrs Carol Wilson and Mrs Skye Westcott’s mum who have been very busy making relish, chutney and jam to sell at the fete and markets this year.

In the kitchen …
This week students in the Kitchen class will be making a yummy tomato sauce and homemade gnocchi using our school grown tomatoes and basil.

In the garden …
This week the garden crew will be preparing and fertilizing the soil for autumn planting, potting up some herb cuttings to sell at the fete and drying some lavender and oregano to also sell at the fete.

WANTED
Any type of manure – cow, horse, chook or sheep manure would be greatly appreciated.

Primary Sport
Primary students will be swimming on Wednesday. Students will need their swimmers, towel, sunscreen and money. The cost is $5.00 ($3 for bus and $2 for pool entry) or only $3 (bus) if you have a season ticket. 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.

Infants Sport
Infants sport will take place from 9.35am to 10.15am on Friday’s. Any parents/carers who wish to help with Infants Sport are most welcome to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES!!!
Thursday, 25 February     School Assembly
Friday, 26 February       Boys Lachlan Cricket Trials
Monday, 29 February       Fete Meeting at school at 3.30pm
Tuesday, 1 March         Western Tennis Trials
Friday, 4 March           Western Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, 8 March          School Cricket team play Condobolin PS
Wednesday, 9 March       School Performance—Solid State Circus
                          (information included in newsletter)
Friday, 11 March          SCHOOL FETE
Lachlan Swimming Carnival

On Friday 19th February 2016, 23 excited students from Middleton Public School travelled west to Condobolin to compete in the PSSA Lachlan Swimming Carnival.

The hot weather was perfect for swimming so with swimmers, goggles and sunscreen on our swimmers were ready to take to the pool.

Hayden Lamond, our youngest, Year 2 swimmer, was the first Middleton Student to place in his event, coming third in the 8yrs Boys 50m Freestyle. This was followed by Molly Orr, coming third in the 10 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle and Teagan Smede, third in the 11 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle. Jayden Monaghan, Harry Kennedy, Sally Medlyn and Georgie MacGregor all competed in the 9 years 50m freestyle and can be proud of their efforts at their first Lachlan Carnival. Molly Smith, Lara Piercy, Bella Gould, Ruby Smith, Malakai Folau, Jack McMaster, Spencer Draper, Will Lamond and Jye Facchi all had great 50m Freestyle swims with several placing fourth in their event.

The next event was the 50m Breaststroke. Ruby Smith and Sally Medlyn represented Middleton in the Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke with Ruby Smith placing third. Bella Gould placed third in the 11 years Breaststroke and Will Lamond placed third in the 12 yrs Breaststroke. Lara Piercy and Molly Smith also had good swims in the 12yrs 50m Breaststroke.

We then had success in the Backstroke events with Molly Orr placing second in the Junior Girls 50m Backstroke and Teagan Smede, second in the 11 yrs Girls 50m Backstroke.

Congratulations then went to Bella Gould our only place getter in the Butterfly events. She placed third in the 11 years Girls 50m Butterfly. Jackson Parker-Lee, Geordie Duncan and Paige Duncan all had great races in their Butterfly events. Well done!

The most exciting event of the day was next, the relays! Firstly our Junior Girls swam an almighty swim each to finish in second place. Gemmah Neilsen, Iesa Smith, Ruby Smith and Molly Orr made up the team.

Our Junior Boys then gave it everything. Awesome swims by Hayden Lamond, Geordie Duncan, Spencer Draper and Josh Bowd.

Our Senior girls were next with the team comprising of Charlee Studdert, Teagan Smede, Bella Gould and Molly Smith. A great team effort although they did not place.

Then came the Senior Boys relay event. Now these boys on times placed last in this event by 1 ½ minutes. But these determined 4 boys decided they could do it and that’s what they did. Jack McMaster, Jye Facchi, Malakai Folau, Will Lamond swam so well that they placed third!

Congratulations boys!

The final event was the 200m IM (medley) event. Super fish Hayden Lamond competed in the Junior Boys Medley, whilst Molly Orr competed in the Junior Girls Medley placing third. Will Lamond and Molly Smith competed in the 200m Senior IM events.

What a carnival with great behaviour and excellent efforts by all our swimmers. Well done MPS students!

Thank you to all the parents for transporting and supporting our Middleton swim team.
Congratulations to the 12 students who will be competing at the PSSA WESTERN Swimming Carnival next Friday, 4th March 2016.

**Haydon Lamond** 8 yrs 50m Freestyle

**Molly Orr** 10 yrs 50m Freestyle, 10 yrs 50m Backstroke

**Teagan Smede** 11 yrs Freestyle, 11yrs Backstroke

**Ruby Smith** Junior Girls Breaststroke

**Bella Gould** 11 yrs 50m Breaststroke, 11yrs 50m Butterfly

**Will Lamond** 12 years 50m Breaststroke

Junior Girls Relay - Gemmah Neilsen, Iesa Smith, Ruby Smith and Molly Orr

Senior Boys Relay - Jack McMaster, Jye Facchi, Malakai Folau and Will Lamond

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**Crunch and Sip**

Buy in season
Fruit and vegetables that are in season taste great, are good quality and value for money. Encourage your child to eat a variety of fruit and vegetables
Take your children shopping to allow them to choose fruit and vegetables to take to school.

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**First School Performance**

**Solid State Circus presents**

*State of Play* - a comedy acrobatics troupe.

The tightly packed, high energy show features an array of circus skills, including mini tramp, juggling and high level acrobatics. If you don’t know the difference between a backflip and a backsault, then this is the show for you!

The performance will be on Wednesday 9th March
Cost is $5.50 per student

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I enclose $..................................................
One of the stalls at the Middleton PS Fete on Friday, March 11th will be a **PRODUCE, PLANTS and ART/CRAFT** stall.

So, we are starting to gather donations of:
- potted plants
- succulents
- herbs
- new homemade craft items
- homemade chutneys, relishes, pickles and jams
- other suggestions and donations are most welcome.

We will accept any homegrown fruit and vegetables nearer to and on the day of the fete.

We need volunteers who would be willing to make some homemade items for our stall. Suggestions could include:

* Kids aprons
* Lavender bags
* Hand sewing
* Hair clips and bands
* Bath salts

* Magnets
* Knitting
* Crocheted items
* Bath bombs
* School uniform scrunchies (*material supplied*)

**So use your imaginations and get creative!**

*Ask family members, friends and neighbours who may have vegetables, plants or make homemade products to donate.*

*Thank you for your support in assisting us to host a school fete in 2016*

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**Middleton P&C Fete**  
**Produce, Plants and Art/Craft Stall**

**Name:** ______________________  
**Phone:** ______________________

I am able to donate:

_______________________________________________________

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The MPS Fete is on Friday 11th March. We would like to hold a Tombola stall as one of the activities. We would greatly appreciate any donations of Tombola packs. Please see Miss Ehsman if you have any questions.

Please hand in Tombolas in snap lock bags.

Tombolas could contain whatever you like. Here are some ideas:

- Pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners etc
- Lollies
- Cards
- Hairbands
- Cars and small toys
- Notepads
- Craft items
- Balloons
- Stickers

Thank You!

You will receive house points for donations!
Homemade goods are needed for the cake and produce stalls.

If you can provide any of the following or even something else that is homemade and edible please fill in the slip below and return to the front office.

Disposable plates, bags and stickers will be provided for you to package the delicious donations.

There will be 2 sizes available, a small and a large.

Please tell us how many you'll need and we will be more than happy to arrange delivery of them.

Suggestions to create for the plates:
- Cupcakes
- Slices
- Cakes
- Rocky road
- Rock cakes
- Biscuits / cookies
- Play dough
- Truffles
- Lollies
- Toffee

Suggestions to create for jars:
- Relish
- Chutney
- Pickles
- Jams
- Lemon butter
- Chocolate sauce
- Brandy sauce

Please note: Due to health laws all ingredients must be displayed on the outside packaging. Sticky labels will be provided at your request.

Middleton Public School Fete ~ Friday 11th March 2016

You can rely on _____________________________________________ (your name)

to make ___________________________________________________ (your creations)

☐ I will be making something other than a cake or slice and I will provide my own packaging

Can I please have
☐ Small trays
☐ Large trays

Could you please send them home with ____________________________________________
Parkes High School
INNOVATION – INSPIRATION – INCLUSION

OPEN DAY

Tuesday, 1st March 2016

Years 5-6 Information session 6.00pm – 6.30pm in LP Johnston Hall
Tours of the School 6.30pm – 8.00pm from LP Johnston Hall, Albert St
BBQ, Coffee and Cakes/Biscuits, Plants for sale
Everyone is Welcome!

Visit www.parkes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or call (02) 68621844 for more information
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