Principal’s Report
The children have been very settled on their return and they all look lovely in their uniforms. Thank you mums and dads for your efforts in ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Please remember that track pants and shorts are not to have any type of logo on them.

Today our 39 little Kinder students commenced school. They have been very well prepared for school through out Middleton Minis program and I'm sure will have a happy and successful year.

Congratulations to Anna Wescott, Taylor Osborne, Kieran Lenehan-Baker and Ben Bloomfield for being voted in as our AECG Executive for 2014. They were presented with their badges at Friday morning’s assembly by Ms Gilbert our Wiradjuri Language Tutor. These four young people will assist in leading and promoting our Aboriginal initiatives for 2014 and attend termly AECG meetings with the other school representatives.

Our school parking along Park and Medlyn Streets will be regularly patrolled by council with fines given if the rules are not obeyed. The information in today's newsletter regarding parking and picking up and dropping off children in school zones is most important and states clearly your responsibilities. Please read them carefully so as we ensure the safety of our children and avoid fines as they are very expensive. Do the right thing!

Tomorrow evening at 7.30pm we have our first P@C meeting for the year. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and are finished by 9.00pm. I invite all new mums and dads to the school and not so new to come along and be part of this vital group who do so much in providing additional resources for the children.

If you have any concerns regarding your child at any time please arrange to speak to your child's teacher. The teachers are very approachable and are most willing to support both you and your child.

Have an enjoyable week!!

Mrs Rosser
Relieving Principal

Our first P&C meeting will be held in the school library tomorrow evening commencing at 7.30pm. Come along and be part of this positive and productive group, it is lots of fun!! We are always looking for new members.
**Classes and Teacher 2014**

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**Library**

- Mrs Standen

**Release**

- Mr Dumesny

**Support**

- Mrs Butler
- Mrs O’Donnell
- Mrs Fisher

**Reading Recovery**

- Mrs Norton (AP)

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**Captains for 2014**

- Jordyn Chapple and Ty Logan

**Vice Captains**

- Sophie Field and Ethan Hoswell

**Prefects**

- Savannah Draper: Jessica Jones
- Natalie Kent: Ainsley Newton
- Ryan Taylor: Melaney Smede

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**Canteen News**

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**Reminder**

Wraps are available on Tuesday and Hot Dogs are available on Thursday.

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**Canteen Price List**

A new price list is going home with today's newsletter. Please note price increase on some items.

*Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager*

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**Library News**

Library lessons commence this week.

**Tuesday:** 3/4OH, 5/6H, 1M, 1/2C

**Wednesday:** 3/4M, KH, KP

**Thursday:** 3/4F, 5/6E, 2DW

**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*

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**Parent Helpers**

All parents are welcome any time at Middleton School. Volunteers and other workers must sign in at the front office where they will be issued with a pass to wear while at Middleton School premises. The teachers will ask you to sign in at the office if the Visitor’s Pass is not visible.
MLC Hot Shots

tennis is the fastest
growing sport in
Australia with
more than 200000
kids aged 4-12yrs registered.

If you would like to be part of Hot Shots Tennis in Parkes
it runs after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
as well as Saturday mornings at the town courts.

The 8 week program costs $85 and includes a FREE
racquet and t-shirt.
Ratio of coach to player is 1:4 so plenty of
personalised attention is assured.

Next program starts on Monday February
10th. Register today by phoning Helen Magill on
0407253888 or email helenmagill@bigpond.com

Waste to Art

Needed for our waste to art creation for 2014:
- Bright coloured plastic lids and small containers

We need lots of stuff and we
need it soon so start collecting.

Send all of your great bright plastic rubbish to the library
or school office. All students
who contribute to the rubbish
pile will be invited to be part
of our master piece.

Happy Collecting !!!

New Website for Parents

Have you visited the Parkes Community Hub website yet,
to see how it might help your children? This website has
been established specifically
for parents and teachers to
help with children’s
development of speech,
language, communication,
social skills and physical
development. Please visit
parkescommunityhub.wix.com.
It’s for you!
Mrs C Butler and
Mrs P O’Donnell
Primary Swimming for Sport
Our swimming program for primary sport will commence this Wednesday. Students in Years 3-6 will need their swimmers and towel, sunscreen and money. The cost is $5 or $3 for season ticket holders. **All permission notes MUST be returned before students can participate.** Please ensure all notes are returned by tomorrow (Tuesday) to allow us time to organise ability groups and parent helpers.

This is a great opportunity for students to practise for the swimming carnival. Entries will be taken on Wednesday afternoon. Please discuss this with your children and return the ‘Suggested Entries’ note to the school by Wednesday.

Thank you to all parents who offered to assist with weekly swimming. A roster will be sent home very soon. If you are unable to attend please let the school know as soon as possible so a replacement can be organised. Could you please be at the pool by the beginning of the swimming time. Thank you!

Parent Helpers For Swimming
The parents we have rostered to assist this week are:

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<td>* Stephen Gaut * Kellie Beverley * Raegan Lowe * Erik Synman * Jodie Milne * Anita Kealley * Kristy Lamond * Kellie Piercy</td>
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Thank you
* Mrs Fisher

Can all notes for the swimming carnival please be returned by this Wednesday!

**INFANTS SPORT**

Infants sport will be held each Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am. We would appreciate it if there are any parents who could help. If we do not have parent helpers we will not be able to have Infants sport.

**PBL**

*Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)*
Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude
PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN THE SCHOOL ZONES

Parkes Shire Council has advised the school that Council Rangers will now be patrolling and enforcing school zone parking rules to ensure the safety of our children.

The parking rules are there to help keep our children safe by ensuring sight distances at things like school crossings and intersections, provide safe pick up and drop off opportunities and to minimise confusion where children are crossing roads.

Council want people to be aware that fines apply for parking illegally and in some situations, demerit points also apply.

Council has provided the following information on some of the signs most relevant to school zones to assist people understanding the requirements of these signs.

If you have any questions about the parking enforcement please contact Parkes Shire Council.

**No Parking**
You may only stop in a No Parking zone while you set down or pick up passengers or goods. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in the vehicle or within three metres of your vehicle.

Fines of $169 + 2 demerit points apply

**Bus Zone**
You are not permitted to stop in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Fines of $304 + 2 demerit points apply

**Children’s Crossing**
You must not stop within 20 metres of the approach of a crossing, or within 10 metres after.

Fines of $405 + 2 demerit points apply

**Accessible Parking**
Only vehicles transporting a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit holder may park in these zones. The MPS permit must be displayed in the parked vehicle.

Fines of $506 apply

**No Stopping/No Standing**
You must not stop your vehicle in any area zoned with these signs, unless there is a medical or other emergency. Times of operation may apply if stated on the sign.

Fines of $304 + 2 demerits apply

**Double Parking**
A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle parked at the side of the road.

Fines of $304 + 2 demerits apply

**Timed Parking**
These signs mean that in certain areas you may park at the kerb for the duration of time shown on the sign between certain hours on particular days.

Fines of $101 apply for disobeying time parking restrictions
**MEDICATION**

Parents, please be aware that only prescribed medication can be administered by school staff trained in, and holding a certificate for Administration of Prescribed Medications and Asthma Treatments.

All paper work must be filled out and be accompanied by a letter from the doctor who prescribed the medication. The letter must state what the medication is, what dose is required and the times the medication is to be administered.

If medicine has not been prescribed by a doctor, staff will not administer it.

A note from mum or dad is not OK. Paracetamol/analgesics and other ‘across the counter’ products including cough syrups, creams and ointments are not prescribed medications.

Parents are most welcome to come to school to give their child non-prescribed medication when it is needed.

**SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES**

Students should not be arriving to school early as there is no teacher supervision until 8.50am.

**SIGNING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL**

Any child who arrives late to school must be signed in by an accompanying parent/caregiver in the office.

If you are taking your child early please make sure you have signed them out at the front office and obtained a pass out for their teacher.

**SMOKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS**

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS THAT SCHOOLS ARE STRICKLY NO SMOKING ZONES. This is in accordance to the “Smoke Free Environment Regulation 2007”. Please refrain from smoking on school grounds as strict penalties may apply.

**LABEL EVERYTHING!**

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

**ABSENCES AND EXEMPTIONS**

Parents please do not allow your children to stay home unless they are ill. If your child is going to be away for a number of days please phone the school. A phone call does not need to be followed up by a letter.

If you have are going on holidays or your children are having any planned leave from school, please call into the office and collect an exemption from school application. Your children will be given an exemption rather than be marked absent.

This type of leave is not calculated in a school’s attendance record.

**ABSENTEE NOTES**

Absentee notes must be sent into school when a child has been absent for any reason.

To help make it easier for parents, you may collect a blank absentee note from the school office and complete.

**FOOD ALLERGIES**

Please avoid sending peanut products to school and forbid your child to share their lunch with anyone.

In recent times more and more children are presenting with food allergies. We currently have a number of children enrolled who suffer form allergies to certain types of foods and for some the allergy can be life threatening. For the safety of those children concerned, we ask parents to avoid sending peanut butter sandwiches to school.

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