Principal’s Report

It certainly was lovely having rain over the weekend. Hopefully the extreme heat we have been experiencing has finished.

A new Principal has been chosen but an official announcement won't be made for a number of weeks due to the appeal process. I will remain at MPS for the rest of the term with the incoming Principal expected to commence at the beginning of Term 2.

Mr Glenn Stewart the school Director for Lachlan made a casual visit on Friday and took time to visit be shown around the school. We look forward to working with Mr Stewart.

On Thursday 27th February our first AECG will be held here at Middleton Public School. Parents, caregivers and community members are most welcome to attend.

Last Tuesdays swimming carnival was a most enjoyable day even though it was hot. The children were very well behaved and enthusiastically participated in their events. A number of girls and boys dressed up which certainly added to the atmosphere? Thank you so much to the parents who gave time to assist on the day. It is always an extremely well organised event but the assistance of parents doing a range of jobs and teachers who do what's required, ensures a smooth, successful and happy day.

As part of the fundraising events for 2014 the P&C have organised a Family Bingo night to be held on Friday 4th April. Barbecue, jumping castle and bingo with a wonderful range of prizes to be won will ensure a night of fun for all of the family. Mark this date on your calendar and invite your family and friends along (see advert included in todays newsletter).

Enjoy the cooler weather.

Mrs Rosser - Relieving Principal
Awards

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:
Cooper Fliedner (KH), Lani Roach (KP), Elsie Orr (1M), Kassie Merriman (1/2C), Ruby Smith (2DW), Richard Gaut (3/4D), Cheyenne Kelly (3/4M), Teagan Smede (3/4OH), Tyra Spicer (5/6E), Shaun Deagan (5/6H), Flynn Amor (Mrs Butler), Molly Smith (Mr Dumesny), Dean Cotter (Mrs King), Jordyn Chapple (Mrs Fisher), Sally Medlyn (Mrs Norton), Lilly Gosper (Mrs O'Donnell) and Jessica Jones (Mrs Standen). Well Done!!

Merit Certificates
Primary Swimming Carnival or Infants Sport

Primary Sports
Lee Piercy

Infants Sports
Abigail Simpson

Assembly Item
2-6 Choir - Mrs Butler

Library News

What a fantastic start to the year with the majority of students borrowing.
A big thank you to the Middleton P&C for the new chairs and table tops to spruce up our library, they look magnificent. Please pop into the library and have a look.

Congratulations to the 2014 Library Monitors:
Nina Gaut
Molly Smith
Molly Shorter
Amanda Lowe
Will Lamond
Kane Leigo
Hayden Pay
Paige Duncan
Lara Piercy

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.

Premier’s Reading Challenge reading logs will be sent home with Kindergarten this week.
Mrs H Standen

PBL Student on Target
Ty Logan - At last weeks swimming carnival, Ty was an outstanding role model for all students. Ty was an enthusiastic participant, cheering competitors on, supporting his house team and running errands for teachers. It was a wonderful demonstration of a Positive Attitude when Ty was unable to compete in any events himself. Great job Ty!

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

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**Canteen News**

18.02.14  Tuesday  J Jeffery  
19.02.14  Wednesday  P Logan  
20.02.14  Thursday  J Duncan, N Smede  
21.02.14  Friday  L Logan, C Bowd  
24.02.14  Monday  S O’Brien, D Winter  
25.02.14  Tuesday  J Milne  

**Reminder**

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

*Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager*

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**Waste to Art**

*Needed for our Waste to Art creation for 2014:*

- Keep collect bright coloured plastic bottle tops.
- Start collecting small bright coloured containers eg yoghurt, yogo & Milo dairy snacks containers

*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 !!!*

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**Lost Property**

- Black and orange Slazenger watch
- Reading glasses with dark red frame
- Reading glasses with light blue frame
- Black glasses case
- Girls reading glasses with purple frame with green and pink also on frame in a Barbie case
- Purple and white swimming goggles
- Black swimming goggles

All the above items are at the school office.

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**Sport**

**Primary Swimming**

Primary swimming will be held tomorrow Tuesday NOT Wednesday. Please remember your swimmers and towel. Cost $5.00, students with a season ticket cost is $3.00.

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**Middleton P&C**

**Community Bingo Night**

Friday 4th April 2014

The evening will commence with a BBQ and activities followed by an evening of Bingo. There will be loads of great prizes and vouchers to be won!

This is a whole family event. Please feel free to invite relative, friends and neighbours.
Student Medical Forms
All students should have received their medical form. Could you please fill them out and return them to school by this Friday, with or without any changes.

St George’s Kid’s Club at the Anglican Church
Starts this Friday at 4:00pm
All kids are welcome to join us.

We will be serving a snack and a drink of cordial, plus craft during the hour and a half program. Each child will need a parent or guardian to fill out a registration form to start, and pay $2 for the activities we have. (Three or more children, and it’s a flat fee of $5!)

Parkes Branch Red Cross are holding their annual 'March is Red Cross Calling'.

The annual fund raiser is an opportunity to raise awareness of the financial assistance that the Red Cross provides in the event of natural disasters.

The Red Cross rooms in Court Street will be open Saturday 8th March until Saturday 15th March. Please call in and make a donation, have a chat and a cuppa.

Carewest Preschool Early Learning Service
9.00am to 3.00pm
Monday /Tuesdays 4-5 years
Wednesday / Thursday 3-4 years
at Middleton Public School

All children attending MUST be toilet trained

Transitioning children to Kindergarten is a seamless process when the preschool space is attached to a Public School

Phone: 1300 227 393

Carewest Preschool Early Learning Service

Maths & English

Carewest

Parkes Shire Concert Band rehearsals
Tuesdays at 7.00pm in the school term.

Located above the Parkes Swimming Pool Complex Dalton Street, Parkes.

Children and adults interested in joining the PSCB should direct enquiries to:
Rhonda Redenbach 6862 2944

Kip McGrath

Maths & English

Call Bill & Beth on 6862 5112
For a FREE assessment

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Teachers will be diligent in enforcing this important rule. Broad-brimmed hats are the only acceptable hats to be worn.
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### Helping with homework

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


### Back to school

Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school.


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Parkes Junior Rugby Union Club are currently seeking players interested in ‘Trying Rugby’ and playing Walla Rugby in the Under 7’s, 9’s and 11’s.

Rugby is a lot of fun for players to learn new skills, make friends and gain self-confidence. Both boys and girls are able to play rugby. U7’s play two handed touch only, with no contact. U9’s & U11’s is full contact.

**Try Rugby program** will be conducted every Friday at Spicer Park from 5:30pm and costs $10 per child for 7 weeks. The program starts with a fun and interactive information “Sign Up Session’ on Friday 28th Feb, and run through to Friday 11th April. A gold coin BBQ will be on after each session.

**Walla Rugby** Training for the season is every Thursday at 5:30pm starting 20th March. Fees for 2014 Walla Rugby will be $50 for 1, $90 for 2 or $120 for 3+ siblings.

Walla Rugby is conducted as family friendly Gala days at Rugby Clubs around the Central West on Sunday mornings. Players participate in 3 games each gala day, starting at 9:30am and concluding about lunchtime. Walla Comp starts Sunday 4th May. No games are played during school holidays or on public holidays.

So come along to find out more and give rugby a go. For info contact: Richard Rice 0428 623 210, Doug Moore 0417 585 816, Chris Reynolds 0408 427 581, or Chris Summerhayes 0432 389 960

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