The term is humming along with classes being well organised and timetables adjusted and operational.

This Friday the first of this year's representative sporting events, Lachlan swimming, will take place in Condobolin. There will be 28 students competing from MPS. Mr Harris will be taking the children across to Condobolin. We wish all of those competing a great day of competition and know that they will try their best and represent MPS beautifully.

Primary children will swim on Wednesday this week. Swimming is the primary sport for Term one and it is expected that all students will be in attendance every week. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to become more confident in the water by developing swimming skills and techniques. This is a much cheaper option than having private lessons. Wednesday is swimming !!!!

On Friday we will be working in grades around the school to clean up as part of the Clean Up Australia Day initiative. We constantly receive positive comments about how attractive and inviting our grounds are so we need to keep up the good work. Northparkes Mines will have a team of five working with Mr Tolhurst clean up the western side of the carpark and Steve McGrath will remove two dead trees.

This year our Teacher Professional Learning will again have a Literacy and Numeracy focus embedding Information Technology, enhancing comprehension and providing lots of hands on and discovery learning activities.

Mrs Fisher will this week commence Gifted and Talented lessons with some senior students exploring higher order thinking skills through literacy. I know that the senior teachers are very excited about this wonderful opportunity for the girls and boys and Mrs Fisher is eager to get started.

Parents teacher interviews will take place in Week 7, 10th - 14th of March. You will receive an invitation from you child’s teacher to attend an informal discussion. It’s important that you take advantage of this opportunity.
On Thursday our first AECG meeting for 2014 will take place here at MPS in our hall. The senior meeting commences at 10.30am, all parents and caregivers of our Aboriginal children are invited to attend. All of the school representatives gather to discuss their plans for the year and report on activities that they are undertaking in Aboriginal education. Morning tea will be provided.

Have a great week. I hope that you haven’t forgotten about finding the highlights in your day!! Highlights are like going through your day with a magic marker and highlighting the best parts! What are you waiting for!!

Mrs Rosser - Relieving Principal

**Awards**

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

Amelia Ah-See (KH), Layla Quade (KP), Bobby Parker-Lee (1M), Ella Ward (1/2C), Abigail Webb (2DW), Katrina Aroko (3/4D), Ella MacGregor (3/4M), Nina Gaut (3/4OH), Breeana Davies (5/6E), Douglas Butt-Anderson (5/6H), Kale Willis (Mrs Butler), Makinley Willis (Mr Dumesny), Zarli Masling (Mrs Dean), Breeanna Lowe (Mrs Fisher), Destiny White (Mrs Norton), Riley McMaster (Mrs O’Donnell) and Hayden Pay (Mrs Standen). **Well Done!!**

**Merit Certificates**

**Friendship**


**Canteen News**

**25.02.14 Tuesday** J Milne
**26.02.14 Wednesday** K Johnston
**27.02.14 Thursday** K Hamilton, K Johnston
**28.02.14 Friday** T Trim
**03.03.14 Monday** S Jordan
**04.03.14 Tuesday** J Jeffery

**Reminder**

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

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

**ICAS Competitions**

Information regarding the University of NSW ICAS Competitions has gone home today on a separate note. If you wish your child/ren to participate then please complete and return to school as per instructions.

**PBL**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude

**Sport**

Primary Swimming

Swimming in on Wednesday. Please remember your swimmers and towel. Cost $5.00, students with a season ticket cost is $3.00.
MIDDLETON P&C
B I N G O

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 relatives, friends and neighbours.

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

LOST PROPERTY
- Black and orange Slazenger watch
- Reading glasses with dark red frame
- Black glasses case
- Purple and white swimming goggles
- Black swimming goggles
- Dark brown ladies sunglasses
All the above items are at the school office.

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 !!!

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

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.
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**Term 1 Planner 2014**

**Fun Fridays at Middleton**

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of craft, songs and FUN!

Where: Middleton Public School (in the Garnett Pre-school room)

Medlyn Street, PARKES

Time: 2:10 - 3:10pm

Date: Starts 28th February

Every Friday during School Term

Open to: 3-5 years olds. Adults to stay and join in the fun with their children. 🎉
Virtual Selective High School


Testing for entry into the class will be on March 13th, 2014 with advice regarding acceptance being in July.

The virtual selective high school provision is one where students receive a challenging academic programme in English, Science and Mathematics via virtual instruction, as well as residential schools and science practicals. The remainder of their lessons are spent with their local peers in normal classes at Parkes High School.

Please contact Helen Vere – Gifted and Talented Coordinator – at Parkes High School, on 68621844 for more information.

Kacey Nightingale is shaving in the Leukemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave and is aiming to raise $2000.

Show your support by sponsoring today
Where: Cooke Park, PARKES
Time: 12noon
When: Saturday 22nd March
Contact: Gaylene on 0435 317331

Girls League Tag
If there are any girls interested in playing league tag, could you please contact John Wright on 0429661256.
Girls league tag is run in conjunction with junior rugby league.

Looking for After School Care?
Kidzcare at PCYC is open
Come and join the fun at our centre. Open from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.
Approved childcare, CCB and CCR available!
Phone: 6862 3825

PHYSICAL CULTURE (PHYSIE) HAS STARTED AGAIN!
Physical culture is a great sport for your daughter to participate in; PHYSIE builds confidence and poise but that’s not all...

PHYSIE also develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, musical awareness, coordination and balance through a regular program of exercise and dance. It is also very social and your daughter will make great friends.

The syllabus, which is changed every year, is performed to modern music and comprises standing and floor exercises, aerobic warm ups, basic ballet and modern dance. Teachers this year are Mrs Di Ehsman, Mrs Amy Thornberry and Ms Jessie Weekes.

If your daughter is in preschool or older she can start physie. Simply come to Parkes Public School Hall on a Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30pm and pick up a registration form.

All enquiries to Di on 0439 901 692, or Amy Thornberry 0409 632 008 for further information.