Another busy week is ahead of us at Middleton Public School.

**Touch Football trials:**
Today we had trials for both boys and girls touch football and many thanks to Mr Harris and Miss McAneney for their organisation and supervision of these trials.

**Sydney Conservatorium of Music Visit:**
On Wednesday morning we will be hosting a visit from several members from the Conservatorium of Music. They will be performing a concert for the students and this will involve a brass quintet and a drummer. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn more about these musicians. The group is also performing on Tuesday night at the Parkes Services Club at 7.30pm. Tickets are $25.00 for an adult and students are admitted free.

**Boys and Girls Hockey teams:**
Best of luck to our boys and girls hockey teams who are heading off tomorrow to play matches. The girls will be travelling to Canowindra with Mrs Orr, whilst the boys are travelling to Orange with Mrs Rodgers.

**Parkes High School Musical - Through the Looking Glass:**
Tomorrow many of our Years 3-6 students will be travelling to Parkes High School to watch the matinee performance of “Through the Looking Glass”. It promises to be a wonderful production involving students from the Henry Parkes Learning Community.

**Cross Country:**
Best of luck to the students who will be participating in the school Cross Country on Wednesday. It might be a little chilly on the course. Many thanks to Mr Cassell for organising this event.

**Communication with staff members:**
If you need to make contact with a staff member, please ensure that you contact the school to make an appointment at a convenient time or speak with them during school hours. It would be appreciated if staff are not contacted through personal mobile/phone numbers and through social media.

Mr Simes - Principal

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**Royce Simpson - 5/6H**

Royce is wonderful to watch in both swimming and athletics carnivals as he achieves at the highest level. The best thing about Royce in these carnivals is his excellent sportsmanship. In class Royce is making great progress developing work habits that will ensure success. Royce is who he is and is very honest to himself. Congratulations Royce!
**Awards**

Congratulations to the children who were presented with Student of the Week Ribbons for their effort last week:
- Frankie Johnston (KH), Mollie Barlow (KP), Ebbie Parker (1M), Kayden Charlton-Little (1/2C), Coen Glastonbury (2DW), Charlee Studdert (3/4D), Kattie-Anne Miller (3/4M), Troy Paton (3/4OH), Matilda Langham (5/6E), Cooper Gibson-Lucas (5/6H), Dean Cotter (Mrs Butler), Levi Edwards (Mrs King), Jade Egan (Mr Dumesny), Ebony Clark (Mrs O’Donnell), Ben Bloomfield (Mrs Dean), Sophie Field (Mrs Fisher) and Ryan Taylor (Mrs Standen). **Well Done!!**

**Merit Certificates**

**Book Week:**

**Infants Sports**

Charlie Hargraves

**Primary Sports**

Malakai Folau

**Assembly Item**

Active After School Dancers

**Canteen News**

Consultation with the schools Live Life Well team and P&C has resulted in some minor changes in the canteen menu.

The changes are:
- Wholemeal bread instead of white to be used in sandwiches
- Increase of snack options
- Red foods only available twice a term
- Canteen menu indicates green and amber foods available
- Traffic lights displayed in all classrooms and inside and outside the canteen explaining the meaning of the red, amber and green lights.

**Canteen Roster**

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**Winter Uniforms**

The school canteen has plenty of girls and boys winter uniforms for sale. Please see the back page of the newsletter.

**Canteen Helpers**

We are short of helpers in the canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are available to assist between the hours of 9.30am and 12.30pm please let Barb in the canteen know by contacting the school on 6862 1999.

Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager

**MPS Website and Facebook**

Video footage of the school Spectacular dance auditions and the flash mob event have been uploaded and are streamed through You Tube.

The links for these uploads, as well as current Champion Post news items, can be found on the MPS website and MPS Facebook home pages.

**PBL Student on Target**

Lee Piercy - Lee is a consistently happy and friendly student in our school. He approaches all activities with a Positive Attitude and a willingness to learn. Recently, Lee was observed approaching and then sitting and talking with another student who was sitting on her own at lunchtime. Lee displayed his kind and friendly nature as he kept the young girl company, this was a lovely gesture from a Kindergarten student. Way to go Lee!

**PBL**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude
**Premiers Reading Challenge**
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**Waste to Art**
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Please keep collecting bottle tops and lids. I love the enthusiasm and support of our school community when the school need things collected or sent in. Thank you

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Thank you to the families who are able to help their children to perform with us. I know the children will represent their school with pride.

Mrs C Butler

**Stage 1 Excursion**
This year’s Stage 1 excursion will take place on Monday 4th August (Week 4 Term 3).

On the excursion we will be attending the stage show of Wombat Stew, followed by a visit to Dundullimal Homestead in Dubbo.

It is anticipated that the excursion will cost $40.00 per child. This can be paid as a full amount, or in increments, however the total amount is required to be finalised by the end of Week 1, Term 3.

Further details regarding the Stage 1 excursion will be advised either later this term or early in Term 3.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the excursion, please contact your child’s teacher.

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**Sport**

**Primary Sport**
Primary classes will have the Cross Country on Wednesday.

**Girls Hockey**
Our Middleton girls hockey team will be travelling to and playing against Canowindra Public School tomorrow Tuesday 6th May. They will be departing school at 10.30am to play at 12.00noon.

**Boys Hockey**
Middleton boys hockey team will be travelling to Orange Hockey Fields tomorrow Tuesday 6th May to play a game against Calare Public School. They will be departing from school at 9.15am to play at 11.00am.

**Western Region Hockey Reps**
Congratulations to Savannah Draper (Year 6) and Abigail Simpson (Year 5) for being selected in the Western Region Girls Hockey team. We are very proud of you both!

**AASC (Active After School Communities)**
AASC soccer commences today Monday and AASC netball will commence Wednesday. These activities will continue on their respective days until Week 8.

These activities start at 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Students will stay at school until 3.30pm and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please ensure you pick up your child at 4.30pm.

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**Kindergarten 2015**

Preparations are underway for next year’s Kindergarten classes. Middleton will be hosting a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 27th May at the school.

Our new students will begin their preparation for school at the beginning of next term.

If you have a child starting school next year, please check that their name has been added to our list. If you know someone who is considering starting their child with us, please encourage them to contact the school office.

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**Message from Paul Faulkner, Manager- Western PSSA Open Rugby League Primary School Rugby League On Show**

Congratulations to Middleton Public School rugby league representative Brendan Trim on his recent selection in the Western Primary Schools open rugby league squad.

Brendan has 3 training runs with his mates and Coach Andrew Hooper of Grenfell Public School, to hone his skills and develop a close working relationship with his new team mates, before taking on the best Primary School footballers from across NSW in the NSW PSSA Open rugby league state carnival to be held at Kingscliff, on the Qld NSW border. The NSW carnival runs over 3 days from June 17-19 with the view of selecting a NSW squad that will compete at the Australian Schoolboys championships later in the year.

This year’s team comprises players from Oberon, Orana Heights, Blayney, Parkes, Bletchington, Cowra, Calare, Sofala, Mulyan, Condobolin, Dubbo West, Grenfell, Bathurst and Middleton Public Schools.

Mr Hooper has his sights set high for this year’s team. "Last year the team performed extremely well under the close scrutiny of their home crowd in Dubbo. Being in Dubbo meant the kids had a lot of support. We even had our halfback selected in the NSW team and we hope that this years team step up and are just as successful.” He stated from League Central. "Traditionally the Western teams are considered the poorer country cousins in this competition and don’t often have the size to match it with the bigger, stronger players from metropolitan teams, but this year we have a game plan to emphasise the extraordinary speed and skill of the Western team. We will work on that over the next few weeks in our training sessions.

I’ve got great support in my manager and trainer Mr Faulkner from Bedgerabong- he’ll have the kids revved up and ready come game day. We’re all very excited and can’t wait to get into it. First training run is Sunday May 11 and I’m sure Brendan is excited and ready to go.”
Join us for Simultaneous Storytime at Parkes Shire Library
Bogan Street - Behind the Post Office

In Eric's house there were too many elephants - in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom! So when his mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever solution to a very BIG problem...Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual national literacy campaign that guarantees more young Australians will “Get Reading”.

Wednesday 21 May 2014 @ 11am

Concert - free for children
Tomorrow, Tuesday 6th May there will be a concert given by young musicians from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, and this concert is free to school aged children. They just need a paying adult to accompany them. The music will be provided a brass quintet plus drums and piano. The concert will be held in the Starlight Lounge of the Parkes Services Club at 7.30pm. The adult ticket price is just $25.00 and remember children are free. This is a great opportunity for our children to experience a high quality live performance.

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Parkes Elvis Rockers is a group of children aged between 5 and 15, that love Rock n Roll dancing.

Open fun night will be held on, Monday 12 May 2014 5.30pm – 6.30pm at Parkes Leagues Club. All Welcome
For more information please phone Rochelle Smith 68625478 or email sheia.rwparkes@bigpond.com