From the Principal

Partial absence:
Please remember that if students are arriving late at school or picked up early this is recorded by teachers as a partial absence. Even if the partial is only as little as 5-10 minutes a reason for the absence needs to be recorded. If there is a pattern of partial absences, they may be discussed with the Home School Liaison Officer.

Numeracy Professional Learning:
Over the next two weeks, our staff will be participating in Professional Learning around Numeracy. This professional learning is vital in developing the knowledge in readiness for the introduction of the new NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum in Maths.

NAPLAN Assessments:
The students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN assessments over the next three days. On Tuesday, the students will be completing Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing. On Wednesday, the students will be completing Reading, whilst on Thursday, they will be completing Numeracy. We wish the students all the best for these assessments and if you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

School Photos:
The school photos are currently being check for the spelling of names and it is anticipated that these photos will be ready to send out by the end of May. I have seen the proofs of the photos and they are looking very good.

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class:
Applications are open for selection into the Year 5 Opportunity class are now open and will close on Friday 16th May 2014. Please see Leanne in the office or myself if you are interested.

P&C Meeting:
It was wonderful to attend my first P&C Meeting last Tuesday night and to meet with the hardworking members of this group. Thank you to the members for making me feel so welcome - it was great to work with you.

Mr Simes - Principal
Awards

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

Luke Aylett (KH), Mitchell Davies (KP), Georgie MacGregor (1M), Rossy Howarth (1/2C), Cristalyn Kliese (2DW), Brooke Mason (3/4D), Breeanna Lowe (3/4M), Paige Duncan (3/4OH), Jayden Connor-Allen (5/6E), Pacey Jordan (5/6H), Emma Walton (Mrs Butler), Kasey Taylor (Mr Dumesny), Alana Folau (Mrs Norton), Amelia Ah-See (Mrs O’Donnell), Noah Hamilton (Mrs Fisher) and Brad Shepherd (Mrs Standen).

Well Done!!

Merit Certificates

Cross Country/Infant Sports:


Well done !!

Infants Sports: Jason Gerry
Primary Sports: Jackson Dolbel
Assembly Item: 2DW

Canteen News

Canteen Roster
13.05.14 Tuesday J Jeffery
14.05.14 Wednesday P Logan
15.05.14 Thursday J Duncan
16.05.14 Friday S Tildsley
19.05.14 Monday E Mrak
20.05.14 Tuesday J Milne

Sandwiches

If white bread is preferred to wholemeal, please indicate on lunch order.

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

School Choir

Last Saturday 20 children from our choir braved the uncertain weather to sing at the Southern Cross Village Fete. We have had some lovely comments about both their singing and their behaviour.

Today we will be performing at Rosedurnate. Thank you to all the parents who help the children to attend their performances.

Mrs C Butler

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 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

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.

PBL Student on Target

Hayley Janssen - Hayley is helpful to her teacher, always willing to do jobs such as tidying and watering the garden. She is a lovely girl who has been observed being kind and thoughtful towards her classmates. Hayley includes others and plays with them. She follows our school rules of showing respect, being responsible and having a positive attitude.

PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Show Respect, Be Responsible, Have a Positive Attitude
This week in library students will start a Fairy Tale character competition. Stage 1 student may need a little help with the writing. Wanted for the library are Fairy Tale Characters. Students need to draw a fairy tale character and their footprint and write about the crime committed by the character and what the reward will be. The competition will be judged on imagination and creativity. Competition entries need to be returned during library lessons next week.

Library changes this week due to NAPLAN are:
- Monday: 5/6E, 5/6H, 3/4OH and 3/4D
- Tuesday: 2DW, 1M, 1/2C and 3/4M
- Wednesday: KH, KP and 5/6E

Classes that had library today can borrow on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thank you for all the boxes that have been sent in, we don’t need anymore.

As you already know Middleton students in Years 3 and 4 have recently commenced lessons as part the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Survey
Students in Years 3 and 4 have been asked to complete a survey from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. They will receive a free gift for completing this survey. Please return completed survey to child’s class teachers by Monday 19th May.

Thanks Mrs Orr and Miss McAneney

Thank you to Liz Leigo (mother of Kane) for her donation of two frypans towards our kitchen supplies.

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.

sparks

starts Thursday 1st May.

It is held on Thursday nights 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the school term at the Parkes Baptist Church Hall - Cnr Currajong & Church Sts

Cost: $3 per person or $5 per family

Sparks is a mid week church ministry for children in primary years 3-6; inspiring authentic relationships with God & others, ensuring children are confident in who God created them to be.

The program includes games, Bible teaching, memory verses and discussion groups, singing, dinner and more games!

For more information call or email SPARKS contacts
Julie Layton: 0427 606 818 or email: jlayton0875@gmail.com or Jenna Field: 0447 250 738.
Sport

Lachlan Touch Football
Last Monday, boys and girls tried out for the Lachlan Touch Team. It was a great effort by all players who showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to Brendan Trim, Savannah Draper and Abigail Simpson who were selected in the teams. Maia Haenga and Jordyn Chapple were selected as reserves. Well done all students! They now travel to Dubbo this Friday.

Girls Hockey
The girls hockey team travelled to Canowindra last week were they played exceptionally well winning their game 5 nil. Goals were scored by Lara Piercy (2) Savannah Draper, Abigail Simpson and Lily Crocker. The girls now advance to the next round against Canobolas Public School.
A fantastic effort from our school, their sportsmanship and behaviour was fantastic. Well done and a big thankyou to the parents who travelled to support our school.

Mrs Orr

Girls Hockey Training
Hockey training will be on for the hockey team this Thursday, 15th May from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at the hockey fields.

Boys Hockey Team
The boys who were in the Middleton Hockey team this year were: Brendan Trim, Ty Logan, Pacey Jordan, Noah Hamilton, Ben Bloomfield, Zac Davies, Bailey Bowd, Royce Simpson, Jye Facchi, Brayden Chapple, Jay Arrow, Spencer Draper, Malakai Folau

They travelled to a very cold game of hockey in Orange on Tuesday the 6th May, against Calare Public School. The boys team had a mix of students from year 3 to year 6, some having their first ever game of hockey on the day.

The boys played extremely well and were unfortunate to go down 3 -2. The Year 6 boys with their experience displayed excellent leadership in coaching and showing their younger team mates their way around the field. Brendan Trim played exceptionally well scoring both goals, a cracking shot from the top of the circle off a short corner and another goal from a team effort with great passing and skills between Royce Simpson and Malakai Folau.

Ty Logan and Royce Simpson both made some awesome defensive tackles keeping the ball out of the Orange circle for the majority of the game. Pacey Jordan and Noah Hamilton were marvellous in defensive, clearing the ball with some great defensive hits and short corners. Zac Davies, Jye Facchi and Bailey Bowd were impressive in the halves, having their first game of hockey on the day. They did extremely well and were fantastic markers, not giving their opponent any room to move.

Our Stage 2 students were a stand out on the day with Brayden Chapple, Spencer Draper, Jay Arrow and Malakai Folau showing some great talent and will be an excellent addition to the team in years to come. Our keeper Ben Bloomfield had a marvellous game, diving on the ball and making some fabulous saves.

The boys all played extremely well. Thankyou to Mrs Orr and Mrs Dean for training the boys and Mrs Rodgers for travelling with them to Orange and a big thankyou to all the parents.
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**New Website for Parents**
This site offers user friendly forum in which you can pose questions, share your experiences and expand your knowledge on child development. Do you have questions regarding your child’s speech, communication language or gross motor and fine motor development? Check out this site. Please visit parkescommunityhub.wix.com. It’s for you!
*Mrs C Butler and Mrs P O’Donnell*