FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Stage One Excursion:
It has been so fantastic hearing about the wonderful behaviour displayed by our students during their Dubbo excursion last Monday. It sounds like all of the students, staff and parents had a great time watching the fantastic show “Wombat Stew” and touring Dundullimal homestead. Many thanks to all of the stage 1 teachers for all of their hard work organising the excursion and for their supervision during the day.

Parkes Council Meeting:
Congratulations to Alleyne Gaut who attended the Parkes Shire Council meeting last Tuesday to deliver her winning speech to the local council members. Thanks to Mrs Gaut for transporting Alleyne and to Mrs Norton for attending the meeting.

Stall at the Parkes UpMarkets:
It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members come and visit the produce stall at the Parkes UpMarkets yesterday. It was amazing to see how much produce had been sold at the end of the time—thanks to everyone who came and supported the stall. Many thanks to the many, many staff members in particular Mrs Orr and the many parents who assisted in various ways with the stall, either before the day and on the day.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Professional Learning:
On Friday Mrs MacKenzie and myself travelled to Dubbo to participate in a professional learning workshop facilitated by Sue Larkey. The workshop discussed practical strategies to assist both in the classroom and at home for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It was a very worthwhile workshop with loads of ideas and resources.

Debate:
Tomorrow our debating team will be participating in their next debate against Mulyan Public School. The topic is “The internet is the best source of information” and Middleton Public School are the affirmative. We wish the team and Mrs Fisher all the best for this debate.

AECG Meeting:
This Thursday I will be attending the Junior AECG meeting with our representatives. These meeting give our students a wonderful opportunity to share what is happening in our school and to hear what things are happening in other local schools.

Future Moves:
On Friday of this week, we will be having a visit from the Future Moves team from Charles Sturt University in Bathurst who will be working with a variety of Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes during the day.

Responsible Pet Ownership:
Next Monday we will be having a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership program who will be coming to Middleton Public School to deliver two sessions one to Kindergarten and one to the Stage 1 students. The program involves a facilitator and her pet dog coming to teach the students how to be safe around dogs and involves listening, role plays and singing. This is a very worthwhile program and we are looking forward to it coming to our school.
Last week’s P.B. Award Winner

Ethan Hoswell - 5/6H

- Ethan is an exemplary young person and this week’s deserving P.B. Award winner.
- Amongst many things I admire about him, is the pride that he takes in himself and all the things that he does.
- Ethan is a young person that loves life and participating in all school activities from sports, to art, to reading, to maths and all things in between.
- Whilst involving himself in these activities with enthusiasm, he is not shy in encouraging and helping others improve and enjoy their school work.
- Ethan is without doubt one of the most helpful students I have taught and is so genuine in this regards and I love teaching him.

Well done Ethan!

Silver Pennants

Congratulations to Jayden Monaghan, Bailey Hargraves, Brooke Mason, Ben Bloomfield, Charlie Skinner, Ashley Plomp, Neikea Simpson, Jaz Masling, Jordan Ruse, Marty Davies, Geordie Duncan, Brendan Trim and Brad Shepherd who were presented with their Silver Pennant at Thursday’s Assembly last term for receiving five certificates/awards this year! Well done!!!!!

Well done!!!

Awards

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

Frankie Johnston (KH), Josie Jennings (KP), Nell Smith (1M), Jason Deagan (1/2C), Summer Ruse (2DW), Jack McMaster (3/4D), Brady Hill (3/4M), Joshua Bowd (3/4OH), Mia Haenga (5/6E), Royce Simpson (5/6H), Jessica Jones (Mr Dumesny), Shaun Deagan (Mrs Dean), Bailey Bowd (Mrs Fisher), Ryan Taylor (Mrs King), Bella Gould (Mrs Norton), Spencer Draper (Mrs O’Donnell) and Abigail Simpson (Mrs Standen). Well Done!!

Merit Certificates - Art:


ICAS Competition Dates

- Mathematics – 9.00am, Tuesday 12th August – 3/4OH classroom

Parkes High School Work Experience Students:

This week we are hosting two Parkes High School students, Kara and Kiarna who will be complete their work experience with our staff and students. During the week, they will gain an insight into what happens in our classrooms and playground. We welcome them to Middleton Public School and hope that they both have an enjoyable week.

Mr David Simes - Principal

Well done Ethan!
Ethan Moran - Ethan is a worthy recipient of this week's PBL award as he shows initiative in keeping our playground clean and tidy.

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

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**Canteen News**

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**Crunch and Sip**
Starting today 11th August every child that purchases a piece of fruit will receive a sticker and sticker sheet. Once they receive two stickers they will receive a prize.

*Mrs B Osborne - Canteen Manager*

**Library News**

Premier's Reading Challenge
It is time to read, read, read the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes in Week 5. Please remember sheets need to be returned this week.

*Helen Standen - Teacher Librarian*

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**Talent Quest**
Our Talent Quest will be held this term, with the heats during Week 7 (Show Week), Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th August and the Final to be held in the following week.
All children in the school from K-6 are welcome to perform an act of their choice - singing, dancing, drama, poetry, comedy ….. whatever performance they enjoy doing. Entry forms and guidelines are available from the noticeboard in the assembly area. If your child would like to be part of this, please encourage and support them.

*Miss L McAneney, Mrs C Butler and Mrs N Westgarth*

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**Sport**

**PB Sport Points**

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**Kip McGrath**

Maths & English

Call Bill & Beth on 68625112
For a FREE assessment

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**Wednesday Night**

Head Lice Tip
Use white conditioner and a fine comb to search for head lice. Use a treatment if head lice are found.
**New Changes to Bikes, Scooters and Skate Boards being ridden to School at Middleton Public School**

A decision has been made to change the entry and exit of school grounds when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard of any type.

Previously students were to walk them up the driveway to the bike rack. Due to safety and supervision, a change has been made to utilise the main entry to the school grounds. Students will now need to dismount their item and walk it into the school grounds via the footpath at the front of the school, next to the mailbox. Students will need to responsibly walk it up the tar ramp and to the bike rack which is now located in between the back toilets and the 5/6H room.

If your child rides to school, please remind them of this change and the expected behaviour of bike riders coming and going from school.

It has been noticed that some students have been riding around the school grounds and not acting responsible whilst using footpaths and road sides when riding home in the local community. This is dangerous behaviour as before and after school times are peak traffic hours around our school and on our footpaths.

If students do not act responsibility and follow these rules they will face consequences as per the school system and may lose their privilege of riding their bike to school. It is also recommended that students wear the appropriate safety gear when riding.

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**Term 3 Planner 2014**

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