



Middleton Public School NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 2 TERM 2
6 May 2019

Dear staff, students, parents and community members,
As you may have read in last week's newsletter, I have accepted a transfer to Louth Public School in outback New South Wales and I started on Day 1 this term.
I have enjoyed my time at Middleton Public School over the past five years and will remember my time in Parkes with great fondness.
I would like to say thank you to the students for brightening each day with their smiles and for always saying hello and having a chat each day. Thank you to the staff for their ongoing support and enthusiasm over the past five years. It has been much appreciated.
To the parents, caregivers and community members, thank you for your willingness to assist in all areas around the school and for supporting myself and the school in so many ways.
I have been touched and have really appreciated the kind thoughts and best wishes from students, parents and staff who have seen me out and about in Parkes over the past few months. I will remember this kindness as I move on from Middleton Public School.
I wish everyone all the best for the future, take care
David Simes



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Just like that, the first week of term has been and gone, and from my visits through classrooms and walks in the playground it appears that Middleton students have returned eager to learn and follow our school rules.

NAPLAN Online

Our Year 3 and 5 students will commence the NAPLAN Online assessments next week. This is the first year Middleton is taking part in the online version of NAPLAN and classes have already had sessions in the computer room to gain familiarity with this style of testing. I remind parents that these assessments are only an indication of how well your child performs on a particular day and that your child's teacher has a great understanding of how well they are going day to day in the classroom. Having said that, I encourage you to help your child with a healthy breakfast each day and arriving to school on time to ensure they are able to do the tests at the same time as their class.

Staffing

This term, we have welcomed Mrs Leanne Mathews to 4/5R on Fridays, replacing Mrs Westcott who has

commenced maternity leave. We also have Miss Lyndal Matthews working throughout the school each day assisting students and staff with a variety of projects. I'm sure both will continue to enjoy their time at Middleton PS.

Public Speaking Competition

Last week I enjoyed visiting some of our primary classrooms and listening to the speeches the children have been working on. I am really pleased that students are participating in this event – as difficult as public speaking can be, it is a worthwhile skill to have and only gets better with practise. I am looking forward to listening to the finalists in the hall today and wish our school representatives all the best as they deliver their speech at the Parkes Action Club meeting on Wednesday evening.

Paul
Principal (Rlg)

Thought for the week:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

Positive Behaviour for Learning -
Student on Target
Ebbie Parker

P&C Meeting
Tomorrow, Tuesday 7 May
7.00pm
Middleton School Staffroom

SCHOOL CHOIR

Students in our school choir will have a second workshop in preparation for the 'New Harmonies' concert coming up on Sunday, 2 June.

The workshop is this Wednesday, 8 May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Parkes Public School hall, students should bring water.

ORANGE THEATRE EXCURSION

The excursion is on Tuesday 7 May 2019. Students will need to be at school no later than 9:15am so that we can depart at 9:30am. We expect to arrive back at school between 2:30pm – 3:00pm. This will allow students to travel home as normal. Updates will be put on the school Facebook page throughout the day.

Students will need to bring Crunch and Sip and/or Recess that is quick and easy to eat. Students can eat this upon arrival in Orange. Students will leave their school bags on the bus and eat their lunch after the show, prior to departure back to Parkes.

NAPLAN 2019

All students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in Naplan Online beginning Tuesday 14th May. These students have been given an information brochure about this test. Students and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment. This can be found at <https://www.nap.edu.au/>

MILSON ISLAND EXCURSION

The \$50 deposit and expression of interest note is due this week on Friday 10 May 2019. Miss Ehsman has spare notes if anyone still requires one.

Awards

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

Noah Jayet (KJ), Riley Cowling (K/1W), Eli Allen (1/2L), Noah Merriman (1/2S), Christopher Wright (3/4D), Natalia Scherer (3/4O), Seth Bennett (4/5R), Ella Jablonskis (5/6E), Lee Piercy (5/6H), Xavier Ward (Mrs O'Donnell), Hayley-Jade Miller (Mrs Fisher) and Hunter Cooke (Mrs Standen).

MERIT CERTIFICATES - Honesty

Sariah Folau, Keanau Robinson, Levi Reidy, Indianna Petrie, Brock Smith, Hunter Cooke, Amber Clark, Krystal Dunn, Carter Brazel, Jace Cheney, Marcus Skinner, Ashley Miller, Riley Jones, Tamika Meers, Miley Duff, Caelan Stevenson, Harley Stevenson, Andrew Jeffery, Jessica Larsen, Lani Roach, Meg Skinner, Bridgett Dunn, Jordiy Bond, Emma Walton, Keira Verstegen, Cooper Fliedner, Hailie Onley, Justis Mallison, Ebony Clark and Zachary Vaszocs.

Infant Sport: Koby Ward

Primary Sport: Toby Fliedner

Assembly Item: No Item

Mufti Day this Thursday, 9 May

Gold Coin donation

Fundraiser—"Adopt a Farmer"
 donations to Rural Aid

IMPORTANT DATES!

Monday, 6 May	Life Education Van—5/6H, K/1W and KJ visiting van
Monday, 6 May	Public Speaking—Years 3 to 6
Tuesday, 7 May	Years 3 to 6 attending Orange Theatre Excursion
Tuesday, 7 May	P&C Meeting at 7.00pm
Wednesday, 8 May	Cross Country
Wednesday, 8 May	Action Club Public Speaking
Thursday, 9 May	Girls Hockey team playing at Molong
Friday, 10 May	READING Day

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Today we held our school final for the Public Speaking. All speeches were well-prepared and rehearsed. Congratulations to our two 1st and 2nd placegetters from each stage.

5/6 - 1st: Harrison Kennedy 2nd: Georgie MacGregor

3/4 - 1st: Indianna Kennedy 2nd: Meg Skinner

The 1st placegetters will represent our school this Wednesday night at the Action Club meeting for the final of the internal school competition and all 4 students will represent Middleton Public School at the CWA Oxley Public Speaking competition on Tuesday, 28 May.

We wish them luck.

Canteen News

TERM 2 WEEK 2

Monday, 6 May Michelle Skinner

Tuesday, 7 May

Wednesday, 8 May Jody Swindle

Thursday, 9 May Jody Swindle

Friday, 10 May Ethel Pearce

PLEASE NOTE:

Chicken Coujons 60c each **NOT** 60c a serve

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Monday, 13 May Michelle Skinner

Tuesday, 14 May Annette Whiteman

Wednesday, 15 May Jody Swindle

Thursday, 16 May Jody Swindle

Friday, 17 May Tricia Trim

WEEKLY SPECIAL \$6.00

Hamburger and salad, choice of sauce, choice of —
either flavoured milk or cola or blackcurrant Chill J drink

Jodie Milne - Canteen Manager

SPORT

SOCCER TRAINING - BOYS AND GIRLS

Boys and Girls soccer training will be on Tuesday, 7 May from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at **Harrison Park soccer fields**. See you there with your sports clothes and shin pads.

HOCKEY TRAINING—BOYS AND GIRLS

Boys and girls hockey training is on Thursday from 4.00pm - 5.00pm at the Parkes Hockey Fields. Please wear joggers, mouth guard, hockey stick and shin pads.

The girls first game will be played next Thursday, 9 May. Information will be sent home this week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will be taking place this week on Wednesday, 8 May 2019. The walk-through will be happening at 9:45am with the Cross Country event taking place from 12:20 – 1:50pm.

Year 2 students will also be participating in this event and will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday. We still require parent/family helpers for the 12:20 – 1:50 time slot. If you are able to help, could you please let Miss Ehsman know as soon as possible. Helpers are required to stand at checkpoints along the track to encourage the students and to hand out place cards at the finish line.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The MPS girls hockey team will be travelling to Molong to play against Molong Central School in the PSSA knockout competition. Girls need to wear their sports uniform and bring their stick, shin pads and mouthguard.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (PSSA)

The Lachlan Netball trials were held in Forbes today. Kade Ticehurst and Joselyne Folau were our school representatives.

The following events are coming up. Please make sure to get all notes in to school as soon as possible if you are involved:

Monday 13 May 2019 Western Touch Football Trials

You are invited to attend the Retirement Dinner of

ANNE NORTON

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019

Parkes International

6pm for 6.45pm

Cost \$50 - Includes nibble, main course, dessert and gift

RSVP and Payment to Middleton Public School by Wednesday, 8 May

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PARKES READING DAY - Friday, 10 May

REaD ALERT: EXCITEMENT BOILING! It's here, it's here, let's PAINT THE TOWN READ and give a big cheer.



The Paint Australia REaD Book Relay 2019

(Perth to the Pacific)

will be arriving in Parkes on

Friday the 10th of May, 2019

In Cooke Park

starting at 9.30am

All preschool and K-2 students are invited to attend.

Contact Shonel or Mel on 6862 1872
for any further information or enquiries.

Come and join us while we Read, Talk, Sing and Rhyme

Painting Parkes and Australia REaD!



MIDDLETON
PUBLIC
SCHOOL

PRESENTS OUR

INFORMATION NIGHT

FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND
FAMILIES IN 2020



Thursday 23 May 2019
Guided Tour - 5:30pm
Presentation - 6pm

Medlyn Street Parkes

Supper Provided
from our
**STEPHANIE
ALEXANDER KITCHEN
GARDEN PROGRAM**

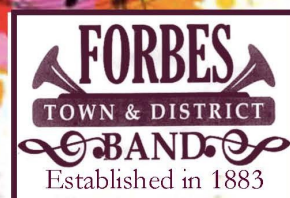


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New Harmonies

A concert showcasing local choral and instrumental groups.



TAPESTRY

Parkes Community Choir

 **Lachlan Regional Orchestra**
Mitchell Conservatorium
enriching lives with music

Sunday, 2nd June 2019

2.00 p.m. - "Starlight Lounge" Parkes Services Club



Concert Finale will be 2 items
by massed choirs
and instrumentalists



New Harmonies is a community
music making project supported
by a Parkes Shire Council
Cultural Grant.

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adults \$10

Concession & Secondary
Students \$5

Primary Students and
younger
no charge.

It is a joint initiative of Parkes Shire Concert
Band, Mitchell Conservatorium Lachlan
Regional Orchestra and Parkes acapella group
Tapestry, under the musical direction of
Ben Macpherson and Duncan Clement.



First Holy Communion

Holy Family Parish Parkes

Sunday, 23rd June 2019

Any children in Year 3 & above who would like to make the sacrament of First Holy Communion are asked to phone the Holy Family Parish

For more information please contact the Parish Office on 6862 2469



FRIDAY 17 MAY

Year 8 Opportunity Class Placement for 2020

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020 is now open.

Important dates in the application process are as follows:

Tuesday 30 April 2019: Online applications open

Friday 17 May 2019: Online applications close (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

Wednesday 31 July 2019: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Interested parents and carers must read information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020 available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>

PARKES LIBRARY

CODING

SCRATCH



Junior Code Club

Explore technology and learn to use *Scratch* to create your own cool projects. Designed for those with no prior knowledge.

Tuesdays, 7 May - 11 June
6 week course, 4pm - 5pm

Places are limited.

For primary students, years 3-6
Please bring a parent/guardian with you
to Parkes Library to register.
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It all adds up.

PARKES



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL



Year 3/4 Public Speakers today giving their speeches. 1st: Indianna Kennedy and 2nd: Meg Skinner



**Year 5/6 Public Speakers today giving their speeches.
1st: Harrison Kennedy and 2nd: Georgie MacGregor**