NEWSLETTER
term one, week four: Thursday 19 February 2015
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UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- **Afternoon Dismissal** .... your ongoing support to our afternoon dismissal routine is appreciated.
  - All students in all classes are accompanied by their teacher to the playground COLA area.
  - Students who walk home without a parent or caregiver, who ride a bike, or who travel home with after-school care will be in the “Buses and Bikes” line.
  - All other students will remain with their class teacher at the COLA in class lines.
  - Parents and caregivers are to park their vehicle and walk to the COLA area.
  - At the 3:15pm bell, teachers will dismiss students from their class line to family members at the COLA as they arrive.
  - Students will remain at the COLA area for pick-up by a family member.
  - *Please keep all paths, classrooms and Library areas CLEAR for pedestrian access.* We ask that parents and caregivers do not wait along the path or inside the school gate; please wait on the playground at the COLA or Canteen area.
  - Your continued safe use of the pedestrian crossing is also appreciated.

- **Arrive at school only from 8:45am** .... our school bell rings at 9:10am for a 9:15am start to learning. Teachers are on duty for 30 minutes before school commences. Students are to arrive at school from 8:45am. Please note – students are not supervised until 8:45am and therefore should not be at school before this time.

- **We are an Allergy Aware School** .... some students are highly allergic to nuts and nut products. **We request parents avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella and similar spreads, or whole nuts to school.** We provide support to all students to be aware of a nut allergy, and their contribution to providing a safe environment *including not sharing or touching others’ food.* At lunch and recess time, all students will *clean their hands with a hand wash.* We ask that families keep us regularly updated about student’s medical needs.

- **The following notes and payments are DUE** ....
  - Maths Textbooks - for primary and Fox Moth students only - $17.50 each
  - Homework Textbooks – optional purchase - $15 each – due date extended to tomorrow (Friday)
  - School Swimming Scheme – for students in Years 2 to 6 only – some places still available .... please contact the office to secure a place
  - Expression of Interest for High School in 2016 – for Year 6 students only – forms to be returned before 20 March
  - PSSA – for participating primary students - $70 in total; permission note due Friday & $35 deposit is due next week

- **Voluntary School Contribution** .... a voluntary contribution is a payment that can be made by parents and caregivers to enhance school programs. *This is a matter for decision by families, and is not compulsory.* At Middleton Grange we ask all families to support the school and its programs, including in the following ways: wearing of school uniform, attending sporting programs and excursions, participating in special events, supporting the P&C; and contributing to fundraising initiatives. Middleton Grange Public School has set a voluntary school contribution - $30 per student or $50 per family. If you would like to make a Voluntary School Contribution, you can forward payment to the office at your convenience at any time throughout the year.

Attachments to today’s newsletter:
- **Year 6 Fundraising** - please see the attached information from our Year 6 Leadership Team about a special fundraising day next week – we’re looking forward to your support!
- **Library News** – please see the attached important information from Mrs Husarek.
- **Communicating with Staff via Email** – please see the attached information about email correspondence with staff.
- **Payment Order Slips** – please see the attached payment order slips for maths and homework textbooks, for your action if relevant.
Upcoming Events!

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- **FREE Breakfasts** ..... Liverpool Community Outreach will be providing breakfast free of charge to all students this year! Each Tuesday, in an **even school week**, from 8:30am to 9am at the Canteen; students can receive a bowl of cereal, fruit and a drink. **Our next free breakfast is Tuesday, 3 March.**

- **PSSA** ..... PSSA is a primary students’ sports competition in the Green Valley area in a range of sports over a ten week season. In 2015, Middleton Grange Public School is entering PSSA for the first time. We will have four teams represent our school each Friday in Boys OzTag and Girls/ Mixed Newcombe ball – our best sporting wishes for tomorrow and for season 1! Permission notes must be returned by Friday so students can attend.

- **Whole School Assemblies** ..... please join us from next week (Friday 27 February), each Friday from 9:30am in the Hall. Each assembly a class will host, and there will be an item or presentation from both an infants and a primary class – as well as the presentation of Class SRL Awards and other special recognitions. Check the School APP next week to discover which classes will showcase at our first assembly!

**MORNING ROUTINE**

It is lovely to say good morning to so many family members as you bring your children to school and wait till our 9:10am bell. It’s a great chance for parents and caregivers to meet and chat with others, too.

Please feel free to sit at the picnic tables, or the silver seats, or stand outside the Hall at the Canteen COLA Area. These three areas are designated for parents and caregivers to “meet and greet”!

We ask that you keep our walkway and main COLA area clear. We also ask that you promptly say goodbye to your child/ren at the 9:10am bell and then leave the school grounds – this helps us to settle quickly into class lines ready to start our learning in classrooms.

**Visit by Wests Tigers!**

Earlier this week, our primary students received a visit by Dene Halatau and Keith Lulia from the Wests Tigers.

The Tigers have a school program with the message of the importance of a healthy lifestyle with a good diet and plenty of exercise!

Our Captain, David and Vice-Captain, Jasmine represented the school for a photo!
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

To kick off our yearly fundraising and charity events, the 2015 Year 6 Leadership Team will be running a Superhero Dress Up Day next Wednesday 25 February.

All students are invited to come to school dressed up in the favourite Superhero costume and donate a gold coin.

All donations will go towards supporting the Children’s Hospital at Westmead in purchasing vital up-to-date equipment and provide exciting opportunities for sick kids.

Please make sure that students come to school with appropriate shoes that are safe and comfortable enough to wear in the playground.

We can’t wait to see everyone in their Superhero outfits and thank you for your support!

Kind regards, The Year 6 Leadership Team 2015.
Littlies in the Library

Next Tuesday 24th February we will be holding Littlies in the Library at 9:15am. This is a great way for your preschooler, or a neighbour’s pre-schooler, to come to the library to listen to some stories, make something to take home and enjoy morning tea together. It is also a fabulous way for mums, dads and grandparents to share some time with other parents and prospective parents. If you wish to attend (or know of a neighbour or even a future MGPS student who wishes to attend), please RSVP through the office to assist with catering. Looking forward to seeing many new faces as so many of last year’s cherubs are now enrolled in kindergarten.

Parent Workshop on book covering...Next Tuesday afternoon 24th February Grandma June will be holding an afternoon session 1:30pm to 2:30pm on how to cover books. If you would like to be a Library volunteer and assist the Library staff in rapidly processing a large number of books we would love you to join us for afternoon tea, a chat and a few tips on book covering. Please confirm your attendance via email to lorraine.husarek@det.nsw.edu.au

MUGS – Middleton Grange Ukulele Group
Well the hills are alive with the sound of music and so too is the library on Wednesdays. It has been so wonderful to watch our first 24 students learn how to strum, keep time and even sing along to their new tunes. The ukulele is a popular instrument and an easy way to introduce students to a world of music. Ukuleles are portable and easily handled by younger players.
We look forward to delighting you in the future with some of our tunes. A number of students have expressed an interest to join and whilst there are no vacancies at present I am creating a waiting list for Term 2 sessions. If you would like your child to join please send me an email asap lorraine.husarek@det.nsw.edu.au
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015…Begin reading now for 2015!

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9. Students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate for that year. After four years they receive a GOLD certificate, after 7 years a PLATINUM certificate and if they complete every year from Kindergarten to Year 9 the student will receive a Premier’s Medal.

The PRC website has booklists for students and parents to identify quality literature for different ages and student interests - https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

So to get started…record the title and author of books that you read on the Personal Reading Log that can be downloaded from https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/readingLog.html

For Kindergarten to Year 2 students (2015) these can be stories that have been read to the student, not read by the student. K-2 students need to listen to, share or read 30 picture books in a year. Years 3 -6 need to read 20 books in a year.

Please note: It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names may appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll. Students are not identified by school on the honour rolls.

If you do not want your child to register for the PRC please let me know via email: lorraine.husarek@det.nsw.edu.au
Book Club

Twice a term our students have the opportunity to purchase books from the Book Club catalogue. Last year through our sales we received over $500 worth of books at no cost - directly assisting in building library resources!

**To ensure the viability of Book Club, online and phone payment options are preferred.**

Please use one of the following methods:

**PREFERRED ORDER AND PAYMENT METHOD FOR PARENTS TO USE**
1. Ensure that child’s name and class is completed on every order form (which is located on the top of each catalogue on the back page.)
2. Make your selection across all catalogues clearly marking the quantity and amount and TOTAL EACH ORDER FORM

**COMBINE ALL FOR A GRAND TOTAL PAYMENT TO SCHOLASTIC**

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD**
1. Phone Scholastic on free call 1800 557 908 24 hours a day
2. Provide them with your details
3. Write your receipt number on the back page of one order form (this will be for the total amount of your order) Example :

**IMPORTANT: Complete details IN THE CREDIT CARD RECEIPT BOX located ON THE BACK PAGE - AT THE BOTTOM LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ORDER FORM**

Place order form -with credit card receipt section filled in and still attached return to the school.

Opening books opens minds
Lorraine Husarek - Teacher Librarian

Mrs Husarek’s Library Links site for students to access -
http://downtherunway.weebly.com/
MATHS TEXTBOOK - for Fox Moth Class and Years 3 to 6 students only:
payment due by Wednesday, 11 March (week 7, term 1)
Please find $17.50 payment enclosed per child.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Child’s Grade: ___________________________
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Payment can also be made online from our website: www.middletongr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Online payment receipt no: ________________

OR Total cash or cheque enclosed: ___________________________

Parent/ Caregiver Name + Signature: ________________________________________________

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HOMEWORK TEXTBOOK – not compulsory; purchased at parent discretion:
Families must order and prepay for these books. Order and payment is due no later than Wednesday, 18 February (week 4, term 1) – NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY.

Please find $15 payment enclosed per child.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Child’s Grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 (please circle)
Child’s Class: Kittyhawk, Mustang, Dolphin, Spitfire, Cessna, Wirraway, Fox Moth, Kingfisher, Delta, Tomahawk, Lancaster

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COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF VIA EMAIL

We encourage regular and open communication between home and school.

*It is not always possible for teachers to talk to parents before and after school or to make phone calls throughout the day. It is often easier to send in a note, or contact the office to request an appointment.*

*Alternatively, email correspondence is available with the listed staff.*

If you email, please leave a phone number and the best time to reply to you.

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