REMINDERS:

- **Swimming Scheme** ……. if your child is attending swimming lessons; please read the attached urgent and important information.
- **Safety Reminder** ……. the staff carpark is not for pedestrian or community car access. Please enter and exit the school grounds via the main school gate and pathway. Thank you for your support.
- **We are an Allergy Aware School** ……. we request parents avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella and similar spreads, or whole nuts to school. We also ask that families keep us regularly updated about student’s medical needs.
- **The following notes and payments are DUE ....**
  - Expression of Interest for High School in 2016 – for Year 6 students only – forms to be returned before 20 March
  - Year 6 T-Shirts – for Year 6 students only – order form and deposit due

Attachments to today’s newsletter:

- **URGENT INFORMATION REQUIRED – Family Occupation and Education**
  Please see the attached information note for your immediate action. This information relates directly to our school’s funding and we need to confirm and update information for EVERY parent and caregiver at our school.
- **Ukulele Program** – please see the attached information for your action; if interested
- **Easter Celebrations** – please see the attached information from both the school and our P&C.

### Upcoming Events

| THIS WEEK: week 8 | 16 March Harmony/Grandparents Day from 9:30am to 3pm | 17 March FREE Breakfast, 8:30am to 9am | 18 March Scripture Uke Lessons, before & after school P&C Meeting; including Annual General meeting @6pm …. all welcome; please join us in the Library | 19 March Assembly from 9:30am, Kingfisher hosting, presentations by Fox Moth, Kittyhawk and Mustang ….. all are welcome; please join us! Green Valley PSSA Season 1/ Round 5 |
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| NEXT WEEK: week 9 | 23 March Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 24 March Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 25 March Uke Lessons, before & after school Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 26 March Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students |
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| | 30 March Book Fair Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 31 March FREE Breakfast, 8:30am to 9am Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 1 April Easter Celebrations, from 9:30am Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students | 2 April Kids & Cops NRL League Tag Day Swimming Scheme @ Whitleam Centre, Liverpool for selected students Last Day for Term 1: happy and safe holidays |
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| | 3 April GOOD FRIDAY – NO students attend today All students return on Tuesday 21 April | | | |
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

All Government Public Schools in NSW are now funded in a new way, based on the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This ensures money is distributed fairly across all schools, based on the needs of students and community.

Part of this allocation is based on equity and socio-economic background. 

This is determined directly by information about parental occupation and education.

The amount of money Middleton Grange Public School receives in 2016 will be determined at the end of THIS term. Due to these changes in school funding and to ensure our school’s data reflects our school community, a HIGH level of ACCURACY of parental background information is vital.

I am asking for your urgent help to ensure the parent information we have is accurate. Any incorrect information could impact our funding. For example: If a parent has a qualification in a certain area, yet is unemployed then we need to count that parent as unemployed or working in a different field to their stated qualification.

I encourage you to complete the attached form as soon as possible, but no later than NEXT Friday 27 March (week 9). Please complete EVERY SECTION and QUESTION of the attached form. Please use the provided “look up” table to select the most appropriate occupation group for each parent and caregiver.

Please note that in accordance with legislation, your privacy is protected and the information will be stored securely. The information you provide is used by the school to update our records. This data is then sent as an overview to the Department of Education and Communities for our funding allocation.

Help is available to update your occupation and background details. Please contact the office or Executive staff at any time. We will answer questions and assist to provide the correct occupation group code. Assistance to fill in the paperwork is also available.

Thank you for your support and action to this important matter.

Kind regards, Hallie Baxter (Principal)
NAME of Eldest Child Enrolled at MGPS: ____________________________________________
CLASS of Eldest Child Enrolled at MGPS: ____________________________________________

This is for the parents/ carers with whom the student normally lives.

PARENT/ CARER 1

Title (please circle): Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr

_________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________
Given Name                              Family Name                             Parent Signature

Relationship to Student (please circle): mother father other: please state - ____________

Please use the attached “look up” table (presented in alphabetical order) to select the most appropriate occupation group.

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For persons who never attended school, mark “Year 9 or equivalent or below”. Mark ONE box only.

☐ Year 12 or equivalent       ☐ Year 11 or equivalent       ☐ Year 10 or equivalent       ☐ Year 9 or equivalent or below

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☐ Bachelor degree or above ☐ Advance diploma/ Diploma ☐ Certificate I to IV (including trade certificate)
☐ No non-school qualification

PARENT/ CARER 2

Title (please circle): Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr

_________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________
Given Name                              Family Name                             Parent Signature

Relationship to Student (please circle): mother father other: please state - ____________

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Department of Education and Communities’ School Sport Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

If your child is participating, they will begin this 9-day program NEXT Monday, 23 March.
They will attend DAILY for the remainder of this term; including the last school day of term 1, Thursday 2 April.

Reminders –

• Lessons are given by qualified swimming instructors at the Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool.
• Students will be accompanied by school staff.
• Travel is by bus.
• Students will attend school for the usual hours of 9:15am to 3:15pm.
• Students will have their normal morning routine; followed by the regular lunch eating time and play break.
• We will leave school each day at 12pm, to return by 2:30pm. Upon returning to school; students will eat recess and have a play break before home-time dismissal.
• Students are to wear school uniform each day, including their hat.
• Each student should bring in a swimming bag, clearly labelled with their name -
  o swimming costume
  o t-shirt
  o dry underwear
  o towel
  o warm clothing on a cool day
  o a plastic bag to store wet clothing
  o goggles
• Please note: students will be assessed during the School Sport Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

Students need to attend school for the full 9-days of the program.
The program goes ahead, no matter the weather!
Ukulele Program
Term 2 2015

We have two more weeks left of Term 1 ukulele lessons. The students have had such great growth in their musical knowledge and ukulele skills. It has been very rewarding to watch these students' growth.

In preparation of Term 2 uke lessons could you please indicate if you wish for your child to return to ukulele lessons next term. If yes, we are requesting a $10 deposit to secure your child’s position for Term 2. This deposit will be deducted from Term 2 fees. There are a considerable number of students on the waitlist and if your child does not wish to continue could you please indicate that on the slip below so that we can offer those students a position in this program. As this program requires commitment from students it is important for you to make the decision to continue lessons with your child, so that they are committed to practicing each week and attend tutoring sessions before or after school.

Together we strum … many thanks

Miss Kate Goddard & Mrs Lorraine Husarek

☐ I wish for my child _________________________________ to continue in Term 2 2015 in the ukulele program and am aware that I need to pay a deposit of $10 to secure my child’s position by the end of Term 1.

☐ I do not wish for my child _________________________________ to continue in the ukulele program.

Parent Signature _____________________________________________ Date ______________________
EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**When:** Wednesday 1 April 2015 (week 10)

- **9:15 to 9:30am**
  Morning routine, including roll marking
  *Students will get ready for the parade in their classrooms*

- **From 9:30am**
  *Easter Hat Parade*
  *Performances from our Ukulele Groups*

- **11am to 12pm**
  *P&C Raffle*
  Lunch
  *Book Fair (the usual lunch and play routine will occur)*
  *Please visit the Book Fair in the Library during our lunch break with your child!*

- **From 12pm**
  ALL students will return to usual class groups
  Participating students will attend the School Swimming Scheme

**What to wear:** Normal school uniform

**Easter Hat Parade Categories:** Students may parade in more than one category.
- Class Parade
- Pre-School
- Best Child-made
- Traditional Easter Bonnet
- Decorated Basket
- Big or Little
- Most Colourful

**Some Suggestions:**
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- Decorate your child’s current straw hat or beach hat.
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- Make a cone-shaped hat out of cardboard and decorate.
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- Small Easter eggs make great decorations, as do cotton balls or wool, and fluffy toy chickens.
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- Visit a bargain store for hat styles, craft ideas and ideas!

*We look forward to seeing you!*
Dear Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents,

Easter is just around the corner and the yummy eggs are already on the shop shelves.

This year we are holding our Easter Raffle, but we will NOT be asking for donations of Easter Eggs; if you still would like to donate an Easter egg you are more than welcome to. Please hand them into the office as soon as possible to create another great prize.

The P&C have already organised 10 great prizes and 2 guessing contests.

On Monday the 16th of March, the children will take home a sheet of 10 raffle tickets. The Tickets are $1.00 each, or $10 a sheet.

Guesses for the guessing contest can be bought in front of the school canteen Monday & Friday Morning from 8:30am-9:00am, every afternoon from 3pm and at the Easter Hat Parade. Guesses are 50c each.

There are more tickets available in the office if you wish to sell more. Please remember to write the person’s name, phone and the family selling the ticket on each ticket.

This year the family that sells the most amounts of tickets will also receive a great Easter Basket.

Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) to the office by Monday the 30th of March.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade at school on Wednesday the 1st of April.

There will be lots of prizes to win, so good luck.

Thank you for your support,

P&C Fundraising Committee – Silvana Lofaro (Co-ordinator)
MGPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE & GUESSING CONTEST

Extra Tickets can be bought & Guesses can be made on Monday & Friday morning from 8:30am to 9am and EVERY day after school from 2:45pm to 3:15pm in front of the bunker.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday the 1st of April after the Easter Hat Parade.

Raffle tickets:$1.00 each
Guess the Chocolate eggs: 50c each

Thank you for helping us support our children!
MIDDLETON GRANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL - EASTER HAT PARADE

Wednesday the 1st of April

P&C CANTEEN will be open from

8:30am to 12pm

- Hot Cross Buns $1.50
- Cupcakes $1.50
- Slice of cake $1.50
- Hot Chocolate $2.00
- Tea/Coffee $1.50
- Bottle of Water $2.00
- Juice Box $1.50
- Chips $1.00

All welcome!
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