NEWSLETTER
term three, week four: Thursday 6 August 2015
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It has been a busy few weeks at Middleton Grange Public School. Thank you for sharing so many recent activities with us: Athletics Carnivals, conferences, Science Fun Day and assemblies. There is still much more to come in term 3!

REMINDERS:

• **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.

• **School APP .....** don’t forget to use our school App for information from this newsletter, school calendar, school permission notes and to receive notifications about up-to-date school news.

• **Voluntary School Contributions .....** families are asked to make a voluntary contribution each year which will support the purchases of new resources for our students - $30 each student or $50 per family.

• **Parent Online Payments .....** please go to our website to pay online for all school expenses such as excursions, voluntary contribution and textbooks - www.middletongr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Make a Payment. The site accepts Debit card, Visa and Mastercard.

• **The following notes and payments are DUE .....**
  - **Stage 3 Camp** – Final payment due TOMORROW, Friday 7 August.

URGENT:

• **Jeans for Genes Day .....** TOMORROW, Friday 7 August; Year 6 are supporting important children’s health research by asking us to wear our jeans to school! Don’t forget a gold coin donation. Students must still wear their school sport shirt, jacket, hat and joggers with their jeans.

• **Items not to be brought to school, please .....** chewing gum, personal sport equipment, toys and jewellery are not to be at school with students.

• **School Uniform .....** black school shoes (Monday to Thursday), school jacket and school hat are to be worn – alternative shoes, jackets and hats are not permitted. Please ensure your child’s name is clearly labelled on all of their items.

• **2016 Enrolments .....** we are currently providing anticipated numbers for next year to the Department of Education. If you have information about your child’s enrolment here (are you leaving? Is there a family member or friend who needs to enrol?); please advise the office – in writing – as soon as possible.

• **Child Protection .....** lessons are taught as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. The NSW Department of Education has designed this program and it is taught by our qualified teachers. The focus of the Child Protection Program is on teaching children how to say no; how to get help; and whom to tell if they are worried. Lessons may involve the correct naming of private parts of the body. Lessons have commenced at our school this term - if you do not wish your child to participate in Child Protection lessons, please inform the school in writing. Please direct any questions to your child’s teacher.

• **Email Addresses .....** a recent technology upgrade was undertaken to the Department of Education’s email system. There were some unexpected difficulties across the system, which resulted in Middleton Grange PS losing some information such as current email addresses for families. To ensure we have your family’s correct email address, please email middletongr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s surname as the Subject.
Attachments to today’s newsletter:

- **Library News** .... please see the attached information from Mrs Husarek!
- **Art Gallery** ..... please see the attached invitation – an important date to add to your diary to share with us!
- **P&C Blingo Night** ...... please see the attached invitation from our P&C!
- **School Photos** ...... please see the attached information note and payment envelope.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Library News

### Book Week is COMING .... it's time to prepare your costume!

This year’s theme for our Book Week celebration is **SPOTLIGHT ON BOOKS** – Light Up Our World With Books.

We will be having a focus on **Vintage Books** ... a spotlight on the classics such as old fashioned stories, fairytales. I have encouraged the students to create a costume using things they have at home or can borrow from family and friends. In Library I showed the students how easy it would be to make Andy into Aladdin ... look at his amazing headdress. I encourage your pre-schoolers to join in by getting dressed up too.

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will not be able to attend as they are on camp. It was impossible to find another date that did not clash with other events. Years 5 and 6 will be making posters to display in their absence.

We will have a special visit during the assembly from a very interesting **BIG RED DOG** .... Clifford! Students, families and friends can have their photo taken with Clifford for a gold coin donation.

To commemorate Clifford visiting our school the students will be able to order a hot dog and popper for lunch.

### Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Keep logging on to the PRC website to record the books you have read using your own DEC log - first name (dot) last name ..... For example: charlotte.husarek. **DO NOT HAVE ANY SPACES.** Students have until the end of Week 6 (Friday, 21st August) to complete their PRC at home to be invited to the PRC Party.
CLIFFORD is coming to Book Week at Middleton Grange PS

Friday 14th August is our Book Parade and special assembly to celebrate Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book Week.

This year there will be a book parade where we are asking students to dress up as a Vintage book character ....... an old fashioned book – such as: Huckleberry Finn, Peter Pan, fairy tale characters of old, Pocahontas, book characters you may have read as a child.

This is great opportunity to share your favourite childhood book.

We particularly wish for students to create costumes from items they have at home. Please do not spend money on a new costume.

It would be great if the students could bring in a small print-out image of their book character that they have come dressed as to add to a wall display. It need only be a quarter of a page in size.

At our special assembly, some classes will be presenting plays, others joining in as the chorus, and some will be presenting poem recitals. We will end the assembly with a ukulele performance and a special visit from the Big Red Dog. You can have a photo taken with Clifford for a gold coin donation in the Library!

Please join us after the assembly for the Scholastic Book Fair and a Hot Dog Lunch. These can be ordered for younger siblings and extended family and friends, too. Please ensure your lunch order is sent to the office by Thursday 13 August. No orders can be accepted on the day.

Looking forward to celebrating with your child through the world of books! Lorraine Husarek

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**BOOK WEEK LUNCH ORDER**  Friday 14th August

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MUGS: Middleton Grange Ukulele Group of Students
We began our ukulele lessons last week with a wonderful group of enthusiastic students.
It was an exciting start to the term as the students performed at the Cowpasture Community of Schools NAIDOC Celebration Day. The students performed in front of an enthralled crowd of over 120 visiting students who were very impressed! Well done uke players!
If you have not already paid this term’s fees could you please complete payment at the office or online by Friday. Thank you for your support to this program.
A special thank you to Natasa and Cisem who are teaching Annabella-Angel in Kindy how to play a song on the uke for her upcoming role in a movie.
All students will perform at this year’s Book Week celebration.

Lunchtime in the Library
Over the past few weeks Kingfisher Class have been learning a number of higher order thinking games in the Library. Games such as these help students to analyse a situation ... one of the skills in comprehending text.
Last week they learnt how to play a game which is easy to play anywhere ... Mancala.
At lunchtime over this term some of these students will be teaching others who wish to learn. All grades are welcome to come to Library at lunchtime on Mondays to learn the techniques. Just look at some of Kingfisher deep in thought in these photos learning how to play...

How to play Mancala correctly...on youtube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_F0NqxO0I2E

Opening books opens minds: Lorraine Husarek - Teacher Librarian
Mrs Husarek’s Library Links site for students to access – can be located under LIBRARY on the Middleton Grange Public School website.
Earlier this term, Stage One students visited Rouse Hill Heritage Farm for their excursion linking to the unit of work about the way we lived 100 years ago. The students were exceptional representatives of our school on the bus, at the venue and in the way they interacted with the staff of the venue. Well done Stage One...we were very proud of you!

During the day students had the opportunity to travel back in time - dressing up as children at school in a totally different era. They were so surprised by the classroom activities of 100 years ago such as sewing and maypole dancing. The students explored some of the jobs that children would have had to do working on a farm such as milking cows, bailing hay between troughs and even how to hang out the washing without a clothesline like we have today!

We have included some photos here but there are many photos for you to browse on the library windows ... please take some time to check them out.

Parents of Year One and Two students we ask that you congratulate your child on their behaviour during this excursion. It was a pleasure to attend the day with them!
School Photographs

Date: Monday, 17 August (term 3, week 6)
Time: from 9am
Dress: full school uniform

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

An order envelope is attached for your child.

Each child must have their own envelope clearly marked with their name, class and photographic package required. If you have more than one child attending our school and you wish to make one payment for all your children, please note the envelope containing the payment on the front of each child’s envelope.

Correct money must be paid as the school does not handle payment and no change will be available.

Family photos are also available. Please collect an order envelope from the school office.

Please ensure that envelopes and payment is returned by 9.15am on Friday 14 August.

Even if your child will not be ordering a school photo, we ask that he/she be at school on time in order that they can be included in class group photos as it a wonderful record for the school.

Please feel free to see the office for questions or assistance with school photo ordering.

Kind regards, Hallie Baxter (Principal)
MGPS P & C Fundraiser
Family Bingo
& Talent Night

When: Friday August 14th, 2015
Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm Bingo start
Who: for Middleton Grange School family, grandparents, teachers, cousins, aunts & friends
Where: Middleton Grange Public School Hall
Cost: $5.00 per person (includes 5 Games of Bingo) - Kids under 5 are free LIMITED Seats!
Theme: Glitz and Glamour... put your Bling on! A prize for the family dressed the best!
Talent Night: Each family is invited to organise a 3 minute performance for the night (Register your talent forms below)

Fundraising Extras: There will be a 50/50 raffle, games and lucky door prizes

Ticket includes: a book of 5 bingo cards, light snacks and a great, fun family night. Additional cards can be purchased on the night - $5.00 a book.

Booking available: Now! See Milli in front of the Canteen, 2:44pm to 3:15pm

No Alcohol, drugs or smoking permitted on school grounds.

DON’T MISS OUT!

Student’s Full Name: ________________________  Student’s Class: __________

Pizza Order: Cheese - $8 | BBQ Meat Lovers, Vegetarian & Supreme - $15
What type of pizza? _______________  How many? ____________________________

Ticket Order: How many tickets needed? __________
How many kids under 5 attending? ___________

Table order: I would like to book a whole table of (please circle) 8 - $40 | or, 10 - $50
Talent quest: I would like to register a single or family act.
Name: ________________________  N# people involved in talent show: ________

Equipment needed: (please circle) CD player, Microphone

Volunteers: I would like to volunteer to help out on the night? Yes/ No
Middleton Grange Public School’s

2015

Art Gallery

Please join us at 3:30pm for the Official Opening at the Hall on Monday 14 SEPTEMBER.

Family and friends are welcome to view the gallery between 3:30pm and 5:30pm ..... it’s a gold coin donation for entry!

Every student will proudly display 2 artworks in our Gallery!

You, or a family member, are able to purchase your child’s artwork.

$5 for a single artwork ...... or $8 for both artworks

“Every child is an artist.” - Pablo Picasso