

Middle Park State School and Preschool Newsletter



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HEALTH ALERT: Please let the school know if your child contracts Chickenpox as this can be life-threatening to one of our students.

Cyclone Larry Aid : Middle Park State School will conduct a fundraiser to help schools in Far North Queensland. The activity will be planned for Week 3 Term 2.

P&C Meeting on Wednesday, 19 April 2006
7.30pm – Staffroom. All Welcome.

ANZAC DAY BADGES - 50 CENTS EACH
Available before school each morning this week

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:
Tuesday, 25 April. School Closed

FUN RUN CARNIVAL FOR PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 7
Wednesday, 26 April 2006.

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a well deserved break during Easter. We welcome back to the school, Mrs Cathy Early who will be teaching Year 1R with Mrs Merryn Jooste. Mrs Jooste will teach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while Mrs Early will teach the class on Thursday and Friday.

Also a special welcome to our new tuckshop convenor, Mrs Rebecca Ham. I know she will find the tuckshop convenor's position is a rewarding job and she will get that Middle Park support.

Strict guidelines for medicines in schools

Strict new procedures have been developed by the Queensland Government regarding prescription and over-the-counter medication in schools. Our school is committed to working closely with parents and students to highlight the risk of students misusing these medications. While our current practices meet many aspects of these new guidelines, listed below are requirements parents must meet before medication can be administered. New aspects have been highlighted in bold.

All parents/caregivers must:

- notify our school in writing of a health condition requiring medication at school;
- request in writing if school staff are to administer medication or assist in the management of a health condition;
- **notify our school in writing of any requests and/or guidelines from medical practitioners including potential side effects or adverse reactions;**
- provide the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member;
- ensure the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken;
- **notify our school in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner;**
- **advise our school in writing and collect the medication when it is no longer required at school.**

Management of student health conditions, including the administration of medication, is a courtesy provided by the school staff and is consistent with our duty of care to:

- maximise participation in school activities of students who require medication or special procedures for managing a health condition; and
- optimise the health, safety and well-being of staff and students at a school site.

Your assistance by following the guidelines enables us to support your child.

Mike Nolan
Principal

ANZAC Assembly Floral Offerings

Our ceremony will be led by a group of very capable Year 7 students who are currently working with me to prepare their contributions. An important symbol of thanks and remembrance is the laying of floral tributes at the foot of our cenotaph. **ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING FLOWERS THIS FRIDAY, 21ST APRIL AS A MARK OF RESPECT.** We look forward to seeing many of our parents and family members at this ceremony which commences at 8.55am in the Lower Covered Play Area.

ANZAC Badges are available this week from outside the school office. Our Captains and Vice-Captains are selling them for 50cents each. We hope all students will support this Centenary RSL initiative.



Centenary Suburbs RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day Remembrance Service

As indicated at the end of last term, the Centenary RSL ANZAC service is on next Tuesday 25th April commencing with a march at 8.15am starting at the Mt Ommaney Police Station. The march down Dandenong Road from the Police Station to the Centenary Suburbs War Memorial Gardens, opposite Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre will be followed by a service concluding at about 9.00am. All participants in the march will assemble at 8.00am. We are pleased that many of our Student Councillors will be representing the school on ANZAC Day. The RSL would be pleased for any interested students and their families to participate in this observance.

Term 2 Dates

Fri, 21 April	School ANZAC Ceremony
Wed, 26 April	Fun Run P - 7
Wed, 3 May	Science Competition Yrs 4 - 7
Mon, 8 May	Sexuality Program Yr 5
Wed, 10 May	Mother's Day Stall
Thurs, 12 May	Arts Council "Groovin' as we Saurus" Yrs 2 - 6
	Mothers' Day Stall
	Maths Competition Yrs 4 - 7
Mon, 15 May	Sexuality Program Yr 5
Wed, 17 May	Nyundar Excursion 5Y
Thurs, 18 May	Nyundar Excursion 5R
Fri, 19 May	Inter-School Sport concludes
Mon, 22 May	Forest Kingdom Excursion 1O
Wed, 24 May	Arts Council "Peter & the Wolf" Yr 1
Tues, 30 May – Fri, 2 June	Yr 7 Camp – Edmund Park, Laidley
Fri, 2 June	Forest Kingdom Excursion 1Y
Mon, 5 June	Forest Kingdom Excursion 1R
Mon, 5 June – Fri, 9 June	WestCent Music Camps
Tues, 6 June	Forest Kingdom Excursion 1G
Wed, 14 June	Lone Pine Excursion 1R, O, Y, G & B
	Report cards sent home Yrs 1-7
Thurs 15 June	English Competition Yrs 4 - 7
Mon 19 June	Geckoes visit 2R, O, Y, G & B
	Museum & Sciencentre Excursion 4R, O, Y, G & B
Tues, 20 June	Clay Creations Art Workshop Yr 6
Fri, 23 June	Last day of term

Arts Council Term 2

We have 2 Arts Council performances booked for this term. The first of these, on **Thursday 12th May** is entitled "Groovin' as we Saurus" and is for Yrs 2 – 6. Through this performance, students will understand how socio-cultural factors inform and influence the development of various dance styles throughout history. "The bounce in your step, the wobble in your walk, the "Groove Thing" that makes you, you! Where did it all come from and where did it start? Audiences will see some amazing new moves and learn interesting facts about the history of dance."

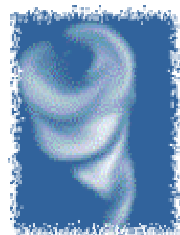


The second performance, "Peter and the Wolf" on **Wednesday, 24th May** for Year 1 students is the delightful story of a boy named Peter who learns the valuable lesson of responsibility for his actions. The piece brilliantly portrays this classic story using the ancient style of Bunraku Puppetry where puppeteers dress in black and manipulate the puppets in full view of the audience.

Each performance will cost \$5.00 per student. Please complete the details on the envelope provided and return to the office prior to the performance.

Cyclone Larry Schools Appeal

Everyone would be aware of the terrible damage that Cyclone Larry wreaked in Northern Queensland late last term. The cyclone ripped the heart out of many communities and education infrastructures and there is a big rebuilding job to be done. Mr Nolan told us that many schools had been badly damaged. In fact, Innisfail SHS was so badly damaged, it will be torn down and rebuilt from scratch.



Mr Nolan invited our students to consider doing jobs during the holidays to earn a gold coin then donate this to the Cyclone Larry Appeal. We will be holding a Free Dress Day for this purpose on **Thursday, 4th May**. We look forward to lots of support for this very worthwhile project. It will be great to know that we have contributed to other students being able to return to school and actually have a school to go to!!

Carol Greenwood
Deputy Principal

Professional Development

On 4 & 5 April, our guidance officer attended a workshop on *Sand Tray and Symbol Work in Art Activities* for students requiring therapy. It was presented by Sister Kathleen Mooney, a grief counsellor.

On Wednesday, 5 April six of our Year 3 – 7 teachers attended the second *Writers' Workshop* presented by Cheryl McKinlay after school. The teachers (Emma Gardner, Rebecca Calliss, Thurza Stafford, Taryn Mikolajczyk, Joyce Kuth and Romony Rogers) have been pleased with the strategies recommended to improve the quality of students' writing.

During the Pupil Free Day, yesterday, our teachers participated in a different workshop with Cheryl McKinlay, a literacy consultant. This time she focussed on *Readerly and Writerly Noticings*. Our teachers benefited from discussions, sharing and creating. The second session of the day involved them in the *new Maths Syllabus* with Gerard Tuffield from Origo Press, the publishers of Go Maths. Finally teachers were informed of Education Queensland's requirements for the *Code of School Behaviour* by Mike Nolan.

Perceptual Motor Program

Only two classes do not have sufficient parent helpers for the program to commence on Monday, 24 April.

The program cannot commence for these classes unless more parent helpers come forward. Please complete a return slip in this newsletter if you can assist the classes.

Class	Number of helpers still needed	Day and Time
2O	2	Tues, 1.45pm
2G	1	Mon, 1.45pm

An **Information Session** for parents, new and continuing, will be presented on **Thursday 20 April at 2.30pm** in the **staff room**. We *thank* the parents who have already volunteered their time to help each week or every second week.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching! Children will have the opportunity of purchasing presents for their mothers again this year. The stalls will be set up on **Wednesday, 10 May and Thursday, 11 May from 8.50am to 12.40pm** in the lower covered area. Teachers will bring the children from the classroom during the morning to purchase gifts. Prices will range from \$2 to \$5. Please provide a plastic bag for your child. Volunteers are required to help with serving the children. Please complete and return the slip at the end of the newsletter to the school if you can help at the stalls from 8.50am to 12.40pm. Your help is much appreciated.

Preparatory Year Update

Since preschool classes will not be offered once the Preparatory Year is introduced in 2007, parents may wish to consider placing the name of their child on a waiting list for pre-prep. and/or kindergarten classes with existing

kindergartens or child care centres for the year/s which precede the Preparatory Year. Recognition is also given to the importance of learning through play at playgroups. Playgroups are a wonderful support for parents as well. Contact with the playgroup nearest to you can be made by ringing Playgroup Queensland on 1800 171 882.

Brenda Fennell
Deputy Principal

STATEMENTS

Statements for monies outstanding will be given out to students this week. If you have paid any monies since the statements were printed, please disregard the amounts.

Jan Lampe
Registrar

Help Needed

The school newsletter is photocopied by volunteers on Tuesday mornings around

11.30am. Generally, it takes about 2 hours to do. If you feel able to help, please contact the school office on 3712 9888. Full instruction on use of the copier will be given. It is a great relief on the workload of the office staff to have this task performed by volunteers and help is very much appreciated. Thank you.

FOCUS FORTY

This week, we will be focussing on the revision of Term 1.

- Lining Up
- Introductions and Greetings
- Introducing Yourself and Greeting Someone
- Knocking / Excuse Me
- Appropriate Noise
- Walking Inside
- Please, Thank You, Excuse Me
- Organising Yourself
- Managing Time
- Who Am I?



Behaviour Management Committee

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Fun Run Carnival 2006

It is Fun Run time again, and all students have been training hard for the last 7 weeks in preparation for the Annual Fun Run Carnival which will be held on Wednesday, 26th April.



The program is as follows:

9.00 - 9.30	Born 1996 (Year 5).
9.30 - 10.00	Born 1995 (Year 6)
10.00 - 10.30	Born 1994/93 (Year 7)
10.40 - 10.50	Pre-school
11.20 - 11.50	Year 2
11.50 - 12.20	Year 1
1.50 - 2.20	Year 3
2.20 - 2.50	Year 4

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that students are strongly encouraged to take a full water bottle onto the oval to take to the marshalling tent to have with them for after their event. The school will provide large drink containers of water to refill if necessary. Appropriate footwear is essential, e.g. laced joggers as well as a hat.

I look forward to seeing all students compete, as every student finishing the event will receive a point for their house.

Good luck to all houses next Wednesday!

Anne-Marie Callow
Health & Physical Education Teacher

P & C NEWS

Fete – 3G's Craft & Market Stall

Calling all green thumbs! We need people to transplant small tube plants to larger pots for the market stall. If you can get a mate or a group together and do half an hour here and there please call Louise Dornan-Lund on 3279 2618 or Nicole Piper on 3715 7460.

We must thank Richard Hampson for helping us with this project and to Centenary Landscaping for donating the potting soil.

CR Mines Propagation has donated tube stock. Thanks a lot. It's great to see local business getting behind our school in its endeavours to improve the education environment for our kids.

Where have all the choir boys gone??

We attend assembly and enjoy all the gigs that Mrs Guyler puts on with our orchestra and choirs. They are simply wonderful to see and listen to. However, I lament the low representation of boys in our choirs.

A long time ago in Italy there was a little guy who joined a choir and took singing lessons. He went on to become a very big guy in a lot of ways and dominate the world of opera. Luciano Pavarotti made a lot of money along the way and looked after his family.

I am trying to convince my boy into joining the choir; however it's a battle, one which I need help with.

All you parents who have boys at school and who are eligible to join the choir, I invite you to join with me in a conspiracy. Apparently to boys, joining the choir is uncool and there is a bit of peer pressure. Let's see if we can change that perception and make it highly cool and encourage them to become a future Luciano.

Don't Forget

- P&C meeting this Wednesday
- Movie night this Friday

Ken McGill
President

TUCKSHOP

Hello family and friends at Middle Park State School!



My name is Rebecca Ham and I am the new Tuckshop Co-ordinator at your school. I have taken over the reins from Danielle Crammond and wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her well deserved break.

My son, Brendan is currently in Year 1 here at Middle Park and my daughter, Elizabeth will start Prep in 2009. I am very excited about the challenge of running our tuckshop and I look forward to working with your children and, of course, you.

For now it is business as usual as I learn the day to day routine of the tuckshop.

Volunteer Reminders

Fri, 21 April: Leanne Haslam, Tanya Todorovski, Sally Patch & Rowena Zsidy
Mon, 24 April: Karen Fullarton, Kathryn Bourne & Jenny Moore
Wed, 26 April: Natala Crawley, Moira Grant & Kathy Robinson
Tues, 28 April: Sue Pohnan, Julieanne Juillerat, Isabelle Nish & Melissa Hardman

I look forward to working with all of you. Please don't hesitate to call me with your ideas and menu suggestions for implementing the Government's Smart Choices Policy (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/heathy)
Tuckshop: 3279 2576.

Thanks again. Cheers.

Rebecca Ham
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

Reflective Safety Vests

Dixon Homes are offering schools the option of acquiring Reflective Safety Vests for their attending children. These vests are available in most sizes (including adult). This offer is absolutely free.

These vests can be used for children riding bikes to school, walking to school, taking the bus.... The list is endless.

The safety of our children is important to Dixon Homes and us. We hope you accept their offer.

Should you wish to receive a safety vest, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher by 24 April 06.

The best and cheapest home salon in Brisbane!

As featured on "Brisbane Extra" (Phone: 3376 6817)

MONICA'S

These are everyday prices – no extra charges:

Shampoo, style-cut and dry	\$20
Shampoo, style-cut and blow-dry	\$35
Permanent Colour	\$40
Streaks and Highlights	\$40
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All experienced seniors (*The Best in the West*)
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Horizon Drive, Middle Park

Ph: 3715 6511

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goggles, caps etc.*

Kidz2Kidz - Annual Concert

Brisbane City Hall

4 May 2006

Promoting peace, harmony and multiculturalism, *Kidz2Kidz - Annual Concert* is presented by Australian of the year 2006 Queensland Local Hero Metropolitan - Ms Sana Mammo.

Featuring:

Kate De Araugo & Dan England - 2005 Australian Idols
Marie-Louise Theile from Ten News - MC
The Royal Australian Navy band
School Choirs, Belly Dancing, Idol Gossip and many more surprises!

Date: 4 May @ 6.30pm

Duration: 3hrs*

*Running times are approximate and subject to change

Tickets: \$27.75 to \$52.75 (inc. fees)

Riverhills Child Care Centre

20 Bogong Street, Riverhills 4074

Phone: 3376 1665 riverhills@rambomail.com.au

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These qualifications preferred for assisting in our school swim program

For more information contact 1300 855 666

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MIDDLE PARK STATE SCHOOL

POSITIONS VACANT

TWO CLEANERS REQUIRED (PERMANENT)

Vacancies exist for two cleaning positions:

- 30 hours per week (morning and afternoon shifts), and
- 6.75 hours per week (morning shift).

An Application Package is available from the School Administration Office. All applicants must address the selection criteria of the position description.

Please return applications to:

**THE REGISTRAR
MIDDLE PARK STATE SCHOOL
MACFARLANE STREET
MIDDLE PARK 4074**

Applications close 3.00pm on Friday, 12 May 2006.

For more information, please telephone: 3712 9888

EVENTS

Wed, 19 Apr	P&C Meeting, 7.30pm	All welcome
Thurs, 20 Apr	Perceptual Motor Program Information Session, 2.30pm, library	Parent volunteers
Fri, 21 Apr	ANZAC Ceremony – 8.55am	Yr 1 – 7. Parents welcome
Tues, 25 Apr	ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday	School Closed
Wed, 26 Apr	Fun Run	Yr P – 7. Parents welcome
Fri, 28 Apr	Whole School Assembly, 8.55am (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE)	Yr 1 – 7. Parents welcome
Mon, 01 May	Labour Day – Public Holiday	School Closed
Wed, 03 May	Australasian Schools Science Competition	Nominated Yr 4 – 7 students
Fri, 05 May	Upper School Assembly, 8.55am	Yr 4 – 7. Parents welcome
	Lower School Assembly, 8.55am	Yr 1 – 3. Parents welcome

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Reflective Safety Vests

Please complete the form for all your children, and return this to your child's teacher by Monday, 24 April.

Name _____ Child's Class _____

Size	Quantity	Size	Quantity	Size	Quantity
4	_____	8	_____	12	_____
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PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM – PARENT VOLUNTEER

Name _____ Child's Class _____

Phone No. _____

Please circle the session/s for which you will be able to help implement the program, and return this to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Set up time before the first session of a day is 10 minutes prior to class and pack away time for the last class is 10 minutes following a class. (The phone numbers will be listed on a roster for parents who may need to arrange a substitute).

Mondays		Tuesdays	
Time	Class	Time	Class
1.45pm	2G	1.45pm	2O

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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

I am able to help at the stall, to be held from 8.50am – 12.40pm on (*please circle*)

Wednesday, 10 May (Time available)

Thursday, 11 May (Time available)

Name..... Phone No.....