Monday, 26th May 2014
Term 2 Week 5:

GALA DAY:
Another successful Gala Day was held on Friday 16th May at Middleton Grange PS. The students enjoyed participating in the sporting activities with students from the Cowpasture of Community schools. A special thank you, to all the parents, who transported their children to and from Middleton Grange PS.

STEWART HOUSE:
Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who recently supported Steward House by either donating clothes or coins for the coin collection. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

BEATTY CLAN CREW:
This Friday the Beatty Clan Crew will be performing at our school from 12 – 1pm in the school hall. Taryn Laleen and her family are indigenous performers, who present songs and dances focusing on Australia’s unique animals. The students learn all about instruments, costumes and various artifacts by participating in the performance. There is no cost for this performance. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY:
The school cross-country will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 12 o’clock. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. The cross-country course will be located within the school grounds.

NAPLAN RESULTS:
Recently the students in Years 3 and 5 sat for the NAPLAN tests. Parents will be receiving their child’s results by mid September.

REPORTS:
Student reports for Semester One will be sent home on Friday 13th June. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 24th June. More detailed information will be shortly sent home.

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Friday 30th May: Beatty Clan Crew
Monday, 9th June: Public Holiday
Tuesday, 10th June: School Cross Country
Friday, 13th June: Reports sent home
Wed, 18th June: Books in Homes Assembly
Tuesday, 24th June: Parent/Teacher interviews
Friday 27th June: Last day of Term 2
BOOKS IN HOMES ASSEMBLY:
All parents are invited to attend the Books in Homes Book Giving Assembly where the students will be receiving their selected books. The assembly is on Wednesday 18th June, at 2:30pm in the school hall. There will be a representative from our sponsors - The University of Western Sydney as well as James Roy a famous children’s’ author.

James was born in western NSW but grew up in Papua New Guinea as well as the islands of the South Pacific. He attributes much of his early interest in books to the absence of TV, a wonderful library full of adventure books and the opportunity to play those characters in the wild, adventuresome places. Many of his books have been shortlisted and won categories in the Children’s Book Council Awards.

INTERNET CORNER:
TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES:
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving Maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a Maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental Maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
A reminder that students can bring in their reading logs on Wednesdays and Mrs. Psilos will update their reading records on the computer. Congratulations to Saffron Strickland who has completed the Reading Challenge. Well done, Saffron!

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE:
The NSW Premier Challenge is well underway at our school with the students on target to reaching their goals. The staff of Badgerys Creek PS is also participating in the teacher section of the Sporting Challenge.

Adam London with his Mother’s Day plate
Adam: I went there in Mum’s car. I wanted to take my ball but I forgot it. I played soccer and I liked it.

William: I scored a goal in the net when I played soccer. I had fun at Gala Day. At home time, Emma came with me.

Cody: At Gala Day I played soccer and I had fun. Connor was helping us at soccer. The best part was playing soccer.

Ella: I liked playing soccer at the Gala Day. I got five scores and I won the game. The best part that I liked was having lunch.

Lucas: Gala Day was awesome because I played soccer.

Tyler: I played soccer in a team. I scored a goal. We didn’t have that much time to finish and the score was 2-1. I liked having the hot dog for lunch.

Lizzie: On Friday I went to Gala Day. I played soccer, netball and dancing. We danced on the stage. We did heaps of dances and the best music was Gangnam Style.

Dakota: On Friday K/6 students went to Gala Day at Middleton Grange Public School and we met Miss Juleff, Mrs. Galea and Miss Baxter there. We played in a lot of activities such as dancing, volleyball, netball, rob the nest and soccer. I liked dancing the best because you could make up your own dances and some of the dances were fun!

Emma: My Mum drove me to Gala Day at Middleton Grange Public School. I played netball and other sports and I had a hot dog for lunch. The best part was when we saw Miss Juleff and playing with the other kids.

Connor: I travelled to Gala Day by Nan’s car to Middleton Grange Public School. My favourite part was when we played soccer because it was fun and I enjoy doing active sports.

Claire: On Friday my parents drove my siblings and I to Middleton Grange Public School for Gala Day. I played in lots of activities such as over and unders, dancing, netball and soccer. I liked netball and soccer the best because they were great. I saw Mrs. Galea, Miss Baxter and Miss Juleff.