Today’s Newsletter - accessible via School Website search or direct Email Link
If you are reading today’s edition of the MRSS Newsletter, presumably it’s as a result of locating it through your search of our school’s website or via the email link that has been sent directly to those families who have subscribed to this service. Congratulations to those who’ve been able to take up the latter option of receiving a direct email link – more than 300 families are doing so. For those yet to take up this opportunity, the offer to join our email group is still available. Simply complete & return the interest slip attached to today’s Newsletter and return it to the office before the Tuesday immediately prior to the Wednesday edition. Should you have any queries relating to the Newsletter mailing group, feel free to drop by or phone the office at your convenience.

School Assemblies
Over the first fortnight of the new school year we have conducted two half-school assemblies with students as a means of settling the children into current & new routines and to reiterate expectations. Continuing this Friday, we will maintain the format of alternating Senior/Junior assemblies where we gather students in the Hall from 2.05-2.35pm to share essential messages, reminders & to acknowledge student achievements & successes. The roster for school assemblies for the remainder of School Term 1 is as follows:

- Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9 = Year 4-6 Class Assemblies (from this week)
- Weeks 4 & 6 = Year 1-3 Class Assemblies
- Week 8* = Prep children join the Year 1-3 classes for their first assembly
- Week 10 (final Friday) = Whole School (P-6) Assembly

* Our Prep children gradually transition into the lower school assemblies from approx. Week 8 onwards – at a time where their teachers feel that they’re settled, ready & less anxious about joining a much larger group.

VOLUNTEERS – Thank you for your ongoing support
It’s apparent that at Middle Ridge SS we are very fortunate to attract the generous help & support of many parents through a range of school activities. To our Tuckshop volunteers, our Uniform Store assistants, our before school & in-class parent / grandparent helpers, our invaluable P&C members and to all who are in a position to be able to share time, knowledge & goodwill with teachers and our children – a HUGE Thank You!!! Your efforts are not taken for granted and are highly valued. The school year has already commenced with a growing army of wonderful volunteers across the entire campus – whilst we recognise there are increasing work & family demands on many folk, if you find you’re in a position to assist your child’s teacher or any number of our programs in a voluntary capacity, we’d love to hear from you. Again, any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Good Luck to MRSS students contesting the Central Zone Swimming Trials
More than 30 x MRSS students have been nominated to represent our school at next Monday’s Toowoomba Central Zone Swimming Carnival. We wish these students every success as they strive for a place on the Zone team that will then go on to contest the Darling Downs Regional Trials in a few weeks’ time. Good luck all!

Class Information Sessions for Parents/Carers
A reminder of the final parent Information sessions conducted by class teachers this week are as follows:

- Thursday 09 Feb: 3.15-4.00pm Year 3MT, 3H, 3BM & 3T Classes

P&C Association Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15th February
Our P&C Association AGM will be held in the staffroom at school next Wednesday 15th February. Commencing at 7.00pm, all parents are invited to attend and will be made most welcome. As is the convention, the AGM will be followed by a brief General Meeting. We hope you can join us.

Latest News regarding Student Enrolments & Class Groups for 2017
I am pleased to confirm that as a result of increased student enrolment numbers at MRSS over these opening two weeks, we have now formed an additional class at school. The total enrolment numbers have allowed us to expand the number of Year 1 classes to five, with the new class led by Mrs Kath & Miss Persse commencing today. The re-alignment of classes has resulted in a reduction in class sizes in all Year 1 classes. I would like to thank our teachers and Year 1 parents for your support & patience this past week as we’ve re-organised the class groups,
Playground Structures ‘Out of Bounds’ outside school hours

It is important for all parents/carers to understand that our school playground structures are not permitted to be used by either school aged or non-school aged children without direct School Staff supervision. Because these structures have been designed with specific fall heights relative to a child’s age and developmental capabilities, they are not designed nor permitted for use by non-enrolled children.

Unlike public parks & other Council/privately owned facilities, because the playgrounds & structures are within a state government education facility, parents are unable to assume responsibility for the supervision of little ones or students at any time on or around these structures. I realise this may be disappointing for some, but due to the fact that these playgrounds are purpose built and only accessible when a staff member is rostered to provide authorised supervision, they cannot be used in a private capacity. Please do not allow your non-school aged children or enrolled students to be using the playground structures before or after rostered staff supervision. The liability & duty of care cannot be transferred to or assumed by parents or carers on the school site at any time. Once again your understanding & co-operation is appreciated in this regard. Many thanks.

Changes to the Administration of Medication in Schools - esp. ‘Over the Counter’ medicines

Parents & Carers are kindly asked to take note of the following information issued to schools by Education Qld regarding the administration of Medicines to students whilst at school:

All medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. As such, schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but not a pharmacist) to administer any medication to students, including those bought over-the-counter.

Whilst parents may administer OTC medications to their child without medical authorisation, they are aware of the child’s complete medical history, and are able to provide ongoing, direct supervision for the course of the child’s illness. Due to these circumstances, a parent is also more likely to recognise if their child is having adverse effects and requires immediate medical attention.

The student’s prescribing health practitioner also has the knowledge of the child’s medical history to determine the appropriate OTC medication to administer and is therefore able to determine dosage and provide advice regarding potential side effects or interactions with other medications.

For these reasons, OTC medications will only be administered to students at school if medical authorisation has been received.

Please help us to help you by ensuring that the above requirement is followed if/when bring a child’s medication to school. Thank you.

PREP Children - Requirement for Parents to Deliver and Collect students personally every day

We’ve had a tremendously successful start to the new year, with the majority of Prep children settling very well into school.

In order to maintain this confident start for our youngest children, a reminder of the requirement for all Prep parents - through this first half of the year children must be personally delivered to their classroom each morning before 8.50am, and then collected in person each afternoon at 3.00pm. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of folk who assist in this regard - remember that you are welcome to come into our Prep classrooms from 8.30am - the co-operation of ALL families in the delivery & collection of children every day will be greatly appreciated.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas Article

We have subscribed to the Michael Grose ‘Parenting Ideas’ website, providing our school with free on-line access to a multitude of great articles, resources and ideas to support parents in your efforts to continue raising healthy, happy children. This week’s feature item, ‘Help Your Child Achieve’ discusses ways in which the positive home-school and parent-teacher relationship can help build positive outcomes for your child. I hope you find this article worthwhile reading.

As a school subscriber to the Michael Grose resources, we are also able to offer all MRSS parents a FREE link to a worthwhile monthly ‘Parenting Ideas’ magazine. http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

Student Classwork on display - this week Year 1MK

Each week at school one of our classes will take a turn to create their own display wall outside my office where some great student work can be showcased for all visitors to see. Our congratulations this week to Miss Martin, Mrs Kath & the students of Year 1MK for their display of student work which is now on show. All visitors are welcome to drop by to see the work samples that our students are proud to display publicly each week at the office.

Well done 1MK students.

Regards,
Craig Barron
MRSS TERM OVERVIEW / DATE CLAIMERS

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From the Deputy Principals

School & Music Captains and Leaders proudly displaying our school values
Back Row: Koko M; Kianah L; Halle S; Mitchel C, Hamish W;
Bradley W; Thomas D
Front Row: Sian C; Riley D; Matilda N

Super Heroes Visit at Junior Parade

COOL Awardees proudly displaying certificates were:
Back Row: Sarah K; Fletcher S; Torah E; Ebonii B; Kirra K
Front Row: Charlotte R; Sai P; Phoebe H; Vesper C

Congratulations Junior School Gold Coin Awardees
Matilda W; Jaimie-Lee B; Noah W

Junior Classroom Awardees (Week 2)

Junior Classroom Awardees

AFL AUSSICK AFTER-SCHOOL PROMOTION

AFL Auskick Toowoomba Representative, Troy Webb (right), spoke to students in the Junior School about after school training sessions which will be held on the MRSS oval. Refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the date and time of the first session. The program will be conducted for seven weeks.
LIBRARY NEWS – Susan Callaghan (Teacher-Librarian)

Student Library Volunteers
The students from Years 4, 5 and 6 who have volunteered to work in the Library begin their tasks this week. One day each week, during the first lunch break, they will work with other students to

- manage the front desk,
- shelve resources,
- supervise the games area,
- create and maintain displays,
- assist other students and staff to locate resources using the MRSS Library Online site (as well as using their own knowledge of the resources),
- read to younger students, and
- help in the preparation of bulk loans for teachers.

I’m looking forward to working with these students, and there are still spaces available for more volunteers.

Parents in the Library
A sincere thank you to the parents who are volunteering their time to support the Library and its programs. Covering and repairing books and shelving are some of the tasks these lovely people are doing. It has been wonderful to see parents of school-age children come to the Library before school and read to their children (and others) and to help them select books to borrow.

Other parents of pre-prep students have been in to borrow Grab Bags and to read to their little ones as well.

BOOK CLUB NEWS – JEANETTE GRIMES (Library Teacher-Aide)

I have been advised by Scholastic that some parents are having difficulty finding their child’s class when ordering through LOOP. All classes have been added correctly to the system. As Book Club is an Australia wide company, Prep parents should click on Foundation/K to find their child’s allocated class. If you are still experiencing difficulties, please call in and see me in the Library.

Reminder orders should be completed by next Monday, February 13.

SPORTING NEWS - Brendan Galvin

NO CLASS SWIMMING MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
Unfortunately there will be no class swimming next Monday 13th February as Mr Galvin will be attending the Central Zone Swimming Carnival with our students.

CENTRAL ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL TEAM FINALISATION
The Central Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday February 13. The team of qualified students has now been finalised. Please return all permission forms at your earliest convenience. Good luck to all students participating that you enjoy the events and for those students in squads etc. that you achieve your goal of being selected in the Central Zone Team. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to act as Timekeepers for a portion of the day. The bus departs the school at 7.45am.

TOOWOOMBA ZONE TRIALS
Students turning 11 or 12 this year are invited to attend Toowoomba Zone trials in a variety of team sports throughout the year. 10 year old students with exceptional skills can also attend these trials although it must be clearly understood that they are participating against the older students. Students must be nominated by Mr Galvin only.

The trials are not an activity for students who have not played the sport before, do not possess a high quality set of skills for that game or do not know the rules / positions of the sport. Should your child wish to attend a Zone Trial, they must see Mr Galvin when it is advertised. Zone trials are publicised over the loud speaker at breaks, on Senior Assembly and in this Newsletter. A medical form must also be returned to Mr Galvin before a nomination can be sent.

Nominations for the following sports are now being called:

Boys Softball – Date : Thursday February 16. Noms Due: Thursday February 9.
Boys Rugby League 10Yrs, 11Yrs and 12Yrs – Date: Sunday March 5. Noms Due: Wednesday February 22.

TOOWOOMBA NETBALL MUSTER DAYS
Registrations are already available through the online platform, however if you are new and would like assistance, Club staff will be available at Nell E Robinson Park on Sunday 5th and 12th February from 9am-11am. Enquiries can be made to 0487359762 or email tmbanetball@bigpond.com.
MUSIC Notes - Mrs Laird, Ms Warfield & Mr Stockwell

VOCAL ENSEMBLES AND RECORDER CONSORT:
Anyone who forgot to come along to our first rehearsals is more than welcome to attend in the next few weeks. Full commitment to each ensemble will be sought in March once students have had an opportunity to see how the ensemble works and whether it’s for them or not.

Junior Vocal Ensemble is open to interested students in yrs 2/3: Tuesday 1st Break
Senior Vocal Ensemble is open to those interested in yrs 4/5/6: Monday 1st Break, Wednesday 8:15am
Recorder Consort is open to those interested in Year 6: Wednesday 1st Break

These groups are not auditioned, but strong commitment to attendance at rehearsals and performances is expected.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES: This year, both our Junior and Senior Vocal ensembles will be performing at the Eisteddfod (May 4 - 14, TBA), Fanfare (May 22), TYME (Sep 14) and the Musical Evening (Nov TBA). In addition, the Junior Vocal Ensemble will perform on school assemblies when ready, and the Senior Vocal Ensemble will also be involved in our Anzac Day Observance (probably April 24), and a very special performance entitled “Voices from the Trenches” along with two of the most highly regarded choirs in Australia, Birralee Voices and Birralee Blokes (May 27 rehearsal and May 28 performance at the Empire Theatre).

The Recorder Consort will performing at School Assemblies, the Instrumental Eisteddfod (July 27 - Aug 9, TBA), TYME (Sep 14) and the Musical Evening (Nov, TBA).

Please make a note of these dates in your calendars, and try to avoid booking extended holidays before or during the major performances so that our students are able to enjoy the opportunity of sharing their hard work with you all in the audience to cheer them on!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: Thank you so much for the huge level of support shown by the number of parents attending last week’s Parent Information Session. If you were unable to be there, a handout of information is available from Mrs Laird. This note lists all known performance dates for 2017 - please mark them into your calendars. It was also relayed that in 2017, the cost is $75 for Regional Music Camps which are day-time (not overnight) camps with a final evening concert for eligible students.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AND REHEARSALS: This week Instrumental Music has not been scheduled due to the both Ms Warfield and Mr Stockwell attending a conference. Next week all lessons and rehearsals will be back on. Remember to check the timetables (displayed outside the Music Block main door, plus in each classroom) for your lesson time.

REHEARSALS: Rehearsals, held weekly, are all scheduled during next week. String Ensemble is during second break on Monday 13th February. All Band rehearsals are 7:40 am - Concert Band Tuesday 14th February; Symphonic Band Thursday 16th February and Beginner Band Friday 17th February. This will be the first rehearsal for the 2017 Beginner Band. The students will learn how to set up for band, play their first sounds for the other instruments and then learn how to pack up the room. Flutes, clarinet and trumpet players are all asked to bring along their music stands each week. Jazz Ensemble commences Thursday first break - all interested students are to please write their names up on the sign-up sheet.

CARE OF BAND INSTRUMENTS: Beginning band students are asked to only use the grease, cream or oil items when Ms Warfield has shown how to safely do so. Beginner clarinets, bass clarinets and saxophones have all begun regularly applying cork grease on the corks at the instrument joints. Beginner trumpets and other brass have now been shown how to use the valve oil at the "beginner's" stage of oiling.

“If you have told a child a thousand times and he still does not understand, then it is not the child who is the slow learner.” Walter Barbee

JOKE: What makes music in your hair? A hair band!

CHAPLAINCY NEWS – Chappy Bev

Dear Parents/ Carers, Community Members

This is your chance to be part of a service that brings hope to young people and supports the school community.

School Chaplaincy is a three way partnership between the local school (representing the Department of Education and Training) the LCC (representing the local community), and SU QLD (the employing authority)

I would like to invite you to join the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC). The role of the LCC is to oversee and develop the Chaplaincy Service at Middle Ridge State School. Even if you are not sure about joining, please feel free to come to the meeting to find out more. It’s a great way to learn more about the role of the committee and the work of our school chaplain.
SU QLD State School Chaplaincy Services have been operating in QLD for over 20 years. School chaplains support children and young people as they navigate the complex and sometimes difficult life circumstances of a modern young person. Chaplains run programs to assist students in building resilience, and dealing with such issues as bullying, family breakdown, and grief and loss.

As well as running programs, a chaplain’s time is spent interacting with students in a range of ways from being a friendly presence in the playground, to holding one-on-one conversations that help deal with significant issues that a student is facing, to aiding in the classroom to further productivity and learning.

There are a number of roles that are needed on an LCC, and members help in a number of ways, according to their interests and skills.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13 February at 3.30pm in the Middle Ridge Staffroom and it would be great to see you there. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Chappy Bev

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**BIBLE CLUB NEWS – John & Frances Clewett**

Middle Ridge Bible Club – Recomences 9 February - in the Canopy

Middle Ridge Bible Club is starting up again **THIS Thursday (9/2/16).**
We will be meeting at the Canopy (Special Education Unit), after school until 4:30pm.

Bible Club is overseen by St John’s Presbyterian Church, and is for any student who wants to know more about Christianity and the Bible.
All Middle Ridge students are welcome to attend, with parental permission, and parents/carers are also welcome.
Afternoon tea is provided.
For more information please contact David & Janette Hunt (4635 7762) or John & Frances Clewett (0402 886 389)

Many thanks,
John & Frances Clewett

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**Parents and Citizens Association News**

**A message from the P&C President**

*Hello*

Just a friendly reminder about our first P&C meeting for 2017 which will be our **Annual General Meeting** next **Wednesday 15th February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom behind the administration building. This will be followed by a brief General Meeting to get P&C activities for the year underway for the year. I invite members of the Middle Ridge School community to come along and be part of our great P&C and perhaps consider becoming a member, taking on a role as an office bearer or maybe joining one of our committees. We would love to see you there.

All Office Bearers positions will become available on the night, with a number of our long time executive and committee members stepping aside this year after serving many years on the P&C. **If you are interested in becoming a member of the P&C or nominating for an Office Bearers position you need to fill in and submit the appropriate forms which should be included with this newsletter.** [See all forms at the end of today’s edition]

I would like to thank all the families who supported the Tuckshop during its first week of operation for 2017. It was quite a busy few days for our convenor Amanda Ryan and her amazing group of tuckshop volunteers. The P&C encourages parents to use the Flexi-Schools on-line ordering system to place their children’s meal orders, and like last year, Fridays are a **No Bag** ordering day. The Flexi-Schools system can also be used to place orders with our Uniform Shop, to make the P&C voluntary contribution for families, and to pay for other P&C activities throughout the year.

Information on how the system works can be obtained from the Tuckshop if required.

Please take the time to read the P&C Tuckshop and Uniform Shop notices below. If you have any queries about the P&C please contact us via email at pandc@middridgss.eq.edu.au or check on the school website under the *Our Community* tab for more information. Thank you

*Graeme McBryde*

**TUCKSHOP**

Welcome back to you all!!!

Just a couple of things to take note of:
1) **Prep classes do not** order this term but will start Tuckshop from Term 2).
2) The current menu is the Summer Menu
3) Just a reminder that Flexible school orders only for Fridays. NO PAPER BAGS.
4) If you are wishing to volunteer in our ever growing Tuckshop we would love to see you. Please come and introduce yourself and join the fun.

Have a fantastic term. Please don’t hesitate to contact me should there be any issues or queries.

Regards
Amanda Ryan 0419620138
**UNIFORM SHOP**

Thank you again to all of the valued volunteers who continue to kindly assist in the Uniform Store. Our opening hours have now returned to normal and we look forward to your continued support as the year unfolds. Please Note - we are currently out of supply of Large Hats.

Regards,

Veronica McKeon

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**EVER WONDERED WHAT THE MIDDLE RIDGE STATE SCHOOL P&C DO?**

With the P&C Annual General Meeting being held next Wednesday the 15th February we thought we would let you know a little bit about our P&C and its activities.

Your P&C is a group of parent volunteers who aim to work together for the good of the school and all of its students. We work on a number of things such as fundraising for equipment, facilities and projects, making decisions about the tuckshop and uniform shop, organising working bees around the school and organising various educational, community or sporting initiatives.

If you would like to have a say or have ideas you would like to share on how to enhance the school through providing additional resources and facilities, this is your forum.

**P&C PROJECTS:**

From ideas come actions. How exciting to start to the year with the new shade structure down at the Roger Guard Lane Pick-up area. Thanks to Mr Barron and his team for getting this done. This project was funded by the P&C as a result of our fundraising activities last year.

We look forward to another busy year of fundraising in 2017 to support the school and provide additional facilities and resources that will provide the best possible learning environment.

We are always interested in your ideas on how we can improve the school community for all our students and welcome all creative and positive people with time and energy to contribute.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Each year all positions are deemed vacant and we are looking for volunteers to take on roles within the P&C for 2017. Attached to the newsletter is a nomination form. If you are interested in nominating for any of the roles, please complete the attached form and return to the school by next Wednesday morning if possible. Nominations and nomination forms will also be accepted at the AGM itself.

To be eligible for any of the executive positions you must have also completed a P&C membership form. These need to be submitted before the commencement of the election of the office bearers at the AGM and will be accepted on the night of the meeting. Prior to the election of office bearers all completed membership forms will be approved, allowing membership to the P&C and the ability to be voted in to an executive position.

If you would like any further information in relation to the roles or what is required, please do not hesitate to contact any of the P&C executive.

All parents or carers of enrolled students and staff are cordially invited to attend & will be made most welcome. We hope you can join us.

*From your P&C Executive*

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**WIN a $150 Amart Sports Voucher**

Each year, the P&C asks for a voluntary contribution of $25 per family. ALL of these funds are used to purchase resources to support the students at MRSS. For example, in 2016 the P&C purchased classroom materials, musical instruments, and supported infrastructure projects around the School. A list of high priority items is compiled each year and endorsed at the AGM. As funds are received, they are used to fund the list items in order of priority.

If you pay your voluntary contribution before the end of Term 1 you will automatically be entered into the draw to win a $150 Amart Sports voucher.

The P&C voluntary contribution can be paid using Flexi-Schools, Direct Deposit, or Credit Card, Chq or Cash. Further details are on the P&C Membership form at the bottom of this newsletter.

*Thank-you* to all those families who have already paid the P&C voluntary contribution for 2017. The benefit to the P&C in receiving these payments at the beginning of the year means that we may be in a position to approve and fund some of the highest priority items at our first meeting of 2017.

If you would prefer to donate to the tax deductible Building Fund, we also appreciate these funds and will look to apply those monies to projects this year. Please indicate Building Fund when you make your contribution and the P&C will provide you with a receipt.
Middle Ridge State School
Parents and Citizens
Association
Application for Membership

- I am applying as a new member
- I am applying to renew my membership

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I apply for membership in the Middle Ridge State School Parents and Citizens’ Association and I undertake to:

a) Promote the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and

b) Comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the Education (General Provision) Act 2006.

I am a ☐ parent ☐ caregiver ☐ teacher at the school or ☐ community member (over 18 years of age)

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Note: Two signatures are required if application is in both names.

*Please note: To become a voting member of the P&C, you must attend at least one meeting.*

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### Annual Contribution

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The P&C voluntary contribution can be paid using any of the following methods:

- Cash – Please place in an envelope (noting “P&C voluntary contribution”, your child’s name and class on the front) and place in the payment slot at the office;
- Credit Card – Name: ____________________________ Amount: $_____________
  Card No: ____________________________ Expiry ___/_____
- Flexischools – Click the ‘Make Payment’ button in the ‘Voluntary P&C Contribution’ section;
- Direct Deposit – BSB 064433 Account No 00092615 (Include your child’s name and class number in the reference section)

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# P&C Executive Officer Nomination Form

**Middle Ridge State School P&C Association**

**Annual General Meeting  7pm, 15th February 2017**

I wish to nominate_____________________________________ as a candidate for the position of:

 Candidate’s name

- [ ] President
- [ ] Treasurer
- [ ] Secretary
- [ ] Vice-President
- [ ] Fundraising Committee
- [ ] Tuckshop Committee
- [ ] Grants Committee
- [ ] Uniform Shop
- [ ] Gardening Coordinator

**Candidate**

I accept the nomination for the position of ____________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ________________________________

**Moved by:**

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ________________________________

**Seconded by:**

Name: ___________________________________ Signature: ________________________________

**Notes:**
- The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.
- Candidates may nominate themselves.
- “Moved by” and “Seconded by” may be completed before, or at the meeting.
- Please either submit via the drop box at the office or to pandc@middridgss.eq.edu.au

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**P&C Secretary’s use only**

Successfully elected:
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Membership forms received
Opportunity to receive School Newsletter via Email link

Parents & Community members who wish to receive a direct email link to the school’s regular Newsletter are invited to register by completing & returning the following proforma:

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Complete & return to the school office at your earliest opportunity. Registrations received by a Tuesday 1st lunch break (11.30am) will be included in the direct email link for the Wednesday Newsletter that week.
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will not meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter, friends move away, illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.