

CANTEEN CLOSED ON TUESDAYS

Canteen News

We are currently reviewing our canteen menu and there will be a few minor changes. An updated menu will be issued shortly and sent home in the newsletter.

The P&C with the assistance of our wonderful Canteen supervisor, Sharlene, are operating the Canteen again this year for 4 days a week, but we are only able to do so if we have your support. Without the assistance of our volunteers we could not successfully provide the variety of great meals and operate a reliable canteen service. Your voluntary support not only assists the P&C to run the canteen but profits raised are directed back to the P&C to purchase extra equipment for the benefit of our children.

We would dearly love to see some new faces, as do the children love seeing their family and friends helping out in the canteen.

Your commitment may be once a term, once a month or as often as every second week. If you are able to spare some time please contact Sharlene on 65687100.

P & C News

MEETINGS: The P & C would like to welcome back families for another wonderful year and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families enrolling at FPVC this year. Our P & C meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the staffroom and we are always looking for new faces to join our small but committed group. Our next meeting is Wednesday 8th February at 4pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

UNIFORMS: Need new uniforms? The school uniform shop is now stocking mint green polo shirts. All sizes are available at the great price of \$15.00 each. Also available are our button up mint green shirts now with the school logo as well as sports shirts, shorts and hats. Don't forget our newest addition - the new school backpack with the school logo priced at \$35.00. What a BARGAIN!!

All profits made through our uniform sales go back to the school to purchase valuable resources to assist your child's education. The P&C greatly appreciate your support!

Hats and bags maybe purchased through the office. Other items may be ordered (**allow 2 weeks for cargo shorts**) using the order form obtained from the Front Office or by calling Alida D'Angeli on 65683652 or 0414443853.



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Welcome to the 2012 School Year

The staff at Frank Partridge VC Public School would like to welcome your family and in particular, all of the new students to our school. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and excited students on Monday morning. They were all shown to their new classes for 2012 and made a great start. Their clean and new uniforms look fantastic.

Our Kindergarten students arrived ready and willing to get into their education today. Many of them were just too busy to even say goodbye to their mums and dads!

Over the next few weeks there are some things you can do to help your children adjust to the routines of being back at school. The first few weeks can be an emotional time for children who are adjusting to being away from parents, adjusting to the new environment at school and new teachers and adapting to new routines both at home and at school - all in hot weather. You can help by talking about the positive aspects of school with them. You can also talk about your happy, funny and enjoyable experiences at school. Talk to older siblings and family about the ways they can help so they don't tell scary stories.

Establish regular bedtime and wake-up routines as children need plenty of sleep. They may be more tired than usual and need time to relax. Celebrate the start of school with a special meal or outing. Make the experience as happy and positive as you possibly can.

Events Calendar

Feb 2012

14 Mon Swimming Carnival

Teachers will be inviting families in to have a look at the classrooms where your children are and for you to meet them in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if there is anything specific that you need the teacher to know about your child please ring and arrange a time to talk with him or her.

Teachers will also be sending an information sheet home that will explain requirements, the units of work and the routines in the classroom for your child. We hope this will be of help to you in staying in touch with your child's education.

Class organisation for 2012

For this year we are fortunate to be able to form some additional classes to benefit our students. From 9.15am until 1.30pm there will be six classes for Years 3-6 (one 3/4 class and one 5/6 class is an extension Literacy and Numeracy class). In the afternoon session, students from 3-6 will form 5 groups to complete units in PD/H/PE, Creative Arts and Science and Technology. These groups will rotate to different teachers each afternoon.

In Stage One (Years 1 and 2) Students will form 3 groups and rotate to different teachers for their Art, PE/H/ PD and Science and Technology as well.

All students will need to have their school bags at school every day so that they can pack up their homework and any other requirements both at lunchtime and after school. Could I also ask that your children bring at least one piece of fruit to school every day so that they have some "brain food" to munch on mid-morning.

We are all looking forward to a great year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our swimming carnival will be held on 14 February 2012. Only children aged 8 and over will be eligible to attend. All children who are not going to the carnival are required to attend school. A note with further details will be sent home shortly.

Just a few reminders for you:

Car Parking

Both staff car parks are for staff members only. Please do not park in the disabled car park near the hall. Our parent/visitor car park is located on the left as you drive through the gates. All students are to use the crossing provided for their safety.

Collection of students

All students should be collected from the quad area. Please do not get them to meet you in the car park.

Medication

If this is needed to be given whilst at school, a signed permission note from the parent is required. We cannot give any medicine without this authority.

Start time

All students need to be at school by 9.10am for the first bell.

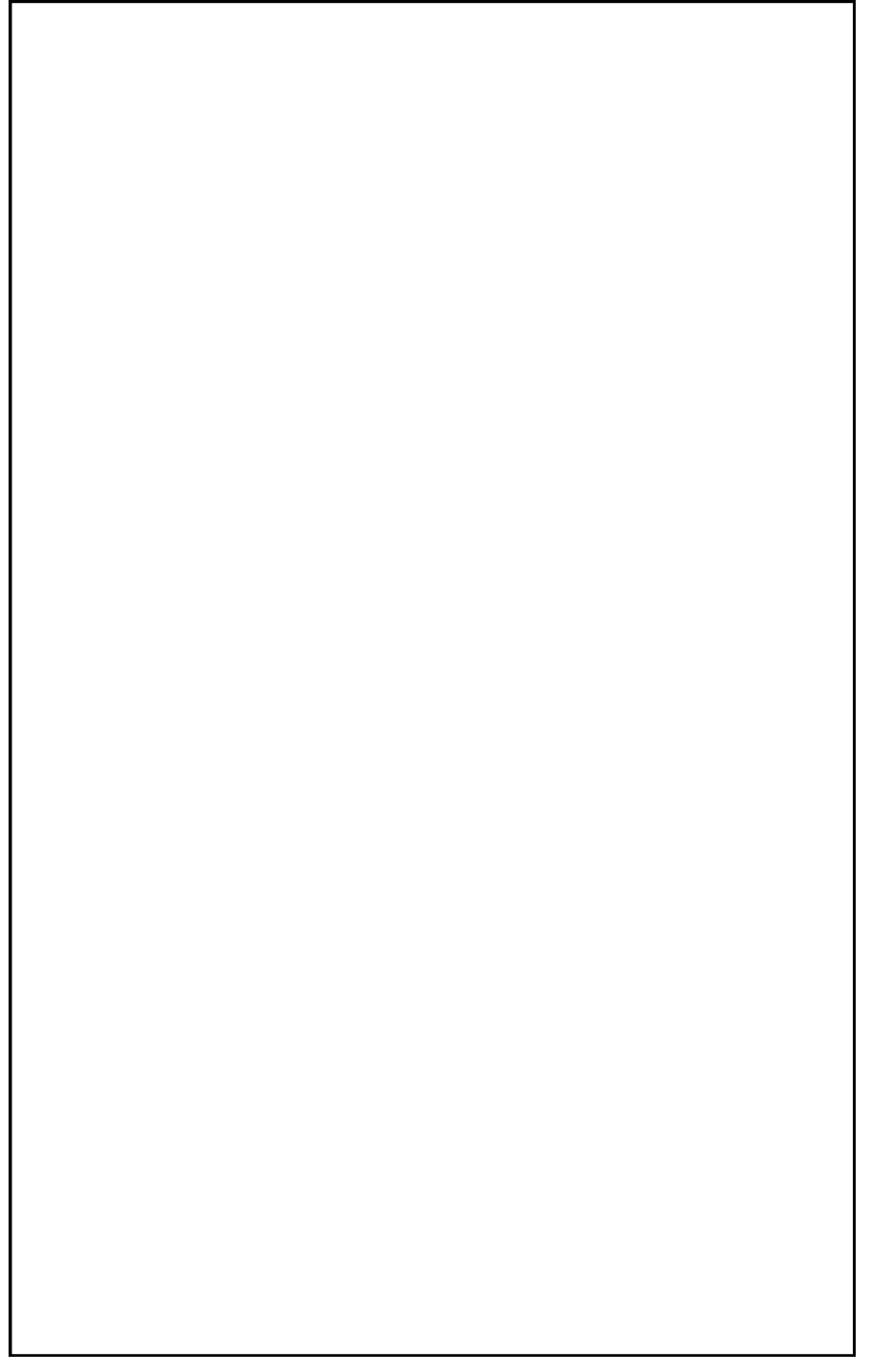
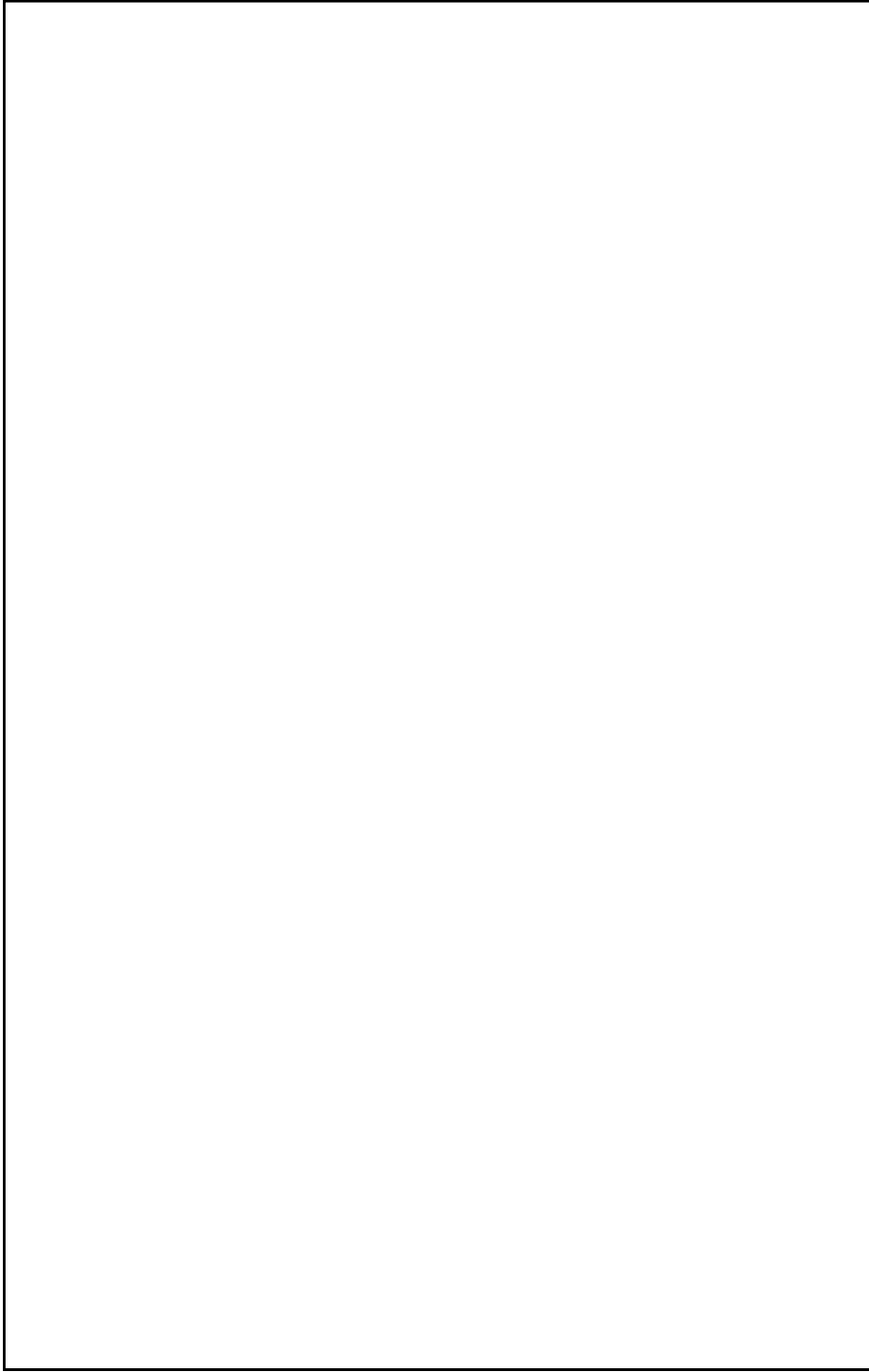
BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club will resume in Week 3. All children are welcome to attend. Any donations of vegemite, jams, margarine and juice would be greatly appreciated.*Lee Symington*

HEAD LICE

Now is the time to check your child's hair for head lice. If any eggs or lice are found it is necessary to treat the hair. Head lice treatments are available from local pharmacies. It is hard to break the cycle if every child is not treated. It is very frustrating for some parents who need to treat their child's hair continually because of reinfestation.

Because head lice are so contagious, infected children should be excluded from school until treatment is completed.



VACATION CARE

FUN FOR CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Vacation care is a federally funded service which provides child care for primary school aged children of parents and carers who are working, studying or looking for work. Respite places are also available. This service operates in Macksville and Nambucca Heads during the school holidays from Monday 19th December 2011 to Friday 27th January 2012.

The program provides high quality care, fun activities, sport, craft, excursions and lots more! Hours of operation are from 8.00 am til 6.00 pm; fees start from \$4.87 per child per day (with Child Care Benefits).

After School Care service also operates at Frank Partridge VC Public School Monday to Friday during school terms.

For information on both services and bookings please phone Gail at Family Services on 65681474 Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm.or email vaccare@bigpond.com. Bookings and enrolments are necessary before children attend.

FPVCPS CANTEEN ORDER

THIS WEEK'S MEAL OFFER

Name: _____ Class: _____

Wednesday 14 December

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS

Dipping sauce (circle choice)

Tomato BBQ

+

ORCHY JUICE (circle choice)

Orange Apple Orange/passionfruit

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

Thursday 15 December

CHICKEN BURGER

with

Caesar dressing

PRICE \$3.50

Normal menu available every day