

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 33

Term 5 Week 4

5th November, 2013

Welcome to Week 5. With half the term almost gone I am sure that the Christmas break will be upon us in no time!

Thank you to everyone involved for your support with our lockdown on Tuesday. I have sent a letter home explaining the details of the event but would like to take this opportunity to again thank our incredible staff, Nambucca Public staff, the local police and our understanding school community who have been completely supportive and positive throughout the entire process.

Thursday was lots of fun as our kids and staff rocked up in their brightest pink outfit to support breast cancer research. Amy Campton did a great job of organising the day with her team of helpers and the kids seemed to have a great time.

Mrs Parkins was also in on the action, organising our participation in the Music Count Us In project, where we were joined by schools from around the country as we sang Keep On. The kids sounded great and it was wonderful to be part of such a big event.

Our scarecrows Frankie and Francie received a highly commended in the Botanic Gardens on Sunday. Stage 3 did an awesome job on the two newest members of our school. Mrs Smith, Mrs Leahy and Miss McArthur were all in attendance on the day to represent our school.

I also had the great privilege to work with 5/6S on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Smith would be very proud of the mature and responsible attitude shown by her class. Well done 5/6S!! We will finish our name envelopes sometime this week as promised.

Our Year 6 to 7 Transition Program will continue this Wednesday as the kids head down the hill for another round of Forensics fun! The year 6 students are really enjoying this practical and fun way to acquaint themselves with their new school for 2014.

Stage 3 will be heading over to Scotts Head to join Richie Donovan for a camp on Thursday. The camp promises to be lots of fun as we get to know a little more about ourselves and striving to be the best that we can be. I will be joining the kids after school, along with Mrs Leahy. Mr Freebairn, Miss McArthur and Mrs Smith will be with the students all day. A note has gone home with all of the finer details, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to give us a ring or pop in.

In August 21 students from Frank Partridge VC PS sat for The Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition for Year 5 and 6 students. Overall, 18,000 students from 300 schools entered the competition. We are extremely proud of all the students who entered the competition as it was a challenging test. In Year 5, Ella Buchanan achieved a Distinction while Rohan Duguid, Terryn Hopper, Travis Hayden and Thomas Robertson received Merits. For Year 6, Jacinta Hurley, Blayde Hopper and Billy Robertson achieved Distinctions while Lily Dedman, Chloe Colb, Nathan Woodland, Danny Stuart and Jasmine Smith received Merits. Well done to all of the students who were willing to give this a go and a special congratulations to their teachers who prepared them to a level that enabled them to show us and the wider community just how clever Frank Partridge kids can be!

Have a great week,
Todd.

Diary

Tuesday 5th Nov

Last day of
Playkindy

Wednesday 6th Nov

Year 6 Forensics

Thurs 7th and Fri 8th Nov

Stage 3 Camp at
Scotts Head

Friday 8/11

Basketball Clinic
Kick Start Program
12.00pm - 2.45pm

Mon 11th Nov

Kinder Orientation
(Technology)

Fri 6th Dec

Family Fun Night

Thurs 12th Dec

K-2 Excursion to
Big Banana

Enclosed in today's
newsletter is a flyer
on the new
SKOOLBAG app
that is now
available to
download. Please
take the time to
read.

Music-Count Us In



Congratulations!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students who receive a "Caught You Being Good" go into a daily draw to win a \$2.00 voucher.

Congratulations to the following students:

Makayla Lamb 1C, Skyleigh Sisson KC – Playing nicely, Taz Streatfield 5/6S, Kailee Salway 4M – Playing nicely,
Jasmine Smith 5/6S – Teamwork

Class Awards – SU2 Trent Richards, Tabitha O'Sullivan, Library Rebekah Bailey, James Hurley, KC Taj Judd, KD Braiden Wheeler, 1/2E Bertahlee Greenup Gray, Izabelle Salway, Jake Duckett, Gordon Rumbel Dixon, 2B Shardonnae White, Yolanda Jones, 3H James Hurley, Olivia Bowen, 3/4F Joana Wellington, Alex Parker, 4M Jayden Skinner, Jake Pearson, Belle Elphick Ttooulou, 5/6L Molly Mathew, Thomas Robertson, 5/6M Amber Jenkins, Deklan Cutmore, 5/6S Shania Eastwood Stankowski, Shantahla Jarrett-Marks

CARE SAFE RESPECT RESPONSIBLE

Possum Magic

This term, Kindergarten have been studying the book Possum Magic, by Mem Fox. To conclude the unit, they had a Possum Party where they wore possum masks and ate lamingtons, Anzac biscuits and drank possum juice (red cordial!).

They have also been filmed by older students, acting out scenes from the book!



Pink Day

Our school had a very successful Pink Day on Thursday with students raising \$381 just for wearing pink and purchasing merchandise. This money will go straight to the McGrath Foundation. Teachers and staff raised \$200 at their morning tea and their funds will be going to the Breast Cancer Institute. Thanks to all who supported this great day and thanks Miss Campton for making it possible!

Shoe laces and wrist bands can still be purchased for \$3!

Kickstart

This Friday at 12pm we kick into Kickstart! This new program, for pre-schoolers starting Kindergarten next year, will give them a taste of what school will be like in the classrooms. They will also participate in school activities. If you know a 4-5 year old who will be starting school next year pop in on Friday or call the school for more information.

Scarecrows!

Last week Stage 3 students worked busily designing, creating and making scarecrows using recyclables. These scarecrows were then taken to Coffs Botanic Gardens for the Spring Festival where they were judged by a famous gardener, Costa, from the TV program Gardening Australia. Our scarecrows were awarded a Highly Commended. Well done students!



Chicken Pox

A note was sent home last week advising parents of a chicken pox outbreak in the community. We have been notified of 2 more cases within our school. This is just a reminder to parents to be extra vigilant over the coming weeks. Symptoms may include a temperature and runny nose before the appearance of small blisters. The virus is contagious for 3 days prior to the spots appearing and whilst ever the spots have fluid in them.

Health Forms

Thanks to everyone who has been returning the Student Health Care forms. If your child has Asthma, please ask your Doctor to fill out the 'Asthma Care Form for Schools'. If you suspect your child may be at risk of anaphylaxis, a Doctor will need to fill out an 'ASCI' form. This will ensure the school will provide your child with the correct treatment.

2014 Kindergarten Enrolment Forms

If your child is starting Kindergarten next year you will need to complete an enrolment form and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible. If there is a sibling at school, please see Leanne Armytage as she will be able to give you an enrolment form that is partially prefilled.

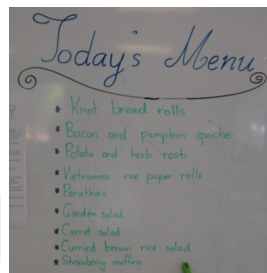
Enrol Now for 2014



Spotlight on...



Stage 1 Excursion to Dundurrabin Public School



On Friday our class came really early at 8.15am. After that we got into two lines and went down on the tour bus and we watched Charlotte's Web on the TV. Half way up the mountain I nearly went to sleep.

When we got to Dundurrabin PS we had lunch next we played on the equipment. After that we got into our groups and my group went first to see the garden. We got to eat beans, snow peas and strawberries and we looked at the chickens. After that we went cooking and our group made Hash Browns with herbs. Next it was recess and we ate what we cooked. I liked the quiche the best. Then before we went we had strawberry muffins.

By Daniel McElroy 2B.



Family Fun Night

We are very excited to be planning our Family Fun Night which will be held on Friday the 6th December. The date is fast approaching and kids have been busy rehearsing for what is sure to be a great night!



Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20th November
4pm in the Staffroom.
All Welcome

P & C Motto:

Participate & Communicate
Meet every third Wednesday of the month

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

Normal menu available every day

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 6th November

HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA SINGLES

+ ORCHY FRUIT JUICE ORANGE/APPLE/PASSIONFRUIT (CIRCLE CHOICE)

PRICE \$3.70

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

CHILLI CHICKEN BURGER W/ CHEESE, LETTUCE, MAYO & SWEET CHILLI SAUCE

PRICE \$4.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

NACHOS

BEEF MINCE, KIDNEY BEANS, CORN CHIPS, CHEESE & SOUR CREAM

PRICE \$5.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

3 PARTY PIES W/ TOMATO SAUCE

NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK CHOC/STRAWBERRY

PRICE \$4.00

Community News

Santa's at the Beach 2013

Santa photos will be taken at Shelley Beach in Nambucca Heads on Friday 22nd Nov, Sunday 24th Nov, Friday 29th Nov, Sunday 1st Dec, Friday 6th Dec and Sunday 8th Dec.

Cost is \$25 per family session (duration of 10 minutes). Bookings Essential

Phone **Bec Bee** on **0431682213** or email santasatthebeach@outlook.com

(This is a paid advertisement)

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

presents

Standing Strong

Getting strong after difficult times.

Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th November 10am-1pm

Family Support, Mann St Nambucca Heads (near roundabout)

Contact Christine at Family Support 6568 7364 or Family and Community Information Centre

Ph 6568 2305

Nambucca Valley Early Childhood Intervention

New classes for ALL young children in our community.

For more information please phone 65684026

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nveci@bigpond.com



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After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.



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Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

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