

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Term 4 Week 7

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Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4. There are 11 weeks this term and the last 2 days of school are reserved for staff training and development. This means that the last day of school for all students will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The first day back in 2014 for students 1-6 will be Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> January. Our kindergarten students for 2014 will start on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

It was great to receive some positive feedback on our Skoolbag smart phone app. Please see the girls in the office for an instruction sheet on how to download this free app to your phone. It is certainly a great way to keep in touch with your school at a time that suits you.

Our Year 5 students have now completed their speeches for the official leadership positions for 2014. All students in Stage 3 will be expected to be leaders for our school, but there will be 6 official positions voted on this week. The names of our school captains and prefects will be announced at our Presentation Day Awards. I cannot stress how impressed I was by not only the quality of our more confident speakers but by the courage and determination shown by our less eager students who trusted their teachers and completed a speech in front of their peers - quite a daunting task for many adults, let alone Year 5 students! Well done to everyone who had a go. You should be very proud of your efforts and willingness to fight your nerves and apprehension.

It is really a sign of the times when I pop my head into the Stage 3 class during a morning session and they are involved in a video conference with a scientist who is about to head to Antarctica. Mr Turvey answered our student questions despite being in Canberra and in the middle of preparing for his next trip. Students can see, hear and question these modern day explorers as part of their learning. What an incredible way to bring our curriculum to life!

My knowledge of the rich Gumbaynggirr language is slowly increasing! I now know that 'waanyji' means 'dog' and my word for this week, interestingly, is "Biway" which means 'no'. I am sure that many of our teenagers learn this word quite early in their language journey.

With Mr Miller and Mrs Smith on long service leave it has been wonderful to welcome Miss Halverson and Mrs Chatenay into our teaching and learning team. These types of changes are often quite unsettling for our students, so please be sure to talk to your children about how important it is to set a great example for our casual teachers.

Another great Kickstart kindy transition afternoon was held on Friday. Ms Campton and Mrs Daley have done a wonderful job organising this program and we look forward to even more exciting activities next Friday. This Friday will be our last Basketball clinic. Mrs Baker has done an awesome job organising this whole school initiative where all of our students K-6 have had the opportunity to attend a clinic held by a professional basketballer. Well done Mrs Baker and thank you Rob Linton for your time and efforts promoting this wonderful sport to our students.

Finally, huge congratulations to Lily Dedman, who won the Lions Peace Poster Competition this year. She was presented with a book prize and our school will be presented with a cheque by Mr Grahame Beaton and Paul and Clair Woods at Monday's assembly.

It is with a great degree of sadness that we will say farewell to our DGO, Sandi Hills, at the end of the year. I know that the vast majority of our school community will be shattered at losing such a caring and understanding support person from our teaching and learning team. Sandi has been an integral part of the lives of so many students, supporting them through a variety of emotional journeys that are often difficult and draining. Sandi has a deep and meaningful understanding of our school community and her skills and knowledge will be impossible to replace. However, we have embarked on the process of doing just that. The advertisement for Sandi's position is being prepared in haste so as to ensure we have another District Guidance Officer in place and ready to support our school and district from day 1 next year. I have nominated John Close and Colleen Edwards as our staff and community representatives respectively. I received feedback from many staff who supported these nominations, and I am very confident that these two representatives will make most competent panel members.

Have a great week!

Todd.

## Diary

### Fri 22nd Nov

Kick Start Program

12pm-2:45pm

### Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Dec

Intensive Swim Scheme

### Tues 3rd Dec

Kinder Orientation

Uniforms

Enrolments &

Information

### Fri 6th Dec

Family Fun Night

### Wed 11th Dec

Presentation Day

### Thurs 12th Dec

K-2 Excursion to Big Banana

### Tues 17th Dec

Year 6 Farewell  
Valla Carols

### Wed 18th Dec

Last day for students

# 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:: Ryan Winchester 3Hi 5-Walking in Quad, Keenan Breasley 3Hi 5,  
Keira Donovan 1C-Playing nicely, Keira Donovan 1C-Wearing a hat, McKeely Ricaud 3/4F-Playing nicely

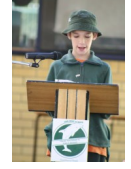
### Class Awards

SU2 Byron Griffin, Trent Richards, Library Tarran Jarrett Marks, Jacinta Hurley, KC Fiona Holloway, Nicholas Stone, KD Joshua Cleary, Katelyn Jones, 1C Teal Haigh, Auston Babula, 1/2E Jesse Cohen, Matthew Daley, 2B Will Cohen, Ebony Wylie, 3H Olivia Bowen, Patrick Bagnell, Ryan Winchester, 4M Jerrai Dahlstrom, Casey Humphries, Keannah Taylor, 3/4F Jack Kennedy, Jannai McLeod, Tyrone Bowden, Carly Donovan, 5/6L Cassie Ferris, Rohan Duguid, 5/6M Kurt Smith, Abbey Smith, Luwana Cohen, 5/6S Taz Streatfield, Shantahla Jarrett Marks

CARE SAFE RESPECT RESPONSIBLE

## 2014 Candidate Speeches

For some people, public speaking is one of the hardest things we do in life! Our Year 5 Leader Candidates did a fantastic job reading their speeches to the whole school. Well done and best of luck!



## Video Conference with a Scientist!

Stage 3 students linked up with schools across Australia via video conferencing to learn about explorations! Professor of Earth Science Chris Turvey intrigued the children with his passion for exploration, especially Antarctica. Chris now plans to explore Antarctica to see the changes since it was first discovered in 1912.



## Stage 3 Camp Report by James Donovan

Camp was great! We went Ghost Crab hunting at night on the beach. We did a 5 kilometre walk and saw heaps of mutton birds. There were lots of activities like table tennis and pool.

For dinner we had roast chicken and veggies which was cooked by Uncle Ritchie and his wife. In the morning we woke up early and went for a walk on the beach. We had a great time!



## Congratulations

Lily Dedman on your  
Award winning  
Lions Club Peace Poster.



## Intensive Swimming Scheme

Our Intensive Swimming Scheme will begin in Week 9. This great week long lesson is for any 8 year olds and over who cannot swim 25 metres unassisted. The price for these sessions is \$20 for the whole week. If this program may benefit your child before the swimming season starts, pick up a note from the office ASAP!



# Spotlight on...

## Out & About

### in the

# Playground





### 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

### Family Fun Night

There are only 2 and a half weeks left until our much anticipated Family Fun Night! Students and staff have had a lot of fun rehearsing and are looking forward to performing in front of family and friends on Friday 6th December!

### CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WEDNESDAY 20th November

**CHICKEN BURGER + CAESAR DRESSING**

**PRICE \$3.90**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

#### THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

**HAM, PINEAPPLE & CHEESE MELTS**

**PRICE \$4.50**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

**HONEY SOY CHICKEN WINGS WITH FRIED RICE**

**PRICE \$4.00 SMALL**

**\$5.00 LARGE**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

**3 PARTY PIES WITH SAUCE (TOMATO OR BBQ)**

**+NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC OR STRAWB)**

**PRICE \$4.00**



## Community News

### LOST

**1 BIG WHITE DOG CALLED CASPAR**

**1 BIG BLACK DOG CALLED PEARL**

These much loved pets ran away from the yard at Nambucca Brake & Exhaust on the weekend during the storms. If you see these very friendly dogs please call 65687608

### Giiguy Gamambi Pre-School

**Now taking enrolments for 3 year olds for 2014.**

**Call 65694077 or come in and pick up an enrolment form.**



### NAMBUCCA JUNIORS 2014

#### REGISTRATION DAY

WHERE: Coronation Oval, Nambucca Heads

WHEN: 15-02-2014

TIME: 10am TO 2pm

Games and Activities on the day

Need any more information email

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or phone him on 0411458910 or google NHJRLFC.

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