

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*

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Term 4 Week 8

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Welcome to Week 8. Welcome back Mrs Smith and Mr Miller, I am sure your classes will be pleased to have you back. A huge thankyou to Miss Chatenay and Miss H for all of your efforts on these two classes. You did a wonderful job. I would also like to commend the students of 5/6S and 3H on their ability to cope with these changes over the last few weeks. Well done kids!

With Christmas holidays just around the corner it is a good time for our school community to revisit road safety. Any incident involving a student and a motor vehicle has the potential to be catastrophic. We have spoken to our students at morning assembly and I will speak to them today at our big assembly about the importance of being safe on and around our roads. Since I have arrived here I have received a couple of reports from concerned parents and community members in regards to close calls with students on scooters and bikes. Please remind your child to ride on the side of the road, wear a helmet and to be very careful if they are riding to or from school each day, or even if they ride around after school. We would like to see an accident free break so that all kids return in 2014 in one piece and ready to learn.

The votes for our official leadership team are in for 2014. Staff and students have voted on who they would like to lead our student body next year and I am looking forward to making this announcement at our presentation day on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will have a boy and girl captain and 2 boy and 2 girl prefects. Mrs Leahy has done a wonderful job organising this year's elections. All but 3 of our Year 5 students presented speeches this year. This is an incredible feat and a real reflection of our inclusive and participatory school culture. The speeches for many of our students were about more than the elections. They were about facing their fears and learning that they can do anything if they just believe in themselves and have a go. Whilst ALL Year 6 students will have a serious role to play in the

leadership of our school next year it will be exciting to announce our official student leaders in the coming weeks. Best of luck to all concerned.

Whilst still on Presentation Day, our staff spent Tuesday afternoon reviewing and deciding on the senior awards. All classes will be recognising excellence in a range of key learning areas and I have asked staff to look closely at their choices. Presentation Day is a great way to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our wonderful students. Whilst many eligible students may miss out this year, it is important that we focus on excellence on this day and celebrate achievements that will both inspire and motivate the efforts of all of our students. I hope that many of our school community will find the time to come down and help us applaud these wonderful kids on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.

I managed to pop in and see our Kickstarters at recess on Friday. It was great to get to know a few of our 2014 kindies and see this wonderful program in action.

I have had to suspend a few students this term and it is important that our school community understands the efforts we go to prior to following these departmental procedures. When in class our students are expected to engage in the work to the best of their ability. To this end classroom teachers have a myriad of individual learning programs, clear classroom expectations, many individual support structures and, of course, a deep understanding of who your child is and what they need in a learning environment to succeed. These support structures extend to outside the classroom with buddy classes, safe time-out areas and one on one support. This support is extended again through support from our executive teachers and myself. Should a student remain defiant, rude, disruptive or aggressive through all of these support mechanisms, then they are placing both themselves and others in and this

## Diary

**Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Dec**

Intensive Swim Scheme

**Tues 3rd Dec**

Kinder Orientation

Uniforms

Enrolments &

Information

**Fri 22nd Nov**

Kick Start Program

12pm-2:45pm

**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

will result in a suspension. We work tirelessly with students to avoid getting to this point. Suspended students will then return to school armed with a set of expectations and support structures designed explicitly to enable them to access their learning at a more appropriate level. The current systems remain and we work closely with parents and carers to ensure the most successful re-entry possible.

Suspension is not something that I take lightly. To be honest, I feel as though I have let the student down if I cannot work them around and engage them, however, there are certain sets of behaviours that make this process inevitable and we will not hesitate to enforce DEC policy should we feel that it is in the best interests of our students. Please feel free to give a ring or pop in should you have any questions in regards to these processes and thank you so much to ALL of our parents and carers who have been so supportive and understanding of these processes since my arrival here. We cannot provide the learning environment that each and every one of our students deserves without your support! It is very much appreciated.

We welcome Benson Keers-Lawrence to our school as a Year 10 work experience student this week. I am sure he will learn a lot and enjoy his time on Kindy.

The last scripture service will be held this Wednesday in the hall from 12 noon. All K-6 scripture students will attend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated band of scripture volunteers for their efforts throughout the year. Scripture is a wonderful opportunity that is only made available through the efforts of these caring and dedicated volunteers. I look forward to working with our scripture team in 2014.

Every now and then we do things with our kids that really remind us of why we teach and how special each and everyone one of these young people in our care are. Miss McArthur did a little My Life activity and was so excited at the results. I have included a sample of 4 for you. All of the pieces of work were wonderful! Please note that Clarry wants to be a principal or teacher, Tom fully intends to visit his family in the nursing home, Amber has goals and aspirations that would put many of us adults to shame and Katalla intends to save animals and the earth! It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day grind of our lives. Insights like these bring everything back into perspective again and remind us all of why we do what we do. Enjoy!

Have a great week.

Todd.

## Thomas Robertson

In my life I would like to learn how to spear fish. I hope to become a vet or a zoo worker. I will look after my family by having Christmas with them each year and visiting mum and dad in the nursing home. I hope to earn a medium amount of money so that I can buy a small car to get around town. I am looking forward to snorkelling, swimming and playing on my mobile when I get older.

## Amber Jenkins

In my life I would like to learn about fitness and photography. I hope to become a professional photographer, travelling the world and taking pictures of beautiful things. My back up plan is to own a gym. I hope to earn enough money to be able to afford my own house, with an in ground pool, my own car and nice furniture. I also hope to have enough money to help my family out as well. I am looking forward to travelling to Europe and Japan when I get older.

## Clarence Donovan

In my life I would like to learn about other countries. I hope to become a teacher, principal or a teacher's aide. I will look after my family by having Christmas, Easter, birthday parties, BBQS and Boxing Day with them. I hope to earn enough money so that I can buy a car, a house and a caravan. I am looking forward to Sky diving, bungee jumping and travelling the world when I get older.

## Katalla Buchanan

In my life I would like to learn about history and technology. I hope to become a hypnotherapist and a therapist. I will look after my family by giving them money to pay off bills. I hope to earn a billion dollars to buy a mansion, a jet and an EB Games shop! I am looking forward to sky diving, bungee jumping and saving animals and the earth when I get older.

# 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:: Olivia Lane 3H – Helping Denise, Joshua McDonald KC – Using good manners, Zac Willard 5/6M – Sitting in Quad, Tyson Dixon 4M – Returning books to the Library,

Class Awards – 3H – Seth Barton, Chloe Cameron, 5/6M Thomas Robertson, Brea Argent, Terryn Hopper,

Kane Galo, KC Noah Babula, Mikaela Howle, KD Mykalah McEachran, Braiden Jarrett, 5/6S Jasmine Smith,

Tisharne Provost –Whatmough, 1C Maddison Gordon-Lichaa, Ben Williams, 4M Jerrai Dahlstrom, Jade Crawley,

Cody Larkin, Beau Barton, 2B Mitchell Summers-Whalley, Angus Holloway, 1/2E Jaynaleeya Munro, Patricia Stewart, Isaiah McDonald, Jake Duckett, Matthew Daley, Tarran Jarrett-Marks.

CARE SAFE RESPECT RESPONSIBLE

## Family Fun Night

When: Friday 6th December

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: Frank Partridge VC Public School

What: Performances by all classes

Christmas Carols

Sausage Sizzle and Roast Beef Rolls

Canteen will be open for drinks and snacks.

**Come and join the end of year fun!**



### Basketball Clinic Ends

Our students enjoyed a number of clinics run by Rob Linton from Coffs Harbour Basketball. There was a lot of fun and laughter with every session and their behaviour is to be commended. As a result, basketball has become another popular choice during play time, keeping our students active and having fun. The skills are developing so well, so we are aiming to establish a girls and boys basketball team for 2014!



### Indigenous Student Work Placement

We are proud to welcome 2 students from our local high schools on work placement. Chris Mitchell from Nambucca Heads High School and Nester Walker from Bowraville Central will be joining our team next year as teachers in training!

Whilst still attending school, Chris and Nester have been undertaking courses through TAFE and have been visible within the school. This is an incredible opportunity for these young men and also for our school and students.



### Library News

Round 2 of the Chess Club Competition is underway with matches scheduled for Wednesdays and Fridays. Three tight matches were played last Friday between Ryan Mathews and Zac Willard, Crystal Wylie and Will Jury, Tyrone Dixon and Jake Jones. Well done competitors!

Borrowing from the Library has now finished for the year. Students are asked to check and search at home for books which need to be returned. Overdue notices will be issued soon.

Thank you. Mrs Coulter.



## 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.... Inside the Classroom!





## P&C

**Keep watching  
this space for  
the date for our  
last P&C  
meeting for the  
year!  
New members  
welcome.**

## Crazy Camel Fundraising

Please find in this  
newsletter information  
needed to order school  
labels. 15% of sales go  
to our P&C.

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY 27th November

##### BEEF BURGERS

(BEEF PATTIE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT + SAUCE ON A BUN)

PRICE \$5.50

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

#### THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

##### CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING

PRICE \$3.90

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

#### FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

##### LINGUINE PASTA WITH CHICKEN, SUNDRIED TOMATOES & CREAMY PESTO SAUCE

PRICE \$4.50 SMALL

\$6.50 LARGE

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

#### MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER

##### 6 CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH SAUCE (TOMATO OR BBQ)

+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC OR STRAWB)

PRICE \$4.70

**Lunch Orders need to be given to the canteen before class begins each day!**



Breads, Sourdoughs,  
Pastries – Baked Daily  
Retail and wholesale orders welcome

29 Bowra Street  
Nambucca Heads 2448  
Ph 02 6568 9332

Big thanks to  
Wild Terra Bakery  
for their generous  
donations of bread  
each week for our  
Breakfast Club!

### Head Lice Treatment

We have been given a great remedy for killing lice! Soak hair in apple cider for half an hour. Rinse out and cover hair with Coconut Oil (Cooking variety!) Comb out and wash as normal.

## Community News

### 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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