

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future



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Term 4 Week 56

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4. Things are really starting to get busy as we begin to prepare for the end of another year. Teachers have been spending many hours at home writing your child's report for 2014. Reports are a great way for us to share with you the progress of your child throughout the year. It is vitally important that parents and carers pay particular attention to report comments and effort. Whilst grades are important, the key to effective learning is effort. Lower grades can often mask a student's wonderful efforts and may even be indicative of some pleasing progress, even though there is still much to do. It is progress and work ethic that we are interested in and your child's teacher will be more than willing to chat to you in regards to these aspects of your child's learning once you have received our Semester 2 Report in Week 10.

Thank you once again to our wonderful parents and carers who made the time to come in for our Canberra Excursion meeting. We are heading off next Monday at 4:00am. Everyone involved is getting quite excited!

Our Kickstart Transition session was held on Thursday once again. By all accounts this transition has been even more successful than last year. Miss Campton and Mrs Daley have done an incredible job and I am sure that our kindergarten students will be in good hands in 2015. Please be sure to let friends and family know about this program should they have a student intending to enrol in kindergarten in 2015.

I was lucky enough to get to travel to Bowraville with our Stage 1 students on Thursday for their Museum excursion. It was a great day and the kids were wonderful. The museums were very interesting and we are hoping that many of our students will travel out for a look with their families one weekend. There is lots to see and the guides had some wonderful stories. Thank you to our Stage 1 team for organising such a wonderful day.

Our Stage 2 and 3 students finished off a great week with a combined Sports Day involving NHPS. Students played games of T-Ball, Newcombe Ball and Cricket. Markem Katte and Sandi Fenning from Nambucca did most of the organising and all of the kids involved seemed to have an awesome day where there were no scores and making new friends was the focus of the day.



It's Leadership Speeches time again. All of our Year 5 students will be presenting a short speech to the school about why they would make a great leader in 2015. Every student in our school has something to offer in the leadership department and I am very much looking forward to hearing their speeches. We will have 9 speeches each morning and all students and staff will vote for their preferred leader on Friday after morning assembly. Captains and prefects will be announced at our Presentation Day. It is a great honour to represent your school as a captain or

Diary

Wed 12th November

League Tag Day
Coffs Harbour

Thurs 13th November

Kickstart
Kindergarten
Transition
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Fri 14th November

Healthy Lunchbox
Visit Kindergarten

Mon 17th Nov

Stage 3 Excursion to
Canberra

K-4 Dental Visit

Wed 26th November

Last Scripture
Whole School
Assembly

Fri 5th December

Family Fun Night

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week
Buraal!
Meaning
Quiet!

prefect, but it is also important to remember that all of our Year 6 students in 2015 will have a leadership role to play regardless of whether or not they are voted captain or prefect. Year 5 students have a roster explaining when they will be doing their speech ,so if you are interested in coming in for a listen then please check with your child. Parents and carers are most welcome as this is a very special event for all of our Year 5 students.

Our school was involved in 2 Remembrance Services today. This day is even more special for our school as we are named after a famous local war hero, Frank Partridge VC. There was a whole school service to acknowledge the sacrifices made by thousands of Australian men and women during war time so that we could live the blessed life that we do today. It is a chance for generations to pause for a minute in our hectic lives and reflect on just how lucky we are. We also participated in the Nambucca RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony at the cenotaph in town. A special bus picked up our student leaders and we took great pride in our presence on this very special day.

Wednesday is our League Tag Day in Coffs Harbour. We have 4 mixed teams in attendance on the day with 3 from Stage 3 and 1 from Stage 2. The focus is on fun and all of the students chosen in the teams have worked hard in and out of the classroom so as to be able to make the most of this opportunity. Many of the students set their own personal goals in an effort to make the team. Participants in my Stage 2 team have worked on individual goals such as improving their attendance, improving their work completion and making positive behaviour choices when angry or upset. It is great to see students making these commitments and reaching their goals.

I hope everyone has a great week.
Todd.

Helicopter Day

On Friday 28th November, our school will be raising much needed funds to keep the Westpac Helicopter in the air. Students are asked to wear yellow and red on the day, for a gold coin donation.

There will also be some fun activities for students to take part in.

Lunch and Recess Food

Children need a packed lunch that can be readily eaten. Please do not send food that requires heating or additional preparation. Also, please ensure that your child has enough food for the day, including a piece of fruit.

Caught Being Good

Taj Judd 2/1E - Putting rubbish in the bin, Lacey Wilson 4/3W - Honesty-handing in money, Patrick Bagnell 4/3W - Helping Denise.

Class Merit Awards: **KC:** Miranda Mackney, Peter Stadhams, **KD:** Blake Langhans, Skylar Condran, **2/1C:** Jagen McLeod Jones, Tate Ferguson, **2/1E :** Drew Argent, Keira Donovan, **2/1H:** Noah Babula, Skyleigh Sisson, **MC:** Brennan Wilson, Damien Parkins, Tyler Boswell.

Class of the Week

2/1E

Congratulations

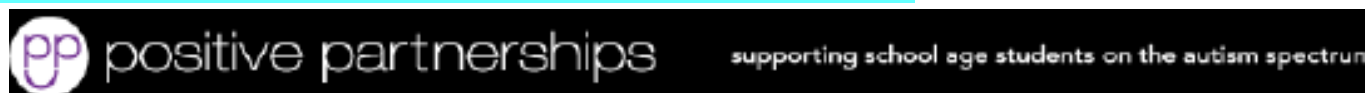
Science Experiments with Stage 2 and Mrs Parkins



| WEDNESDAY 12th November | THURSDAY 13th November | FRIDAY 14th November | MONDAY 17th November |
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| Name: _____ Class: _____ BBQ Chicken & Homemade Coleslaw Roll Price \$5.00 | Name: _____ Class: _____ Jacket Potatoes with Savoury Mince, cheese and lite sour cream Price \$4.00 Small \$6.00 Large | Name: _____ Class: _____ Bacon, Cheese & Egg Quiche With Side Salad Price \$6.50 | Name: _____ Class: _____ 3 Party Pies With Tomato/BBQ Sauce & Juice (Apple, Orange, or Passionfruit) Price \$4.00 |

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thanks to our canteen volunteers for Friday! Job well done. Sharlene.



Free two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum.

People who work to support families living with autism in your community will also be invited to take part with the goal that there is an ongoing community focus beyond the workshop.

Venue: Australis Sanctuary Resort 250 Pacific Hwy (South) Coffs Harbour

When: Two Day Workshop Wed 12th and Thurs 13th November

Day 1: 9am - 4:30pm (Registration from 8:15am)

Day 2: 9am - 3:30pm

Online registrations are preferred directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Or phone 1300881971 for a registration form.

24th Nestlé Junior Triathlon



BRIEFING: Will take place 10 minutes before each race start adjacent to the finish line, with a final briefing taking place on the beach at the start line.

PARENTS: Are asked to remain OUTSIDE the recovery and finish areas at all times and OUT of the bike compound. Marshals will assist competitors.

PRESENTATION: All finishers will receive a **T-SHIRT**, a **NESTLÉ SAMPLE BAG** and a Finishers Certificate. Trophies will be presented to Male and Female winners in each age category. All Races Sanctioned by TRIATHLON NSW.

ENTRIES: Entries are either online or on the day. ONLINE entries close at 5pm on Monday 16th Feb for all events. Late entries will be accepted on the day, up to 1 hour prior to the race start time. A late fee of \$5 applies.

ENTRY FEES: Online entries 5-7 years \$15 8-15 years \$20. Late entries (Sat 16th) 5-7 years \$20 8-15 years \$25. Less \$6 for competitors if registered with your State Triathlon Association.

More information can be found at www.trialbaytri.com with online entries open from November 1st.