

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*



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Term 4 Week 11

16th December, 2014

The last week of Term 4 and the year is upon us.

Thank you so much to all of our parents and carers for their support throughout 2014. I am already excited about getting the new year underway. I think we had better give the kids and the staff a few weeks off first though!

I would also like to take this opportunity to publically thank our incredible P&C. It is a very small band of workers who are always willing to give of their time in support of all of our students. Our school is very lucky to have them! I would encourage any parents and carers who are interested to come along and join us next year.

Despite going over and over our staff list last week I somehow forgot to include Miss Sandi Hills, who will be our school counsellor again next year. Sandi is an incredible operator and one who many of our kids and families share a very special bond with. It will be great to have her on board again next year.

We will be trialling a new initiative next year by placing our Stage 3 classes next door to our Stage 1 classes. This opens up many opportunities for our kids to work together in a variety of educational settings that are beneficial to all involved. I would welcome any feedback from parents or carers once the term is under way.

Our last official event will be held on Tuesday afternoon from 5:30pm. A slightly sad time for our staff, but very exciting for our Year 6. The Year 6 Farewell will begin with a Year 6 only formal dinner. Year 5 students are then invited to join us at 7:30pm-8:30pm for a Stage 3 disco. This will be followed by the Year 6 Graduation at 8:45pm. Our Year 6 students have set a wonderful example for the rest of the school throughout the year. Their leadership and engagement in all school activities has been a credit to them. I wish them all the best at high school next year. We will miss them very much!

Thank you again for your support this year. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas break. I look forward to an even more exciting and action packed 2015.

Todd.

## Diary

**Tues 16th Dec**  
Year 6 Farewell

**Wed 17th Dec**  
Last Day of Term 4!

**Merry Christmas**



**Term 1 2015**

**Tues 27th Jan**  
Staff Return

**Wed 28th Jan**  
Students Return  
Best Start

**Thurs 29th Jan**  
Best Start

**Fri 30th Jan**  
Best Start

**Mon 2nd Feb**  
Kindergarten Start



Dux of the school  
Rohan' Duguid

**Captains for 2015**  
Zara Brown and  
Jonah Edwards

## Canteen News

Canteen will be open on Wednesday. Party Day! Lollies will be available!

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and to my volunteers, thank you for all your help throughout the year.

Sharlene.

## P&C News

Please find enclosed in today's newsletter a flyer selling personalised school labels. For ALL orders go online at [funschoollabels.com.au](http://funschoollabels.com.au) with all profits going to our school P&C.

## Community News

### Road Safety During the Holidays

- Hold your child's hand when crossing the road, until your child is at least 8 years old.
- Talk to your child about road safety. Be a good role model.
- Point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

Have a safe holiday break, from Transport for NSW.

### Aboriginal Holiday Splash Program 12 to 16 January, 2015

The Holiday Splash Program is being offered to Nambucca Shire Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years.

The Sport and Recreation Division of the Office of Sport has enlisted the services of the YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre to provide FREE learn to swim group lessons during the upcoming school holidays..

The program will cater for all ability levels with classes running for **5 consecutive days**.

**Dates:** Monday 12 to Friday 16 January, 2015

**COST:** FREE to Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years

**Venue:** YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre 50m outdoor pool

**Times:** You will have a 30 minute lesson some time between 8:00am & 11:00am

**BRING:** Swimwear, goggles, towel and warm clothes for changing

**PLEASE NOTE: Places are limited and enrolment is essential. Once spots are filled the program will be closed for enrolments – first in best dressed.**

**\*\* Applicants MUST state that their child is enrolling as an Aboriginal participant under the Sport & Recreation Holiday Splash Subsidy Program \*\***

**Enrolment forms should be completed and returned to:**

**YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre**

**23A Cooper Street**

**Macksville 2447**

**Ph: 65681445**

**Fax: 65684986**

**Email: [admin.macksville@ymca.org.au](mailto:admin.macksville@ymca.org.au)**

### Caught Being Good

*Carissa Gallagher 6/5M - Singing loud, Ella Buchanan 6/5L - Playing nicely,*

*Penny Stadhams 6/5S - Returning an overdue library book, Olivia Lane 4/3M - Helping Denise,*

*Patrick Bagnell 4/3W - Helping others!*

**Class Merit Awards: KD:** Harmony-Rose Morris Mackay, Skylar Condran, **KC:** Miranda Mackney,

Blake Neal, **2/1C:** Lachlan Giles, Joel Burke, **2/1H:** Larnie Wheeler, Braiden Jarrett, Angela Brown,

Sky Sisson, **6/5L:** Martina Wellington, Samuel Donovan, **6/5M:** Hannah Deger, Joana Wellington,

**6/5S:** Abbey Smith, Dannika Perkins.