

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 1

Term 1 Week 2

4th February, 2014

Welcome to Week 2 Term 1 of 2014. I hope everyone had a great break!

The kids have settled into their new classes beautifully. With our smaller classes comes a much higher level of expectation in regards to engagement and application by our students. By all accounts they are living up to these expectations with classrooms much quieter and far more focused on the task at hand. Myself or the classroom teacher will be sure to be in touch should your child need extra support in meeting these expectations throughout the term. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students. We have enrolled about 10 new students and 4 new families since the start of the year. I look forward to making them part of our school community.

Your child's teacher will be in contact very soon in regards to providing you with written information about their class and also the offer of a meet and greet afternoon. Please be sure to make the most of this opportunity. Come in and meet your child's teacher and learn a little more about what they will be doing in 2014.

Our Skoolbag app is well and truly up and running and will be a great way for parents and carers to stay in touch with what is happening at school. I have included instructions on how to download the app again this week. Please make the most of this opportunity as there is no cost involved and it will certainly help keep our wider school community in touch with our school. If you are having any trouble at all downloading the app then pop in and see me and I will give you a hand.

One of our main focuses this year will be attendance. Each classroom teacher has a set of procedures and the school policy on attendance, which is based on the DEC policy. The fact is, that if your child is not at school then we cannot teach them. Students who attend 80% of the time are missing one day per week, 2 weeks per term or almost a full term over the year! There is just no way that they can be achieving anywhere near their potential with these sorts of gaps in their learning. Your child's classroom teacher will do their very best to create an energetic and engaging environment. Your role as a parent or carer is to ensure that your child has the opportunity to participate in this environment. Please give your child's teacher or myself a ring should you be experiencing difficulty in getting your child to school. We have many strategies that we can try and the DEC also has officers that are there to help, not to judge. We often talk about whole school communities needing to work together to ensure quality outcomes for students. This is one area where we need your help! I have set a goal of

Diary

Tues 4th Feb

Manly
Sea Eagles visit!

Mon 17th Feb

Swimming Carnival
Macksville Pool

Wed 19th Feb

P&C Meeting

Fri 21st Feb

District Swimming
Carnival

Week 3

Gumbaynggirr
Language resumes

above 90% attendance for all students this year and if we work together I am sure that this can become a reality.

The wonderful Miss Morrison has our swimming carnival well in hand. It will be held at Macksville Pool on Monday the 17th February. Please be sure to complete permission notes as soon as they come home. These days are always lots of fun and I hope to see lots of parents and carers in attendance to cheer on our swimmers, no matter what their ability!

By the time you get this the mighty Sea Eagles will have visited our school! The kids will have a chat with the representatives about bullying, staying safe and what to do if you need help. They will then hopefully have a little time for some activities based around rugby league skills. I am sure it will be a great day. The representatives will be here from 12:00 noon until 1:30pm.

No doubt there will be incidents and hiccups throughout 2014 for many of our students and families. I have no doubt that we will be able to handle anything that comes our way as a school community. Please make sure you communicate your concerns at the earliest possible time. Do not wait! Remember that if your child is facing challenges then we want to address them and support your child in all facets of their education. We can only do this with your help and support.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Computers

This year in Computers the children will be using the ICT Scope and Sequence to develop essential skills when using Technology.

Each class will have 3 computer sessions each week with technology teacher Mrs Parkins, as well as with their class teacher.

If any parents have any questions, Mrs Parkins would be more than happy to have a chat.



Canteen News

Please find enclosed in today's newsletter an updated canteen menu. Please remember canteen is **closed** on Monday afternoons and all day Tuesdays.

Canteen volunteers are always needed. Please call if you can spare some time and help out.

GO 4 FUN

A fun free program for 7-13 year olds to become fitter, healthier and happier. This wonderful program will start on 5th February from 3.30pm-5.30pm and will run every Wednesday for 10 weeks.

Personal Belongings

Please ensure your children's property is properly labelled. This includes lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jumpers.

Caught Being Good

Bayley Mackay KD, Jaiye Langford 4/3F - Being helpful in class.

Congratulations



Welcome Kindergarten



P&C Meeting

Wednesday 19th February at
4pm in the Staffroom.

This is a great opportunity
for new members to attend
and get to know other par-
ents in the school.

Children are welcome!

P & C

Motto:

**Participate
&
Communicate**

Meet every third
Wednesday of the month

Park Beach Plaza Promotion

Shop for our school to win a
classroom of Ipads!

Just keep your docket and
present them to Customer
Information to allocate points
for our school.

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 5th February

**HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA SINGLE
+ ORCHY FRUIT JUICE ORANGE/APPLE/PASSIO
PRICE \$3.70**

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

**BEEF BURGER
(BEEF PATTIE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT + COOKED ONION)
PRICE \$4.50**

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

**BACON, EGG & CHEESE QUICHE (HOMEMADE)
& SIDE SALAD
PRICE \$5.50**

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

**6 CHICKEN NUGGETS + SAUCE (TOMATO OR BBQ)
NIPPYS FLAVOURED MILK (CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY)
PRICE \$5.50**

NORMAL MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY EXCEPT TUESDAY (CLOSED).

COMMUNITY NEWS

NAMBUCCA VALLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

COME & JOIN IN THE FUN!

NEW CLASSES FOR ALL YOUNG CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY!

TUESDAYS:	Scribbles (Art & Craft) 2-3yr olds	9.30 -10.15am	3-5yr olds	10.30-11.15am
WEDNESDAYS:	Move (run by YMCA)	2-3yr olds 9.30-10.15am	3-5yr olds	10.30-11.15am
THURSDAYS:	Rhythm (Music)	2-3yr olds 9.30-10.15am	3-5yr olds	10.30-11.15am

For more information please contact: 1 Briner Street, Macksville **PH 65684026** or nveci@bigpond.com

Nambucca Strikers Football Club 2014 Registration Days Will Be:

Dates: Saturday 8th February & Saturday 22nd February.

Times: 9.00am to 12pm.

Location: Nambucca Plaza (Outside Video Ezy, weather permitting otherwise inside plaza).

Or go online by visiting <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au> select REGISTER, then select NAMBUCCA HEADS and follow the prompts.

If you have any problems contact club registrar Brendan Goswell on 0413411400.

Email at nambuccafc@yahoo.com or visit our website <http://www.nambuccastrikers.com>