

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 2

Term 1 Week 3

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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1. It is great to see the majority of our students settling into their routines and beginning to apply themselves fully to their teaching and learning opportunities.

All of our classes have touched on stranger danger now and it is important that our parents and carers reinforce the need to stay safe as well. Please have a chat to your children about the need to remove themselves quickly and confidently from any situation where they feel uncomfortable. It is also important that you stress to them the importance of letting an adult know if anything happens that makes them feel worried or scared.

Our 2014 Swimming Carnival is getting closer by the day! Ms Morro has everything under control and I am looking forward to a great day of swimming and fun. Our carnival will be attended by students who are 8 years and older and I am sure that our new House Captains and Vice Captains will do their very best to look after their team mates, set a great example and participate productively in any way that they can. It would be great to have as many parents and carers in attendance to help cheer on our wonderful swimmers.

All of our teachers have now met with their respective team leaders. Mrs Beauchamp will be supporting our infants' team, I will be supporting Stage 2, Mrs Leahy will be supporting Stage 3 and Mr Close will be supporting our Special Education classes. All of our teachers are very busy pulling together assessment on your child's reading levels and numeracy skills. These will be complete by the end of Week 3 and will provide clear direction for our teachers on exactly what your child knows and where our quality teaching and learning programs need to focus to ensure their continued progress.

Our parents and carers have a real role to play in their child's development by supporting our homework, home reader and assignment programs. Students who read every night gain huge benefits in both their fluency and comprehension of texts. Our home work sheets reinforce the weeks learning and provide a valuable chance for all students to practice and gain a deeper understanding of new concepts that have been introduced at school. Please put aside a small amount of time each afternoon where your child can work on their homework and reading. If you have any problems with this or with the content of the homework then please see your child's classroom teacher immediately.

We will be holding a meet the teacher week very soon so if you have any questions then this would be a great time to ask as many other parents and carers may also have the same queries.

Yet another key area where we need the help of our parents and carers is attendance. I mentioned this in detail last week and we would ask that all students get to school whenever possible. We do understand that sickness and family commitments can occasionally impact on a student's attendance but the fact is that we cannot teach a child who is not here.

Diary

Mon 17th Feb

Swimming Carnival
Macksville Pool

Wed 19th Feb

P&C Meeting
4pm

Fri 21st Feb

District Swimming
Carnival

Week 3

Gumbaynggirr
Language resumes



In HSIE 2/1H are exploring different groups in which they belong. Our beautiful class group being one!



Manly Sea Eagles Visit!

Research has found that when a child misses 1 day of school they actually end up taking 3 days to catch up. With this in mind I am sure that you can understand the importance of attendance to your child's progress each and every day.

Scripture begins again on Wednesday for our students. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated band of volunteers willing to give of their time each week. Scripture is subject to policy just like all aspects of your child's education. All children are offered the opportunity to attend scripture. If you do not wish for your child to attend then it is important that you let the school know in writing. We will be updating our scripture lists this week and unless we have a request in writing or over the phone it will be assumed that your child is attending scripture. All previous requests will remain active.

Finally I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who made time to come along to our Friday assembly. It was great for our kids to have an audience and wonderful to see so many people joining us to acknowledge the achievements of our students from Week 2 and also the new House Captains and Vice Captains.

Have a great week, Todd.

Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday and Wednesday a handful of volunteers provide breakfast (toast with jams, vegemite) for students.

Todd has now indicated that he would like to see the provision of breakfast on each school day morning.

This of course involves more people so we are seeking more volunteers from parents or carers who can spare half an hour on one or several days per week to help. We start at 8.30am and are usually finished by 9.00am just in time for the line-up bell.

It's a great way to start your day, surrounded by friendly and grateful kids.

If you are able to assist please give your details to the Admin office.

We would like to commence our service as soon as we can arrange the roster.

Colin

President P&C

School Contribution Fees

School Contribution Fees are now due. The fees are \$10 per term or \$40 for the year per student. Please find enclosed a payment envelope for your convenience.

Medication at School

If you need your child to take any medications at school, please send in a signed and dated note with the type of medication, the dosage and the time it is to be given. Without this legal requirement we cannot administer **ANY** medications.

Health Warning

We have been notified of a couple of cases of impetigo (school sores). Impetigo is quite common and nothing to be too concerned about.

If your child has a sore that is spreading or more sores of a similar appearance appear, please take your child to a doctor.

Your child can attend school as long as treatment has been commenced and the sores are covered.

2014 House Meeting Results - Friday 31st January						
House	Room	Teachers	Boy Captain	Boy Vice Captain	Girl Captain	Girl Vice Captain
Bradman	HB8	Sally/Gail	Jonah Edwards	Damon Simon - Wilson	Belle Elphick - Ttooulou	Crystal Wylie
Ella	HB6	Colleen/Vanessa	Tyrone Bowden	Taz Streatfield	Zara Brown	Abbey Smith
Fraser	HB13	Matt/Dorothy	Jake Pearson	Kurt Smith	Suzannah Greenup - Gray	Jayde Crawley
Newcombe	HB5	Jayne/Kimberley	Jake Jones	Jerrai Dahlstrom	Dannika Perkins	Jasmine White Kailee Salway

Caught Being Good

Gordon Dixon-Rumbel 2/1E-Great helper, Cameron Simon-Wilson KC-Putting shoes on and being safe, Charlotte Ridgeway KC-For waiting patiently, Patrick Bagnell 4/3W-Returning books to the Library.

Class of the Week - 6/5L

Congratulations



SPOTLIGHT ON.....



Bookclub order forms have been issued and orders are due back to the Front Office by Wednesday 19th February. Please send correct money/cheque/credit card information in an envelope with child's name and class on front.

Please see Mrs Coulter if you have any questions.



Thank you to students who have returned overdue books after the holidays. However, there are still quite a few Missing in Action. For lost books a fee of \$5 is requested per book. This fee is well below cost price of our books. If you have any concerns regarding missing/lost books, please let Mrs Coulter know.

FPVC Library welcomes all students and families to the new year.

Wednesday mornings are

Family Mornings @ My Library.

Students are invited to bring their family up to the Library from 8:45am. Come and see what's new or share an old favourite with your children.

THE LIBRARY

Borrowing has already commenced for students in Years 1-6. Students know their Library days and have a poster in their classrooms to remind them. I encourage all students to borrow EVERY WEEK!

As Scholastic Bookclub urges us,
Read Every Day, Lead a Better Life!

Borrowing also occurs at lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kindergarten have visited the Library and will be able to borrow a book this week. Please ensure they are ready with a Library bag on Thursday.

Borrowing limits are as follows:

Kindergarten ~ 1 book

Years 1 to 4 ~ 2 books

Years 5 to 6 ~ 4 books.

Years 1 and 2 students also need a Library bag for tomorrow.

Looking forward to Chess Club, Premier's Reading Challenge, World Series *Series Competition*, and more @ My Library this year with our students!



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!

Park Beach Plaza Promotion

Shop for our school to win a
classroom of Ipads!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 12th February

BACON & EGG ROLL WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

CAESAR SALAD WITH BBQ CHICKEN

PRICE \$6.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE TOPPED WITH CHEESE

PRICE \$5.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

3 PARTY PIES + TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

NIPPYS FLAVOURED MILK (CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY)

PRICE \$4.40

NORMAL MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY EXCEPT TUESDAY (CLOSED).

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



Get off the Couch-Try Scouts!

Scouts is for kids aged 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. If you are younger you can come join the **Cubs section** (aged 8 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, who meet on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm) or if older, the **Venturers section** (aged 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 years, who meet on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm).

Call Leader in Charge, Norm Cheesman, to find out more on 0409324066

Or visit www.nambuccavalley Scouts.org.au

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>