

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 3

Term 1 Week 4

18th February, 2014

Welcome to Week 4 of term 1. Wow the time seems to be flying by!

Our school Swimming Carnival was held on Monday, despite the poor weather with all of our students involved in some form of aquatic activity throughout the day. It was great to see so many parents and carers in attendance to help cheer our swimmers on. Congratulations to everyone who got in and had a go. Your participation makes you a winner no matter what place you came in a race. Thank you to Miss Morro for all of her organisation and to our many staff who took on extra duties during the day.

Unfortunately, I have had to suspend several students this term for a variety of reasons. I do not like taking this step and always feel as though I have failed the student when I do. However, at times, student behaviours make the enforcement of a suspension inevitable. It is important that our wider school community understands the steps that we take prior to enforcing a suspension. The DEC has clear and concise guidelines in regards to this process and we will follow these in every instance. All students are supported at many levels within our school. At all times we attempt to provide solutions to their behaviours that will enable them to continue to access the curriculum in a meaningful and safe manner. Classrooms have reward systems, warning systems and support structures that are used each and every day. We tailor work to students' needs, offer various work situations, provide time out, counselling, executive and SLSO support and various cool down activities. It is only when students make choices that place themselves, staff or other students at risk of harm that suspensions are enforced. At no stage will verbal abuse or threats to staff be tolerated, nor will physical violence or open defiance. The suspension itself gives us time to plan further support structures for individual students that will again give them the opportunity to participate effectively in school activities. Despite all of our strategies and support mechanisms this is always a difficult decision and the support of our carers and parents is paramount to the success of any intervention. I would like to publicly thank all of our parents and carers who have been very supportive through all issues this year, not only suspensions. It is only with your support that we can make a difference.

This Tuesday is a great chance to meet your child's teacher if they are in Stages 2 or 3. Stage 2 is Year 3 and 4 and Stage 3 is Year 5 and 6. Teachers will be holding meet and greet meetings in their classrooms from 3:30 and I would encourage all parents and carers to come along and find out a little more about what their child will be doing throughout the year. We have a wonderful staff on deck for 2014, and this will be a great opportunity to meet them and ask any questions that you may have in regards to

Diary

Wed 19th Feb

P&C Meeting
4pm
Staffroom

Wed 19th Feb

Scripture
resumes

Fri 21st Feb

District Swimming
Carnival

Swimming
Carnival
results
and
photos will
be in next
week's
newsletter.

your child's daily educational experiences.

As part of our Work Health and Safety protocols we must conduct an evacuation practice each semester. This week we will be testing the alarm system and next week we will be having an evacuation drill. Please talk with your child or children about how these strategies are in place to keep them safe throughout the school year.

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to present such a large group of school leaders with their SRC badges on Friday at our assembly. These students have been recognised by their peers and will have many opportunities to work on exciting projects throughout the semester. Well done to everyone who was elected, and I look forward to working with you throughout Terms 1 and 2. Miss Wesley and Mrs Daley have generously put up their hand to help support our student leaders through the SRC program, and we thank them for all of their extra efforts in this area.

Despite our best efforts, scripture could not start until this week. If we have your child in the wrong group, scripture or non-scripture, then please simply send in a note and we will adjust our records. We are very lucky to have some dedicated volunteers ready and willing to support this program in our school. As with everything we do, respectful and engaged behaviours will be expected during all scripture lessons.

Hope everyone had a chance to catch some of the 9's footy over the weekend, it was great to watch, especially Manly beating the Cowboys!

Have a great week,

Todd.

Class	Name	Name
Unit	Shaela Little	Brianna Parisi
2/1E	Patrica Stewart	Jake Johnson
2/1C	Rhiannon White	Lachlan Giles
2/1H	Ethan Willard	Ava Lennox-Miles
4/3W	Charlotte Kearney	Jacksen McRorie
4/3F	McKeely Ricard	Jaiye Langford
4/3M	Beau Hussell	Brooke Heather
6/5L	Edmund Hurley	Jasmine White
6/5S	Suzannah Greenup Gray	Jake Jones
6/5M	Jonah Edwards	Hannah Deger

Our Student Representatives For 2014



Caught Being Good

Jamison Rigby 6/5S-Wearing a hat, Chloe Martin 6/5L, McKeely Ricard 4/3F, Miranda Mackney KC-Packing up quietly, Patrick Bagnell 4/3W-Waiting in line. **Week 2 Merit Awards:** **SU1**-Cohen Wilson, Lyric Thomson, **SU2**-Trent Richards, Byron Griffin, **Miss Baker**-Tyler Boswell, **KD**-Emma Walls, Kden Carter, **KC**-Cameron Simon-Wilson, Miranda Mackney, **2/1C**-Alira Pou, Jagen McLeod, **2/1E**-Jake Johnson, Patrica Stewart, **2/1H**-Matthew Daley, Skyleigh Sisson, **4/3F**-Jaiye Langford, Aynsley McEachran, **4/3M**-Damon Simon-Wilson, Zane Pearson, Olivia Lane, **4/3W**-Jacksen McRorie, Yazzystar Hoffman, **6/5L**-Kailee Salway, Amber Jenkins, **6/5M**-Hannah Deger, Tyson Dixon, **6/5S**-Tyrone Bowden, Frank Richards, **Week 3 Merit Awards:** **SU2**-Rodrick Darcy, **Library**-Trent Richards, Charlotte Kearney, **Miss Baker**-Brennan Wilson, **KC**-Charlotte Ridgeway, Caitlyn Jones, **KD**-Lily Bourke, Dallas Taylor, **2/1C**-Tarran Jarrett-Marks, Mikaela Howle, **2/1E**-Aj Meredith, Keira Donovan, **2/1H**-Berthalee Greenup-Gray, Jesse Cohen, **4/3F**-Rangi Buchanan, Sonja Stone, **4/3M**-Josh Munro, Shardonnae White, **4/3W**-Mitchell Summers Whalley, Chloe Cameron, **6/5L**-Carly Donovan, Tom Robertson, **6/5M**-Carissa Gallagher, Travis Hayden, **6/5S**-Abbey Smith, William Jury.

Class of the Week - 6/5L

School Contribution Fees

School Contribution Fees are now due. The fees are \$10 per term or \$40 per student for the year.

SPOTLIGHT ON..... NETBALL TRAINING



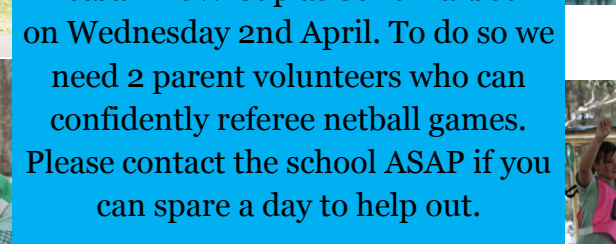
Netball

Mrs Haase and Cass are training Stage 2 and 3 girls and boys 3 recesses a week.

We have 3 netball teams that play two friendly games each week. We focus on skill development and good sportsmanship.

All of the students have been bringing along their best attitude and learning the positions and game rules of netball. We look forward to seeing some future Diamonds and Stars and the PSSA gala day!

FPVCPS will be participating in the Netball NSW Cup at Coffs Harbour on Wednesday 2nd April. To do so we need 2 parent volunteers who can confidently referee netball games. Please contact the school ASAP if you can spare a day to help out.



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!

Breakfast Club

2014

Thank you to our
Valla Lions Club and
Nambucca Plaza Bakery
for your support this year.
Much appreciated!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 19TH February

CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING

PRICE \$3.90

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA SINGLES

+ FRUIT JUICE (ORANGE/APPLE/PASSIONFRUIT)

PRICE \$3.70

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

SINGAPORE NOODLES W/ CHICKEN, PORK, EGG & VEG

PRICE \$6.00 LARGE

\$4.00 SMALL

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS + TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

FRUIT JUICE (APPLE/ORANGE/PASSIONFRUIT)

PRICE \$5.30

NORMAL MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY EXCEPT TUESDAY (CLOSED).

2014 Catholic Sacramental Program:

Those children in Year 2 or older wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or children in Year 3 or older who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation or First Eucharist may enrol in this year's program by calling Cathy on 6568 1107. Confirmation is on 15th March at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads at 6pm. For further information please urgently call or email nvparish@lismore.catholic.org.au



Triple P Seminars - Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides
practical answers to everyday parenting concerns

To find out more or to book into a free seminar please contact

Sue Smoothy on 65681474

Beaches Netball Club Registration Day

Where: Nambucca Plaza

When: 1st of March

9:00am – 12:00pm

For further information please contact

Megan: 65688739 or Tilly: 65694278

Or leave a message on our Facebook page.

