

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 5

Term 1 Week 6

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1.

I must start this newsletter with a sincere apology to our local Indigenous community and in particular Elders past and present. I made a big mistake with the Welcome to Country, albeit with the best of intentions, at Friday's assembly. This will not happen again.

Parents and carers will be pleased to know that our evacuation drill was a success, with all students and staff present and accounted for within 8 minutes. Mrs Smith does an incredible job looking after our Health and Safety procedures and this drill is just one area in which we are certainly well prepared.

The Personal Learning Plans for our Indigenous students are now well under way. All parents and carers are strongly urged to be involved in these plans. They are important to the students and we have worked very hard to make them relevant and meaningful. We hope to streamline the process and add all students in once we have the mandatory content complete. Please be sure to contact our school either through me, your child's teacher or Nerida should you have any questions.

Congratulations to Jake Jones and Jaiye Langford who represented our school at the Zone Swimming on Monday. Jake came 15th in his Age Race and 8th in Backstroke. Jaiye came 3rd in his Age Race and will now be competing at the Regionals in Lismore. Great effort!

Years 3-6 Sport started on Friday. Students will be participating in specialist sports-Rugby League, Netball, Soccer and Softball will be played each Friday afternoon. The League and Netball kids will be training for their respective knockouts, while the soccer and softball kids will try both sports for 3 weeks and then swap. It certainly looked like lots of fun on Friday.

Don't forget the P&C AGM on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a great way for parents, carers and members of our community to get involved with our school and make a real difference. You don't have to have a job, just your attendance and viewpoint will be very much appreciated.

Thank you to our dedicated book coverers who slaved away for the best part of a day last week, helping to ensure that our student's books look great for the start of the year. There are so many ways that parents and carers can be involved in our school. Simply ask your child's teacher if you would like to help out.

Our extra funding through National Partnerships has now finished. This was quite a considerable amount of money and we have had to make a few adjustments. Programs such as Playkindy, Quicksmart and Lexia will not run this year. Playkindy will be replaced by our Kickstart program that will run weekly during Term 4 to ensure that all of our Kinder Transition continues to go smoothly. Kickstart will provide 7 days of Kindergarten introduction programs much the same as it did last year. We have worked very hard to ensure we have small classes this year.

## Diary

**Thurs13th March**  
**Peer Support Training**  
**Stage 3**

**Thurs 20th March**  
**Rugby League Trials**  
**In Bellingen**

**Tues 25th March**  
**Pink Stumps Day**

**Wed 2nd April**  
**Stage 3**  
**Netball Gala Day**  
**Coffs Harbour**



**2/1H and their**  
**awesome art titled**  
**"The Squeal".**

This program is quite costly, but well worth the investment when you consider that all of our classes are 22 or less across the school. When we combine these sizes with quality teachers we certainly get true value for money for our kids. This program will be evaluated at the end of the year by staff, students, parents and carers. The fact is, anything we do at our school needs to make a real difference for our kids, and we will be looking for evidence of this as a wider school community towards the end of Term 4. I will be monitoring indicators such as attendance, reading levels and maths diagnostic assessments on a term by term basis to ensure that targets are being met. Judging by the way our kids are settling to the task, and our parents and carers are backing us up, we should see some wonderful results throughout 2014.

Have a great week. Todd.



Last week students in 2/1C prepared and made their own healthy wraps using carrots, cucumber, tomato, cheese and ham. YUMMO!

Stage 3 students had the wonderful opportunity of tasting different Japanese food which was cooked by Yukari.

Yukari answered the students questions about Japan. She then demonstrated the art of sushi making. The kids ate their sushi as well as miso soup and pumpkin tart. If you would like to try Yukari's food you could head to the Bellingham Markets where she has a stall!



## Pink Stumps Day

Our school will be one of a thousand cricket teams around the country turning pink on the 25th March for the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stump Day.

### Tissue Drive

As summer is coming to an end, we are finding that we are going through a lot of tissues. We would love it if parents and carers could each donate a box of tissues and send in for their child's class. Much appreciated!

### Caught Being Good

Carly Donovan 6/5L - Helping @ My Library, Charlotte Kearney 4/3W - Sharing, Makayla Davis KD, Carly Donovan 6/5L - Helping @ My Library, Terryn Hopper 6/5L - Responsible on the basketball courts

**Weekly Awards:** SU2-Brianna Parisi, Shaela Little, Library-Kiser McRorie, Jake Johnson, KC-Asher Edwards, Taliya Cadman-Pou, KD-Jesse McMahon, Makayla Davis, 2/1C-Joel Burke, Max Bowen, 2/1E-Braiden Wheeler, Bianca Wilson, 2/1H-Zach Urquhart, Larnie Wheeler, 4/3F-Will Cohen, Rangi Buchanan, 4/3M-Sebastian Smith, Zane Jones, 4/3W-Yolanda Jones, Patrick Bagnell, 6/5L-Jerrai Dahlstrom, Chloe Martin, Jeremy Higgins, 6/5M-William Mackney, Paige Baker, 6/5S-Dannika Perkins, Lawrence Witt.

Class of the Week - 2/1H

### School Contribution Fees

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



SPOTLIGHT ON.....  
SCIENCE  
WITH  
MRS PARKINS

In class this term 4/3W has been investigating the properties of magnets. Over the term Stage 2 will be collecting and observing different types of magnets, how magnetic fields work, what materials they are attracted to and the relationship between different magnets. Students enjoyed the experiments last week where we found everyday objects and tested them for their attraction to the magnets.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ANZAC Dawn Judd

### Memorial Day

A fun day of golf, lawn bowls, music, kids entertainment, fabulous food, raffle, great prizes and an auction!

This event is to raise public awareness and funds for 'Spinal Muscular Atrophy Association of Australia'.

**WHEN:** Sunday 27th April

**WHERE:** Bowraville  
Recreational Club

**TIME:** 9:00am

**GOLF:** \$15.00 a head

**BOWLS:** \$15.00 a head

**ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

Gold Coin Donation

**For all enquiries contact**

**Gerard Judd on 0431591588**

**CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS** *Normal menu available every day*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

**SALAD BOX WITH CHICKEN, HAM, EGG OR TUNA (CIRCLE CHOICE)**

**PRICE \$4.50**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

**CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING**

**PRICE \$3.90**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

**LINGUINE PASTA WITH SMOKED SALMON & SHALLOTS IN A  
GARLIC, PARMESAN CHEESE & LIGHT CREAM SAUCE**

**PRICE \$4.50 SMALL**

**\$6.50 LARGE**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### MONDAY 10TH MARCH

**3 PARTY PIES + TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE  
+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY)**

**PRICE \$4.40**

**NORMAL MENU AVAILABLE EVERY DAY EXCEPT TUESDAY (CLOSED).**



## Edith Parsons School of Physical Culture

Urunga Physie Club has been providing fun and affordable exercise classes for the girls and ladies for many years. Physical Culture is a choreographed syllabus of exercises, dance and fitness routines. Physie helps to develop co-ordination, fitness, flexibility, balance and benefits academic skills of concentration, sequencing, fine and gross motor skills, listening skills, memory and teamwork all in a fun and friendly environment. Classes are held each Monday for girls from 4 yrs right through to Ladies. Pre schoolers 3.30pm; 5 - 8 yrs 4.00pm; 9 - 12 yrs 4.45 pm; 13-16yrs 5.45 pm; Seniors 17+ 6.45pm; Ladies 7.30pm, commencing Monday 17th February, at the Senior Citizens Hall, behind the Seafood Takeaway in Urunga. If you would like to be part of this active friendly club for the beneficial enjoyment of exercise or the challenge of a competition turn up at the class times or please contact Sue Raymond 66500717 for further information and visit [www.epphysi.com.au](http://www.epphysi.com.au)

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### Free Sensory Processing Workshops

At Life Skills 4 Kids we're passionate about what we do.

These workshops will give you access to practical and easy-to-understand strategies we know can help.



**Taree - 26th March & 2nd April**

**Grafton - 9th & 10th April**

**Kempsey - 14th & 15th May**

**Tweed Heads - 11th & 12th June**

**Tamworth - 29th & 30th October**

<http://www.lifeskills4kids.com.au/how-can-we-help-you/workshops/northcott-workshops-life-skills-4-kids/>

### Beaches Netball Club

If you missed the registration day last Saturday we are still accepting forms up until Monday 10<sup>th</sup>.

For further information please contact

Megan:65688739 or Tilly:65694278

Or

Leave a message on our Facebook page.

