

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future

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Newsletter Issue 7

Term 1 Week 8

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Welcome to Week 8 of Term 1. I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Our senior students have now completed their Peer Support Training and are ready to take on their Peer Support responsibilities in the coming weeks. Leaders have been trained in the skills needed to present teamwork-based activities to small groups. They will then join their group of peers, ranging in age from Kindy to Year 4 and conduct a Peer Support session. Teacher support will be close at hand if needed. This is a great way to develop the leadership skills in our senior students, while at the same time develop improved team work skills amongst our entire school population. Thank you to our Stage 3 teachers who put in all of the extra hours necessary to organise a project of this size.

As the term progresses the effects of low rates of attendance really come to the fore. 70 of our students are attending less than 90% of the time. To put this percentage into perspective, it equates to 5 days. This is a whole week out of the term. If this rate continues then it will be 4 weeks out of the year which is very close to half a term. Add to the mix the fact that each day is specifically designed to take students through a sequence of learning steps that will best enable them to develop their skills, and you can see how even one day absent seriously impacts on a student's progress. We know that there are times throughout the year when you cannot send your child to school, illness, family commitments etc. It is because of these unavoidable absences that it is so important to get your child to school on all other days. We are doing our very best to create supportive, engaging and relevant classroom experiences for each and every student in our care. For your child to make the most of this they need to be at school. Please feel free to contact myself or your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns in regards to attendance.

We are also aware that there will be times when it is necessary to drop your child at school earlier than usual. Should this be necessary, then parents and carers must first see the principal. We have no staff officially on duty until 8:45am. This is when we would expect all students, except for bus students, to arrive. Any times earlier than this can only be with special permission. This is in the interests of your child's safety.

Mr Freebairn and I will be in attendance at the Open Rugby League Trials on Thursday. All students involved have received a note. We will be using private transport on the day. This involves a separate note which will be sent home today. I am looking forward to seeing our boys in action!

Miss Wesley and Mrs Daley are busily organising our Anti-Bullying Day on Friday. Throughout the week all classes will be involved in discussions about bullying-what it looks like and how to deal with it. These activities will culminate in a wall of brightly coloured hands being displayed in a message that says NO to bullying and YES to looking after your peers. Our parents and carers are playing a wonderful role in helping us to ensure we have a bullying-free school by quickly reporting incidents when they are just that, incidents. As a school, we can then act on these incidents and move forward with more appropriate behaviours and choices. As a whole school team we are certainly making a difference, and this week is a great opportunity to celebrate our strength as a wider school community.

Diary

Wed 19th March

P&C AGM Meeting
4.30pm in Staffroom

**New Members
Welcome!**

Thurs 20th March

Rugby League Trials
In Bellingen

Tues 25th March

Pink Stumps Day

Thurs 27th March

Stage 1 walk to
Lucky 7

Wed 2nd April

Stage 3
Netball Gala Day
Coffs Harbour

Fri 11th April

Easter Hat Parade
Parents and Carers
Invited
2.30pm

Our bush track seems to attract all sorts of issues and incidents. I would ask all parents and carers of students who use this path to reinforce with them the need to stay safe and the need to make good choices when in this unsupervised environment. Please be sure to contact me should your child experience any problems on the way home from school in any direction. These incidents can be quite frustrating as they are out of our control, but we still do our best to help out the kids involved.

Students and staff are slowly getting used to our regular release periods occurring once a fortnight for the whole day. David Moseley will be joining our team 3 days a week as part of this program. We now finally have a regular teacher on the same class for release at the same time every fortnight. This will lead to improved program delivery, student confidence and consistency. I look forward to hearing from our teachers and students in regards to the effectiveness of this initiative at the end of the term.

A special thank you to the boys who helped me with the badge repairs this week! Who would have thought that fixing badges could be so dangerous!

Have a great week. Todd.

AGM and P&C meeting

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 19 March at 4:30pm in the Staffroom. Our P&C Association is required to hold an AGM in accordance with the Association's by laws.

All office bearer positions are declared vacant and are available for election.

The Officer positions to be elected are President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. Representative positions for Canteen Treasurer and Uniform Coordinator will also be elected.

Only financial P&C members are eligible to stand for a position.

New members always very welcome.

P&C Easter Raffle

We are calling on families to donate Easter eggs, wrapping paper and/or anything to do with Easter. Raffle books will be sent home today. There will be one per family. A note will go home next week with more details.

The more eggs the better!!

Pink Stumps Day

Next Tuesday is shaping up to be a great fundraising day. All children and staff are asked to please dress in pink for a gold coin donation.

Stage 1 will be playing cricket against Mr Potter's team during lunch.

We will also be selling merchandise during lunch and recess. Cakes and pink snacks will also be available to buy from as little as 20c each. All monies raised will go to the McGrath Foundation, for breast cancer research.

Arm bands \$2.00 Shoe laces \$2.00



*together we can make a difference**

Stewart House Donation Drive

Please find enclosed in today's newsletter an envelope for donations to Stewart House. This is a great organisation supporting children throughout NSW. Every little bit counts!

Caught Being Good

Ryan Winchester 4/3W-Waiting in Line, Charlotte Kearney 4/3W-Helping @ My Library, Keira Donovan, 2/1E-Wearing a hat, Aynsley McEachran 4/3F-Helping in the Office, Terryn Hopper 6/5L-Responsible on basketball courts, McKeely Ricaud 4/3F-Helping @ My Library.

Weekly Awards - SU1- Lachlan McElhinney-Summers, **Libray-**Jagen McLeod Jones, Flynn Varley, **KC-**Blake Neal, Cooper Wilson, **KD-**Skylar Condran, Bayley Mackay, **2/1C-**Tate Ferguson, Richard Carey, **2/1E-**Kiser McRorie, Ryan Jarrett-Marks, **2/1H-**Jake Duckett, Ava Lennox Miles, **4/3F-**Tahlia Ashenhurst, Aynsley McEachran, **4/3M-**Riley Smithwick, Jasmine Jury, **4/3W-**Marley Dahlstrom, Ryan Winchester, **6/5L-**Ella Buchanan, Luwana Cohen, **6/5M-**Storm Whalen, Lennox Smith, **6/5S-**Jamison Rigby, Casey Humphreys.

Class of the Week - 4/3W

Congratulations

From My Library

The 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge has begun!

Students in Years 3-6, who have registered for the Challenge are encouraged to read/share texts from the prescribed Booklists to achieve the goal of 20 books by the end of August. Students in Years K-2 will share/listen to stories from the Booklists in their classrooms and at the Library in order to complete the Challenge. For more information go to the PRC website or see Mrs Coulter at the Library.

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Our school has recently purchased a 2014 subscription to World Book online. This is an online reference tool which our students are able to use both at home and at school. The easiest way for students to access the resource at home is via their DET portal. Students should follow the *School library* link to the *My Library* homepage. From here they can access World Book online from *My Library Links*. Our username and password are the same: *frankp*. Alternatively go to <http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU14012>

Our subscription includes access to *Students* and *Kids*. *Students* has information which is more detailed and complex, while information at *Kids* is shorter in length and easier to comprehend for students who are beginning to learn research skills. Features of the product which I believe make it a worthwhile resource include a focus on Australian content, currency and inclusion of appropriate material. In general, students have found it to be quite user friendly. Nambucca Heads High School also subscribe. Please take some time if possible to explore the site with your child.

A reminder of your child's library day:

Kinder:Thursday, 2/1E:Wednesday, 2/1C:Wednesday, 2/1H:Tuesday, 4/3M:Thursday, 4/3F:Thursday, 4/3W:Thursday, 6/5M:Tuesday, 6/5L:Thursday, 6/5S:Tuesday, Miss Baker's class:Wednesday, SU1: Wednesday, SU2:Tuesday

K-2 students don't forget your library bag!

Finally, a big THANK YOU to support staff member Denise for covering all our new library books.

Easter Hat Parade

Each year our school runs a Parade to show off all our students' great talents in creating their special Easter Hats. Students make their hats within their peer support groups on the day of the parade. All the materials will be supplied and students will join their peer support groups in the morning to allow time for the hats to dry or be completed. This year our Easter Hat Parade will be on Friday, 11th April at 2.30pm and students will showcase their hats within their peer support groups. The parade normally runs for approximately 30 minutes and we would love for you to come and attend this event. Looking forward to seeing you all here.

Kindergarten-Year 2 classes

All students in our classes - Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about and discussing what are the 5 most important things that children need to bring to school every day. They have decided they are:

- *Healthy lunch, including fruit and a drink.
- *School uniform.
- *Home Reader and or Homework.
- *School hat so they can play on the field

Gumbaynggirr Words of the Week are
Miimi and Baaba meaning Mum and Dad.

Spotlight on..... Peer Support Training



COMMUNITY NEWS



Looking for health information
on the web?

Make **Your Health Link**
your first search.

www.yourhealthlink.com.au



Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

What's the go with Go4Fun??

It's on in Term 2! It's fun! It's
FREE! It's a family healthy
lifestyle program! It's for 7-
13yo children who are above
a healthy weight range! If
you want to make a change
and get fit and healthy in
the new year with your fam-
ily call 1800 780 900 now!!

Scotts Head Nippers

A reminder to all Nippers and their families that
there are 2 weeks left of Nippers.

This Sunday March 23rd is a Fun Day & the fol-
lowing Sunday, March 30th is the
Nippers Presentation Day.

Don't forget to bring your raffle tickets. Tell your
fellow Nippers and cross your fingers for more
sunshine and an open beach.

Also a big thank you from the Nippers
Committee to all the parent helpers...we
couldn't run Nippers without your
fantastic support!!

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH

BBQ CHICKEN & HOMEMADE COLESLAW

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

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

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

2 CHICKEN KEBABS HONEY SOY WITH FRIED RICE

PRICE \$6.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 10TH MARCH

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS + TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY)

PRICE \$5.50



Early Days Workshops are designed for parents and carers with
a child (aged 0-7 years) who has (or may have) an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

NSW Early Days Autism Behaviour Workshops

9:30am – 2.30pm Wednesday 19th March

Nambucca Valley Early Intervention Service

Briner St, Macksville, NSW, 2447



Free Family Fun Days – Across the Mid North Coast

Promote your service to families by offering them a free activity at one
of our family fun days.

Tuncurry 14th April - John Wright Park

Taree 15th April - Fotheringham Park

Woolgoolga 16th April - Centennial Reserve

Nambucca 22nd April - Bellwood Park

Urunga 23rd April - Margo St Reserve

Kempsey 24th April - Riverside Park



BELLINGEN BULLDOGS/ NAMBUCCA VALLEY JUNIOR AFL

Bellingen Bulldogs/Nambucca Valley AFL club are looking
for boys and girls aged 5-14 years to play AFL and NAB AFL
Auskick in 2014.

Registrations are being taken at training every Wednesday starting
on 12 March from 3.30pm at Bellingen Primary School or online.
Come along for some footy fun!

Contact Adam 0417 423578 or Budge 0411 720593

