

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 8

Term 1 Week 9

25th March, 2014

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1. There are only 3 weeks of term to go so things are certainly moving very fast this year.

Congratulations to all of the boys who tried out for the Bellingen/Nambucca District Rugby League teams on Thursday. All of our representatives made their school very proud with their attitude and application. Mikey Buchanan and Terryn Hopper were successful in making the opens side. Jake Jones, Jonah Edwards, Samuel Donovan and Rangi Buchanan were successful in the under 11's. All of the boys did their very best on the day and certainly did both themselves, and their school, proud.

The District team will be playing in Coffs on Friday. Mr Freebairn is coaching the under 11's and I will be his manager on the day.

Our P&C AGM was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to Jeni Lamb on her Presidency. Col McCurley and Katherine Holloway are Vice Presidents. Jane Higgins is Treasurer. Thank you to all of our dedicated P&C members for their efforts in 2013, especially Col who did a wonderful job of making me feel very welcome upon my arrival here last year. I look forward to working closely with our P&C throughout 2014.

It was very exciting to see our first Peer Support sessions for 2014 up and running on Friday. Mrs Leahy, Mrs Smith and Miss McArthur have done a wonderful job of organising and training our senior students. It was lovely to see these sessions linked so closely to Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day. Well done to all involved, especially our group leaders!

Mrs Smith will be away all week at mandatory Work Health and Safety training. I am sure that 65S will make Mr Constantinou very welcome.

Pink Stumps Day will be on Tuesday with the Great Cricket Showdown. I have picked a team of 'Superstars' to take on Cass Notley's 'Legends' in a lunch time cricket match. Cass has done an incredible job organising this fundraiser for the Glen McGrath Foundation and a heap of awesome gear for our kids to use at lunch time. Her 'Legends' have been playing cricket nearly every lunch time since the start of the year, but I am sure that my 'Superstars' will have them covered! We are looking forward to a great day.

On Thursday all of our Stage 1 students will be bringing their 'Needs and Wants' unit to life with a trip to the local shops, where they will be looking at what is a 'need' and what is a 'want'. Mrs Parkins has done a wonderful job of organising this trip, which will really help our kids see how the information contained in this unit is about real life and has real meaning for them. The trip to the shops will culminate in a picnic back at school. The kids have written invitations to the staff, and I am sure it will be a great day.

I will be away on Wednesday this week learning a little more about our participation in the new Instructional Leadership Initiative. There will be a new Literacy Leader appointed to our school to be shared with Smithtown PS. This position will involve ensuring that our staff is completely

Diary

Tues 25th March

Pink Stumps Day

Thurs 27th March

Stage 1 walk to

Lucky 7

Fri 28th March

MNC 11's/Open

Rugby League

Coffs Harbour

Wed 2nd April

Stage 3

Netball Gala Day

Coffs Harbour

Fri 11th April

Easter Hat Parade

Parents and Carers

Invited

2.30pm

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week
Ngaarri
Meaning
play

up to date with the best Literacy techniques available, ensuring that our kids have the opportunity to be their very best each and every day. I will be sure to keep everyone informed as I learn more.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Todd.

ANZAC Day March

As in previous years, our school will be taking part in the town march on ANZAC Day on the 25th April. We are very proud of the number of students that always join us on the day to represent our school. Unfortunately this year ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays, so we will not be able to remind the students in the week leading up to the march. We hope to see many of our students represent the school at this year's march so please mark the day on your calendars. Any student attending the march is to meet Mrs Leahy and other staff members at 8.00am outside the surf shop in the main street. The march begins at 8.30am and finishes at the cenotaph in the RSL car park. Students are to wear their school uniforms. We look forward to seeing you there.

P&C Easter Raffle

We are still calling on families to donate Easter eggs, wrapping paper and/or anything to do with Easter. Raffle books were sent home last week. If you have sold all your tickets, more are available from the office. The more eggs donated the better!!

Lost Property

We have been inundated with lost property. Could you please label your children's jumpers, drink bottles and lunch boxes. We will have all lost property out on display during the Easter Hat Parade for parents to claim. If these items are not claimed they will be added to our clothing pool.

Stewart House Donation Drive

Thank you to those families who have generously donated to Stewart House. We are still taking donations for this wonderful organisation. Donations can be sent to the office. Thanks again!

Five questions with...

School Captain Luwana Cohen

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A designer, dancer and pro athlete.

Favourite thing to do at school?

Hang out with friends

Favourite food: **Potato Bake**

Most memorable moment at school:

Getting School Captain!

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Funny, sporty, tall.**



School Captain Rohan Duguid

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A drummer and an astronomical engineer

Favourite thing to do at school:

Play drums

Favourite food: **Meat Pie**

Most memorable moment at school:

The Sydney Excursion

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Curly, cool, awesome!**

Caught Being Good

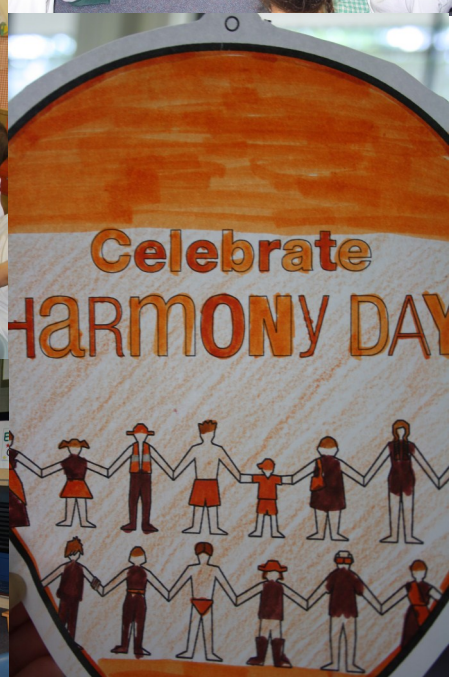
Aynsley McEachran 4/3F, Zayne Pearson 4/3M-Walking in quad, Jacksen McRorie 4/3W-Responsible and caring, Holly Blanch 4/3W-Waiting in line,

Libray-Ella Cox, Matthew Daley, Miss Baker-Brennan Wilson, KC-Peter Stadhams, Sharika Bond, KD-Bayley Mackay, Skylar Condron, 2/1C-Tate Ferguson, Jagen McLeod-Jones, Makayla Lamb, 2/1E-Gordon Rumble Dixon, Jake Johnson, 2/1H-Fiona Holloway, Ethan Willard, 4/3F-James Hurley, Keenan Breasley, 4/3M-Beau Hussell, Ebony Wylie, 4/3W-YazzyStar Hoffman, Izabelle Salway, 6/5L-Lachlan Barwick, Candy Kelly, 6/5M-Kurt Smith, Ella Cox, 6/5S-Penny Stadhams, Anthony Gordon-Lichaa

Class of the Week - KD and KC

Congratulations

Spotlight on.....
Harmony Day
&
Peer Support



COMMUNITY NEWS



Looking for health information
on the web?

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your first search.

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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 family call 1800 780 900 now!!

Vacation Care

Vacation Care, a not-for-profit organisation, will be running in the holidays out of Frank Partridge VC Public School as well as the Adventist School in Macksville.

Please note the centre will be closed on Friday 18th (Good Friday), Monday 21st (Easter Monday) and Friday 25th April (ANZAC Day).

A full holiday program can be picked from the office at FPVC PS.

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH

CHICKEN BURGER + CAESAR DRESSING

PRICE \$3.90

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

BEEF BURGER (BEEF PATTIE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT & COOKED ONION ON A BUN)

PRICE \$5.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

**CHICKEN, SUNDRIED TOMATO & ROAST SWEET POTATO QUICHE
+ SIDE SALAD**

PRICE \$6.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 31st MARCH

**SAUSAGE ROLL + TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE
+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY)**

PRICE \$4.50

Free Family Fun Days – Across the Mid North Coast

The Mid North Coast Family Referral Service and Families NSW are holding free family fun days across the Mid North Coast to provide a free activity for families during the April school holidays and to promote services to families.

Woolgoolga 16th April - Centennial Reserve
Nambucca 22nd April - Bellwood Park
Urunga 23rd April - Margo St Reserve
Kempsey 24th April - Riverside Park

familiesnsw
supporting families to raise children



A program designed for children 5-7 years old, to introduce the game of netball through activities and modified games.

Start date: 3rd May (Saturday), 2014.

Time: 8:30am – 9:15am

Where: Marion Woods Netball courts, Willis St, Macksville (Behind the Aquatic Centre in Macksville).

For more information please contact:

Heidi Knight

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Registration cost includes a participant pack: a Gilbert netball, ANZ NetSetGO t-shirt, NSW Swifts pencil case and a medal for participation