

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 10

Term 1 Week 11

8th April, 2014

Welcome to Week 11 of Term 1. As usual we have quite a hectic week planned for our kids so I am sure that the 2 weeks break at the end of this week will be well and truly enjoyed! I hope that everyone remembered to set their clocks back with the end of Daylight Saving on Sunday.

Last day of school is Friday 11th April. First day back next term is Tuesday the 29th April.

This Tuesday, I will be meeting with the Smithtown PS Principal and our School Education Director, Kim Taylor, to decide on the employment of an Instructional Leader. Our school has been offered the opportunity to work 3 days a week with an Education Officer, whose role is to mentor staff, to ensure that they have all of the tools necessary to deliver the highest quality education to your children. This person will work closely with K-2 staff to develop learning pathways that best suit them. These areas of support are identified and designed by the staff themselves and the initiative certainly looks to be an interesting one. We will be sure to let everyone know when the position is filled and how we intend to make the most of this opportunity once the dust has settled next term.

Best of luck to Suzie Greenup-Gray, Luwana Cohen and Abbey Smith who will be attending the Mid North Coast Netball Trials on Tuesday. These girls not only set an excellent example on the netball court, but also each and every day in the classroom and playground. Well done girls and best of luck on Tuesday.

Thirteen of our Indigenous students will be attending the Bangarra Dance Sessions on Wednesday. Ms Colleen Edwards will be taking the dancers over to Camden Haven by bus. They will be leaving at 7:30am for an action packed day of dance instruction and creation. This is a very exciting opportunity for these great kids, and we look forward to seeing their dance moves in the near future.

It will be a big day for our dancers as our SRC will be holding a whole school social on Wednesday evening from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. K-6 is invited to this wonderful event. What a fabulous way to end off the term.

Mr Freebairn and I will be heading to Coronation Park on Thursday with 2 Stage 3, 1 Stage 2 and a girls League Tag 7-a-side squad. These students have been training the house down in their own time nearly all term, and this is a wonderful reward for their hard work both on the training paddock and in the classroom.

The last day of term will be just as busy as our first, with a Grandparents' Afternoon Tea for K-2 students at 1:00pm, followed by our famous whole school Easter Hat Parade. This promises to be one to remember, so please come along and join us from 2:30pm in the quad. Our Peer Support groups will be working in a morning session on the Easter Hat creations and I am sure that there will be plenty for all to see. The P&C's Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade.

Even during the holidays we have school activities on, and this break we will once again be marching in the local ANZAC Day March. ALL students are encouraged to come along and march with us. Full school uniform will be required on the day and it would be great to see lots of Frank Partridge kids in attendance on this very special day for all Australians. We meet outside the surf shop in the main street at 8am.

Finally, a huge thank you to all members of our Frank Partridge VC School community. My first term here has absolutely flown by, and our school community has blown me away with their support and willingness to work with our school to provide the very best learning environment

Diary

Wed 9th April

Bangarra Dance
Workshop at
Camden Haven
Depart 7.30am
Return 4pm

Wed 9th April

Whole School Social
5pm-7pm

Fri 11th April

Stage 1
Grandparents
Afternoon Tea
1pm

Fri 11th April

Easter Hat Parade
Parents and Carers
Invited
2.30pm

In the Holidays

25th March

ANZAC Day March

All attending to meet
at the surf shop
8am

A big thankyou to Marnie, Steve and the team at Valley Rural Supplies for allowing us to run their raffle on the weekend. We raised over \$100 towards our Breakfast Club. Congratulations to 'Ray' who won the \$250 worth of paint, and to the Donovan Family for winning a prize with their beautifully dressed pup, Lexi.

Gumbaynggirr Word of the Week - **Yaarri Yarraang** meaning **See you later**

for all of our students. Parents, carers, staff and students make this school what it is, and we cannot achieve anything without all cogs in the machine working together. Thank you so much for your patience, understanding, professionalism and enthusiasm! Enjoy your break, freshen up and be ready to do it all again in Term 2!

Have safe and healthy holidays.
Todd.



SU2 have been learning about ANZAC traditions. Here they are with some of their freshly baked ANZAC biscuits!

Grandparents Afternoon Tea

All Grandparents and Parents from Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two are invited to an Afternoon Tea on the last day of Term 1 Friday 11th April at 1pm in the back playground outside Kindergarten. Each class is cooking some yummy treats that day to share with you. Coffee and tea will be available inside KC and we will be playing outside in the fresh air and sunshine. The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 2:30pm in the Quad.

Netball News

On Wednesday, 21 students attended the Netball NSW Gala Day in Coffs Harbour with Mrs Haase, Cass and Mr Potter. Each team played 6 games in the searing heat resulting in a 6th and 2nd place. We are very proud of all the girls and boys who displayed excellent sportsmanship and were perfectly behaved on the day. A huge congratulations to Luwarna Cohen – best and fairest player, Suzannah Green-up Gray – excellent goal shooting and Belle Elphick-Ttooulou – brilliant defence. All players received a Netball NSW wristband for competing in the Gala Day. We are now looking forward to the next Gala Day for PSSA in late May to be held at Macks-ville!!!

Luwarna Cohen, Suzannah Green-up Gray and Abbi Smith will be trying out for our District Netball side at Urunga this Tuesday. Good luck girls!!



Five questions with...

Prefect Terry Hopper

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Football player

Favourite thing to do at school?

Play football

Favourite food: **Mango**

Most memorable moment at school:

When I got prefect

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Awesome, handsome and The Best!**



Prefect Travis Hayden

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Motor Mechanic

Favourite thing to do at school:

Play handball and football

Favourite food: **Tacos**

Most memorable moment at school:

1st day of kindy

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Orange, sporty and comedian!**

Caught Being Good

Edmund Hurley 6/5L - Helping his peers, AJ Meredith 2/1E - Being responsible,
Sonja Stone 4/3F-Wearing a hat.

Library-Chloe Cameron, AJ Meredith, **SU2**-Trent Richards, **KC**-Taliya Cadman-Pou, Charlotte Ridgeway, **KD**-Blake Langhans, **2/1C**- Mikaela Howle, Thomas Farnsworth, **2/1E**-Bianca Wilson, Ethan Dungay, **2/1H**-Dallas Winner Coggan, **4/3M**-Christa Parker, Max Willard, **4/3W**-Emma Cox, Mitchel Summers Whalley, **4/3F**-Daniel McElroy, Emily Humphreys, **6/5L**-Tom Robertson, Luwarna Cohen, **6/5M**-Joana Wellington, Jake Pearson, **6/5S**-Crystal Wylie, Taz Streatfield, **Reading Recovery**-Mykalah McEachran, Mrs Bekis-Tyrone Bowden.

When I grow up I want to be a....

Spotlight on.....

Term 1



IPad fun using
Sketch and Telegami



Soccer Training



Band with Mr Potter



Senior students listen to the
younger students read!



I am a
Smarty Pants.
See me....



Auslan Sign Language



Literacy



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Aboriginal Holiday Splash Program 14 to 17 April, 2014

The Holiday Splash Program is being offered to Nambucca Shire Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years.

Dates: Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April

COST: FREE

Venue: YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre

Times: You will have a 30 minute lesson sometime between 9:00am and 12 noon

Enrolment forms should be returned to:
YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre

Ph: 65681445 Fax: 65684986

Email: ad-min.macksville@ymca.org.au

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day-Thursday 29th May at 2:45pm in the School Hall

Our school will be hosting an NRMA & Road Safety Day, a new road safety Program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services as part of its commitment to road safety. Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students. Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, so we would like to invite you to a workshop where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL

BACON & EGG ROLL WITH SAUCE

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 10th APRIL

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS TOPPED WITH CHEESE

PRICE \$5.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

SPECIAL FRIED RICE WITH CHICKEN, PORK, EGG ETC

PRICE \$4.00 SMALL

\$6.00 LARGE



FREE fun program for kids to become fitter healthier happier.

REGISTER FOR TERM 2.

Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years? Do you worry they may be above healthy weight range?

The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit, healthy and shopping on a budget. Mid North Coast families who participated in the program last term highly recommend it, describing improvements in their children's fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Families living in Nambucca and surrounds are welcome to take part in this free program.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Nambucca Venue:

Frank Partridge VC PS

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30pm

Start date: Wednesday, 29th April 2014

To register: please contact Go4Fun

on 1800 780 900

or text 0409 745 645

for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au

Local contact: Becky Vaschak P: 6652 8111

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.

Nambucca 22nd April-Bellwood Park
Urunga 23rd April-Morgo St Reserve

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

0437 252 990

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