

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Newsletter Issue 14

Term 2 Week 4

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Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2. With only 9 weeks in our term, time is certainly getting away on us!

SCHOOL DIRECTION:

NAPLAN took up much of our week for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students last week. The students were fuelled up on milo, fruit, cheese and bikkies and let loose on this 'once a year' National Assessment. The results will not be available to schools for several months but I am sure that the kids have done their very best to show our community and themselves just what they are capable of. This is only ONE aspect of your child's assessment program which also includes regular numeracy, literacy and reading tests. The results of the NAPLAN are particularly helpful in giving us a direction as a school in regards to where we need to improve our teaching and what areas of the curriculum we can present more effectively to our students.

NAPLAN is only a small cog in our whole school plan. We recently welcomed on board Mrs Christie Williams into the role of Instructional Leader. She will be working closely with our infants' teachers to increase the core knowledge of our infant students by supporting our teachers in a mentor role that identifies areas of focus and teacher skill development. Our teachers are very excited to have this resource at their disposal and it will be a key feature of our next 3 year school plan. Some of the areas involved in our early discussions include careful and accurate assessment of each individual student's current level of conceptual awareness. We are also hoping to set up sight, hearing and speech screening opportunities for all infant students to ensure that they have all of the tools necessary to engage in our programs and provide specialist one on one support for each of them. We are looking to implement increased one on one reading support in the classroom to complement our Reading Recovery sessions and our Stage 2 and 3 classes are looking to make better use of our Learning and Support teacher, Mrs Bekis, to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to increase their rate of learning. These plans are also extended to Literacy and Numeracy extension activities ranging from Debating and Public Speaking to external competitions and challenging classroom activities.

Our Welfare and Discipline strategies are focussed on developing an increased level of student engagement through high level support and high level expectations. Teachers are working hard to find what it is that engages your child in their learning, how they learn and what they need to learn. You may have noticed our smaller classes are far more settled classroom environments. Teachers and students have been genuinely supported by our parent/carer community as we instil high level classroom expectations and it is exciting to see some real developments in this area. This is just one of the areas where our parent and carer community have been incredibly willing to support and work with us to create a disruption free teaching and learning environment for our kids. Thanks to our hard working teachers, awesome students and supportive community, it has certainly been a wonderful start to the year!

CULTURAL AWARENESS:

Last week Aunty Nerida, Mrs Beauchamp and Ms McArthur met with Ms Beryl Wilson to explain

Diary

Tues 20th May

Girls' State Basketball

League Tag & Stage 3
Competition 7's Day

Wed 21st May

PSSA Netball Gala Day

Macksville

Debate against Aldavilla

Simultaneous Story Time

Thurs 22nd May

Basketball

FPVC PS Versus NHPS

Fri 23rd

MNC Cross Country

Mon 26th May

Questacon Science Circus

Thurs 29th May

NRMA Day

Tues 3rd June

Fire Station visit Stage 1

Wed 4th June

School Photos

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week

Giina

meaning

How are you?

our Girl Talk program that operates each Thursday. Beryl was most impressed and it is looking as though this project will be funded throughout the year. Ritchie Donovan joins us at the same time for our Yarning Tree arvo's and then boys' team building games with Mrs Smith. Both programs are a wonderful example of cultural inclusion and awareness development for all of our students within the community.

NAIDOC planning is well underway with our committee planning a very busy community day for all of our parents and wider school community. Mrs Edwards is coordinating the day and has some exciting and wonderful activities planned.

On Friday the boys' Rugby League team headed over to SWR with a great fan base to support them. They ran out winners 18 to 6 and made their school proud both with their application and endeavour, not to mention their team work and sportsmanship. Well done boys. The next round of the PSSA knockout will be against Smith Town.

FORWARD PLANNING:

Don't forget the Stage 3 excursion planned for November 17th. We are keeping the cost to \$300 per student or \$500 per family. This is a drastic reduction in the cost from previous years so all money will need to be paid prior to departure. We are expecting all students to participate and we have a great 3 days in Canberra planned that they will remember for the rest of their lives! With 26 weeks until the big week it will cost about \$12 a week should you wish to pay off the amount in instalments. Please contact the school as a matter of urgency should we be able to help in any way. Attendance will depend on student behaviour and our ability to keep students safe when so far away from home. Parents and carers of students who may fall into this category will be contacted early in Term 4 so that we can plan the appropriate support for your child.

I have finally managed to get our Annual School Report organised, with the support of several of our staff. As I only joined our school mid-way through Term 3 it was quite difficult to portray the great things that happened throughout 2013. The ASR will be uploaded to our school website this week and I would encourage all wider school community members to have a look at the celebration of our school's achievements. Hard copies will be available at the front office should you require one.

WEEK 4:

This week is an absolute cracker! There is no way that as a school we would plan for all of these activities to interrupt our learning in one week! Unfortunately each activity has been organised by an outside body so we have no choice but to get ourselves organised should we wish for our students to have the opportunity to participate. Having said this, it is important that parents and carers realise they have a real choice of what they would like their child to be part of. If you are happy for them to be involved in this busy program of events then I am sure that they will have a great time. Should at ANY stage your child be picked in too many teams or be part of too many outside activities then please give me a quick ring and we can certainly lessen their load, particularly if you are worried about the effect of these activities on their academic progress. On the other side of the coin, we are working very hard to provide these options for our students in an effort to increase their engagement and application in regards to their learning. Participation in any external activity must come with classroom engagement levels and work completion that indicate increased engagement in their learning. We do not use these teams and activities as a threat. They are a reward for hard work, being a role model and engagement in their learning. Classroom work comes first and we have already had students miss out on activities because they needed to complete time outs or work. I would value anyone's comments on the increased number of opportunities we are offering this year. Are they a help or hindrance to your child's learning? You can give me a ring or flick me an email at todd.potter@det.nsw.edu.au and your opinions will certainly be valued! This week will unfold as follows:

Monday

Boys and Girls touch trials. (Mr Potter)
EJ Biffen
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Tuesday

Boys 7's/ Girls Tag. (Mr Potter, Mr
Freebairn, Miss McArthur)
Coffs Harbour 8:30am - 3:00pm

Wednesday

Netball Gala Day. (Mr Potter,
Miss Bekis, Cass)
Macksville 10:30am - 3:00pm

Wednesday

Debate
(Mrs Leahy)
FPVCS 11:00am

Thursday

Basket Ball V NHPS. (Miss
Baker, Mrs Beauchamp)
NHHS 10:00am - 11:30am

Friday

MNC Cross Country Grafton.
(Parents and Carers.)

I hope everyone has a great week. Thank you so much for your support throughout the first 14 weeks of the year. We cannot give these great kids the opportunities that they deserve without you!
Todd.

Stage 1 Sport

For Sport in Term 2 Stage 1 are developing their gross motor skills by learning a series of new games and relays to play at the Athletics Carnival. The students are also working on their ball skills with simple drills and activities that enhance coordination. Games include 'Look out for the Lion' and 'Watch your Tail' and a series of Relays using hoops plus the good old Tunnel Ball and Captain Ball.



Kindergarten Literacy

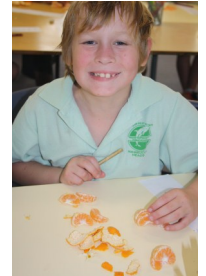
Kindergarten are enjoying trialling new literacy sessions, focussing on Phonics and Sight Words.

Mrs Daley and Miss Campton are also enjoying themselves!



Mandarin Maths

2/1H are using mandarin segments to model basic addition and subtraction facts to 10, as well as modelling halves and quarters.



Leaf Rubbing by 2/1 E

Patrica Stewart

Keira Donovan

Jai Winchester

Bianca Wilson

Kyan Jarrett-Marks



Caught Being Good

Tarran Jarrett-Marks 2/1C, Carly Donovan 6/5L-Helping @ My Library,
Kategjah Stadhams 6/5M-Caring for others.

Merit Awards: KD Blake Langhans, Lily Burke, KC Tristian Robertson, Asher Edwards, 2/1H Larnie Wheeler, Matthew Daley, 2/1E Ethan Dungay, Mykalah McEachran, Braiden Wheeler, 2/1C Joel Burke, Auston Babula, Alyra Lipman Poynter, 6/5S Tyrone Bowden, Suzannah Greenup-Gray, 6/5L Jeremy Higgins, Codie Larkin, 6/5M Paris Stadhams, Jonah Edwards.

Congratulations

Out & About



Lunch & Recess is so much
fun!

Hearing Screening

On Thursday 19th June, all Kindergarten will be involved in **free** hearing screening. Notes will be sent home this week. Please complete and return ASAP.

We would like to say 'Thank You' to Bev, a lovely lady in our community, who donated some beautiful posters. These posters will now be on display in the Library!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nambucca Valley OOSH



Macksville Vacation Care

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY

BACON & EGG ROLL WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

PRICE \$4.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 22ND MAY

CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING & MIXED LETTUCE

PRICE \$3.90

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

SATAY CHICKEN AND VEGES WITH STEAMED RICE

CONTAINS PEANUTS

PRICE \$4.50 SMALL

\$6.50 LARGE

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 26TH MAY

PARTY SAUSAGE ROLLS WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY)

PRICE \$4.00

Nambucca After School Care

(Managed by the Nambucca Valley Children's Group Inc.)

Nambucca Valley OOSH runs After School Care at Frank Partridge VC Primary School. Care is available for all primary school-aged children from local schools. A staff member meets the children at the school bus from Nambucca Heads Primary School or the grounds of Nambucca Valley Christian Community School. Children from Frank Partridge School meet at the School Hall. Children from working & non-working families are welcome.

The centre is open from 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm, Monday - Friday. Fees start at \$6.83 per child (with Child Care Benefits) and a healthy afternoon tea is included in the cost. Children participate in fun activities, sport, craft, games and free play. Casual and permanent places are now available.

Enquiries can be made to Gail and Nat on 65681474, at the Centre, or email vaccare@bigpond.com

Enrolment is necessary before children attend.

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.