

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Term 2 Week 5

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Welcome to Week 5 of Term 2. Athletics training is now well underway as we give all of the 8 year olds and up a chance to experience and learn a little about each of the 4 field events. For the next 5 Fridays our athletes will be rotating through long jump, high jump, shot put and discus trials with their house group. All students will receive some instruction and all students will get to have a go. The top 2 in the Junior (8, 9 and 10 Years), 11 years and Senior (12 and 13 years) will then compete for their house at our carnival which is booked for Monday the 23rd of June. All parents and carers are encouraged to come along on the day and cheer on the kids. K-6 will be attending the carnival with the under 8's being involved in age races, a giant relay and some of the field events, as well as a range of other activities.

Our District Touch Footy Trials were held at EJ Biffin Oval on Monday. Several students participated. Jerrai Dahlstrom, Jake Jones, Terryn Hopper, Tyrell Dungay, Luwana Cohen and Chloe Martin were selected to move to the next level which will be held in Toormina on Monday 2nd June.



Our Boys 7's Rugby League Team and the 2 Girls League Tag teams had a great day in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday. Both teams made the semi-final rounds and all of the kids improved throughout the day, which is what these events are all about. Their team work and sportsmanship was a credit to them and they certainly made their school very proud.

On Wednesday, 2 of our Netball teams headed to Macksville to take part in the Round Robin stage of the PSSA knockout. Both teams won their first game, but came up against some stiff opposition in Round 2 and could not quite get there. All players conducted themselves wonderfully, both on and off the court, and were a credit to themselves and their school.

On Thursday it was time for the basket ballers to shine. They won their knockout match against Nambucca Public and now move through to the next round. Ms Baker and Mrs Beauchamp have these guys really sharing the ball and working as a team. It was great to have a local match at the High School so that several of our classes could come down and cheer them on. It certainly made for a great atmosphere.

Crystal Wylie, Izabelle Salway and Jaiye Langford travelled to Grafton on Friday to compete in the MNC Cross Country Championships. Top effort!

It was certainly an action packed week for many of our students, and they are to be commended on their behaviour. The goal of these activities is to engage and enthuse our students and they certainly seem to be making the most of the many varied and wonderful opportunities being afforded them.

Yesterday we got a little more academic with the Questacon Science Circus visiting our school. This science group travels from Canberra doing shows aimed to inspire and motivate our young scientists of the future. Please get your \$3 in as soon as possible. Our school subsidised the cost

Diary

Thurs 29th May

NRMA Day

Fri 30th May

Year 6-7 Transition
NHHS 1.35pm-2.55pm

Mon 2nd June

MNC Touch Football
Toormina

Tues 3rd June

Fire Station visit Stage 1

Mon 2nd June

Touch Football
Toormina

Wed 4th June

School Photos

School Social

Stage 2 & 3
5pm-7pm

Mon 23rd June

Athletics Carnival

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week

Darrundang
meaning
Thank you

of this show considerably and it is an experience that the kids will never forget.



Today we conducted our regular "Lockdown" drill at school. This is part of our Work Health and Safety practice schedule. At the sound of an alarm all classrooms pulled the blinds and locked the doors. Teachers communicated with the Front Office to ensure all students were accounted for and classrooms remain locked down until the all clear signal was given. After the lock down, as with our fire drill, we will collect comments and concerns from the staff and use these to further refine our safety processes. Please have a chat to your child this afternoon about the drill and be sure to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

On Thursday, Mrs Leahy has organised for the NRMA Road Safety team to pay us a visit. All students K-6 will participate in this specially designed activity and hopefully learn a little more about how to keep safe on our roads. Once again this is something that you could talk with your child about on Thursday afternoon. Road safety should certainly be at the forefront of their mind this weekend after the safety day on Thursday and our Walk Safely To School Campaign on Friday morning last week.

On Friday the High School is holding a special transition session for our Year 6 students. They will walk down to the High School at 1:35pm and be back for the buses and the bell by 3:15. I am sure that they will have a great time as they prepare to make the jump to high school in 2015. The leadership qualities of our Year 6 and indeed Year 5 are certainly setting a very pleasing standard this year. Their willingness to participate in a range of activities makes them great role models for their peers. They are to be congratulated on their progress so far this year. Well done Stage 3!

Have a great week.

Todd.

Caught Being Good

Taz Streatfield 6/5S Sportsmanship at Chess Club, Kden Carter KD Cleaning up,

Ebony Wylie 4/3M Being Honest,

Merit Awards: **SU1** Lyric Thomson, **Library** Bayley Mackay, Lacey Wilson, **Miss Baker** Sam Bray, **KD** Kden Carter, Skylar Condran, **KC** Caitlyn Jones, Ellana Summers, **2/1H** Fiona Holloway, Zac Urquhart, **2/1E** Ethan Dungay, Jake Johnson, **2/1C** Tarran Jarrett-Marks, Shanara Taylor, **4/3F** Shayla Colb, Olivia Bowen, **4/3M** Zane Beuzeville, Damon Simon-Wilson, **4/3W** Lacey Wilson, Declan Rigby, **6/5S** Flynn Varley, Zara Brown, **6/5L** Phoebe Schram, Rohan Duguid, **6/5M** Katalla Buchanan, Travis Hayden.

CLASSES OF THE WEEK KD & KC

Congratulations

NAPLAN Report by Sonja Stone 4/3F

As I am sure you are aware, students in Years 3 and 5 have just completed NAPLAN. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy. This test allows us to assess students' reading, writing, language and numeracy. I interviewed students to find out what their thoughts were on NAPLAN. Here is what they had to say. It was funny, great, easy and they even look forward to it the next time. Their favourite parts were maths, thinking areas and of course the simple parts. I asked why do they think we have to do NAPLAN. They said so teachers know what we need to learn.

Well done to all the students for their efforts.

Sonja Stone.

School Band

Each week, our new School Band will be practising in the Library with Mrs Parkins. All of our band members look fantastic with their instruments!



Pottery with 6/5S

6/5 S have been very busy making their pottery. They have also been sharing their skills with 2/1C.

Lunch and Recess has seen many 2/1C children peeping through the kiln room door, hoping to catch a glimpse of their finished product!



Science Communications

Last week 4/3F had a great lesson in communications. With the help of Mrs Parkins, students made the good old fashioned string telephone. After they had made their phones the kids took them around to 2/1H to test out. The children had a lot of fun!



Rhythm & Beats with 2/1E

Students in 2/1E are learning listening skills through rhythm and beats. Miss Edwards has been challenging her class with random beats, with the kids loving it.



Simultaneous Story Time



Our younger students joined children from all over Australia on Wednesday for National Simultaneous Storytime: *Too Many Elephants In This House*. A highlight of the event was a Photo Story presentation put together by SU2 and Kim: *Too Many Elephants In This School!* Thank you SU2!



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 4th June. Envelopes were handed out to students last week. Each child should have their own envelope. Please complete as per the instructions and send them back to the Front Office, with the correct money enclosed. Additional envelopes, including those for family photos, are available from the office also. Please note, the photographers handle all aspects of the day. Please contact them directly if you have any questions re payments or additional packages. Also note, the school does not keep change for school photos.

COMMUNITY NEWS



CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS *Normal menu available every day*

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

**BEEF BURGER WITH BEEF PATTIE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, BEETROOT,
COOKED ONION & SAUCE ON A BUN**
PRICE \$5.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 22ND MAY

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE TOPPED WITH CHEESE
PRICE \$3.50 SMALL
\$5.50 LARGE

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

HONEY SOY CHICKEN KEBABS WITH SMALL FRIED RICE
PRICE \$6.50

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 26TH MAY

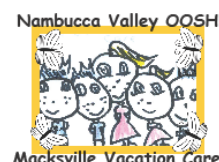
6 CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE
+ NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY)
PRICE \$5.50

Messy Church - a fun and friendly way for kids to explore the spiritual side of life. Stories, creative activities, prayer time and a yummy dinner. Come along after school until 5.30pm, every second Tuesday in Anglican Church Hall, Kent Street Nambucca Heads. Parents, carers and siblings are very welcome. For more information contact Reverend Lisa Williamson on 65689094.

Loving butterflies is easy. Loving a caterpillar- the squirmy, unattractive critter destroying your veggie patch - that is grace.

May God bless you with the love of caterpillars!

Nambucca After School



(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.