

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*

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Term 3 Week 1

15th July, 2014

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 3. I trust that everyone had a great break!

Keep an eye out this term for our Read-a-thon pamphlets. As part of our fundraising activities students will be seeking sponsors for the number of books they read this term. Classroom teachers and our Librarian are all on board with this exciting initiative, that will only help our kids to increase their fluency and comprehension whilst raising some much needed funds for their school.

I cannot speak highly enough of our parent and carer community and the trust that they have put into our school's procedures so far this year. I expect parents and carers to contact the school immediately should they have a problem or concern. We are not always in a position to fix everything, nor are the stories that get home always 100% correct, however it has been your willingness to let us know and allow us to check things out that has enabled us to support your kids through the many and varied tricky situations that make up their school day. Thank you! Please keep up the great work throughout Term 3.

Next week we will include a community calendar in the newsletter to help our school community plan and organise their attendance at school events, starting with our school athletics carnival on Friday. All students from K-6 will be running, throwing and jumping their hearts out from 9:30 – 2:00 at EJ Biffin Field. We would love to see lots of our wider school community in attendance, to cheer on our athletes and encourage them to do their best. Should you have any questions in regards to the day, or be in a position to help out, could you please contact the school and leave your details.

Finally, just a reminder to please dress your child in school uniform each day. School uniform helps students to develop a real sense of belonging and to also focus on the special expectations that come with attending school each day. 99% of our kids look great each and every morning and this is a real credit to our supportive families. Please keep up the great work and let us know if we can help in any way.

Your school fees are completely voluntary and they are set at \$40 per child, per year, which is \$10 a term. These are now due for Term 3. So far this year we have collected less than 20% of these fees. Your contribution goes directly towards supplying all of the basics for your child in the classroom-books, paper, pencils, pens etc. Despite the voluntary nature of these fees they are an integral part of ensuring our school continues to provide a quality education for your child, and we would be most appreciative of any fees that can be paid this term.

Have a great week.

## Diary

### Term 3

#### Fri 18th July

Athletics Carnival  
EJ Biffin Field  
Families Welcome

#### Wed 23rd July

FPVCPS Debate  
against Stuarts Point

#### Thurs 24 July

NAIDOC  
10:30am  
11.00am  
Official Assembly  
12.00pm Lunch

#### Fri 25th July

PSSA Touch Football  
Knockout  
Advocate Park Coffs

Gumbaynggirr  
Word of the Week  
*biyamba*  
meaning  
*eat*

## From the Library

### The Great Book Swap:

In support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, our school will once again host a book swap on Thursday 24th July as part of our NAIDOC Day celebrations. Old library favourites can be swapped for just 20 cents (or 6 for \$1.00!) Great bargains to be had! Money raised will support literacy development in remote indigenous communities. Please support this worthy cause.

### Book Week 2014:

'Connect to Reading' is the theme for Book Week, which we will celebrate later this term. Students are invited to start working on their dress-up ideas for 'a book character I connect with'. Little Red Riding Hoodie, Cat in the Hat or Rowan of Rin could make an appearance! Watch this space for more details and character ideas.

Mrs Coulter

### Lost Jumpers/Jackets

Due to the large volume of jackets and jumpers that are being handed in without a name, we regret that we can only hold them for **one week** in lost property. If not reclaimed in this time, they will be donated to our clothing pool or local charities.

Please label all personal items belonging to your child, including lunchboxes, drink bottles, wallets etc.

Thursday 24th July

*All Welcome*

10.30am

**NAIDOC**

*Bush Tucker with Sue Tomkins*

*Gumbaynggirr Singing*

*BBQ lunch will be  
provided for ALL  
students*

*Student Displays and Activities*

*Raising the Flag & Smoking Ceremony*

### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

**A reminder to all Stage 3 students that your deposit for the Canberra Excursion is now due!**

## P & C News

### Family Portrait Fundraising Day

On Saturday 16 August we are holding a Family Portrait Day. You will be able to receive a 10" x 13" framed photo for \$15.00. Please see office to book your place. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

### 2015 Fete



The P&C have decided that early next year we will hold a fete. We have formed a special committee for this and are looking forward to the wider school community coming on board with this exciting project. We have some ideas for the direction we would like to go with this, but are really waiting to hear from everyone on what they want. Any ideas, any level of involvement, any help you're willing to give is needed! Maybe you have a business you would like to promote, a desire to run a cake stall or an idea that you would like to give a go. If this is the case, then give us a call (Kath on 0487406937 or Jeni 01437504498) because for this to be a success both financially and as community event we need YOU on board.

**End of Term 2  
Excursions  
to  
Bellwood Park  
and  
Main Beach**



## CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 25 June	THURSDAY 26 June	FRIDAY 27 June	MONDAY
Name: _____ Class: _____  Chicken Burger + Caesar Dressing  Price \$3.90	Name: _____ Class: _____  Bacon and Egg Roll with Sauce &  Price \$4.50	Name: _____ Class: _____  ATHLETICS CARNIVAL At EJ Biffin Canteen will be operating	Name: _____ Class: _____  Sausage Roll with Sauce Tom/BBQ Nippy Flavoured Milk Choc/Strawberry Price: \$4.50
<p style="color: green;">Normal menu available every day</p> <p style="color: red;">CHICKEN DINO SNACKS NOW AVAILABLE 60c EACH</p>			

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MUSIC STARS Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School

**Registrations Are Now Open!** If you would like your child to participate please register online via [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au) or pick up a registration form from your school's office. Payment is not required until lessons commence in Term 3. **IMPORTANT!** Registrations close at the end of Term 2.

\* Group guitar and keyboard tuition (3-6 students) \* Caters for all grades & music levels Weekly 30 minute sessions \* Very Affordable! \$110 per term \* 70% less than out-of-school lessons. **Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons**

**More Information:** If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below. **Phone:** 1300 889 179 **Email:** [info@musicstars.com.au](mailto:info@musicstars.com.au)  
**Web:** [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au) We hope you can support this program.

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**Macksville Aquatic Centre** are holding their 5 or 10 day consecutive swimming program. Designed to enhance your child's progression, covers water safety and stroke development, in a warm and friendly environment. 1/2 hour groups \$55 per week or 15 minute private lessons \$90. Please phone 6568 1445 to enrol or drop by and see us.

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### Nambucca District Little Athletics

#### New Season Starting

The Little Athletics NSW motto is **family fun and fitness**. It is one of the sports where the parents can be just as involved as the kids and the kids love it! Parents, guardians, grandparents and even family friends help out with timekeeping, measuring and marking so that our events run smoothly. It is a great way for families to spend time together in a happy, healthy environment.

**Registration & Trial night: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

at 4.30pm. (August to March)

EJ Biffin Playing Fields

Fred Brain Ave, Nambucca Heads

For further information please contact Tracey Cheers on  
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