

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Term 3 Week 3

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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 3.

On Wednesday, our debaters narrowly lost to Stuarts Point, which leaves them with 2 wins and 2 losses in the Round Robin stage of this competition and I have been lucky enough to see a few of the debates. The boys have done an excellent job this year, improving with every debate. Debating is a tricky activity that requires students to think on their feet and follow certain structures that are part of the debating process. Congratulations to Mrs Leahy and her team on their efforts this year.

Thank you to all of our school community for making the time to help us celebrate NAIDOC Day on Thursday. Aunty Nerida and our NAIDOC team did a wonderful job organising the activities and delicious lunch. Our special assembly was a real highlight with official guest speakers Rhonda Hoban (Mayor) and Uncle Rob Bryant helping us celebrate the day. Aunty Nerida did a great job dedicating the two unique chairs donated by Nambucca Heads High School to Aunty Violet and Uncle Rob Edwards. These two very special Elders have done so much for our school and we will think of them every day when we see the chairs. It was also an opportunity to present Ms Colleen Edwards with her official teacher's certificate. Colleen has now completed her accreditation and it was wonderful to be able to celebrate her achievements with our wider school community. Well done Ms Edwards!

On Friday Mr Freebairn, Ms McArthur, Miss Wesley and I headed over to Coffs Harbour for the PSSA Touch Football Knockout. The girls played better with every game and ended up winning 2 games and losing 1. The boys won their way through to the semi-finals, but were beaten by 2 tries in a very close game. We now continue our training to prepare for the Macksville Touch Tournament late in August. I am sure that both our teams will be ready to go!

This Tuesday will be an exciting opportunity for our talented Literacy students as kids from Years 3 – 6 take on the UNSW English Test. This is not a departmental test, and is designed for the most capable readers in each school across the South East Pacific. We have purchased tests for 4 students in each grade and will be sure to let you know how well they perform on the international stage. We will be completing the same tests in mathematics later in the term.

Academic excellence can often be pushed to the background amongst the day to day activities in schools and this will be something that we will be addressing through several avenues over the coming years. Mrs Julie Daley will be taking on our Tournament of the Minds team this term. This is the first time our school has been involved in this high end, lateral thinking activity and many of the kids are very excited. Our team of 7 students from Stage 3 will be presented with a challenge, and they will need to create a dramatic presentation that shows an understanding of the challenge and presents a clever and thoughtful solution. The team will be working together each Thursday and performing on Sunday in about 5 weeks' time.

Thursday will see our PSSA Basketball Team take on Kendall down at the High School. The game is at 12:00pm and should be a great challenge for our boys and their coach Miss Baker.

We will be finishing off the week with the District Athletics Carnival. We have over 40 students involved who are 8 years and older, so it should be a great day. Miss Morrison and I will be in attendance. All students are to meet at school as usual and we will head down to EJ Biffin after we have taken the roll. Full sports uniform is to be worn and as with participation in any school representative activity we expect classroom and playground behaviour to reflect our school philosophy of care, respect, responsibility and safety at all times.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Diary

Term 3

Thurs 31st July

Basketball

FPVC PS V Kendall PS

12pm

Thurs 31st July

Education Week
Awards

5.30pm at Bowraville
Central School

Fri 1st August

Wear your jeans on
Jeans for Genes Day

Fri 1st Aug

District Athletics
Carnival

Wed 27th Aug

Newcastle Permanent
Maths Competition
Years 5 & 6

Tues 2nd Sep

Father's Day Stall

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week
birrimba
meaning
embrace/hug

Jeans for Genes Day

One in twenty children is born with a congenital abnormality or genetic disease. That's over 12,000 children born in Australia each year. Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) is dedicated to changing this.

CMRI has been a pioneer in the field of pediatric medical research since its inception in 1958.

Its many achievements include increasing survival rates of premature babies, establishing Australia's first research unit for newborns, developing life-saving microsurgery techniques, and introducing vaccines that protect against a number of potentially fatal or disabling childhood diseases.

When you support Jeans for Genes you are helping unravel cures for future generations of children.

CMRI's vital work does not receive guaranteed government funding and relies on community support.

Frank Partridge VC PS is again supporting this worthy cause. This Friday, children and staff are asked to wear jeans to school and to bring along a GOLD COIN DONATION to support the CMRI.

This week there will also be **Jeans For Genes** merchandise for sale:

\$3 Jeans for Genes denim pocket tissues, \$5 badges, \$6 pens and \$8 bracelets (see Mrs Daley).

Life Education Van

Week 5 & 6 will see the Life Education Van visit our school to teach our children about healthy living.

The cost will be \$3 each child. What a bargain! Notes will be sent home soon.

Premier Sporting Challenge

This week, students began a 10 week sporting challenge. All students will participate by doing 15 minutes of activities daily with their classes. Please make sure your child has plenty of healthy food to eat!

From the Library

Thank you to students and families for supporting *The Great Book Swap* on NAIDOC Day. Money raised will be gratefully received by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy new books for Indigenous students in remote communities.

Book Club

Order forms have been issued. If you wish to place an order please send correct money and order form in an envelope to the office by Friday 1st August.



Loomband Watch Kits

Loomband Watch Kits are now on sale daily in the quad. Anyone can purchase one of these fashionable watches in the morning before school. They come in pink, purple, green or orange! All money raised will go towards the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra.

School Fees

Please find enclosed in today's newsletter an envelope for this term's instalment of school fees.

School photos went home last week!

Caught Being Good

Charlotte Kearney 4/3W-Helping @ My Library, Mitchel Summers Wholly-For being excellent in Peer Support, Taj Judd 2/1E-Beautiful lining up, Zara Brown 6/5S-Working well in PDHPE, Nick Schram 6/5S-Great Sportsmanship, Ayla Ashenhurst 6/5L-Working well in PDHPE, Olivia Lane 4/3M-Great sportsmanship @ Chess, Tyreece Buchanan SU2.

NAIDOC DAY



CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 30th July	THURSDAY 31st July	FRIDAY 2nd August	MONDAY 28 July
Name: _____ Class: _____ Apricot Chicken with Steamed Rice Price \$4.50 small \$6.50 large	Name: _____ Class: _____ Chilli Chicken Burger with cheese, lettuce, mayo & sweet chilli sauce Price \$4.00	Name: _____ Class: _____ Spaghetti Bolognaise Topped with cheese Price \$4.00 small \$6.00 large	Name: _____ Class: _____ 3 Party Pies with Sauce Tom/BBQ Nippy Flavoured Milk Choc/Strawberry Price: \$4.00
A big thank you to all my volunteers who helped at the Athletics Carnival. Your help on the day and throughout the year is very much appreciated. Thanks again. Sharlene. Canteen helpers are still needed each week!			

COMMUNITY NEWS

Triple P Seminars – Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Session 1: Tuesday 5th August 2014 - THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING **Session 2:** Tuesday 12th August 2014 - RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN



Session 3: Tuesday 19th August 2014 - RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Where: Macksville Public School

FREE childcare is available - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - as spaces are limited

To find out more or to book in to a free seminar please contact Terri or Sue on 65681474



Yarrahapinni Festival Canadian Tournament

The Stuart's Point Tennis Club will be hosting a Canadian Tennis Tournament on Saturday 30th August commencing at 9:30 am. Competitors will need to register and pay their \$5 entry by 9:15am on the morning of the Tournament.

However players intending to participate need to contact Kay on 65690210 at least one week prior to the event.

Each competitor will play five sets of competition tennis. There will be two categories, Male and Female with \$50 prize money for the winner of each category.

This would be a great opportunity for any youth players to participate.

Each player plays as an individual and keeps a record of their own game score in each set. However, this score must be given to the recorder following each set and the total for five sets will determine the winners.

Each set will consist of 8 games and after 4 games each player will change partners.

Come along and support the Yarrahapinni Festival and enjoy some great tennis!

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:

20th 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

0438 685253 or Lisa McKay on 65648553.