

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*

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Term 3 Week 4

5th August, 2014

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3. As we approach the half way mark of the term the days are certainly flying by!

Last week was highlighted by the presentation of 3 Education Week Awards at a ceremony in Bowraville on Thursday night. Our school recognised the achievements of staff member John Close,, community member Colin McCurley and student Chloe Martin. John, Col and Chloe are all worthy recipients and make a huge difference to our school on a day to day basis. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank them for their efforts and congratulate them on their awards. It was wonderful to see such a large staff contingent willing to make the trip to Bowraville on Thursday night. Frank Partridge VC PS was certainly well represented both on and off the stage.



Our PSSA Basketball Knockout boys went down in a nail-biter on Thursday to Kendall PS. Despite giving away a huge height advantage to their opposition, our boys really took it to Kendall with the game coming down to the last minute with only 2 points the difference! Ms Baker is very proud of the boys, not only for their efforts throughout the game but for the spirit in which they played. It was a real feature on the day. Well done boys! With most of our team only in Year 5 the future looks bright for 2015!

I had the privilege of attending the District Athletics Carnival on Friday with Miss Morrison. I am very proud of all of our athletes! They tried their best in their respective events and set a wonderful standard both on and off the track. We have a team of about 10 students heading to Coffs on August the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Mid North Coast Carnival. Notes went home after the carnival and parents of students involved will need to coordinate their participation on the day. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation, then please contact me at school as soon as possible.

This week will see the start of our Read-a-thon activities. Students will bring home a sponsorship form and log book for their reading. The idea of the Read-a-thon is to encourage students to read at home and enjoy the wonderful world of books on a regular basis. Obtaining sponsorship is completely voluntary, but it does raise much needed funds for literacy and other school resources. There are some great prizes for those students who get involved and get reading. Mrs Coulter will be coordinating the program so please give her a ring should you have any questions.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee over the coming weeks. All students will be participating in a class Spelling Bee. It is quite a formal process and certainly tests the spelling ability of the students. 2 students from each class will then be selected to participate in the School Spelling Bee to be held in the hall later in the term. From this level we will select 2 students from each stage to head over to Coffs Harbour for the Regional Finals with Mrs Coulter. We will be sure to let you know when our school Spelling Bee finals are on, as parents and carers would be warmly welcomed as an audience for this very interesting

## Diary

### Term 3

#### Fri 8th Aug

Education Week  
Open Day 12pm  
All Invited

#### Thurs 14th August

Cybersmart  
At Nambucca Heads  
High School  
5.30pm - 7pm

#### Sat 16th Aug

P&C Photo Day  
At school

#### Wed 27th Aug

Newcastle Permanent  
Maths Competition  
Years 5 & 6

#### Tues 2nd Sep

Father's Day Stall

#### Thurs 4th Sep

'Connect to Reading'  
Book Week Parade

### Gumbaynggirr Word of the Week

*wiigurr*  
meaning  
*warm*

and challenging activity.

A reminder about the P&C fundraiser that is booked in for **Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of August**. There will be a professional photographer set up at school taking family portraits. A framed family photo for \$15 is excellent value indeed and a great way to support our school as a percentage of money raised will go back to the P&C.

We will be celebrating Education Week on Friday with an Open Day for parents, carers and our wider school community. Our Open Day will begin at 12:00 noon with parents and carers invited to attend our Peer Support sessions on the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to see all of our students K-6 working together and providing support for one another throughout a student led activity. Parents and carers are then invited to attend our whole school assembly from 12:30pm in the school hall. Entertainment will be provided by Stage 2, both of our school bands and Kindergarten. There will be special awards presented and our school captains will be in action as they run the assembly. This is a great way for our school community to join together and celebrate the wonderful things that our students at Frank Partridge VC participate in each and every day. It is also a great opportunity to thank our fabulous staff for the care and enthusiasm that they show towards the education of *each and every individual student* in our school *each and every day!* Please join us if you can.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts so far this term! Staff, students, parents, carers and community are working together to ensure that the students in our care receive the very best education has to offer! Well done!

Have a great week.

Todd.

### Cybersmart

All parents, students and staff are invited and encouraged to attend Cybersmart at Nambucca Heads High School on Thursday 14th August from 5.30pm-7pm. This Federal Government initiative is an important presentation for students, parents and teaching staff.

The focus of this **free** presentation is to inform EVERYONE on internet safety. We hope many of our school community attend.

### Basketball

On 31 July 2014, the Frank Partridge Senior Boys Basketball Team played Kendall Public School at Nambucca Heads High School. We were up against a tall, imposing adversary, but right from the start our boys came out strong, using speed and defence to keep the opposition at bay. Kendall ran ahead in points at one stage of the game, but our boys were able to bring the scores level in the final quarter. Kendall scored two quick baskets, but to the team's credit, our boys never gave up and only lost by one basket when the final siren blew. We have now been knocked out of the public school competition, but many of our boys will be here again next year! We are so proud of the effort, commitment and sportsmanship all players demonstrated throughout this whole competition. Congratulations and well done. Miss Baker (Coach), Peter Bula (Assistant Coach)



### Caught Being Good

Zane Beuzeville 4/5M-Putting equipment away, Hannah Deger 6/5M-Walking and being nice, Miranda Mackeney KC-Honesty, Keira Donovan 2/1E-Helping @ My Library, Jade Crawley 6/5S-Helping @ My Library

### Class Merit Awards

**SU2:** Sharaiah Edwards, Buzz Griffin, Rodrick Darcy, **Miss Baker:** Damian Parkins, Tyler Boswell, Brennan Wilson, William Urquhart, **KC:** Caitlyn Jones, Cooper Wilson, **KD:** Dallas Taylor, Ciara Carey, **2/1C:** Codie Jae Little, Jagen McLeod Jones, **2/1E:** Nicholas Stone, Bianca Wilson, Drew Argent, **2/1H:** Ava Lennox Miles, Fiona Holloway, **4/3W:** Lacey Wilson, Mitchel Summers Whally, Emma Cox, **6/5L:** Martina Wellington, Jerrai Dahlstrom, **6/5M:** Jake Pearson, Belle Elphick-Ttloouu, **6/5S:** Jayden Wallace Skinner, Penny Stadhams.





Thank you to Emma Wall and her mum Rosemary for bringing baby chickens in to Kindergarten!





## CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 6th August	THURSDAY Thurs 7th August	FRIDAY 8th August	MONDAY 9th August
Name: _____ Class: _____ Beef and Bean Nachos \ (Beef mince, kidney beans, corn chips, cheese and sour cream  Price \$5.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Bacon and Egg Roll with sauce BBQ/TOM  Price \$4.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Honey Soy Chicken Wings and Fried Rice  Price \$4.50 small \$6.50 large	Name: _____ Class: _____ 6 Dino Chicken Snacks Sauce Tom/BBQ Nippy Flavoured Milk Choc/Strawberry Price: \$5.50
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

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Across August Majestic Cinemas Nambucca Heads will be screening a different DISNEY PRINCESS film each weekend, with TICKETS only \$6 ea.

### Calling all adventurous kids (and kids at heart)...

The Nambucca Valley Cycle Club invites you to a **FAMILY-FRIENDLY** mountain bike event at Jacks Ridge Track, off Old Coast Road, Nambucca Heads.



**8am:** Registrations open

**9am:** Participation Ride for all ages and abilities on 4km course.

Cost \$5 per rider for participation license (provides insurance cover)

**10am** Competitive Cross Country race on 8km course. Choose from A Grade- 5 laps; B Grade- 4 laps; C Grade- 3 laps; D Grade- 2 laps; E Grade- 1 lap.

Cost \$10 per rider **plus** \$20 day license for those without MTBA membership.

- BBQ and drinks will be on sale -

- Dress up yourself, your bike or your helmet to win prizes! -

For track directions and enquiries, visit Nambucca Valley Cycle Club on facebook, email [nvcc55@gmail.com](mailto:nvcc55@gmail.com) or ring Jemma Burtonwood on 0416337164.

**\* Note all riders must wear an approved cycle helmet, closed in shoes and have a bike in good working order.**