

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*



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Term 4 Week 10

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Welcome to Week 10 of Term 4. Not long to go now. I would like to start with a special mention in regards to all of the work that Lee Symington does on our newsletter each week. Lee slaves away quietly each Monday and Tuesday, often with a very tight deadline if I get distracted and fail to get my report in on time. Our newsletter looks great each and every week with lots of colour photos and stories about what is going on at your child's school. Thank you Lee! You are a superstar!

Reports are almost complete and ready to go. Many hours have been put in by your child's teacher after school and on the weekends to ensure our reports are user friendly, accurate and personal. Please read the comments on your child's report carefully, and be sure to contact the school should you have any questions or concerns. Whilst grades are important they often do not reflect high quality progress or the effort that your child has put in throughout the year. The teacher comment and effort grade are key indicators of your child's progress and level of engagement. I have read each and every report once again this year and I have noticed a real increase in the quality of the comments. We hope that you find them informative and accurate. Reports go home on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December and will be addressed to parents and carers in a sealed envelope.

Mrs Coulter has been slaving away in our library over the past few weeks installing a new operating system called "Oliver". Robin has done an incredible job with a very tricky changeover, working lots of extra hours to make sure our library is set up perfectly for next year.

Family Fun Night was a huge success again this year. Mrs Leahy was instrumental in pulling together the amazing performances on the night and each stage made time in their busy days to ensure that items were polished and sounding great. Our community came out in force, which was wonderful. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their evening to help out with announcing, items, technology and the kitchen. Our school plan lists the importance of community as one of our strategic directions and it was great to see our entire school community come together to acknowledge the great year that we have had.

This week all eyes have focussed on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, our 2015 Presentation Day. This is an opportunity for our whole school community to come together and celebrate the achievements of students, acknowledge the efforts of our staff and enjoy looking back on an awesome year. The day will begin at 9:30am sharp and we would love to see as many parents, carers, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles and grandparents in attendance as possible. Throughout the ceremony we will be identifying excellence in all aspects of your child's school life, as well as announcing our School Captains and Prefects for 2016. Hope to see you there - might even get the suit and tie out!

The next key date of celebration for our students and families will be our Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm in the hall. Year 6 students and FPVC staff will share a meal then be joined by Year 5 for a special end-of-year farewell dance. Formal presentations will be made at 8.45pm. Please ensure that you are ready to pick your child up at 9pm. We cannot let anyone walk home after a school event unsupervised.

There are lots of end-of-year stage events happening in the last week of school. Infants are heading to Yarrahapinni, Stage 2 to Main Beach and Stage 3 have a water slide and activity afternoon organised. Please be sure to check bags for notes and information.

Enjoy your last few days of 2015. Todd.

## Diary

**Wed 9th Dec**  
Presentation Day

**Fri 11th Dec**  
Fun Run

2pm-3pm

**Mon 14th Dec**  
Reports Go Home!  
Stage 1 Fun Day

Stage 2  
End of Year  
Party at the  
Beach!

**Tues 15th Dec**  
FPVC X Factor  
Talent Quest

Year 6 Farewell

**Wed 16th Dec**  
Stage 3  
Waterslide Day  
Last Day for Kids

**Thurs 28th Jan**  
Students Return  
**Thurs 28th Jan &  
Fri 29th Jan**  
Best Start  
**Mon 1st Feb**  
Kinder Starts!



### Class Merit Awards

**KD:** Jordan Ferguson, Shanae Breust, **KL:** Charlie Smith, Xavier Carter, **2/1H:** Jayce Andrews, Kden Carter, **2/1W:** Asher Edwards, Katelyn Jones, **2/1E:** Skylar Condran, Osheiana Groves, Bailey Mackay, Joshua Cleary, Miranda Mackney, **4/3F:** Max Bowen, Bailey Chaseling, Makayla Lamb, Marley Dahlstrom, **4/3D:** Beau Hussell, Charli Daddow, **4/3M:** Drew Argent, Charlie Craig, **6/5L:** Baili Tredinnick, Anthony Gordon-Lichaa, **6/5S:** Ella Buchanan, Jamison Rigby, Shaylee Farnsworth, **6/5N:** Hannah Deger, Lawrence Witt, Cody Larkin, Emma Cox, Jade Crawley, Jeremy Higgins, **SCP:** Sharaiah Ridgeway, Jacob Howle, Buzz Griffin, Rodrick Darcy, Mitchell Barber, Shaela Little, **SCB:** Damian Parkins, Liam Brown, Will Urquhart, Tyler Boswell, Brennan Wilson, DJ Witt, Jesse McMahon.

Congratulations!



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____  CHICKEN BURGERS WITH AIOLI OR MAYO  PRICE: \$4.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____  PARTY DAY HOT DOG WITH SAUCE ON A ROLL PRICE: \$3.50 PARTY FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE	NAME _____ CLASS _____  HONEY SOY CHICKEN WINGS WITH FRIED RICE  PRICE: \$6.50 LARGE \$4.50 SMALL	NAME _____ CLASS _____  3 PARTY PIES SAUCE PADDLE POP  PRICE: \$4.50

## Community News

# Kids Christmas Konnections

## Christmas Craft

For Kids & Families

**Kick off the Christmas Season with Family Fun**

**Wrapping paper, Decorations, Angels**

**NAMBUCCA ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2PM - 4PM**

**BOWRAVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2PM - 4PM**

(for further information or bookings please call 6568 9029)




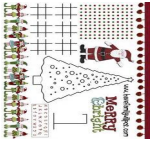




The Valla Beach Community Association invites you to come along and embrace the Christmas spirit by joining with your family, neighbours and wider community in the Community Carol Singing. This event will take place from 6pm - 9pm on Friday the 11th December at Valla Beach Reserve (Lions' Park).











We encourage you and your family and friends to come along with your picnic blanket and/or folding chairs and a picnic tea. You could also purchase hot food and ice-cream from the various food vendors who will be in attendance and enjoy the pre-carols entertainment provided by the Macksville Primary School Circus Troupe.

Carols will commence at 7pm. You will be invited to join in a time of community carol singing as well as enjoying some light entertainment.

The carols will be led by volunteers from Bowraville Theatre Singers and the Nambucca Valley Brass Band. Santa will make an appearance and the evening will culminate with a display of fireworks!

Glo-candles and Glo-sticks will be available for purchase at the event and song sheets will be provided.

*****PRE-XMAS AT NAMBUCCA CENTRE ONLY*****					
Thursday 17/12/15  <b>HOOORAY , it's holiday time</b>  	Friday 18/12/15  <b>Yummy Xmas Lunch</b>   	Monday 21/12/15  <b>CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES</b>  	Tuesday 22/12/15  <b>Christmas tattoos, nail polish and coloured hair spray</b>  <i>Make Reindeer Food - to take home</i>	Wednesday 23/12/15  <b>Making Reindeer Biscuits</b>  	Thursday 24/12/15  <b>XMAS EVE</b>  <b>Christmas activities &amp; Free Play</b>  
<b>Making Xmas decorations</b>  	<b>Xmas Frankfurt Wreath, fruit Santas, fairy Xmas trees, jolly jellies &amp; summer salad</b>  <b>Cost: \$5.00</b>	<b>DECORATING A HUMAN</b>  			
<p>Thursday 17th &amp; Friday 18th December are pupil-free days for NSW Government Schools. From 17th until 24th December we will open at the Nambucca Centre ONLY (Frank Partridge VC Primary School). Macksville Centre will operate from Monday 4th January 2016. All children who are registered with Macksville Vacation Care are very welcome to attend the Nambucca centre prior to 4/1/16. To assist Macksville children to settle into a new environment, staff from our Macksville centre will be working at our Nambucca Centre during that time.</p> <p><b>BILLY KARTS</b> - Donations of items such as wheels, axels, wood offcuts etc would be very appreciated to assist in making the carts.</p> <p><b>FEES:</b> Fees owing over \$10.00 need to be paid before a booking can be accepted. Families may be required to pay upfront if there have been previous issues with accounts. Fees owing under \$10.00 are to be paid on the first morning of care. Fees are to be paid daily unless an agreement has been made between parent and Coordinator for an invoice to be issued at the conclusion of holidays. Excursion &amp; activity costs must be paid on or before the day. Non-attendance on excursion days will attract an extra charge of up to \$10.00 per child if we have not received at least 24 hrs' notice. Please remember that we must close both centres at 6pm promptly. Late fees of \$10 per 15 mins will apply. <b>Contact Nambucca 0431 233 594, Macksville 0419 271 308 or Co-ordinator 0407 141 804.</b></p> <p><b>CLOTHING:</b> Please ensure your children are prepared for the hotter weather - no thongs or strappy singlets. Children will be directed to play in the shade between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as much as possible. As Frank Partridge VC Primary School is located in a high fire-risk area, Nambucca families should read the letter regarding bush fire arrangements.</p> <p><b>ELECTRONIC MEDIA:</b> As a precaution to possible privacy issues arising through photos or videos posted on social media sites, staff and management have made the decision that iPads, iPods, mobile phones and DSs are <b>not</b> to be brought to Vacation Care. Monitoring the content, care and use of these devices by children as well as other children wanting to borrow them is causing difficulties for staff. The centres have their own iPads which have been loaded with age-appropriate games for the children to access within monitored timeframes. We provide and encourage children to engage in a variety of physical and creative activities to promote their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Nambucca Valley Children's Group Inc. (our management group) are continually reviewing policies. Anyone wishing to access a copy is very welcome to contact us on 65681474 for more information.</p>					
					Nambucca Centre Pickup- After 5:30pm please use side door for safety reasons.  Remember to check for any lost property  Please remember to Slip, Stop Slap. Sunscreen is provided. Please bring a hat & drink bottle.  <b>Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</b> <b>Have a Safe Holiday!</b>  <b>***Excursions***</b> Please be at the centre by 9:15am.

Monday 4/1/16 Making 2016 Calendars and Holiday Diaries	Tuesday 5/1/16 <b>Dip, wraps 'n' rolls, Buffet style lunch</b>  <b>Cost: \$5.00</b>	Wednesday 6/1/16 Make a tie-dyed library bag for our <u>Library</u> visit "more than just books"	Thursday 7/1/16 Around the world Sports Challenges.  <b>Iron-on beads</b> Cooking: Banana pancakes	Friday 8/1/16 <b>Nambucca Cinema</b>  <b>Cost: \$20 includes bus, movie, popcorn &amp; drink</b>	<u><b>Library Visit</b></u> <b>Nambucca:</b> Frank Partridge School Li- brary <b>Macksville:</b> walking excursion to Macks- ville Library
Monday 11/1/16 <b>WHEELS DAY</b>  <i>Rides, obstacle course, learn road safety, decorate your wheels. Don't forget your helmet</i>	Tuesday 12/1/16 <b>WET &amp; MESSY PLAY DAY</b>  <b>Jelly Eating Competition</b>	Wednesday 13/1/16 <b>Excursion to Coffs</b>  <b>Cost: \$20.00</b>	Thursday 14/1/16 <b>Scratch Art Designs</b>  Oz Tag Games & Comps	Friday 15/1/16 <b>EXCURSION:</b> <b>Scotts Head</b> - sand modelling & beach games  <b>Cost: \$10.00</b>	<b>Wet &amp; Messy Play Day:</b> bring a towel and spare clothes  <b>Scotts Head Reserve excursion:</b> please note children will not be swimming today
Monday 18/1/16 <b>Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre (slides included)</b>  <div>Cost: \$8.00</div>	Tuesday 19/1/16 <b>3D Art &amp; Billy Carts</b>  Making Billy Carts with the Men's Shed 	Wednesday 20/1/16 <b>SCIENCE EXPERI- MENTS</b>  Out and about walking excursion	Thursday 21/1/16 <b>TRENT MUNRO SURF EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>  <b>Excursion to Bellwood</b> \$18.00 - swim program, bus & lunch – hot chips & bread, juice or flavoured milk	Friday 22/1/16 <b>COLOUR PARTY</b>  <b>-wear bright and beauti- ful colours. - music and dancing - colourful cooking - competitions</b>	<b>Billy Carts</b> - donations of wheels, wood, ropes, axels are ap- preciated <b>Trent Munro Excur- sion:</b> info is available at centre
Monday 25/1/16 <b>Australia Day Festivities</b> 	<div><b>Nambucca Valley After School Care</b></div> <p>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. Children from working &amp; non-working families are welcome. The centre is open from 3.00 pm till 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday. Fees start at \$4.81 per child (with Child Care Benefits &amp; Child Care Rebate). 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 <a href="mailto:vaccare@bigpond.com">vaccare@bigpond.com</a>. Enrolment is necessary before children attend.</p>				
Gumboot & thong throwing, damper, races & competitions					