

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future



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Newsletter Issue 5

Term 1 Week 6

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1.

Our parent information sessions have been quite well attended over the past few weeks. 4/3F will conduct the last of the primary class sessions with the infants sessions occurring later in the term. This has been a great way for our parents and carers to touch base with their child's teacher and support the development of an individualised program that suits their child's specific needs. Please make sure that you make the most of these opportunities and get in to see your child's teacher at some time this term if you could not make the meeting at the designated time.

Pink Stumps Day was a great success. Cass did a great job organising the day with a staff raffle and a charity cricket match in the hall. The Pink Panthers reigned supreme for the second year in a row against My All-Stars but we have a plan for next year. Braiden Jarrett was 'Man of the Match', with some wonderful stroke play, and Jake Jones really set the scene for the match with some wonderful sportsmanship both in the field and while batting. Aunty Nerida dropped three catches so she may be relegated to twelfth man next year.

A key feature of our plans this year is to ensure that all of our staff have the opportunity to participate in relevant professional learning. This will be evident in our school plan. Last week we had 4 infant's staff attend Smithtown PS for an L3 literacy session, 2 exec attended our Community of Leaders Network and Mr Freebairn attended a Rugby League Coaches Clinic. Throughout the year all staff will be attending professional learning in a variety of areas to ensure that we have all the skills necessary to engage and support your child.

Thursday is our busy day this week with a visit from Jann Farmer-Hailey. Jann is the co-ordinator for Early Action for Success and is working closely with our Instructional Leader, Christie Williams and our infants team to ensure that we are giving our infants kids their very best start to their Literacy and Numeracy learning. We also have a visit from Catherine Sale who is the Reading Recovery Tutor for Mrs Beauchamp and our school.

Thursday evening is our Stage 2 and Stage 3 social. All monies raised from this social will be going towards our Stage 3 excursion. The next social will be supporting the Stage 2. These nights are always well attended. The social starts at 5:00 and ends at 7:00 sharp. Cost is \$5 a student or \$10 a family and this includes a drink and packet of chips. These nights are always lots of fun, so we hope to see everyone come along and get their groove on!

Diary

Wed 4th March

Zone Swimming

Thurs 5th March

Stage 2 & 3 Social
Theme - Colourful

Thurs 12th March

District Soccer
Selection Trials
Urunga

Friday 13th March

Mini Roos Soccer
Carnival

District Rugby League
Selection Trials
Bellingen

Mon 16th March

Vision Screening
Kindergarten

Tues 17th March

MNC Soccer Trials
Coffs Harbour

Wed 18th March

Netball Schools Cup

Tues 24th March

Year 6 Peer Support
Training



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Finally, it seems that some people have taken to playing in our school grounds after school hours. Whilst they are not doing any damage and seem to be looking after our school it is important to realise that schools are enclosed grounds and it is illegal to be on them after school hours. If the gates are locked then please remain outside them, for your own safety.

Have a great week.

Todd.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey for Years 4-6

This term, our school will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our Year 4-6 students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Family Fete Day

Don't forget we are holding our Family Fete Day on Saturday the 28th March. We are holding the fete on State Election day, so make sure when you are voting, you come and have some fun while supporting our school.

If you are able to help out on the day please contact the Front Office. Thank you.



Pink Stumps Day

Last week's Pink Stumps Day was a huge success! Our school raised \$639 from merchandise, raffles and donations, with all proceeds going to the McGrath Foundation! Well done everyone.

And it was Cass' team, The Pink Panthers who won!!



4/3M have been baking
ANZAC cookies with
Miss Elle!



Class Merit Awards

Caught Being Good: Charlotte Kearney 6/5S, Shaela Little SU2 - Wearing a hat, Maddison Gordon-Lichaa - Sitting in Quad, Samuel Donovan 6/5N, Kenny Walker KL - Walking in Quad, Richard Carey 4/3D - Walking in Quad.

KD: Cohen Johnson, Jade Judd, **KL:** Lily Cox, Iana Mackay, **2/1H:** Amelia Jones, Taj Judd, **2/1E:** Miranda Mackney, Codie Little, Cooper Wilson, **2/1W:** Bianca Wilson, Zac Urquhart, **4/3D:** Yolanda Jones, Matthew Daley, **4/3M:** Isabelle Salway, Daniel McElroy, **4/3F:** Bailey Chaseling, Lacey Wilson, **6/5N:** McKeely Ricaud, Jonah Edwards, **6/5L:** Anthony Gordon-Lichaa, Sonja Stone, **6/5S:** Penny Stadhams, Olivia Lane, **SU2:** Jacob Howle, **Miss Elle:** Aynsley McEachran.

Class of the Week - 6/5L
Congratulations

Stage 3 HSIE Unit on Aussie Aussie Aussie

Incorporating Indigenous perspectives on body painting.



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____ STEAK SANDWICH WITH ONION & SAUCE PRICE: \$4.50 WITH SALAD \$ 6.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ CHICKEN BURGER WITH CAESAR DRESSING PRICE: \$4.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ LINGUINE PASTA WITH CHICKEN, SUNDRIED TOMATOES, LITE CREAMY PESTO SAUCE TOPPED WITH PARMESAN CHEESE PRICE: \$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	NAME _____ CLASS _____ SAUSAGE ROLL SAUCE FRUIT JUICE (ORANGE, APPLE, PASSIO) PRICE: \$4.25

Community News

Get off your screen - try Scouts!

Parents – do you want your son or daughter to get away from a screen and be more active? If so, talk to them about joining our local Scout group. Scouts meet each Tuesday during term time from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Scout Hall in Partridge Street, Macksville. Scouts do lots of fun things like camping, canoeing, hiking, map reading, first aid, cooking and craft.

Why not contact us now to find out how to get started - we offer a four week try out period for a single payment of \$30 (which provides insurance cover).

Scouts is for kids aged 10 ½ to 15 years. If you are younger you can come join the **Cubs** section (aged 7 ½ to 11 years, who meet on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm) or if older, the **Venturers** section (aged 14 ½ to 18 years, who meet on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm).

Want to know more? Call our Group Leader Anissa Ruitenberg

6569 6157 (ah) or 0417 448 204 or visit www.nambuccavalley scouts.org.au for more info!

Nambucca Valley Basketball Club is holding a registration day on Mon. 9th March 4pm, at the Macksville Indoor Stadium for Junior Basketball. Registration is \$20 per player for the year, with a \$5 weekly game fee. Parents or guardians will be required to sign forms for insurance purposes. New players aged 8-14 are welcome; no experience is necessary. Phone Michelle on 0428 452 277 (evenings), or just turn up.



INDIGENOUS ATHLETE TALENT ASSESSMENT

The QBE Sydney Swans Academy are holding an Athlete Talent Assessment for talented Indigenous males aged 11 – 15 years.

The assessment will be conducted by Academy Head Coach Michael O'Loughlin. Sydney Swans players and coaches will also be in attendance.

The assessment will not be AFL specific and participants will be tested on their skills over a variety of sports.

When: Thursday 5th March, 2015 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

Where: C-ex Coffs International Stadium

How: Athletes must register via phone 02 9339 9150 or email academy@sydney swans.com.au with the Sydney Swans Academy or through their school Sports Master.

Registered players will be provided transport to and from the assessment from their local school.

EP Physical Culture Urunga

EP Physi has commenced at the Urunga Senior Citizen's Hall (behind the Seafood Takeaway) for pre-schoolers through to ladies classes. A fun and affordable way to keep fit.

For details contact Sue on 66500717 or www.epphysi.com.au