

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future



PO Box 288 Centenary Parade Nambucca Heads NSW 2448 Phone 6568 7100 Fax 6568 9147

Email frankpart-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Newsletter Issue 11

Term 2 Week 3

4th May, 2015

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 2. I trust everyone managed to stay dry over the very wet weekend. We have been reminding the kids to stay out of storm water drains and other exciting looking places throughout this wet period. Please do the same at home.

Bus travel to and from school is not a right, it is a service provided by the State Government that has rules and regulations. If you wish for your child to use this service then they need a bus pass. If they do not have a bus pass then they will need \$2 to pay for the fare. Any variations to routines involving bus travel must be accompanied with the appropriate money and a note or phone call to the school. Our bus companies and their drivers are very understanding and always take the kids, even if nothing has been organised and our school will support parents and carers to apply for bus passes, even when they are initially declined. Please let us know if there is any way we can help to further streamline this service.

Congratulations to the girls who participated in the MNC Netball Trials in Coffs on Wednesday. All of the girls played really well. Lewina Donovan was selected in the team to attend the North Coast Trials in Grafton and should be very proud of her efforts. Thanks to Mrs Bekis and Cass for all their work with the girls. We still have the PSSA Knockout rounds to go so netball is still all go at lunch time and recess.

NAIDOC is fast approaching and our AB ED Committee is working tirelessly to pull together a great program of celebration for our community. The date is yet to be set in concrete but we will be sure to let our community know as soon as we can so that we can all be involved in this great day of celebration.

Our priority maintenance works were set throughout the week. Our school is still waiting on some toilet upgrades from last year and we have identified guttering, painting and the front office as priorities for this round of funding. More will be explained at our next P&C meeting, so come along and find out a little more about how we are working to make our school the very best learning environment for your child. For many of our parents the P&C is just not an option. PLEASE feel free to send me an email at any stage should you have any questions about our school in any area. This is a great way to stay involved, with our busy lifestyles and competing demands.

The kids are to be commended on their maturity and sense of responsibility throughout last week. Wet days at school can be a real pain with kids cooped up all day, but our students were excellent. Thanks also to our wonderful teachers who give up their breaks during times like these to ensure our kids have something constructive to do as they burn their energy during the wet weather breaks. Our school is absolutely blessed with staff who regularly give of their time even in dry weather to make sure there are a range of activities available to our kids in the breaks. We are very lucky indeed!

At the time of printing we were planning to hold our School Cross Country, after the mess on Friday with the weather. The weather is looking a bit ominous, so if it was on today, your child will be able to tell you if they have progressed to the next level. If it wasn't on today, we will look at holding it tomorrow, even if the ground is wet, so long as it is safe. It may be an idea to send in a spare pair of shoes and socks tomorrow.

Diary

Tues 5th May
Mothers' Day
Stall

Fri 8th May
District Cross
Country in
Bowraville

Tues 12th,
Wed 13th,
Thurs 14th May
NAPLAN

Thurs 7th May
GRIP
Leadership
Conference
Coffs Harbour

Fri 15th May
Round 2 PSSA
Footy

Mon 25th May
MNC Touch
Football
Boys & Girls
Toormina

Wed 27th May
School Public
Speaking
Competition

The District Cross Country will be held in Bowraville on Friday. We have set some strict rules in regards to participation at District level this year. All runners wishing to progress to District will need to complete our school course without stopping. The School Cross Country is all about participation, and as such all students will be involved. District representation is about participation and effort, and as such we will only be rewarding those students who really engage in the school-level activity with District selection. Representative honours are available to 8 year olds and up. We will be taking a bus on the day, so please return permission notes and money to the office as soon as possible.

Our P&C Mother's day stall will be held this Tuesday. Please send in up to \$5 so that kids can purchase some of the great gifts that our tireless P&C team have been putting together. Let me also take this opportunity to wish all of our Mums a happy Mother's Day. You make a real difference in your child's life and deserve to be thanked on this very special occasion. Happy Mother's Day!

This Thursday we will be taking a team of 12 young leaders from Stage 3 to the Grip Leadership Conference in Coffs Harbour. I had the pleasure of attending this event last year and I am really looking forward to taking this team of school representatives. It is a real credit to our Stage 3 students that we are taking such a large team this year. Several of the students had to write a submission in regards to why they would like to attend this conference and what they think makes a great leader.

As scary as it may sound we are already preparing our report templates for the end of term. We have attempted to make the reports more user friendly this semester, with the addition of grades into CAPA and PDHPE Key Learning Areas and the removal of comments. This will give teachers more freedom to comment on the areas of strength for your particular child, and also remove many of the comments that are very similar if not the same, due to the nature of the 2 curriculum areas. I would welcome any feedback or comments on the new format.

Keep an eye out for our 2014 Annual School Report this week. It will be uploaded to our school website and available for pick up in the office. The School Plan for 2014 – 2017 will also be completed very soon. Student, community and staff have all had the opportunity to have some input into this document. We have set 3 strategic directions: Engagement, Community and Potential. This is a working document and, once again, I would welcome any feedback once we have presented it to staff, the P&C and our community.

Don't forget our NAPLAN days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. We need all Year 5 and Year 3 students at school unless exemptions have been granted. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to see what they are doing well and what they need to do better. It is not an assessment of your child's intellectual capability and we will make sure that all students sitting for this assessment are aware of the reasons behind it.

Finally I would like to share with you an interesting result that came out of the 'Tell Them From Me Survey' of our students. Out of the 95% of students surveyed more than 80% indicated a desire to attend university and extend their education. This was certainly a surprise to me and something that will really drive our school plan. Our students can see the value of an education and the opportunities that it will open up for them! Now we need to give them the tools, resilience, work ethic and drive needed to achieve this goal. This can only be done when we are all on board, we can all see the opportunities that an education can offer our kids and we all value the access to these opportunities. It is never too early to start talking to your kids about their goals, aspirations and dreams. We certainly do this at school and your support at home will make a real difference. Homework, home reading and attendance are all areas in which our wider school community holds the key. Thank you for your support thus far. Please be sure to be in contact should you have any questions, queries, concerns or ideas in regards to how we can make our school an even better teaching and learning environment for your child. By working together we can give our kids the opportunities to be their very best in all aspects of their development.



Where the Wild Things
Are
By
2/1H



The Very Hungry
Caterpillar
By
KD



Self
Portraits
by
4/3F

Our school prides itself on creating an inclusive environment where all children feel part of the bigger picture which is Frank Partridge VC Public School. From time to time we tweak things. Our support classes are just that. They are classrooms that support the very specific needs of some of our students who need this type of learning environment to succeed and be their best. In line with our inclusive philosophies, we will not be calling these classes 'support units' any more. This tends to give the image of a separate entity to the rest of our school and imply some sort of medical set up. Instead we will call them what they are, 'support classes'. Miss Baker's class will be SCB (Support Class Baker), or as it will now be called 'Super Cool Bears'. SCT will be Super Cool Tigers and SCP will be Super Cool Pandas.

Sometimes it is the little things that can make a big difference.

Have a great week. Todd.

Library News

Book club order forms were issued to students last week. Please send orders in an envelope, clearly marked with student name and class to the front office by **Wednesday May 6**.

Mrs Coulter

School Fees

A reminder that the Term 2 instalment of school fees are now due. Please find an envelope included in this week's newsletter. Fees are \$10 a term.

Stewart House

Please find enclosed in today's newsletter an envelope to support Stewart House. Please return to school by 8th May.



Australian Flora

Banksia

&

Wattle

By 6/5L and 6/5S

Caught Being Good

Talitha Andrews 4/3M - Beautiful colouring in, Clive Boney KD - Playing nicely, Caitlyn Jones 2/1H - Helping teachers, Jett Jarrett 6/5L - Helping Mrs Beauchamp, Kenny Walker KL, Cooper McEvoy KD - Walking in quad, Tyler Boswell MC - Playing with others, Mikaela Howle 2/1E - Playing nicely, Fiona Holloway 2/1W - Playing fair, Jack Kennedy 6/5L - Playing nicely, Iana Mackay KD - walking in quad.

Class Merit Awards

KD: Cohen Johnson, Etika Jarrett, **KL:** Charlie Smith, Travis Ingram, Mark Brown, **2/1W:** Bianca Wilson, Jamal Morris Smith, **2/1H:** Peter Stadhams, Amelia Jones, **2/1E:** Miranda Mackney, Skylar Condran, Joel Burke, **4/3D:** Malachi Jarrett, Lachlan Giles, **4/3F:** Lucy Smith, Bailey Chaseling, **SCP:** Jacob Howle, Rodrick Darcy, **SCB:** Tyler Boswell, Liam Brown, Will Urquhart, Brennan Wilson, Jesse McMahon (2/1H), **6/5S:** Lewina Donovan, Makayla Donovan, **6/5N:** Lachlan Barwick, Jonah Edwards, **6/5L:** Holly Behan, Brooke Heather.

Class of the Week

SCP - Super Cool Pandas

Congratulations

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____ BBQ CHICKEN & COLESLAW ROLL PRICE: \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ LAMB BURGERS WITH SOY & SWEET CHILLI SAUCE PRICE: \$5.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ SAVOURY MINCE & RICE PRICE: \$4.00 SMALL \$6.00 LARGE	NAME _____ CLASS _____ SAUSAGE ROLL & SAUCE NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC/STRAWBERRY) PRICE: \$4.50

Community News

Become a Volunteer Host Family this July!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our exchange students from Belgium, Denmark, Ecuador, Chile, Italy and the USA are young people like Matteo and Amelle, who look forward to experiencing a different culture and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Matteo (17) from Italy loves music! He is in a band called 'Washing Machine' and can play the guitar, piano and drums. He also enjoys rock climbing and basketball. Matteo tells us that he can't wait to touch down in Australia and experience the 'real' Aussie culture.

Armelle (17) from Belgium loves sports! She tells us that she dances twice a week, participates in a fitness class on Wednesdays and is beginning gymnastics classes. She also goes to scouts with her friends on Saturday mornings. Armelle is looking forward to discovering Australia, seeing the new landscapes and speaking English with her new host family!

Request a Full Information Pack Now!

Contact WEP Australia to request detailed program information and student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly www.wep.org.au or email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

A not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.

Mid North Coast Tutoring

Caryn Godwin

ABN: 27225153394

Does your child need help with reading, spelling or writing?

Are they having difficulties with Maths?

Do they need help with preparing for tests or completing homework?

I am a Qualified Teacher with 20 years experience who can assist your child to be better equipped with the skills and knowledge to improve their educational development.

Ph: 0437 300 827

email: mnctutoring@outlook.com



Be the best parent
you can be!

With **Triple P Seminars** - Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides

practical answers to everyday parenting concerns

To find out more or to book into a free seminar please contact

Terry or Christine on 65684471 or 65684992

familiesNSW
supporting families to raise children