

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*



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Week 1 Term 4

10th October, 2016

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Term 4 is shaping up as a very exciting term with a couple of excursions and of course, the end of year activities.

Staff are planning to complete their School Development Days early this term. We will be working late on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct and Wed the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. This will allow us to take the professional learning straight back into the classroom, rather than completing the 2 days at the end of the term and having no chance to implement our learning until next year. School finishes for all students on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> December and these plans will not impact at all on the day to day operation of our school. Further detail will be supplied at our next P&C meeting. Should you have any questions in regard to this training and development initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Smith and Aunty Nerida are away this week. I will be on 6/5S. Christie Williams, our Instructional Leader who works with our K-2 students, will be away for the first 4 weeks.

Our school will be hosting the North Coast Debating Finals on Tuesday. We were only 1 step away from reaching these finals ourselves. Our students will be coordinating the time keeping and chairperson roles.

On Wednesday the support classes will be heading off to South West Rocks for their 3 day/2 night camp. I am hoping to join them on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Baker and her team have organised an action packed trip and I am sure that the kids will have a great time. They will be returning Friday afternoon in time for buses and taxis.

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> October (Week 2) our first Kickstart Kindy Transition Day will commence. Students intending to enrol in Kindergarten 2017 will be coming along every second Friday from 9:30 until 12:00. Please let any family friends or neighbours know about this program as it is a great way for new kindy's to gain some confidence in their new surroundings and get a real head start on their learning. We will again be looking to run smaller Kindergarten classes in 2017, keeping numbers around the 12 – 15 mark. This gives your child the best chance to really reach their full potential as they begin their learning journey within our education system. Miss Edwards will again be the lead Kindergarten teacher and curriculum content will again be supported by Mrs Christie Williams.

Stage 2 will be heading off on their own adventure on October the 26<sup>th</sup>. Miss Wesley, Mr Moseley and Mr Heward have organised a wonderful excursion to Lake Keepit for 3 days and 2 nights. There will be lots of outdoor activities for the kids and lots of chances to build team work and support networks. I am sure that they will have a great

## Diary

### TERM 4

**Mon 10th Oct**  
Students  
Return

**Wed 12th Oct**  
Support Classes  
Camp  
South West  
Rocks

Year 6  
Forensics  
NHHS

**Fri 21st Oct**  
Kickstart  
9.30-12pm

**Wed 26th Oct**  
Stage 2  
Excursion  
Lake Keepit

**Mon 14th Nov**  
Swim Scheme  
all Week

**Mon 21st Nov**  
2017 Captain  
Speeches  
All Week

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On November the 9<sup>th</sup>, LUCY SMITH will be heading down to Sydney for the State Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. What a wonderful achievement by Lucy! I know that she has lots of support from home and in the classroom to help her make the most of this wonderful opportunity. Well done Lucy!

Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> November will be the start of our Swimming Scheme. Mr Heward will be taking a crew of 15 students each day from 10am - 12pm. This program is designed for NON SWIMMERS only. We aim to teach basic swim and survive skills. Watch carefully for the permission notes to come home as it will be a case of filling the 15 spots in the order that notes are returned. Preference will be given to students who have not accessed the program before.

On November 17 we will have a few teams representing our school in the NRL Values Shield. We won this shield last year and the teams that will be attending have incredible sportsmanship, so it should be a wonderful day. Mr Freebairn and Miss Wesley will be there with their respective teams.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> we will commence our Captains Speeches for 2017. Each year we have an increasing number of Year 5 students attempt this difficult and daunting task. It takes an incredible amount of courage to stand in front of your peers and talk, just as it takes an incredible amount of courage to be a true leader. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation rate. All of our Year 5 students have something to offer so it would be great if they could complete a speech so that they can be eligible for the voting. If your child is having any difficulty or is feeling anxious please contact myself or their classroom teacher. We can definitely support them with speech writing and practice. Your child's timetabled speech time will be sent home with them prior to this week and I would encourage all parents and carers to come along and listen to these brave and talented students as they rise above their fears and take on this confronting task head on. You will be so proud of them! Voting will be completed on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> November and the captains and prefects announced at our Presentation Day.

On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December our famous Family Fun Night will be held. Mrs Leahy has the entire organisation in hand and times will be sent home closer to the event.

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> December reports will be sent home. Teachers will begin writing reports around Week 5 and spend 100's of hours making sure that they are accurate and link directly to the achievements of your child. Please read through these with your child and discuss the teacher comments with them as a way to set goals for next year. Should you have any questions in regards to your child's report, then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's classroom teacher.

December the 14<sup>th</sup> is our Presentation Day and December the 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Year 6 Farewell. Times and other information will be sent home closer to the event.

As you can see, an action packed term awaits us. So far this year our kids have had incredible success across a variety of fields! Our whole school community can take great pride as they have excelled themselves in sport, debating, public speaking, spelling, chess and a variety of other areas. Academically, the students in our school are learning at a rate faster than the average student across our state! Thank you to everyone for a productive and enjoyable first 3 terms of 2016 and we look forward to finishing off the year with an incredible Term 4.

Todd.



# Kickstart



## Frank Partridge VC Public School

Frank Partridge VC Public School would like to invite all children enrolling in kindergarten in 2017 to our Kickstart Orientation Program. The Kickstart program provides an opportunity for you and your child to meet staff and to become acquainted with what Frank Partridge VC School aims to offer your child academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

There is no obligation to enrol your child at our school, as Kickstart can be considered a trial for the year ahead. Our staff will be able to advise any parents or carers of a child's readiness for school after they have completed the 4 session program.

The 'Kickstart' program runs across 4 sessions starting on **Friday 21/10/2016** and aims to provide a smooth and happy transition into Kindergarten. Attending the program will enable your child to develop confidence and a positive attitude towards their first year at school. Each week children will be introduced to new aspects of school life. We will go on tours of the school and the children will meet their buddies for 2017. There will be a theme each week and the children will be given a variety of tasks to enable teachers to assess your child's abilities and readiness for school.

There will be a parent information session on the last day of the program (**Friday 2/12/2016**) and all parents are welcome to join us for this session. At the session you will be able to ask questions, order uniforms and learn about our literacy and numeracy programs.

Our Kickstart program starts each week at 9.30am in the Kindergarten rooms and we ask that parents or carers arrange to pick their child up from 'Kickstart' between 11.30 and 12pm

### DATES:

Session 1; Week 2; 21/10/2016	Session 4; Week 8; 2/12/2016
Session 2; Week 4; 4/11/2016	
Session 3; Week 6; 18/11/2016	

Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch, drink and hat to 'Kickstart' each week. Items such as lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jumpers should be clearly labelled with your child's name in case they are lost or found in the playground.

**If you have any questions about the program please contact the school on 65687100.**

Regards,

**Christie Williams (Instructional Leader), Colleen Edwards (2016 Kindergarten teacher) and Todd Potter (Principal)**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____  CHILLI CHICKEN BURGER  PRICE: \$4.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____  BACON & EGG ROLL WITH SAUCE  PRICE: \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____  BEEF & BEAN NACHOS  PRICE: \$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	NAME _____ CLASS _____  3 PARTY PIES SAUCE NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK PRICE: \$5.00

## Community News

# G irls O nly SURFING

- \* Fun filled day for Year 5 students and older
- \* Surf awareness and learn to surf by Trent Munro Surf Academy
- \* Free sausage sizzle and drinks run by the lions club
- \* \$10 contribution
- \* My aim is to get more young women more confident and active in sports

**Saturday 15th October 10am to 1pm**  
**Swimming Creek Beach Nambucca Heads**

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### **Triple P Seminars:**

Session 1: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Session 2: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN

Session 3: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Time: 10 am – 12 noon

Where: 157 Mann Street, Nambucca Heads (between Family Day Care and Eco Store)

FREE childcare is available – [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL](#)