

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Week 4 Term 4

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Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4. We returned a tired and happy Stage 2 on Friday afternoon after a wonderful 3 days at Lake Keepit. Archery, canoeing and tree climbing were the popular favourites. All of the kids seemed to have a great time with many wanting to stay an extra night. A huge thank you to Miss Wesley, Mr Heward, Mr Moseley, Lee, Aunty Nerida, Luke and Skye for giving up time with their families to make this excursion possible.

Congratulations to all of our chess gurus who received their State Semi-Final trophies on Thursday. Thank you to Mrs Coulter for running these initiatives at lunch time and recess for our students and organising for their wonderful day trip to Newcastle for the finals.

We wished Sonja Stone all the best as she trialled for the North Coast Debating Team yesterday. Mrs Leahy joined her and acted as a selector on the day. Our Debating Team achieved wonderful results this year and I am sure that Sonja performed admirably on the day. We will let you know how she went in next week's newsletter.

This Friday will certainly be action packed as we welcome the pre-schoolers for their 2nd Kick Start Kindi Transition Day and also the Westpac Helicopter.

Kindi Transition starts at 9:30 and parents and carers can pick their child up at 12:00 noon.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter will be landing on our field at approximately 1pm. The pilots and paramedics will take all of our students through the helicopter and have a chat about the invaluable service that they provide.

I would like to finish with a quick reminder to all of our parents and carers in regards to protocols when dealing with issues between students. Under no circumstances should you ever talk sternly or negatively to another student on school premises. Issues between children can certainly become frustrating at times and your child's reaction can become quite emotional. If there is a problem at school, the ONLY option is to contact the school and allow us to deal with the issue. We will investigate and act accordingly each and every time. Sometimes there may be a second or even third incident. This is the nature of kids. We will investigate and act again and again, focusing on developing more appropriate behaviours for all concerned. Please try to remember that there is always 2 sides to a story and that recounts from all parties are not always 100% accurate. We will get to the bottom of all issues as reported to us and we will act to ensure all of our students feel safe and comfortable at school. To do this we need your help. Do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher immediately should you have any concerns, even if they are minor. Thank you so much to all of our parents and carers who have shown faith in myself and our staff and allowed us to sort through the many complex issues that arise as part of your child's schooling. It is this teamwork that will ensure all of our students feel comfortable and safe in their learning environment each and every day.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Diary

Fri 4th Nov

Westpac
Helicopter

Kickstart 2

Wed 9th Nov

State Spelling
Bee Final
Good Luck
Lucy!

Mon 14th Nov

Swim Scheme
all Week

Fri 18th Nov

Kickstart 3

Mon 21st

2017 Captain
Speeches
All Week

Fri 2nd Dec

Family Fun
Night

Kickstart 4

Wed 14th Dec

Presentation
Day

BUS PASSES

Year 2 Students progressing to Year 3 2017

Transport for NSW requires a new application for free travel from students who commence Year 3.

As of May 2016 Transport for NSW require all applications to be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. The old blue forms are no longer accepted.

Once you have printed the bus application, please bring the form into the Front Office to be signed and stamped before it is sent to Transport NSW.

Lions Club World Peace Poster

Congratulations to Emily Carlton of 6/5S for winning the Lions Club World Peace Poster Competition. Mr Peter O'Neill will present Emily with her book prize at a future school assembly. Emily's drawing will now be entered into the District level of the competition.

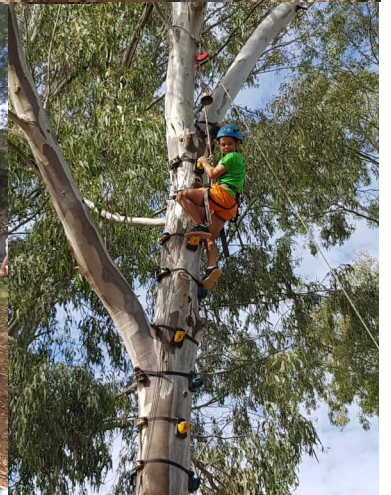


ATTENTION YEAR 5 PARENTS:

Any parent who wishes to apply for a Year 7 Selective High School Placement for 2018 for their child can lodge an application on line at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications must be in by 14th November, 2016. If you need any further information, please see Mrs Leahy for a copy of the Information Booklet.

Stage 2 Excursion - Lake Keepit





WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____	NAME _____	NAME _____	NAME _____
CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____
BEEF BURGER	BACON & EGG ROLL WITH SAUCE	HONEY SOY CHICKEN WINGS & FRIED RICE	SAUSAGE ROLL SAUCE NIPPY MILK
PRICE: \$5.50	PRICE: \$5.00	PRICE: \$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	PRICE: \$4.50

