

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future



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Newsletter Issue 1

Week 2 Term 1

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Welcome to Week 1 of Term 1 2016. The first 2 days of school were not counted as a week so our year in weeks begins from this week.

An extra special welcome to all of our kindi students, parents and carers and also the new families that have joined our school. It is great to have everyone back and ready to go.

Our Kindi students started big school on Monday this week and there were some very excited and nervous faces around Monday morning, both on adults and students alike. Mrs Beauchamp and Ms Edwards have set up a wonderful room and exciting timetable for their students and, with our smaller classes, I am sure that the kids will have a great time each day, learning lots and having fun. We have 17 students enrolled in our kindergarten and 2 teachers assigned to this class so all students should have all of the support they need to meet their milestones and be their very best every day.

The rest of our classes have all begun very smoothly. Teachers are reporting that students have been engaged and focussed since day one. This is so important to their learning. Home readers and homework will all be up and running by Week 3 at the latest and this is a wonderful chance for our parents and carers to make a real difference to their child's learning. We will have a 'meet the teacher' afternoon before Week 5 and I would encourage all parents and carers to come along, meet their child's teacher and find out just what you can do at home to help out with their schooling.

Uniforms are available through our school office as well as up town. Please ensure that your child has school shirts and school shorts every day. Uniform is very important in helping kids to fit in and helping them to switch on to what is needed at school. If you have any concerns about ensuring that uniforms are worn by your child then please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office. Black shoes are listed as part of the uniform and they certainly look great, but many of our students participate in physical activity every day so joggers are more appropriate. Wide brimmed hats are also an essential part of the uniform as they are far more sun safe than caps.

Our P&C will be discussing the uniform this year so keep your eye out for meeting times. P&C meetings are held in the school staff room on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. EVERYONE is welcome.

A huge welcome back to Mrs Donna Baldwin for the next 5 weeks. Donna will be completing her teachers prac with SCB and a few other classes. It's great to have her back in our school.

We are looking forward to a visit from the West Tigers this Wednesday. Several players will be coming along to talk to all of our kids about healthy choices and being active, before training with our school team. This should be a very exciting day for our kids and many of our staff

Diary

Wed 3rd Feb

West Tigers Visit

Tues 9th Feb

MNC

Cricket Trials

Fri 12th Feb

Swimming

Carnival

Tues 16th Feb

Pink Stumps Day

Fri 19th Feb

District

Swimming

Carnival

Thurs 25th Feb

North Coast

Debating

Workshop

Fri 26th Feb

District Soccer &

League Trials

as well.

We are hoping to continue our Aboriginal Languages program again this year. With the support of Michael Jarrett and Aunty Nerida, we are enlisting help from a few other community members to ensure that this program continues for all of our students. Virginia Jarrett has done a wonderful job over the last few years and has really set up a great base for our kids to continue their understanding of this language and the significance of it in our area. We will miss her as she moves on in 2016. Hopefully she will still be able to help out with our netballers throughout the year! Thank you Virginia!

Our support classes are straight into their swimming program this week. Mrs Tsujimoto has organised a great program for these kids and she will be joined by SCB and SCP. We will be making use of the high school bus for the first time as we now have 2 licenced drivers at our disposal. A huge thank you to Simon McKInney (NHHS Principal) for making this project affordable through very competitive bus hire rates. Their support of our students is very much appreciated.

Finally, a reminder to all of our families of the importance of working together as a team if we are to enable all of our students to reach their full potential. If you have a question, concern, issue or idea, then please do not hesitate to give me or your child's teacher a ring. I am also available on email (todd.potter@det.nsw.edu.au). We need your support and input if we are to give our kids the chance to be the best that they can be.

"At FPVCPS we endeavour to create a safe and challenging learning environment that will enable each and every individual student to reach their full potential academically, socially, physically and emotionally." It is only with your help that we have any chance of achieving this goal.

Our 3 strategic directions for 2016 are, Engagement, Potential and Community. Have a great week and welcome back to what promises to be our best year yet!

Todd.

House Keeping

Please make sure you label your child's belonging i.e. lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers and uniforms. We accumulate a huge amount of lost property that we cannot return to its owners.

Also, if you have changed any of your personal details e.g. address, phone number, emergency contacts, please update at the Front Office as soon as possible.

Class Merit Awards

*2/1D: Miranda Mackney, Charlotte Ridgeway, 2/1F: Emma Wall, Harley Elphick,
2/1M: Kden Carter, Makayla Davis, 4/3D: Larnie Wheeler, Madison Langhans,
4/3H: Fiona Holloway, Lucy Smith, 4/3W: Joel Burke, Patrica Stewart,
6/5L: Emma Cox, Zane Beuzeville, 6/5S: Ryan Wren, Yolanda Jones,
6/5N: William Cohen, James Hurley.*

Congratulations!

Welcome Kindergarten!



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____ BBQ CHICKEN & COLESLAW ROLL PRICE: \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ CHICKEN BURGER WITH LETTUCE & MAYO OR AIOLI PRICE: 4.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ BACON & EGG ROLL PRICE: \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ SAUSAGE ROLL SAUCE NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK CHOC/STRAW PRICE: 4.50

Community News

Girl Guides Meet Near You!

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun ...come along, discover at Guiding what's done!

Macksville Guide Unit (For girls 5-12 years old) Tuesdays 5pm - 6.30pm

Senior Guide Unit (For girls 13 - 18 years old) Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm

Macksville Guide Hall Briner & Park Streets Macksville

Contact Leonie Holley at leonieholley171@gmail.com or call 65687013.

E.P Physical Culture

E.P Physi classes are starting in the Nambucca Valley on Wednesday 10th February at the Nambucca Community & Arts Centre.

Our club, known as Nambucca Valley Physi, is affiliated with the Edith Parsons School of Physical Culture.

E.P Physi is the largest school of physi on the North Coast.. Based on basic ballet, and modern dance, physi is great for physical fitness, flexibility, co ordination and posture. Physi is also about learning to work in a team, building self esteem and sportsmanship.

We will be holding an information table at the Nambucca Plaza on Saturday 6th February. Alternatively you can contact me via email - NambuccaValleyPhysi@hotmail.com or Facebook - Nambucca Valley Physi, or you could phone Joanne on 0422647214 or 66581071.



The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as **Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile** and are **arriving in July 2016**. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!

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