

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*



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Newsletter Issue 5

Week 6 Term 1

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 1. Congratulations to Mitchel Summers-Whalley on his efforts at the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival. Mitchel enjoyed the experience, but did not know how serious things became at this level. With no formal training Mitchel has done really well to reach this level, and should be very proud of his efforts.

On Thursday I helped to transport 6 of our 10 budding debaters over to Coffs Harbour for a special training day. The kids reported having a great time, although they were far from impressed by the behaviour of some of the students from other schools. The day consisted of training, practice debates and work on various debating skills in isolation. Mrs Leahy has some great plans for our debating and public speaking this year and I am sure we will be hearing more from this team.

Scripture and Gumbaynggirr Language lessons both started last week and seemed to go quite well. Students will participate in half hour sessions in both subjects each week. Aunty Nerida has done a wonderful job organising the language lessons and stepping up to deliver much of the content.

'Meet the Teacher' opportunities continued through the week and we have now completed sessions for all but one stage. Only a few parents and carers have taken up this opportunity and I would encourage our families to come along and find out just what happens at school each day. Should you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher. It is only with your help and support that we can provide the quality teaching and learning environment that our students deserve.

Our Year 6 students reported a wonderful high school transition experience on Friday. The hard working transition team from the high school planned and provided an incredibly exciting and engaging science day for our students, and they had a great time.

Mr Lambert travelled to Urunga for the Open Boys Soccer Trials on Friday. He had a tough time choosing a team from all of the talent on display, but eventually he managed to pull together a team that will represent our district at the Mid North Coast Trials on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Joshua Munro has created a little bit of history being the first boy from FPVC to gain selection at this level in many, many years. Congratulations Josh! After just missing out last year it is great to see your efforts and dedication rewarded.

This week looks to be fairly interruption free! We have District Open Rugby League Trials at EJ Biffen field on Thursday. Mr Freebairn will pull together a team that will then represent our district at the Mid North Coast Trials on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr Freebairn also coaches this side. We will be taking a few 11 years boys to the Opens Trial as there is no 11 years district coach and we need to watch them have a run before deciding who to send to the MNC trials. Mr Freebairn and I will be in attendance at both events.

Our Support Class Baker kids will be heading off to the Bellingen Art Gallery for an excursion on Thursday. Mrs Inchley has developed a wonderful local excursion program for this class and I am sure that they will have a great time, visiting local places of interest and really bringing the curriculum to life!

## Diary

### Thurs 3rd March

SCB Excursion  
To Bellingen Art  
Gallery

### Fri 11th March

MNC Soccer  
Trials

7's Fun Day  
Nambucca Heads

### Fri 18th March

MNC Rugby  
League Trials

### Thurs 24th Mar

Easter Hat  
Parade  
2pm  
All Invited!

### Fri 25th March

Good Friday

### Mon 28th March

Easter Monday

Our Stage 3 girls will also be celebrating "Japanese Girls Day". Mrs Leahy tells me that it is tradition to display the special little Hina Dolls (which they have been making in girls group), eat and relax. I am sure that the girls and teachers will have a great time following this ancient tradition!

Please remember homework each week and home readers each day. This is an easy, but very effective, way for our families to support their child's learning. It makes a real difference and will take 15 minutes of your afternoon each day. We need your help with these two programs!

Have a great week.

Todd.

### **Ambulance Cover 2016**

In 2012 the Department negotiated an agreement with the NSW Ambulance Service to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. This means that students enrolled at our school are covered under the Ambulance Service of NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme-Schools. This also means that NSW government schools do not have to arrange individual payments to the Ambulance Service of NSW - Coverage is included through a single central annual agreement.

### **P&C**

Our P&C are asking parents for donations of easter eggs for our easter raffle which will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March..

Also a friendly reminder that uniforms are now purchased through the P&C.

### **Macksville Show**

With the Macksville Show just around the corner, show officials are calling on students to enter the children's sections. Children can submit flower displays, digital photographs, crafts and much more.

Go to [www.macksvilleshow.com](http://www.macksvilleshow.com) for more detailed information. Entries open March 1st and close at midnight on March 31st. Good luck!

### **Class Merit Awards**

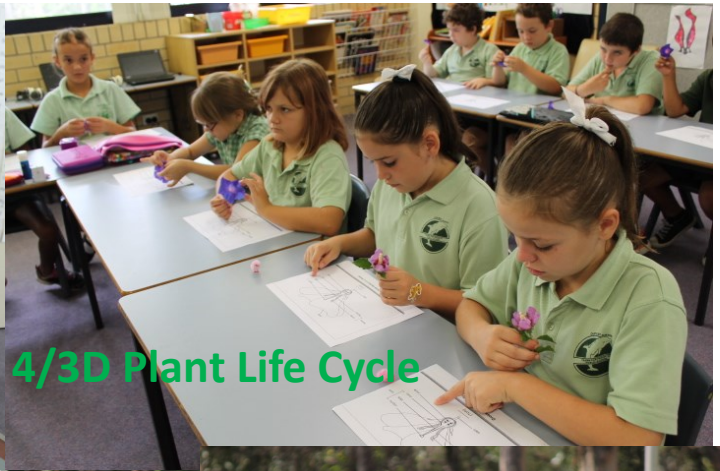
**KB:** Cameron Greenup Gray, **KE:** Amelliah French, Cherise Wilson, **2/1D:** Xavier Carter, Charlette Brumpton, **2/1F:** Carmalia Jarrett, Asher Edwards, **2/1M:** Elvis Jarrett, McKenzie Winner-Coggan, **4/3D:** Jaynarleeya Munro, Thomas Farnsworth, **4/3H:** Fiona Holloway, Alexander Majorek, **4/3W:** Jesse Cohen, Charli Daddow, Malachai Jarrett, **6/5N:** Jaiye Langford, Mitchel Summers Whalley, **6/5S:** Lacey Wilson, Krista Craig, Zayne Pearson, **Mrs Coulter:** Eden Campbell, Koby Hamilton-Giggen, **Mrs Inchely:** Etika Jarrett, **Mrs Leahy:** Lucy Smith, Angus Holloway.

**Class of the Week - 6/5S**

**Congratulations!**



# Term 1 So Far!





WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____ BBQ CHICKEN & COLESLAW ROLL  PRICE: \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____ BLT BACON, LETTUCE, TOMATO WITH AIOLI OR MAYO  PRICE: \$5.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ STEAK SANDWICH WITH ONION & SAUCE  PRICE: \$5.00  WITH SALAD PRICE: \$6.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ 6 DINO SNACKS SAUCE PADDLE POP  PRICE: \$5.40

## Community News

### Keep Calm and Communicate

Are you struggling to communicate with your teenager?

Free Workshop!

Tuesday 22nd March 9.30am - 2pm

At Bellingen Youth Hub on the corner of Williams and Church Streets.

Bookings Essential

Phone 0429839473

### 2016 Catholic Sacramental Program

Children in Year 2 or older who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation or First Eucharist may enrol in this year's program by calling Cathy on 65681107.

Confirmation is on 16th March at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads at 6pm.

For further information please urgently call or email  
nvparish@lismore.catholic.org.au

### Flute, Recorder & Piano Lessons

By Christine Szalay-Kessler  
For Children & Adults

Do you like to have fun with music?  
I give flute and recorder lessons for beginners and advanced students, piano lessons for beginners.

I have 12 years experience as a professional teacher in Germany and Australia and I am now living and tutoring in Bowraville.  
For more information contact Christine on 65647160.

### Family Fun Day Bellwood Park

Sunday 27th March

11am - 3pm

The Australia Day Committee has decided to run a Family Fun Day on 27th March at Bellwood Park to run activities that were cancelled on Australia Day.

We invite the community to come down to Bellwood Park and to have a fun time and participate in activities!