

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

*Educating your child for a bright future*



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Week 3 Term 4

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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4.

Our thoughts are with Michael Jarrett and his family at this very sad time. Staff and students send their condolences.

Our Year 6 Support Class students reported having a wonderful high school transition on Tuesday. The boys are ready to go next year as they take on the new high school challenge, as are the rest of our Year 6 students. An exciting time for them, but a little sad for our staff as we watch these incredible students head off on the next stage of their educational journey.

Mrs Sue Hughes from the Nambucca Heads Public Library came along to meet our Stage 3 students on Thursday. She was most impressed with the attentive and responsible behaviours of all of our Stage 3. We are very proud of our senior school leaders, the example they set for their peers and the image of our school that they portray out in the community.

I had the pleasure of meeting with some past students on Friday who are preparing to join us for work experience later in the term. Many of the staff were excited to see Jasmine, Renee, Deklan, Danny and Chloe back in the school. We are also looking forward to catching up with Shantalah and Dylan.

This week Mrs Inchley and I will be meeting with Nambucca Valley Phoenix to find out just how the NDIS works. Hopefully we will be able to provide a little direction for members of our community in coming newsletters. Stay tuned!

This Friday is our Year 6 Mini Fete. The Mini Fete team have been working tirelessly to prepare lots of exciting stalls and activities for the day. The fete will have sausage sandwiches and drinks for sale from 11:15 am and the fete activities will run between lunch and recess. 11:30am – 2:00pm. Families are encouraged to come along and join in the fun!

Our first Kickstart session for 2018 Kindergarten students was an incredible success. We had 27 pre-schoolers come along for a fun filled day at big school. We will be running 2 Kindergarten classes again next year to ensure that our students get the very best start to school. This year's Kindergarten have certainly made some wonderful progress with the smaller classes, their incredible teachers, Mrs Edwards and Miss Scott, and our Infants Learning Team, headed up by Mrs Williams. We are very excited to see what these wonderful students can achieve in 2018.

The next Kickstart session will run from 9:30 – 11:30-12:00pm on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please be sure to let your friends and family know in case they do not see the newsletter.

Attendance is such an important part of your child's education. It seems obvious, but if students are not at school then we cannot be teaching them! As part of our school and community links I will be looking at the attendance of our students throughout Term 3. Letters will be sent home should your child's attendance be at less than 80%. An attendance rate of 80% means that your child is missing 1 day per week or 10 days per term or 40 days per year. Over the course of a year this equates to missing almost an entire term of learning. These letters are just a reminder to parents and carers of

## Diary

**Fri 27th Oct**  
Year 6 Mini Fete

**Mon 30th Oct**  
Local AECG  
Muurrbay  
Language Centre  
1.30pm

**Wed 1st Nov**  
Stage 2  
Brisbane  
Excursion

**Fri 3rd Nov**  
Kickstart

**Mon 6th Nov**  
2018 Captain  
Speeches  
All Week

**Thurs 16th Nov**  
Year 6 to Year 7  
Information  
Night NHHS  
5.30pm

**Mon 27th Nov**  
Swim Scheme  
All Week

Choir Performs  
at Nambucca  
View Club

**Fri 1st Dec**  
Family Fun Night

the importance of attendance and often provide quite a shock as absences can certainly creep up on us throughout the term. Sometimes absences are unavoidable due to health issues, family holidays etc. However, it is still important that our parents and carers are aware of just how many days their child has missed so that attendance can be a real focus during Term 4. Birthdays, shopping trips and babysitting are not appropriate absences. Only by working together can we make sure that each and every one of our students has the opportunity to be their very best in all aspects of their development.

Finally a mention to all of our past students who are sitting for the HSC this week and last week. We are thinking of you and wish you all the best!

Have a great week.

Todd.

### Library News

Issue 7 of BookClub was delivered to students last week. This will be the last issue for the year. Please order via the LOOP online payment system or send correct money and order forms to the front office BY FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.

**Please do not send payment to school after this date.**

### Year 6 Mini Fete is This Friday 27th October

There will be a BBQ lunch and drinks available from 11.15am.

We are lucky enough to have 4 different show bags at \$6 each. We also have novelty items ranging in price from 50c to \$4.

Other exciting things to do on the day will be the photo booth, sponge throwing, Wack-a-Rat, nerf guns, face painting, hair spray and so much more. We will also have a cake stall. If you would like to donate cakes or sweets, please send to the Front Office on Friday morning.

Please send your child with change or small notes as we do not have the facilities to change larger notes.

It is going to be a great afternoon so come along and enjoy it with your child.

Thank you for your support

Year 6 and Miss Wesley (Mini Fete Co-ordinator)

### Class Merit Awards

**KE:** Lucas Wilson, Cameron D'Elboux, Jasealah Boney Campbell, **KS:** Gypsy Osborne, **2/1D:** Iana Mackay, Xavier Carter, **2/1F:** Lily Cox, Jacob Andrews, **2/1Z:** Amanda Crawford, **4/3H:** Koby Hamilton Giggins, Cameron Simon Wilson, **4/3D:** Tyra Strachan, Patrick Goodwin, Asher Edwards, **4/3S:** Amelia Jones, Oliver Collins, **6/5N:** Lachlan Giles, Richard Carey, Emily Carlton, **6/5L:** William Cohen, Lucy Smith, **6/5W:** Jemieka Cohen, Toby Laurence, Isabelle Salway, Kailanah Wheeler, **SCB:** Blake Messino, Tyler Boswell, Liam Brown, **Mrs Coulter:** Declan Rigby, Byron Griffen, **Miss Morrison:** Jaleeka Anderson, Jesse Coward.

### Class of the Week

**2/1F**

Assembly Lead by: Yolanda Jones and Ethan Poulton.

Welcome to Country by: William Cohen, Alexander Majorek and Aynsley McEachran.







WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____  LAMB BURGERS  \$5.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ HAM & PINEAPPLE MUFFIN PIZZA & FRUIT SLUSHIE \$4.00 OR BLT \$5.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____  CHICKEN BURGER WITH MAYO OR AIOLI  \$4.00	NAME _____ CLASS _____  3 PARTY PIES SAUCE FLAVOURED NIPPY \$5.00

**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

## Community News

### NAMBUCCA AQUATIC SWIM CLUB

Nambucca Aquatic Centre has reopened after 4 years and a new Swimming Club has been formed. Nambucca Aquatic Centre is situated at 2 Ken Howard Street Nambucca Heads (in the Industrial area). The Swim Club is affiliated with Swimming Australia; Swimming NSW and Swimming Northcoast .

While improving and strengthening swimming skills, Nambucca Aquatic Swim Club encourages participation and develops social skills and confidence in a fun environment. It is suitable for children 5 Years and over that can swim at least 25 metres. Membership affiliation fees have been discounted this year by Swimming NSW and Swimming Australia because it is a new club. Membership fees are Swimmers \$45.00 and Non Swimmers \$15 for the year. Children 7 Years and under are free.

Nambucca Aquatic Swim Club will commence on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 6pm. There will be a Sausage Sizzle available. Come and have a try before joining! Children need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information please phone Geoff or Lily Eastwood on 65687596.



The Staying Active Program started last Tuesday 17th October at 11am at the Nambucca Aquatic and Fitness Centre at 2 Ken Howard Crescent Nambucca Heads. Community Transport Officer, Jeffrey Blair is aware the program will be starting. People needing transport can contact 65687670.

The program is being offered on the following days.

Participants:

**Tuesdays** 11am Gentle exercise program. Cost is \$8.

11:45 Morning tea and coffee will be offered free to all participants to socialise and improve and maintain emotional wellbeing.

12 Midday Aquafitness will commence. Cost is \$8.

**Thursdays** 12 Midday Aquafitness will commence. Cost is \$8.

12:45 Morning tea and coffee will be offered free to all participants to socialise and improve and maintain emotional wellbeing.

11am Gentle exercise program. Cost is \$8

People can participate in water based activities or land based activities to have improved health outcomes.

### Staying Active

