

# Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Week 2 Term 2

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Welcome to Term 2 Week 2. Quite an action packed week for staff and students alike!

We began the week with Izzy, Lacey, Jaynarleeya, Angus, Mitchell, Daniel, Jaiye, Richie and Tarran heading over to Toormina for the MNC Touch Footy Trials with Mr Freebairn and Miss Wesley.

Yesterday I headed over to Coffs Harbour for the first of several LMBR meetings. NSW schools are going through a huge change to their financial management structures and the new systems involved are quite complicated. It will be a very busy few months indeed as Anne, Leanne and I are brought up to speed on just what will be involved in running the new system within our school environment. The new systems become active in September this year.

On Wednesday, our Open Girls Netball team will be heading over to Vost Park in Coffs Harbour to contest the first 2 rounds of the State Knockout. Mrs Bekis and Cass have the girls primed and ready to go.

On Thursday we have about 30 students heading over to Geoff King Motors Oval in Coffs Harbour for the NRL Legend 7's Day. This day involves boys tackle teams from Stage 2 and Stage 3 and also an Open Girls League Tag team. We have been training the house down at recess and all of the students involved have met our classroom and engagement criteria. They should be proud of their efforts and dedication so far this year and this day is a great reward for their endeavours.

Friday is our District Cross Country in Bowraville. By all accounts we had a great turn out on Friday at school for our school Cross Country. Those students who made a genuine effort to run our course and are keen to take on the Bowraville challenge will be travelling over to Bowra with Mr Heward and Mrs Smith. The District Cross Country is always a great day and I am sure that our cross country athletes are preparing to put their best foot forward. Naturally, selection in this team is not just about where you came on the day. It is all about how you are engaging in your learning right across all aspects of your school day. Students should take great pride in their selection as it is a reflection of their wonderful efforts in the classroom, the playground and over the cross country course. Thanks to Mr Heward and his team for their wonderful organisation on the day and congratulations to all involved.

I was extremely proud of our whole school on Tuesday as we paused to acknowledge ANZAC Day in our whole school assembly. Mrs Baker ran the assembly and all students involved showed great respect for those men and women in our defence forces both past and present.

## Diary

### Wed 3rd May

Netball  
PSSA Knockout

### Thurs 4th May

Legends 7's

### Fri 5th May

District Cross  
Country

### Tues 9th May

NAPLAN  
Language  
Conventions &  
Writing

### Wed 10th May

NAPLAN  
Reading

### Thur 11th May

NAPLAN  
Numeracy

### Mon 15th May

Bookclub  
orders are due

### Tues 30th May

Adamoriginal  
Performs

Mr Freebairn and I had the opportunity to attend the North Coast Rugby League Trials in Yamba on Friday. Mr Freebairn is the coach of the Opens Mid North Coast team. Angus, Mitchell and Tarran represented our school with great distinction. Angus was successful in making the North Coast team this year and will be off to Sydney for an exciting State Carnival later in the term. Mitchel tackled his heart out all day and Tarran had a few of his trademark weaving and jinking runs. Well done to all of the boys and thank you to their parents who made the long trek to Yamba for the day.

Please remember that we have our NAPLAN testing next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. It is vitally important that these students are in attendance right throughout the week. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to give me a ring.

Have a great week.

Todd.

### **Adamriginal is Back!**

Adam Hill will once again bring his cultural presentation to our school on Tuesday 30th May. Adamriginal has an abundant knowledge of Aboriginal culture and shares it with us through humour.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

Next Tuesday our P&C will be holding their Mother's Day Stall. Gifts can be purchased for \$1 - \$5. If you'd like to help out in the stall, just meet in the hall on the day.

### **Healthy School Canteen Strategy**

In the coming weeks, there will be gradual changes made to our canteen menu, to keep in line with the new Healthy School Canteen Strategy, which will be fully implemented by the end of 2018.

Changes will include items being removed from the canteen menu, and replaced with healthier options.

Students will also be asked for their input!

### **Rugby Tots**

Rugby Tots is a dynamic weekly play session for 5-7 year old boys and girls, to develop their social and physical skills. This program runs each Friday at 3.45pm on our school oval. You can book at the Front Office or call 0422277670.



### **Macksville Show Display**

Well done to our school on placing 3rd at  
Macksville Show's School Display!!





# Cross Country





WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____	NAME _____	NAME _____	NAME _____
CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____	CLASS _____
LAMB BURGERS	CHILLI CHICKEN BURGER	HONEY SOY CHICKEN WINGS & FRIED RICE	3 PARTY PIES
\$5.50	\$4.00	\$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	SAUCE NIPPYS MILK \$5.00

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Department of Industry  
Resources & Energy

### Support to Pay Electricity and Gas Bills\*









**Help is available to pay your energy bills.**

**For information on rebates and emergency assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW on 137 788**

\* eligibility criteria apply

*Bookings Essential*

## Mother's Day High Tea

### River Cruise

Sunday  
14th May  
11am to 1.30pm  
Cost \$40 per person



**MENU**

Finger Sandwiches, mini quiche, vol-au-vent, savoury pastry, blini's with smoked salmon

Fresh scones, chocolate mousse, chocolate kiss, mini cakes

Glass sparkling wine, tea, coffee or a refreshing glass of strawberry, watermelon & mint infused water.

For Bookings go to [www.nambuccarivercruises.com.au](http://www.nambuccarivercruises.com.au)  
Phone: 0427 689313 or 65694055 min numbers will apply/bookings essential

### YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATES/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Family Energy Rebate\*** – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part a or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadlines is available from our website.

**NSW Gas Rebate\*** – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

**Medical Energy Rebate\*** – \$235 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

**Low Income Household Rebate\*** – \$235 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

**Life Support Rebate\*** – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

**EAPA\*** – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

### HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebates or emergency assistance. Go to [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates) for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.

If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.