# Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future

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Newsletter Issue 17

Week 7 Term 2

Welcome to week 7 of Term 2.

All of the kids reported enjoying our Indigenous performer Adam Hills on Tuesday. Adam had a great message of positivity and inclusion for our kids, involving them with traditional games and sharing many of his life experiences. This performance was fully supported through our school RAM funding and well worth it!

Connecting to Country brought a real indigenous flavour to our week with more than 15 staff joining one of 3 groups over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Each of the areas, Bowraville, Macksville and Nambucca brought their own special flavour to the day and all staff felt privileged to be part of the stories of so many inspirational community members. A special thankyou must go to Di Flanders, Felicia and Edrica for all of their hard work behind the scenes. Our community is certainly blessed to have access to such living treasures. Thank you also to Jen and Katherine who put on an incredible morning tea for the Friday group. We were especially proud of Jake Duckett, Krista Craig and Yazzystar Hoffman, who did a wonderful Welcome to Country.

Our netballers had a busy week with Lacey and Izzy gaining selection in the District side on Wednesday (Holly Blanch trialled extremely well on the day and was unlucky to miss out. ) We then sent 2 teams to a Gala Day on Friday. I am sure that our whole school community would be proud to know that one of our teams took it upon themselves to look after a far less skilled team and made sure that they felt competitive and good about themselves. This was noted by several other coaches who were vey impressed by the sportsmanship shown by our awesome kids! This is what sport is all about. Thank you to Mrs Bekis and Cass for all of their work with these two teams!

Thursday was a great example of the new academic skills of our students as well. Our Chess Team won the Regional Day in Coffs Harbour with Declan Rigby winning the day over all! Our Debaters also won their first debate against Macksville, a much larger school. It is so exciting to see our kids excelling across such a large array of activities. Well done to Mrs Coulter for all of her support of the chess team and Mrs Leahy for all of her debating work.

In Week 6 alone more than 40 students participated in chess, debating, netball and Connecting to Country, a credit to our whole school community and the incredible talents of our wonderful students. Well done to all involved!

5 of our boys and one of our girls attended the MNC Touch Trials on Monday. All participants did their school proud, but unfortunately none have made it through to the next level.



6th June, 2017

## Diary

Wed 7th June Girls Rugby League Coffs Harbour

Thurs 8th June Public "Speak Off"

Mon 12th June Public Holiday

Wed 14th June Author Deborah Abela Visits K-6

Wed 14th June NHHS Musical Stage 3

Tues 20th June Stage 1 Excursion to National Marine Science Centre

Tues 27th June Semester 1 Reports Go Home



Tuesday was our school photo day, so I hope that everyone managed to get their orders in. My daughter has been quite ill this week so I have been at home looking after her. I did pop in for photos and all of the kids looked great in their school uniforms.

Wednesday will see our Girl's Tackle Team head over to Coffs Harbour for their first ever Gala Day. The girls have been training the house down with Pete and Mr Freebairn and can't wait to get out on the field and have a go. I am really excited for the girls who have shown great determination and dedication to be part of this day. I am sure that they will have a great time.

On Thursday we will be holding our School Speak Off. 2 students from each class will be showing their public speaking skills in the hall from 9:30am. All family members are invited to come along and check out the talent. This is an incredibly difficult activity mentally and all students have been involved at various levels. I am sure that the speakers on Thursday will be ready to take on their fears and give their all. It should be a great morning of entertainment!

Semester 1 reports are well and truly underway. Teachers have looked closely at what your child can do and where the next sequential step in their learning will come from. Be sure to read your child's teacher comments closely. They are far more important than the grades. Please also remember that a "C" indicates that your child is at age expectations for that subject area. We rarely award B's or A's. If you have any questions in regards to your child's report, then please do not hesitate to contact their teacher or myself.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff at Frank Partridge VC. I have had no choice but to be away on the first 2 days of this week and everyone has stepped up. Nothing is too much trouble and the dedication and professionalism of this staff continues to amaze me!

I hope every one has a great week.

Go the Blues!!

#### **School Photos**

If you have ordered school photos and have not paid for them yet, they must be paid for by TUESDAY of NEXT WEEK, 13th June. After this date, parents will need to deal directly with the photographers, and will incur additional processing costs.



Welcome to Country by Jagen McLeod Jones, Yazzy Hoffman and Krista Craig.

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Everyone enjoyed the performance By Adamriginal!







National Simultaneous Storytime

















WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME	Name	Name	Name
CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
Chicken Burger With Aioli or Mayo	Curried Pumpkin & Red Lentil Soup with knot Roll	Honey Soy Chicken Wingettes with Fried Rice	Public Holiday!
\$4.00	\$6.50	\$4.50 Small \$6.50 Large	





#### FREE FOOTY TICKETS

#### Bulldogs v St George-Illawarra Dragons

Monday 12 June, 2017 @ 4pm Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Thanks to the Bulldogs, the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge and ANZ Stadium, students and staff at your school have the opportunity to witness these two Sydney foes go head to head!

As your school is participating in this year's NSW Premier's School Sport Challenge, up to <u>four (4) FREE tickets</u> are available for *each* student and staff member to redeem for the match.

Tickets are limited so be sure to secure them quickly for what will be a great afternoon of football for the long weekend. To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should follow the steps below:

- 1. Simply go to the website:
- http://www.anzstadium.com.au/premiers-sporting-challenge/
- 2. Register their details.
- Print out the voucher and bring it with them on the day to gain entry through Gates B or K at ANZ Stadium.

# Nambucca River Cruises



Every Wednesday Devonshire Tea Cruise 9.30am to 11.30am \$25 per person

also available for your own private functions call for more information

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



NAMBUCCA HEADS HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS



4 Evening Performances Tuesday 13th June 6.00pm Wednesday 14th June 6.00pm Thursday 15th June 6.00pm Friday 16th June 6.00pm

## **Tickets:**

\$25 family
(2 adults, 2 children under 16)
\$10 adult
\$ 5 concession
Tickets available from School

Office 8.30am—3.30pm