

Frank Partridge VC Public School

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Week 4 Term 3

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Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3. Week 3 was certainly a tough one for staff and students alike. We had several staff away sick or on leave and this is always tricky for our kids. I have spoken to several parents about the impact that this can have on their child and really appreciated their honest and open feedback. Rest assured that when these staff absences occur we do everything in our power to maintain the learning routines of your child. Unfortunately, disruptions such as this are unavoidable. I would like to congratulate our kids on the way they have handled themselves throughout this period and say a special thank you to our incredible teaching and office staff who have handled each and every curve ball thrown at them so far this term!

I had to laugh when I read this sentence from last week's newsletter!!

"Our week appears to be pretty settled at this stage"

On Thursday our debaters were once again victorious against Bellingen PS. Mrs Leahy was very proud of their efforts. We are certainly right up there again this year in the Premier's Debating Challenge and look forward to our next debate.

On Friday our basketballers took on Sawtell, then Wauchope, in the PSSA Basketball Knockout. The boys were victorious in both games, even though they played Wauchope after a game against Sawtell and Wauchope was fresh! Incredible achievement by Ms Baker, Pete Bula and the boys! Our sporting teams are all about teaching resilience and self-belief. These goals were certainly achieved on Friday.

Yesterday we welcomed back Mrs Smith. Ms Hawkins had been working with 4/3S for the first 3 weeks of this term. The students had a great 3 weeks with their teacher and really showed that our students can cope with change. Well done 4/3S and a special thank you to Ms Hawkins who did an incredible job!

I have LMBR training on Tuesday so Mrs Parkins will be on 6/5W. We are really beginning to gel as a teaching and learning team in 6/5W and I am sure that Ms Wesley would be very proud of their efforts so far this term. Thank you to our parents and carers who have waited patiently for me to return their phone calls or meet with them after school. Now that I am on class it is a little more difficult to get hold of me should you need to, but the structures we have in place and the support of our school community will make this possible. I answer all phone calls each afternoon and I am available to meet with you each afternoon or during the day on Wednesdays. Please do not hesitate to contact the school for any reason. It is our high level communication that makes our school such a wonderful place for our kids to learn!

Diary

Wed 9th Aug
Knockout V
Kempsey West

Thurs 10th Aug
School Spelling
Bee

Fri 11th Aug
Year 6
Transition Day
NHHS

Tues 15th Aug
ICAS Maths
Exam

-
Girls' Softball
V
Brunswick
Heads

-
P&C Meeting
(New Date)

Wed 23rd,
Thurs 24th & Fri
25th Aug
Book Fair

Fri 25th Aug
Book Week
Parade
'Escape
to
Everywhere'

Mon 11th Sep
Sydney
Excursion



On Wednesday our Rugby League boys will be heading to Kempsey for the next round of the PSSA Knock-out. The boys have been training the house down and are ready to go! The game is at 12 noon.

On Thursday our super spellers will be taking on the Whole School Spelling Bee challenge in the hall. Mrs Coulter has prepped all of our kids who have participated in class spelling bees and I am looking forward to seeing the spellers up on the big stage in the hall. Good luck to all concerned.

Friday looks like a busy one as about 14 of our students head over to Coffs Harbour for the MNC Athletics. Ms Edwards will be in attendance to support our athletes. Travel to and from this carnival is a parent/carer responsibility. Please let us know early in the week if you will need support to get your child over to Coffs Harbour. Permission notes are also due into Miss Morrow as soon as possible please.

Our Year 6 students will also be out for the day as they attend NHHS Transition Day. Mr Lambert will be in attendance with the kids and I am sure that they will have a great time experiencing what lays in store for them next year!

Finally some exciting news for our Girl's Rugby League team. After progressing through the Coffs Harbour District 7's day undefeated, we have now been offered a wild card entry into the Sydney Finals! The girls are super excited and can't wait to get down to Sydney and join the boys on what has been an annual event for the past 3 years now. The two teams will be leaving school on Tuesday the 22nd of August and travelling to Sydney. The boys play on Wednesday the 23rd and the girls on Thursday the 24th. We will be heading home immediately after the girls' last game. Well done girls!

Have a great week.

Todd.

Sydney Excursion

Our Stage 3 Sydney excursion is fast approaching. Final payments are due now.

Don't forget you can make payments online if you wish, through the school's secure POP Payment system using your Visa or Mastercard Debit or Credit Card. Just go to the school website, click on the "Make a Payment" button and follow the prompts. The reference to use is **SydStg3**. (This is entered in the 2nd reference option.) Please call the school if you require any assistance.

Escape to Everywhere



Book Week Parade Friday 25th August



Harloe



Blake

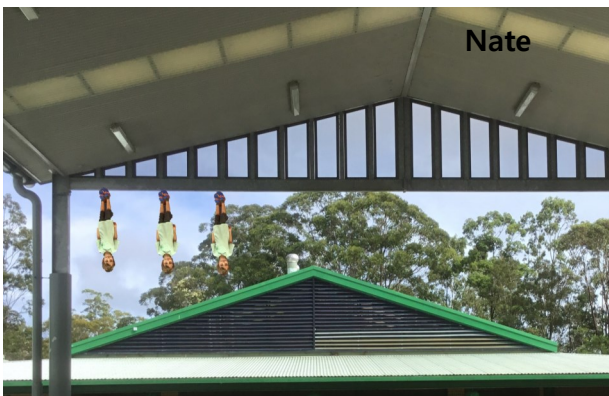


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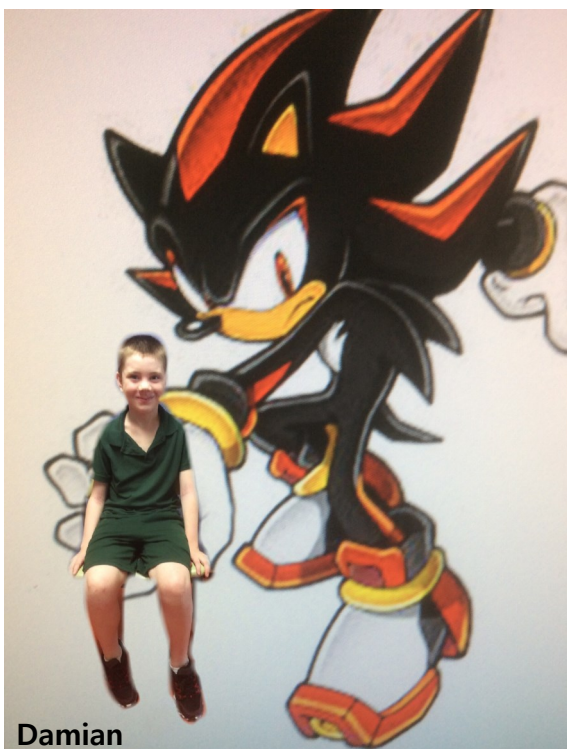
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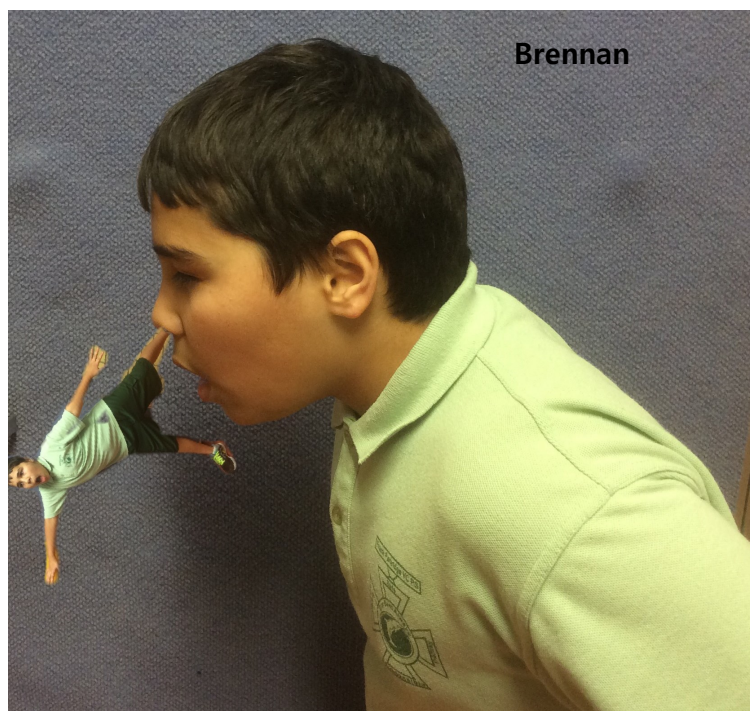
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Damian



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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____ CHILLI CHICKEN BURGER \$4.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ THAI STYLE CHICKEN NOODLE SWEET CORN SOUP \$6.50	NAME _____ CLASS _____ BACON & MUSHROOM FETTUCINI CARBONARA \$4.50 SMALL \$6.50 LARGE	NAME _____ CLASS _____ SAUSAGE ROLL SAUCE NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY \$4.50



Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and carers



Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network

Workshop Details

Venue: Coffs Harbour Racing Club 62 Howard Street Coffs Harbour

When: Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st August 2017

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registering.

Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited.

Questions: If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline on 1300 881 971 or email parentcarerautismspectrum.org.au

After School Care & Vacation Care

Do you need childcare after school?

Nambucca Valley OOSH provides after School Care Mon to Fri, 3pm to 6pm at Frank Partridge VC Public School, Nambucca Heads. A staff member meets the bus from Nambucca Primary or collects children from NVCCS.

Fees start from as little as \$4.62 per day and a healthy afternoon tea is included.

Vacation Care is available during school holidays from 8am to 6pm.

Working and non-working families are very welcome!!!

WHAT DO KIDS DO?



& excursions during Vacation Care!!!

Enrolments are necessary before children attend. Office 65681474; Co-ordinator 0407 141 804 or, email oosh@lifetimeconnect.org.au.