

# 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. We are still working closely with our Stage 3 kids in regards to issues that are arising after school and on the weekend. Please be vigilant in regards to your child's needs. Weekend and after school incidents are to be left at the gate. School is for learning, fun and to feel safe and valued.

Our Kindi 2020 kids have been attending their Kickstart sessions that started last week. They are held every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 – 1:30. Christie Williams and our Kindergarten team have done a wonderful job of basically doubling these sessions this year to ensure our Kindi kids 2020 are ready to hit the ground running next year.

Our Support Class Swimming started on Friday and by all accounts the kids had a great time. This is a great program and we are very lucky to have Ms Tsujimoto organising such a wonderful experience for our students. Swim school will be run later in the term. This program targets NON swimmers in Years 2-4. Hopefully we will have our kids ready for a fun and safe Christmas holidays.

This Thursday will be the great Stage 2 Endurance Challenge. Led by Mr Lambert and 43N, this incredible activity involves Stage 2 students embarking on an arduous walking course that basically covers Nambucca from the South to the North. There are designated drop off points for students along the way once they have reached their full potential. Just starting the course will be a win for all involved. Those who manage to finish the Endurance Challenge will have walked 18km!!! This activity is what our school is all about. Teaching our kids to rise above adversity, challenge themselves and get out of their comfort zone is preparing them for life! Our kids are INCREDIBLE human beings who will face many and varied challenges as they grow up. Their ability to meet these challenges head on will determine their success. Success at our school is not measured by NAPLAN results or a pre conceived idea of who you have to be or what you have to do when you grow up. It is a measure of happiness and the ability to choose your own direction that matters. The Stage 2 Endurance Challenge is a great example of how we try to do everything in our power to achieve our school philosophy:

***Each and every day we strive to provide a teaching and learning environment that is safe, engaging, welcoming, inclusive and respectful. An environment that values the individuality of each and every student and enables them to reach their full potential academically, socially, physically and emotionally.***

It is also the famous Zombie Yr 6 Transition Day on Thursday this week. Year 6 will attend NHHS with Mr Freebairn and Year 5 will remain at school with Mr Heward and Mrs Parkins.

The week will come to a close with our famous Year 6 Mini Fete. The organisations are complete and the day will start at 11:30 with a sausage sizzle available to purchase for lunch. Families are welcome and the kids of all ages usually have a great time at this fundraising event. We hope to see you there!

## Diary

**Thurs 31st Oct**  
Combined Stage  
Freaky &  
Fantabulous Feast

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Yr 6 Zombie  
Transition Day

-  
Stage 2 Endurance  
Walk

**Fri 1st Nov**  
Year 6 Mini Fete

**Mon 11th Nov**  
Remembrance Day  
Ceremony  
10.45am  
Families Invited

**Wed 13th Nov**  
Stage 2 Brisbane  
Excursion

**Wed 20th Nov**  
Dog Safety Visit  
K-2

**Mon 25th Nov**  
Year 5 Leadership  
Speeches

At the end of Term 4, 2 days are set aside for Professional Learning for teachers. These are school development days and students do not attend on these days. This year the last day of term for students is Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Our staff have taken the option of completing their professional learning over 4 afternoons after school this term and as such are not required to attend on the Thursday and Friday. I will be in attendance and so too, many of the staff who choose to finish of the year's administrative duties voluntarily on these days any way. These changes do not affect our families in any way.

If you have any questions in regards to School Development Days then please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Have a great week.  
Todd.

### **Kickstart**

Our first Kickstart last week was amazing. We had 15 eager new Pre-Kindies for the first day and 17 on the second day. Mrs Daley and I forgot just how much energy these wonderfully busy children have! We painted, coloured, made dot drawings, collaged, read stories, sang songs, played games, danced, constructed with Lego and Mobilo, created marvellous designs on paper, made things with play doh, magnets and whiteboards, played in the sandpit, on the oval and went on an expedition around the school to meet the Canteen ladies, the beautiful Mrs Phillips and Mrs Hamilton in the office, Uncle Richie and Mr Potter.

All of the children have made new friends and are learning about "Big School life." We were all very tired after the end of the second day and some parents have reported that their children were asleep before they made it home. (I would have liked to have been). We are very much looking forward to our future adventures with our Kickstart crew next week. Stay tuned for future Kickstart news. Any children who are starting Kindergarten next year are invited to come along on any or all of our Kickstart days. Please call the office at any time for further information.

### **From the Library**

Term 4 Book Club order forms are out now and are due back at school by Friday 1st November, or ordering can be done online via LOOP.

This will be our last Book Club order for 2019. Thank you to those families who have made purchases throughout the year. Our Library has earned reward points, which of course we have been able to spend on new Library resources.

### **New Honours Board**

A huge thank you to Jeff McKinnon from Nambucca Mens' Shed for constructing our new Honours Board. Jeff undertook the task of replicating our original board and did an amazing job, using all local cedar. The Nambucca Heads RSL generously sponsor our Honours Board, and thanks must go to John Kent who commissioned this project.

The board is with the signwriters now, being set up to display names of our school leaders, and should be in the foyer by the end of the week. Please come and see what a great job Jeff has done.



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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thank you Nambucca Fire and Rescue!



## Class Merit Awards

Assembly Lead by Katelyn, Joel & Gene  
Welcome to Country by Charlotte & Zara

<b>KD</b> Ethan Asha	<b>2/1E</b> Molly Finn	<b>2/1M</b> Jimmy Gypsy	<b>KS</b> Kaimahnee Azaki
<b>4/3B</b> JJ Dylan	<b>4/3N</b> Maddison Jazmine	<b>2/1W</b> Levi Jasealah Axton	<b>4/3S</b> Taleah Danikah
<b>6/5F</b> Matilda Quade Les	<b>6/5H</b> Trent Matilda	<b>Library</b> Sam D Ana	<b>6/5P</b> Mikaela Ashton

GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY.....THE CANTEEN IS OFF TO MEXICO!  
PROVECHO - ENJOY YOUR MEAL!

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
TEX MEX CHICKEN  \$5	PORK OR BEEF BURRITO  \$5  MEXICAN TASTING PLATE \$5	STUFFED CAPSICUM  \$5  MEXICAN TASTING PLATE \$5  OVER THE COUNTER SALES AVAILABLE AT THE MINI FETE	CHEESY CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE  \$5

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

Nambucca Valley Girl Guides invites you to join them on Tuesday 29th October in the Guide Hall, Corner of Briner and Park Sts, Macksville, (opposite the High School auditorium) from

5pm to 7 pm, for a night of dancing, games and fun.

Dress up in your best, scariest Halloween outfit. A light supper will be served, No cost for night

