

Frank Partridge VC Public School

Educating your child for a bright future



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Newsletter Issue 18

Week 8 Term 2

18th June, 2019

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 2. I hope everyone had a great weekend.

Our kids K-6 left our planet and headed off on a space journey on Tuesday. By all accounts the "Space Dome" was extremely interesting and we now may have a few budding astronauts in our school!

Our Debaters took on the might of Frederickton PS on Wednesday and came away victorious. I am sure Mrs Leahy would be so proud of them. Our new squad style model seems to be working beautifully, ensuring a maximum of students can be involved in this very tricky activity. Well done to Fiona, Katelyn, Samantha and Nick! Not to mention super coach Mrs Parkins.

Our stage Public Speaking experiences are well under way. All students have developed, and will present, a speech to their class or stage. The best of these will be shared with our whole school this Friday from 9:30am. Families are MOST welcome! After our School Speak Off we will select 2 public speakers from each stage to represent FPVC PS in the Regional Premiers Public Speaking Challenge to be held in our school very soon. We wish all of the brave public speakers the best. Teachers are so proud of the willingness of all of our students to stand up and take on this almighty challenge. Well done to everyone involved.

Our Basketballers will be back on the court against NHPS this Wednesday. After defeating Urunga PS a couple of weeks ago the team is raring to go again in the PSSA Knockout. Miss Baker has had them training each day in their lunch time and is quietly confident. Win, lose or draw, we will be very proud to see the team running out and representing our school with confidence, self-belief and incredible sportsmanship. Please feel free to come on down to the high school hall at 10:30am on Wednesday and cheer the team on.

Our Tackle and League Tag teams will be back in action on Thursday as they head over to Coffs Harbour for the Greg Inglis Shield. We have 4 teams and 40 students selected to attend this day. The players involved know that selection in our teams is about far more than natural skill and ability. It is about the kind of person you are, your dedication to your learning and willingness to put the needs of the group ahead of your own. With only 10 places in each team available, the selection process has been extremely difficult as we have so many dedicated trainers and players. However, this is part and parcel of aiming high and we have spoken to all the players involved about resilience and the ability to get a knockback but keep trying your best. As most of our families know, this is an incredibly important part of life as we must learn as adults to take setbacks and find a positive in them so that we NEVER give up on our dreams. This is what our teams are all about and to be part of the group is far more important than the final 10. We will be sure to keep a clear focus on exactly what our teams across all activities from debating to netball are all about. If for any reason your child is down and out about any aspect of their participation whether it be where they play, how we play or non-selection, please do not hesitate to give me a ring and I will talk them through the issues and support them to keep on doing their very best.

Diary

Tues 18th June

Durri Dental
Screening

Wed 19th June

Basketball
V
NHPS

Thurs 20th June

Stage 2 Girls' Group
Aqua Aerobics
—
Greg Inglis 7's

Fri 21st June

School Speak Off

Mon 24th June

KD & 4/3S Bellwood

Wed 26th June

School Photo Day
-
Debate
V
Macksville

Thurs 27th June

Multicultural Public
Speaking Finals
-
Disco
K-2 3.30pm-5.15pm
3-6 5.15pm-7pm

Wed 3rd July

Chess
V
Scotts Head PS

Reports will go home at the end of this term. They are a great way for teachers to communicate with our families on what their child is achieving and the next sequential step in their learning. Our grading system is quite comprehensive and it is important that it is clear to our families. It does not in any way indicate how smart your child is. It shows how they are progressing within their stage expected development progressions.

A “C” is satisfactory. This means a student is performing at stage expected outcomes. This is quite a large group and considering this is a mid year report it also covers a large range of skills. An “A” grade indicates a child is performing at above stage expected outcomes, all of the time across a range of learning activities. Very few of these appear on reports. A “B” indicates that a child is performing at above stage expected outcomes most of the time across several learning activities. A “D” is definitely not the end of the world. It is an indication of where we are going to target our teaching rather than how clever a student is. A “D” grade indicates clearly where stage appropriate outcomes are still to be learnt and what we as teachers need to do to maximise this child’s learning potential.

There are lots of factors that impact on a child’s learning and if you have ANY questions whatsoever then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher for an explanation.

Have a great week. I know I will because your kids are incredible!

Todd.

Great Book Swap

Last year, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation raised over \$270,000 from the Great Book Swap. In 2019, their goal is to raise \$350,000 to gift 35,000 new books to remote communities who want and need them.

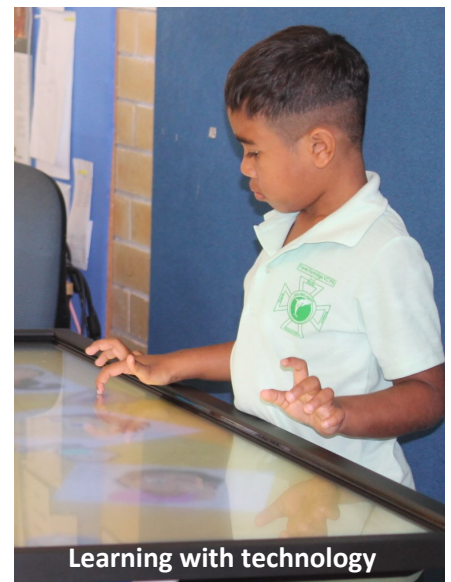
We will host our Great Book Swap on our NAIDOC Day of celebration: Thursday 4th July

How: Students are invited to bring 1 or 2 pre-loved (and in good condition) books for our Swap table. **These can be brought up to the Library any day from now until July 4th.** For a gold coin donation **on the day**, students can choose someone else’s old favourite to take home! This week your child will come home from the Library with a “Donated by” yellow label which they can insert into their pre-loved book and personalise with a message for the new owner.

At the end of the day our gold coin donations will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation on behalf of Frank Partridge VC Public School. Please also see the website if you would like to make a personal donation.

Please join us! *Mrs Coulter*

Class Merit Awards			
Assembly Lead by Katelyn, Cameron & Koby			
Welcome to Country by Zara & Tyra			
KD Taylan Hunter			KS Lerian Phoebe
2/1E Molly Ella Dakota	2/1M Sam Billy Tremaine	2/1W Mace Jacob	4/3S Kalvin Zarah
3-6B Jordan Cooper	3-6B Tamika	4/3N Shanece Candice Iana	4/3B Etika Savannah
6/5F Asher Cameron	6/5H Mackindi Madison	6/5P Samantha Ashton	Library Darius Dakota



On Fridays, Troy Robinson and his crew from Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation 2 Path Strong come to our school to teach kids to be culturally strong. The kids have really enjoyed learning dance as well as art.



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DISCO - WINTER WONDERLAND

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE
K-2 3.30PM - 5.15PM
3-6 5.15PM - 7PM
COST: \$4 EACH CHILD
\$10 FOR FAMILY OF 3 OR MORE.
PRICES INCLUDE CHIPS AND DRINK

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY
NAME _____ CLASS _____	NAME _____ CLASS _____	NAME _____ CLASS _____	NAME _____ CLASS _____
TUNA BAKE \$5 SMALL \$6 LARGE	NACHOS \$5 SMALL \$6 LARGE AVOCADO 50c EXTRA	BUTTER CHICKEN & RICE \$5 SMALL \$6 LARGE OR BAKED BEAN TOASTIES \$3 EACH	BACON & EGG ROLL \$4.50

Community News



ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Office of Sport

From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per calendar year for each school-enrolled child.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

BELLINGEN SHIRE TAXIS Bellingen, Dorrigo & Urunga
JOB VACANCIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Bellingen Shire Taxis, due to our expansion of our Transport Services, within our region .. have several positions for the 2019 / 2020... School Years.

Assisted School Transport Drivers (ASTP) and Assisted Transport Support Officers (ATSO) ARE PAID POSITIONS

Students with a disability who are unable to travel to and from school without assistance rely on our dedicated team to support and drive eligible students in our various vehicles to schools throughout the region.

If you have **2 hrs in the morning and afternoon during all School terms** to either Drive or to be a Support Officer for our students. Have already (or prepared to obtain) a Valid Working with Children Check, National Criminal Check and are Medically Fit and Reliable, we would like to hear from you

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Permanent or Casual Pool of Workers)

Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSO) ...(Paid hourly rate)

Assisted School Transport Driver (ASTP)...(Paid hourly rate)

Taxi Driver's Full Shifts or Fill in Shifts (Commission based)

For more information please email susan.mcleod@bigpond.com

View the website www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp

Or phone Greg on **0427 341 679** for more details.

