Welcome to Week 11 of Term 1. As usual we have quite a hectic week planned for our kids so I am sure that the 2 weeks break at the end of this week will be well and truly enjoyed! I hope that everyone remembered to set their clocks back with the end of Daylight Saving on Sunday.

Last day of school is Friday 11th April. First day back next term is Tuesday the 29th April.

This Tuesday, I will be meeting with the Smithtown PS Principal and our School Education Director, Kim Taylor, to decide on the employment of an Instructional Leader. Our school has been offered the opportunity to work 3 days a week with an Education Officer, whose role is to mentor staff, to ensure that they have all of the tools necessary to deliver the highest quality education to your children. This person will work closely with K-2 staff to develop learning pathways that best suit them. These areas of support are identified and designed by the staff themselves and the initiative certainly looks to be an interesting one. We will be sure to let everyone know when the position is filled and how we intend to make the most of this opportunity once the dust has settled next term.

Best of luck to Suzie Greenup-Gray, Luwarna Cohen and Abbey Smith who will be attending the Mid North Coast Netball Trials on Tuesday. These girls not only set an excellent example on the netball court, but also each and every day in the classroom and playground. Well done girls and best of luck on Tuesday.

Thirteen of our Indigenous students will be attending the Bangarra Dance Sessions on Wednesday. Ms Colleen Edwards will be taking the dancers over to Camden Haven by bus. They will be leaving at 7:30am for an action packed day of dance instruction and creation. This is a very exciting opportunity for these great kids, and we look forward to seeing their dance moves in the near future.

It will be a big day for our dancers as our SRC will be holding a whole school social on Wednesday evening from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. K-6 is invited to this wonderful event. What a fabulous way to end off the term.

Mr Freebairn and I will be heading to Coronation Park on Thursday with 2 Stage 3, 1 Stage 2 and a girls League Tag 7-a-side squad. These students have been training the house down in their own time nearly all term, and this is a wonderful reward for their hard work both on the training paddock and in the classroom.

The last day of term will be just as busy as our first, with a Grandparents’ Afternoon Tea for K-2 students at 1:00pm, followed by our famous whole school Easter Hat Parade. This promises to be one to remember, so please come along and join us from 2:30pm in the quad. Our Peer Support groups will be working in a morning session on the Easter Hat creations and I am sure that there will be plenty for all to see. The P&C’s Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade.

Even during the holidays we have school activities on, and this break we will once again be marching in the local ANZAC Day March. ALL students are encouraged to come along and march with us. Full school uniform will be required on the day and it would be great to see lots of Frank Partridge kids in attendance on this very special day for all Australians. We meet outside the surf shop in the main street at 8am.

Finally, a huge thank you to all members of our Frank Partridge VC School community. My first term here has absolutely flown by, and our school community has blown me away with their support and willingness to work with our school to provide the very best learning environment.

Gumbaynggirr Word of the Week - Yaarri Yarraang meaning See you later
for all of our students. Parents, carers, staff and students make this school what it is, and we cannot achieve anything without all cogs in the machine working together. Thank you so much for your patience, understanding, professionalism and enthusiasm! Enjoy your break, freshen up and be ready to do it all again in Term 2!

Have safe and healthy holidays.

Todd.

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**Grandparents Afternoon Tea**

All Grandparents and Parents from Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two are invited to an Afternoon Tea on the last day of Term 1 Friday 11th April at 1pm in the back playground outside Kindergarten. Each class is cooking some yummy treats that day to share with you. Coffee and tea will be available inside KC and we will be playing outside in the fresh air and sunshine. The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 2:30pm in the Quad.

**Netball News**

On Wednesday, 21 students attended the Netball NSW Gala Day in Coffs Harbour with Mrs Haase, Cass and Mr Potter. Each team played 6 games in the searing heat resulting in a 6th and 2nd place. We are very proud of all the girls and boys who displayed excellent sportsmanship and were perfectly behaved on the day. A huge congratulations to Luwarna Cohen – best and fairest player, Suzannah Green-up Gray – excellent goal shooting and Belle Elphick-Toulou – brilliant defence. All players received a Netball NSW wristband for competing in the Gala Day. We are now looking forward to the next Gala Day for PSSA in late May to be held at Macksville!!!

Luwarna Cohen, Suzannah Green-up Gray and Abbi Smith will be trying out for our District Netball side at Urunga this Tuesday. Good luck girls!!

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**Five questions with...**

**Prefect Terryn Hopper**

What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Football player**

Favourite thing to do at school?

**Play football**

Favourite food: **Mango**

Most memorable moment at school: **When I got prefect**

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Awesome, handsome and The Best!**

**Prefect Travis Hayden**

What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Motor Mechanic**

Favourite thing to do at school:

**Play handball and football**

Favourite food: **Tacos**

Most memorable moment at school:

**1st day of kindy**

Describe yourself in 3 words: **Orange, sporty and comedian!**

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**Caught Being Good**


**Library** - Chloe Cameron, AJ Meredith, SU2 - Trent Richards, KC - Taliya Cadman-Pou, Charlotte Ridgeway, KD - Blake Langhans, 2/1C - Mikaela Howe, Thomas Farnsworth, 2/1F - Bianca Wilson, Ethan Dungay, 2/1H - Dallas Winner Coggan, 4/3M - Christa Parker, Max Willard, 4/3W - Emma Cox, Mitchel Summers Whalley, 4/3F - Daniel McElroy, Emily Humphreys, 6/5L - Tom Robertson, Luwarna Cohen, 6/5M - Joana Wellington, Jake Pearson, 6/5S - Crystal Wylie, Taz Streatfield, Reading Recovery - Mykahah McEachran, Mrs Bekis - Tyrone Bowden.
Spotlight on.....

Term 1

When I grow up I want to be a....

- Auslan Sign Language
- Japanese Art
- Soccer Training
- Band with Mr Potter

Literacy

Senior students listen to the younger students read!

IPad fun using Skitch and Telegami

I am a Smarty Pants. See me....

Jump high!
**Community News**

**Vacation Care**
Vacation Care, a not-for-profit organisation, will be running in the holidays out of Frank Partridge VC Public School as well as the Adventist School in Macksville.

Please note the centre will be closed on Friday 18th (Good Friday), Monday 21st (Easter Monday) and Friday 25th April (ANZAC Day).

A full holiday program can be picked from the office at FPVC PS.

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**Aboriginal Holiday Splash Program 14 to 17 April, 2014**
The Holiday Splash Program is being offered to Nambucca Shire Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years.

**Dates:** Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April

**COST:** FREE

**Venue:** YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre

**Times:** You will have a 30 minute lesson sometime between 9:00am and 12 noon

Enrolment forms should be returned to:
YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre
Ph: 65681445 Fax: 65684986
Email: admin.macksville@ymca.org.au

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**NRMA Science & Road Safety Day-Thursday 29th May at 2:45pm in the School Hall**

Our school will be hosting an NRMA & Road Safety Day, a new road safety Program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services as part of its commitment to road safety.

Our school was chosen to take part in this free program that will visit 100 schools across NSW and ACT and educate 40,000 students.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, so we would like to invite you to a workshop where we will review the key road safety messages that were covered on the day and also learn more about what you can do to keep your children safe on the road.

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**Go4Fun**

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter healthier happier.

REGISTER FOR TERM 2.

Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years? Do you worry they may be above healthy weight range?

The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit, healthy and shopping on a budget.

Mid North Coast families who participated in the program last term highly recommend it, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Families living in Nambucca and surrounds are welcome to take part in this free program.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Nambucca Venue:
Frank Partridge VC PS

Wednesdays
3:30-5:30pm

Start date: Wednesday, 29th April 2014

To register: please contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au

Local contact: Becky Vaschak P: 6652 8111

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**Free Family Fun Days – Across the Mid North Coast**

The Mid North Coast Family Referral Service and Families NSW are holding free family fun days across the Mid North Coast to provide a free activity for families during the April school holidays and to promote services to families.

Nambucca 22nd April-Bellwood Park
Urunga 23rd April-Morgo St Reserve

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