Week 8 is upon us already. The last day of the year is only 18 school days away. It has been an incredible year so far, and the staff and I are looking forward to making these last few weeks as memorable as possible for all our students.

We welcome Cameron, Tyson, Sarese and Sage into our school this week for work experience. They will be working across a range of classes. We have completed our orientation meeting and all 4 of these students are ready and raring to go. I am sure that they will have a great week.

I picked up a very excited Naidoc Public Speaking Team on Sunday and delivered them to the airport to fly down to Sydney. Brooke and Keenan were joined by their mums, Mrs Edwards and Aunty Nerida for this very exciting opportunity. We are very proud of their achievements and I am sure that they will return with lots of great stories. Thank you so much to Mrs Edwards and Aunty Nerida for giving up their time to support our students in this very special event.

Fun Run forms are due in this week. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Mr Heward and his team of swimmers will be heading to Macksville Pool for our annual School Swimming Scheme activity this week. The bus will be leaving at 8:35am sharp and kids will be back at school by around midday. This program is vital in ensuring that all of our students can swim to save themselves over the summer break. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who returned their notes and money so promptly.

Our Kindergarten students were on show on Monday, entertaining the View Club ladies with 6 songs at their annual Christmas meeting. We had a taste of their performance at Friday’s assembly and I am sure that the audience were enthralled.

Our Final Scripture session will be held in the hall this Wednesday. All scripture students will be in attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful scripture volunteers who come along every week to work with our scripture classes. Our kids are very lucky to have such dedicated community members supporting them.

This Thursday and Friday will be super exciting for the Stage 2 class members of SCB and SCP. We will be heading off to Port Macquarie on Thursday morning for our first ever overnight excursion. The support team have done an incredible job organising this event which will be invaluable to the development of all of our SCP and SCB kids. SCT will be joining us at Timbertown on the Friday before we all return that afternoon. Once again, our dedicated staff has been most generous with their time, happily spending a night away from their families so that we can offer this wonderful opportunity to our kids. I will be tagging along on this excursion so if you need support with any issues from our school please contact Robyn Beauchamp or Dorothy Leahy. I will be in constant contact with the office, so if you need to talk to me then leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

All of our Year 6 students will be heading down to the high school on Friday for their first full day of transition. Mrs Leahy and Mr Lambert will deliver them to the high school before returning to spend the day with Year 5. This is such an exciting time for our Year 6 students but, a little sad for our teachers as we farewell students who we have watched grow and mature throughout their primary
school years. We are fiercely proud of our Year 6 leaders this year and I am sure that they will make the most of
their first taste of a full high school day.

Parents and carers are urged to get along to our last Kickstart Kindy Transition Day on Friday. We have special
guests coming along to talk about healthy lunch box options and bus travel to and from school. It will be a very in-
formative day and we hope to see as many 2016 kindy kids in attendance as possible.

Our classes for next year are far from set as we have several factors that are still to be defined. However, I like to
keep our school community as informed as possible, so a rough plan of our teachers and their classes is as follows;

Kindergarten; Robyn Beauchamp, Colleen Edwards.
Stage 1; Matt Freebairn, Kimberley Macarthur, Julie Daley.
Stage 2; Sally Wesley, Jaxen Heward, David Moseley.
Stage 3; Gail Smith, Dorothy Leahy, Nick Lambert.
SCB; Gill Baker.
SCP; Yvonne Parkins.
SCT; Gretchen Tsujimoto.
Reading Recovery; Jayne Morrison.
Learning and Support; Vanessa Bekis.
Library; Robin Coulter.
Instructional Leader; Christie Williams.
School Admin Manager; Anne Phillips.
School Admin Officer; Leanne Armytage.
Aboriginal Education Officer; Nerida Hardie.

We will be welcoming back Lisa Scott in 2016 as she has right of return to her position at our school after several
years leave. We are also very keen to continue to have Elle Chaternay and Cally Haase as integral parts of our
teaching and learning teams, however the roles that are available are yet to be confirmed. Our SLSO’s are an inte-
gral part of our team, and their placements are yet to be decided.

I am very excited about the changes to our Stage teams and we are looking forward to really moving our school
ahead in 2016. Should you have any questions about class placement then please do not hesitate to contact me at
any time over the next 2 weeks. I have complete confidence in all of our staff and once we set classes, I very rarely
change them, so it is important that I am as fully informed as possible by our whole school community when we
are setting classes. Your opinion is very important to us.

It has been wonderful to welcome several new families to our school over the past few weeks. Many have reported
that people in our wider school community have been recommending our school and its culture to anyone who
moves into our town. Thank you so much for your support and willingness to let people know how wonderful our
staff and students are!

Finally, don’t forget the Family Fun Night on Friday week. There will be food, kids performing and a real family
Christmas atmosphere so please come along and help us to celebrate the wonderful year that we have had. Food
and raffle tickets will be available from 5.30pm, with a 6pm start for performances.

Have a great week.

Todd.
Phillip Hughes Memorial Cup

Thank you to all who participated in the Phillip Hughes Memorial Cup on Friday. We raised over $150 which will go to the Nambucca Cricket Club.

From the Library

Borrowing has now finished for the year.

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS THIS WEEK.

Many thanks. Mrs Coulter

Bushfire App

With the bushfire season upon us, you maybe interested in downloading the free ‘NSW RFS Fires Near Me’ App onto your phone.

Class Merit Awards


Congratulations!
SCP on their excursion to Way Way State Forest

Shadow Stick Experiment with Mrs Haase

6/5N Personal Art Project

Thank you to our P&C for the library furniture!

‘Madame Lunar’ made a special visit to 2/1H to teach the kids how water is used in hairdressing!!
On behalf of Dairy Australia, thank you for your participation in the 2015 Picasso Cows Make-Over program. We hope your students enjoyed learning all about Australia’s dairy industry and making over their Picasso Cow.

Our cow has students over the moon!

She may be made of fibre-glass, but Gawanyjarr has certainly re-established herself at Frank Partridge VC Public School, after receiving a ‘new look’ as part of Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows Make-Over program.

The Picasso Cows Make-Over program celebrates one of Australia’s biggest agricultural industries, the dairy industry, and also teaches kids that milk doesn’t just come from the supermarket!

As part of our classroom nutrition education, students have spent the last three months revamping our much loved Picasso Cow called Gawanyjarr—which is Gumbaynggirr for cow.

This year, over 50 schools from dairy regions across Australia who had previously taken part in the Picasso Cows program, were invited to give their much loved cows a spruce up, competing for the ultimate honour of being crowned the National Champion.

It was back in 2012 when we first received our Picasso Cow when she was known as Buttercup Francine Daisy with the theme ‘From Farm to Plate’ painted all over her.

As well as redecorating with a new theme, ‘Fuel for Life’, the students documented their experience from start to finish in a learning journal, which we submitted for judging as part of the new national competition.

While we didn’t make it to the finals, our students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the program. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and they are certainly considered winners at Frank Partridge VC Public School!

Gawanyjarr will remain a permanent member of our school community and will be a valuable teaching aide for educating future students about Australia’s Legendairy industry in years to come.

If you haven’t seen her new ‘look’ in the flesh, you’ll find her moo-ving around the school grounds, so be sure to keep an eye out!

Gail Smith
**Community News**

**News Flash**

Physi is coming to the Nambucca Valley in 2016. Classes will be held Wednesdays at Nambucca Arts and Community Centre. Physi fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, contemporary and yoga. It is also a team based sport that is social and fun.

Choreography changes annually and is performed to modern music. Physi is a sport for life with classes being offered to girls from 3 years of age to grandmothers! So mark your diary with classes due to start early February next year. For further information please phone Jo on 0422647214.

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**Wednesday**

**Name______________**
**Class______________**

**Thai Chicken Burger**

Price: $5.50

**Thursday**

**Name______________**
**Class______________**

**Hot Dog on a Roll with Sauce**

Price: $3.50

**Friday**

**Name______________**
**Class______________**

**Bacon & Zucchini Slice With Side Salad**

Price: $4.50 Small

$6.50 Large

**Monday**

**Name______________**
**Class______________**

**3 Party Pies Sauce**

Nippy Milk

Price: $5.00

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