News Letter Issue 8                                           Term 1 Week 9

24th March, 2015

**FAMILY FETE DAY**

Frank Partridge School, Centenary Parade Nambucca Heads

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2015

8AM-2PM

Performances from 10am

**FREE Admission into grounds**

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**Novelty and Inflatable Stall**

**GAUNTLET RUN**

**Jumping Castles**

**Tattoos**

**Hair Spraying**

**Market and Community Stalls**

**BBQ Breakfast**

**Sausage and Steak Sandwiches**

**Hotdogs and Hamburger**

**6 Foot Dart Board**

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**LOCAL PERFORMANCES**

Starting at 10am

- Hakka with Pete
- Yggir (Dolphin Choir)
- Karate Demonstrations with Adam...
- and lots more...

- **Aboriginal Dancing**

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**Slushy’s Fairy Floss**

**Professional Face Painting**

**Pass the Footy and Other Games**

**Photo Booth**

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COME ALONG AND VOTE FOR ELECTION DAY AND BRING THE FAMILY TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

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All Welcome!!

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**MON 30th March**

2/1E Parent/Teacher Meeting

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**THURSDAY 2nd April**

Easter Hat Parade

2pm

Last day of Term 1

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**MON 20th April**

Staff return

**TUES 21st March**

Students return

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**Diary**

**TUES 24th March**

Year 6 Peer Support Training

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**WED 25th March**

Paul Kelly Cup

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Readers Writers Festival Visiting

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**FRI 27th March**

K-2 Puppet Show at Macksville High

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Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1 2015. Our busy term is very nearly complete.

A fiercely contested draw was the result of our Auston’s All Stars V Pink Panther’s cricket match on Tuesday. Great sportsmanship was on show from many of our more skilled players and I am sure that a rematch will be on the cards very soon.

Our netballers managed to get to their Netball NSW School’s Cup on Wednesday, despite considerable delays on the highway. Our Flames went through the day undefeated and will progress to the next round. The Firebirds lost their catch up game which was held in a rush over lunch time, so came second in their pool. The girls and boys looked great in their uniforms. They were definitely the stand out school on the day! Mrs Bekis, Mrs Lanesbury and Cass did a great job preparing their teams and we look forward to seeing the Flames perform at the next level.

Our Year 6 students attended a special drama performance at the Nambucca Heads High School on Thursday afternoon. By all accounts it was a wonderful production, with Mrs Smith and Mrs Leahy quite excited to catch up with past students.

Our Rep footballers attended trials in Coffs Harbour on Friday. As with the netball, the temperatures soared and the boys had to really show some determination in the heat. Samual Donovan and Jake Jones were successful in the Opens and in the Under 11’s Zane Jones, Rangi Buchannan, James Hurley, Jonah Edwards and Will Cohen were all selected. The boys will now move on to North Coast Selection Trials in Grafton. Mr Freebairn will be coaching the Opens and I will attend to support our 5 Under 11 boys. It should be a great day.

I will be out of the school on Monday attending a wonderful “Connecting to Country” opportunity that has been designed by our local AECG. Over the next 3 days several of our staff will be lucky enough to be taken on a journey through 3 communities in our area, Nambucca, Bowra and Macksville. Our local AECG have worked tirelessly to pull this incredible initiative together, and our staff feels very privileged to be given the opportunity to attend. I look forward to reporting back to our school community next week.

We are in the process of organising access to a mobile dental van where students can have an assessment and have their referrals followed up. This service is bulk billed for all students so there will be no cost to families. Please be sure to complete permission slips when they come home so that your child can access this free service.

K-2 are intending to attend a puppet show in Macksville on Friday. Transport will be by bus and our school will cover costs. I am sure that the kids will love getting out of the school and seeing something that is new and exciting. Mrs Beauchamp and her team will have all information out to parents early this week.

Parent teacher meetings are nearly complete. Most parents and carers have made the most of this opportunity to find out just what a difference they can make to their child’s schooling. Homework and home reading is a real focus for our school community this year, and it has been great to see so many students bringing their reading logs in to show me that they have been reading every night. Please keep up the great work at home. Working together we can make a real difference!

Please take the time to pop in and see our school fete this Saturday. Our hard working P&C have pulled together a wonderful program with lots of activities for the kids and stalls for the parents. There will be hot food available on the day. What a great way to make voting in the state election an enjoyable experience for the whole family!

Have a great week. Todd.

Class Merit Awards


Class of the Week - SU2

Congratulations
### P&C News

The following P&C members accepted positions at the AGM on Wednesday.

- **President** - Jeni Lamb
- **Vice Presidents** - Alison Daley and Bianka Durran
- **Secretary** - Kath Holloway
- **Treasurer** - Jane Higgins
- **Uniform Coordinator** - Alida D’Angeli and Kirstyana Pou

We look forward to another great year of supporting our wonderful school.

**Easter Update:** Raffle ticket books need to be returned by Wednesday 1st April. We are still needing donations of Easter eggs. So far Shaylee Farnsworth and Zara Brown are in the lead for selling the most tickets, having sold 4 books each. Well done girls.

**Fete:** Fete Day is almost upon us! This Saturday is shaping up to be a great day for everyone. Tell your friends and family to come on down and have some fun. There will be lots to do. You can also vote here at our school!

### Community News

#### Nambucca Valley Basketball Club
- **Registration, training and informal games each Monday, 4pm - 5.30pm,** at the Macksville Indoor Stadium.
- Registration is $20 for the year, with a $5 weekly game fee. Parents or guardians are required to sign rego form.
- Decent footwear and water bottles are essential. New players and parent helpers are always welcome.
- Ph. Michelle 0428 452 277 (evenings), or just turn up.

#### Aboriginal Holiday Splash Program 13 to 17 April, 2015

The Holiday Splash Program is being offered to Nambucca Shire Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years.

The Sport and Recreation Division of the Office of Sport has enlisted the services of the YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre to provide FREE learn to swim group lessons during the upcoming school holidays.

The program will cater for all ability levels with classes running for **5 consecutive days.**

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<td><strong>COST:</strong></td>
<td>FREE to Aboriginal children aged 3 to 12 years</td>
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<td><strong>Venue:</strong></td>
<td>YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre</td>
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<td><strong>Times:</strong></td>
<td>You will have a 30 minute lesson some time between 8:00am &amp; 12.00pm</td>
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<td><strong>BRING:</strong></td>
<td>Swimwear, goggles, towel and warm clothes for changing</td>
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<td><strong>PLEASE NOTE:</strong></td>
<td>Places are limited and enrolment is essential. Once spots are filled the program will be closed for enrolments -- first in best dressed.</td>
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<td>**** Applicants MUST state that their child is enrolling as an Aboriginal participant under the Sport &amp; Recreation Holiday Splash Subsidy Program **</td>
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**Enrolment forms should be completed and returned to:**

YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre
23A Cooper Street Macksville 2447
Ph: 65681445
Fax: 65684986 Email: admin.macksville@ymca.org.au