**Term 3 – Week 5 Monday 15th August**

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| **Coming Events**  **This Week**  **Tues 16**  Uni NSW Maths Test  OOSH meeting 6.15pm  **Wed 17**  Choir rehearsal 8.15am – 3pm at Shellharbour Workers Club.  Meet at FHPS at 8am. Bus departs 8.15am  Bring brush and shower cap  Music Festival evening performance 7.00pm – 9.30pm, Shellharbour Workers Club  **Sat 20**  Working Bee at school *(more information in this newsletter)*  **Next Week**  view details Book Week  22nd – 26th August  **Tues 23**  **Book Week Activities 8.30am – 11.30am**  Book Fair, share a book & character dress-up. *(see attached note for more information)*  **Wed 24**  M’kopane group to WEC  K/1R Assembly  **Thurs 25**  M’kopane group to WEC  Mufti Day (for Village Fair) - Bottle Lotto  *Remember no wine, thank you*  **Fri 26**  M’kopane group to WEC  Southern Stars Matinee  *Students who purchased tickets to attend performance*  No PSSA Sport |

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| Figtree Heights Public School  Village Fair –  Sunday November 6, 2011 |

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| **Reminders**  **P&C School Contribution – all families.**  **\* PSSA Sports program payment Yrs 3-6 $25**  **\* Wake Up and Read performance, all years $4**  **\* Yr 6 Canberra excursion payment (part/full)- $270**  **\* Southern Stars performers –rehearsal money $8** |

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| **Southern Illawarra 36th Annual Music Festival**  Our school choir (students in Yrs 3 & 4) will be performing at the Annual Music Festival.  The festival will be held at Shellharbour Workers Club on Wednesday 17th August commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the school office. The cost per ticket is $15. Tickets can be purchased in person from the school office or send an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class, number of tickets required and payment with your child to the class teacher.  **We only have 10 tickets left. Tuesday 16th (tomorrow)is the last day to purchase a ticket.** |

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| **C:\Documents and Settings\victoria.thompson1\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZXAUBMYR\MC900240779[1].WMFWorking Bee at School –**  **Saturday 20th August**  **All Welcome!**  **Children to be supervised by an accompanying adult.**  **Time: 9.00am** |

Dear Parents, Students and Caregivers

This Wednesday evening our Years 3 - 4 choir will be representing the school at the Southern Illawarra Music Festival at Shellharbour. Mrs Costello will once again lead them in a number of individual school and combined performances, with students excited about joining students from other schools. We wish them all the best.

Teaching staff had the opportunity to thank our office staff last week for all their efforts for our school. We are all very appreciative of Liz’s, Victoria’s, Kay’s and Greg and John’s (gardens) work for the school, and for their support of our students.

Many thanks to the many families who completed and returned the “homework” surveys. As can be imagined the school received a wide variety of responses ranging from, we want more homework through to, we don’t want homework at all with many different responses in between!

Even though there was such a diverse range of responses, we need to look at what research is telling us about the uses of homework; we need to be reflective of Department of Education and Communities policy; and we need to focus upon a balance between school and families needs. Staff will continue to work through responses, with time needed to reflect upon what’s best for our students. I will keep you informed during this process. Our final goal is to have an agreed school policy in place for the commencement of the 2012 school year.

I wish to bring to your notice issues of parking around the school, including drop off and pick up practices. A number of residents in Stillness Close have complained to me about cars being parked in driveways of an afternoon. Could I ask all drivers to be aware of our neighbours property access when picking up children of an afternoon.

In addition may I also remind drivers who use our Lewis Drive entrance to be mindful of students in the area, particularly of an afternoon.

This Friday I will be meeting with council and police representatives to discuss traffic issues around the school, and look at strategies to keep our children safe. We seek your support of our efforts in this regard.

This coming Saturday, the P&C have planned a working bee to commence at 9.00am at the school.

We continue to work on our school gardens, in addition to creating a special play area at the eastern end of the library. Your support and involvement is greatly appreciated, even if you can only spend a short amount of time with us at school.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Thought of the Week

“You learn something every day if you pay attention”!

Ray Le Blond

Wayne Thomas

Principal

**Kids Question:**

Mary’s father has 4 children;

3 are named Nana, Nene, Nini. So what is the 4th child’s name?

*Answer:* If you said Nono – then you’re wrong. If Mary’s father had 4 children with 3 named as above, then the fourth is Mary!

**Reminders**

**Permission Notes**

On many occasions a signed permission note, allowing students to participate in school activities is required. Sometimes the activity involves transport outside the school.

Students **must** bring in their permission notes prior to the activity.

**P&C Family Contribution now due**

Approx half the school community have paid the annual School Family Contribution of $50. We thank you for your prompt payment.

This contribution is used to purchase essential school resources, subsidise school programs and many other educational needs that arise throughout the year.

If you haven’t sent in your contribution please do so as soon as possible. This will enable the P&C to continue their greatly appreciated support of our school.

Thank you

P&C Committee

**Library News**

Congratulations to William Brett and Tegan Ware for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students have until Tuesday August 30 to complete the Challenge.

Book Fair books are currently on display in the library. Students will be looking at the books this week and filling in "wish lists". Next week, parents can visit the display during Book Week and make purchases with proceeds going to the school. Alternatively, parents can send money in an envelope marked "Book Fair" with student's name and book choice/s. Book prices start at $1.50 with most around $5.00.

Next Tuesday August 23 is our Book Week Activities day. Families are invited to come along in the morning from 8:30-9:30 to read books with students. Our book parade will begin at 9:30 and students are asked to dress up as a character from a story of their choice. At 10:30 book fair purchases can be made.

The books listed below can be added to the following classes' PRC cards:  
KW, K/1R, 1N, 1/2O, 2H - It's Bedtime, William, D. Niland - 33547  
   
Thank you,  
Mrs Pirie

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| **Birthdays**  **Happy Birthday to…..**  **Samuel Buffett, Alessandro Ciarrocca**  **& Abbey Lemmon**  **who have celebrated their birthdays this week.** |

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| **CANTEEN ROSTER 16/08/11 – 22/08/11**  **Mon, Wed & Fri –** open for recess and lunch  **Tues & Thurs –** open for lunchtime snacks only | |
| Tuesday | Fiona Maris  Anthea Roberts |
| Wednesday | **CANTEEN CLOSED**  **Volunteers needed** |
| Thursday | Tamara Gardiner  Rhiannon Synott |
| Friday | Sharon Davis  Sharyn Grant  Tammy Reh |
| Monday | Kristy Buffett  Jennifer Harvey |

**Southern Stars – *Share the Moment* – Friday August 26 and Saturday August 27**

Southern Stars is on again this year with four shows at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on August 26th and 27th.

This year’s show ***Share the Moment*** will take people on an incredible journey through our favourite stories, our favourite music, our favourite types of entertainment, our best inventions, and the special moments that have changed the world.

Whether you have children involved in the show or not, Southern Stars is an outstanding arena style show and provides great entertainment for all ages.

Southern Stars will only be able to continue in the future if it is supported strongly by the community and we encourage you to think about taking your family or getting a group of friends (and your children!) together to see one of the shows.

Show times are on Friday (matinee performance for school children) Friday night 7.30pm and Saturday 2pm matinee and 7.30pm show.

Tickets are available from any Ticketek agency or by calling 13 28 49.

It is a show not to be missed!

**O’Brien’s Personal Training**

**Get ready for summer Fitness classes starting at Figtree Heights Public school on a Tuesday 3.45pm and Thursday 6pm they will consist of Boxing, X-Training also will also be including some self defense techniques. If you are looking to lose weight, get fit or stay fit whatever your goals come and have some fun at the same time. I am looking at starting 23rd August so let me know if you’re keen. Girls and Guys kids can play while we train. $15 per session or $120 for 10  sessions pay up front and save. Or if you want personal 1 on 1 training at another time please call to arrange a time that suit you.**

**To Book Phone Leanne: 04 3000 3001**