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**Term 2 - Week 1 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012**

**Coming Events**  
**This Week**  
Tues 24 - ANZAC day ceremony

Wed 25 - ANZAC Day public holiday

Thurs 26 - K-2 excursion to Science Centre

Fri 27 - CANTEEN CLOSED

**Next Week**  
Thur 3 Mother's Day stall

Fri 4 - Final day for the return of Stewart House clothing bags

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays this week ....  
**Ava Geralexis, Jake Jordan, Madilyn Ladmore, Charlee Morris and Mackenzie Smart**

**UNIFORM SHOP** has changed its opening day and time it will now be open each **Wednesday morning 8.45am - 9.15am.**

Orders will arrive at school soon.

There is also a good selection of second-hand uniforms for sale.

**Reminders**  
©Regional Swimming Carnival competitors- \$4, K - 2 Gymsport \$30, Yrs 5 & 6 AFL \$24, Yrs 3 & 4 PSSA \$25 and all classes Textbook payment are now overdue. Please pay this week - thank you.  
© Yrs K-2 Science Centre Planetarium Excursion Thursday, 26/4/12 payment due 24/4/12

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Mon, Wed & Fri	open for recess and lunch
Tues & Thurs	open for lunchtime snacks only
Tuesday	Annalee Nowlan Sarah Baulch
Wednesday	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday	Shari Fox Karen Craft
Friday	CANTEEN CLOSED VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
Monday	Jennifer Harvey Carmen Lemmon

**Mother's Day Stall**  
Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**  
**\$5 per gift**  
Help is needed to wrap and sell the gifts. If you are able to assist please phone:  
**Trish Davey- 0425238610**  
Selling will begin shortly after the morning bell, with all classes having the opportunity to purchase a gift.  
Extras will be available if students need to purchase a second gift.

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Dear Parents, Students and Caregivers

Welcome back to a busy Term Two, with a number of planned activities across all stages.

Today's ANZAC Day Service was a credit to all of our students and school choir. Mr Davidson our special guest from Wollongong RSL Sub Branch, commented positively on the organisation and involvement of students.

Many thanks to Mrs Costello, Mrs Petersen, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Thurston for putting the commemorative event together.

Good luck to all of our K-2 students who are participating in Thursday's Science Centre excursion. I know our students are very excited about the excursion.

Next week we have students attending Band Camp. We wish them well! We also have our Official Ceremony for the construction of the new building. Further information next week!

A reminder that Yrs 2-6 students will be participating in Athletics sport this term, (remaining at school), with the Annual Athletics Carnival planned for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Good luck to our students attending Regional Sporting trials this Thursday and Friday.

Have a great week.

Regards,  
Wayne Thomas  
Principal

Thought of the Week

"Education is more than a luxury: it is a responsibility that society owes to itself."

Johns



**Term Planner**

Accompanying today's newsletter is our Term 2 Planner. Please use it to check for school activities and add/edit information as necessary.

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

The school supports Stewart House and the Smith Family.

Accompanying today's newsletter is a Stewart House clothing bag. If you have any unwanted clothing or manchester and would like to donate it to the appeal, please fill the bag and return it to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Lost & Found**

Belongings that were in the Lost & Found basket that had names on them have been returned to the students.

Please ensure your child's articles have been labelled so we can return them if they end up in the basket!

**Payment Collection at School**

When paying for school activities the following procedure is the preferred option.

The permission note and payment goes to the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked with the student's name, class and the activity name. The class teacher collects the permission note and marks the student as 'paid'. The payment will then be sent to the office for banking. This way we monitor when money has been handed in (teacher checks and office staff check).

Correct money should be sent in where possible as we do not have change on a regular basis.

**Hint:** If you are sending coins in an envelope, a little bit of sticky tape in the corners of the envelope will stop the coins falling out.

If paying by cheque please note that P&C activities and school activities will need separate cheques as we use different banks. Contact the office if you require clarification.

Payment for an activity should be a least the day before the activity or as indicated on the

permission note - this reduces the last minute rush.

If a student forgets to pay, doesn't hand in the permission note or has decided not to be involved in the activity, then alternate arrangements for supervision will be arranged while the activity is on.

If you wish to clarify any of the above please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

**Permission Notes**

If a permission note is sent home for an activity it must be filled in, signed and returned to the student's class teacher prior to the activity. Please fill in each student's permission note and return it to their class teacher

If the activity requires a payment and you are paying for other siblings in one envelope, please indicate on each permission note who has the payment eg "payment with (name & class)". This ensures the class teacher has a permission note from your child and knows he/she has paid and can write that information in the money folder.

Failure to use this system can lead to confusion (and an upset student) on the day of the activity.

Thank you for your support with this matter. If you need further clarification, please call at the school office.

**Student Absences**

Our school takes a particular interest in our students' well-being and the Dept. of Education requires us to keep accurate records of absences of our students. By following the guidelines set out below we can achieve this outcome.

Students who are absent from school are required to bring a written 'reason for absence' note on their return to school. If a note is not received the absence will be recorded as 'unjustified'. Phoning the school is not required for minor absences. Note: Absences are recorded on Student Academic Reports.

**FIGTREE HEIGHTS has Facebook!**

Figtree Heights has an official, school endorsed Facebook page.

'Friends' will be updated on up and coming school events, notices and reminders.

As per Facebook rules and regulations people under 13 years of age will not be accepted as 'friends'. If you have a Facebook account and would like to become a 'friend' search for Figtree Heights PS (you will notice the school emblem as the profile picture.)

**CatholicCare Diocese of Wollongong** runs worthwhile programs throughout the year.

Their Term 2 programs include:

Grassroots Parenting, this program is for parents of children 0-12 and gives parents an understanding of children's behaviour, provides strategies for effective discipline and encourages self esteem in families.

Other programs include:

Teens & Parents Building Bridges, My Kids and Me, Parenting Children with a Disability, 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching, Keeping Kids in Mind and More Harmony No Harm for Men.

Information about the courses is on our Community Noticeboard which is located in the front foyer at school or contact **CatholicCare** direct on 4227 1122

**Keiraville Community Pre-School** is

celebrating their 60th year. They would like to hear from past preschool members. If you would like to be part of their celebrations please contact them on 42296442 or email [office@kcps.org.au](mailto:office@kcps.org.au)