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# Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: MR WAYNE THOMAS



information - news and views - coming events

## Term 2 - Week 4 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

### Coming Events

#### This Week

**Tues 15 - NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing for Yrs 3 & 5**

**Wed 16 - NAPLAN Reading for Yrs 3 & 5**  
P&C meeting 7pm in staffroom

**Thur 17 - NAPLAN Numeracy for Yrs 3 & 5**

Figtree Heights Public School's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary...on this day 40 years ago the first students started their lesson at school.

**Fri 18 - Walk Safely to School Day** (activity information to be announced this week)

#### Next Week

**Tues 22 - Thurs 24**  
Making Music - Being Well week

**Wed 23 - 2T Assembly 2pm in hall**

### Reminders

- ☺ Yr 5 & 6 Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes performance \$18.50 due by 28 May
- ☺ Yr 5 & 6 Bathurst camp payment
- ☺ School photo order & payment

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Mon, Wed & Fri - open for recess and lunch	
Tues & Thurs - open for lunchtime snacks only	
Tuesday	Gerty Pelekanos
Wednesday	Amanda Taylor
Thursday	Tamara Gardiner Rhiannon Synott
Friday	Sharyn Grant Tammy Reh
Monday	Melinda Scrivener Courtney Clark

**School Photo Day Thur 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Envelopes with payment can be sent in at anytime up to photo day.

Students are to bring their envelope in on photo day or before, (if you want to order a photo).  
There is a \$20 charge payable to photographers for late orders.

Please read 'How to Order' instructions on the front of the envelope.

Family envelopes and spares are available from the school office.  
**Students will be in full winter uniform for photographs.**

**Birthdays: Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays this week ...**  
**James Buxton, Charlotte Neill**

and a special birthday wish to Figtree Heights Public School which turns 40 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.



Dear Parents & Caregivers

This week our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in NAPLAN testing with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Results of these tests are usually available to schools by the end of Term Three.

Congratulations to all of our students for their positive participation in the District Cross Country last Thursday. We had a number of top five finishes with the following students representing our school at the Regional Carnival in Nowra on June 1:

Brock Scrivener, Max Taylor,  
Eloise Taylor, Jasmine Matthews and  
Thomas Jeffrey. We wish them well!

A reminder regarding traffic safety when entering and departing school grounds via the Lewis Drive access road: Please be aware that cars travelling into the school have right-of-way where possible. This is also an area where students and cars mingle, particularly as children are walked to cars, and I seek your vigilance in all safety procedures. Thank you for your support.

Last Thursday nine of our senior students participated in a student leadership conference at the University of Wollongong. Our students participated in a number of interesting activities and there is a short report from them included with today's newsletter. The following students attended:

Jesse Oyston, Jayden Brown,  
Jasmine Matthews, Simon De Mayo,  
Lua Samimi-Duncan, Kiara Walter,  
Amin Azam, Charlee Morris and  
Shannon Anand.

For the past 18 months Illawarra Schools have been participating in a Student Learning Support trial, which has allocated our school with 2 days per week teacher support, to provide additional learning support for a number of our students. The school has recently been informed that the allocation will be continued for the next 3 years.

A huge thank you to the group of mothers who were able to help out on the Mothers Day stall last Thursday. A special thank you to Trish Davey for sourcing a variety of presents for the stall.

We welcome to our school this week two previous students of our school, Hunter Sweeney and Aaron Watling for a week of work experience activities.

Regards,

Wayne Thomas  
Principal



### Thought of the Week

"Clean out a corner of  
your mind and creativity  
will instantly fill it!"

Dee Hock

### Kids Jokes

Q: Why were the early days of history called the dark ages?

A: Because there were so many knights!

### Figtree Heights P&C next meeting 7pm 16<sup>th</sup> May in the staffroom.

The committee invites parents, citizens and teaching staff to join the meeting in support of our school and students.

If you have any queries or are unable to attend the meeting and would like to receive P&C minutes please contact Justine Harvey, Secretary FHPS P&C, by email at: [justine@companyforpets.com.au](mailto:justine@companyforpets.com.au)

### Book Covering

We have a number of library books that require covering. If you are able to assist please come to the office to collect them. Your assistance is really appreciated.

### Mothers Day Stall – Thank you

Thank you to the following mums who assisted Trish Davey with the Mothers Day stall: Jo Kanaris, Jacqui Brown, Lee Brett, Shari Fox, Belinda Brisbane, Janice van Leent and Suzi Tsangaris and to all the others who offered their assistance. We hope all our mothers had a lovely Mothers Day!

### Wanted: Boxes of Tissues

With the cold and flu season approaching we are asking if students can donate boxes of tissues to their classroom to assist with the heavy demand. Thank you for your anticipated help.

### Outstanding Student Invoices

Thank you to those parents who have finalised their accounts for Gymsport, AFL, PSSA, Regional Cross Country and Textbooks.

Reminder calls have been made, so please send in your outstanding money as our creditors are becoming impatient.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion

Our school is registered for this promotion and 'my sticker cards' are available from the school office.

### INVITATION!

Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23,  
Thursday 24 May

*Making Music Being Well*

happens each year as collaboration between Music: Play for Life and the Australian Music Therapy Association.

The importance of music in our children's education has been well documented.

Music is also used widely as a therapy and an accessory to enhance our feelings and encourage well-being.

Come and join in your child's Creative Arts lesson and experience the joy of music making!

### Tuesday 22 May

10 – 11	2T
12 – 12.30	KR
12.30 – 1	KW
2 – 3	5/6T

### Wednesday 23 May

10 – 11	5/6O
12 – 12.30	INF 1W

### Thursday 24 May

9.45 – 10.30	3/4APT
11.20 – 11.50	3/4P
12 – 1	2S

Iris Costello



### Premiers Sporting Challenge

Our school has registered to participate in the 2012 Premier's Sport Challenge.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity – and to have *more students, more active, more often!*

Over a ten week period, from May 14 to August 3 our school will be monitoring the physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What each child does outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge.

Each student will be issued with a Challenge log book to record their physical activity. This needs to be brought into their class every Friday so their classroom teacher can record their results.

Your support in encouraging your child to be physically active before and after school as well as on weekends will encourage them to develop healthy lifestyle habits.

Kiri Stone

### Leadership Conference

On Thursday, nine students from the FHPS Leadership Team (Jayden Brown, Jesse Oyston, Jasmine Matthews, Simon De Mayo, Shannon Anand, Amin Azam, Charlee Morris, Lua Samimi-Duncan and Kiara Walter) went to the University of Wollongong to participate in the Impact Leadership Conference.

It was a successful and enjoyable day; students learnt life-long leadership skills, focusing on the foundations of leadership and how to implement it at a school level. Students also had the opportunity to participate in interactive activities with other schools.

Below are students reflections on the day:

*The conference taught us valuable lessons about how to be a reliable and fun leader. It showed us that we should be part of the crowd and to always refuse to lie. We all had a good time and hope FHPS can go again next year –Jasmine Matthews*

*This conference was well presented and interactive. It was enjoyable and humorous at times. It was a great learning experience for all of us. One of the most important things I learnt was how to motivate others and how to become the best leader/school captain in the universe.*

–Jayden Brown

*Our day was full of many interactive activities where we got to meet new friends from other schools.*

– Simon DeMayo

*It was good learning how to be a better leader and to encourage others to lead. I also enjoyed interacting with people from other schools.*

– Charlee Morris and Kiara Walter

*It was a great experience and I learnt a lot.*

– Amin Azam

*We learnt so much about leadership whilst having fun. There were so many things that we did not know about leadership. We learnt that to become a good leader you have to take the opportunity, set goals, move forward and impact others.*

– Lua Samimi-Duncan

*I liked the analogy they made about leadership using a school bus. Be observant, referring to the review mirrors, wheels help us to move forward, the steering wheel sets goals, the bus driver (who is me) impacts others (the passengers) and most importantly you can't get started without the key, so the key represents taking opportunities.*

– Jesse Oyston

*We learnt various metaphors to teach us what to do such as being a strawberry leader not a watermelon leader, which actually means don't be a hypocrite.*

–Shannon Anand