

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Well done to all of our students for their positive participation at last Thursday's Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park.

The weather cleared, so that all of our track events were completed. Thanks to a number of our parents who assisted on the day with timing and judging and field events. Your support is always valued and appreciated. We will have approximately 35-40 students attending District Athletics next term in late July (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>).

A huge thank you to Mrs Stone for her organisation of the carnival, especially as it was her first one!

This Thursday a number of our M'Kopane players will be travelling to Dapto for drumming rehearsals. We look forward to their future performances.

Good luck to Simon De Mayo who today participated in the NSW schools multicultural public speaking competition. Further public speaking activities are planned for later in the year.

A special reminder to our Year 2 students who have been offered the opportunity to watch this year's Southern Stars Friday matinee performance. It is shaping up to be a fantastic show, with many students and staff from around the Region involved in rehearsals and production meetings. I'm sure that our students will thoroughly enjoy the experience and encourage parents to return the expression of interest form.

One of our parents Alison Scobie shared with our senior students (Yrs 5 & 6), the environmental initiatives occurring at Wollongong University last Friday. It was a very interesting presentation enjoyed by all and I'd like to thank Alison for her support for the school.

Unfortunately we had to postpone yesterday's working bee due to the weather. The decision was made midday Saturday to allow families the opportunity to make other arrangements, and was posted on the school's facebook page. At this week's P&C

Meeting an alternative date will be arranged. Thank you to those families who indicated they were available for yesterday's event.

The school has shared information regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS). If any student from Year 3-6 is interested in participating, please come to the office to collect a participation form.

Good luck to our girl's soccer team in tomorrow's State Knockout game at Corrimal. This is a third round game for the team and I wish them well.

Please be reminded that the P&C will meet this Wednesday evening at 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

This week Semester One Reports are being distributed. It is an opportunity for families to share together, the successes our students have made throughout the year. Please take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and to address any possible concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you at school.

Finally..... Let's hope our senior students are well rugged up for next week's excursion to Bathurst! Gold panning in the snow, now wouldn't that be something?

Have a great week.  
Regards,

Wayne Thomas  
Principal



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"Never turn down a job because you think it is too small, you don't know where it can lead."

Julia Morgan

**Kids Jokes**

**Q: Which veggie plays sport?**

**A: Squash**

**Q: What is the difference between a piano and a fish?**

**A: You can't tuna fish!**  
**Canteen News**

Thank you to Rebecca Anderson and Anne McKay for volunteering with Canteen.

More volunteers are needed for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. Anne McKay has offered to do a Friday. We need another volunteer to assist her so we can open the canteen for a full day.

**International Competition and Assessments for School 2012 (for students in Yrs 3-6)**

This year we are offering English and Mathematics to our students in Yrs 3-6 at a cost of \$7.00 for each assessment. Participation notes are available from the school office.

**Yr 2 audience excursion  
Southern Stars Performance  
Friday 31 August**

Orange notes have gone home to Year 2 students offering them the opportunity to be in the audience for the Southern Stars matinee performance on Friday 31 August.

If you wish your Year 2 child to attend please send permission note and payment to school by Friday 22 June. The school will then purchase tickets (this is a non-refundable activity). Spare notes are available from the school office.

Iris Costello

**Figtree Anglican Church,  
Gibsons Rd, Figtree**

**School holiday Fun!**

Kids day camp for school age kids  
2-5 July, 9am – 3pm

Register: [kdc.figtreeanglican.org.au](http://kdc.figtreeanglican.org.au)  
Office: Figtree Anglican Church 4272 1322

**Illawarra Touch Football**

**Wednesday afternoon, Dalton Park**

Two parents, Lisa Westwood and Shari Fox are currently looking for players to participate in afternoon touch football competitions for under 8's, under 10's and under 14 girls. If any Year 6 girls are interested please contact Lisa on 0411 343 398 or Shari at school.

**Commonwealth Bank Student Banking Program**

After monitoring the usage of this program by students the school has decided to stop offering the student banking service.

Students who hold Commonwealth Bank accounts can still bank their money via Post Offices or Commonwealth Bank branches.

The service will cease at the end of Term 2. We apologise to families who used the service and hope students will still save through other avenues.

**Transition to School information Session**  
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Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 9am-6pm @ Westfield Figtree  
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More information on community notice board at school or contact: Shabnam Hinton 42839943.

[www.transitiontoschool.com.au](http://www.transitiontoschool.com.au)

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**Term 2 - Week 9 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012**

## Coming Events This Week

Wed 20 - Distribution of Semester 1 Student Reports  
3/4AP Assembly 2pm in hall  
P&C Meeting in staff room. All welcome

Thurs 21- M'kopane to Mt Brown PS

## Fri 22- CANTEEN -lunchtime snacks only Next Week

Mon 25 - Wed 27 - 5/6O & 5/6T to Bathurst

Fri 29 -Last Day Term 2 CANTEEN CLOSED

Term 3 dates to remember  
Staff return Mon 16/07/12  
Students return Tues 17/07/12

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Mon, Wed & Fri - open for recess and lunch	
Tues & Thurs - open for lunchtime snacks only	
Tuesday	Gerty Pelekanos Volunteer needed
Wednesday	Amanda Taylor Rebecca Anderson
Thursday	Tamara Gardiner Rhiannon Synott
Friday	<b>LUNCHTIME SNACKS ONLY</b>
Monday	Melanie Grant Janine Rae

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays this week ....  
Payton Scanlen, Abbey van Leent,  
Kyla Nowlan, Ben Rudd & Kirra Synott

## Reminders

- ☺ Yr 5 & 6 Bathurst camp payment due now
- ☺ Southern Stars T-shirts-\$25 Yr 6 compulsory and Yrs 3, 4 & 5 optional. Due Fri 22/06/12
- ☺ Yr 2 Southern Stars performance \$21.50 payment due 22/6/12
- ☺ M'kopane group \$60
- ☺ ICAS participation note and payment due 22/06/12

## Figtree Heights Public School Kindergarten 2013

We have begun our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2013.  
**'In-Area' families** with children who will be starting school in 2013 please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.  
**'Out-of Area' families who have children already attending Figtree Heights** and have a kindergarten child wishing to start in 2013, please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.  
If you have already handed in the above forms, thank you, you do not need to fill them in again.  
**It is important we get this information as soon as possible.**  
If you know any new families in our school community could you pass on this information (or slip this message in their letter box).  
The school office has the list of streets that make up our area. Families who are unsure if they are 'in-area' can phone, email or call into the school office for more information.  
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