

Term 4 – Week 6
Monday 11 November, 2013

Coming Events

This Week

Swim Scheme commences Monday 11 Nov and goes through to Friday 22 Nov.

Mon 11

Yr 3 & 4 Stanwell Park Camp
 Remembrance day celebrations

Tues 12

Yr 3 & 4 Stanwell Park Camp
 K-2 Puppetry workshop

Wed 13

Kindergarten Orientation
 9.15am - 10.15am
 K1W Assembly 2pm in the hall

CANTEEN CLOSED

Next Week

Swim Scheme continues this week

Mon 18

Junior Band Camp to Stanwell Tops
 18/11/13 – 21/11/13

Tues 18

OOSH meeting 6.30pm in staffroom

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch
Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only

Tue	Karen Craft & Fiona Maris
Wed	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thurs	Rebecca Moore & Louise Christensen
Fri	Sharyn Grant, Tammy Reh, Taryn McCall & Leah Rutledge
Mon	Danielle Burton & Courtney Clark

Payment Reminders

~ Spelling Mastery textbook \$27 – selected students. **Due Now**

~ Puppetry workshop K, Yr1 & 2 \$13

Due 8/11/13

~ Yr6 Jamberoo excursion \$24

~ Yr6 Farwell dinner \$30 (cash)



**Happy Birthday to
 students who are
 celebrating their**

birthdays this week.....

Nathanael B, Kelsie F, Maggie H,
 Brody J, Sam T, Bodhi T

Principal's Report

Stage 2 Camp

They are off. Mrs Pirie, Mrs Tweddle and Mr Nielsen are on their way, along with our stage 2 students, to Stanwell Tops for their overnight camp. Hopefully this miserable weather clears for them so they can participate in all the sensational activities they have at the camp.

Thank you to all the parents who arrived on time this morning to drop their children off. The bus left without a hitch.



198fm Spelling Bee

Congratulations Figtree Heights! We are a finalist for the **Marty and Bianca's Spelling Bee** competition. Our final is, **live on air**, Wednesday 27th November from 7.30am. Max, Ella and Zac were exemplary in demonstrating their spelling prowess. I think I was actually more nervous than they were. It was a wonderful experience, getting to see a 'behind the scenes' look at 198fm. Marty and Bianca were lovely and even though it was an early start, it was well worth getting out of bed for. It was extra special for me as my father, Phil Seymour, is the Principal at Hayes Park so I had an opportunity to stir him at our last family dinner. This competition is not all about winning, however in this instance it was fun to win as well. Great job Max, Ella and Zac, we can't wait to see what happens next. **Make sure you tune in from 7.15am this Wednesday, to hear who we may be competing against.**



Back Playground Area



From today, our back playground area will be a children only zone between the hours of 8:30-3:30pm. As mentioned in the note accompanying last week's newsletter, we have had concerns regarding the safety of our students playing in an area shared with vehicles. The P&C and staff members are currently discussing solutions to parking areas around the school. If you have any questions or issues, please feel free to give me a call.

Swim Scheme



Mrs Manning will be accompanying our year 2 students to Western Suburbs Pool over the next two weeks for our annual Swim Scheme. The Department of Education and Communities runs this free program for all students in year 2. Students begin each session with a safety talk and then are split into their individual groups for their pool session. We really hope the weather improves for all our swimmers, even though they are getting wet anyway, it is nice to have good weather for this event. Good luck!

School Uniform

At Figtree Heights we are very proud of our school and part of that pride comes from our school uniform. Of late a few students have been wearing items of clothing that do not belong to our uniform. Sport representative jumpers are an honour to wear and we love seeing our own students proud of their achievements, however, **these jumpers are only to be worn on sports days** (Fridays, carnivals etc). School hats are our uniform and without a hat, students must play in the shade. Again, of late, non-school hats have been creeping their way into our playground and although it is wonderful to see the students be sun smart, it is not part of our school uniform and thus should not be worn. We understand the weather can play a big part in what items of clothing are accessible some days, however, we do have a lost property bin and second hand uniforms available for those times.

That is all from the Principal's desk!
Have a wonderful week,
Skye Hayward



DEC Student Medical Update

Thank you to those families who have returned the Student Medical forms that were sent out with last week's newsletter.

Please be reminded that you only have to return the form if you have had to make a correction. The information will be update on the DEC's ERN database after November 15 2013. Please return corrected form by 15 November

No Parking or Drop-off's in Staff Carpark

It has been observed that some parents are using the staff carpark to park and/or drop-off students before and after school. **Please be reminded that the staff carpark is for staff use only.** Parents are permitted to use the carpark to pick up students who are attending FHPS OOSH (after the afternoon rush is over). Thank you for your assistance.

Presentation Day 2013 –Sponsorship

On Monday 16 Dec our school will be celebrating its Annual Student Presentation Day. At this celebration we present awards and a \$20 voucher to achieving students.

Each year the school puts out a request for sponsorship of these awards. Families and businesses can support our day by way of a cash donation. In recognition of your donation your family or business name will appear in the Presentation Day program. We truly thank our school community for its support of our students and their achievements.

M'Kopane Drummers Workshop

This Thursday the members of the M'Kopane djembe drumming group (Years 5 and 6) will be involved in a 1/2 day workshop in the Hall.

Mark Holder-Keeping, a very talented music teacher and performer will be showing our drummers some cool rhythms that we can learn and hopefully perform at the end of the year.

Junior Music Camp attendees

Good luck to Zac S, Jack R, Max T, Riley B, Riley C and Scott G who will be representing our school at the Illawarra South East Region Music Camp next week at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. It's great to have this number of students from our school attending. Current Year 5 students will be eligible to attend in 2014. This will be a big learning experience for all the boys.

Price Reduction for Sticky Date Puddings

In order to clear our left-over stock of Sticky Date Puddings we have reduced the price from **2 for \$15 to 2 for \$10 or one for \$6.** That's a great bargain! You collect and pay at the canteen.

Found - Cake Stand

We have a cake stand that was left at the Village Fair. It has the name Sam Slater on the bottom. If you know who owns it please let them know they can collect it from the front office.

Last Kindergarten Orientation session

Our last Kindergarten orientation session will be held this Wednesday. Remember to bring any documentation required to complete the enrolment process, as well as place orders for school and sports uniforms.

Canteen Volunteers for 2014



Accompanying this newsletter is a 2014 Canteen Volunteer sheet. Please fill it in and return it to school. Thanks for volunteering!