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**Term 1 – Week 3 Monday 11 February, 2013**

## Coming Events This Week

**Mon 11**  
Uniform Shop Open 8.45am-9.15am

**Fri 15**  
School Swimming Carnival at Western Suburbs pool, 12-3pm for competitors who are turning 8 this year and older.  
**Book Club orders to be in by Fri 15/02/13**

## Next Week

**Mon 18**  
Uniform Shop Open 8.45am-9.15am

**Tues 19**  
**Textbook Sale Day – all students to pay and receive their school classroom textbooks**

**Wed 20**  
P&C Meeting -7pm in staffroom, all welcome.

**Fri 22**  
Gymsport commences for Kindergarten – Yr 2. Information accompanies this newsletter

## Payment Reminders

**Swimming Carnival** – students 8yrs old this year and older. \$5 due 14/2/13

**Student Textbooks** Kindergarten \$14, Years 1-2 \$40, Years 3-6 \$60 Due on/by 19/02/13

**Gymsport** – Kindergarten – Yr 2- \$30



**Happy Birthday to our students who are celebrating their birthdays this week...**

Ashley Freitas, Jai Gilmore, Chelsea Jones, Najib Matar, Olinga Samimi-Duncan & Jeremy Zhao

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

<b>Tuesday</b>	Karen Craft
<b>Wednesday</b>	Amanda Taylor Rebecca Anderson
<b>Thursday</b>	Rebecca Moore Louise Christensen
<b>Friday</b>	Sharyn Grant Tammy Reh Taryn McCall
<b>Monday</b>	Danielle Burton Courtney Clark

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DAY



**School Textbook Sale Day**  
**Tuesday 19 February**  
All classes, all payments to be received on or before the sale day.  
Information on page 2



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to our new Sporting House Captains, who were elected this week.

**Keira –**

Riley Brown, Taylor O'Connor,  
Alex Goyen, Brooke Kisling

**Kembla –**

Riley Clark, Heather Cope,  
Luc English, D'arcy Griffiths

**Nebo –**

Jed Ainsworth, Sophie Pelekanos,  
Sebastian Hewat, Payton Scanlen

Good luck to all of our competitors at this week's Annual Swimming Carnival. Please ensure that competitor slips are returned to Mrs Hayward as soon as possible. Family spectators are most welcome to attend, with the carnival going ahead even if it's raining!

Staff are continuing Language, Learning literacy training with Stage 1 teachers involved in professional learning group training throughout this week. Ongoing training with Best Start is also being conducted for Kindergarten teachers.

Today, further work has proceeded with the issues with class lighting. The difficulty has been with the installation of the latest technology in light bulbs. Unfortunately many of the existing lighting structures were not compatible with the new energy saving bulbs/lights, with electrical rewiring needed to fix the problems. Hopefully over the coming week these will be resolved.

Parent/Teacher Information meetings have been planned, commencing next week. Teachers have/will send information notes.

**Mon 18 Feb** Kindergarten & K/1W  
(Kindy students only) - 6pm

**Tues 19 Feb** 4SP, 4/5T & 6O - 5.30pm  
2/3T & 3N - 5.45pm  
K/1W (Yr 1 students only)  
& 1HF - 6pm

**Thurs 21 Feb** 2P – 6pm

Meetings will be held in the classrooms and we encourage parents to come along and find out the years teaching/learning activities, requirements for class organisation and to speak with the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Wayne Thomas  
Principal

### *Thought of the Week*

*"Success is not the key to happiness.  
Happiness is the key to success. If you  
love what you are doing you will be  
successful."*



*Albert Schweitzer*

**P&C Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20 Feb, 7pm in the**  
**school staffroom.**  
**All welcome.**

#### **School Newsletter**

Did you know you can receive your school newsletter by email?

Just send your email address to [figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and we will add it to the newsletter distribution list. Mark your email attention Victoria-Newsletter.

#### **Instrument Lessons with Mr Bill Burns**

Notes have gone out today with the newsletter to those students who are participating in instrument lessons with Mr Burn on Wednesday or Friday mornings in the library.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DAY** **School Textbook Sale Day** **Tuesday 19 February**

The school has introduced a new system for students to purchase their required classroom textbooks (similar to the school photo system).

Students are asked to bring in the required amount by/on Tuesday 19 Feb. Textbook sellers will be at the school to complete the transaction and distribute the textbooks to students. Students will go to the hall with their class to pay and collect their textbooks.

An information sheet and payment envelope has been sent home (spare copies are available from the office).

**These textbooks are essential for classroom lessons and we thank you for your anticipated assistance in the smooth running of this new system. Please ensure that payment is sent into school by the due date.**

#### **Canteen Menu and Price List**

A 2013 canteen menu and price list accompanies this newsletter.

**Have you got a little time to spare to assist the canteen?** The canteen is looking for volunteers who can make/bake for the canteen for Fridays. Item can include jelly cups, muffins or pikelets. If you can help please contact Elisa on 0414 638 136 or [walang8@TPG.com.au](mailto:walang8@TPG.com.au)

#### **Labelling your child belongings**

Please, please label your child's belongings. If they are lost or end up in the wrong schoolbag they are much more likely to be returned if they have a name on them.

#### **School Uniform- Green shirts**

The Uniform Shop is considering stocking short and long sleeved green school shirts. The selling price will be approx. \$17 (cheaper than the usual retail price). We have a sample of the shirt hanging in the Uniform Shop for parents to view and make comment if necessary. If the school community likes

the quality and colour then an order will be placed soon.

There is plenty of second-hand stock for sale if you are in need of extra uniforms.

Our order of school backpacks should be in by the end of next week. Girl's white ties are on order and will be in, in a few weeks.

#### **Students with Medical conditions**

If your child has a medical condition and you have not informed the school, please do so. It is important that the school is aware of any condition that may affect a student at school. Forms are available from the office. We require information regarding the condition and what action (if any) is necessary if the child presents with symptoms at school.

**Wollongong High School of  
the Performing Arts  
Expo Evening  
Thursday 28 February,  
5.30-7pm**

Are you considering WHSPA as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at the Expo Evening.  
Lysaghts Rd, Fairy Meadow

**Little Figgies Playgroup**  
Tuesday 10.45 – 1215pm  
Figtree High School  
Engineering Science room  
(near Auditorium)  
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drink  
Activities: Craft, painting, games,  
toys, cooking, bikes etc.