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# Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



information - news and views - coming events

**Term 1 - Week 7 Monday 11 March, 2013**

## Coming Events This Week

**Mon 11**  
 Hawks visit - Stage, 2-3pm  
**Wed 13**  
 Canteen Deal Day - Milk Shake and Muffin deal  
**Thurs 14**  
 Selective High School Test  
**Fri 15**  
 Gymsport K - 2

## Next Week

**Tues 19**  
 OOSH meeting 6.15pm  
**Wed 20**  
 60 School Assembly 2pm in the hall  
**Thurs 21**  
 Harmony Day  
**Fri 22**  
 Gymsport K - 2  
**Sun 24**  
 Working Bee at School - all welcome, your help on the day will be greatly appreciated

## Payment Reminders

Gymsport - Kindergarten - Yr 2- \$30 Due 22/03/13  
 Reading Eggs - Kindergarten - \$20  
 Jollybops - K-6 \$6 Due 8/4/13  
 ICAS - Yrs 3-6 Spelling \$11, Maths & English \$8 Due 17/05/13  
 Spare Notes in school foyer

**Morning Tea - Milk Shake and Muffin day at the Canteen, Wednesday 13 March.**

Spare order forms available from the office. Orders should be in by today.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

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

**Uniform Shop - open  
 Monday 8.45am - 9.15am**

Happy Birthday to our students who are celebrating their birthdays this week...  
 Jacob Chichkan, Joseph Cooper, D'arcy Griffiths and Liam Walters





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Good luck to a number of our Year 6 students, sitting the Selective High School test on Wollongong on Thursday, and congratulations to all of our competitors at last week's Regional Swimming Carnival. We have one student Blake McKay competing at the State Carnival in early April and we wish him well. Many thanks to those parents who were able to attend, and assist on the day.

Today Stage 3 students received a visit from Hawks basketball players for a skills session during the afternoon.

Spelling Mastery programs are well underway with all students years 1-6 involved. Ongoing assessments have commenced for students in the program.

Sunday 24 March is our planned P&C Working Bee. Please mark it in your diary. This is our first major parent get together for the year, and we're hoping lots of families can attend. There are a number of small projects planned for the day, ranging from tidying gardens, to whipper snipping, mowing, creating new gardens, painting and repairing. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated, even if you can only come for a short time.

It will be followed by a get together sausage sizzle, so get the gardening gloves out and come along.

Our Village Fair will be held on Saturday 26 October this year. Last Wednesday night was our first 'fair' meeting and I would like to thank the parents who came along and the parents who returned the expression of interest notes. I am sure we are going to have another successful fair and am looking forward to seeing our school community get involved in this worthwhile activity.

Have a terrific week!

Regards  
Wayne Thomas



### Thought of the Week

*"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."*

*Old saying*

### School Working Bee

**When:** Sunday 24 March

**Time:** Commencing 11am  
(or whenever you can arrive)

**Where:** School grounds

Kids can come along, with an accompanying adult, and help out, or bring their bikes for a ride around the school.



A sausage sizzle will follow the Working Bee. To give us an indication of how many families to expect, please complete the note below and return it to school as soon as possible.

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#### **Working Bee RSVP**

Number of adults and children coming on the day: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name : \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_ I can come from: \_\_\_\_\_  
(time)

and until: \_\_\_\_\_  
(time)

### **2014 High School Expression of Interest forms for Yr 6**

For our Yr 6 students: with today's newsletter is an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form for moving into Year 7, 2014.

Parents please complete the form and return it to school, by 22 March, even if you do not intend sending your child to a government high school. As part of DEC requirements all students must indicate their intention of where they will attend high school.



### **Easter Raffle**

**Our Easter raffle is underway!**

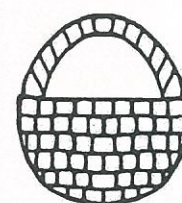
Year 6 students will be selling raffle tickets every morning

before school and at lunchtime, in the COLA area, in the lead up to the Easter Hat Parade. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the parade.

**Tickets are 50c each  
or 3 for \$1.**

The donations of Easter Eggs is continuing and students can hand them in at morning assembly or to the office.

### **Baskets Needed**



If anyone has unwanted baskets suitable for making up our Easter Egg Basket prizes we would appreciate your donation. Just send them in the office or classroom.

### **School Uniform news**

White ties for girls summer uniforms have arrived. Size 6 fleecy school jackets have also arrived. We also have a couple of size 4 in stock.

### **Uniform Price Rise**

There has been a small price increase in the girl's school uniforms, headbands, scrunchies, white summer ties and unisex winter ties. Price rise is between \$1 to \$5. The new price list is available from the Uniform shop.

### **Winter uniform orders**

Orders and payment are being accepted for winter school uniforms. Orders for ties, headbands, scrunchies and girls school uniform should be in by Thursday 28 March, as it takes three weeks for them to be manufactured.

We have a good stock of girls green knee-high socks, fleecy jackets (fleece pants can be purchased at other retail outlets) and microfibre track suits; it is suggested to order

early to ensure you get the size you require. Remember payment must accompany your order. Order forms are available from the school foyer.

*We will not be stocking the school green shirts yet as there has been a hold-up in the supply of the long sleeved shirt. We will keep you informed.*

### **Position Vacant**

**One of our parents, Nina Azam is offering a position to a Registered Nurse to work in a GP's Family Practice two days a week in the Russell Vale area. Please phone Nina for more information on 0422 765 772**

### **Canteen Fundraiser**

Accompanying this newsletter is a Parent Information/order sheet in regards to a canteen fundraiser for reusable lunch wallets. The lunch wallets can be seen at the school office for students/ parents who are interested. Orders with payment can be returned to the class teacher and will be passed onto the canteen. Please make any cheques payable to FHPS P&C. Thanks

### **International Competitions and Assessments**

The school is again giving students in years 3 to 6 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments program (previously referred to as the Uni competitions).

This year the school is participating in Spelling, English and Mathematics. Students can choose to do all, some or none of the assessments (they are not compulsory). Permission and (non-refundable payment) is required by the 'Closing Date for Entries'. Spare notes are available from the front foyer.

### **Holiday Activities**

#### **The Botanic Garden**

The Botanic Garden is advertising Autumn School Holiday activities. They are offering lots of fun and interesting events. There is a blurb on the Community Noticeboard for any interested families.

### **Circus Monoxide**

Circus Monoxide is advertising workshops for the upcoming school holidays. Information is on the Community Noticeboard in the school foyer