

Term 1 – Week 9 Monday 25 March, 2013

Coming Events

This Week

Tues 26

School Cross Country 9am-11am

Thurs 28

Kindy eyesight screening 9-11am

Easter Hat Parade -
1.45pm at 'Pebbled area'



Fri 29

**Good Friday Public
Holiday**

Next Week

Mon 1 April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tues 2

Orders for Fridays Canteen Special to be in

Wed 2

Assembly 4SP

Fri 5

Gymsport – last session

Infants Campout

Chicken Burger Meal Deal – Canteen Special

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



Scott Garrick and Nicholas Pelekanos

Canteen Chicken Burger Meal Deal.

Friday, 5 April.

**An information /order form
accompanies today's newsletter.**

Payment Reminders

**ABC Reading Eggs – K- 1 \$20
Due now**

**Gymsport – K – Yr 2- \$30 Due
22/03/13**

Jollybops – K-6 \$6 Due 8/4/13

**M'kopane Drumming group -
\$40 Due now**

**ICAS – Yrs 3-6 Spelling \$11,
Maths & English \$8 Due 17/05/13**
Spare notes in school foyer.

CANTEEN ROSTER

**Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and
lunch**

**Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime,
snacks only**

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| Tuesday | Cindy Ladmore Jacqui Smart |
| Wednesday | Cindy Russell Julie Jones |
| Thursday | Shari Fox Alissa Stewart |
| Friday | Good Friday |
| Monday | Easter Monday |

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A huge 'thankyou' to the team of volunteers who came along to assist at the school working bee yesterday. There were numerous projects complete, including a general cleanout of storerooms, which was greatly appreciated.

The sausage sizzle was a success and with lots of children also assisting, the day went very well. Thank you so much!!

Tomorrow is our annual Cross Country Carnival with all students encouraged to participate. Final information notes were distributed on Friday and we look forward to a sunny day of competition. Events commence immediately after morning assembly.

During the week students will be working together to make their hats/presentations for the Easter Parade this Thursday. This activity is always a popular one with our students and parents/family members are most welcome to attend.

Staff continue to be engaged in professional learning activities around the National Curriculum implementation. Many of these activities are included in the Figtree Community of Schools plans for 2013-2014. Currently staff are working with the Mathematics and English curriculums which are due to be introduced at the commencement of the 2014 school year.

Good luck to Declan Oyston and Sebastian Hewat at Zone Rugby League trials this Wednesday.

Commencing Wednesday, Mrs Petersen (2P) and Mrs Thompson (office) will be on long-service leave until the end of term.

The coming weekend is the Easter break. School will conclude on Thursday afternoon and re-commence next Tuesday, 2 April.

We hope you have a great week and a relaxing Easter break.

Regards
Wayne Thomas



Thought of the Week

"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people - your family, friends and co-workers, and even strangers you meet along the way."

Barbara Bush

2014 High School Expression of Interest forms for Yr 6

Please send in your completed EOI forms for High School 2014. As part of DEC requirements completed forms are to be returned to school, even if you do not intend sending your child to a government high school. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Tayla Ward for her achievement at the recent Illawarra Regional Eisteddfod. Tayla received a Highly Commended in the 10 years and under Ballad and 3rd place in 10 years and under Country.

Congratulations to Blake McKay who completed in the 'James Brophy' swimming carnival at the AIS swimming pool in Canberra on the weekend. He was able to make his first count time for 10 year & under - 50 Freestyle. This makes him eligible to compete in the NSW SC Country Championships, to be held in July this year.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 28th March, at 1.45pm on the 'pebbled area' of the school playground. The theme this year is 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.' Pink information

notes were sent home last week. Spare notes are available from the school foyer.

School Holiday Activities

The school receives many requests to advertise school holiday activities. It is impossible to advertise them all in our newsletter. We have printed off information and attached it to our community noticeboard. If you are looking for activities for your children please come in and check out the board.



Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle is underway!

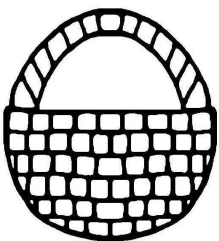
Year 6 students will be selling raffle tickets every morning

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 to the office or classroom.

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.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Reading records for the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for all classes except 4SP will be distributed to the children this week. A short note outlining the Challenge accompanies the reading record. The reading records for Infants children list several PRC books that we have shared during library. I highly commend the challenge to you as a proven avenue to increase the frequency and proficiency of your child's reading. If you would like any further information about the PRC you can go to the official web site at

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or come in to the Library any Monday or Tuesday to see me.

Warren Rich

Teacher-Librarian/PRC Coordinator

School Uniform news

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 girl's 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 girl's 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.

**Stingrays Girls' Football Clinic April School
Holidays Program**

JJ Kelly Park, \$45 for children aged 7 – 14.
Information and registration details available from
the School Community Noticeboard.



Figtree Heights OOSH

After School Care 3pm – 6pm

Vacation Care 8am – 6pm

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