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# Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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**Term 1 – Week 10 Tuesday 2 April, 2013**

## Coming Events

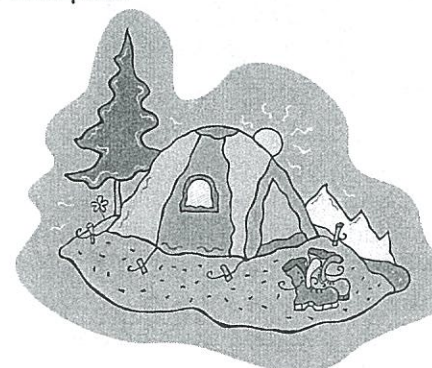
### This Week

**Wed 3 April**

Orders for Fridays Canteen Special to be in Assembly 4SP

**Fri 5 April**

Gymsport – last session  
 Chicken Burger Meal Deal – Canteen Special  
 Infants Campout



### Next Week

**Tues 9 April**

Performing Ensemble Concert 11.30am

**Thurs 11 April**

Jollybops Science Show

**Fri 12 April**

Last day Term 1

### Term 2 dates to remember

Staff Development Days (SDD)- Mon 29/04/13 & Tues 30/04/13

Students return Wed 01/05/13

Stage 3 Minnamurra Rainforest excursion - 8/05/13

District Cross Country - 10/05/13

NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) - 14, 15 & 16/05/13

School Photos - 30/05/13

## Payment Reminders

Gymsport – K – Yr 2- \$30

Over Due Please forward payment ASAP

ABC Reading Eggs – K- 1 \$20

Due now

M'kopane Drumming group - \$40

Due now

Jollybops – K-6 \$6

Due now

Illawarra Performing Ensemble – K-6 \$4

(\$6 for 2 or more children) Due 8/4/13

Stage 3 Minnamurra Excursion – Yr 5 & 6

\$20 Due 7/5/13

ICAS – Yrs 3-6 Spelling \$11, Maths &

English \$8 Due 17/05/13

Spare notes in school foyer.

## Canteen Chicken Burger Meal Deal.

**This Friday, 5 April.**

**Last orders will be taken tomorrow.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch

Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime, snacks only

<b>Tuesday</b> 02/04/13	Katie Tully Leanne O'Brien
<b>Wednesday</b> 03/04/13	Amanda Taylor Rebecca Anderson
<b>Thursday</b> 04/04/13	Denise DeMartin Brooke Kiley
<b>Friday</b> 05/04/13	Anne McKay Amanda Taylor Cathy Badans Kerry Hatchman Rebecca Anderson
<b>Monday</b> 08/04/13	Elisa Stevanoski Alison Carruthers



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all of our students who participated in last week's Easter celebrations. Decorations were made in "buddy classes" and were on show throughout the afternoon's parade. A special visit from "Duchess Pirie" added to the occasion, with lots of family visitors coming along to join in.

Well done to Sebastian Hewat for his selection in the Northern Illawarra Opens League team.

Congratulations to all of our competitors at last week's school Cross Country Carnival. It is a difficult course around the school and our students did a great job to complete their event. A number of students have been selected to participate in the District Carnival next term (10<sup>th</sup> May), and I wish them well.

This Friday evening/Saturday morning is the Infants campout, with the committee working hard to have everything in place for the event. Thank you to parents and staff involved. Let's hope the weather remains calm for the experience and we have lots of happy little campers!

Have a great week.

Regards  
Wayne Thomas  
Principal.



### Thought of the Week

*"You never achieve real success unless you like what you are doing."*

*Dale Carnegie.*



Happy Birthday to our students who are celebrating their birthdays this week...  
Sarah Azam, Anastasia Popovska,  
Sonny Morris, and Grace Goodsell.



### Easter Raffle

A big 'thank you' to all the families who kindly donated eggs for the Year 6 Easter raffle.

Also, an extra big 'thank you' to the dedicated team of parent helpers who coordinated and helped make up the baskets for the raffle. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Thank you,  
Sue Osborne.



### Illawarra South East Performing Ensemble

The Performing Ensemble is a group of approximately 45 young Public High School students from our region. The group consists of singers, dancers and a stage band. Throughout the year, they perform at schools and events within the region. We are fortunate enough to once again been included in the tour.

They will be at our school next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am. We would like to see all our students attend this concert and support this fantastic group, while perhaps being inspired to pursue their love of the performing arts.

Information and permission note is included with today's newsletter.

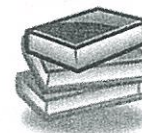
Spare notes are available from the school foyer.



### Stage 3 Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion

As part of Stage 3's HSIE unit on 'Rainforests' they will be going on an excursion to Minnamurra rainforest on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. A separate information/ permission note is included in today's newsletter.

Spare notes are available from the school foyer.



### Library News

#### Premier's Reading Challenge

All Infants children can add the following books to their PRC Reading Record.

23442- 'Don't let the pigeon stay up late' by Mo Williams,

15027- 'The pigeon finds a hot dog' by Mo Williams.

The 'pigeon' books have proved very popular with all the K-2 children!

Also, children in 2P who are undertaking the PRC can add the following books to their Reading Record.

18394- 'Bartholomew and the bag' by Neal Layton,

12030- 'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak,

1742- 'Follow me' by Rick Searle.

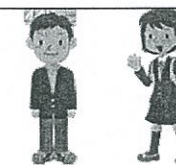
If you would like any further information about the PRC you can go to the official web site at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or come in to the Library any Monday or Tuesday to see me.

Warren Rich  
Teacher-Librarian/PRC Coordinator.

#### 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'- Fri 17 May 2013. Spare notes are available from the front foyer.



Uniform Shop – open  
Monday 8.45am – 9.15am

### 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

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. Order forms are available from the school foyer. Remember payment must accompany your order.

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.

### School Holiday Activities

The school receives many requests to advertise school holiday activities. It is impossible to advertise them all in our newsletter. Some of these include:

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

JJ Kelly Park, \$45 for children aged 7 – 14.

#### Kids Fishing Workshop 18<sup>th</sup> April

Primary Industries, \$40 per child aged 8 – 14. Includes rod& reel, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag, all to take home.

#### Art Space- Creative Arts Studio

School holiday programs include a wide variety of art activities. For children aged 5-18 years.

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.