

Term 2 – Week 4 Monday 20 May, 2013

Coming Events

This Week

Mon 20 & Tues 21
Junior band Camp

Wed 22

P&C meeting 7pm in staffroom – all welcome

Fri 24

AFL State Knockout, Nowra

Deadly Australians 9am – 1pm whole school

Next Week

Thurs 20

School Photo Day

Payment Reminders

ABC Reading Eggs - 2P \$20 Due now

Deadly Australians school visit, whole school
\$5.50 per child or \$11 family (three students or more). Due 23/5/13

School Photo orders

Voluntary School Contribution - \$50 per family. *More information page 2*
Spare notes in school foyer.

School Student Photo Day 2013 **Thursday 30th May**

Order envelopes and payment are to be returned to school **on or prior to** Photo Day. *Please read 'How to Order' instructions on the front of the envelope. You can contact the school office or MSP photography if you have additional questions.*

Sibling (for siblings attending FHPS wishing to have a photo together) and spare individual envelopes are available from the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Tuesday	Sarah Baulch Gerty Pelekanos
Wednesday	Cindy Russell Jacqui Smart
Thursday	Shari Fox Alissa Stewart
Friday	Fiona Leo Sonya De Bruyn Jo Brain
Monday	Nicky Lawler Rhiannon Synott

Happy Birthday to

Jayda Brain, James Buxton, Sebastian Hewat, Toby Jones, Rachel Leo and

Amina Matar **who are celebrating their birthdays this week.**



Uniform Shop – open
Monday 8.45am – 9.15am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well done to our senior leaders for their positive involvement at last Friday's Student Leadership conference held at Wollongong University. There were numerous activities promoting leadership skills, and knowledge to bring back to the school. Congratulations to Phoebe, Max, Ella, Luc, Payton, Sarah A, Sophie and Bodhi for their enthusiasm and efforts on the day. Thank you also to Mrs Thurston for her support of the program.

This week our senior students are involved in a number of sporting knockout games. Boys and girls soccer matches, today and tomorrow, with an AFL knockout day in Nowra on Friday. Good luck to all our teams.

We have five students and Mr Costello representing our school at the ISER Junior Band Program at Stanwell Tops today and Tuesday. They are Riley Clarke- saxophone, Max Taylor and Zac Seymour – guitar, Bailey Craft – clarinet and Eloise Taylor – keyboard. They will be part of a massed band of 65 students who will go on to perform at the Town Hall later in the year.

Staff continue to work toward implementing the new English and Mathematics syllabuses (to commence Term 1, 2014). Further professional learning based upon curriculum planning and programing will occur over the coming weeks.

I need to remind parents that if there are any welfare or behaviour issues between students, then parents are under no circumstances to approach other students on school grounds. In the first instance please refer to your class teacher or if necessary contact myself, at school. Thank you for your support with this issue.

Please be reminded of the P&C meeting being held this Wednesday at 7pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

Also on Friday the show "Deadly Australians" will be visiting our school. It's a very

informative show and we encourage students to attend.

Bullying is a word that's wrapped in emotion. It's been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past. Bullying takes many forms including physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion. Cyber-bullying is a new dimension which means that children can't always escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection and random acts of violence or conflict. While children will sometimes tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying. Bullying is about lack of power, as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the "*selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression*" of one person by another person or group.

Some of the strategies to assist your child could include:

Listening to their story; dealing with their feeling; getting the facts; getting the school involved; help to build your child's support networks and building their self-esteem.

It's worth noting that many children who experience bullying often become stronger and more resourceful, having experienced difficulties which they have overcome. (*Information from Michael Grose – parenting educator*).

We all want our schools to be happy safe places where our children play and learn, and staff at Figtree Heights will continue to support all of our students to achieve their best.

Have a great week.

Regards
Wayne Thomas



Thought of the Week

"Nothing is impossible; the word itself says 'I'm possible'!"

Audrey Hepburn

Head Lice

It is necessary to inform you that we have had cases of head lice in the infant's classes. When children are working together in the confines of a classroom, their hair often comes into contact with that of others. This is one way that lice are transmitted from one child to another.

Treatments can be bought from pharmacies and you may have to treat bed linen, hair brushes and combs as well as your child's hair.

As a health measure, please check your child/ren's hair and treat if necessary. Your child/ren need not stay home from school once treatment has begun. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Voluntary School Contribution

Thank you to the families who have sent in their Voluntary School Contribution. Your contributions are much appreciated and will go towards your child's educational needs.

We encourage families to use the direct debit system of paying and please remember to put students surname as the 'payment description'.

Account Details: Figtree Heights Parents & Citizens Association BSB: 062 644 Account No: 00900425

Alternatively send in your payment to school, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's surname and 'Voluntary School Contribution'. Receipts will be issued within a week of the P&C association receiving your contribution.

2P Assembly postponed

The 2P assembly has been postponed until Week 7- Wed 7 June. We look forward to seeing their item. It will be held in the hall starting approximately 2pm. All welcome.

Student Congratulations

To Sebastian Hewat (6O) and the participating squad of boys for taking home the U12's NSW Country Rugby Union trophy. Some tough games were played against Central West, Central North and Hunter teams. Well done Seb!

Library Information

Premier's Reading Challenge and Library Information

The following Premier's Reading Challenge books were read last week and may be added to your child's reading record.

Year 2 children in 2/3T: 9363 – Diary of wombat – Jackie French

Kindergarten and Year 1 children in K/1W: 12305 – The very blue thingamajig – Narelle Oliver.

All Year 1: 15114 – Would you rather... - John Burningham; 4868 – Willy the wimp – Anthony Browne.

Congratulations to **Paige Gibson** (4SP) who has completed her Challenge. Well done!

The Library lunchtime roster for next week is:

Mon	20.05.13	Bailey C & Ebony F
Tues	21.05.13	Oshini H & Isaac M
Wed		Isaac M & Ethan C, Liam W, Lauren R
Thur		Paige G & Tessa B
Frid		Bashaar A & Noah G

W Rich
Teacher-Librarian

Figtree Heights Public School Kindergarten 2014

We have begun our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2014.

'In-Area' families with children who will be starting school in 2014 please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.

'Out-of Area' families who have children already attending Figtree Heights and have a kindergarten child wishing to start in 2014, please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.

If you have already handed in the above forms, thank you, you do not need to fill them in again. It is important we get this information as soon as possible.

If you know any new families in our school community could you pass on this information (or slip this message in their letter box).

The school office has the list of streets that make up our area. Families who are unsure if they are 'in-area' can phone, email or call into the school office for more information.

Ph: 4228 6555

E: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Figtree Heights OOSH

After School Care 3pm – 6pm

Vacation Care 8am – 6pm

Figtree Heights Public School Hall

St George Avenue, FIGTREE NSW 2525

• Phone: (02) 4227 2515 • Fax: (02) 4226 5061 • Email:
centre@fhoosh.net • ABN: 55 782 160 086

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Canteen News and Menu Updates

Welcome to Amanda Taylor as a new canteen committee member.

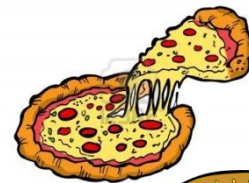
The canteen committee meets on the 4th and 8th Monday of each term at 8.30am in the school canteen. Anyone interested in participating is welcomed and encouraged to come along to the meetings.

Changes to the Canteen Menu - commencing June 2013

There will be a new winter menu printed and distributed soon. Prices will be included on the new menu. We will be offering yummy food for the winter months, please see examples below.

Lunch Specials

Monday: Pizza - Hawaiian and BBQ Meatlovers



Wednesday: Chicken Burgers - breast fillet, lettuce & Mayo



Friday: Chicken - Chicken Wraps

Blackboard Specials

These special will be offered on the 1st & 2nd Monday of the month and will be advertised in the newsletter & Facebook. Fresh Pumpkin Soup and Pasta Bolognese will be included on the specials board.



Lunchtime Canteen Specials

These will be offered on the 1st Friday of the month. It will be advertised by a note sent home, requesting pre-ordering (like our previous lunchtime specials)