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Term 3 - Week 5
Monday 12 August, 2013

Coming Events

This Week

Mon 12
 Southern Stars rehearsal at WEC

Tues 13
 Choir rehearsal at Shellharbour club for tonight's performance. Reminder information in the newsletter.

Choir SIMF performance at Shellharbour Club.
 Tickets available at the door

Wed 14
 ICAS Maths Assessment - note change of date due to the choir rehearsals

Fri 16
 Dance2BFit K-6

Next Week

BOOK WEEK

Tues 20
 Pass the Poetry performance K-6

Wed 21
 2/3T Assembly 2pm in the hall

Thurs 22
 Southern Stars drumming rehearsal at Shellcove Public School

Fri 23
 Southern Stars dance rehearsal
 Regional Sports Carnival

Sat 24
 Wig & Wine night - tickets \$10 pp

Happy Birthday to
 Ziggy Badans, Samuel Buffett,
 Abbey Lemmon and Jack McNally
 who are celebrating their
 birthdays this week.



information - news and views - coming events
VILLAGE FAIR
SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

Payment Reminders

Dance2BFit \$27 - K-6. Due 19/8/13
Pass The Poetry \$4 K-6 Due 19/8/13
Life Education visit K-6 \$5 Due 26/8/13
Southern Stars tickets + bus money \$25.
For students who have previously ordered tickets

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	Simone Pratt Pat Gibson
Friday	Sharyn Grant Tammy Reh Taryn McCall Leah Rutledge
Monday	Danielle Burton Courtney Clark

P&C Social Night. Pencil it into your diaries and remember to buy your tickets.

Wine & Wig Night
Saturday 24th August, 7pm
Figtree Heights Public School Hall
BYO Wine and Nibbles....
and we will supply the entertainment, games, music and prizes.
Tickets \$10 per person from the school office

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Good luck to all of our school choir members and staff, who will be participating in tomorrow's rehearsals and presentation at Shellharbour. This is the culmination of many hours of practice, and is a showcase for some of the musical talent in our school.

In addition a number of our senior students continue Southern Stars rehearsals with both dancers and drummers involved with this year's "Extra" performance.

One of our parents Kevin English is preparing for the 'Black Dog Ride to the Red Centre'. It's in aid of Mental Health, First Aid and Lifeline. It's a terrific cause and one worthy of support. You can find more information at:

<https://redcentre2013.everydayhero.com/au/kevin-2>

Staff continue their Professional Learning activities through the T.E.N program targeting mathematics in the junior years.

Staff News

Mr Nielson commences his permanent placement here at Figtree Heights Public School from this Friday 16 August.

Commencing Term Four (October 8), I will be on long service leave, until the end of the school year for 2013. This will lead into the school Christmas vacation, at which time I will be retiring from the public education system. In the interim, Mrs Hayward will be relieving Principal throughout Term Four, with Mrs Thurston and Ms Wolski fulfilling Assistant Principal roles.

Have a terrific week. Term Three seems to get busier each year!

Regards
Wayne Thomas

Thought of the Week

"What you leave in your children, is more important than what you leave to them"

Denis Waitley

Choir Reminder Information

Tomorrow is our big day!

A couple of reminders (all this information is on the permission note that came home last week)

Please be at school by 8am.

Students need to bring their recess and lunch and a 'shower cap' for the Rubber Duckie item.

Parents who have not yet bought tickets can do so at the door.

Doors open at 6:45pm. Show should be finished by 9:15pm.

Not too late to keep looking at the words for the songs.

Good luck everyone.

Greg Costello
Choir Coordinator

Village Fair Update

Side Show Alley – remember to send in your Side Show Alley Volunteer slip

Village Fair raffle – remember to send in your donation for the basket raffle.

The themes are:

Baby – K1W & KP

Mum – 1HF & 2P (basket located in 2P)

BBQ/Cooking – 2/3T & 3N

Sport – 4SP & 4T

Party Pack – 6O

The committee thanks all families for supporting the Fair and look forward to a great day of fun.

Southern Stars Update

No EXTRA! tickets if they sell out – so make sure you get yours soon! With only three weeks to go until Southern Stars EXTRA! hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre, tickets are selling fast for what is expected to be one of the most diverse, unique, and amazing Southern Stars experiences.

Many students who participate in the show say it is the highlight of their school year, and judging by the many students who return each year to audition and take part in Southern Stars as musicians, dancers, singers and actors, the experience is worth coming back for.

There are three performances available to the public, Friday August 30 at 7pm and Saturday August 31 at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are on sale now through Ticketek and are priced as follows: Adult \$45, Pensioner and student over 12 \$35, Student/Child under 12 \$25 and Family pass \$130. www.ticketek.com.au

Voluntary School Contribution - \$50 per family. Please send in to school or direct debit into P&C bank account: Figtree Heights Parents & Citizens Association BSB: 062 644 Account No: 00900425. Remember to write your child's surname in the 'payment description'. Thanks!

Thank you to the families who have sent in their children's activities payments. Please be reminded that Southern Stars ticket purchases, Dance2BFit and Pass the Poetry payments are due by next Monday 19/8/13.

CITYLIFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

Coffee and Drop in Morning

WHEN: 30th August 10.30am

WHERE: Citylife Church

2/129 Jardine St (west end), Fairy Meadow 2519

Information: 0242844414 0434783710

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To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135

331 or visit our website.

<http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student>

Wollongong Botanic Garden Living Festival

The city's biggest sustainable living festival is on again at Wollongong Botanic Garden on **Sunday, 1 September from 11am to 4pm.** The family friendly festival activities include:

- interactive workshops and demonstrations
- live stage entertainment and roaming performances
- food, wine and local produce market stalls
- native plant sales
- lots of fun activities for kids
- AND great prizes!

And because the festival falls on Father's Day this year we are incorporating a number of Father's Day challenges that encourage father and child to participate in a range of activities together.

It will be a great **FREE** day out for the whole family

Life Education van visit – 27, 28 & 29 August

The Life Education van will visit our school on the above dates. All students are encouraged to attend. Students will be given workbooks, which will be used in classroom lessons as part of the Life Education program. A permission note accompanies this newsletter.

The timetable for Life Education class visits have been organised so the Southern Stars performers who are participating in rehearsals will be able to attend.

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase Life Education merchandise. A note and price list will go out closer to the visit date.