



FIGTREE HEIGHTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

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No: 2, Term 4
Friday 17th October

Message from the Principal

What's Happening at the Heights?

Week Beginning 20/10

Mon 20

Yr 3 & 4 to Killalea

Wed 22

Massed Band rehearsal all day in school hall

Thurs 23

Yr 5 Leadership Day

Kindy Orientation

9.15- 10.15 am

Fri 24

PSSA begins for Yr3-6

Week Beginning 27/10

Mon 27

Science Fair 9am- 12.30pm

Wed 29

Kindy Orientation

9.15am – 10.15am

5L Assembly – 2pm in the hall

Thurs 30

Instrumental Festival at Wollongong Town Hall

Fri 31

Grandparents Day

The school app will be updated over the weekend

Kindergarten Orientation

We held our very first Kindergarten Orientation parent evening for our new Kindergarteners this week and we will be hosting the 2015 class this coming Thursday. I am sure we will have a few nervous parents and excited children. If you see some new faces around the school please ensure you give them a big welcome.

RUN Wollongong

This Sunday! Tessa from 5L has been a wonderful ambassador for our school, drumming up runners and getting the word out there. We do not have as many runners as we would like, although this is only our first year. I can't wait to see everyone there on Sunday. I will be walking with a pram this year so make sure you wave as you run past me!

Op Shop Ball

The P&C Op Shop Ball is on Saturday 8th November here in the school hall. We have a live band featuring our very own Kindergarten parents, Mr and Mrs D'Amico, and I cannot wait to dress up and enjoy the night with our community. Please come into the front office to purchase your tickets.

2015 structure

The time is fast approaching when we are looking at the structure of our classes for 2015. At the next P&C meeting (29/11) I will be discussing future plans and looking for community feedback. If you have suggestions or are interested in discussing this topic, please come to the next P&C meeting. In the coming weeks, I am encouraging families to fill out a classing preference form, which will be available at the front office in week 5. Although I cannot promise to carry out every request, I can certainly try to cater for your child's needs as much as possible. This form will not include preferences for teachers, rather give parents the opportunity to express particular needs for their children (eg twins not in the same class, etc). The open discussion at the P&C will give parents the opportunity to provide feedback from previous years and discuss possible options. It is important to note that we are bound by parameters such as class-size restrictions. To ensure this is an effective process I ask that comments and opinions be phrased positively so that all of our community can have their voice heard.

Regards
Skye Hayward

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SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays today, tomorrow and next week.....

Nicholas Hailstone & Angus Newton

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students....

3/4D	Nicholas Hailstone Emily Peniall
5L	Clayton Byrne Eloise Taylor

SILVER Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students....

1/2M	Chase Grant Rohan Hicks Maddie Clarke
3/4N	Matteo Ciarrocca Ashley Freitas
3/4PR	Tyla O'Brien

GOLD Value Wristband Awardees

CONGRATULATIONS to
The following students....

KP	Ben Parry
KS	Chelsea Neill
2O	Georgia Baulch
3/4D	Abigail Jones Bree Luke
3/4N	Amber Clarke Caiden McPherson Ashton Ocvirk Dhanush Talapaneni
3/4PR	Harmonie Baker-Werth Madi Ladmore
5/6T	Declan Oyston

Reminders

Book Club closes 31/10/14. Orders for Christmas presents can be held at the office for collection. Please write 'hold at office' on your order form.

Payment Reminders

Yr 3 & 4 Stanwell Tops \$168

Yr 3 & 4 Killalea excursion \$14

Yr 5 Leadership Day \$10 (cash)

Yr 5 & 6 Mogo Camp \$196

Yr 6 End of year T-shirts \$34.50

Note: A permission note and payment need to be received before students can participate in school activities.

Head Lice

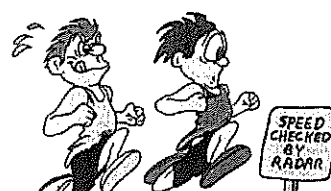
- There have been recent cases of head lice in the infants and primary classes. Please check your child's hair and take appropriate action if needed. Students are not required to be absent from school once treatment has been completed.

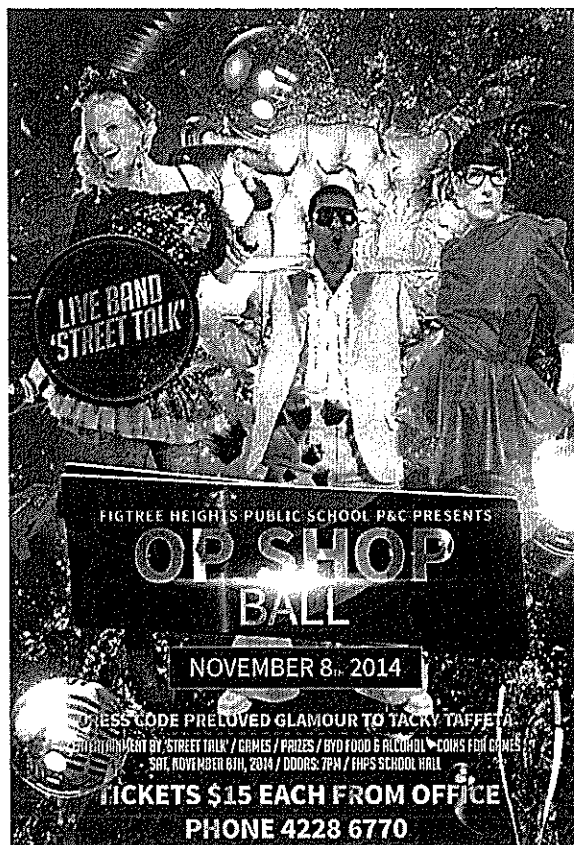
It is suggested that students with long hair have it tied back in plaits or a bun.

Thank you for your assistance in stopping the spread of this pesky insect!



FUN RUN MONEY is now DUE. Please log onto your everyday hero page or bring your money and choice of prize back into school by **NEXT FRIDAY**. We can not place the orders for the prizes until all money is in.





OP SHOP Ball

FHPS P&C are hosting a wonderful community event to celebrate the end of the year! Please see the flyer attached with this newsletter for more information.

DO NOT MISS OUT!

Fresh Taste CANTEEN HELP needed!

To ensure we are moving towards a Fresh Taste Canteen we are required to make some changes to our current menu. From the survey results there was an overwhelming response to move towards a healthier menu, the hardest part of that is working out where to start and who can help. Many parents have indicated they can help in bits and pieces, which is wonderful, if you can spare, even a day a term, your help would be greatly appreciated.

At the recent meeting it was decided to begin with **removing all lollies from the canteen**. We also need to have a closer look into the snacks that are available. Our students will have a say in what "approved" snacks they wish to keep in the canteen through an inquiry project where they will look at the nutritional value of all snacks and decide which they would like to keep.

We also are in need of **APPLIANCES!** To prepare, store and cook fresh food we need some help in acquiring appliances, containers, cookware etc. If you can help out in any way please let the school know.

Watch this space for more changes and information regarding the new look canteen.

Wollongong Schools' Music Festival
45th Annual
Instrumental Festival
Wollongong Town Hall
Thursday 30th October 2014 at 7pm

Admission:

Adult \$15 School Student \$10

Tickets available from the school office
until Wednesday 29th Oct

Book coverers - We need you!



We have lots of new library books that require covering before students can use them. If you can help out with covering the books please call to the office to collect contact and books. Your help is very much appreciated.

Kindy Orientation Dates

Wed 15th Oct:

6.30pm: Parent session in the Kinder classroom

Thur 23rd Oct:

9.15-10.15am: Children meet teachers in the hall, parents to stay for information session

Wed 29th Oct:

9.15-10.15am: Children meet teachers in the classroom, parents to stay for information session

Tues 4th Nov:

9.15-10.15am: Children meet teachers in classroom, parents to stay for information session

Canteen News:

Stickybeak insulated lunchbags \$12 and wallets \$10 are now available for sale at the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER- Week 2

Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch

Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only

Mon	Caro Simons & Gill Newton
Tues	Gerty Pelekanos & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Amanda Taylor & Rebecca Anderson
Thurs	Shari Fox Natalie Reynolds & Fiona Rudd
Fri	Fiona Leo, Sonya De Bruyn & Taryn McCall

Useful Information

To download our school phone app go to the App Store on iTunes (Google Play for Android users), search for Figtree Heights and simply download. **Username:** community **Password:** figtreehtsps Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

\$50 Voluntary School Contribution: **P & C account**. BSB: 062644
Account No: 00900425

Uniform Shop is open Monday mornings from 8.30am – 9am for sales and fittings. We have limited stock remaining so please make your purchases promptly. Lowes Figtree are taking over as suppliers of FHPS uniforms. Stock will be available towards the end of the term. Thank you for your patience.

The Community Noticeboard is located outside near the office and is used to advertise local sporting groups and community groups who offer services to our students and families.

Don't Forget to REGISTER for RUN Wollongong

When: Sunday 19th October, from 7.30am **Where:** WIN Stadium **What:** 12km run, 6km run or 6km walk/roll (pram) **Who:** Figtree Heights PS
How to register: Simply go to Run Wollongong through Google and click on the **REGISTER NOW** icon. REGISTER AS A TEAM under the name **FIGTREE HEIGHTS PS OFFICIAL**. All Money raised goes directly to Wollongong Hospital Children's Ward.
If you register under Figtree Heights our school will receive sporting goods to the value of \$1000

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