



# FIGTREE HEIGHTS

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

*respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness*

Term 4 No: 5 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

### Message from the Principal

#### What's Happening at the Heights?

##### Week Beginning 10/11

###### **Mon 10**

Yrs 3 & 4 Stanwell Tops overnight camp –  
Yr 2 Swimming Scheme commences (runs until 21/11)

###### **Wed 12**

2015 School Captains  
Speech Assembly 2pm in the hall

###### **Fri 14**

Final PSSA sport

##### Week Beginning 17/11

Swimming Scheme continues

###### **Tues 18 & Wed 19**

Yrs 5 & 6 Mogo overnight camp

#### Payment Reminders

Yr 5 & 6 Mogo Camp  
\$196 **DUE NOW**

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

#### 2015 School Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen by their peers to run for school captain in 2015.

Boy nominees: Sam Taafe, Samuel Pelekanos, Isaac Maris and Bailey Craft

Girl nominees: Eloise Taylor, Tessa Baldock, Jessica Buffett and Molly Westwood.

We wish all our nominees they very best in their plight to be captain. Speeches will be on in week 6. For your interest, inside this newsletter are the photos of our nominees.

#### Fresh Taste Canteen

As you are aware we are making the move towards a "Fresh Taste Canteen" and things are moving along nicely. All lollies have been removed from the menu and our wonderful volunteers are coming up with healthier alternatives to our range of snacks. Over the next few weeks students will have the opportunity to test out new options and provide feedback to our committee to ensure we are adding popular items to our new menu. I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has come forward with ideas and also attended meetings. Without your support this initiative would not get off the ground.

#### Science Fair

On Wednesday, 30 students, along with Mrs Lo Surdo made their way to the University of Wollongong for the UOW Illawarra Coal Science Fair. Schools from all over the South Coast were represented and our students had the opportunity to discuss their very own science experiments with a judging panel. I thoroughly enjoyed going to see all the experiments and was very proud of all the effort the students had gone into to present their findings. A special mention to Livvy Ladmore and Jarni Goode, who caught the eye of the Illawarra Mercury with their fancy egg headbands. Please see inside for the photo.

#### Assessment, Reporting and Strategic Planning

Student assessment time is in full swing with teachers preparing for the end of year reports. Over the next few weeks teachers will be finalising their assessments ready for report distribution in week 11. Also in the coming weeks, teachers will be involved in the creation of our 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. There will be opportunities for teachers to be released from class to assist in the writing of our plan as this document will be what guides the teaching and learning at Figtree Heights over the next three years. Sharing of the plan will occur at the next P&C meeting in week 8, providing our community the opportunity to consult on FHPS future directions.

**Have a great weekend! I hope to see you at the OP Shop Ball!**

Warm regards,  
Skye Hayward

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# SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

## BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students....

KP	Samoil Kuzmanovski-Ellsley
5L	Nathan Henderson-Walls

## SILVER Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students....

KP	Tyler Monkman
20	Nicholas Pelekanos Tyler Godfrey Tebra Maulaie
3/4D	Noah McNally
5L	Ebony Freitas Harry Athanassopoulos Blake McKay Zara Harun Hunter Griffiths Alanah George Eloise Taylor
5/6T	Hayden Michlmayr

## GOLD Value Wristband Awardees

CONGRATULATIONS to  
The following students....

KP	Eileen Zhou
KS	Hadley Morris
1W	Jacob Hosking Brylee Ellem
20	Grace Goodsell Tebra Maulaie
3/4D	Ziggy Badans Estella McKenzie William Brett
3/4N	Sam Buffett James Buxton
3/4PR	Toby Moore
5L	Isaac Maris Blake McKay Rachael Bailey Ben Rudd
5/6T	Erin Erler Hamish Cook

## EMERALD Value Wristband Awardee

CONGRATULATIONS to  
The following students....

3/4D	Clay Batchelor
3/4N	Eliza Harvey Emily Rutledge Ellie Reh
5/6T	Tayla Ward



## FHPS School Captain Nominees



Bailey  
Craft



Eloise  
Taylor



Sam  
Taafe



Tessa  
Baldock



Samuel  
Pelekanos



Molly  
Westwood



Isaac  
Maris



Jessica  
Buffett

We wish these nominees all the very best in their speeches next week. We know that all of you would fit perfectly into the role of school captain. Congratulations on being nominated by your peers.

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

William Burns, Ethan Carruthers, Blake Christensen, Maggie Harvey, Brody Jordan, Jye Kiley & Sam Taafe

## Science Fair



Egg-sperimenters: Jarni Goode, 11, and Olivia Ladmire, 12, from Figtree Heights, at the University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair. Picture: ANDY ZAKELI

Here is the picture from Thursday's Illawarra Mercury of Jarni Goode and Livvy Ladmire at the UOW Science Fair.

I think you will agree that they went above and beyond for their headbands.

Thank you to Mrs Lo Surdo and all students who participated. Also a big thank you to all those parents who assisted with the experiments and transport to and from the University.

WELL DONE!

## Fresh Taste Canteen

We are currently looking into the roles and responsibilities of our canteen volunteers and are always looking for more help. If you are interested in baking, serving, organising or preparing food please let the canteen committee know. You do not have to be involved in all these roles, any help would be appreciated.

We are also still looking at donations for our canteen. If you have appliances, pots, pans, knives, storage containers or anything you may think useful for the canteen please let the canteen committee know or drop the item to the front office.

Once again we thank the support of our community in this venture to become a "Fresh Taste" Canteen. Department of Education and Communities policy states that all Public Schools must comply with these guidelines and therefore as a school and community, we are working on ways to ensure this transition is as seamless as possible.

## OP SHOP BALL REMINDER

**When:** this Saturday night from 7pm

**Where:** FHPS School Hall

**Cost:** \$15 per ticket and tickets will be sold at the door!

**Dress:** Your best (or worst) Op shop clothes including ball gowns, suits, taffeta, velvet, really anything from the 80's is suitable! Have fun with it.

*Please come and support our P&C for a fun-filled night without the kids*

## 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	Elisa Stevanoski & Alison Carruthers
Tues	Karen Craft & Fiona Maris
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thurs	Louise Christensen & Rebecca Moore
Fri	Belinda Monkman, Angie Dennis & Jessica James

## Useful Information

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\$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.

### Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing. Please check the box, located outside the Office, for any lost items. Un-named school clothing will be washed and donated to the clothing pool and due to health reasons plastic ware will be thrown away.

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