



Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Tuesday 29th April Week 1 Term 2

Message from the Principal

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces walking into school this morning, the students seemed quite happy to be back too ☺. It was especially significant for myself, as today is my first official day as Principal of Figtree Heights Public School. At the end of last term I went through a vigorous merit selection process and was notified of my appointment in the last week of term. I am excited for the future of our school and look forward to working with each and every student, parent and teacher to ensure we really do reach "Heights of Excellence".

I trust all families had a safe and enjoyable break, taking time to relax and unwind over the Easter period. Term 2 brings yet another busy school term with NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 and of course our student reports will be handed out at the end of the term. Parent and teacher interviews will be conducted in the final weeks of the term, teachers will notify parents of available dates once they have been decided.

Over the holidays Mrs Dee Petersen was offered continued work at the University of Wollongong for the remainder of the year in the Education Faculty. Mrs Petersen is working with Pre-service teachers and assisting in the implementation of the new Science curriculum at UOW. We wish her all the best, we are sad that she will not be returning this year, however, it does allow Miss Dejanovic to remain on 3/4D for the remainder of 2014.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Nielsen and his wife Zoe on their wedding in the school holidays. Mr Nielsen looked smashing in his suit and on behalf of all students, families and teachers we wish them both a lifetime of happiness.

That is all from the Principal's desk this week.

*Skye Hayward
Principal*

"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." Dr Seuss

What's Happening at the Heights?

This Week:

Thurs 1 April

District Cross Country Carnival at Kembla Jogggers

Fri 2

Gymsport K-2 last session

Next Week:

Mon 5

Return Stewart House bags

Thurs 8

Musica Viva 12pm -1pm

Reminders

District Cross Country –
selected students \$10
Due now

Musica viva- whole school
activity \$
Due now

Happy Birthday to the following students:

Maddi L, Ava G, Connor B,
Joshua H, Fatoum M,
Anastasia T & Molly W

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Musica Viva Information

Figtree Heights will be hosting
"JACANA" on Thursday 8th May,
11:30 – 12:30 in our School Hall for the
performance "Sounds of the
Australian Spirit"
the cost will be \$6 per student.

District Cross Country

We wish all our students competing in the
District cross country carnival this
Thursday, the best of luck. Representing
our school at a Central Wollongong
carnival is a great achievement and you
should all be proud of yourselves for
making it this far. All the best!

Figtree Heights Public School Kindergarten 2015

We have begun our enrolment process for Kindergarten 2015.

'In-Area' families with children who will be starting school in 2015 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 2015, please collect, complete and return an Expression of Interest form from the school office.

It is important the school receives enrolment information as soon as possible.

If you have already handed in the above forms, thank you, you do not need to do it again.

If you know new families in our school area who have children ready to start in 2015 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

Thank you for your assistance.

Winter Uniform Change-over

Week 3 will begin the 2 week
changeover period for our winter school
uniform. For those parents new to the
school we have a 2 week period where
students can wear either winter or
summer uniform to school, ready for full
winter uniform at the beginning of week
5. Please place orders at our uniform
shop to ensure Rhiannon has time to
order uniforms.

Focus on Reading

This term our school will be implementing
the program "Focus on Reading" in our year
2-6 classrooms. This program complements
the L3 instruction our kinder and year 1
classes are currently implementing.
Teachers K-6 will be involved in professional
development activities throughout the year
and we are looking forward to welcoming
this reading initiative to our school.

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband
this Wednesday at morning assembly. **WELL DONE!**

Andre D, Harmonie W, Jai C, Jaime K, Abbey L, Mackenzie S, Jacob C, Elise S, Madi L,
Tessa B, Eliza H, Ashton O, Caiden M, Chloe K, Lauren R, Isabel S, Emily P, Zali O,
Putri A, Nathaniel B, William B, Ellie R.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



P&C Outdoor Movie Night

Save the date:

Fri 9 May

Figtree Heights 'Thomas Stadium'
(silver seats near school oval)
Watch out for more information

School Phone App

To download our school phone app go to the iTunes store, type in Figtree Heights and simply download. Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Figtree Heights Public School helps Stewart House charity by way of supporting their clothing appeal.

Stewart House Clothing bags have been distributed. Please fill the bags with clean unwanted clothing and return the bags to school by Monday 5 May. Spare bags are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

Canteen News:

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Tue	Diana Mitrevski & Allison McKenzie
Wed	Tracy Ellem & Stuart Wilkinson
Thurs	Denise De Martin & Brooke Kiley
Fri	Anne McKay, Kerry Hatchman, Amanda Taylor, Rebecca Anderson & Cathy Badans
Mon	Carmen Lemmon & Jennifer Harvey

Pizza Meal Deal every Monday

Pizza & Milk drink \$2.50 or Pizza & other drink \$3.50

Primary Ethics

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need new volunteers to teach Years 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 ethics classes starting in Term 2. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained by Primary Ethics to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. Learn more and apply online www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Amanda Bowen, Ethics Coordinator, at email:

figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com or

ph: 0404 492 828

School Photo Day May 29th

Accompanying today's newsletter is student's school photo packs. Please follow the instructions on the envelopes. Envelopes can be returned with payment prior to photo day or sent in on the day. Students are to be in full winter school uniform on photo day.

WANTED! Boxes of Tissues

We are coming into our sneezing season. Teachers would appreciate if students could donate a box of tissues to assist with the high demand. Boxes of tissues can be dropped off at the school office or handed in to the class teacher.

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Term 2 Planner – 2014

UNIFORM POOL OPEN – Monday 8:45am – 9:15 am

School Security 1300 880 021

Dates are subject to change please check your weekly Community Newsletter.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 April/May	28 Staff Development Day	29 Return day for students	30	1 District Cross Country Carnival 	2 Gymsport K-2
WK 2 May	5 Return date for Stewart House clothing appeal	6	7	8 Musica Viva 12pm -1pm 	9
WK 3 May	12	13 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Writing Language Convention	14 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Reading Assembly 1W	15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Numeracy	16
WK 4 May	19	20	21	22	23 Edmund Rice band 9-10am 
WK 5 May/June	26 School Athletic Carnival, Beaton Park 	27 Junior band Camp 	28 Assembly	29 School Photo Day	30
WK 6 June	2	3	4	5	6
WK 7 June	9 Queen's B'dthday Public Holiday	10	11	12	13
WK 8 June	16	17	18 Assembly	19	20
WK 9 June	23	24	25	26	27 Aunty Peachy show 10am – 11am Last day Term 2



Musica Viva Performance

By: JACANA

'Sounds of the Australian Spirit'

Thursday 8th May

11:30 – 12:30

In our School Hall

Dear Parents/Students,

Jacana is a contemporary classical music ensemble of four imaginative musicians. They work across the country in a wide variety of groups as both performers and directors.

All classes have been listening to their music at school and learning new ways of expressing how music makes us feel. We have been using creative movement and percussion to help us understand some musical concepts.

The cost of the show is \$8.50 per student however the School P&C is again subsidising this amount so that students pay only \$6.

Parents are more than welcome to attend the performance at no additional cost.

Please complete the permission note below and return to the school with the amount of \$6 as soon as possible.

This is an important part of Figtree Heights Creative and Performing Arts Program so it would be great to see all students attend.

Musically yours

Greg Costello

I give permission for my child/ren _____ of class/es _____ to
attend the Musica Viva performance on Thursday 8th May at 11:30am

I enclose \$6 per child

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____