



Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



information – news and views – coming events

What's Happening at the Heights?

This Week:

Tues 17

ICAS Spelling Assessment for students who applied in T1

Wed 18

3/4PR Assembly 2pm in the hall

Fri 20

DTT World Cup afternoon

Next Week:

Tues 24

Parent & Teacher interview evening

Wed 25

P&C Meeting in 5/6T classroom commencing 6.30pm. Child minding available.

Thurs 26

Choir Rehearsal at Farmborough Rd PS 8.30am – 3pm

Southern Stars rehearsal at Illawarra Sports Stadium

Fri 27

Aunt Peachy show 10am-11am
Whole school activity

Crazy Hair Day

Last day of Term 2

Mon 14 July

Staff Development Day (pupil free day)

Tues 15 July

Return day for students

Reminders

See Page 2

Message from the Principal

3/4D classroom and Computer Lab changes

Permanent accommodation for all our classes here at Figtree Heights is something we have been working towards for some time. Finally, this dream will become a reality and in the upcoming holidays 3/4D will move to their new permanent classroom, the Computer Lab.

The current demountable is still more than suitable for a classroom, however, a permanent room has always been the goal.

As for the Computer Lab, we are only moving away from the physical room, not away from the technology it provides (simply updating). With the 21st Century learner in mind (creative thinkers, problem solvers, independent learners) we will be creating a "floating lab" of portable laptops able to be moved from classroom to classroom. This will enable classes to use technology in a more efficient and immediate way. Through purchasing new laptops, replacing the older, slower desktops in the Lab, classes can have more technology at their fingertips to heighten their learning. Our vision will see classes have access to technology more frequently, on a needs basis, rather than the current structure of only having access when it is your classes turn to use the lab.

Our goal is to eventually be able to house two "floating labs" in the school, providing even better access to technology. By adding to the laptops the P&C generously purchased the school at the end of last year, we are providing our students with an opportunity to broaden their horizons and are enabling them to become successful 21st Century Learners.

This topic will be discussed further at next Wednesday's P&C meeting if you have any questions or comments.

Staff In-servicing

As new Australian Curriculum documents roll out into schools, it is mandatory for all staff to complete a number of Professional Development sessions. As a school, we are committed to providing our staff with the most up to date information from the education world to ensure our students have access to the best education. To enable all these things to happen, there are times in which a staff member will be away from their class to attend these sessions. When this occurs we try to ensure there is minimal disruption to classes, employing a familiar casual who knows the students and the class routines. This is not always possible, however, in the instances when a teacher knows they will be away, they do discuss with their class to ensure all students are prepared for this change.

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

Kind regards,

Skye Hayward

Kindergarten 2015

Figtree Heights Public School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.
Contact the school to receive an 'in-area' or 'out-of-area' Expression of Interest form.
Please pass this information on to neighbours in our area who have children starting school in 2015.
Ph: 4228 6555 E: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Reminders

- Aunty Peach performance payment due 24/6 \$6 per student or \$15 per family.
- Dance2bfit permission notes due 20/6
- Spelling Mastery book money due (notified students only)
- Unwanted Entertainment Books to be returned to school now please.
- Re-usable lunch bag orders & payment due 26/6/14
- Choir rehearsal permission note and \$4 bus money due 24/6/14
- Crazy Hair gold coin donation Friday 27/6

Reminder!



What STARS!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved at the Wollongong Eisteddfod.

Tiffany Brisbane who was awarded 1st place in the 8 years and under Solo Wind Instrument section. Tiffany wowed the judges playing flute. Well done, Tiffany!

Macey Synnot received 5 places at the Just Dance Eisteddfod. Three 3rd and two 2nd in the open sections in all styles of dance.

Kirra Synnot received 1st place in her tap. WOW! What an achievement, congratulations!

The school loves to recognise the achievements of our students. If your child has achieved in their field please be encourage to let the school office/class teacher know so it can be included in the school newsletter. A short note with the achievement details written down is the best way to get the information to us.

Exciting Events

World Cup Soccer Fever has hit

To get into the spirit of the World Cup, Figtree Heights will be holding our very own

Doing Things Together World Cup afternoon
this **Friday 20/6**.

Students can wear ANY kind of sports clothing to school (Soccer gear ties in best if you have it). Please remember to wear suitable footwear (no boots). Following the scheduled activities will be a short teacher/parent vs Year 6 soccer match.

Crazy Hair Day

To celebrate the end of the term we will be having a crazy hair day on: **Friday 27/6**. The last day of term.

Students are to wear school sports uniform and create the weirdest, wackiest or just simply crazy hairstyle. It can be difficult to style some very short hair so wigs are perfectly acceptable for this day.

All students are to bring in a **gold coin donation** which will be used to help support our school phone app.

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband this Wednesday:

KS: Angus Newton, Mia Rutledge, Carter Cook, Destiny Coelho-Strat;

1W: Mitchell Roberts, Lathan Cole, Loyal Sawan;

1/2M: Toby Russell; **3/4D:** Ethan Carruthers;

3/4PR: Jacob Chichkan

5/6T: Lachlan Wilkinson

WELL DONE!



Happy Birthday to the following students.....

Tessa Baldock, Destiny Coelho-Strat & Kyla Nowlan

P&C Change of date!



Don't forget...

Please remember this week's P&C meeting has been re-scheduled.

It is now on **Wednesday 25/6** at **6:30pm** in 5/6T classroom.

Following the general meeting Mrs Cindy Russell will be speaking about the self-awareness program "Be Unreal". Cindy is working on this program with the staff at FHPS, ready for implementation in the classroom in Term 3. Please join us to hear more about this wonderful program.

Primary Ethics

Please remember there are opportunities for you to become a trained Ethics teacher. If you are interested in training as an Ethics teacher or would like more information on Primary Ethics at Figtree Heights please contact **Amanda Bowen** at

figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com

More information is on the school noticeboard outside the front office.

Re-Usable Lunch Bags

Don't forget to order your re-usable lunch order bag. These are here for a limited time only. Please see the front office if you require another note.

Canteen News:

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch	
Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only	
Tue	Gerty Pelekanos & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Sonia Latif & Atared Latif
Thurs	Pat Gibson & Simone Pratt
Fri	Denise DeMartin, Lee Brett & Leesa Radic
Mon	Margaret Burns & Karla Forrester

Permission Notes & Payments for School Activities

Thank you to families for sending in permission notes and payment for school activities by the due date. (Check out 'Reminders' on page 1).

Permission notes must be received by the class teacher before the activity.

Permission notes are to be sent to the students' class teacher. If payment is with another student please write on the permission note 'payment with (name & class)'.

This system informs the class teacher and school office that the student has permission to attend the activity and how the payment has arrived at school.

Receipts and change will be sent home within a few days of receiving the payment.

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:** figtreehtps

\$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. Orders with payment can be dropped into the office anytime and will be completed by the uniform co-ordinator the following Monday.

Reminder!

Con's Music Drama

25 Balgownie Road, FAIRY MEADOW 2519
Why not learn new skills, have fun and increase your confidence through



**Singing
Drama
Piano
Organ
Keyboard**




**Theory
Trumpet
Guitar
Bass
Flute and more...**



Call Trish on 0412 951 319 or (02) 4227 1319

Specialist Maths tuition and English tuition

Phone Sally now for an assessment and introductory lesson - **ALL FREE!**
4225 7721 www.numberworksinnwords.com



**Number
Works
in Words**
Fun with maths,
cool with English

FREE ASSESSMENT IN MATHS & ENGLISH KUMON

FREE TRIAL
15 - 30 August 2013
Kumon English and Maths Programmes are tailored to boost your child's reading, comprehension and calculation skills for confident learning.
Please call today to register your child for this Free Trial opportunity.
Visit <http://au.kumonglobal.com>



Kumon Balgownie Education Centre
Rosetta 0434 261 649
Kumon Wollongong West Education Centre
Vimasha 0423 109 013

FIGTREE PLAZA CHEMIST

- FREE Webster® Packing Service
- FREE delivery to the Local Area
- FREE Blood Pressure Testing
- Photocopy, Facsimile and Laminating Services
- Accredited for Medication Reviews
- Agents for Diabetes Australia

OPEN Mon to Fri: 8am to 7pm | Sat: 8:30am to 4pm | Sun: 10am to 4pm
5 BELLEVUE ROAD, FIGTREE **PHONE: 4228-5641** FAX: 4428-5091
Pharmacist, Justice of the Peace (JP), Barry Hashemi

Zoom Wollongong

Play & Party Zone 65-69 Keira St Wollongong

Phone: 4228 4300 Email: info@zoomwollongong.com
www.zoomwollongong.com

Present this ad and receive 10% off your party booking. Offer expires July 31st 2014.



Mount Kembla
Children's Centre
4 Benjamin Rd
Mount Kembla
4271 6131

- ★ Family owned and operated
- ★ Children 6 weeks - 6 years
- ★ Open 7.30am - 6pm, 50 weeks a year
- ★ All meals provided
- ★ CCB & CCR fee relief available to eligible clients
- ★ Qualified and experienced staff
- ★ School readiness program

TYREPLUS Figtree

Come see us for all **Michelin, BFGoodrich & Uniroyal** tyres!





TYREPLUS Figtree | Ph 4272 5777
100 Princes Hwy Figtree 2525

South Coast Gymnastics Academy



W: www.scga.com.au

- Birthday Parties
- Holiday Programs
- School Programs
- Recreational
- Competitive

P: (02) 4227 5722

Think Thrive Academy

Call **Pene Mortimer**
0418 572 555

- Preschool to Year 12. All Abilities.
- Touch-Typing for Kids.
- Maths, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Phonics.
- High School. All Subjects.
- Excel in Skill, Speed & Confidence.

0418 714 498 LIC No. 233529C



A Woman's Touch
PAINTERS & INTERIOR DECORATORS

Maree Martin

Specialising in:
• Commercial • Domestic
• Villas • Houses
• Interior • Exterior

Promote your business to local school families through this unique opportunity



austnews

Contact us for more details **1800 245 077**
sales@austnews.com.au
www.austnews.com.au

austnews DESIGNPRINTWEB

Contact our friendly staff for an obligation free quote
Free Call: 1800 245 077 Email: info@austnews.com.au
www.austnews.com.au

Advertisement



Sharon Bird MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CUNNINGHAM



Mail: PO Box 387, Wollongong NSW 2500
P: 4228 5899 • F: 4228 5077 • E: Sharon.Bird.MP@aph.gov.au • www.sharonbird.com.au
<http://www.facebook.com/sharon.bird.mp>
Authorised by: Sharon Bird, 74 Crown Street, Wollongong NSW 2500

Curves Complete

THE WHOLE SOLUTION THAT MAKES LOSING WEIGHT EASY AS 1 2 3



"I've gone from a size 14 to a size 10."
Amanda - Curves Complete member

Call **4225 7100** 3/3 Bellevue Rd Figtree curves.com.au

Curves Complete

THE WHOLE SOLUTION THAT MAKES LOSING WEIGHT EASY AS 1,2,3

GUEST PASS
FREE NO OBLIGATION CONSULTATION

Valid at participating clubs only. New members only. No cash value. Void if sold.

SPECIALIST ORTHODONTISTS



WOLLONGONG SHELLHARBOUR BOWRAL
Call 1800 smileteam www.smileteam.com.au



ON TIME
appointment
guarantee
or \$100