



Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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What's Happening at the Heights?

This Week:

Tues 15

Students return to school

Fri 18

Dance 2Bfit commences for K-6 students and will continue for all of T3.

Note: Southern Stars participants will not be doing Dance2Bfit as they will be practicing for Southern Stars

Next Week:

Fri 25

Southern Stars rehearsal,
Illawarra Sports Stadium
8.30am-2.30pm

Reminders

- Dance2Bfit \$27 Due now
- Spelling Mastery book money due (notified students only) \$27 Due now

Message from the Principal

Welcome to Term 3! I trust everyone had a relaxing break and took some time to spend with your family and friends. I did hear whispers of a few typical holiday injuries to students, however, nothing too serious which is always pleasing. It is hard to believe half the year has already passed. Don't worry though; there is still plenty of fun and excitement to come this term. Take a look at the planner included with this newsletter to ensure you don't miss out on any important events.

School Newsletter

We are fast approaching the launch of FHPS online school newsletter. Our school is very excited to be moving towards this online mode of communication and look forward to the possibilities it will provide. Paper copies will still be available for those families who have indicated they wish to continue to receive the newsletter this way. **PLEASE** if you have not yet indicated your preference, do so at the front office now. Over the next few weeks we will be phasing out the school newsletter being sent home to all families, after week 3 only those families who have opted to continue receiving paper newsletters will be issued newsletters. Alternatively, newsletters can be viewed via the school phone/tablet app, website or by email.

3/4D classroom and Computer Lab

Over the holidays many teachers helped Miss Dejanovic move 3/4D into their new classroom. Occupying a permanent room has been a long term goal for Figtree Heights and we are all very excited to see this happen. If you get a chance pop your head into 3/4D's room and take a look. The usable computers from the old computer lab have been evenly distributed throughout all classrooms (including the library) and the new laptops which will make up our "floating lab" should be here this week.

Strategic Planning

We are now at the end of our three year school plan and are looking into the strategic directions for Figtree Heights in the future. Part of this process will be to create a "Strategic Planning Team", consisting of the school's executive team, teachers and for the first time, parents and citizens. At the next P&C Meeting I will be calling on volunteers to be part of this team. If you are interested please make sure you attend the next P&C Meeting which will be held in week 4.

Athletics Team

Students selected as part of the Figtree Heights Athletics Team will be taking home an information and permission note today. These students will be representing our school at the Central Wollongong PSSA Carnival on 6th and 7th August at Beaton Park. If any students have a FHPS Athletics singlet at home please return it to school a.s.a.p.

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

Kind regards,
Skye Hayward

Kinderqarten 2015

Figtree Heights Public School is accepting enrolments for Kinderqarten 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

School Holidays



Thank you to those parents who were vigilant over the school holidays and kept our school safe. We had a few minor incidents but due to the quick actions of local parents damage was minimised.

Volunteers Needed:

Books to be covered.

Our school has received some new books for the library. If anyone can help in covering them can you please see the ladies in the office.



Thank you

"Be Unreal"

Cindy and Tegan Russell will be joining our classes this term to implement a student self-empowerment program titled **"Be Unreal"**. In essence, this program will teach students how to be "their best self" and give them opportunities to express themselves through art. Cindy made a presentation at the last P&C meeting outlining what the program entails and how it will be run.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Cindy and Tegan for their hard work getting this program up and running. Countless hours have been spent catering to the needs of our school.

If you would like more information see details below.



Cindy is launching a 5 week eCourse for parents called "Awesome Whenever You Want (4 Kids)". This compliments the "Be Unreal" program and enables parents to reinforce the processes at home. Cost for Figtree Heights Parents \$47 (70% off the cost to the public). For more information go to the FHPS website or <http://cindyrussell.com.au/feel-awesome-when-ever-you-want-for-kids-lets-help-them-now/>

SILVER Value Wristband Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their **SILVER** wristband this Wednesday



KS: Ally Luke **1W:** Jye Kiley, Maggie Harvey **5L:** Tessa Baldock
5/6T: Lily Baker, Declan Oyston, Tom Smart, Tayla Ward



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BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

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

5/6T: Carter Russell, Sam Taafe, Erin Erler

WELL DONE!

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week.....

Putri Azhar, James Burkinshaw & Josiah Moore.

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

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 figtreeheightspethics@outlook.com. More information is on the school noticeboard outside the front office.

School Noticeboard

If you have anything you wish to be displayed on our school noticeboard please come in and see us at the office.



Family & Community Services

Local Foster Carers needed

We are looking for local people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families. FACS is seeking Foster Carers who can provide short term/crisis care and/or respite care (e.g. one weekend a month). Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

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

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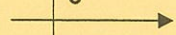








Term 3 Planner – 2014

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 July	14 Staff Development Day	15 Students return to school	16	17	18 Dance 2BFit program K-6
WK 2 July	21	22	23	24	25 Southern Stars rehearsal 8.30-2.30 Illawarra Sports Stadium
WK 3 July/Aug	28	29 ICAS English Assessment	30 5/6T Assembly 2pm in the hall	31	1 Jeans 4 Genes Day
Week 4 Aug	4	5 Southern Stars Combined Dance rehearsal at WEC 8am	6 P&C Meeting 6.30pm	7 District Athletics 	8 
WK 5 Aug	11	12 ICAS Maths Assessment	13	14 Yrs 3 & 4 Choir Festival. Shellharbour 	15 Southern Stars rehearsal 8.30-2.30 Illawarra Sports Stadium
WK 6 Aug	18 Book Week 	19 Book Week Parade Book Fair 'Read you can Orang-utan' performance 2pm	20 KS Assembly 2pm in the hall	21	22
WK 7 Aug	25	26 	27  Southern Stars	28 	29   
WK 8 Sept	1	2	3 Life Education van visit P&C Meeting 6.30pm	4 Life Education van visit	5
WK 9 Sept	8 Life Education van visit	9 Life Education van visit	10 1/2M Assembly 2pm in the hall	11	12 P&C Movie Night
Week 10 Sept	15 Junior Band Camp Stanwell Tops	16	17	18	19 Last Day Term 3 