



Heights of Excellence FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Friday 12th September

What's Happening at the Heights?

Week 10 Sept 15- 19:

Mon 15

Symbio reward excursion for
Kindy – Yr 2

Canteen CLOSED

Wed 17

5/6T Assembly 2pm in the hall

Thurs 18

Adidas Fun Run @ 11:30am

Fri 19

Dance 2BFit

Last day Term 3

**Term 4 commences Tuesday 7
October for staff and students**

Reminders

- * Dance2Bfit \$27 due now
- * Life Education – whole school,
\$5 due now
- * Symbio excursion – K-2 \$25 due
now

**SCHOOL CANTEEN IS CLOSED
MONDAY 15/9**

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

Message from the Principal

Inquiry Based Learning Project

Congratulations to our Stage 1 students who took part in their very first "build day" yesterday. Everyone was busy painting and designing the tyre characters that will soon find a home in our playground. A big thank you to all the wonderful family members who gave up their time yesterday to help out, we appreciate you taking the time to come and support our students and our school. Thank you to our wonderful teachers Mrs Manning, Mrs Fincher and Miss Burrows, this dream would certainly not be off the ground without your leadership and organisational skills. I can not wait to see more.

Strategic Planning

We are currently in the development stages of our three year school plan and we are ready for community consultation. In order to ensure our school vision is one developed by all stakeholders the consultation process is vital. Over the past few terms there have been a number of surveys, some random selection, some whole school, and together with new information we will be able to write our school vision statement and get stuck into the nitty gritty parts of what our plan will look like for the next three years. We appreciate your assistance with these surveys as it provides our school with a true indication of future directions for Figtree Heights PS. New surveys will be sent home on Monday.

Safety in the Staff Car Park

In recent weeks we have had a handful of "close calls" with students and families using our staff car park either as a thoroughfare, drop off/pick up area or during OOSH time. The staff car park is not a safe place for children. We have discussed this issue with OOSH and are endeavouring to get the message across to parents that the staff car park should not be used as a pickup/drop off area anytime. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Curriculum Discussions

Over the past term, I have had many discussions with parents wondering about how curriculum is taught, skills and strategies teachers use in the classroom and how they can assist their child at home. These discussions are vital to ensure we are providing the best education for our students. To make it an easier task to answer these questions, in Term 4, we will be hosting a selection of information evenings to give parents a better insight into what it looks like inside a classroom. Sessions will include your child and the new curriculum, catering for your child's needs at home and at school, and even an open forum on how we are organising classes in 2015. Sessions will be available to everyone and will be held over a period of weeks. More information will be in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, if you have questions please see your class teacher, as they are the information centre of what is happening in their classroom.

Have a great week! Don't forget our fancy dress FUN RUN next Thursday at 11:30am.

Warm regards

Skye Hayward

Principal

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this weekend and next week

Abby Adlington, Harry Athanassopoulos, Tyler Godfrey,
Kobi Hayward, Maeve Hicks, Roan Hicks, Tayla Ward &
Samoil Kuzmanovski-Ellsley

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students.....

1/2M	Angelina Petrovska
20	Kaden Goode
5L	Hunter Griffiths

GOLD Value Wristband Awardees

CONGRATULATIONS to
The following students....

KP	Asha Andrews Andre Dzeparoski
1W	Jye Kiley
3/4D	Charlotte Neill Clay Batchelor

SILVER Value Wristband Awardees

Well done to the following students.....

KS	Majd Abdul Latif
KP	Aleksandar Matic
1W	Lathan Cole, Khye Forrester
1/2M	Caelan Cook, Connor Bailey, Davina George
20	Ava Geralexis
3/4D	Ziggy Badans, Mikayla Mitrevski
3/4N	Putri Azhar, Noah Tully
5L	Isaac Maris
5/6T	Alessandro Ciarrocca, Paige Gibson, Erin Erler

Star in the Making!

Many of you already know..... but just in case you didn't.....we have a FAMOUS star hiding within our school! **Ziggy Badans** from class 3/4D is an international SUPERSTAR.

Finally, after more than 18 months, Ziggy is now allowed to reveal his massive secret. Back in December 2012, Ziggy successfully auditioned to become the voice of the lead character in a children's animated cartoon called Boj - and it is now playing daily on ABC 4 KIDS.

Week after week, month after month, Ziggy has spent countless hours rehearsing and recording more than 50 episodes of Boj (which also stars Jason Donovan as Boj's dad) to be released worldwide. Ziggy also featured in a breakfast radio interview with Jade & Travis on Wave FM last week and a story in The Illawarra Mercury. Ziggy has risen to international stardom and is just about to start his American publicity Skype tour.



Boj, an Australian Bandicoot likes to fix problems. The cartoon follows Boj's life and if you too, would like to get drawn into the world of Boj, it is on ABC4Kids every morning at 5:25am or can be viewed on iView.

Boj apps can be located on iTunes and he also has his very own facebook page with behind the scenes interviews with Ziggy.

CONGRATULATIONS Ziggy, from everyone here at Figtree Heights. We are very proud of you! **BOJ-A-BOOM!**

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Book covering

Thank you to our book covers.



Our students really appreciate the work you have done!

PRIMARY ETHICS

We are almost ready for our second Ethics class to begin at Figtree Heights! Any parent of a student in YEARS 3 and 4 who would be interested in their child attending Primary Ethics during SRE, please pick up a form from the front office or email me.

Topics in the years 3 and 4 curriculum include: Kindness and Generosity, Being greedy, Is Lying Wrong? and Being an Ethical Consumer.
figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com
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Community Noticeboard

Check out the schools Community Noticeboard, located outside near the office!

Out-of-school and school holiday information that might be of interest to families is pinned to the board.

Canteen News:

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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	Sonia Latif, Atared Latif
Thurs	Pat Gibson, Simone Pratt
Fri	Denise De Martin, Lee Brett, Leesa Radic

THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers needed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are able to assist please contact
Elisa on 0414638136



Year 6 Fundraiser Tea-towels

The tea-towels have arrived and were delivered to everyone yesterday. They look fantastic! Thank you so much again, for supporting this Year 6 Fundraiser and, ultimately, FHPS.

We hope the tea-towels will bring everyone great memories for many years to come.

If you missed ordering a tea-towel we have a limited amount available for purchase at the office. They include all the students and teachers hand drawn portraits. Cost \$12 each.

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