



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 4 Friday 16th October, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

12 – 23 rd Oct swimming scheme program	
19 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation
22 nd Oct	Grandparents Day Yrs 3-6 First Aid Course
23 rd , 30 th Oct, 6 th , 13 th Nov PSSA Yrs 5 & 6	
28 th – 30 th October Scholastic Book Fair	
28 th Oct	P&C Meeting, Hive @ 6:30pm
29 th Oct	Kinder Orientation Talent Quest Night
30 Oct	Do Things Together Day K-6
2 nd Nov	Book Club Closes
3 rd Nov	Band rehearsal @ Helensburgh
4 th Nov	Pyjama Day K-6
5 th Nov	Guitar Ensemble in Hall I'm Choosing Kind Yrs 3 & 4
9 th - 10 th Nov	Stage 2 Camp Stanwell Tops
13 Nov	School Disco
18 th Nov	Instrumental Festival @ Figtree High
20 th Nov	Yr 6 Transition to High School workshop
21 st Nov	Trivia Night at FHPS (Saturday)
25 th Nov	Smiths Hill Performance Yrs 3-6 P&C Meeting, Hive @ 6.30pm
26 th Nov	High School for a day Yrs 5 & 6
27 th Nov	K & Yr 1 Puppetry workshop
4 th Dec	Twilight Festival
8 th Dec	Yr 6 Jamboreo
9 th Dec	Gold SuperStar morning tea
10 th Dec	Yr 6 Formal Dinner
11 th Dec	Emerald SuperStar morning tea
14 th Dec	Yr 6 Soccer
15 th Dec	Presentation Day @ Figtree H.S.
16 th Dec	Yr 6 Final Assembly and ringing of the bell ceremony

Creating Tomorrow's Citizen

Two of our Year 4 students are looking beyond our school and becoming global citizens. Take a look at how they are looking at places beyond our school.

Kaylen and Elise are collecting donations of non-perishable foods for the Homeless Hub as part of their Gold Boomerang badge for Cubs.

The Homeless Hub is located in Wollongong and helps support people less fortunate than ourselves. The Hub provides a breakfast program, food hampers and facilities for people to shower and wash their clothes.

We are hoping to collect food items with a long shelf life as this is what the Hub has told us they need. This can include canned goods e.g. Baked beans, fruit and vegies; long life milk; Up and Go's; dried pasta and sauces; anything really as long as it's not fresh produce.

Thankyou in advance for your donations they will really help someone in need.

Kaylen and Elise ☺



Congratulations Corner

Well done to **Samuel Buffett** who placed **first** in the Community of School Writing Competition for his piece 'Chased'. Also, congratulations to **Jessica Buffett**, who was a **school finalist** in the Stage 3 competition. Jessica was awarded this accolade for her piece of writing 'Underwater'.



Congratulations to **Matteo Ciarrocca**, who took out **first place** in the 2015 Sydney Cup Ju-jitsu competition.



Payments & Notes Due:

POP can be used for these payments

* Stanwell Tops camp Yrs 3 & 4.

Cost \$168

* PSSA notes Years 5 & 6



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Selective high school Applications for 2017

The time of year has rolled around again for selective high school applications. If your child is interested in applying for a selective high school in 2017, please see your class teacher for an information brochure. The brochure will provide families with all the relevant information and guides parents through the online application process.

School Calendar

Accompanying today's newsletter is the term planner. As previously mentioned, all foreseeable occasions have been placed in this planner. It is our intention to provide our families with as much notice as possible for school events. To ensure you do not miss out on an event please make sure you download our school app (details at the back of this newsletter). It is also a good idea to check the front of the school newsletter which has a reminder calendar of all important dates.

Plans for 2016

As we are in the middle of the planning process for 2016 we are requesting all families who will have a change in circumstance to let the school know. If your family is planning on leaving our school, if you have not already done so, could you please contact the office. This information is vital for classing and staff structures. Thank you in advance.

In the coming weeks a class consideration form for parents will be available from the front office. This form provides parents the opportunity to outline elements they wish to be considered before classing is finalised. This form is not intended for teacher requests or preferences, rather a place for parents to highlight elements that pertain to the individual child. All requests will be considered at length, however, unfortunately there are no guarantees that all requests will be possible.

Work around the school

Of late, we have been lucky enough to have the Department improve some of our facilities. Windows have been installed; internet connections improved and also we have had a handful of maintenance people improving access to electricity and plumbing. This sometimes comes with unexpected noise and mess. Although we try and communicate when this work is being done, unfortunately sometimes we do not have control of these situations. Nevertheless, we do take all appropriate measures to ensure learning opportunities for our students are not impacted and of course, safety is our first priority.

Canteen Volunteers

We are getting to the pointy end of the year and unfortunately this is when our families are often the busiest. This has been evident in our lack of ability to have the canteen open on all scheduled days. If you have a spare few hours to help volunteer, whether it be by baking goods or helping out at lunchtime, any help is appreciated. It may be one day every month, it doesn't matter, any help is great help. If you think you may be able to spare some time please contact the school so we can pass your information on to, Christina Bonacina. Without our wonderful volunteers we are not able to provide this great service to our community.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards, Skye Hayward

**Happy Birthday to the
following students**

Nicholas Hailstone

&

Angus Newton



The School Value of the fortnight is:



Care

***"Care means that you be nice to
other people."***

As described by Hollie McCall.

This value will be the focus for Week 2 and 3.



Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of our new
SUPER STARS this week!

BRONZE Super Stars

Tyler Monkman	Kai Lovegrove
Amber Clarke	Keira Meagher

SILVER Super Stars

Genevieve Krizsan	Landon Gollop
Hamish Rodgers-Smith	Odetta Krizsan
Karina Hunt	Noah Grant
Ethan Christensen	

GOLD Super Stars

Malaak Abdul-Latif	Ashley Freitas
Laura Smith	Ethan Christensen
Max Atsas	Jai Gilmore
Ebony Freitas	Spike Badans
Maddie Clarke	Dhanush Talapaneni
Sam Taafe	Ilona Krizsan

EMERALD Super Stars

Clay Baldock	Jessica Buffett
Lachlan Wilkinson	Paige Gibson
Oshini Herath	

Remember to check out your photo in the school foyer and tell the office staff if you need a star on your photo.

Wellbeing Snippet

When you decide to **NOT** think a thing
it will **INVADE** your head.



Know what you **WANT**
and think it instead.

-Cindy Russell-

Tegan George

www.yourstoryspace.com

FHPS Talent Quest Night
Thursday 29th October 5.30pm – 8pm
School Hall
\$5 per ticket

Tickets available from the school office.
POP available

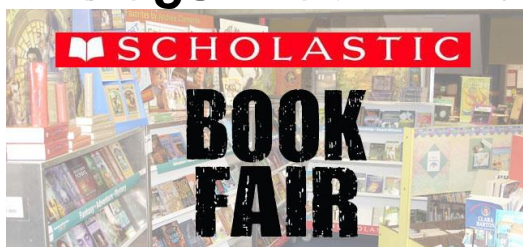
A dancing, drama, singing extravaganza!
If you would like to hold a food stall or volunteer to help on
the night, please see Miss Dejanovic.
tanja.dejanovic3@det.nsw.edu.au



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it is yours for
2 weeks.

REMEMBER if
you are still
reading your
book you can
renew your
loan!

Don't forget our BOOK FAIR!



When: Wednesday 28 October to Tuesday 3 November 2015
Where: In The Hive

Thank You

**Thank you to those students who
have returned their overdue books!**



Happy Reading!
Mrs Thurston

Checkout The Hive's webpage: <http://www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/classes-fhps/the-hive>

Heads Up

- *Lowes Figtree is holding a 3 day Special Sales promotion. Thurs 29th, Fri 30th and Sat 31st Oct. Receive 15% off school uniforms plus an extra 5% if you have a Lowes card.
- *We still have new items for sales in the Uniform Shop. Remember to check it out if you need school wear.
- *Remember to label ALL of your child's belongings. We love returning lost items but can only do it if they are labeled.
- *Have you ever considered being a foster parent? Check out our Community Noticeboard for fostering information.

Week 1-Term 4 Canteen Roster -

The canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for recess and lunch orders.
Snacks only at lunchtime only on Tues and Thurs.

Baking	Kristy Buffet
Mon	Mel Roberts & Hanna Bonacina
Tues	Angelia Godfrey & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Atared Latif & Sonia Latif
Thurs	Fiona Rudd & Natalie Reynolds
Fri	Fiona Leo, Jo Brain & Sonya De Bruyn

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:** figtreehtsps

Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

Canteen Volunteers needed.

Canteen volunteers are needed for various Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 4. If you are able to assist contact Christina Bonacina 0407895515.

Your help is greatly appreciated by our students and staff. Without help we may be unable to open on some days so please consider volunteering. Thanks!

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