



# FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

*respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness*

Term 4 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

## SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

### What's Happening at the Heights?

#### TERM 4

12 <sup>th</sup> October – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct School swimming scheme program	
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Science Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation 2
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Grandparents Day Yrs 3-6 First Aid Course
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> October Scholastic Book Fair	
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kinder Orientation 4 Talent Quest Night
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Book Club Closes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Band rehearsal @ Helensburgh
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pyjama Day K-6
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Guitar Ensemble in Hall
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stage 2 Camp Stanwell Tops
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Instrumental Festival @ Figtree High
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr 6 Transition to High School workshop
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	High School for a day Yrs 5 & 6
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kinder & Yr 1 Puppetry workshop
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Twilight Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 6 Jamberoo
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 6 Formal Dinner
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 6 Soccer
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day @ Figtree High
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 6 Final Assembly and ringing of the bell ceremony

### Music News

Congratulations to Ebony, Bailey and Eloise who represented Figtree Heights PS at this year's South Coast Music Camp in the last week of term. They were great ambassadors for our school and each one of them gained many new musical skills.

Also a belated congratulations to our School Choir who performed wonderfully at this year's Southern Illawarra Music Festival. There are good photos on the SIMF Facebook site of our performances and some odd looking bloke with a giant moustache.

This term the School Band and Guitar Group will be working towards the Combined Schools Instrumental Festival which will be held on the 19th November. There may also be another performance opportunity for the School Choir later in the term. All of our performing groups will strut their stuff at our Presentation Day in the last week of term.

I will be away on leave for the first 3 weeks of this term and so there will not be any band or guitar rehearsals until Week 4.

Thanks  
Greg Costello



### Payments Due: POP can be used for these payments

- \* Science Centre excursion Yrs 2, 3 & 4. Cost \$15
- \* Stanwell Tops camp Yrs 3 & 4. Cost \$168

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## **Welcome to Term 4**

I trust all students had an enjoyable holiday break and as a family you had the opportunity to spend quality time together. I was very pleased to see when I scanned the playground, very limited injuries to our children. Holidays are always famous for a few broken bones or the like. I am sure there are some very relieved parents.

Once again we have a very exciting term ahead with numerous activities towards the end of the year to reflect on and celebrate 2015 at Figtree Heights. Please keep an eye out for our term planner, which will highlight these dates for your calendar.

As we start the new term we begin our new procedures for notes, money and ordering lunches. So far it has been a smooth transition with very little issue. Just a reminder, every note and all money is to go directly to the front office and be deposited in the corresponding letterbox slot. All canteen orders are to be deposited in class letterbox slots at the canteen before the start of the school day. To streamline the handing out of notes, all correspondence in Term 4 will be distributed to students on a Friday. If your child is away on a Friday, please organise with the class teacher to collect the notes that were missed or alternatively, drop in to the front office to collect these notes.

From Week 3, this term, there will be a slight change in staffing as Mrs Thurston is undergoing surgery. This surgery will unfortunately put Mrs Thurston out of action for at least eight weeks. During this time Mrs Linda Jackson will be taking on the Library role. We wish Mrs Thurston all the very best for her surgery and hope she has a speedy recovery.

## **Term Planner**

Next Friday, the school planner for Term 4 will be accompanying the newsletter. Please take some time to carefully read this planner and identify dates important to your child and family. This term we are endeavouring to have everything outlined on this planner to ensure families have ample notice of school events. Unfortunately, some events pop up and it is out of our control, however there should be very minimal additions to this planner.

## **2016 Planning**

The planning for the new school year is in full swing. Unfortunately, due to elements beyond our control, classes and teaching staff cannot be finalised at present, however, we are continuing to work on this very intricate process. In exciting news, it looks as though we will have the opportunity to welcome at least one new staff member to our Figtree Heights family next year. This teacher will be replacing Mrs Jan Smith who retired earlier in the year.

## **School Values**

On a daily basis we are encouraging our students to portray our school's six core values of integrity, responsibility, respect, care, excellence and fairness. Every morning the school value of the fortnight is discussed and students are reminded what it means to show this value. In the newsletter every week, the value of the fortnight will be clearly displayed with a brief definition of how we explain what that value means to students. This will allow families to work in partnership with our teachers and use the same language both at home and at school.

## **Student Newspaper**

In other exciting news Figtree Heights is in the beginning stages of creating our very own student newspaper. A team of senior students is currently busy deciding on which role they would like to nominate for and are working out all the fun bits and pieces that come hand in hand with creating this student-led publication. Our students are aiming to get everything up and running for their first ever publication in December. Watch this space!

***It is with a heavy heart that I inform our community about the passing of Mrs Carmel Martin. Mrs Martin was a teacher here at Figtree Heights for many years before she took on the role of principal, a role she held for many years. Mrs Martin will always hold a special place in the heart of Figtree Heights Public School and she will always be remembered through the legacy she has left and the beautiful garden that is dedicated to her at the Lewis Drive entrance to our school. We send our condolences to Mrs Martin's family, who are also members of our school community.***

*Warm regards, Skye Hayward*

**Happy Birthday to the following students**

**Cater Cook, Nathan Henderson-Walls, Odette Krizsan,  
Mikayla Mitrevski, Nathan Mitrevski & Hamish Rodgers-Smith**



## Super Stars!



Congratulations to our **BRONZE** Super Star this week!

Halen Ryan	Nathan Henderson-Walls
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And to our new **SILVER** Super Stars this week!

Congratulations to the following students:

Alexandra Wira	Isaac Erler
Luke Hughes	Estella McKenzie
Jacob Hosking	Toby Jones

We also have new **GOLD** Super Stars!

Congratulations:

Eva Bonacina	Samuel Pelekanos
Issy Clarke	Hadley Morris
Mia Rutledge	Jayda Brain
Lara Fox	Kaylen Craft
Connor Bailey	

This week we have our first **EMERALD** Super Stars for 2015! Congratulations to the following students:

Ally Luke	Chloe Wilkinson
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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

*What you are imagining*

*will affect everything you do.*

**Make sure you imagine the best thing for you.**

-Cindy Russell-



The School Value of the fortnight is:



# Care

***"Care is being nice to others, respecting others and their feelings and also their belongings."***

***As described by Nicholas Hailstone.***

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

## Sports Star

Kai Lovegrove, of 3/4P, recently participated in the National Judo Championships in Adelaide. He won a **gold medal**, making him an **Australian Champion** for his age and weight.

Congratulations and well done, Kai!



When you **borrow** a book it is yours for **2 weeks**.

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



## We won!

I am so proud to announce that **Isaac Maris, Noah Grant and Blake McKay**

**won the TIME 3D Printing Competition.**

Their design - 'The iPh' is an innovative Phone and USB holder. We will use the prize money to buy a second 3D printer.

*Well done!*



## Don't forget our Book Fair!

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

**Overdue notices:** over the next week overdue book notices will be distributed.

*Happy Reading!*  
*Mrs Thurston*

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

# BIG BOOK FAIR

Family Day Saturday 10 October 2015 from 12pm – 5pm

Reading is not only great for your education, it is also valuable for your wellbeing and helps children build relationships with those they read with

To encourage as much reading as possible, we would like to offer you 20% off your purchase when you visit the Book Fair between 12pm and 5pm on Saturday 10 October 2015. WOW!

Write the name of your school here.

Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

Entry by gold coin donation and eftpos is available.

For more information, visit [www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events](http://www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events)  
Voucher MUST be presented at the event to receive the discount

## 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	Volunteer needed
Mon	Alice Zhou & Simone Pratt
Tues	Karen Craft, Fiona Maris & Judy Warren
Wed	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thurs	Shari Fox & Lindsay Sbrinovski
Fri	Gill Newton & Amanda Batchelor

## RUN WOLLONGONG

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

This year we will again be entering our school in **RUN Wollongong**. If you are interested in participating in this event please come make sure you register under FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL. For more information on this event please go to the following website:

<http://wollongong.runaustralia.com.au/>

## 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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