



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 4 Friday 13th November, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

23 rd , 30 th Oct, 6 th , 13 th Nov PSSA Yrs. 5 & 6	
13 th Nov	Kinder play date @9:30am School Disco K-2: @ 6pm – 7.30pm Yrs 3-6 @ 7.45pm – 9.15pm
19 th Nov	Instrumental Festival @ Figtree High
20 th Nov	Kinder playdate @9:30am Yr 6 Transition to HS workshop
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	Kinder play date @11:45am K & Yr 1 Pupperty workshop
28 th Nov	Trivia Night at FHPS (Sat)
3 rd Dec	Twilight Festival
8 th Dec	Yr 6 Jamberoo
9 th Dec	Gold SuperStar morning tea Combined Scripture Celebration in the Hall
10 th Dec	Yr 6 Formal Dinner
11 th Dec	Emerald SuperStar surprise excursion
14 th Dec	Yr 6 Soccer afternoon
15 th Dec	Presentation Day @ Figtree H.S.
16 th Dec	Yr 6 Final Assembly and ringing of the bell ceremony

Payments & Notes Due:

POP can be used for these payments
PSSA notes Years 5 & 6
Pupperty Workshop Yrs. K & 1 \$4
Cyber Performance Yrs 3-6 \$2

FIGTREE HEIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN? Saturday 28th November
WHERE? FHPS Hall
TIME? 7pm for a 730 start
COST? \$10 per person – Maximum 8 per table
(to be purchased from the office)

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Each table will have a dress-up theme, eg. Doctors & Nurses, 70s, Royalty, etc
You can either organise your own table of 8 and choose your theme, or buy a ticket/s and be placed on a table – your theme will be given to you when you purchase your tickets.
There will be loads of prizes to win on the night, including best-dressed table, and of course the 'Triumphant Trivia Team'
Please BYO nibbles and drinks.
Please bring extra gold coins to participate in some fun games during the night!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL! CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Reminder for Band and Guitar Students

Please remember to return your permission slip for transport to and from Figtree High School next **Thursday 19th November**. Band members, make sure you have your instrument and music at school next Tuesday for our last rehearsal before the big performance.

Thanks
Greg Costello

Book Club

Book Club closes 23rd November. It is the last one for the year. If you are buying for Christmas presents and you want to collect your order from the office please phone Rebecca Anderson and let her know 0412 469 343.

Sickbay Towels

Thankyou to our school community families who gave preloved towels to our sickbay. Your donations were really appreciated.

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School Captains 2016

On Wednesday afternoon we had the pleasure of hearing our student leadership team for 2016 speak about their qualities as a leader. The thirteen leaders spoke of what leadership means to them and shared who they are with the students and teachers of Figtree Heights. It takes a lot of courage to speak to a room of over 250 people and every one of our leaders spoke like they were born to be out the front. I would like to congratulate all of our captain nominees, you should be very proud of this achievement. It is my honour to announce the following:

School Captains for 2016,
Jacob Chichkan and Madilyn Ladmore.



Vice Captains
Clay Baldock and Charlotte Neill



Stage 2 Camp

There were a few weary heads on Wednesday morning after the Stage 2 camp at Stanwell Tops. I was lucky enough to pop my head in at dinnertime on Monday evening and it was wonderful to see the delight on the student's faces after a fun filled day of activities. The students were particularly excited about the pyjama disco on Monday night, run by the one and only DJ Pirie. Photos of the camp have now been uploaded to our school website, pop on and have a look at all the incredible experiences the students were involved in at this camp. I especially would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers who volunteered their spare time to take our students to Stanwell Tops. Mrs Pirie, Mrs Friend, Mrs Fincher, Mr Delaney and Maddie, we thank you for ensuring this activity could go ahead.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart was a few weeks ago now, however, we are still reaping the benefits of being involved in this activity. Today we had a travelling jump rope group called ICS Isotopes. They certainly put on a show! These students have been travelling around our region performing their extremely difficult routines. Our students were blown away by the Isotopes' skills and already we have had a few students who are looking forward to having a go at some of these routines in our playground. A big thank you to Mrs Fincher who once again organised this group to perform at our school.

Debating Team

Our exceptional debating teams extended their skills again today in a Figtree Community of Schools debating challenge. We had three teams entered in today's event. Unfortunately, at time of print there is not much news on the result front, however, we are looking forward to hearing how their day went. Thank you to Miss Corcoran for all her effort in preparing the debating teams and both Mr Nielsen and Miss McKell for their support of this activity.

Kinder play date

Today we held our first ever Kinder play date in the school hall. The vision behind this initiative was to provide a relaxed environment for our newest members of the Figtree Heights family to get to know each other and our school. These play dates will occur over the next two Fridays and will be the perfect environment for our students to become more familiar with our setting and their peers. It will also give parents the opportunity to connect and stay in contact before school starts in 2016.

Absence Notes

Every Friday, many families are still receiving a reminder note about a student absence. In our busy lives it can be easy to forget to send a note in when a child is away. However, it is mandatory to have a 'justified' reason for absence from school and we are audited on this process. If you receive a note home indicating a period in time your child has been off could you please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Hopefully the system has been rectified and no student should be receiving a note home to explain a date they have already brought a note in for. We thank you for the continued support in this mandatory process.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

Principal



Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of our new
SUPER STARS this week!

SILVER Super Stars

Morgan Davey

GOLD Super Stars

Chevy O'Connor	Xavier Cooper
Eileen Zhou	

EMERALD Super Stars

Molly Westwood	Nathan Mitrevski
William Burns	Jordan De Martin
Zoe Pascoe	Calista Stevanoski
Jaime Kiley	Karly Fox

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

Happy Birthday to the
following students

Sam Batchelor,
Nathanael Burns, William Burns,
Blake Christensen,
Brody Jordan, Sam Taafe
Kelsie Frankham, Alysha Telenta
&



Maggie Harvey!

Electronic Devices

Reminder that electronic devices are not permitted at school unless requested by a teacher or for an emergency in which case the device needs to be brought to the office for storage.



SPOOKY DISCO TONIGHT

K-2 @ 6pm – 7:30

3-6 @ 7:45 – 9:15

Gold coin donation

Snacks and drinks for sale

Dress up in a SPOOKY costume!



The School Value of the fortnight is:

Respect

“By listening to others they will listen to you.”

As described by Brooke Baird.

This value will be the focus for Week 6 and 7.

Wellbeing Snippet

Worrying is like
creating a vision board
for everything
that can go wrong.

-Cindy Russell-



Tegan Georgette

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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:** figtreetsps *Make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.*

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	Mei Roberts & Hanna Bonacina
Tues	Angelina Godfrey & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Atared Latif & Sonia Latif
Thurs	Shari Fox & Lindsay Srbinovski
Fri	Gill Newton & Amanda Batchelor

Canteen Update

The canteen is low on Cottage Pies and Beef Burgers. They will not be restocking until next year.

Volunteers are needed for Wednesday's and Friday's and weekly baking. Please consider assisting even for the few remaining weeks in this term.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by all of our staff & students.

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SUMMER PROGRAM Stick me on the fridge!

Hours: 8am – 6pm daily **17th Dec – 27th Jan**

Figtree Heights Out Of School Hours Care

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Epic Adventures

Welcome to our January 2016 summer program! We are so excited to present to you our epic program for 2016.

- Exploring new adventures we have never done before.
- Offering new challenges and games promoting team effort and problem solving.
- Opportunities for our favourite fun days back again by popular demand.
- Welcoming our new families and kindergarten 2016 kids with lots of fun crafts and games and meeting new friends.

To book in for our epic program please:

- Enrol in our service, complete our booking form and return to our service.
- All fees charges are eligible for subsidy from centrelink (CCB and CCR)

Activities available everyday!

- Arts & crafts activities
- Construction and building activities
- Cards and board games
- Media play activities – You may bring in a device of your own at your own risk (Must be labeled) and these cannot be used for photos or videos while at the service.
- In house movies (at times) G and PG ratings.
- Outdoor play activities
- Music, reading & group games

Thursday 17th Dec MOVIE DAY "HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2" What a way to finish off the year with a trip to the movies to wind down, relax and enjoy. COST: Daily Fee + \$11	Friday 18th Dec PARK AND PLAY Exploring the new park at Stuart Park today with 2 epic slides and a flying fox. COST: Daily Fee
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Monday 4th Jan GET CRUISING Bring along your bike or scooter for some cruising adventures around the school and challenge course. We will also be having plenty of crafts and challenge games throughout the day. COST: Daily Fee	Tuesday 5th Jan EPIC SWIMMING Get in and get wet today at Mckeon's pool with fun games, inflatables and swimming fun with friends. Ice blocks for all back at the centre. Don't forget your water play equipment. COST: Daily Fee \$10	Wednesday 6th Jan MINI CHEF'S CAFE Cooking and eating is what's on today, working together to make our favourite snacks and a special pizza lunch. Then we serve them up cafe style! COST: Daily Fee + \$5	Thursday 7th Jan SIGHTSEEING Today we are travelling to Cordeaux Dam where we will take in the amazing sights all around us. Come and take a bushwalk. COST: Daily Fee + \$6	Friday 8th Jan SUPER STAR CHALLENGE Come dressed up in your personally created super character. Include your special name and powers. Lots of challenges today and character contest with prizes to be won. COST: Daily Fee
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Monday 11th Jan MOVIE DAY "THE GOOD DINOSAUR" We are off to the movies again to see the new release dinosaur movie and explore all things dinosaurs with games and crafts after the movie. COST: Daily Fee + \$11	Tuesday 12th Jan FESTIVAL OF OOSH BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Our new festival day was so epic, we want to do it again. Come and join our full day of stalls with loads to do including jumping castle, tattoos, hair spray and of course our jail! COST: Daily Fee	Wednesday 13th Jan TRIP TO THE SEA Amazing day for today with a train to Klama visiting the parks and beach exploring the great seaside scenery. Add in a special trip to the ice-cream shop and this is a day not to be missed. COST: Daily Fee + \$11	Thursday 14th Jan MEDIA MELTDOWN Come on a virtual adventure today in the world of gaming. Today we will be playing group games and free time play. Bring along your own media device if you have one today. COST: Daily Fee	Friday 15th Jan KNOCK 'EM' DOWN We are off to Shellharbour Bowling today. Challenge your friends to a game of bowling or just have some fun dancing on the lane, either way today sure will be a fun adventure. COST: Daily Fee + \$16
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Monday 18th Jan COLOUR RUN OOSH STYLE Water, colour, games and obstacles. Come and join in the fun and don't forget a white shirt along with water play equipment. COST: Daily Fee	Tuesday 19th Jan JAMBEROO ACTION \$52 Biggest adventure yet is here with a trip to this amazing water park Jamberoo Action Park. PUPPETRY \$10 Making puppets, making capes and performing our own talent quest, what fun. Put your creative caps on for this day! COST: Daily Fee + activity of choice charge	Wednesday 20th Jan LEGO ADVENTURES Today we have a day filled with creating Lego designs as requested by you. We have also added in some extra games including Lego memory and Lego party games. COST: Daily Fee	Thursday 21st Jan WE ♥ THE GONG Come with us for a walk around the beautiful Wollongong harbour and explore the scenery, parks, sand and ice cream shops. We will be doing plenty of walking and playing, not a day to be missed. COST: Daily Fee \$5	Friday 22nd Jan WATER WARS All the water games you could think of will be happening today, we have water squirters, water bombs, water splash activities and you can't miss out on the epic water slide. COST: Daily Fee
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Monday 25th Jan TREE ADVENTURES Wow what a day we have in stall today, heading to Tree Adventures at Nowra where we will be challenged to treetop walks! Suitable for all ages. COST: Daily Fee + \$36	Tuesday 26th Jan PUBLIC HOLIDAY AUSTRALIA DAY	Wednesday 27th Jan REVOLUTION LASER BRAND NEW laser skirmish place in Wollongong is open and we have one of the first bookings! Come and check out the amazing indoor laser arena with epic lighting. COST: Daily Fee + \$16
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WATER PLAY EQUIPMENT!

Water play activities will be happening everyday these holidays on top of our designated water activity days. We encourage you to pack these items every day in your kids' bags to avoid non-participation:

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Goggles