



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 4 Friday 20th November, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

25 th Nov	Smiths Hill Performance Yrs.3-6 P&C Meeting CANCELLED <i>please join us at the TRIVIA night to celebrate a great year.</i>
26 th Nov	High School for a day Yrs 5 & 6
27 th Nov	Kinder play date @11:45am K & Yr 1 Puppetry workshop
28 th Nov	Trivia Night at FHPS (Sat)
3 rd Dec	Twilight Festival Starts @5pm on the back oval Please let class teachers know if your child cannot attend
8 th Dec	Yr 6 @ Jamberoo <i>PLEASE remember students need to have completed their swim proficiency test</i>
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
Cyber Performance Yrs 3-6 \$2 due now
Yr 6 Jamberoo excursion \$30 due now

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!

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

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.

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Combined Schools Instrumental Festival

Congratulations to our talented musicians who wowed the audience at last night's performance. I was extremely proud to witness students from our school show off all their hard work and dedication to our school band and guitar ensemble. It has taken hours and hours of preparation for last night's performances and they captivated the crowd with their talent. We certainly have some budding instrumentalists at our school! A big thank you to Mr Costello, not only for all his behind the scenes work making sure this event went ahead, but for his continued commitment to our students and FHPS Creative Arts Program. Parents cannot be forgotten! Countless sessions are required to prepare for this event, thank you for supporting your children with their passion and enabling Figtree Heights to have such a strong Instrumental group. Many members of our community may not know but one of our very own parents, Mrs Leisa Adlington, gives up her time each week to assist Mr Costello with the guitar ensemble. We cannot thank Leisa enough, for her unwavering support of this group.

Beat the Heat

As everyone is aware, this week has been a bit of a shock to the system with the rise in temperature. As always student safety at FHPS is a priority and this week we have implemented a few 'cool' ideas to help our children beat the heat. One of those solutions was introducing a number of water spray bottles to the playground during the week. These spray bottles were used as a cooling mechanism for any student who gave their permission to be sprayed. Thanks to the P&C and their generous support of adding air conditioners to every classroom, we were also able to open cool classrooms for children to relax in a comfortable environment. Our consistent message to the students is to always stay out of the sun, drink plenty of water and have a break from playing every ten minutes. In extreme heat cases, the playgrounds will be closed and cool classrooms are made available for all students and teachers.

Spooky Disco

Last Friday night, our wonderful Student Representative Council (SRC) held a spooky disco for all students. The K-2 disco was a blast and judging by the red and sweaty faces, they had a great time dancing and singing. The 3-6 disco was just as successful and it was nice to see the students enjoying themselves in a different environment. We might have some contenders for the 'So You Think You Can Dance' reality show, considering some of the moves the seniors were showing. Thank you to Miss Corcoran for helping the students organise this event and also a BIG thank you to all the teachers who gave up their Friday night to help supervise and sell treats.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Over the past few weeks we have been running through some emergency evacuation drills. It is always better to be prepared than surprised when a possible threat might hit our doorstep. One of these procedures is a 'lock down'. We had a lock down drill last week and it consists of a lock down signal sounding over the P.A. system, teachers checking the roll, locking the doors, closing the windows and blinds and all students and teachers moving to the middle of the classroom. The other emergency drill we simulate is an 'evacuation'. In an evacuation, a different sound signals over the P.A., teachers grab a copy of their class list, check all students are present and walk calmly to a designated evacuation point. Once at this point, teachers re-mark the roll and wait for the rest of the school to be checked. Please do not panic if your child comes home and informs you we had an evacuation or lock down at school as we are continually performing drills. In the case of an actual emergency, when appropriate and when advised by emergency authorities, an app notification would be sent out to inform parents of the situation at school.

Twilight Night

On Thursday December 3, we will be hosting our annual Twilight Night. It will be a great night filled with wonderful performances from our students and great food. The event will start at 5pm and will be held on the back oval. There will be plenty of room for you to set up camp with a picnic blanket and chairs if you wish. Each class will be performing one or two items and we would love to see as many families there as possible. Our 2014 event was wonderful and not only is it a great way to celebrate the year, but it gives all our students an opportunity to perform in front of family and friends. This year we have added a few different dinner options, including Woodfire pizza and Outback Steak House. We will also have an icecream and slushy van and our local coffee man will be serving all evening. This is not a 'fundraising' activity, simply a fun filled family event. If your child is unable to attend this event please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so alterations to the class item can be made. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this event. Please invite family and friends, the more the merrier.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,
Skye Hayward
Principal



Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of our new
SUPER STARS this week!

BRONZE Super Star

Layal Sawan

SILVER Super Stars

Lathan Cole	Macey Synott
Bashaar Abdul-Latif	
Luca Crowe Benvenuto	
Nathan Henderson-Walls	

GOLD Super Stars

Maggie Harvey	Isabel Burns
Amber Clarke	Chris Sink
Estella McKenzie	Jack Tully
Zoe Brain	Najib Matar
Marcus Stevanoski	Rachael Bailey

EMERALD Super Stars

Riley Baird	Emily Rutledge
Grace Lawler	Samuel Newton
Kasey Reh	Violet Brain-Bowen
Ellie Reh	Ziggy Badans
Bailey Craft	Chloe Rutledge
Kobi Hayward	Skylar Lawler
Toby Cooper	Alysha Telenta
Hollie McCall	

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

FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION



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**** GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2015 CANCELLED ****

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE YEAR AT THE
FIGTREE HEIGHTS TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
7PM FOR A 7.30PM START

TICKETS ARE \$10 AND CAN BE
PURCHASED FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.

All welcome!

Happy Birthday to the
following students

Eva Davey, Paige Gibson,
Toby Russell &
Poppy Tomczynski



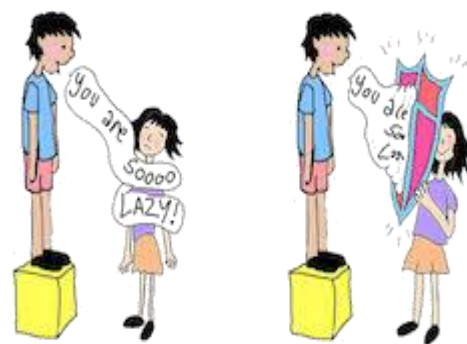
Wellbeing Snippet 

"An imaginary super-shield is such a cool tool.

It will protect you from mean words

at home and at school."

-Cindy Russell-



The School Value of the fortnight is:



Fairness

**"Letting everyone have a go, doing
what is right and just being nice to
everyone." Najib Matar**

This value will be the focus for Weeks 8 and 9.

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 *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

Ali Brown

Mon	Mim Matic & Christina Bonacina
Tues	Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart
Wed	Belinda Pascoe & Volunteer requested
Thurs	Fiona Rudd, Jennifer Monro & Natalie Reynolds
Fri	Fiona Leo, Sonya DeBruyn & Jo Brain

OPAL Bus Pass

A reminder that all students who are applying for 2016 bus passes are to now apply on line.

Students who are not eligible for free travel Opal cards, may purchase a term card by going online at: www.transportnsw.info/school-students
Students will also be able to pay a cash fare when boarding the bus.

Primary Ethics

We are very happy to be offering Ethics classes during SRE time to all year groups in 2016! There are still places available for non-scripture students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you are interested in your child attending Ethics classes, please see the office staff or contact myself on figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com

Thank you, Amanda Bowen
Primary Ethics Co-ordinator

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SUMMER PROGRAM Stick me on the fridge!

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

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)

Thursday 17 th Dec	Friday 18 th 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	PARK AND PLAY Exploring the new park at Stuart Park today with 2 epic slides and a flying fox.  COST: Daily Fee

Monday 4 th Jan	Tuesday 5 th Jan	Wednesday 6 th Jan	Thursday 7 th Jan	Friday 8 th 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	EPIC SWIMMING Get in and get wet today at McKean'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	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	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	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

Monday 11 th Jan	Tuesday 12 th Jan	Wednesday 13 th Jan	Thursday 14 th Jan	Friday 15 th 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	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 jall!  COST: Daily Fee	TRIP TO THE SEA Amazing day for today with a train to Klamla 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	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	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

Monday 18 th Jan	Tuesday 19 th Jan	Wednesday 20 th Jan	Thursday 21 st Jan	Friday 22 nd 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	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	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	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	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

Monday 25 th Jan	Tuesday 26 th Jan	Wednesday 27 th 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	PUBLIC HOLIDAY AUSTRALIA DAY	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

Figtree Heights Out Of School Hours Care

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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

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