



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 4 Friday 6th 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	
9 th - 10 th Nov	Stage 2 Camp Stanwell Tops
13 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 Puppetry workshop
28 th Nov	Trivia Night at FHPS (Sat)
3 rd Dec	Twilight Festival
8 th Dec	Yr 6 Jamboreo
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
Puppetry 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!

"While accomplishing your dreams, don't forget to live life too!"

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Presentation Day

Our Annual Presentation Day is approaching and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of 2015 with all students and families. This year our presentation day will again be held at Figtree High School as our school hall simply does not have the room to accommodate our students and guests. To help with the smooth running of the day we will be asking parents to drop all children directly to Figtree High School, similar to how we did at this year's cross country carnival. There will be supervising teachers at two designated drop off points for parents to pull up and drop children off. Further supervising teachers will be at Figtree High to supervise students after this drop off. For the way home, our younger students will utilise the OOSH bus and older students will walk the short distance back to school. The Presentation Day will be held at **9am on December 15**.

Tell Them From Me – Partners in Learning Survey

A big thank you to all parents who took time to complete the Tell Them From Me survey. This data gave our school extremely valuable information that we can use to inform future decisions and directions. Fortunately this will not be your only opportunity to share your opinion with the school as we are drawing closer to school evaluation time. Over the coming weeks an administration officer will be in contact with many parents (selected randomly) to ask a series of questions which will help with the planning for 2016. There will also be opportunity at 3pm pick up time for parents to be involved in quick online surveys using iPads.

This week's events

On Wednesday, a selection of very excited Stage 3 students participated in the University of Wollongong Science Fair. It was a wonderful day, despite the rain and all students enjoyed this opportunity. Photos from this day are available on our school website.

Wednesday was also pyjama day, a perfect day for the weather we experienced. This day was the chosen reward by our students for a very successful Jump Rope for Heart campaign. It was especially wonderful to see Mrs Pirie dressed as a pig, her reward for the students raising more than \$1000.

Classing Considerations

A reminder that classing consideration forms are available from the front office only. If you wish to have an element considered for your child's class next year, this form is best way to do this. All forms are due back to school by **3pm Monday 16/11/15**, late forms may not be considered. Please remember, although we endeavour to meet all considerations, submitting this form is not a guarantee that all considerations can be met.

Website

Our school website is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class or around the school. Teachers and students are continually adding photos to our albums and content to their class pages. Jump on and have a look at what is new.

Safety on St George Avenue

The safety of our students using St George Avenue is always a concern at the 3pm pick up. Whilst we are endeavouring to work with the Department of Education, Wollongong Council and the Roads and Maritime Service it is not a quick process to find a solution. We do ask that all families are vigilant when using St George Ave, whether driving up or down or waiting to pick children up. Although we consistently inform our students how to enter, cross and exit the road safely, accidents still happen. The safety of our students must come first! Please be mindful of children crossing in dangerous places and where you least expect it. Parents, if you are parked on the opposite side of the road, please come across the road and collect your children rather than waiting for them in the car. *Please also adhere to the parking signs and remember that there is no parking within three meters from any double centre lines.* Police and Council will be targeting the area due to the number of complaints from concerned community members. Thank you for your support with this safety concern.

School Opal Card

The School Student Transport Scheme (STSS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on the approved bus. From Term 1, 2016 Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the STSS via a new online application process. The best part of this new system will be the automatic renewal service. Students won't need to re-apply for a school bus pass, they will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016. Schools will no longer need to keep applications form as all applications can be done online, however, we will need to endorse the initial application. If you would like more information on this service please visit: www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

Principal



Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of our new
SUPER STARS this week!

BRONZE Super Stars

Morgan Davey

SILVER Super Stars

Zoe Lovegrove	Toby Moore
Lauren Rooke	Ashton Ocvirk
Harry Athanassopoulos	
Anastasia Tsangaris	
Marcus Stevanoski	

GOLD Super Stars

Caelan Cook	Nour Latif
Mackenzie Smart	Madilyn Ladmore
Putri Azhar	Isaac Erler
Nicholas Kotsopoulos	

EMERALD Super Stars

Bree Luke	Chiaro D'Amico
Alyssa Monro	Amelia Craft
Chloe Reh	Asher Percival
Ashley Freitas	Eve Christensen
Byron Manning	Myah Ellem
Rachel Leo	Ashtyn Springall
Emmaline Pirie	Connor MacRae

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
Ethan Carruthers, Jye Kiley,
Toby Leo, Estella McKenzie
& Kavindu Herath

Wellbeing Snippet

"The opposite to worry is thinking in detail about
everything that can go right!"

-Cindy Russell-



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The School Value of the fortnight is:

Respect

**"Caring about others and your
teachers."**

As described by Clay Baldock.

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

Request for preloved towels...

Our sick bay is in need of towels for 'life's little accidents' e.g. supporting a broken arm, drying off a wet student, lending to a student they have forgotten theirs for swimming scheme ...the list goes on!

If you have a spare preloved towel your donation will be appreciated. Just send it into the school office. Thanks

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.*

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	Nerida Gollop <u>1-2pm Snacks Only</u>
Thurs	Louise Christensen & Gerty Pelekanos
Fri	Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy

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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