



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Friday 11th December, 2015 - Term 4

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

14 th Dec	Year 6 Soccer Afternoon
15 th Dec	Presentation Day at Figtree High School
16 th Dec	Yr 6 Final Assembly and Ringing of the Bell Ceremony @2:40pm

Wednesday 16/12/15
Last day for students

2016 Dates

27 th Jan	Teachers & Staff start date
28, 29 Jan & 1 st Feb	2016 Kindy Best Start assessments
Thurs 28 th Jan	Yr1 - 6 2016 students start date
2 nd Feb	2016 Kindergarten start date

Payments & Notes Due:
Year 6 Formal Dinner \$40 due now

TRY POP in 2016

For your school payments why not try the Parent Online Payment system (POP). It's easy and you are sure your payment reaches the school!

Presentation Day

The school Presentation Day is approaching.

Details are as follows:

When: Tuesday December 15, 2015.

Time: 8:53am (normal school time) for a 9am start.

Venue: Figtree High School

Transport: Parents to drop students to Figtree High. Either O'Briens Road entrance or Gibsons Road entrance

ALL parents and loved ones welcome!

Please see attached note for more information.



Uniform Sale

The school has a small stock of new uniforms. We have in stock:

School bags now.	Fleecy Jacket
Brimmed hats now	
Sports Uniforms	

We are selling them at a 50% off sale price. Come in and grab a bargain.

Sale located in the school office building.

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Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our wonderful graduating class of 2015! Last night was a very special evening, celebrating the end of seven years of schooling. Our Year 6 students were able to reminisce with their teachers and loved ones and party with their friends. A very big thank you to Sam Baldock and family for helping organise last night's event at Western Suburbs Leagues Club. A special thank you to our Year 6 teachers, Mr Nielsen, Miss McKell, Mrs Thurston and Miss Corcoran. The effort that went into the event last night is second to none; our students and families are very lucky to have you touch the lives of these incredible students. We could not be more proud of the group of students who are about to embark on the journey ahead. On behalf of all the teachers and students at Figtree Heights we wish you all the very best for your future.

Next Wednesday, December 16, our Year 6 students will be officially graduating. Following a long running Figtree Heights tradition, all students will farewell the class of 2015 at 2:40pm from the pebbled area. Year 6 students will ring 'the bell' and then walk through a farewell tunnel created by all the teachers and students at our school. This will also be an opportunity to say good-bye to those teachers who are also leaving us. All parents are welcome to this event; it is a lovely way to finish the year.

Super Star Celebrations

Today, our Emerald Superstars were taken on a 'surprise' excursion to The Gala Cinema where we watched an exclusive screening of *Hotel Transylvania 2*, just for us and another primary school. Mr Nielsen and I had a fantastic time with these students and cannot wait to do something exciting like this again next year. On Wednesday, we had our Gold Super Star Morning Tea. Students were treated to a sausage sizzle to celebrate their achievement this year. A big thank you to Miss Dejanovic and Mr Nielsen who toiled away at the BBQ and cooked the delicious sausages.

Presentation Day

A reminder to all families our 2015 Annual Presentation Day will be held next **Tuesday, December 15 at Figtree High School Auditorium**. The ceremony will start at **9am** and all students are asked to be at Figtree High by 8:53am, the normal start time of our school. Last week a note went home for parents to indicate which 'drop off' point your child will be meeting at. It is imperative this note comes in by Monday, as there will not be any teachers at Figtree Heights on Tuesday to collect late notes. **Drop off time for students at Figtree High School is normal school time, from 8:30am, when the teachers are on duty.** If you have issues getting your child to the high school please let the school know ASAP. Tuesday morning will be too late to notify the school of transport difficulties. We understand this is not the easiest option for families, but until we have a hall that can cater for our students and community on special occasions such as this, we need to make provisions. We thank you for your ongoing support with events like this.

Classing 2016

This is always a topic of hot discussion by teachers, parents and students. It can also be a stressful time for all parties involved, but shouldn't be. When finalising classes, all students' needs are looked at. Social, emotional and academic needs are considered and we also look at the decisions we have made in the past years. Thank you to the parents who filled out the classing consideration form as these always provide important pieces of information, especially for those families who have children in the same Stage group. There are many factors to consider when putting these classes together and we look at all of them. We know the needs of students at Figtree Heights well and will place them in a class, with a teacher and set of students who will provide the best learning environment possible. On day one next year all students will return to their classes for 2015 and will take part in team building and co-operative games as a whole school. Provided everything goes according to plan, students will move into their new classes during the first day. As you can appreciate, the holiday period can bring new students to our school; these students have implications on the class structures and changes may need to occur on the first day. Once again, thank you for your continued support with this; we know it can be an anxious time, but rest assured we will make the best decisions for your children.

School Evaluation

Accompanying last week's newsletter was an information note outlining the processes for our school evaluation survey for 2015. We are asking for honest feedback from our community and as always, appreciate all responses. For ease of access we have utilised an online survey this year. This electronic medium allows the school to look at the data in many different ways. The note also mentioned a confirmation page that students can bring back to school when you have completed the survey. A \$50 Figtree Gourmet Kitchen voucher is up for grabs for one random family who participates in the survey and an ice block for every child who returns this confirmation sheet. This valuable feedback will provide our school with essential information on the direction we are heading as a school so we can continue to strive for the *Heights of Excellence*. We thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,
Warm regards,

Skye Hayward
Principal

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays next week and through the summer holidays.....



Jai Cole, Amelia Craft,
Chiara D'Amico, Tyce De Bruyn, Kaden
Goode, Chloe Kisling,
Lara Limbrick, Zali O'Brien,
Ashton Ocvirk, Chloe Rutledge,
Dhanush Talapaneni, Byron Ward, Chloe
Wilkinson, Lachlan Anderson, Max
Atsas, Beau Baldock,
Clay Baldock, Maddie Clarke,
Toby Cooper, Kaylen Craft,
Mason Daley, Andre Dzeperoski,
Isaac Erler, Alby Ferguson,
Noah Grant, Luke Hughes,
Sklar Lawler, Isaac Maris,
Noah McNally, Gideon Moore,
Tayla Radic, Kasey Reh, Elise Scobie,
Kynan Ware, Annabel Wouters and
Eileen Zhou



The School Value of the fortnight is:

Excellence

**"Excellence means doing very well and
taking pride in your work."**

Kaylen Craft

This value will be the focus for Week 11.

Wellbeing Snippet

What you look for you will find.
-Cindy Russell-



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Food Collection for The Wollongong Homeless Hub



Creating active citizens is a big priority at Figtrees Heights. Throughout this festive season, we're hoping to collect donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries for The Wollongong Homeless Hub. Our students will be able to experience 'taking action at a local level' and the powerful effect of community spirit. If you would like to help, please leave donations at the office until the last day of school.

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

Volunteer Needed

Mon	Alice Zhou & Simone Pratt
Tues	Angelia Godfrey & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Atared Latif & Sonia latif

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

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