



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Friday 27th November, 2015 - Term 4

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

28 th Nov	Trivia Night at FHPS (Saturday)
3 rd Dec	Twilight Festival Starts at 5pm on the back oval <i>Please let class teachers know if your child cannot attend</i>
8 th Dec	Yr 6 at Jamberoo <i>Please remember students need to have completed their swim proficiency test</i>
9 th Dec	Gold Super Star Morning Tea Combined Scripture Celebration in the Hall
10 th Dec	Year 6 Formal Dinner
11 th Dec	Emerald Super Star Surprise Excursion
14 th Dec	Year 6 Soccer Afternoon
15 th Dec	Presentation Day at Figtree High School
16 th Dec	Yr 6 Final Assembly and Ringling of the Bell Ceremony

Payments & Notes Due:

Year 6 Jamberoo excursion \$30 due now
All outstanding absence notes for 2015 due now

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

**Please do not use the POP system
from now until Wednesday 2nd
December**

The school is in the process of its annual financial rollover. We cannot accept online payments until Wednesday 2nd December. Cash and cheque payments for Jamberoo can still be sent in to school. Thank you for your assistance.

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!

You're Invited...



**Figtree Heights Twilight Night
Thursday 3rd December**

Arrive at 5:00pm for a 5:15pm start
Further information is attached to this week's newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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5/6 High School for a Day

Yesterday was a very busy and fun filled day for our Year 5 and 6 students. Our senior students had the opportunity to experience what a life will be like in high school by attending different periods with different teachers throughout the day. They were required to have their name marked off at roll call, follow their timetable and get to their lessons on time. They even had to bring a change of clothes to take part in a P.E. lesson. Miss Corcoran was their drama teacher, Miss McKell took all of the science lessons, Mr Nielsen put them through their paces in mathematics, Mr Delaney brought out their creative side in visual arts and I made them sweat it out in P.E. Thank you to our wonderful Stage 3 teachers who put this day together for our students. It was a great day for everyone involved, even for me, sweating it out in the heat on the back oval all day!

Value Awards

Next Friday will be the final day for students to hand in their value awards. Students who have achieved their Gold Super Star will be invited to a morning tea with me on Wednesday 9th December. The students who have also achieved their Emerald Super Star will be invited on a surprise excursion on Friday 11th December. To ease the minds of parents and carers, an app notification will be sent out on the day of the excursion outlining what we will be doing and where we will be going.

Recess and Lunch Swap

Next week, we will be trialling a recess and lunch swap, where students will have their lunch break from 11:00am until 12:00pm and their recess break from 1:30pm until 1:55pm. We are trialling this change as there is a lot of research that suggests significant academic benefits for students when they have a substantial break between the first and second learning sessions. If students order their lunch from the canteen, it will be given to them during the recess break, at 1:30pm.

Semester 2 Student Reports

The time is drawing closer for our student reports for Semester 2 to be distributed. These student reports will be available on Thursday 10th December (Week 10). This will provide time for parents to discuss these reports with their child and their class teacher, if required, before the school year finishes. Student reports are a great way to see where your child is academically and where they are going next, in regards to learning outcomes. It will also provide insight into their social development and highlight many of the special activities they have been involved in over the past two terms.

Classes for 2016

We are continuing to plan for 2016, so if you know you will be leaving the school at the end of the year, could you please inform the office, if you haven't already done so? This will assist us in planning our class structures and ensure a smooth start to the new year. Similarly, if you know of someone who is moving into the area and their child will be starting with us in 2016, please ask them to contact the school if they haven't already done so.

Trivia Night

This coming Saturday is the *P&C Trivia Night* in the school hall. This event will be a great way to celebrate another fantastic year at Figtree Heights with friends and our community. There are lots of fun questions and prizes up for grabs. A big thank you to our P&C organising committee who have worked non-stop over the past few weeks ensuring this event goes ahead. Please see the front of this newsletter for more details and remember this is a kid-free event.

Twilight Festival

The Twilight night is fast approaching and accompanying this week's newsletter is more information on this exciting event. While we have a proposed event schedule, it may not run precisely on time due to the number of items some classes are performing. To ensure your child does not miss their class item it is suggested families arrive at 5:00pm for the start of the festival. As it is a school night, we are anticipating we will be finished by 7:30pm.

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward
Principal



Super Stars!



Congratulations to all of our new
SUPER STARS this week!

BRONZE Super Star

Aiden Meagher

SILVER Super Stars

Jack McNally

Keira Meagher

GOLD Super Stars

Alex Kotsopoulos	Ashton Ocvirk
Aleksia Petrovska	Matteo Ciarrocca
Anastasia Popovska	Alby Ferguson
Zara Harun	James Birkinshaw

EMERALD Super Stars

Andre Dzevaroski	Caiden McPherson
Destiny Coelho-Strat	Dhanush Talapaneni
Riley Andrews	Annie Dennis
William Brett	Lily Brett
Yolanda Chichkan	Zali O'Brien
Ava Parry	Eliza Harvey
Sophie McCall	Elliot Rainford

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

Super Achievement

Ethan Carruthers in 5/6S has been presented with his Grey Wolf Award in Cubs this week. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve. Congratulations Ethan and well done!

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

William Brett & Mitchell Roberts



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.

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

Belinda Monkman

Mon	Bronwyn Gibson & Louise Harun
Tues	Katie Tully & Leanne O'Brien
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thurs	Pat Gibson & Volunteer Needed
Fri	Denise De Martin & Lee Brett

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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TWILIGHT NIGHT
2015

Dear Parents,

Our Twilight Night for 2015 is a fantastic way for the Figtree Heights School Community to come together and celebrate the end of another school year. It is also an opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to all the family members who have supported our school this year, whether it be helping out in the canteen, assisting with sport carnivals, volunteering in classrooms or attending Assemblies and other school events.

When: Thursday 3rd December, 2015

Where: On the FHPS oval

(or under the COLA depending on the weather)

Time: 5:00pm for items to begin at 5:15pm. Approximate item running time is 15 minutes. We anticipate the night to finish by 7:30pm

Student dress: See classroom teacher

Order of Events:

K/IE and IT

3/4P

5/6N

2/3F and 2/3S

5/6C

3/4F

5/6S

We will have a variety of food stalls, such as an Outback Steakhouse BBQ, wood fired pizza and icecream, for you to purchase dinner and snacks from throughout the night. Please bring a picnic blanket or something similar to make yourself comfortable on the back Oval while you are entertained by the outstanding talents of FHPS students.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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