



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 1 Friday 20th March 2015



We say Goodbye!

Many of you may already know that Mrs Jan Smith will be taking leave at the end of this term, leading into her retirement. Mrs Smith has been teaching at Figtree Heights since 2002 and has been an integral part of our schools history and culture. She has had such a memorable impact on our children's lives over the years, both as a teacher and as a mentor, and has been responsible for spearheading numerous campaigns and working bees to make our school and grounds what you see today. We simply do not know what we are going to do without her. On behalf of all the students, families and teachers at Figtree Heights Public School, we wish you all the very best, Mrs Smith. Thank you for your passion, dedication and selflessness over the years, you will forever be in our hearts and we hope it is just goodbye for a little while.

Cross Country

Thank you Figtree Heights students! Wednesday's Cross Country Carnival was fantastic and I was very proud to see the level of effort and sportsmanship that was displayed throughout the event. Everyone should be proud of their performance, regardless of the position you finished. It was great to see everyone having a go and trying his or her best.

I would also like to thank our parents and loved ones. Figtree High, as a venue, was new for us and we appreciate the efforts you went to getting your children to this carnival. Thank you; also, to those parents who have utilised our school app to provide feedback on our carnival, it is always great to hear your thoughts.

This event would not have been so successful without the continued support from our teachers. Thank you FHPS teachers, and especially Mr Nielsen, who worked tirelessly to organise yet another great carnival, a job well done!

Camp Out

The K-2 Camp Out has finally rolled around for another year. *I can hear the peace and tranquillity already...* It will be a wonderful event and a great way to welcome our new kinder families to the school. I am looking forward to seeing everyone tonight, especially those who are braving the elements and camping with their children. A big thank you to Miss Cortnee Parkinson and Mrs Erin Manning, as well as all our incredible volunteers, who have put so much effort into ensuring the Camp Out, is an event our children will always remember.

Easter Hat Parade

It is that time of year again, the Easter Hat Parade. This year, the parade will take place on **Thursday April 2, from 9:15 am**. Students have been encouraged to bring in both recyclable and new craft items to create their very own Easter hat here at school. Hat making will occur in classes on Tuesday March 31. Don't forget to purchase your Easter Raffle tickets from our school captains before school, over the next two weeks.

Value of the fortnight: Respect

Over the next two weeks all teachers will be discussion the school value: Respect, in their classrooms. Please support our school by discussing this value with your child at home, what it looks like, what it feels like and what it means to be respectful. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards, Skye Hayward

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SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

Week Beginning 23/3

Shhh.... It's a quiet week

Week Beginning 30/3

Tues 31

Easter Hat decorating day

Wed 1 April

Combined Easter Assembly

Thurs 2

Easter Hat Parade- 9:15am

Last day of Term 1

Students return to school

Tuesday 21 April for Term 2.

Super Stars!

In very exciting news we have some new **BRONZE** Super Stars this week! Congratulations to the following students:

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| K/1E | Asha Andrews |
| 3/4P | Kaylen Craft |
| 5/6N | Alyssa Monro Breanna Luke |

Way to go! Congratulations, we will see you at "Super Star Wednesday"

Let's get EGGcited

Don't forget to bring in items for your Easter Hat! We are also still taking donations for our Easter Basket Raffle. If you can spare any eggs, please donate them to the school.



If you would like to bring your supplies in early, please make sure they are in a bag, labelled with your name and class.

Happy Hunting!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following students who will be representing the Northern Illawarra Zone at South Coast trials in the coming weeks:

Mikayla Mitrevski – Soccer

Kalen Craft, Bailey Craft and Issac Maris – Hockey

We wish these students all the best

Infants Camp Out

A few quick reminders for the upcoming Infants Camp Out being held **TONIGHT**

Friday 20th March, 2015.

- Please **DO NOT** pay for the camp out via the PoP system or by cheque as our committee are using that money to purchase goods and cannot use cheques to buy food and supplies from Coles or other local businesses.
- The \$10 family fee **does not** include pizza. Pizza is sold separately for \$1.50 per slice. **If you have not ordered or paid for your pizza already, you will need to bring your own dinner – Pizzas have already been ordered.**
- Reminder that this event is alcohol free, there are no exceptions.
- Set up of tents can occur from 2pm, however, no cars are to be on the back play area until 3:30pm. Pack up will be on Saturday 21/3 at 8:30am
- This event is run by a wonderful volunteer committee; any help that can be provided over the course of this event is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays today and next week.

Ally Luke, Ava Parry & Ben Parry

Payment Reminders:

Reading Eggs – all years \$17. **Due now**
POP Description: Reading Eggs

Maths online - Yrs. 2 - 6 \$10 Due: 2/4/15
POP Description: Maths Online

ICAS competition cost as per note.
Due 2/4/15
POP Description: ICAS Maths etc.

Sport in Schools – K-Yr 6 \$45 **Due: 9/6/15**
Note: 3 or more students in the family only pay for two.
POP Description: Sport in Schools

Year 6 T-shirts – Yr 6 \$35 **Due now:**
POP Description: Yr 6 T-Shirt

Choir T-Shirt and participation payment:
Yrs. 2-4 \$35 **Due now.**
POP Description: Choir T-Shirt

HINT: When using POP please pay one student at a time eg you can pay all of Jacks payments but do not include payments for his sister Jill. You must use a separate payment session for Jill.
Please contact the school office if you have any queries

Important Notice

We have had two confirmed cases of 'School Sores' or Impetigo. If your child is presenting with any symptoms they cannot attend school until they have clearance from a doctor.

Primary Ethics

We have had a great start to the new school year with 3 ethics classes running at Figtree Heights, catering for Kindergarten, Years 1, 2, 5 & 6.

We also have a group of Year 3 & 4 students ready to start a Stage 2 Ethics class, but we are still looking for a teacher.

If you are, or know of a Parent/ Caregiver, Aunt, Uncle or Grandparent, who might be interested in teaching Ethics please contact me to find out more about the role and how you can apply.

figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com

Amanda Bowen
Ethics Co-ordinator

Lost & Found

Found: a pair of tortoise shell reading glasses. Please collect from the office.

The lost property box is overflowing please take a look in it if you have lost anything. Items will be disposed of at the end of the week.

Get Your Figtree Heights Newsletter....by email!

Last year our newsletter went paperless. Please be reminded: To receive newsletters by email send your email address to figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list. The newsletter can also be viewed on the school app.

New Kindergarten parents please send in your email address. Your paper newsletter will cease at the end of Term 1 unless you notify the office otherwise. 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

Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

The Community Noticeboard is located outside near the office and is used to advertise local sporting groups and community groups who offer services to our students and families.

Canteen Roster Mon 23- Fri 27 Feb

The canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch orders.

Tuesday and Thursdays snacks at lunchtime only.

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| Mon | Mim Matic & Christina Bonacina |
| Tues | Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart |
| Wed | Angie Dennis & Belinda Pascoe |
| Thur | Fiona Rudd & Natalie Reynolds |
| Fri | Fiona Leo, Sonya De Bruyn & Jo Brain |

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