



FIGTREE HEIGHTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

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Term 1 Friday 27th March 2015

Nanga Mai Awards

Yesterday, I was lucky enough to attend the Nanga Mai awards at the Australian National Museum in Darling Harbour. I was there, as one of our very own students, Harmonie Baker-Werth received an Encouragement Award. The Nanga Mai Awards celebrate and recognise innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal Education in NSW Public Schools and communities. Harmonie was one of two students in the state who was awarded this accolade. Harmonie's story is included with this newsletter. On behalf of all your fellow students and teachers Harmonie, we congratulate you on this award. We are so very proud of you!



National Young Leaders Day

On Monday, the school captains and I were lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders Day Conference in Sydney. Sharing the QANTAS Arena with just on 6000 other students from all over NSW, we witnessed some incredible speakers who shared with us their leadership journey. Speakers included Mike Martin – CEO of Halogen Students Leadership, The Honourable Mike Baird – NSW Premier, Bindi Irwin – Wildlife Warrior, Rachael Leahcar – the young lady who placed 3rd in the last round of The Voice, Dylan Parker and James Norton - the Aussie men who are champion Paper Plane competitors And who inspired the movie "Paper Planes". It was a sensational opportunity and I cannot wait to see how these speakers and the conference has inspired our leaders.



Camp Out

Last Friday evening we held our 2015, K-2 Camp Out. The weather tried to test us, but the campers prevailed. A BIG thank you to Miss Cortnee Parkinson, Mrs Erin Manning and their 'parent team', who did a wonderful job organising everything from food and drink to where the tents were set up. Mrs Pirie, of course, was the life of the party as the DJ, this year; however, she had a special assistant, Miss Tiffany Esterich, who seemed to enjoy herself as much as the kids did. A very special thank you to those parents who held the fort during the late night and very early security patrol sessions. After doing a stint myself, I know how long that hour seemed to take and we appreciate your unwavering support of this event. We are all looking forward to this event again next year!

Easter Hat Parade

Next Thursday we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade from 9:15am. Seats will be set out in areas indicating where the parade will take place and we welcome all parents, families and loved ones to attend. In the event of rain, the parade **will still** go ahead; the route of the parade however, will be altered slightly to accommodate the weather conditions. Don't forget, we will be having our Easter Raffle and tickets will be available to purchase on the day.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all those students who were successful in making the Figtree Heights Cross Country Team to represent our school at the Central Wollongong Carnival next term. Notes will be handed out shortly and Mr Nielsen and I will be offering a training session on the first Tuesday in the school holidays, at the Kembla Joggers Track. This session is not compulsory; rather an opportunity to practise on the track.

Warm regards, Skye Hayward

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SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

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.

TERM 2

Wed 22/4

ANZAC Ceremony in W'gong

Thurs 23/4

FHPS ANZAC Service 11:30am

Wed 29/4

3/4P Assembly

Fri 1/5

CWPSSA Cross Country

Super Stars!

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

3/4P	Beau Baldock Eliza Harvey Ava Parry
5/6C	Ziggy Badans Declan Goodsell
5/6N	Paige Gibson Lachlan Wilkinson Toby Radford

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!

Photo Request



At our recent **swimming** and **cross country** carnivals did anyone take photos?

„ you have photos that you are willing to share please send it to figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au as we would love to add it to our visual display in the front foyer. Thanks!



Sports Stars of the Week



Recently at the regional board-riders Microgrom Classic Surf event Lara Fox placed 3rd in the under 12's and Karly Fox placed 3rd in the under 10's. Congratulations girls!

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

Tyler Monkman & Nicholas Pelekanos

Payment Reminders:



In order to give families the 'heads-up' on school payments account statements will be issued early next week. Contact the school if you are experiencing financial hardship in regards to these payments. Thank you.

Reading Eggs – all years \$17. Due: 27/15
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 1/4/15. Applications close 1/4/15. Spare notes available at the office.
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 participation payment: Yrs. 2-4 \$10 Due now. Note: Choir T-shirt orders have finished. Students who did not order T-shirts are still required to pay the 'participation fee' of \$10. Thank you
POP Description: Choir Participation Fee

Canberra Excursion Yrs. 5 & 6 Due: 15/5/15
POP description: Canberra

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

Entertainment Book – FHPS fundraiser

Information flyers have been distributed this week to students.

If you take advantage of the online pre-order you will receive extra voucher. These vouchers will be distributed at school and sent home via your child.... so look out for them in your child's bag!

Order now so you will have your bonus vouchers for the school holidays.

The Entertainment books will arrive at school early Term 2. Families will have an opportunity to look through the books and decide whether to purchase.

This fundraiser has proven very good value to both the school and our school community so consider being involved.

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 30/3 - Fri 3/4

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

Tuesday and Thursdays snacks at lunchtime only.

Mon	Bronwyn Gibson & Louise Harun
Tues	Yuni Jayaweera & Nerida Gollop
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thur	Sarah Baulch & Nerida Gollop

Due to some roster changes the canteen needs more volunteers to help (wo)man the canteen. Please complete the volunteer form attached and return it to school ASAP. Thanks

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