



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 2 Friday 24th April, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Winter Uniform Changeover

The change into winter uniform has begun. Students are currently able to wear either summer or winter uniform to school.

Students are to be in full winter uniform Monday, Week 4.

LOWES has our winter uniform in stock. Long sleeve shirts with the emblem in sizes 8 and 10 are on back order; however, shirts without the emblem can still be purchased if you are in urgent need.

Alternatively, our second hand uniform shop is still operational. Please see the ladies in the front office if you would like access to the Uniform pool.

Mission Australia Bin

This year Figtree Heights Public School is supporting Mission Australia's clothing donation drive. A clothing bin will arrive at school on Monday 27th April. Green donation bags were sent home last term and spare bags are available from the front office.

Parents can either put their bags of unwanted clean clothing directly into the bin, located near the OOSH bus or take them to their child's classroom and the teachers will supervise the children putting the bags into the bins.

Thank you for your support.

Change in Weather

As the weather gets a little cooler, and rainy or windy days become more frequent, *morning assemblies will occur in classrooms.*

Students will make their way to their classroom at the 8:53am bell and line up outside their room instead of lining up under the COLA; they will then be taken into their classrooms by their teachers. Important morning announcements will occur over the new school P.A. system. Parents are still more than welcome to listen to these announcements from under the COLA.

One exception will be, Super Star Wednesday's. These special assemblies will still take place on Wednesday mornings. If weather permits they will occur under the COLA, if the weather is an issue Superstar Wednesday's will occur in the school hall. This enables parents and loved ones to still witness the star badge presentation.

New Bell and PA system

Exciting times lie ahead with the introduction of our new bell and PA system. We were in desperate need to update our bell and evacuation system and it has finally happened (no more 7am wake up calls to our neighbours). The P.A. and evacuation system can reach all classrooms at the same time and the new bell will bring routine and structure to our class and play times. We are very excited about this purchase.

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Welcome Back!

What a soggy start it was to the beginning of Term 2! Thank you for understanding the limitations that were placed on the school with the weather conditions we have recently faced. We always endeavour to solve issues that arise in a timely manner; however, this week really tested our problem solving skills. There are a few areas around the school that are being surveyed for storm and rain damage and other areas that have been roped off for precautionary measures. We are having these areas attended to as quickly as possible. On a happier note, I hope all families enjoyed the holiday period and took some time to catch up with family and friends.

ANZAC Ceremony

On Thursday, we held an ANZAC service in the school hall to mark the 100 year anniversary of ANZAC. We had a special guest, Mr Norm Davey, from a sub-branch of Wollongong RSL, who shared a little of what ANZAC meant to him. Our wonderful choir performed "Lest We Forget" and a student vocal group, led by Lara Limbrick, sang "Can You Hear Australian Heroes Marching". Molly Westwood and Amber Clarke shared their own pieces of work on what ANZAC meant to them and an extremely talented Nathan Henderson-Walls played "The Last Post" on the trumpet. Students also made a poppy each and placed it on the timber 100 which our General Assistant, Tony, made especially for this service. For photos of this service please visit our website.

Sport in Schools

Sport in Schools is up and running, even in this terrible weather. **Every Tuesday**, students can wear their school sports uniform as they will be participating in a variety of vigorous activities. The expertise and equipment that comes with the Sport in Schools program provides a wonderful opportunity for our students, regardless of how active they are. Students will be explicitly taught a variety of new and exciting skills by the best in the business, our teachers will also be upskilled as the students are mentored and guided through this program. Rain hail or shine, Sport in Schools will go ahead. Thank you for your support with this exciting experience.

Keeping you updated

At Figtree Heights, we always strive to keep families in the loop as much as possible. We use a variety of mediums and media forums to cater for the differing needs of our families. When we have an important announcement we will utilise the school app, Facebook, FHPS website, paper notes if necessary and sometimes email (depending on the message). Facebook is a great forum to ask questions and hear responses from other parents or the school. Please be aware though, if you are writing on the FHPS Facebook page, it is a public forum for a NSW DEC Public School and unnecessary comments or derogatory remarks about the school is not the intended use of the page. It is simply a great way for parents and the school to communicate outside of hours. Thank you for your assistance in this matter

Congratulations to Cortnee

As many of you are aware we will be losing Miss Parkinson at the end of the year as she was successful in gaining a permanent full time teaching position at Bulli Public School. We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye, yet excited for her on her new position. This is not the only thing that Miss Parkinson was celebrating of the school holidays however, she was also married. On Easter Saturday, in the pouring rain, Miss Parkinson married her long-time partner Keiran and became **Mrs De Hass**. On behalf of all the students, teachers and families at Figtree Heights we wish Keiran and Cortnee a life time of happiness.

The Hive

"The Hive" is up and running. What was once only a library is now an information super-centre buzzing with activity. Mrs Thurston has hit the ground running and has begun some wonderful Inquiry Learning projects with our classes. In the near future, we will be having a "Hive" open day where parents can come and take a look at the amazing things that are happening up there.

A very warm Figtree Heights welcome to Miss Rosheen Mckell. Miss Mckell has slotted into the 5/6S classroom teacher position that was created when Mrs Thurston replaced Mrs Smith in the Library. We hope you have enjoyed your start here at Figtree Heights Miss Mckell, we are thankful you have joined our team.

Warm regards,
Skye Hayward

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Super Stars!

In very exciting news, we have a new **BRONZE** Super Star this week! Congratulations to the following student:

2/3S

Chloe Wilkinson



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

What's Happening at the Heights?

27/4/15 – 1/5/15

Tues 28/4

Sport in School program,
wear sports uniform

Wed 29/4

3/4P Assembly 2pm in
the hall

Fri 1/5

District Cross Country

4/5/15 – 8/5/15

Tues 5/4

Sport in School program,
wear sports uniform

Fri 8/4

South Coast Touch
Football

Book Club closes

Monday 11 May. All
orders to be in by this
date.

Payment Reminders:

Reading Eggs – all years \$17.
Due: 27/4/15

POP Description: Reading
Eggs

Maths online - Yrs. 2 - 6 \$10

Due: 2/4/15

POP Description: Maths
Online

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

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

District Cross Country - for
participating students \$11. **Due
Now**

POP Description: District
Cross Country

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

Ava Geralaxis

Jacob Hosking

Jake Jordan

Maddi Ladmore

Mackenzie Smart

Best Practise for
sending in permission
notes and

payments.....

for each child send the
permission note to the
class teacher including
payment or reference to
paid by POP.

If sending in cash or
cheque in one envelope
for siblings, please write
on the siblings' permission
note 'payment with (name
& class)'. Thank you for
your assistance.

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 Term 2

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

Tuesday and Thursdays snacks at lunchtime only.

The canteen needs a volunteer for the 2nd Wednesday in the month. If you are able to volunteer please contact Christina Bonacina 0407895515. Thank you for helping

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| Mon | Mim Matic & Christina Bonacina |
| Tues | Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart |
| Wed | Angie Denis & Belinda Pascoe |
| Thurs | Fiona Rudd, Jennifer Monro & Natalie Reynolds |
| Fri | Denise DeMartin & Lee Brett |

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

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 has now ceased unless you notify the office otherwise.** Thanks!

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