



# FIGTREE HEIGHTS

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

*respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness*

Term 2 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

### SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

#### Winter Uniform

All students should be in full winter uniform now. The schools Photo Day will be held on Wed 27 May and all students are to be in full winter uniform for the day.

*Lowes Figtree is our uniform suppliers and the school has a selection of pre-loved winter uniforms for sale.*

#### Entertainment Book –FHPS fundraiser.

The Entertainment Books have been distributed to the eldest child in the family. Those families who have already paid simply retain your book. If you want to purchase a book you can pay online or send in your payment to school. Alternatively if you don't want the book return it to school ASAP. The office has a supply of spare books if anyone would like to purchase extra books.

Thank you for your support

#### Mission Australia Clothing Drive

A Mission Australia clothing bin has been placed near the OOSH bus in the back carpark. Spare clothing bags are available from the front office. Please place your bags of clean unwanted clothing into the bin.

*Thank you for your support.*

#### ICAS Assessments

Selected students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will sit ICAS assessment- Digital Technology, on Tues 19 May.

Those students who are also competing in the District Cross Country will be given the opportunity to sit their assessment the next day.

#### Ethics at Figgy Heights

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles!  
We are still looking for an Ethics teacher for Stage 2 at Figtree Heights. All training is provided and the class is half an hour a week on Wednesday during SRE time. Please contact me for more details.

Amanda Bowen  
figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com

#### School Photo Day Wednesday 27 May

Families can send in their envelopes on or prior to the day. Payment can be done online or returned to school in student's envelope. Sibling and spare envelopes are available from the school office



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## NAPLAN

*A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who took part in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy). It is once again over for another year. We are so very proud of the way our students conducted themselves during the week. It can be a stressful moment in time, but it shouldn't be. Well done students, we hope you enjoyed the experience!*

### Student Wellbeing

At Figtree Heights we are taking a proactive approach to student wellbeing. Throughout the school we have been discussing with students the difference between a negative mindset and a positive one. We have been workshopping how to flip a negative thought into a positive one and build on the skills and strategies the students learnt in the 'Be Unreal' Program last year. It is proving to be a very effective approach and is making a difference to our students, when they use it.

To ensure this is an effective approach we are asking for parents to discuss this strategy at home with children as well. Everyone perceives a situation differently, so why not think of all situations in a positive light, rather than a negative. For example: NEGATIVE: She/He didn't say hello to me this morning, she/he must hate me! POSITIVE: Maybe she/he didn't see me when I said hello, I will go and say good morning again.

Friendships make a big difference to how our students experience school life, our aim is to ensure ALL students are active citizens and enjoy their time at school. To do this, school and home need to continue to work together on strategies such as this.

### Bike Rack

At the P&C Meeting on Wednesday, the committee approved the purchase of two, six space bike racks for our school. The Live Life Well Team are currently deciding on possible spaces in the school to install these racks. Together with these two bike racks will be further bike safety education for our students. The Centre for Road Safety and Transport for NSW recommends that parents and carers actively guide and supervise children up to 10 years old, and that they ride in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. For this reason, ONLY children over 10 years of age will be permitted to ride their bike to school without direct parent supervision, of course, with parent's permission. If your child, who is over 10, wishes to ride a bike to school, they will need to get a permission note from the front office before they ride to school. Duty of care remains with parents until a student enters the school gate. A big thank you to the P&C for purchasing these bike racks for our students.

### Food Allergy Awareness Week

Next week is Food Allergy Awareness Week. During the week all classes will be involved in a number of activities highlighting what it is like to live with a food allergy. Activities will vary from painting a nail (representing the 1 in 10 children who live with an allergy) to participating in Inquiry Learning activities on what 'being allergic' means. Please take the time to discuss these activities with your children.

### 2/3S

Next week we welcome back Mrs Sue Osborne, who has been recovering from shoulder surgery. Mrs Osborne is not up to full time duties just yet so she will continue to share 2/3 S with Miss Tiffany Esterich for the next few weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Osborne, but hopefully we do not have to say goodbye to Miss Esterich for very long.

### Athletics Field Events

Over the course of the next few weeks teachers will be taking our students, 8 years and over, through Athletics Field events. This will occur every Friday and during some lunchtimes. Students will have a few weeks of practice, learning correct throwing and jumping techniques before we get into the official recording. All running events will be held at Kerryn McCann Athletics Track, Beaton Park in Week 10.

Warm regards,  
**Skye Hayward**

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

**James Buxton, Caiden McPherson, Charlotte Neill and MRS THURSTON!**

# SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

## Super Stars!

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

K/1E	Elizabeth Pirie Amelia Craft	Byron Manning Kaylee Monkman	Sam Batchelor Myah Ellem	Maeve Hicks Angus Newton
1T	Mohmed Maulaie	Ben Parry	Chevy O'Connor	
2/3S	Maddie Clarke	Annabel Wouters		
2/3F	Poppy Tomczynski	Angelina Petrovski	Grace Lawler	Ebony Pascoe
3/4F	Tayla Radic	Caiden McPherson	Jai Cole	Chloe Kisling
5/6N	Ashley Freitas	Isaac Erler		
5/6C	Genevieve Krizsan	Sam Taafe	Tobias Moore	Bailey Craft

A HUGE Congratulations to **Paige Gibson** from 5/6N who is our first SILVER SUPERSTAR!

## Payment Reminders:

<b>Reading Eggs</b> – all years \$17. <b>Due: 27/4/15</b> <b>POP Description:</b> Reading Eggs	<b>Maths online</b> - Yrs. 2 - 6 \$10 <b>Due: 2/4/15</b> <b>POP Description:</b> Maths Online
<b>Sport in Schools</b> – K-Yr 6 \$45 <b>Due: 9/6/15</b> <b>Note:</b> 3 or more students in the family - only pay for two. <b>POP Description:</b> Sport in Schools	<b>District Cross Country</b> - for participating students \$11. <b>Due Now</b> <b>POP Description:</b> District Cross Country
<b>Canberra Excursion</b> Yrs. 5 & 6 <b>Due: 15/5/15</b> <b>POP description:</b> Canberra	<b>Botanic Garden excursion</b> K-1 \$15 <b>Due: 14/5/15</b>
<b>Choir participation payment:</b> Yrs. 2-4 \$10 <b>Due now.</b> <b>Note:</b> 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 <b>POP Description: Choir Participation Fee</b>	

## What's Happening at the Heights?

<b>18/5 – 22/5</b> Mon 18/5 K-1 Botanic Gardens excursion	<b>Tues 19/5</b> District Cross Country Sport in School ICAS Digital Technology Assessment Tournament of Minds mock presentation	<b>Thurs &amp; Fri 21/5-22/5</b> Stage 3 Canberra excursion
<b>25/5 – 29/5</b> <b>Mon 25/5</b> *Junior Band Camp	<b>Tues 26/6</b> *Junior Band Camp *Sport in School	<b>Wed 27/6</b> *School Photo's *5/6N Assembly 2pm in the hall
	<b>Thurs 28/6</b> *Paul Kelly Cup	<b>Fri 29/5</b> *South Coast Cross Country
		<b>Sunday 31/5</b> *Yr 6 Carwash



Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC):

**Brooke Baird, Riley Baird, Samarah Gibson, Samuel Buffett, Jessica Buffett, Bailey Craft and Genevieve Krizsan.**

**Library Bags  
FOR SALE:**  
**\$5 each**  
available in  
THE HIVE

**Book Reviews:** Next week (Week 5) a student from each class will be randomly selected to complete a book review. The selected student will have one week to complete the review. The book reviews will be compiled into a book and featured on The Hive's webpage. Remember an uncompleted book review will cost 5 counters!

**Have you borrowed a Hive library bag? Please return it as soon as possible.**

This week The Hive Term 2 Newsletter, PRC Instructions and a magnet were sent home. Spares are available in each classroom or in The Hive.

*Happy Reading!*  
*Mrs Thurston*

## 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.

Mon	Mei Roberts & Alli McKenzie
Tues	Leesa Radic, Angelia Godfrey & Nicky Lawler
Wed	Atared Latif & Sonia Latif
Thurs	Pat Gibson & Shari Fox
Fri	Fiona Leo, Sonya De Bruyn & Jo Brain

### Best Practise for POP (parent online payment)

Pay for one student per payment session.  
You can put multi payments per session as long as they are for one student only.

### Lost Property

Our lost property tub is overflowing. If you have lost anything please check in the tub located outside the school office.  
Please label all your belongings so we can return any lost articles.

## Get Your Figtree Heights Newsletter....by email or on the school app!

Please be reminded: To receive newsletters by email send your email address to [figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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. Thanks!

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