



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 2 Friday 1st May, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Winter Uniform Changeover - Reminder

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.

The Canteen Needs Volunteers



The canteen needs a volunteer for the 2nd Monday, 2nd Wednesday and 5th Friday in the month. Also looking for volunteers who would like to go on the emergency contact list for any day. If you are able to volunteer please contact Christina Bonacina 0407895515. Thank you for helping.

School Photos - Reminder

School Photo day will be Wednesday 27th May, forms will be distributed today.

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.

Mother's Day Stall

In need of volunteers to hold a Mother's Day stall next week – Friday 8th May. Please advise the office if you are available.

Mother's Day Raffle



5 x raffle tickets for \$2.00.

All tickets required back before Friday 8th May.

Prize will be drawn on Friday 8th May..

Tickets distributed today.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

What a soggy end to the week! We are doing our best to ensure students spend some time out of the classrooms, however, this weather is not making it easy for us. Please remind students of appropriate walkways to school, we have had a number of students coming to school drenched as they have chosen the 'fun' way, rather than the 'dry' way. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Annual School Report

This afternoon, the 2014 Annual School Report (ASR) will be uploaded to our school website (provided the weather does not play havoc with our server). This ASR is a comprehensive report on the 2014 school year at Figtree Heights Public School. It covers finances, initiatives, reflections, results and progress towards our school targets. A number of soft copies will be available for viewing at the front office, alternatively you can download or view online via our school website or app. To view the ASR, please go to the *Our School* tab on the website and click on the *ASR* link.

2015-2017 School Plan

Also uploaded onto the school website today (weather permitting), will be our School Plan for the next three years. This school plan outlines the three strategic directions our school will focus on over the next few years. Once again, thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who played a part in the creation of this school plan. Consultation with all stakeholders is an essential part of ensuring Figtree Heights is moving in the direction of creating tomorrow's leaders, learners and citizens. To view the school plan, please go to the *Our School* tab on the website and click on the *School Plan* link.

Swimming Champions

Our Swimming Champion medallions are finally here and the students cannot wait for the presentation of these well deserved awards. I will be presenting these medallions at our next school assembly on

Wednesday 13th May. The presentation will take place after the class item, which begins at **2pm**. *We are still waiting on the Cross Country Champion medallions; however these will be presented at a Wednesday afternoon assembly when they arrive.*

School Reports

This term will see our Semester One reports sent home to parents. These reports are a fantastic way to get a comprehensive look into your child's academic and social progression. Reports are scheduled to go home in Week 10 of this term. Unlike previous years, there will not be a 'scheduled' parent teacher interview week in Week 10. Alternatively, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to meet at least twice a year, at a time of need, rather than a blanket approach when reports are sent home. This flexibility provides the opportunity for you to discuss your child's social, emotional or academic need when either you or the teacher deems it necessary.

Staff Car Park

When the weather is torrential like it has been of late it is sometimes very difficult to find a park around the school. You may be forced on occasion to walk some distance to collect your child, we understand this can be somewhat difficult and are continuing to look, together with the P&C Association, into parking solutions around the school. Unfortunately, we do not have a better solution at the present time. Due to these restrictions, a number of parents have been parking in the staff car park to collect their child/ren. This has resulted in a number of extremely close calls, **where children's lives are put in danger**. The staff car park is **STRICTLY** for staff or school related people **ONLY**. This is non-negotiable and the safety of our students **MUST** come first. Children do not look out for cars reversing in carparks and it is often very difficult to see young children darting in and out of cars. It is a tight space and of an afternoon there is always lots of manoeuvring to allow cars to leave. We cannot risk the lives of our children. The same applies for utilising the car park as a **thoroughfare**. Cars cannot see and we are in serious risk of injuring (or worse) a child and or a community member. Please do not use the staff car park for any reason at any time of the day. We appreciate your assistance with this matter. **SAFETY MUST COME FIRST!** *If you have any suggestions about parking around the school, we are always open to ideas. The more noise we make about this pressing issue, the more chance we have of getting something done to keep our children safe.*

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:

K/1E	Alyssa Srbinovski Chloe Reh Jade Parcy
2/3F	Sophie McCall Elliot Rainford
2/3S	Samarah Gibson
3/4F	Karly Fox Samuel Newton Riley Baird
5/6C	Eloise Taylor Marcus Stevanoski



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

What's Happening at the Heights?

4/5/15 – 8/5/15

Tues 5/5

Sport in School program, wear sports uniform

Thurs 7/5

District Cross Country-new date

Fri 8/5

South Coast Touch Football

11/5 – 15/5

Mon 11/5

Book Club closes

Tues 12/5

Sport in School

NAPLAN – Language

Convention, Yrs 3 & 5

Wed 13/5

NAPLAN Reading, Yrs 3 & 5

1T Assembly 2pm in the hall

P&C Meeting in the Hive (Library) at 6.30pm. Child minding available

Thurs 14/5

NAPLAN Numeracy, Yrs 3 & 5

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

Botanic Garden excursion

K-1 \$15 **Due: 14/5/15**

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

Connor Bailey

Fatoum Maulaie

Molly Westwood

Joshua Hailstone

Anastasia Tsangaris

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.

Mon	Dean Harvey & Brooke Kiley
Tues	Leanne O'Brien & Cindy Ladmore
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thurs	Lindsay Sbrinovski & Nerida Gollop
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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