



FIGTREE HEIGHTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 2 Friday 29th May, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

29/5/15 – 5/6/15

Sun 31 May

Yr 6 Carwash

Tues 2 June

Book Club closes

Sport in School

Performing Ensemble visit for
whole school – no cost

Wed 3

ICAS Science assessment for
those registered students

8/6/15 – 12/6/15

Mon 8

Queen's B'day Public Holiday

Tues 9

Sport in School

Wed 10

2/3F Assembly 2pm in the hall
P&C meeting in the Hive at
6.30pm. Child minding
available.

Thurs 11

Debating at Lindsay Park –
whole day

Payment Reminders

Reading Eggs – all years \$17.

Due: 27/4/15

Maths online - Yrs. 2 - 6 \$10

Due: 2/4/15

Sport in Schools – K-Yr 6 \$45

Due: 9/6/15

Note: 3 or more students in the
family - only pay for two.

Choir Rehearsal - Yr 2, 3 & 4.

Bus fare \$5 Due: 18/6/15

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016

Figtree Heights is accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child starting school next year please make contact with the school office directly or phone 42286555. Please pass on this information to neighbours who have a child starting kindergarten next year.

The school is also taking expressions-of-interest for out-of-area 2016 kindergarten students. Enrolment cannot be guaranteed and will depend on the number of in-area students.

Student Activity payments

Thank you to families who have sent in Student Activity Payments this term. The school is billed for Student Activities and we must pay the account by the due date.

Parents are requested to pay for the child/ren's student activity payments by the due date. Student statements have been sent out this week.

Families who are experiencing financial hardship may apply for 'Student Assistance'. The school may then be able to assist with a part payment. Please contact the school if you need Student Assistance.

If you do not intend for your child/ren to participate in the activity. Please send a note to the teacher/office and the activity payment will be cancelled.

The school office spends a great deal of time chasing up overdue payments. Your assistance and prompt payment is really appreciated.

Entertainment Book – FHPS fundraiser

Remember to purchase your Entertainment Book, they are really good value. Also send in any unwanted Entertainment Books so we can sell them on to others.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Head Lice

Accompanying today's newsletter is an information sheet regarding the treatment of head lice. We have had a number of cases at Figtree Heights and all families need to be vigilant to ensure our children go head lice free. Please remember all bed linen and hats need to be treated, as well as the hair. Simply putting conditioner in the hair and brushing the eggs out does not work. We continually remind children not to share hats, but this warning needs to be extended to hair bands, headbands and ribbons. Please read the information note included with this newsletter carefully for some great tips and tricks. ***If you do find head lice, please treat immediately.***

Awards

There have been a few questions of late regarding our Value reward system. Following is a brief run down on how children obtain their SuperStar awards:

Bronze Value SuperStar: Any five value awards PLUS one behavior award

Silver Value SuperStar: Another five value awards PLUS one behavior award

Gold Value SuperStar: Another five value awards PLUS one behavior award

Emerald Value SuperStar: Another ten value awards PLUS two behavior awards

Please note the following:

- Value awards can only be used towards one SuperStar (e.g. *The same awards cannot be used for bronze and silver, each SuperStar requires a new set of five value awards and a new behavior award*).
- Only one behavior award is permitted per SuperStar (e.g. *You cannot substitute behavior awards for value awards, each SuperStar (except Emerald) requires five value awards and one behavior award*).
- Behaviour awards are awarded once every five weeks. Students have two chances every term to obtain a behavior award. If a student is on the 'Green Seats' or in 'Detention' during a five week period they will not receive a behavior award. At the end of every five weeks, the slate is wiped clean and students have the chance to once again receive a behavior award.

This SuperStar system is a positive reward system; it provides every student with the opportunity to achieve a value award. The six core values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Fairness, Care and Excellence underpin everything we do at Figtree Heights. If you would like to know more about our reward system or our wellbeing system you can view the school's Fair Discipline Policy on our school website.

Expectations at Figtree Heights

We take pride in educating our students on how to be active and informed citizens in today's changing world. Our society is certainly changing and it is important that we stay in tune with these changes. To do this we are consistently reminding our students what it means to be respectful and responsible children. This includes once stepping onto school grounds our school rules apply. We are teaching our students (as they are taught at home) they need to be responsible for their own actions and make sure they treat each other, our teachers and our school with respect. This also includes wearing our uniform the correct way (legionnaire hats with flaps down, shirts tucked in etc.). We are proud of our school and enjoy having a great reputation in our community. Developing these values in our children will prepare them for many of the circumstances they will face in their lives. Thank you for your continued support at home with this matter.

Safety First

It was brought to my attention this week that a number of students were inappropriately using the portable, though pinned down soccer posts, as climbing equipment after school. They were swinging, climbing and pulling at these so forcefully that the pins were dislodged and one post tipped over. These posts are very heavy and are not for climbing. An extreme amount of force needs to be applied to them for this to happen and is totally unacceptable. We are consistently reminding students of dangerous behaviour such as this. Students adhere to these rules during school time, however, believe these rules do not apply after hours. This is not the case. School rules still apply, even to those children on our school grounds after hours such as OOSH children. Please continue to remind your children of safe practice when entering and leaving school grounds. Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Warm regards,
Skye Hayward

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

Ethan Christensen, Lara Fox, Jordan De Martin, Bailey Craft,
Mohmed Maulaie, Oliver Rainford, Ashtyn Springall

Super Stars!

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

K/1E	Kiara Gollop Connor MacRae	Destiny Coelho-Strat	Andre Dzeperoski	Lily Brett
1T	William Burns Eva Davey	Xavier Cooper Toby Leo	Chiara D'Amico Mia Rutledge	
2/3F	Ava Geralexis			
2/3S	Connor Bailey	Kyara Christensen		
3/4F	Emily Penniall Chloe Rutledge	Kasey Reh Riley Andrews	Putri Azhar	Yolanda Chichkan Max Atsas
3/4P	Serena Erler			
5/6C	Rachael Bailey	Najib Matar	Ebony Freitas	Nour Latif Mackenzie Smart
5/6N	Kirra Synott			
5/6S	Molly Westwood			

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



3/4P

William Brett
Jaime Kiley



Paul Kelly Cup -AFL

On Thursday a group of boys and girls from Stage 3 got the team back together and participated at the AFL Regional Paul Kelly Cup at Thomas Dalton Park.

Miss Molly took on the role of team organiser, sorting out rosters and positions, and her efforts won her the 'Best and Fairest' award at the end of the day.

Our team put in a solid effort and they played very close games but, unfortunately, didn't make it to the final.

Our students received compliments from parents and teachers from other schools, as it's not often you see a team smiling about being defeated. Our team played against some very skilled State champions and were thrilled about every point defended and earned and they gave it their all.



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

Annabel Wouters and Najib Matar

Well done, I am so proud of your efforts! Please make sure you come and see me for your very exclusive 'Excellence in The Hive' Value Award.

Book Reviews: A big 'Thank You' to Ziggy Badans, Harmonie Baker-Werth, Tyler Godfrey and Luca Crowe Benvenuto for their completed book reviews.

Luca reviewed *The Korean War* by Michael Dugan

You can find it in the NON FICTION section in the location 951 DUG

Ziggy reviewed *The Last Thirteen #13* by James Phelan

You can find it in the FICTION section in the location F PHE

Harmonie reviewed *100 Bizarre Animals* by Mike Unwin

You can find it in the NON FICTION section in the location 577 UNW

Tyler reviewed *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling

You can find it in the FICTION section in the location F ROW

Their reviews will feature on our website very soon!

Checkout The Hive's webpage: <http://www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/classes-fhps/the-hive>

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

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.

Baking		Amanda Batchelor
Mon	Dean Harvey & Brooke Kiley	
Tues	Katie Tully & Leanne O'Brien	
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry	
Thurs	Lindsay Srbinovski & Nerida Gollop	
Fri	Denise DeMartin & Lee Brett	

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