



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 2 Friday 8th 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.

Entertainment Book –FHPS fundraiser.

Entertainment Books will arrive at school this Wednesday and will be distributed to the eldest child in the family. Those families that 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 a book simply return it to school ASAP.

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.

FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
**PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**



P&C Federation
COMMITTED TO LIFE EDUCATION

**GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY
6.30PM IN THE HIVE
CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE**

ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME

**SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

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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.

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Happy Mother's Day

On behalf of all the students at Figtree Heights, I would like to wish all our wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunties a very special Mother's Day. I hope you wake up in the morning to breakfast in bed, followed by love and cuddles from your family.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy is being held next week for Years 3 and 5. Language Conventions and Writing will take place on Tuesday, on Wednesday the Reading will be held and on Thursday will be Numeracy. All assessments are 40minutes long. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Although NAPLAN provides the school with some great data on a student's progress, it is only one small snippet of information we use to determine a child's learning progression; we do not base our marks or results at school on the outcome of NAPLAN. It simply is used as a good source of external data that can assist the data we have collected internally. Good luck to all our students sitting NAPLAN, please do not stress, it is a great experience.

Building Works

Of late, we have been undergoing some building work and have needed to close off some areas of the school to our students. It is essential that students keep away from these roped or fenced off areas for their safety. Hopefully all scheduled work will be completed by next week.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting for the Term will be held next Wednesday in THE HIVE (the Library). This will be the venue for all meetings from now on. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm and FREE Child minding will again be available. It would be great to see new faces at this meeting. It is always a wonderful opportunity to find out more of what is happening in the school and provide feedback and suggestions to the committee or school.

Break Ins

Unfortunately, many of our local schools have been hit by vandals over the past week. They have caused quite a mess and do not seem deterred by any security measure. Please be vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity please call school security on 1300 880 021. Thank you for your assistance with keeping our school safe.

District Cross Country

The Central Wollongong PSSA Cross Country Carnival has yet again been postponed due to issues with the weather and the state of the track. This is beyond our District Convenors control, rather Kembla Joggers, who have the final say in the suitability of their ground. The new date for the District Cross Country is Tuesday 19th May. We apologise for the inconvenience this is causing families and are doing our best to ensure the carnival can go ahead.

School Website

Our school website is a fantastic tool to keep up to date with what is happening at our school. Class pages are being updated constantly, new photos are being included and important information is streamed to the website as soon as possible. Log on to the website and take a look if you have not already.

Exciting addition to the School Newsletter

From a suggestion made by one of our school leaders, every three weeks a class will be featured in the newsletter. A double page spread will be included, detailing what the class have been up to. There will be work samples, photos and much, much more included in this feature. We cannot wait to see what each class has in store for us. Thank you for the suggestion, Bailey.

Warm regards,
Skye Hayward

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

Super Stars!

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

K/1E	Kobi Hayward	
2/3F	Rachel Leo	
2/3S	Carter O'Connor	
3/4F	Eve Christensen	Nathanael Burns
3/4P	Samuel Buffett	Rohan Hicks
	Abbey Lemmon	William Brett
	Toby Russell	Kieran Michlmayr
5/6C	Ashtyn Springall	
5/6N	Jessica Buffett	Keeley Reynolds



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

What's Happening at the Heights?

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

18/5 – 22/5

Mon 18/5

K-1 Botanic Gardens excursion

Tues 19/5

District Cross Country

Sport in School

ICAS Digital Technology

Assessment

Tournament of Minds mock presentation

Thurs 21/5-22/5

Stage 3 Canberra excursion

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

Blake McKay

Angelina Petrovskia

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.

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.

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 & Simone Pratt
Tues	Karen Craft, Fiona Maris & Judy Warren
Wed	Hanna Bonacina
Thurs	Louise Christensen & Gerty Pelekanos
Fri	Caro Simons, Gill Newton, Kerry Hatchman & Amanda Batchelor

Pre-loved school uniforms

We are gratefully accepting donations of good quality pre-loved summer and winter school uniforms for our uniform shop. They can be dropped at the school office.

Thank you for your support.

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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