



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

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Term 2 Friday 12th June, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

15/6/15 – 19/6/15

Sport in Schools
payments due now.

Mon 15/6
ICAS Writing

Tues 16/6
ICAS Spelling

Wed 17/6
Musica Viva 9am
5/6C Assembly 2pm in the hall

22/6/15 – 26/6/15

Mon 22/6
School Athletics Carnival

Tues 23/6
Choir to MT Terry PS
(Yrs 2,3 & 4– all day)

Fri 26/6
Last day of Term 2

Term 3 dates

Mon July 13
Staff Development Day

Tues 14
Student start day for Term 3

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.

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

Musica Viva - Whole school \$6 Due: Now

Athletics Carnival – Whole school. \$10 Due: 19/6

POP (Parent Online Payment) System

Have you ever worried if your child has handed in the payments to the class teacher?

Why not try the POP system.

Instruction booklets are available from the school office. It is an easy, convenient payment system and you can print a receipt for proof of payment. BUT.....Remember to send in the permission notes to the class teacher.

Please inquire at the school office if you have any questions.

Student Activity Payments

Please pay your child's activity payments by the due date. If your child is not participating in a class activity please inform the office so the invoice can be cancelled.

The school has a small amount of funds to assist families experiencing financial hardship. If you require financial assistance for a school activity please come to the office to complete the required paperwork.

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Debating Team

Congratulations to our senior debating teams who, yesterday, competed in a 'friendly' debating challenge with schools from our local community. Miss Corcoran took our two teams to Lindsay Park Public School where they competed in mock debates. Our first team won their debate against Mount Kembla and our second team was also successful against Lindsay Park. They had a wonderful day and cannot wait to compete in the Premier's Debating Challenge in Term 3. Head to our school website and Facebook page for some photos of our students in action.

P&C Meeting

On Wednesday night we had another very successful P&C meeting, discussing many important topics about the future directions of our school. The P&C have been extremely generous, donating a significant amount of money to the school for exciting additions to our playground, upgrades to our technology (including iPads for our Stage 2 classes and the HIVE) as well as donating funds for new Maths resources. Our students could not thank the P&C enough for helping the school create a welcoming, exciting and innovative place to learn, grow and succeed. Keep an eye out for projects in the school, we certainly have some exciting developments in the pipeline and cannot wait to see our students' dreams become a reality.

Safety First

Of late there has been a significant increase in 'stranger danger' warnings from local schools. Every day we speak to our students about this issue and what to do in particular scenarios. Please be vigilant and put our students' safety first. If you are going to be late for pick up, please ring the school so we can organise for your child to wait in the front office until you arrive. Please speak to your children about pick up points and safe ways to travel to and from school. Again, we thank you for your continued assistance with this issue.

Minion Makeover Challenge

Figtree Heights students are going to change the world! Every day, I have groups of students knocking at my door with ideas, plans and visions for our school or greater community. One such group has submitted a sensational one minute video to the morning breakfast show *Sunrise*. This video has been submitted into a competition where the first prize is \$25,000 for an improvement project in your school. Our students chose to base their submission on fixing up the school's front garden, 'Mrs Martin's Place'. Their ideas consisted of making this space a more child friendly, interactive learning space where all classes could utilise for an 'outdoor classroom'. The video entry can be viewed via the school website. Congratulations Kaylen, Bailey, Samuel, Jessica, Ebony, Eloise and Molly. We are very excited to hear how your submission went.

Athletics Carnival

The school Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and we are still looking for some parent volunteers to give up a little of their day to help out in an official capacity. If you can spare an hour to help out timekeeping, judging or with the Infants tabloids, please fill out the blue form that came home last week and send it back to school as soon as possible. Once again, these carnivals could not run like they do without the wonderful support from our families.

Canteen

Over the past few months our canteen committee have been working tirelessly on revamping the menu and providing delicious healthy options for our children. In exciting news, we have joined forces with a wonderful local (a family from our school) business - *Hectic Wednesdays*. This collaboration will see hearty, healthy meals available at our canteen for our students to devour during lunch. Healthy eating is such an essential component in growing strong minds and bodies so having these options readily available at our canteen is simply fantastic. If you have not seen an updated menu, head to our website or pop into the front office, you may be surprised at the options available for a bargain price. Thank you to our canteen committee, who are continuing to go above and beyond to provide these options for our students.

Warm regards, **Skye Hayward**

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

Tessa Baldock, Karly Fox & Grace Lawler

Super Stars!

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

K/1E	Toby Cooper			
2/3F	Alby Ferguson	Tyler Godfrey	Landon Gallop	Anastasia Popovska
2/3S	Lenny Atsas	Brooke Baird	Zoe Brain	Tyce De Bruyn
	Maggie Harvey	Jacob Hosking	Chelsea Jones	Jye Kiley
	Sonny Morris			
3/4P	Clay Batchelor	Kaden Goode	Chase Grant	Josiah Moore
	Alexandra Wira			
3/4F	Oskay Gultekin			
5/6N	Jai Gilmore	Dhanush Talapaneni		
5/6S	Nathan Mitrevski	Charlotte Neill		

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

	2/3S	Kyara Christensen	Maddie Clarke	Samarah Gibson	
		Emmaline Pirie	Annabel Wouters		
	2/3F	Ebony Pascoe			
	3/4P	Eliza Harvey	Zali O'Brien	Ava Parry	Beau Baldock

Super Performer

Annabel Wouters from 2/3S recently performed at the Wollongong Eisteddfod and gained an A+ in 1st grade AM&B flute exam, 2nd in the Restricted 7yrs piano solo, 2nd in 7yrs piano solo and 3rd in 8yrs piano solo. Well done Annabel!

Take a Look

With the school holidays approaching check out the school community noticeboard. It has some great activity information on it.

While you are there check out the Lost Property tub, its overflowing again! All items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Book Covering  **Needed.**
Please come to the office if you help with covering. Contact supplied!



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

Andre Dzeperoski and Eva Bonacina

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.

The Hive News

3D Printer - Students from the Technology Leadership Team are running lunch time workshops on using the 3D printer. All interested students are welcome to attend.

iPads - A huge THANK YOU to our generous P&C who have purchased 8 iPads for The Hive.

Sunrise \$25K Minion Makeover - A very talented bunch of students have entered the Channel 7 'Sunrise \$25K Minion Makeover' competition.

We are in the running to win \$25 000 to improve a part of our school.

Samuel Buffett, Kaylen Craft, Molly Westwood, Ebony Freitas, Eloise Taylor, Bailey Craft and Jessica Buffett worked together to create their submission.

Check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eEppzZ76b4>.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Thurston

2/3 Supernova is proud to be 'Class of the Week'!
We are excited to be able to share some of the awesome things
we have been up to in our classroom!

We have been studying 'People and their Beliefs'.

In art we used some Aboriginal art techniques and symbols to decorate boomerangs.

The circles on our paintings represent watering holes and the curved lines represent walking tracks.



After watching a 'Behind the News' story about the Nepal earthquake, 2 very compassionate people in 2/3S decided that they wanted to help!

Emmaline and Chloe have been working incredibly hard with the school leaders and other interested students. They have asked for people to start bringing in pre-loved books to send to the Nepalese children who have lost their schools and all of their possessions!



In **Science and Technology**, we had some visitors from UOW!

They took us outside to study some 'mini beasts' in their natural habitat.

We were very careful to look, but not touch!





2/3S love our visits to 'The Hive'!



2/3S visit 'The Hive' every second Tuesday. We have been learning some awesome thinking skills, like how to make a Venn diagram. We have also been helping Mrs. Thurston decorate 'The Hive' by learning about and making Bees! Our Hive time is also a chance for us to dive a bit deeper into our 'People and their Beliefs' topic, we have heaps of books to help us. Visiting 'The Hive' is one of our favorite parts of the week because there are so many amazing activities to do and we never know what Mrs. Thurston will have in store for us!



We have been having so much fun participating in
'Sports in Schools'!

We are also participating in the 'Premiers Sporting Challenge'!



Thank you for reading about all of our amazing learning adventures!

We hope you enjoyed your peek into the classroom of 2/3 Supernova!

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		Kristy Buffet
Mon	Mei Roberts	
Tues	Leesa Radic, Angelia Godfrey & Nicky Lawler	
Wed	Atared Latif & Sonia Latif	
Thurs	Pat Gibson & Shari Fox	
Fri	Caro Simons, Gill Newton, Kerry Hatchman & Amanda Batchelor	

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