



# FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

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

Term 2 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

## SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

### What's Happening at the Heights?

All school activity  
payments must be  
finalised by Friday  
26/6/15. Thank you for  
your anticipated  
assistance.

**22/6/15 – 26/6/15**

**Mon 22/6**

School Athletics Carnival for students turning 8 (this year) and over. All infants will stay at school.

**CANTEEN CLOSED  
TODAY MON 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

**Tues 23/6**

Choir to Mount Terry PS  
Yrs 2, 3 & 4 – all day  
Orders for Canteen Special  
Meal Day to be in.

**Fri 26/6**

**Canteen Special Meal Day**  
Last day of Term 2

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**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

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

#### **POP Hints of the Week:**

\* Each child's activity payments must be kept  
separate e.g. Jack Hill can pay for Musica Viva,  
Sport in School & Choir bus. In a new session his  
sister Jill Hill pays for Musica Viva & Athletics  
Carnival. **Don't pay for Jack & Jill's activities  
together.**

\* Send individual permission notes to the class  
teacher e.g permission notes to Jack's teacher  
for his activities and permission notes to Jill's  
teacher for her activities. This ensures the class  
teacher has a quick reference to check if their  
students have permission to participate in an  
activity.

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## Illawarra Mercury Superstars

1E are featured in today's Illawarra Mercury. The story reflects the involvement our school has with Mission Australia and the clothing bin Mrs Lo Surdo (one of 1E's teachers) organised for our school grounds. If you have spare clothes you were thinking of donating to charity, please remember the clothing bin is located on the back concrete area, near the OOSH bus. Thank you Mrs Lo Surdo, for organising this opportunity for our school. Highlighting to our students the importance of giving to a community in need is a life skill they will always remember.

## Congratulations Debaters

Our senior debating teams have been on fire! Earlier this morning one of our teams competed against Unanderra Public School in the final local round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. They were outstanding and declared winners. That is four wins for our debaters in our local competition. Both teams will continue to work hard with Miss Corcoran and prepare for the next Regional round in Term 3. Congratulations, Ziggy, Marcus, Blake M, Jacob, Bailey, Eloise, Zara, Madi and Paige. We are very proud of your effort!

## Wellbeing Snippets

Beginning this week, I will be adding a wellbeing snippet to my report. This snippet is courtesy of Cindy and Tegan Russell. Each week's snippet will include a cartoon and a topic. These cartoons and topics imitate the same language we use at school, both in the classroom and around the playground. It will give parents an opportunity to use this same language at home with your children and ensure we are taking a united front to help our children become confident, successful and active citizens. I would like to thank Cindy and Tegan for all their efforts in this area. Student wellbeing is an essential part of school life and we appreciate you assisting our students, staff and families in this area.

Warm regards, **Skye Hayward**

## Wellbeing Snippet

*How you can have fun using your imagination when things around you are not how you would like them to be?*

Creating an **imaginary super-shield** can make you feel like nothing bad or negative can hurt you. In fact, you can **feel powerful, strong and clever** imagining a shield that helps you stay happy even when someone else is saying something mean.

*How else could you use your **super shield**?*

*What else could you imagine to turn an upset into a fun experience?*

If you had an imaginary super-shield, what would you use it for???

-Cindy Russell-



Quote: [www.cindyrussell.com.au](http://www.cindyrussell.com.au) - Illustration: [www.tegangeorgette.com.au](http://www.tegangeorgette.com.au)

## Illawarra charity drive teaches kids practical values

By DESIREE SAVAGE June 18, 2015, 9:03 p.m.

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**Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays today, next week, in the school holidays and the first week of Term 3.**

Clayton Byrne, Destiny Coelho-Strat, Alanah George, Zara Harun, Jaime Kiley, Kyla Nowlan, Aleksia Petrovska, Ben Rudd, Kirra Synott, James Burkinshaw, Kyara Christensen, Matteo Ciarrocca, Luca Crowe-Benvenuto, Oskay Gultekin, Alex Ladmore, Zoe Lovegrove Carter O'Conner, Ellie Reh & Brannon Ware





## Super Stars!



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

Ilona Krizsan Kavindu Herath Chelsea Neill Isabelle Bush Lathan Cole Lachlan Anderson	Bailey Lemmon Jordan De Martin Harry Athanassopoulos Hunter Griffiths Madilyn Ladmore Harmonie Baker-Werth	Ellie Reh James Burkinshaw Ethan Christensen Zara Harun Oshini Herath
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In further exciting news, we have new **SILVER** Super Stars this week! Congratulations to the following students:



Annie Dennis Laura Smith Riley Baird Kaylen Craft Ashtyn Springall	Lauren Rooke Jessica Buffett Isaac Maris Elise Scobie
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## K-2 Athletics Carnival is POSTPONED!

Due to the terrible weather we have had, the inner field at Beaton Park is unusable. This is the area the K-2 children have all their events and participate in 'carnival' activities. Therefore we have no other option but to **POSTPONE** the K-2 part of the carnival on Monday. Early next term we will re-schedule this event for these students here at school.

Please note the POSTPONMENT is **ONLY** for students who are **5, 6 and 7 Years of age**.

These students do not qualify for District Athletics and therefore it is not essential that they take part on Monday. If you have a child who is in Year 2, but is 8 years old this year they are **STILL** coming to the carnival.

For all other students (8 – 13 years old in 2015) the carnival **WILL STILL** go ahead, **even if it is raining**. We cannot get the track again before the District Carnival and the age races must be completed. We appreciate your understanding during this wonderful weather.



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

**Clay Baldock, Oskay Gultekin, Ebony Pascoe and Zoe Pascoe**

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

**The Hive Borrowing Challenge *Pizza Party*** - The Pizza Party for the class that has borrowed the most books this term will be at lunchtime Thursday June 25. The winning class will be announced on Wednesday.

**3D Printer** - The 3D printer has been extremely popular. It is great to see students being able to create their own design and print them out.

Students can design items using Tinkercad (at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com)). An account is required to use the program - students can create their own account or use the FHPS account (username: [sarah.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au) password: 3dprinter).

Years 3-6 will be formally trained in using the 3D printer next term.

*Happy Reading!*  
*Mrs Thurston*

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

## 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.

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!

### 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		Ali Brown
Mon	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> due to Athletics Carnival	
Tues	Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart	
Wed	Angie Dennis & Belinda Pascoe	
Thurs	Fiona Rudd, Jennifer Monro & Natalie Reynolds	
Fri	Fiona Leo, Sonya De Bruyn & Jo Brain	

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