



# FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

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

Term 3 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015

## SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

### What's Happening at the Heights?

#### Term 3 dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> August – Massed Dance Rehearsal Stars
- Book club orders DUE
- 10<sup>th</sup> August – School Pie Drive Orders Due
- CoS Science Fair Projects Due
- 12<sup>th</sup> August – Stars Drummers Workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> August – Southern Stars Rehearsal
- Stage 2 School Spelling Bee
- Winning Science Projects to Mrs DeHaas
- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Stage 3 School Spelling Bee
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – Figtree CoS Science Fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> August – 2pm 5/6T Assembly in Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> August – Southern Stars Drummers Workshop
- School Pie Drive Delivery Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Tournament of Minds
- 24<sup>th</sup> August – 28<sup>th</sup> August - Book Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> August – 9:10am - 11:00am Book Parade
- 26<sup>th</sup> August – Southern Stars Rehearsal
- 27<sup>th</sup> August – 29<sup>th</sup> August - Southern Stars
- 31<sup>st</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Life Education
- 1<sup>st</sup> September – 2pm Surf Sense Talks (yr 2,4 & 6)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 2pm 2/3S Assembly in Hall
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – 11:30am – 1pm Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> September – 2pm Kindergarten and 1E Assembly in Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – Southern Illawarra Music Festival
- Talent Quest Auditions Years K/1/5/6
- 11<sup>th</sup> September – Talent Quest Years 2/3/4
- 14<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> September - Junior Music Camp
- 14<sup>th</sup> September - Regional Spelling Bee Finals

### 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.

### FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



 P&C Federation

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST**  
**6.30PM IN THE HIVE**  
CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE

ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME

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**BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

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## Education Week and Book Week

This week was Education Week, and as usual there were many elements being celebrated. Yesterday we had two very exciting events, a NAIDOC Doing Things Together activity between recess and lunch and also the Blue Dragon Fundraiser. It was a very successful day, with just under \$1400 being raised for the Blue Dragon Foundation.



In celebration of NAIDOC, Zac Bennet-Brook, a local Indigenous artist, has spent countless hours transforming the electrical boxes at the front of the school. Zac continued the theme from the Value Poles he painted last year and the results are breathtaking. If you would like to see a news report some of our year 6 girls did on Zac and his work at our school, head to the website and you can find a link on the home page.



Education Week will continue to be celebrated during Book Week. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August (Book Parade Day) we will once again open our classrooms up for parents, grandparents and loved ones. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details. Feedback from parents in the past has indicated how difficult it can be for families to organise time off work to attend events such as these at school. To help, we have combined a few events to ensure we can make the most of the day.

## NCCD Census

The time has once again rolled around for the National Consistent Collection of Data. Last year was the initial year for this data collection and we are again collecting information from those students with a confirmed disability. If you do not wish your child's data to be included in this collection please notify the school.

## Fundraising

Of late, you would have noticed quite a bit of information regarding fundraising opportunities at school. These initiatives are just that, *opportunities* to fundraise. However, raising money is not the driver behind these projects. As part of our school plan, we are opening our children to the world around them, enabling them to be active and informed citizens. These projects, not only highlight to our children the importance of looking at the needs of others outside our school community, but provide them with fun, interactive and engaging experiences as well. The fundraising element of these initiatives, although helpful, is by no mean compulsory.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,  
**Skye Hayward**

## Wellbeing Snippet

*Please discuss this wellbeing snippet with your child at home.*

- **What does it mean to them?**
- **What are some of the things they believe about themselves?**
- **How can they change their story to believe more positive things about themselves?**

"You get to choose  
what you put on your Belief Tree."  
-Cindy Russell-



www.yourstoryspace.com.au

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

**Emily Penniall, Asher Percival, Brylee Ellem,  
Yolanda Chichkan, Macey Synott**





# Super Stars!



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

Noah Grant	Luke Hughes
Alex Ladmore	Sam Pelekanos
Macey Synott	

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

Abby Adlington	Riley Andrews
James Burkinshaw	Nathanael Burns
Myah Ellem	Karly Fox
Kelsie Frankham	Bryn Fuller
Evie Harvey	Chloe Kisling
Mohmed Maulaie	Tebra Maulaie
Isaac Maris	Alyssa Monro
Angus Newton	Ben Parry
Zoe Pascoe	Ellie Reh
Chloe Rutledge	Emily Rutledge
Kirra Synott	

We also have new **GOLD** Super Stars! Congratulations:

Alyssa Sbrinovski	Bree Luke
Elise Scobie	



## Attention all budding writers!



Are you between the ages of 9 & 13?  
Are you a keen writer?  
Would you like a piece of your writing published?

**Take a look on line at this easy to enter competition and see if it is for you...**

The Young Writers' Award, designed to discover the talent of children aged between 9 and 13 years of age. This award seeks to develop the writing skills of this particular age group and assist these children to find their unique voice through storytelling. Children are great storytellers; they can create entertaining stories, both written and oral, that with a little assistance can be turned into lively, imaginative and character-filled books for all to enjoy.

The Young Writers' Award recognises and encourages the writing talents of Australian children by providing them the opportunity to have their stories published and distributed in Australia. The award is designed for easy entry with no prescriptive theme or topic, and may be pursued by individual children working with an adult mentor or alone.

To find out more, go to:

<http://www.youngwritersaward.com.au/>



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

**Lachlan Anderson, Chase Grant, Karly Fox,  
Olivia Grant and Charlotte Neill**

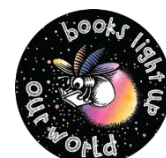
Great Work! Please make sure you come and see me for your very exclusive 'Excellence in The Hive' Value Award.

## Have you completed the PRC?

All entries due by Friday August 21, 2015.

### 21 days to go!

Accompanying your newsletter today will be  
The Hive's Term 3 Newsletter  
and Book Week celebrations flyer.



Happy Reading!  
Mrs Thurston

## Primary Ethics

As many of you know, Ethics was only introduced to our school in term 3 of last year. Since then, we have grown to 3 classes, catering for Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 3. Our Ethics teachers for stage 1 & 3 both have new commitments that unfortunately take them away from teaching Ethics for the remainder of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Patricia Davey and Kirilee Coulton-Clayton for their commitment to teaching our children worthwhile and meaningful lessons each week.

Fortunately, we have a new teacher taking on the Stage 1 class, Mrs Sian Greening. We welcome her to our School and hope that she enjoys facilitating ethical conversations with our Year 1 and 2 students.

We are now in need of 2 Ethics teachers, for stages 2 and 3. Ethics is taught by volunteer Parents/ Grandparents/Carers, Aunties and Uncles or members of our community. If you are, or know of someone who is available every Wednesday for half an hour during SRE time, please contact me to find out more about becoming an Ethics teacher.

[figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com](mailto:figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com)

Amanda Bowen

Ethics Co-ordinator

## 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.

### 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.

### Canteen Roster Term 3

The canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for recess and lunch orders.  
Tuesday and Thursdays snacks at lunchtime only.

Baking		Belinda Monkman
Mon	Bronwyn Gibson & Louise Harun	
Tues	Yuni Jayaweera	
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry	
Thurs	Pat Gibson	
Fri	Denise DeMartin & Lee Brett	

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