



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 3 Friday 14th August, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

Term 3 dates

14 th August	Stage 3 School Spelling Bee
17 th August	Figtree CoS Science Fair G'Day Asia performance
19 th August	2pm 5/6T Assembly in Hall
20 th August	Southern Stars Drummers Workshop **School Pie Drive Delivery Day**
23 rd August	Tournament of Minds
24 th August – 28 th August - Book Week	
25 th August	9:10am - 11:00am Book Parade 11am – Brunch with Books 11:30 – Open Classrooms
26 – 29 th August – Southern Stars rehearsals and performances	
31 st August – 3 rd September Life Education van visit to school	

SEPTEMBER

1 st Sept	2pm Surf Sense Talks (yr 2,4 & 6)
2 nd Sept	2pm 2/3S Assembly in Hall
4 th Sept	11:30am – 1pm Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' Day
9 th Sept	2pm Kindergarten and 1E Assembly in Hall
10 th Sept	Southern Illawarra Music Festival Talent Quest Auditions Years K/1/5/6
11 th Sept	Talent Quest Years 2/3/4
14 th September – 17 th September Junior Music Camp	
14 th Sept	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.

Payments Due:

Southern Stars matinee performance 28/8 for selected students - \$26.
Due now.

SIMF tickets available- \$20

Choir rehearsal bus fare
Yrs 2, 3 & 4 \$6. Due now

G'Day Asia – Bookweek activity.K-6 \$5.Due now



**CONGRATULATIONS
to
Nathan
Henderson-Walls!**

Nathan has
qualified for the
Australian
National Cross
Country
Championships
later this term!
Wow!

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Spelling Bee

What a fantastic experience the Spelling Bee has been for our students, teachers and parents. There certainly were some very nervous faces, but that was just the parents. The students were amazing! It is very difficult to get up in front of your peers and speak, let alone spell very tricky words. Each and every student should be proud of themselves for giving it a go and putting their best foot forward. These students have been practising for the last six weeks, both at home and with Mrs Fincher at school and it showed. I was blown away at some of the words they were asked to spell. We have two successful students from Stage 2 and two from Stage 3, who will be advancing to the finals held at Austinmer P.S. later this term. At the time of print we did not have our winners so they will be announced in next week's newsletter. A special mention to Mrs Fincher, for her dedication to this event and the weeks leading up to the Spelling Bee.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Accompanying today's newsletter is information regarding the Tell Them From Me survey for students years 4-6. I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in this Department of Education initiative. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. The student component of this survey will take place during school hours.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Please see the flyer accompanying this newsletter for more information. We appreciate you taking this time to provide our school with this essential feedback.

Year 6 Pie Drive

Thank you to all the families who ordered pies for the Year 6 fundraiser. Orders raised just under \$600 for our year 6 and the students are over the moon. All pies are from the famous Waminda Bakery and personally, delivery day cannot come soon enough. If you have ordered pies, delivery day is on Thursday 20th August. All pies will be delivered to the hall and they will be set up in alphabetical order on tables to avoid any confusion.

P&C Purchases

In very exciting news our iPads are on the way! At a recent meeting, our fabulous P&C donated the funds to purchase 16 mini iPads for our school. 8 of those iPads will be utilised with our Inquiry Learning lessons in the HIVE and the other 8 will be evenly distributed throughout our senior classes, as the juniors already have a handful to share. The iPads will be utilised as a tool for learning not to teach content. Students will be able to use this portable device to enrich their learning in so many different ways. Have a chat to your child and ask them what fantastic things they are currently learning to do with iPads. A very big thank you to our P&C for enabling this to happen.

Southern Stars

Our drummers and dancers are in full rehearsal mode ready for their upcoming Southern Stars Performance at the end of this month. If you have not already bought a ticket, I encourage you to call TicketTek immediately. It is always a breathtaking experience and one which highlights the beauty of public education. Thank you to all the parents who came and volunteered their time on Tuesday afternoon in Miss Corcoran's classroom to create costumes. We were blown away by the support and appreciate you giving up your time to make these costumes possible.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

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

**Lenny Atsas, Samuel Buffett, Annie Dennis, Myah Ellem,
Kiara Gollop, Abbey Lemmon, Jack McNally & Halen Ryan**

Super Stars!

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

Ben Rudd	Joe Cooper	Amber Clarke
Hamish Rodgers-Smith		

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

Majd Abdul Latif	Danush Talapaneni
Maeve Hicks	Putri Azhar
Kaylee Monkman	Nour Latif
Ebony Freitas	Oskay Gultekin
Toby Cooper	Grace Goodsell
Zara Harun	Sam Batchelor
Fatoum Maulaie	Kyla Nowlan
Jye Kiley	Charolte Neill

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

Byron Manning	Chloe Reh
Ava Parry	Blake McKay
Samarah Gibson	Violet Brain-Bowen
Emmaline Pirie	Andre Dzeperoski
Ebony Pascoe	Grace Lawler

Wellbeing Snippet

Focussing on thoughts is like watering a tree.

They will grow.

If you focus on worrying thoughts
they grow.

If you focus on happy thoughts
they grow.

We all have both types of thoughts.

What will you water today?

-Cindy Russell-



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Congratulations!

to

Macey Synnott!

Macey has qualified for the
National Dance
Championships as one of the
top 20 competitors in her age
group, in Australia.
Well done MACEY!

Southern Illawarra Music Festival

Wollongong University
Grand Hall
Thursday 10th
September
Commencing 7pm
\$20 per person

Tickets are available from
the school office.

If paying by POP please use
payment description: **SIMF tickets**

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR ART?



SUBMISSION DETAILS:

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ONE A3 ARTWORK UNFRAMED
DELIVER ARTWORK TO BIG FAT SMILE
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23RD OCTOBER 6-8PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
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Curated by Megan Georgette



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

Myah Ellem, Hollie McCall, Kobi Hayward, Zoe Brain, Brylee Ellem, Anastasia Popovska, Riley Andrews, Abigail Jones, Chanel Ocvirk, Jaime Kiley, Alexandra Wira, Serena Erier, Eliza Harvey, Emily Rutledge, Tessa Baldock, Blake McKay

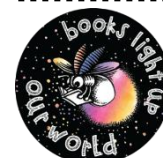
Great Work! Please make sure you come and see me for your very exclusive
'Excellence in The Hive' Value Award.

65 out of 250
FHPS students have completed the
PRC...

Have you?
7 Days to go!

DON'T FORGET

G'Day Asia Performance
Monday 17th August
Book Parade
Tuesday 25th August



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.

Keira Cricket Club Registration Days

Keira Cricket Club will be holding 2 registration days for their MILO In2Cricket and Junior Competition at: Wiseman Park Bowling Club.

Saturday 22nd & Saturday 29th August

10am to 12pm

Further information email

jamespie@exemail.com.au

Next Week's 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

Kristy Buffett

Mon

Mei Roberts, Alli McKenzie

Tues

Angelia Godfrey, Nicky Lawler

Wed

Atared Latif, Sonia Latif

Thurs

Shari Fox, Lindsay Sbrinovski

Fri

Gill Newton, Kerry Hatchman & Amanda Batchelor

Volunteers are needed for Wednesdays and Fridays. Also can anyone assist Hanna this Wednesday?

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