



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 3 Friday 21st August, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

Term 3 dates

23 rd Aug	Tournament of Minds
24 th August – 28 th August - Book Week	
25 th Aug	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	
31 Aug	Book Club closes
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

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
- *Southern Star Dancers extra costume money - \$23 Due now

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.

BEYOND THE FRAME SOUTHERN STARS 2015

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 **Beyond The Frame** are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult \$48, Pensioner and student over 12 \$38, Student/Child under 12 \$27 and Family pass \$140) as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out.

Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday

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Science Week

To celebrate Science Week, Figtree Heights participated in the Figtree Community of Schools Science Fair. The final was held on Monday 17th August at Figtree High School. Kaylee, Kavindu, Maeve, Zoe P, Grace, Ebony P, Max, Karly and Amber were the finalists from our school who attended the Science Fair with Mrs De Haas. We had such a fantastic day! All students successfully participated in their event - the 60 Second Film Challenge, the Paper Plane challenge or the Mouse Trap Racer challenge. We even got to complete a first-hand investigation where we made predictions and tested our predictions in an experiment! A big congratulations to Ebony Pascoe and Grace Lawler who placed first in Stage 1 for the finals of the 60 Second Film Challenge.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Parent Surveys are now open. Please take 15 minutes to fill out this '*Partners in Learning*' parent survey. 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 and is completely confidential.

Quality Teaching Successful Students

Through a NSW Government initiative schools have received a 'drop of funding' to assist in improving student learning. At FHPS we have negotiated with staff and scrutinised the best way we can utilise this money. Many of the elements we discussed were viable options, however, we wanted to get the 'best bang for our buck' and we have decided to introduce an Inquiry Learning 'team teaching' session where Mrs Sarah Thurston, jointly teaches a class with our year 2, 3 and 4 teachers. This team teaching approach allows for more individualised learning and enrichment of all our students, not just a select group as it would with an 'enrichment class'. It also allows our teachers to be 'mentored' by an expert in the field. The funding is equivalent to just under ½ a day casual salary and the school has supplemented the remainder of the day to ensure all classes in the 2/3/4 cohort have the same opportunity for this enrichment via Inquiry Learning. This initiative will be reviewed at the end of this term with the intention of making this opportunity available for all our classes. This funding is one third of our total allocation and over the next two years the remainder of these funds will be released to our school.

NAPLAN

The 2015 NAPLAN results are in and student reports have been distributed. Once again we are very proud of all our students and all the efforts they put into this experience. It can be a very daunting time in a student's education, but it shouldn't be. It is merely a snapshot in time of their education and assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and writing, as well as numeracy. The data that we get as a school can be useful, however, it is not something we purely rely on to determine the learning progression of a student.

School Bell

Over the last week your child may have mentioned music being played in lieu of the school bell. This initiative is for a number of reasons. We are utilising a 2 minute snippet of an 'appropriate' song to signal the end of play time and return to class. When music plays, students know they have the length of the song (2 minutes) to make their way from the playground to their classroom. It is a similar concept to lessons breaks in the classroom (how we transition from one lesson to another). We are also utilising the choice of song as a reward for classes. The class of the week (determined by a number of elements including, but not limited to: uniform, assembly etiquette, value of the fortnight to name a few) have the privilege of choosing the song to be played for that week. It has been a wonderful hit with our students and teachers.

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

Riley Andrews & Jade pacey

★ Super Stars! ★

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

Estella McKenzie	James Buxton
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In further exciting news, we have new **SILVER** Super Stars this week!

Congratulations to the following students:

Malaak Abdul Latif	Chase Grant
Declan Goodsell	Keeley Reynolds
Isabnel Smith	Emily Penniall
Mackenzie Smart	Maddison Legge
Max Atsas	Ilona Krizson
Oliver Rainford	Lara Fox
Sonny Morris	Isabelle Clarke
Spike Badans	Nicholas Pelekanos
Chelsea Jones	Serena Erler
Lachlan Anderson	Connor Bailey
Najib Matar	Eva Bonacina
Caelan Cook	Amahie Masuku
Sam Taafe	

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

Congratulations:

Eloise Taylor	Alyssa Monro
Abby Adlingtio	Sophie McCall
William Brett	Oshini Herath
Asha Andrews	Elliot Rainford
Eve Christensen	Amelia Craft
Jordan De Martin	Connor MacRae
Declan Goodsell	Rachel Leo
Riley Baird	



Remember to check out your photo in the school foyer and tell the office staff if you need a star on your photo.



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

Nate Hosking, Lily Brett, William Burns, Eva Davey, Jacob Hosking, Beau Baldock, Nathaneal Burns, Kaden Goode, Nicholas Pelekanos, Toby Russell, Clay Batchelor, William Brett, Kaylen Craft, Nicholas Hailstone, Karina Hunt, Abbey Lemmon, Lara Limbrick, Zali O'Brien, Morgan Davey and Samuel Pelekanos

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

Next Week is BOOK WEEK!

Monday: Make your WISH LIST ready for the Book Fair!

Tuesday: Book Parade (dress up as your favourite character), Brunch with Books, Open Classrooms and the Book Fair.

Thursday: Last day of the Book Fair.

Wellbeing Snippet

*Your imagination is like a flower,
it grows everyday.*

*You use it for all sorts of things,
not just art and play.*

*It creates stories
about each situation you are in
and these stories
will determine the mood you are in.*

-Cindy Russell-



www.yourstoryspace.com

Southern Illawarra Music Festival

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

Tickets are available from the school office. Tickets purchased through school are being sent home with students. Look out for them in their schoolbags.

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

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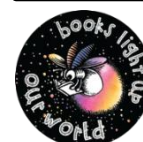
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OPENING NIGHT: FREE NIBBLES, DRINKS AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED
23RD OCTOBER 6-8PM
EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 19TH OF OCTOBER - 1ST OF NOVEMBER

Curated by *Jegan Georgette*



Happy Reading!
Mrs Thurston

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.

Smith's Hill High School

Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

EXPO NIGHT

Wednesday 7th October, 2015

6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Year 7 2017 close on November 16th 2015

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2017. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2016 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.

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	Ali Brown
Mon	Mim Matic & Christina Bonacina
Tues	Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart
Wed	Belinda Pascoe
Thurs	Natalie Reynolds, Fiona Rudd & Jennifer Monro
Fri	Jo Brain, Fiona Leo & Sonya De Bruyn

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

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Ukulele Fundraiser

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bunches

Aloha,

Our school is looking to purchase some ukuleles for our students. A terrific instrument to learn, the ukulele -

- is easy to handle and lots of fun
- allows the user to sing and play simultaneously
- learner can enjoy success quickly with easy-to-play songs

Our generous P&C has offered to subsidise the cost of our ukuleles but we need to do a bit of fundraising.

How can you help?

Buy some \$1 flowers to stick to our big mock-ukulele. These can be purchased Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August from the COLA. Each flower you purchase earns you a raffle ticket for the prize. The prize winner will be drawn at the end of the Book Parade (9am-11) on Tuesday.

Thank you for your support,
Mellanie Pirie

