



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 3 Friday 28th August, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

Term 3 dates

31st August – 3rd September Life Education van visit to school

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| 31 Aug | Book Club closes |
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SEPTEMBER

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| 1 st Sept | 2pm Surf Sense Talks (yrs 2,4 & 6) |
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| 2 nd Sept | 2pm 2/3S Assembly in Hall P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the Hive |
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| 3 rd Sept | Father's Day Stall. All gifts \$5. Bring money on the day |
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| 4 th Sept | 11:30am – 1pm Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' Day |
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| 9 th Sept | 2pm Kindergarten and 1E Assembly in Hall |
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| 10 th Sept | Southern Illawarra Music Festival Talent Quest Auditions Years K/1/5/6 |
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| 11 th Sept | Talent Quest Years 2/3/4 |
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| 14 th September – 17 th September | Junior Music Camp |
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| 14 th Sept | Regional Spelling Bee Finals |
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| 7 th Oct | 2016 Kinder Orientation Night |
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| 12 th Oct | Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Science Centre Excursion |
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| 14 th Oct | 2016 Kinder Orientation session 2 |
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| 19 th Oct | 2016 Kinder Orientation session 3 |
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| 28 th October – 30 th October | Scholastic Book Fair |
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Payments Due:

*SIMF tickets available until Monday 31/8 - \$20

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

*Southern Star Dancers extra costume money - \$23

*Life Education visit – K-6. \$5 Due by 31/8/15

Father's Day Stall



Thursday 3rd Sept

All gifts \$5.

Bring your money in on the day.
All students will have the opportunity to buy their special dad a present.



SIMF Tickets –Purchase tickets by Monday 31st August.

Tickets are selling fast and the school has been requested to finalise sales by 31/8/15. So get your tickets fast!

FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



Yr 1 P&C Federation

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

6.30PM IN THE HIVE

CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE

ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME

SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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Tournament of Minds

A big congratulation to our two 'Tournament of Mind' Teams who competed at the Regional Finals last Sunday. Mount Terry Public School was buzzing with students from all over our region and it was a very exciting place to be. The Language and Literature Team performed their challenge first and they were superb, blowing their judges away with their spin on author Aaron Blabey's books. The Applied Technology Team then performed their presentation on their 'Elevac', something that I would love to purchase for our classrooms if they ever ended up manufacturing their product. Both teams were enthusiastic performers and we are very proud of the time and effort they put into this experience over the past two terms. An extended congratulation to the Applied Technology Team who were winners in their category and are now off to the State Finals later this year. Thank you to Miss Corcoran for bringing this experience to Figtree Heights and all the work she had done leading up to this event. Thank you to all the parents, Mr Nielsen and Miss Corcoran who all gave up Sunday to support our students at this event.



Language & Literature



Applied Technology



Tell Them From Me Survey

Parent Surveys are now open. The link to this survey is <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm> A user name and password was sent home to all families with the details of this survey. If you need this password and user name please contact the office.

P&C Meeting

This coming Wednesday at 6:30pm, our second P&C Meeting for the term will be held in the HIVE. At this meeting the school will be discussing and reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy and updates to our Fair Discipline Policy. Discussion around the canteen, OOSH and general school business will again be on the agenda as usual. If you are interested in these areas of discussion it would be great to see you there and hear your thoughts.

Social Media Safety & Cyber Bullying

Early next term we will be hosting a 'Social Media and Cyber Bullying' information session for our students Years 4, 5 and 6. This will be held by our Police Youth Liaison Officer. This session will inform our students of the dangers of social media, both on a global level, with stranger's ability to access personal details and on a local level with our students using it outside of school. To fully prepare our children for the ever changing society they are growing up in, it is essential that they hear this information from not only the teachers at school but from the police. Social media for students has a total ban at Figtree Heights, the only exception being teacher led twitter posts and the like, purely led by teachers. This is a timely reminder that at **no stage** should a student have a phone with them during the day. If they require a phone for security measures, to and from school, it **MUST** be left at the office upon entry to the school grounds, there are no exceptions.

In line with this information for our students, I encourage all parents to attend a 'Social Media and Cyber Bullying Parent Forum' run by the Australian Federal Police. I have attended one of these seminars and was shocked with some of the things I did not know. It is in the interest of our children's safety to be at the forefront of these issues, even if we think we already know. Information is as follows, please note **THIS IS A SESSION FOR PARENTS ONLY:**

Where: St Brigid's, Gywnneville (Auditorium) Entrance via Vickery Street

When: 6.20pm for a 6.30pm **Finish** 7.30pm

Wednesday the 14th October, 2015.

Please put this date in your calendar and please let the school know if you intend on going.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

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

Riley Baird, Declan Goodsell, Sophie McCall, Calista Stevanoski & Abigail Jones



Super Stars!



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

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

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| Brylee Ellem | Jai Gilmore |
| Toby Leo | Carter O'Connor |
| Tyler Godfrey | Chevy O'Connor |
| Mia Rutledge | Brooke Baird |

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

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| Annabel Wouters | Zali O'Brien |
| Calista Stevanovski | Myah Ellem |
| Asher Percival | Hollie McCall |
| Kobi Hayward | Toby Cooper |
| Chiara D'Amico | Skylar Lawler |
| Karly Fox | Lily Brett |
| Nate Hosking | Beau Baldock |
| Elizabeth Pirie | |

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



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, brothers, sisters and loved ones who braved the rain to attend the Book Parade.

It was a very wet day. The students looked amazing and had a fantastic time!

Check out our website for photos.

Wellbeing Snippet

Is your imagination making you sad?
 "Your imagination makes up stories on the spot and they ALWAYS feel true, even when they're not.
 If a story you're telling yourself is making you feel sad, change it to a happy story and you will feel glad!"
 -Cindy Russell-



Life Education Visit

The Life Education van is visiting our school next week.

Students must have their permission notes and payment (\$5) in before they go into Happy Harold van as the school is charged per student entering the van.

If you have not already sent in your child's note and payment please send it in on Monday 31/8/15 to ensure your child does not miss out on visiting the van.

Notes have also been distributed for Happy Harold merchandise. Please send Happy Harold's merchandise money in a separate envelope.

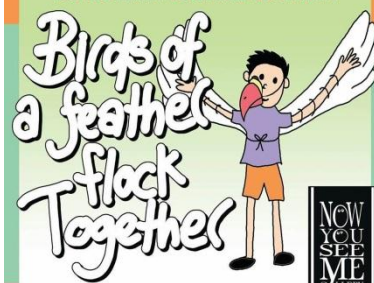
Southern Illawarra Music Festival

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

Tickets are available from the school office until Monday 31st August. 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**

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR ART?



SUBMISSION DETAILS:

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 ARTIST-APPLICATION/
 (FOR MORE INFORMATION
 AND EXTRAS)

OPENING NIGHT: FREE NIBBLES, DRINKS AND
 23RD OCTOBER 6-8PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
 PROVIDED

EXHIBITION OPEN FROM 19TH OF OCTOBER – 1ST OF NOVEMBER

Curated by Tegan Georgette

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**FHPS students finished the
 Premier's Reading Challenge.
 What an outstanding effort!**

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



Happy Reading!
 Mrs Thurston

Book Fair

The Book Fair will continue next week. There are still a number of books available.

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.

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| Baking | Belinda Monkman |
| Mon | Bronwyn Gibson & Louise Harun |
| Tues | Katie Tully & Leanne O'Brien |
| Wed | Julie Jones & Karen Parry |
| Thurs | Pat Gibson |
| Fri | Denise De Martin & Lee Brett |

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our pre-loved uniform shop needs a tidy-up. If anyone has a free hour we would really appreciate your help to restock and tidy up the shelves. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Your assistance is REALLY appreciated.

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Wests u/12's
Football Grand Final



Sam Taaffe
Figtree u/12 B's
Soccer Preliminary Final



Nate Burns
Wests u/11's
Hockey Pool Final



Clay Baldock & Noah McNally
Wests u/10's
Football Grand Final



Good Luck FHPS students in finals this weekend!
