

*Canteen volunteers are needed for some Wednesdays and Fridays. Please contact Christina Bonacina on 0407895515 if you can help.*

*Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the students, staff and families of Figgy Heights*

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***

**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.

**What’s Happening at the Heights?**

**Term 3 dates**

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| **11th August** | ICAS Maths |
| **12th August** | Stars Drummers Workshop  ***\*\*School Pie Drive Orders Due\*\**** |
| **13th August** | Southern Stars Rehearsal  Stage 2 School Spelling Bee |
| **14th August** | Stage 3 School Spelling Bee |
| **17th August** | Figtree CoS Science Fair  G’Day Asia performance |
| **19th August** | 2pm 5/6T Assembly in Hall |
| **20th August** | Southern Stars Drummers Workshop  ***\*\*School Pie Drive Delivery Day\*\**** |
| **23rd August** | Tournament of Minds |
| **24th August – 28th August -** Book Week | |
| **25th August** | 9:10am - 11:00am Book Parade  11am – Brunch with Books  11:30 – Open Classrooms |
| **26– 29th August –** Southern Stars rehearsals and performances | |
| **31st August – 3rd September** Life Education van visit to school | |
| **SEPTEMBER** | |
| **1st Sept** | 2pm Surf Sense Talks (yr 2,4 & 6) |
| **2nd Sept** | 2pm 2/3S Assembly in Hall |
| **4th Sept** | 11:30am – 1pm Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ Day |
| **9th Sept** | 2pm Kindergarten and 1E Assembly in Hall |
| **10th Sept** | Southern Illawarra Music Festival  Talent Quest Auditions Years K/1/5/6 |
| **11th Sept** | Talent Quest Years 2/3/4 |
| **14th September – 17th September**  Junior Music Camp | |
| **14th Sept** | Regional Spelling Bee Finals |

**SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS**

**Term 3 Friday 7th August, 2015**

***K-2 Athletics***

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in the K-2 Athletics Carnival today. It is always one of my favourite events of the year and nothing beats seeing the enjoyment on our student’s faces when they are involved in something like this. Thank you to all the parents and loved ones who came to cheer on our athletes and volunteer your time. Events like this simply could not run without your continued support. Thank you to Miss Dejanovic who took on the task of organising this carnival and being so flexible with all the unavoidable changes.

***Science Competition***

Congratulations to all those students who submitted an entry to our Community of Schools Science Competition. There were some incredible videos, paper plane designs and mouse trap racers. The competition was tough and like splitting hairs, however, there were entries chosen to move onto the next stage of the competition, which will be held, at Figtree High School in Week 6. Good luck to all those students competing and well done to all our budding scientists who took the time to prepare something. Thank you to Mrs De Haas for organising this opportunity for our students.

***Let’s Celebrate Success***

Have you had an opportunity to talk to your child about what they are doing in class? Have they mentioned Inquiry Learning or discussed what type of learner they are? These are all great questions to start a discussion with your child to get a small understanding of what they are doing in their classroom. Another great way is to come and see it for yourself on Tuesday 25th August, during open classroom time. We would love to see you here so you can get a firsthand view of some of the amazing learning opportunities our students are involved in each and every day.

***Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO)***

At Figtree Heights we have a number of Student Learning Support Officers (Teacher Aides) who work with our students. Sometimes they are working in a one on one situation with a particular student or they may work with a group of students in the classroom. These SLSO’s are also sometimes out in the playground, assisting our students with various activities. The SLSO’s we have currently working here are Madelynne (Maddie), Amy, Lachlan and Nick. To help with identification of these members of our staff we will include their photo in next week’s newsletter.

***School Calendar***

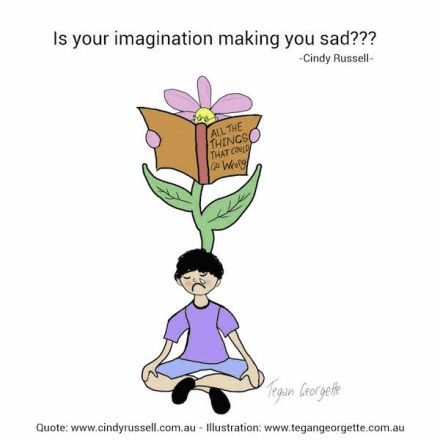
Keeping all families up to date with upcoming events is important and it is equally important to notify our families if there are any changes in dates or times. Unfortunately, there is the odd occasion where a change of time or date has not been updated *on all the forums* we use. Utilising so many forums such as Facebook, our website, the school app, our weekly newsletter and term planner, as well as the information notes that come home can sometimes mean a forum is missed or not updated. Whilst we always endeavour to keep these forums succinct and aligned, last minute changes beyond our control can cause a breakdown in a procedure. We apologise if this has caused any inconvenience.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

***Skye Hayward***

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**



***Wellbeing Snippet***

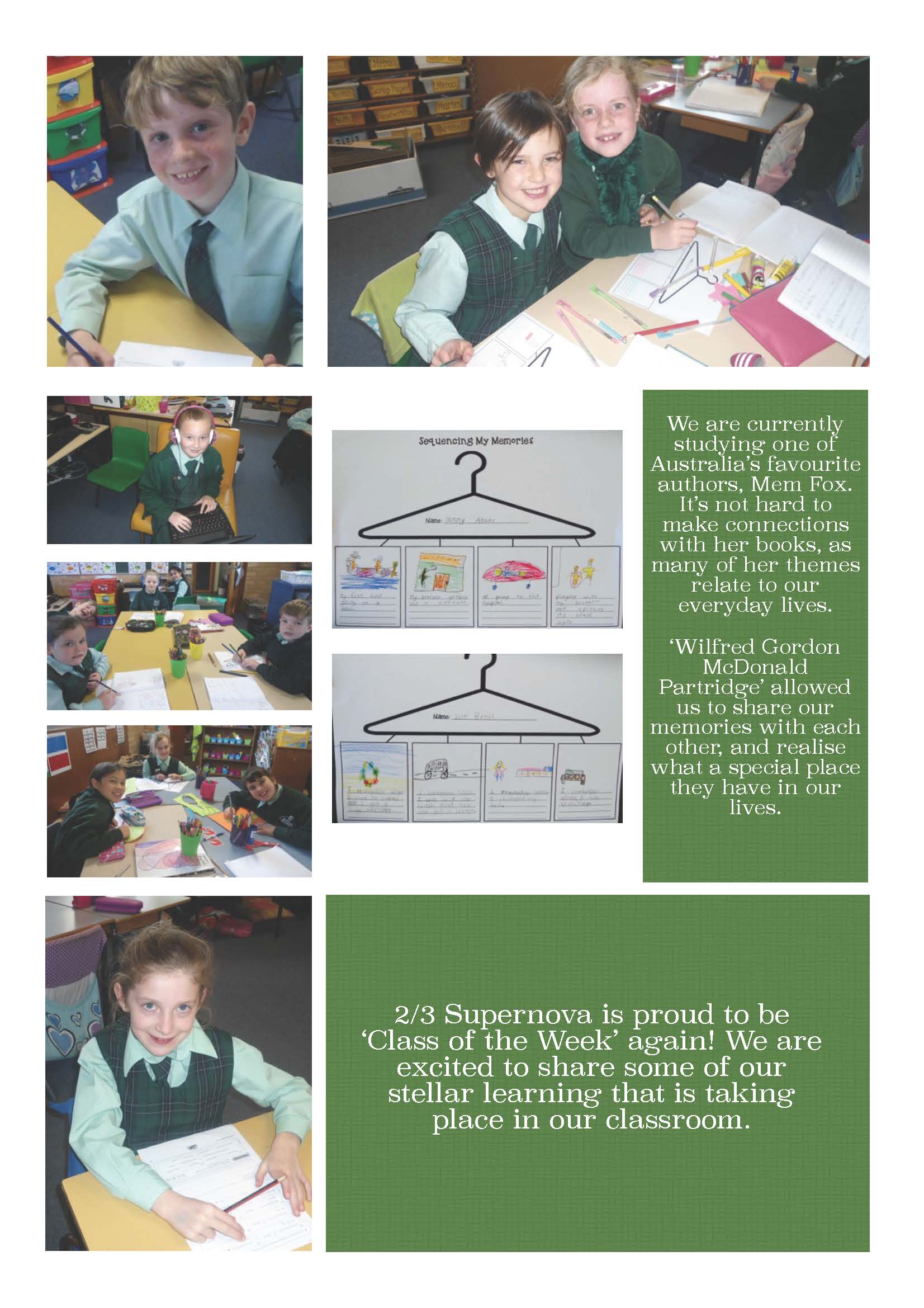
***“Your imagination makes up stories on the spot and they ALWAYS feel true, even when they're not.***

***If a story you're telling yourself is making you feel sad, change it to a happy story and you will feel glad!"***

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

Ziggy Badans, Latahn Cole, Ilona Krizsan, Layal Sawan

& Eloise Taylor

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**DON’T FORGET**

**Book Week August 24-28**

49 out of 250

FHPS students have completed the **PRC**…

**Have you?**

14 Days to go!

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

Chelsea Neill, Angus Newton, Poppy Tomczynski, Samuel Newton, Ziggy Badans and Lara Fox

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

Happy Reading!

Mrs Thurston

**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/**

**Super Stars!**

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

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| Toby Jones | Marli Demertzis | Mitchell Roberts |
| Brody Jordan | Matteo Ciarrocca | Jack McNally |
| Carter Cook | | |

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

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| Alysha Telenta | Jade Pacey |
| Maggie Harvey | Chelsea Neill |
| Skylar Lawler | Abigail Jones |
| Jai Cole | Caiden McPherson |
| Awande Masuku | Poppy Tomczynski |
| Toby Russell | Lara Limbrick |
| Liam Walter | Sam Buffett |
| Jayda Brain | Kasey Reh |
| Yolanda Chichkan | Kaide Pratt |
| Kiara Gollop | Oshini Herath |

We also have a new GOLD Super Star! Congratulations:

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| Eliza Harvey |



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

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**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** | Jessica James |

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| **Mon** | Alice Zhou & Simone Pratt |
| **Tues** | Karen Craft, Fiona Maris  & Judy Warren |
| **Wed** | Hanna Bonacina |
| **Thurs** | Louise Christensen & Gerty Pelekanos |
| **Fri** | Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy |

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**Please phone Christina 0407895515 if you can help**

**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 [jamespirie@exemail.com.au](mailto:jamespirie@exemail.com.au)

**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.