



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 3 Friday 18th September, 2015 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

TERM 4	
6 th Oct	First day for teachers & students
7 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation Night
12 th October – 23 rd Oct School swimming scheme program	
12 th Oct	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Science Centre
14 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation 2
19 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation 3
28 th October – 30 th October Scholastic Book Fair	
22 nd Oct	Grandparents Day Yrs 3-6 First Aid Course
28 th Oct	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
29 th Oct	Talent Quest Night Kinder Orientation 4
3 rd Nov	Band rehearsal @ Helensburgh
5 th Nov	Guitar Ensemble in Hall
9 th /10 th Nov	Stage 2 Camp Stanwell Tops
18 th Nov	Instrumental Festival @ Figtree High
15 th Dec	Presentation Day @ Figtree High

Please make sure you check this section of the calendar for important dates.
A new term planner will be available in week two, Term 4.

Payments Due:

- * Science Centre excursion Yrs 2, 3 & 4 POP description: Science Centre. \$15
- *Stanwell Tops camp Yrs 3 & 4. Cost \$168

Lost Property Articles

We love to return lost property!

Please label all your child's school belongings. We can then return lost articles to their owners. Un-named, unclaimed articles will either be disposed of or donated to our pre-loved uniform shop.

Thank you for your assistance.

Reminder that the first day back to school for all students and teachers is on:

Tuesday, 6th October

Monday is a Public Holiday

RUN WOLLONGONG

Sunday 18th October

This year we will again be entering our school in **RUN Wollongong**. If you are interested in participating in this event please come make sure you register under FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL. For more information on this event please go to the following website:

<http://wollongong.runaustralia.com.au/>

www.figtreeheights-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Year 6 Fundraiser at McDonalds

It certainly was a very busy event at McDonalds on Tuesday, it felt like every family from our school was there. A big thank you to, Lisa Westwood, who organised this event and every family who supported our Year 6 students by ordering something between the hours of 5pm and 7pm. Our school received 15% of all sales made during this time which came to just under \$400! What a great effort! As promised, there were also lucky door prizes awarded to people who attended. The lucky winner of first prize was Rachel Bevan, second prize went to Rebecca Moore and Estella McKenzie picked up third prize. Congratulations to those winners.

Term 3

Looking back at Term 3, there have been some wonderful experiences at Figtree Heights. On top of the exciting learning opportunities our students have everyday in their classrooms, we have had great fun outside the classroom as well. From the Debating and Tournament of Mind teams, our athletes, SIMF and Southern Stars Performers to the Jump Rope for Heart, pie throwing and colourful runners, it has certainly been a wonderful mix this term. I would like to thank the students, parents and teachers for the continued support of Figtree Heights Public School and the opportunities we provide our students. Term 4, will again see an exciting mix of events with Stage 2 camp, Talent Quest and Annual Presentation Day, just to name a few. Keep an eye out for the Term Planner coming home in Week 2, it will outline all the events for Figtree Heights in Term 4 to ensure parents have ample notice of any event being held at our school.

Change in School Procedures

In last week's newsletter I outlined a series of changes to the procedures for notes, money and canteen ordering. These changes will take place starting day one, Term 4. In essence, the main change is for all notes and money to be directly deposited in the letterbox slots at the front office. These slots will be clearly marked with the particular event to make sure there is no confusion. If your child is away sick, it is Department of Education policy that an explanation is given to the school. These notes will come directly to the office and can be placed in the 'absence notes' slot. Once this system has commenced there will be no need to take any notes or money to the classroom teacher. Parents are still encouraged to discuss absence reasons with the class teacher, however, notes are to be brought to the office.

In regards to the canteen ordering procedures, it is very similar to the system in the front office. In the holidays we will be putting letterbox slots under the front counter of the canteen. These slots will be clearly marked with class names to avoid any confusion. We are asking from day one, Term 4, for all students to place their lunch order in their class letterbox slot before school begins. This will streamline organisation for our canteen volunteers. Once again, we thank you for your support whilst these changes are being implemented.

P&C Meetings

Term 4 will also see the last two P&C Meetings for the year. At these meetings we will continue to review and discuss the school's Fair Discipline Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy. If you have an interest in these areas or have some ideas or comments, please come to these meetings. At the last P&C meeting there were some great suggestions from our community. A team of teachers and parents will now be working on this policy over the next few weeks to ensure the elements discussed and the suggested changes are made and then tabled for discussion at the next P&C Meeting. It is essential that the FHPS school community have an opportunity to voice opinions on all school policies.

Classing for 2016

It is scary to think that we are in the middle of our organisation for 2016. Class numbers are being sorted, programs and initiatives are being discussed and staffing for the 2016 school year is being negotiated. The structure of our classes for next year is still unknown as we are waiting to see the number of Kindergarten students who attend our Orientation program next term. Once we have these numbers we will be in a better position to put together a skeleton structure for classes for the new year.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing school holiday period. Stay safe on our roads and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday, October 6 after the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Warm regards, **Skye Hayward**

Happy Birthday to the following students

Abby Adlington, Eva Bonacina, Serena Erler, Tyler Godfrey, Genevieve Harvey, Nour Latif, Phoebe Lewis, Kieran Michlmayr, Elizabeth Pirie, Laura Smith, Noah Tully, Spike Badans, Khye Forrester, Kaylee Monkman, Chevy O'Connor & Zoe Pascoe



Super Stars!



In very exciting news, we have a new **BRONZE** Super Stars this week! Congratulations to the following student.

Christopher Sink

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

Alby Ferguson	Sara Radford
Kynan Ware	Christopher Sink
Jack Tully	Olivia Grant
Genevieve Krizsan	Khya Forrester
Nicholas Kotsopoulos	

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

Chloe Rutledge	Maddison Legge
Riley Andrews	Brylee Ellem
Toby Radford	Tebra Maulaie
Kasey Reh	Jai Cole
Abigail Jones	Nathanael Burns
Kelsie Frankham	Isabel Smith



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



Wellbeing Snippet

"An imaginary super-shield is such a cool tool.

It will protect you from mean words

at home and at school."

-Cindy Russell-



Began Georgette

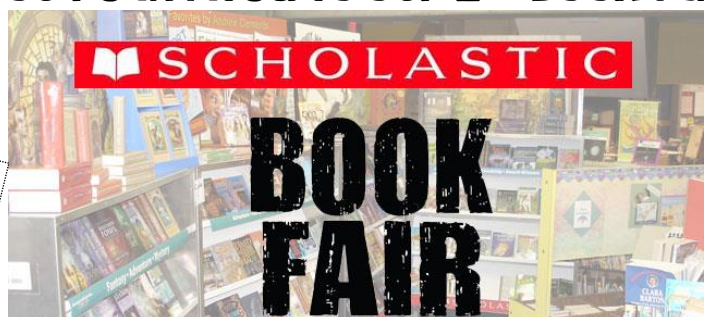
www.yourstoryspace.com

We will be talking about this Wellbeing Snippet in our classes next term. Have a chat to your child about what this snippet means and use real life examples. Empowering our children is a major focus at Figtree Heights Public School and using common language between home and school helps our children make connections in the real world.

Save the date...



You're invited to our 2nd Book Fair!



A special book character guest

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GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

When: Wednesday, 28 October to Tuesday, 3 November 2015

Where: In The Hive

Have a great holiday! 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:** figtreehtsp

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.

Week 1-Term 4 Canteen Roster -

The canteen is open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday for recess and lunch orders.
Snacks are available at lunchtime only on Tuesday and Thursday.

Baking	Amanda Batchelor
Mon	Public Holiday
Tues	Katie Tully & Leanne O'Brien
Wed	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thurs	Louise Christensen & Gerty Pelekanos
Fri	Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy

Canteen Volunteers needed.

Canteen volunteers are needed for various Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 4. If you are able to assist contact Christina Bonacina 0407895515.

Your help is greatly appreciated by our students and staff. Without help we may be unable to open on some days so please consider

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A look inside 1 Twinkle....



Japan Day



We had lots of
fun learning
the fan dance
with K/E.



We performed to the
Japanese version of
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.



Our Class got to eat boiled
rice with soy sauce. It was
YUM!



Look at our
origami dolls
that we
made!

