



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Skye Hayward

respect, responsibility, care, integrity, excellence, fairness

Term 3 Friday 4th September, 2015

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

What's Happening at the Heights?

Term 3 dates

SEPTEMBER	
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 Japan Day K/1E & 1T
18 th Sept	Last day Term 3
TERM 4	
6 th Oct	First day for teachers & students
7 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation Night
12 th Oct	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Science Centre Excursion
14 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation session 2
19 th Oct	2016 Kinder Orientation session 3
28 th October – 30 th October Scholastic Book Fair	
9 th Nov & 10 th	Stage 2 Camp – Stanwell Tops
18 th Nov	Instrumental Festival @ Figtree High

Please make sure you check this section of the calendar for important dates.

Payments Due:

- *Choir rehearsal bus fare Yrs 2, 3 & 4 \$6. Due now
- * Science Centre excursion Yrs 2, 3 & 4 POP description: Science Centre. \$15

Choir at Southern Illawarra Music Festival

Next **Thursday**, our wonderful school choir will be performing at the **Southern Illawarra Music Festival** in the 'Grand Hall' at the Wollongong University along with Unanderra, Hayes Park, Jamberoo and Mt Terry choirs.

There are still some tickets available at the office and it would be great to see as many parents and friends of the students there to support our school.

We had our final rehearsal at school yesterday and we are really pleased with the effort the students are making.



Look forward to our individual items, 'Lest We Forget' and 'California Dreamin'

Details about the day rehearsal and night time performance are in the note that went home with ticket information.

For photos and other information check out the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/southernillawarramusicfestival>

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Southern Stars

Southern Stars in 2016 certainly did not disappoint! What a spectacular display of an opportunity public education can offer children! Our students should be extremely proud of their efforts, my heart was overtaken with pride when I saw our students perform. Figtree Heights has been a proud member of the Southern Stars community for many years and we thank our parents for their ongoing support with this event. From costumes to transport, there is a lot of time, effort and money that goes into this event and it would not be so successful without our teachers, parents and students working together. A big thank you to Mr Costello and Miss Corcoran for all their efforts in the months leading up to this event and over the course of Southern Stars week. I extend thanks to Mrs De Haas, Mrs Manning and Miss McKell for giving up their weekend to support our students behind the scenes. Head to our school Facebook page for some photos of this extravaganza.

Jump Rope for Heart

What a fun day Jump Rope for Heart has been. I was not really sure leading in to today... especially because there was the possibility for a pie to be thrown in my face, and I will admit when it did happen I still was not too keen on the idea. However, it was a commitment I had made and an opportunity for our students to see that it is alright to put yourself outside your comfort zone and still have fun. The actual Jump Rope event was fabulous and each and every child had the opportunity to show some of the skills they have been learning over the last couple of weeks. Seeing skipping ropes out in the playground at lunchtime has been wonderful and igniting that passion for fun and physical activity has been a great by-product of this event. This event would not have been possible without the hard work and organisation from Mrs Fincher. Seeing her skipping in flippers will certainly be something the students and staff talk about for a long time. Thank you also to parents and loved ones who supported this event, either by donating or encouraging our students to have a go.

Debating Team

Our exceptional debating team competed in the Regional finals today at Lakelands Public School. This was a wonderful achievement for our very first debating team in many years. Congratulations to all students involved. At the time of print, our team were through to the second round after a great win against Balarang P.S. We cannot wait to hear how they went in Round 2. Again, a big thank you to Miss Corcoran who has worked tirelessly with our students over the course of the year. Preparation has certainly been the key and I know the students are grateful for the guidance and support you have given them.

Fair Discipline Policy

At the recent P&C Meeting we tabled the current Fair Discipline Policy for review. It was a very successful meeting with some great suggestions from our community. A team of teachers and parents will 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 has the chance to voice opinions on all school policies. When policies are up for review it will be advertised in the school newsletter and P&C forums to ensure all parents are provided with the opportunity to be involved in this consultation process.

World of Wonder Website

Teaching our students how to be creative and critical thinkers is an essential skill in the 21st Century. To complement the things our students are doing in their classrooms and to continue to extend their minds, I have created my own website – 'Mrs Hayward's... World of Wonder...' This website will feature many things, including, but not limited to: a blog to give an insight into some of the skills and strategies we are teaching here at school; video links; YouTube clips; I will also pose questions for the interested learner and much, much more. It is a fun way for students to interact with me on a different level and also provides our interested learners a forum where they can extend their thinking skills in new and exciting ways. The link to this website can be found on our school website on the 'classes @FHPS' page and then 'World of Wonder' icon.

Absence Notes

Today, many families will receive a reminder note about a student absence. In our busy lives it can be easy to forget to send a note in when a child is away. However, it is mandatory to have a 'justified' reason for absence from school and we are audited on this process. If you receive a note home indicating a period in time your child has been off, could you please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible. If you have already handed a note into school and a letter has been sent home for the same dates, it would be greatly appreciated if you fill out this form again, our new system has not recorded some absences as justified and this is causing a discrepancy in our records. We thank you for your support in this process.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards, ***Skye Hayward***

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays
Malaak Abdul-Latif, Isabel Burnes, Amber Clarke,
Samarah Gibson & Genevieve Krizsan,



Super Stars!



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

Sharnie Radford	Ashton Ocvirk
Nicholas Hailstone	Brannon Ware

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

Noah Tully	Samuel Pelekanos
Nathan Mitrevski	Harmonie Baker-Werth
Isabel Burnes	Alanah George
Marli Demertzis	Zoe Brain
Ziggy Badans	Rachael Bailey
Hunter Griffiths	Madi Ladmore

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

Molly Westwood	Noah McNally
Annie Dennis	Majd Abdul Latif
Tessa Baldock	Kiara Gollop
Samuel Newton	Yolanda Chichkan
Evie Harvey	Sam Batchelor
Bailey Craft	Ziggy Badans
Ashton Springall	Jade Pacey



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

Knowing what you **don't** want will get you more of what you don't want.

Knowing what you **DO** want will help you stay focussed on it and achieve it

-Cindy Russell-



www.yourstoryspace.com

Chat to your child about this concept to reinforce the message we are sending at school.

Lost Property Alert!

Our lost property tub is overflowing – again. Please take a look if you have lost something

Items that have a name on them will be returned to the students. Otherwise plastic-ware will be disposed of (due to health reasons) and clothing will be washed and donated to the pre-loved clothing shop.

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23RD OCTOBER 6-8PM

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

Curated by Tegan Georgette



Book Fair

Thank you to those who bought books from our Book Fair.

We made just over \$500!

New books for our library and educational iPad APPs will be purchased with the money we raised.

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

TIME

(Think, Invent, Make, Evaluate) 3D Printing Competition

Stage 3 students are busy making their 3D print entries for the 'TIME' 3D Printing Competition.

TIME is part of the 'Blender' Festival that begins on the 1st of October in Wollongong.

Our category is 'Product Design'. Entries will be judged on sound mechanical design, part integrity, overall design creativity, aesthetic beauty and a presentation.

Entries are due Monday 21st of September.

Keep an eye on The Hive's webpage for updates.

Happy Designing! 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

Amanda Batchelor

Mon

Dean Harvey & Brooke Kiley

Tues

Karen Craft, Fiona Maris & Judy Warren

Wed

Hana Bonacina

Thurs

Louise Christensen & Gerty Pelekanos

Fri

Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy

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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Training Sessions

Please find dates for training sessions below for two separate age groups. Each class has a maximum of 8 participants. Venue is Tarrawanna Soccer Oval at a cost of \$25 per child for 90 minute session.

Bookings can only be made by emailing scott@soccer-school.ch

16.00-17.30	7-9yrs (8 spots available)
17.45-19.15	10-12yrs (8 spots available)

November 23rd, 24th, 26th and 30th

December 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 17th

Football Camps

There will be 2 camps (5 days) in January. For kids 7-12. Max 24 kids. 9am-11am. Cost is \$180. Ball included.

Jan 4-8 (24 spots available)

Jan 11-15 (24 spots available)

Bookings can be made by emailing
[**scott@soccer-school.ch**](mailto:scott@soccer-school.ch)

All sessions are run by ex Socceroos and Australian hall of fame player Scott Chipperfield. The training sessions are based on the successful Scotty's Soccer School he runs in Basel Switzerland.

THE LORD MAYOR'S

Picnic in the park

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