

Term 4, Week 1



# FLYING FIGTREE

Term 4	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept – 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<u>No online payments</u> payments accepted during this period
12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<u>No cheque or cash</u> payments accepted during this period
17 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Swim Scheme
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2 Swim Scheme begins
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LMBR 'Go LIVE' date
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Stage 3 Camp
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scholastic Book Fair (TBC)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting in the HIVE
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stage 2 Camp
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance day
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting in the HIVE
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Twilight Night
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day

## superstars

Congratulations to the following **Silver** Superstar students:

Josiah Moore, Chanel Ocvirk, Tyla O'Brien, Anastasia Tsangaris, Samuel Newton, Angus Newton, Spike Badans, Nate Hosking, Keeley Reynolds, Toby Leo & Rowan Halshaw.

Congratulations to the following **Gold** Superstar students:

Ethan Carruthers, Putri Azhar, Charley LeClerc, Ava Rasmussen, Nate Synott, Karina Hunt, Lauren Rooke, Amber Clarke, Abigail Jones, Karly Fox, Estella McKenzie, Isabel Smith, Mackenzie Smart, William Brett, Poppy Tomczynski & James Buxton

Congratulations to the following **Emerald** Superstar student:

Charlotte Neill & Ebony Pascoe.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

- ♦ Kindergarten enrolments now being taken for 2017.
- ♦ Please return any Entertainment Books.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

*Jaida Meredith, Nicholas Hailstone  
& Brandon Marraccini*



# From the desk of the Principal

## Term 4

As always, Term 4 is going to be a fun term. There are numerous events coming up, both for individual stages and also whole school. Both Stage 2 and 3 students have their much anticipated school camp and our Year 2 students will be involved in the ever-exciting swim scheme at Western Suburbs pool. Add to these events end of term rewards activities, Presentation Day, Twilight Night and Kinder Orientation, we are in for a busy run to the end of the year.

## State Conference

Every year Principals from around NSW attend the NSW PPA State Conference. This is an opportunity for leaders from many different contexts to get together and discuss essential directions for our public school system. High profile speakers are organised, award ceremonies take place and a great deal of networking and professional learning occurs. The 2016 State Conference is on next week and I will be attending. Miss Emily Corcoran will be sitting in my chair for the week.

## Playground Changes

Children thrive through play and are creative when they have the right tools. As part of our 'Creating Tomorrow's Citizen' strategic direction we are putting in place a number of new and exciting opportunities for our children during play time. Our pebbled area will be a hub of fun; building blocks, cars, games, dress-ups and other fun activities will be available for children to pick and choose from depending on their interest. The 'hut' directly outside Mrs Brglevski's room (nee Dejanovic) is currently being transformed into a super-sized sand pit, our sports leaders will be running sport skill sessions and we are looking at options to run some cooking and baking classes at lunchtime. These initiatives, together with many we currently have running, aim to provide exciting opportunities during these play time sessions. Not only will stimulate social skills and allow children to choose from a wide range of fun and interactive activities but it will provide an opportunity for our students to interact with other students with similar likes and passions.

## PSSA

In Term 4, our students in Stages 2 and 3 will be participating in Central Wollongong PSSA competitions. Stage 2 will be involved in Dragon Tag and Stage 3 will be playing AusKick. This competition will run for five weeks and conclude with a Gala Day against all our local participating schools. All the best to our teams and a big thank you to our teachers who will be helping running these competitions over the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Warm regards,  
Skye Hayward

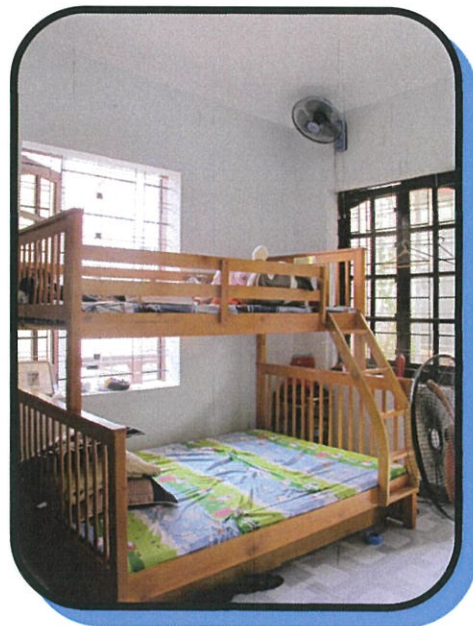
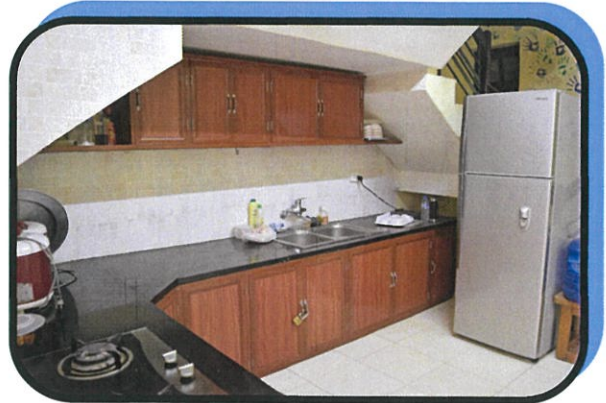
*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

Nelson Mandela



# Blue Dragon Update

Take a look at what our fundraising for the Blue Dragon Foundation has purchased for the children in Vietnam



This is the Letter we received from Blue Dragon:

"I'm writing to say a massive thank you for Figtree's donation of \$1692.58, which was raised from your Olympathon last month. This will make a huge difference to the street kids that we support in Hanoi.

Your donation has gone towards our shelter for boys in Hanoi and will help cover the running costs of the shelter. Those that live in the shelter are the most disadvantaged kids we help - some come from abusive families, others might not have families at all - so it's so important for us to have this kind of support from Figtree. I've attached some photos for you to see of our newly renovated shelter.

Thanks again for your incredible support. I look forward to communicating with you more about what we can all achieve together."

**Well done FHPS SRC!**



# Community News

## What is Due and When?

What	When
Stage 2 Camp Notes	14th Oct
Stage 2 Camp Payment	4th Nov

Please note: S/S= selected students only



Canteen Volunteer's required.

## Canteen Roster

The Canteen is open for

Lunch orders **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**  
Snacks only at lunchtime on **Tuesday and Thursday.**  
**Don't forget to use our Canteen!**

Monday	Caro Simons, Gill Newton & Amanda Batchelor
Tuesday	Angelia Godfrey
Wednesday	Atared Latif, Sonia Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Thursday	Shari Fox & Karina LeClerc
Friday	Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy

Introducing

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Clubs LOOP**  
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:  
[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



**FOUND:**

One pink ballet  
slipper  
(Energetiks).

Smith's Hill High School  
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500



### EXPO NIGHT

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016  
6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

The school canteen will be open from 5pm - 7pm.  
Light refreshments including chips, cakes, ice cream, tea/coffee and cans of drink will be available for purchase.

Our P&C will also be providing a sausage sizzle selling delicious sausage sandwiches for \$2.50.

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

Applications for Year 7 2018 close on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2018. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2017 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.

**Bookclub Issue 7 closes Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

### Scholastic Bookclub Changes

Cash or cheques will no longer be accepted as payment.

This will vastly reduce the effort involved in managing Bookclub and will allow for quicker delivery of books.

All Bookclub purchases must be done online using the Scholastic Loop Payment Portal.

If you wish to purchase books for a gift and would like the option to pick up from the School Office, there is now an option to select this when you order online.

If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Bookclub Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343.



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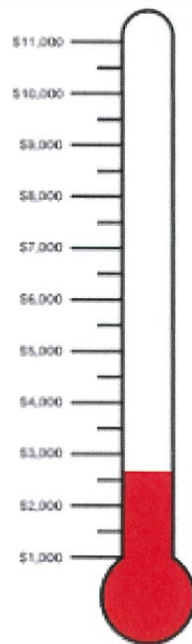
# VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Support your  
school from as  
little as  
\$60 per family!

OUR GOAL FOR  
2016  
\$6,600.00

to purchase iPads  
and technology resources  
for the HIVE for use  
by all students.

CURRENT TALLY \$2,601.50



## How to contribute...

The voluntary  
contribution  
amount for 2016 is  
\$60 per family.  
If you wish, you  
are most welcome  
to contribute more.

- ✓ Cash - place in envelope, label with family name & amount and send to office.
- ✓ Cheque - place in envelope, label with family name & amount and send to office. Cheques made out to FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL
- ✓ POP - make a secured payment via the Parent Online Payment at [www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PICKUP A VOLUNTARY  
CONTRIBUTION BROCHURE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE  
OR CALL 4228 6770.



# Congratulations

A special congratulations to all the students who participated in our Premier's Spelling Bee competition. It was a sensational event and always fun to watch.

A special congratulations to the following students who were successful in their categories and represented our school at the Regional Finals held late last term.



Emmaline P



Nicholas P



Lara L



Kai L

Also, congratulations goes to all the K, 1 and 2 students who participated in the annual FHPS K-2 Public Speaking Competition. It was a tough field and all students should be proud of their efforts. Well done to these students who made their way to the finals.



Front row: William B, Chelsea N, Ethan D, Imogen A, Miles B, Isaac V

Middle row: Spike B, Lily B, Elizabeth P, Hollie M, Kobi H, Pearce A

Back row: Byron M, Samoil K, Nate H, Chloe R, Annie D

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## Mathematics ICAS Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their **Mathematics ICAS Awards** at next weeks assembly.

Zoe Pascoe, Riley Baird, Abigail Jones, William Brett, Nathanael Burns,  
Lily Brett and Lachlan Anderson



[We need a new playground!! An update from the P&C Fundraising Sub Committee:](#)

Upgrading our school playground has long been on the agenda for consecutive P&C committees over the years. In the past, schools have had assistance for playground maintenance and/or refurbishment from local council or the NSW Dep of Education. However, these bodies relinquished responsibility for school playgrounds in 1999, and now, all responsibility for playgrounds rest with the school community.

In 2015, the P&C worked with a local company, Creative Recreation Solutions (CRS) to develop some concept designs for brand new, safe, modern play equipment. Our wonderful new playground has a price tag of \$60,000.

In order to try and finance this, we have submitted three grant applications over the last 12-18 months to various funding programs including Community Building Partnerships Grants (NSW Govt), IMB Community Grants and Clubs Grants (through Wollongong City Council). All have been unsuccessful. Whilst we have several other plans up our sleeve, after discussions with other potential community funders and members of the P&C, our own fundraising target of \$60,000 has been agreed upon with which to refurbish our school playground.

The playground is heavily used by all of our students, all of our OOSH families; it is old and in desperate need of an upgrade. Learning through play is one of the fundamental elements in a child's development. Being able to provide an area where this need is met in such an interactive way will ensure our children continue to grow in their self-confidence, social skills and provide them with the essential decision making opportunities they require in today's society.

So how are we going to raise \$60,000?

We are planning to launch a 'Go Fund Me' fundraising campaign in 2017 to help reach our target (stay tuned). We intend to apply to Wests Illawarra for funding support. But to kick it all off, we are holding a raffle for a Queensland holiday! One book of 20 tickets per family will be sent home with the eldest child towards the end of Term 3. The raffle will be drawn at the Twilight Festival at the end of Term 4.

We hope everyone will be enthusiastic about this wonderful holiday prize, and get behind all the future initiatives to help us reach our target! By the way, although the prize is for '2 adults, 2 children', we checked, and the room CAN accommodate a third child (the winner will need to negotiate this at a small extra cost if necessary).

Let's provide this exciting new playground for OUR kids! Please do not hesitate to Kelly Andrews on 0400 576 527 if you have any further ideas or suggestions, or email the P&C on [fhpspc@gmail.com](mailto:fhpspc@gmail.com)

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**FHPS** | Parents & Citizens Association

**\$2.00 PER TICKET**

## MAJOR RAFFLE

**\$2.00**  
Per Ticket

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

P/C:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**1st Prize:** The major draw prize includes:

- Four (4) night holiday at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children in a Resort Double Room. Can be used over the School holidays\*
- Unlimited entry for two (2) adults and two (2) children to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast
- \$100 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort & Water Park
- \$200 Calbee Cash Card

Valued at \$2,100



All monies and benefits (including unpaid benefits) are to be returned to the School Office by 25 November 2016.

To be held at 6.30pm on 5 December 2014 at the Egham Highgate Public School, Tangle Hill, 58 Gorseway Avenue, Egham, Surrey

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