

# Term 4, Week 3



## FLYING FIGTREE

### superstars

Term 4	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting in the HIVE @ 6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	K - 2 Responsible Pet Ownership Program
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stage 2 Camp
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance day
16 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Life Education Van
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Blue Dragon Presentation
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Band attending Instrument Festival (UOW)
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P & C Raffle Ticket's Due Back
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting in the HIVE @ 6:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 High School Day (Figtrees High School)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Twilight Night
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Jamberoo Action Park
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Formal

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

Ashton Ocvirk, Issy Clarke & Harry Placek.

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

Landon Gollop, Tobias Moore, Kaylen Craft, Marcus Stevanoski, Sam Batchelor & Odette Krizsan.

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

Alyssa Monro, Xavier Cooper, Ashley Freitas, Dhanush Talapaneni, Tebra Maulaie, Gideon Moore, Marcus Stevanoski, Emmaline Pirie & Jaida Meredith.

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

Jye Kiley, Annabel Wouters Serena Erler & Ellie Reh.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Landon Gollop, Lauren Rooke & Bailey Lemmon.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

- ♦ Kindergarten enrolments now being taken for 2017.



# From the desk of the Principal

## Swim Scheme

Congratulations to our graduating class of swimmers. Over the past two weeks 34 of our Year 2 students have been braving the coolish water temperatures at Western Suburbs pool. This swim scheme is funded by the Department of Education every year and is offered to Year 2 students. All students were involved in safety briefings to help keep them safe in and around water as we head into our summer months. Each session also involved a practical session with qualified swimming instructors. All of the students improved out of sight and they were very disappointed that they will not get another chance next year. A big thank you to Mrs Jolliffe, Mrs Brglevski and Miss Lysandrou for your organisation of this event. A big thank you needs also to be extended to our parent drivers. Thank you for turning up twice a day to ferry our children back and forth from the pool. Without your support this would not be a free event.

## P&C Meeting

This coming Wednesday we will be hosting the first P&C meeting for the term in the HIVE. This will begin at 6:30pm and child minding is available. It would be wonderful to see new faces at this meeting, we promise you will not walk away with a job (unless you really want to). Agenda items at meetings always include hot topics such as curriculum, events, building and works etc. It is a fantastic way to stay in the loop with everything that is happening at school and provide a voice in discussions that will impact our students.

## Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday, we had our 2017 Kindergarten students arrive for their initial orientation session. The new kindies eagerly met their Year 5 buddy and surprisingly the majority of them were happy to leave their parents arms and venture up to the classroom. Some of the parents were not as eager... The orientation program will run for three more sessions and students will get a taste of school life in both the morning sessions (9:30am—10:30am) and afternoon sessions (1:15pm—2:15pm). We are looking forward to welcoming all the new families to our school.

## School Self-Evaluation Survey

As you know we currently have the School Self-Evaluation survey window open. Thank you to all of the families who have already completed this survey. If you have not yet had the opportunity, the URL is:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGVSSCK>**

Make sure you return the tear-off slip that went home two weeks ago so that you can go in the draw to win a \$150 FGK voucher. The surveys are **due in by Monday 7th November (Week 5)**.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Warm regards,  
Skye Hayward

*'Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.'*

Jack Canfield



# Swim Scheme

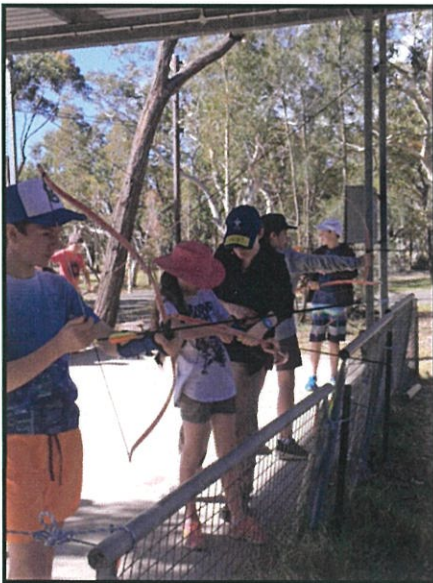
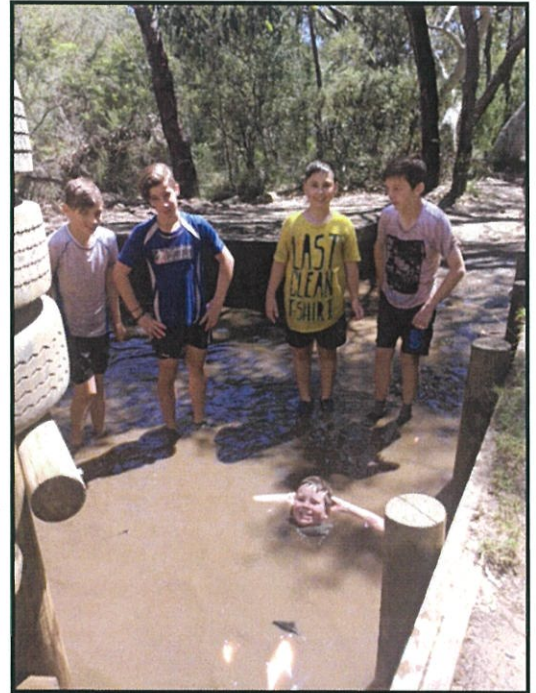
*Take a look at our incredible swimmers!*





# Stage 3 Camp

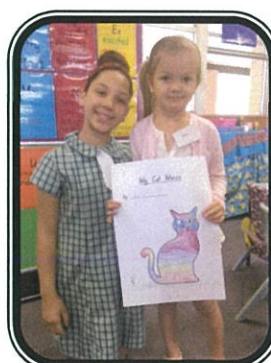
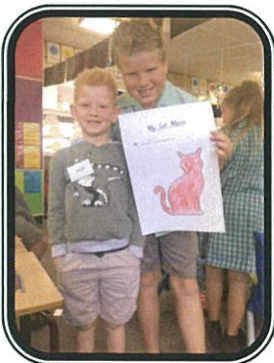
*Stage 3 have been having a ball over the past three days at Cataract Scout Park. A very big thank you to Mr Nielsen, Miss Davies, Miss McKell, Maddie and Mrs Pirie for giving up their time to make such a great experience for the Stage 3 students. We have such caring and dedicated staff at FHPS!*





# Kindergarten Orientation

Take a look at our very first Orientation session for the Kindergarten 2017 class!!!





# Community News



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	Bronwyn Gibson & Elisa Stevanoski
Tuesday	Pat Gibson
Wednesday	Renee Criddle & Belinda Demertzis
Thursday	Natalie Dzeperoski
Friday	Denise DeMartin & Margaret Cheney

### What is Due and When?

What	When
Stage 2 Camp Payment	4th Nov
School Self Evaluation Survey	7th Nov

Please note: S/S= selected students only

## 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)



## FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



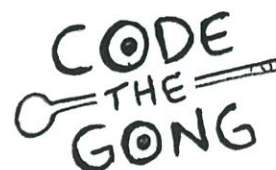
YHS P&C Federation  
Connect with Public Education

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**  
**6.30PM IN THE HIVE**  
**CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE**

ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME

**SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED  
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

[WWW.FIGTREEHTS-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU/FHPS-P-C/P-C](http://WWW.FIGTREEHTS-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU/FHPS-P-C/P-C)



The Code:Dojo movement believes that an understanding of programming languages is increasingly important in the modern world, that it's both better and easier to learn these skills early, and that nobody should be denied the opportunity to do so.

### Sessions + Registrations

Code the Gong runs during the school term on Tuesday  
4:30pm - 6:00pm  
@ Wollongong Youth Center  
Ages: 12 - 22

For more info at <http://codethegong.com/>

## Primary Ethics

We are looking for a new Ethics Teacher to take on the Years 5 & 6 Ethics class. Ethics classes run on a Wednesday morning during SRE time as an alternative to Scripture. If you are or know of a family friend or relative, who is interested in becoming involved in volunteering as an Ethics teacher at our school, please contact me either through the front office or on my Primary Ethics email.

[figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com](mailto:figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com)

Amanda Bowen  
Primary Ethics Coordinator



Figtree Heights  
Public School

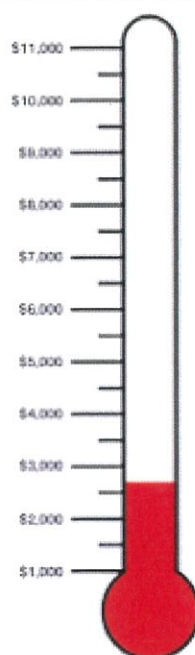
# VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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 \$2,771.50



## 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.

# P&C

## FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



Agenda: Figtree Heights Primary School Parents and Citizens Meeting  
 Agenda Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016  
 Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm. *Please be prompt*  
 Chair: Stuart Wilkinson  
 Venue: 'The Hive'

No.	Items	Person Responsible
1	Welcome (2min)	S. Wilkinson
2	Apologies (1min)	S. Wilkinson
3	Confirmation of Minutes (1min)	S. Wilkinson
4	Business Arising from the Minutes (10min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Contribution Update</li> <li>• OOSH Insurance Confirmation</li> <li>• Canteen Banking Signatories</li> <li>• COLA Build P&amp;C Contribution of \$50,000</li> <li>• Before/After School Language Class</li> </ul>	S. Wilkinson R. Anderson S. Wilkinson B. Monkman S. Wilkinson F. Leo
5	President's Report (10min)	S. Wilkinson
<i>Items 6 to 8 - 15 minutes (presuming there are no huge/new issues to be discussed or needing imminent decisions).</i>		
6	Principal's Report	S. Hayward
7	Treasurer's Report	A. Ware
8	Sub-committee Reports (as per written reports provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OOSH</li> <li>• Canteen</li> </ul>	D. Robson B. Monkman
9	General Business (40min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising Update</li> <li>• Financial Audit of P&amp;C and OOSH Update</li> <li>• OOSH Grant from NSW Govt. Update</li> <li>• Community Hub Update</li> <li>• New caps/uniform for next year</li> <li>• End of Year P&amp;C Meeting</li> </ul>	K. Andrews S. Wilkinson S. Wilkinson S. Wilkinson R. Burns B. Monkman
10	'Ask the Principal' (10min)	





# NATIONAL KIDSAFE DAY TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2016

Safe Cross Code:

**STOP – LOOK – LISTEN – THINK**

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Alongside the benefits of learning road safety, it is great chance to spend time with your family and good exercise!!

Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, pedestrian and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Follow the Safe Cross Code:

- STOP one step back from the kerb, or shoulder of the road if there is not footpath.
- LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic.
- LISTEN in all directions for approaching traffic
- THINK about whether it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.

When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep LOOKING and LISTENING for traffic while crossing.

One Small Step in Learning, One Giant Leap for Road Safety

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US  
IN MAKING A SAFER WORLD FOR KIDS!**

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**Safe Cross Code:  
STOP, LOOK,  
LISTEN, THINK!**

**ON BLU-RAY™  
& DVD  
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2016**





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## AST Surf School

AST Surf School is providing primary schools in the local area the opportunity for students to participate in before school surf education programs.

This specialized program is catered to students from the age of 5-12yrs of age focusing on ocean awareness beach safety and building ocean confidence in a healthy and safe environment. The lessons are catered for all level surfers and designed in getting their surf skills to the next level.

We are offering this special spring program at a 50% discounted price.

It will consist of:

- 5 lessons of 1.5 hours,
- Wet suit and board hire included
- 1-6 instructor to student ratio

All of our instructors are qualified with current level 1 surfing Australia certificates, first aid certificates, working with children checks and ocean certificates. All of AST Surf Schools staff are friendly and passionate in what they do.

This 7.5 hour program will commence on the 2nd and 4th of November and will come to a total cost of \$100 per student with all included. The program will be operated at Bulli beach with the starting time at 7am and finishing at 8:30am.

This a great opportunity for kids to be outdoors and enjoy the beautiful area in which in we live in.

To sign up this special spring program please go to

<http://australiansurftours.rezgo.com/details/92241/surfgroms-performer> and select the 5 Week Course option on the right hand side of screen and select your preferred start date either the 2nd or the 4th of November.

Once you proceed to check out you can use the Promo Code "CWPSSA" to get the 50% discount.

For any more information or further questions please don't hesitate to contact us on the number below.



**JOSE MOUTINHO**  
**SURF SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

**0404 703 374**  
**JOSE@AUSTRALIANSURFTOURS.COM.AU**



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Transport  
for NSW



BE SAFE ON AND AROUND BUSES.  
BE BUS AWARE!

1

Follow the rules and cross with care

2

Give way to buses

3

Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing

4

Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus

5

Bike riders take care around buses

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