

Flying Figtree

Term 1, Week 3

Friday 12th February 2016

Weekly Newsletter



Heights of Excellence

Upcoming Events

12 th Feb	Various PSSA Trials
24 th Feb	District Swimming
24 th Feb	P&C Meeting
26 th Feb	Student Leaders applications due
29 th Feb	Halogen Leaders Conference (Yr 6 leaders)
29 th Feb	Bookclub Closes
1 st March	Blue Dragon Presentation
2 nd March	8:53am Student Leadership Ceremony
4 th March	Clean Up Australia Day
8 th March	Regional Swimming
9 th March	8:53am Swimming Champions Assembly
10 th March	Smith Hill Test Day
11 th March	Infants Camp Out

Canteen Roster

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

Don't forget to use our canteen!

Monday	Caro Simons, Gill Newton and Amanda Batchelor
Tuesday	Angelia Godfrey and Nicky Lawler
Wednesday	Atared Latif, Sonia Latif and Asmaa Moussi
Thursday	Shari Fox and Karina Le Clerc
Friday	Christina Bonacina and VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Community News

Illawarra Sports High Open Night – Reminder

Just a reminder that Illawarra Sports High will be having an open night for year 6 students on Monday 15th February from 6pm

Happy Birthday to the following students

Lily Brett,
Chelsea Jones,
Alex Kotsopoulos

Opal Card – Bus Pass

For those wishing to apply for a bus pass please enquire online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students For all previous holders of a bus pass, if you haven't as yet received your new Opal card you will need to enquire online to follow up.

Reminder to New Band Students

A reminder to the following students to bring their instruments to school on Tuesday ready for their first band rehearsal at 9am in the Hall.

Athina – Violin, Mitchel – Drums, Emmaline – Keyboard, Ebony – Keyboard, Ethan – Keyboard, Caiden – Trumpet, Jacob – Trumpet, Zoe – Flute, Brooke – Clarinet
Thank you
Greg Costello

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 Make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

What do you need to know?

Principal's Report

Can you believe we have finished the third week at school? Every class has hit the ground running and are now operating in full learning mode. Thank you to all the parents who took time out of your busy evenings to attend our parent teacher nights, there is a great deal of effort and preparation put into these evenings and it is always lovely to see our hard work paying off to a full audience. If you were unable to attend these meetings please make contact with your class teacher who will provide you with a booklet from the night.

Vocal Group

The amount of students who have expressed interest in the school vocal group is disheartening. Figtree Heights has a strong choir tradition and we would like nothing more to continue this tradition. We understand that choir is not every child's dream activity, but neither is Mathematics, English or Physical Education, however, they still participate. As a school we strongly believe in continuing to provide this experience for our students. This is the first time we have made it voluntary, but for it to go ahead we need our parents and community's support. Not only do we have the talents of Mr Costello, but there will be a few new faces accompanying this group. Please encourage your child to be part of this vocal group; it would be devastating to see this proud tradition fold due to lack of student numbers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dance Troupe

In 2016, Figtree Heights will see the introduction of our very own dance troupe, the first for many years, outside Southern Stars. An expression of interest form will be available for all interested dancers today. Experience is not necessary, however, if required, auditions may be held.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who attended the swimming carnival, both swimmers and spectators. Once again it was a fantastic event and I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who helped make the carnival such a success. Without this ongoing support we would not be able to run such wonderful events where our children are willing to just get in and have a go. I would especially like to thank Mr Nikolaj Nielsen for his hard work organising this event, so many things happen behind the scenes and on behalf of our school and community, thank you!

It is also very important that I thank all the students who, despite not winning their race, got in and had a go. That is what the Figtree Heights spirit is about, taking risks and stepping outside our comfort zones. The pride on each and every child (and parents) face when they touched that wall was priceless and it makes me proud to be part of our school.

Well done also, to all the swimmers who were successful in their races and selected to represent our school at the Central Wollongong PSSA carnival on February 24. We are proud of you too. Good luck at the next level.

Unfortunately the 'parents' relay team were victorious in the annual teachers, parents and senior students race. I guess it is important for them to claim this win, the teachers could not continue to win every year...

Towards the end of the term we will be holding our swimming presentation ceremony to present the following students with their age champion medallions. Congratulations to the following students:

Junior Boys Champion	Riley Baird
Junior Boys Runner Up	Kai Lovegrove
Junior Girls Champion	Ava Parry
Junior Girls Runner Up	Chloe Rutledge
11year Boys Champion	Samuel Buffett
11year Boys Runner Up	Kaylen Craft
11year Girls Champion	Abigail Jones
11year Girls Runner Up	Kelsie Frankham
Senior Boys Champion	Nathan Mitrevski
Senior Boys Runner Up	Isaac Erler
Senior Girls Champion	Mackenzie Smart
Senior Girls Runner Up	Emily Rutledge

Housekeeping

Please remember all parents and carers are required to sign children in if they are late to school. If children walk into school unsupervised and request a late note this will be classed as an unjustified partial absence. Parents will then be required, under the Education Act, to provide a legitimate reason for their child being late. We understand parking the car and coming in may be a hassle, however, children's safety must come first. In the event of an emergency, this is especially important.

P&C Meeting

In last week's newsletter I advertised the first P&C Meeting as the Annual General Meeting (AGM), unfortunately this is incorrect. The first P&C Meeting for the year is on March 24 at 6:30pm, however, this is a general meeting. The AGM is scheduled for the second meeting of the year, in Week 9. My apologies for any inconvenience caused. It still would be great to see new faces at this initial meeting and welcome back the very strong association we saw in 2015. The P&C meetings are not only a great way to find out more about what is happening in the school, but it gives you the forum to have a voice in many of the decisions that impact your children.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

Principal

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Dates are subject to change please check your weekly school newsletter via email or school app.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 1 Jan	25	26	27 SDD	28	29
Wk 2 Feb	1	2	3	4	5 School Swimming Carnival
Wk 3	8 Stage 2 Parent Night 5 – 7pm	9 Stage 3 Parent Night 6 – 8pm	10 Scripture Commences Brass Instrument Workshop Stage 1 Parent Night 5:30 – 7pm	11 Kinder Parent Night 5 – 7pm	12 CW PSSA • Basketball Trials • Tennis • Cricket
Wk 4	15	16 SRC Meeting at 11:10am	17	18	19 Student Leadership Applications Going Out
Wk 5	22	23	24 CW PSSA Swimming Carnival – District P & C Meeting Mercury Feature	25	26 CW PSSA Trials • Soccer Student Leadership Application Due Back
Wk 6	29 Halogen Leaders in Sydney	1 Blue Dragon Presentation	2 Student Leadership Assembly	3	4 CW PSSA Trials • Touch Clean up Australia Day
Wk 7	7	8 SCSSA Swimming Carnival - Regional	9 Sports Ceremony Swimming 8:53 – 9:30am	10 FHPS K-2 AFL Smiths Hill Test Day	11 CW PSSA Trials • 11s League • Opens League • Netball Infants Camp Out
Wk 8	14	15	16	17 Zone Hockey Trials Interrelate Visit	18 School Cross Country at Figtree High School
Wk 9	21 World of Maths Harmony day	22 World of Maths PSC Sports Leaders to FHS	23 Easter Combined Performance Kinder Vision Screen 9 – 11 P & C Meeting	24 FHPS K-2 AFL Rugby 7's Competition	25 GOOD FRIDAY
Wk 10	28 EASTER MONDAY	29	30	31 FHPS K-2 AFL	1 Pink Stumps Day
Wk 11	4	5	6 Class Assembly 2 – 3pm 3/4P	7 Cultural Dress Up Day Stage 3 FHPS K-2 AFL	8