

Flying Figtree

Term 1, Week 8

IMPORTANT NEWS

WORKING BEE– TOMORROW 9am – 12pm

Invite loved ones and come to spruce up the school. There are big jobs and lots of small jobs. ALL help is welcome!



superstars

Congratulations to the following Bronze Superstar student:

**Miles Burke, James Buxton,
Carter O'Connor,
Annabel Wouters**

We will see you on Wednesday at the morning assembly!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

**Ally Luke, KG Moyo,
Ava Parry and
Ebony Pascoe**

Term Planner

19th March	Working Bee 9am – 12pm
21st March	Harmony Day (wear orange)
	World of Maths K – 3
22nd March	World of Maths 4 – 6
	PSC Learning to Lead Day (selected students)
23rd March	P&C General Meeting
	Kinder Vision Screening
	Easter Scripture Performance
24th March	Easter Hat Parade 10am
	Rugby 7's Carnival
25th March	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
28th March	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
1st April	Pink Stumps Day (wear pink)
6th April	3/4P Class Assembly
8th April	Stage 3 Cultural Dress Up Day
	Figtree Heights Fair (4-9pm)
Term 2	
28th April	School Photo Day

Are you up to date with what is happening at our school?

Do you have our school app?
Have you liked our Figtree Heights Public School
'LIKE' Facebook page?



**Figtree Heights
Public School**
Elementary School

Timeline About Photo

From the desk of the Principal



What is Due and When?

What	When
PSC L2L Notes s/s	Monday 21 st March
BBQ notes	Due NOW
Kinder Vision note s/s	Tuesday 22 nd March
Easter raffle tickets	Due NOW
5/6 Camp notes and money s/s	Wednesday 7 th September

Please note:

S/S= selected students only

Infants Camp Out

The weather tried its best to cancel the Infants Camp Out last Friday evening, luckily we were able to continue the wonderful tradition and camp out on the back oval. It was a sensational night, filled with camp songs, activities, dancing and yummy food. Who can forget the best part – the camping!

A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their Friday night and Saturday morning to camp with the children. On behalf of the children, THANK YOU! (I am sure they have already said thank you though). To the wonderful teachers who again gave up their precious time with their families to help run an event like this, thank you! It was a big night, filled with so much excitement and I know the children and parents are grateful for your continued commitment to our school. *If you have any photos of the night please email them to the office so we can add them to our website.*

A Night at The Fair

Are you going to the Royal Easter show? Have you thought about postponing your trip for this year and heading to our very own fair on **April 8**? It is going to be an extraordinary event, one that our community will talk about for years to come. We would love the word to get around and have our school filled with the local community. Such great way to bring in the school holidays!

As always, part of the reason for running a school fair is to fundraise for our students, however, this is certainly not the main focus of this event. We are really aiming to create a wonderful community event for everyone to enjoy. The culmination of market stalls, entertainment and food stalls, as well as the traditional elements like side show ally will ensure the event has a buzzing community feel.

As an organising community we are conscious of asking too much from our families, however, I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to you and be pointed in the right direction. Do you know a business that would be interested in donating a gift or prize to our fair? Are you willing to source some prizes? If you know of someone or are willing to source prizes, please contact the front office ASAP. It would be great to give our community businesses an opportunity to showcase their products.

From the desk of the Principal

Uniform

As a school we take great pride in our uniform. Not only does it provide our children with a sense of belonging, but it allows all students to be treated equally, no matter what their background.

Wearing full school uniform, including correct shoes, socks and hats, is **expected every day** at FHPS. These expectations have not changed, nor will they. We are setting our children up to be successful citizens in the real world and a consistent message from home and school is essential. Thank you for your support.

School Photographs

The school photo day will be held on **Thursday April 28**. The envelopes for these photos will be sent home once they have been delivered to school.

As in past years, the 2016 school photos will be taken in our **Winter Uniform**. The photos are being held earlier than usual and the winter change over will have only just started. Please be prepared for this photo day. If you do not already have winter stock, please see LOWES at Figtree soon.

Summer Uniform

Girls: Tunic, white socks, black shoes, green or white hair accessories.

Boys: Green button up shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes.



Please note coloured joggers are **ONLY** to be worn on sports days or special events, **not** as a replacement for black shoes.

2015-2017 Plan Creating Tomorrow's...

What is the FHPS vision for our leaders?

Building the capacity and efficacy of all members of the Figtree Heights community, we strive to recognise, promote and create opportunities to build leadership density at all levels, including staff, students, parents and the school community.

Continuing to develop the capabilities of all our leaders is a critical element in sustaining successful school culture for today and tomorrow.

How will we do this in 2016?

- Continued student leadership opportunities
- Staff leadership development
- Community involvement

Leader

P&C News

Working Bee

DON'T forget to come and help out at the Working Bee TOMORROW!!!!

It will run from 9am to 12pm so come on down to school and help out for however long you can.

We have plenty of things to do for people of all skill levels. It doesn't matter if you are not as handy as you would like or if your thumbs are not green, we will still find something for you to help with.

We are in desperate need of trades so if you know someone who would be willing to volunteer just a bit of time please send them our way.

Just turn up to the front office on Saturday and we will direct you from there.

Remember there will be a sausage sizzle to thank everyone for his or her hard work.

ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED!



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Figtree Heights Public School presents:

A Night At The Fair!

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
4pm – 9PM
St George Ave, Figtree

Amusement Rides . Side Show Alley . International Food Stalls .
LIVE Entertainment . Market Stalls . Show Bags & Glow Sticks . Free Shuttle Bus .
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Working Bee

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
9AM - 12NOON

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FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
**PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

P&C Federation

GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
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

P&C Meeting

It is never too late to join our P&C. Please come and have a look at what it is all about. You may just be pleasantly surprised. It is important that we are all involved in the consultation processes for our school.

Night at the Fair

A note went out this week outlining the plans for our upcoming 'Night at the Fair'. Please make sure you take a look and see how you can help. Every little bit counts. Every dollar raised goes back into our school for resources, equipment and initiatives for our children.

Fete Update Newsletter will be distributed Monday.

Community News



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Experience the fun, adventure and play everyday!

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE NOW AVAILABLE AT FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

- 6.30AM - 8.30AM
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- GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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- 11TH - 26TH APRIL
- 8AM - 6PM WEEKDAYS
- AT CENTRE & EXCURSION DAYS
- \$40/DAY + EXCURSION COSTS
- CHILD CARE BENEFITS AVAILABLE

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School Information

Find our app: Go to the app store and download the FHPS app.

User name: community

Password: figtreehtsps

School Phone: 42 286555

School email: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: <http://www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FigtreeHeightsPublicSchool/>

Canteen News

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 & Amanda Batchelor
Tuesday	Cindy Ladmore & Jacqui Smart
Wednesday	Sonya DeBruyn VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Thursday	Jennifer Munro & Natalie Reynolds
Friday	Sonya DeBruyn & Brooke Bridge

Introducing

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FHPS Student Star Files

Central Wollongong Sports Stars

Congratulations to the following students who were all successful in gaining a spot on a Central Wollongong Sports Team.

Under 11's Rugby League

Noah M and Clay B

Opens Rugby League

Tyla O, Matteo C, Noah T and Toby R.

Netball

Kasey R, Emily R and Ellie R.

Soccer

Nicholas H

Alexia P, Lauren R and Zali O.

Touch Football

Keeley R, Karly F, Zali O and Kasey R
Clay B, Toby R and Tyla O

Good Luck at the Northern Illawarra Zone Trials.

All the best to all the students who are still waiting to trial for their chosen sport.

Northern Illawarra Zone Sports Stars

Congratulations to **Nathanael B** and **Kaylen C** who were successful in making the Northern Illawarra Zone **Hockey** team. The boys will be trailing shortly for the South Coast PSSA team!

O'Brien siblings causing a storm...

Well done to Tyla and Zali. They are certainly becoming a powerhouse in the Jiu Jitsu world. Check them out at a recent Australian Championship!



Southern Stars

Congratulations to **Breanna L, Macey** and **Kirra S** who have been successful in their plight to be part of the Southern Star extravaganza.

The girls have been selected as individual dancers in a large choreographed group. We can't wait to see them on the big stage. Well done girls!

Do you have something for the Star Files? If so, please email the school with a short blurb and a photo (if you wish).



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KIK MESSENGER (For parents)



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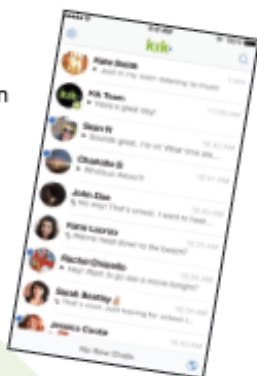
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What is Kik Messenger?

Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.



What is the age restriction for Kik?

The age classification for Kik is 13-years-old, however young people between 13-17 years need to obtain parental permission before using Kik. If your child is using Kik and they are under 13, you can submit a deactivation request to have the account closed through the Kik website. This should occur in conjunction with an open discussion with your child about why this action is being taken. It is important to know that these age classifications are set by the apps creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

What are the potential problems with Kik?

Kik is a popular application amongst young people of all ages. Issues arise when this app is used to transmit messages that are menacing, harassing or offensive. In some cases this can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation. Ethically, young people need to be aware that the messages they send can have a significant impact on other people.

As Kik also has the capability for users to share images, it is important that your child is aware of the legal and ethical ramifications of sharing sexualised, provocative and nude images.

It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so they can openly communicate with their child about their safe and responsible usage of Kik.

How can I limit who can contact my child on Kik?

There is a feature on Kik called 'New Chats' which separates messages sent to your child by random users, from people in their contacts list.

It's a good idea for your child to disable notifications from this feature before they start using Kik to prevent them from communicating with people they don't know. To do so, select **Settings > Notifications** and turn off **Notify for New People**. This will hide any messages sent to your child from people who aren't on their contact list.

How can I block someone on my child's Kik account?

It is really important that children know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that they might use. To block a user in Kik select **Settings > Privacy > Block List**, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select **Yes** or **Block** to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

How can my child delete a user on Kik?

We recommend that you monitor your child's use of Kik and be aware of who they are communicating with. This might mean going through your child's contact list together to identify who they are talking to. It is important to ensure that their contacts are people whom your child has met in real life, trust and are safe to communicate with on a regular basis.

To delete a contact on Kik, select the **Talk** icon to see their contacts. Select the person you wish to delete, swipe or press and hold and select **Delete** or **Remove From List**.

How do I delete my child's Kik account?

After talking with your child about the ethical use of Kik and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Kik account.

To delete a Kik account you require your child's username and password. To delete the account select **Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger**. You then need to delete the Kik application from your child's device. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your child's old account and within a few days your child will receive an email (sent to the email address used to sign up for the account) from Kik saying you have



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unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link – click on this and shortly after your account will be deleted.

Note: If your child logs into their Kik account before you have clicked on the deactivation link the request will be cancelled and the account will remain active.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as your child may then hide their use, making it more difficult for you to support them.



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YouTube (For parents)

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What is YouTube?

YouTube is a free, user-generated video sharing website that allows users to watch, create and upload their own videos to share with others. YouTube has over a billion users. Anyone is able access the videos on the service online however users must create an account to upload and share their own content. The site is moderated by users who can flag inappropriate content. YouTube reviews the content and if it violates their community guidelines the content is removed, or age restrictions are put in place.

How are young people using YouTube?

Young people use YouTube to watch, create and upload videos. It is used to socialise, interact, learn, share and watch content. Popular types of videos include music, pranks, parodies, and 'how to videos'. YouTube is the second largest search engine in the world and can be used as the starting point for research or learning about a particular topic.

What are the age restrictions for YouTube?

Users are required to be 13-years-old to use the site. Users under 13-years-old are recommended to use YouTube Kids. Age restrictions are difficult for YouTube to monitor as age is only verified when users create an account, however it is not necessary to have an account to use the service. YouTube restricts videos it has deemed inappropriate for people under 18-years-old by requiring users to sign in to an age verified account before they are able to access restricted content.

Is it free?

It is free to view and upload videos on YouTube but there is a paid version of the service, known as YouTube Red. YouTube Red gives subscribers access to ad free viewing as well as enabling them to watch television shows and movies. This service is available in America and will soon be expanded to other countries. You must be 18 years or older to use this service and you also need a Google account with a valid payment method.

What does subscribing to someone's YouTube channel mean?

Subscribing to a channel means that a user is interested in the videos that another user is posting and would like to be notified when new videos are uploaded to the channels they follow. This is very similar to 'friending' or 'following' on other types of social media. A channel can be run by an individual, organisation or business and can consist of any type of video content.

What is the difference between a YouTube account, username and channel?

When a YouTube account is created, users are able log into YouTube and get a username and a channel (a username is often the same as a channel name). A username is used to comment on videos and a channel is used to upload video content. There can be multiple channels under a single YouTube account.

What are some of the potential issues with YouTube?

YouTube consists of user-generated content. Videos found on the site don't always have age appropriate classifications. The site relies on users to monitor and report inappropriate content. Users do not need to create an account to use the site so it is difficult to manage or regulate underage users. YouTube users may be exposed to bullying and harassment on the site however there are steps people can take to minimise this risk.

What are the recommended settings on YouTube?

As YouTube users do not have to have a personally identifiable account to use the site, the privacy settings are somewhat limited.

Privacy settings can be created on user accounts and the videos that are uploaded. Videos have three setting options; public, private or unlisted. It is recommended that young people set their videos to private or unlisted.



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What are the recommended settings on YouTube? (continued)

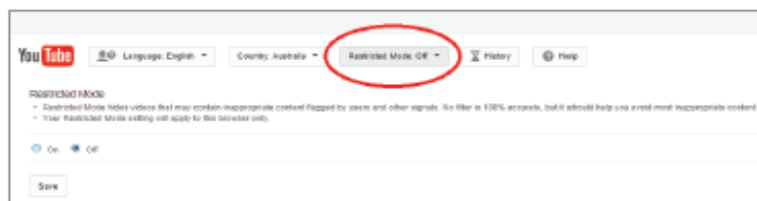
- **Public** - anyone is able to search and view your videos
- **Private** - only people you allow can search for and watch your videos
- **Unlisted** - only people that you send the link to can view your videos.

Commenting on videos is set as a default option, however this can be disabled.

How do I turn on restricted mode?

You can enable restricted mode to filter inappropriate content on the browser on your computer/device. YouTube uses age-restrictions, community flagging, and other indicators to recognise and filter inappropriate content. While it is not 100 per cent accurate, it can be useful as a parental control. We recommend that this is used in conjunction with conversations with your child about what is and isn't appropriate viewing.

To turn on restricted mode you must be logged into a YouTube account. Restricted mode can be locked and removed with a YouTube account username and password. Once enabled, restricted mode will remain on regardless of whether you are logged in or not, or if another person is logged into a different YouTube account.



How do I delete my child's YouTube channel?

After talking with your child about the responsible use of YouTube and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete a YouTube channel. If an account is deleted, any content on that account will be deleted and unable to be recovered. Be aware that you cannot delete a channel on a mobile device.

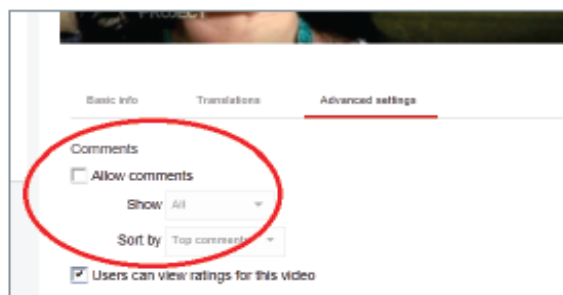
You can delete a channel by:

- Signing into the account you want to delete
- In the top right, click your account > **YouTube settings**
- Under '**Account settings**', select '**Overview**'
- Under the channel's name, select '**Advanced**'
- At the bottom, select '**Delete channel**'.

How do I deal with and report abuse or inappropriate content on YouTube?

Abusive or inappropriate content can be reported via the flagging or reporting tool on YouTube. If your child has received a serious violent threat, contact your local police.

It is recommended that comments are disabled on videos to avoid abuse and being exposed to inappropriate language or offensive content. Comments can be disabled by connecting to your YouTube account, selecting a video in 'Video Manager' and unchecking 'Allow comments' in the settings options.



Users can also be blocked, so they cannot see or leave comments on uploaded content.

For more information, visit www.support.google.com/youtube

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BIG BOOK FAIR

Family Day Saturday 19 March 2016 from 12pm – 5pm

Reading is not only great for your education, it is also valuable for your wellbeing and helps children build relationships with those they read with

To encourage as much reading as possible, we would like to offer you
20% off your purchase when you visit the Book Fair between
12pm and 5pm on Saturday 19 March 2016. WOW!

Write the name of your school here.

Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley.

Entry by gold coin donation and eftpos is available.

For more information, visit www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/events

Voucher MUST be presented at the event to receive the discount

TALENTED SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

YEAR 6 SPORT TRIALS

Illawarra Sports High School will be holding the Year 6 Sport Trials for YEAR 7 2017 enrolment in the Talented Sports and Development Program.

Date – Thursday March 31st, 2016

Time – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Where – Illawarra Sports High School Stadium and Oval.

Transport Arrangements – Private transport.

Sports to Trial for –

- Rugby League & Union
- Girls All Codes (RL, RU, Touch, Oztag)
- Netball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Surfing (no surfing at trials, fitness and skills test only)
- Tennis
- Cross Codes (athletics, fitness, mixed sports)

Student Registration -

Students must register their attendance at the trials no later than Thursday March 24th. Primary schools can send through a list of students attending or parents can contact Illawarra Sports High School front office.

If a child is unable to attend the trial due to other commitments, please still register and return the permission form.

Information and Permission Note –

See your primary school for the information and permission note.



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