

Flying Figtree

Term 1, Week 10

IMPORTANT NEWS

- **A Night At The Fair**
 - this coming Friday (8/4/16)
 - volunteers required



superstars

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

We will see you on Wednesday at the morning assembly!

Imogene Anderson, Max Atsas, Zoe Brain, Lily Brett, Samuel Buffett, Amber Clarke, Luca Crowe-Benvenuto, Barry Dennis, Serena Erler, Abigail Jones, Chloe Kisling, Karly Fox, Mawada Maulaie, Sophie McCall, Estella McKenzie, Jaida Meredith, Nathan Mitrevski, Ebony Pascoe, Elizabeth Pirie, Oliver Rainford, Miley Reh, Dhanush Talapaneni, Oscar Tenhave, Isaac Vasic & Alexandra Wira

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Sebastian Criddle, Grace Goodsell,

Sonny Morris and Anastasia Popovska

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?

Term Planner

6th April	3/4P Class Assembly
8th April	5/6 Cultural Dress Up Day
	Night at the Fair (4-9pm)
Term 2	
28th April	School Photo Day
4th May	Cross Country Champions Assembly 8:53 am
5th May	Fairy Tale Performance
10th May	NAPLAN – Writing & Language Conventions
11th May	NAPLAN - Reading
12th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
16th – 20th May	Education Week
18th May	District Cross Country
20th May	Walk Safely to School Day
26th May	National Sorry Day



From the desk of the Assistant Principal



Pink Stumps Day

FHPS turned **PINK** today!

Our students helped support the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day. Classes participated in various cricket based activities with experts in the field. A great time was had by all. Thank you to Miss Tegan Davies who organised the event.

School Photographs

The envelopes have been distributed. If you require an envelope for sibling photos please collect from the Office.

Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts for money due have been distributed today, please note **money is due back by Thursday 7th March 2016.**

Winter Uniform Changeover

FHPS will begin our two-week winter uniform change over at the start of Term 2. The changeover period allows students to wear either summer or winter uniform for the first two weeks of the term. Students are requested to wear full winter uniform by the start of week 3. Please remember that **school photo day on Thursday 28th April** will require students to wear **full winter uniform.**

We still have a large stock of new and second hand uniforms in the office for sale. The new uniforms are 50% off so come and grab a bargain!

Below is a list of the required uniforms -

Girls Winter Uniform

Bottle green checked tunic
Light green long sleeved shirt
School tie
Bottle green knee high socks
or stocking
Black leather shoes

Boys Winter Uniform

Long grey trousers
Light green long sleeved shirt (with logo)
School tie
Grey socks
Black leather shoes

Taslon jacket, fleecy jacket or jumper (with school logo) is worn by both boys and girls

What is Due and When?

What?	When?
ICAS Test money s/s	Friday 8 th April
5/6 Camp notes and money s/s	Wednesday 7 th September

Please note:

S/S= selected students only

From the desk of the Assistant Principal



Our First Class Assembly

This coming Wednesday (6/4/16), 3/4P will have their class assembly. It will commence at 2:10pm in the school hall.

Each class at Figtree Heights will have an assembly dedicated to showcasing their learning experiences and talents. Please keep an eye on the Term Planner and Newsletter for advertised dates.

A Night At The Fair... It's nearly here!

Only 7 sleeps to our Night At The Fair!

A huge THANK YOU to the parents and loved ones who have already volunteered to assist on the night.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Many stalls need to be 'manned'.

If you are available please make sure you nominate yourself in today's Fair Update Newsletter.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,
Sarah Thurston
Assistant Principal



2015-2017 Plan Creating Tomorrow's...

What is the FHPS vision for our citizens?

Our students will develop critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills in a co-operative learning environment that promotes informed active and informed citizenship.

Students will further develop qualities of self-confidence, optimism, high self-esteem and a commitment to personal excellence with the capacity to exercise judgement and responsibility in school life

How will we do this in 2016?

- Introduction of FHPS Thinking Tools – enhancing problem solving skills, promoting critical thinking and communication skills
- Be Unreal Program
- Awareness of local and global issues
- Further enhancing and developing the HOW2Learn 20 Habits – improving all round 'learning fitness'

Citizens

P&C News

A Night At The Fair Volunteers still required!

Thank you to all those parents and community members who have already volunteered to help out at the Fair. We are still looking for volunteers for a number of things so please fill out the form in this week's Fete Newsletter.

If you know of a business that is willing to donate something to the fair, please contact the front office on 42 286555 with details.

Collection Baskets

Each classroom has their very own collection basket with items for the fair raffle. Please check the **table below** if you are unsure what items your child is responsible for bringing in.

KJ & KC Side Show Alley Prizes	1/2 L Kids' Hamper	1/2 J Gardener's Hamper	1/2 D BBQ Hamper
Item from Smiggles, small toy, nail polish, hair accessories etc	Marbles, Lego, toys, books, textas/pencils, balls, sports, music, dress-ups, vouchers	Seedlings, tools, gardening gloves, plant, pot, potting mix, fertilizer, books, magazines, vouchers	Cooking utensils, bowls, apron, tea towels, olive oil, marinades & sauces, spices, cookbook, magazines, vouchers
3/4 P Ladies' Pamper Hamper	3/4 O Dads' Hamper	3/4 F Baby Hamper	5/6 N, 5/6 M, 5/6 D Side Show Alley Prizes
Shower gel, hand/foot lotion, wine, candles, chocolates, hair accessories, scarf, magazines, vouchers	Shower gel, car polish, beer, cashews/roasted peanuts, chocolates, socks, tools, magazines, vouchers	Soaps, face towels, baby toys, wraps, bath wash, moisturiser, baby oil, baby wipes, disposable nappies, books, magazines, vouchers <small>*Please select neutral colours</small>	Item from Smiggles, small toy, nail polish, hair accessories etc

Flyer Drop

Thank you to all the families who kindly distributed the flyers.

Ride Wristbands

An order form for wrist bands will be coming home shortly. Please note that wristband payments can **NOT** be accepted through POP.



Please visit our website
for more details on
A Night at the Fair!
www.anightatthefair.com

Community News

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	Dean Harvey & Mei Roberts
Tuesday	Pat Gibson
Wednesday	Renee Criddle & Belinda Demertzis
Thursday	Lindsay Srbnovski & Natalie Dzeperovski
Friday	Belinda Monkman & Alix Murphy

Canteen Volunteers - Required

Volunteers are required for the following days –

5th Tuesday of the month 11am – 12pm

4th Monday of the month 9am – 12:30pm

4th Wednesday of the month 9am – 12:30pm

HODGE PODGE

A safe and fun holiday program designed to engage participants in various creative activities including; **Art, Circus, Dance and Drama**.

Tuesday 19th April, Wednesday 20th April

10am to 3pm

\$65 per child, per day

6 to 12 year olds

DANCESPACE 383,
11 Glebe street, Wollongong

 dancespace

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

www.trybooking.com (Keyword: Hodgepodge)

www.honorajenkins.com (Events tab)



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/>

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- 6.30AM - 8.30AM
- BREAKFAST INCLUDED
- GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- GAMES AND CRAFTS
- ONLY \$20 PER CHILD PER DAY
- CHILD CARE BENEFITS AVAILABLE

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FHPS Student Star Files



Rugby Sevens CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Figtree Heights Rugby Sevens Under 10 and Under 12 Teams.

Last Thursday both teams competed in the 'seven a side' Illawarra Rugby Union Competition at Saunders Oval. Our **undefeated Under 12s** team won their Grand Final. The team will now be travelling to Sydney on the 27th of May to play at Allianz Stadium during the half time break of the Warratahs vs Chiefs game. The **Under 10s Team** were also **undefeated**, winning their division.

Mr Costello, who accompanied the team, reported that the boys were well behaved and represented the school with pride. A big thanks to the Tully, O'Brien, Walter and Cook families who coached and assisted with both teams.

Check out our winners in their impressive jerseys!





Fact sheet

SNAPCHAT (For parents)



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What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images and videos ('snaps') to each other. Snaps can be viewed for up to 10 seconds before they 'dissolve'.

Operating the app requires use of the device's data plan or a wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Snapchat also gives users the ability to put special effect filters and emojis over images or videos to create different looks or themes.



What is the age restriction for Snapchat?

The age classification for Snapchat is 13 years and over, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. If children under the age of 13 sign up for an account they are given access to 'SnapKidz' which is a limited version of the app where users are not able to send images to other users. It is important to note that these classifications are set by the app's creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

How are kids using Snapchat?

Snapchat is used by many young people to connect with their friends and to send photos to each other. However, Snapchat can be used for inappropriate purposes and it is important to sit down with your child and explain to them that it is not okay to share images that are rude, offensive or sexualised.

Should I be worried if my child is using Snapchat?

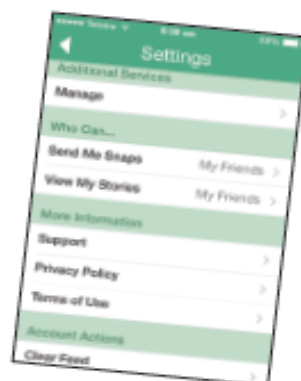
Any application when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you communicate openly with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. Children and young people also need to be aware of the risks of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

Does an image really delete on Snapchat?

There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allows the device to take a photo of what is on the screen (screenshot). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however there are also other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified, so it is important to encourage children to think before they send a snap.

What are the privacy settings on Snapchat?

Snapchat has limited privacy settings so it is important to monitor your child's usage of the application. One privacy setting that is available is the ability to restrict who can send your child photos or videos, 'snaps'. This can be enabled by going into the **Settings** menu, select **'Who can send me snaps'**, then select **'My friends'**. This will ensure that only users in your child's contact list can send images.



It is important to read the Snapchat privacy policy as it provides information about how the images and videos are stored and used. Users need to be aware that Snapchat has the right to reproduce, modify and republish photos and videos, and save them to the Snapchat servers, particularly in relation to the 'Live Story' feature.

Is Snapchat a 'safe sexting' application?

It is important to know that there is no such thing as 'safe sexting' and Snapchat is no exception. Young people need to be aware that as soon as they send an image they have lost control over where it ends up. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, with or without their permission, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth legislation.

What are the potential problems with Snapchat?

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young charged under State and Commonwealth legislation which carries serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on their reputation and others.



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Sexting is commonly defined as the sharing of sexualised or naked images via the internet or mobile phone, this includes mobile applications like Snapchat. Children and young people need to realise that as soon as that image is sent they have lost control of it. It is possible that images shared privately between people on social networking services could end up elsewhere online. Taking, sending and saving these sorts of images can also constitute child pornography offences and can have long term legal ramifications on a child's future.

If these images become public, the child in the image can be subject to bullying and cyberbullying. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image on social networking sites or through instant messenger applications. It is important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible use.

How do I delete my child's Snapchat account?

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

Open discussions are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Removing technology from your child when they have used it inappropriately is not the best response as it may lead the child to access technology through other means making it more difficult to monitor, supervise or support them if something goes wrong.

However, in some cases it is necessary for a parent to delete an account. To do this, you need to go to <https://support.snapchat.com/delete-account> and enter your child's account username and password. If you do not have your child's password you can submit a deletion request to Snapchat.



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