

# Flying Figtree

Term 2, Week 3

## IMPORTANT NEWS

- Good Luck to our Soccer Girls who are competing in the NSW PSSA State Knockout next week.
- P&C Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.



## superstars

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

Charlotte Neill, Mackenzie Smart, Madilyn Ladmore, Ayden Poon, Mikayla Mitrevski, Ava Rasmussen, Zoe Pascoe, Ally Luke, Tyler Monkman, Hollie McCall, Carter Cook, Evie Harvey, Angus Newton, Kobi Hayward, Breanna Luke, Jaime Kiley, Ethan Carruthers, Kaylen Craft & Chiara D'Amico.

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

Carter O'Connor & Kagiso (KG) Moyo.

We will see you on Wednesday at the morning assembly!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Charlotte Neill, Ayden Wai Shun Poon  
& James Buxton.

## Term Planner

Term 2	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country
	P&C Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Girls Soccer Knock Out
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Safely to School Day
	Athletics Coaching for Stage 1 & 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Rugby Union Knockout - Golburn
23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Band Camp
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Debate Comp at school
26 <sup>th</sup> May	National Sorry Day
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Athletics Coaching for Stage 1 & 2
	Rugby Union State Finals @ Moore Park
1 <sup>st</sup> June	3/4F Assembly
	Figtree High Scholarship applications available
8 <sup>th</sup> June	5/6N Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Kinder 2017 Expo Night
26 <sup>th</sup> July	School Athletics Carnival

**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?





# From the desk of the Principal

## Mathematics at FHPS



Will and Chloe having fun at the Engine Table.



Mia, Mohmed and Chelsea are busy learning the jump strategy.



Zoe, Ally, Fatoum and Kobi working in independent activities.

## Winter Uniform Change Over

With the weather change we will finalise our summer-winter uniform changeover next week. Starting week 5, all students are expected to be in full winter uniform. This includes black shoes on all days except Friday (including black laces in the shoes). It is also expected that all sleeves are not to be rolled past the forearm; rolling sleeves up and over the elbow is not acceptable. We take pride in wearing school uniform at FHPS and we love the sense of belonging it gives to our students. Please help us continue this proud tradition. If you have any questions regarding uniform please speak to your class teacher or the front office.

## NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 and 5 students sat NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of: reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. At Figtree Heights we use NAPLAN data in conjunction with our school based assessments. It is not the be-all and end-all of assessments and it is certainly not the only form of assessment we use.

## Class Dojo and See-Saw

Lots of wonderful and exciting learning experiences are being shared on class SeeSaw and Dojo accounts. Don't forget to regularly access the parent accounts and share in all of the great things your children have been engaging in and achieving at school. Remember to like and comment on your child's posts, they absolutely love reading and sharing what you say about their work. Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you are experiencing difficulty with access. If you have any questions about these forums please speak with your class teacher.



# From the desk of the Principal

## Parent and Teacher Time

Over the past few weeks many classes have been having their parent and teacher conferences to touch base with what is happening inside our classrooms. These conferences are vital to the home-school connection we value at FHPS. If you have not had the opportunity to meet with your teacher and would like to, please contact them to schedule a suitable time.

## Cross Country

All the best to our runners who will be competing at the District Cross Country Carnival next week. The carnival will be held at Integral Energy Park in Brownsville and it is always a wonderful event. To our runners, remember to be proud of yourself and all the effort you have put into your training leading up to this event. Enjoy this experience!

Warm regards,  
Skye Hayward  
Principal

## Mathematics at FHPS

### Stage 2 Parent 'Night School'

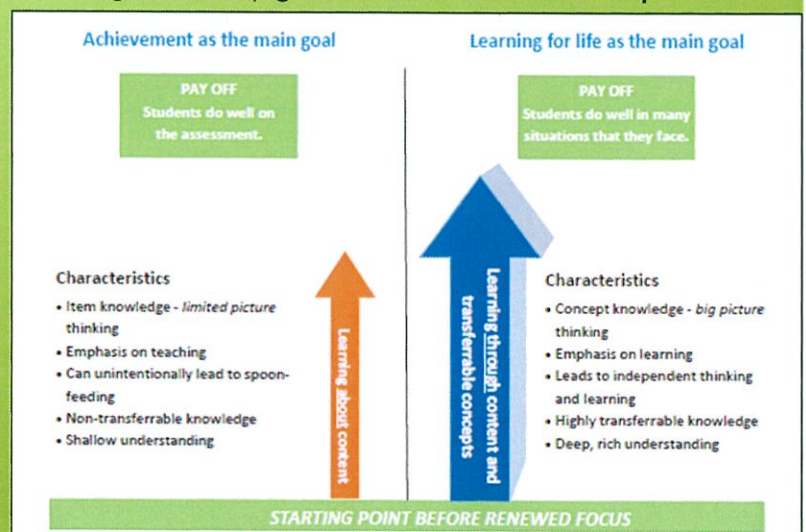
Stage 2 Teachers held a Parent 'Night School' this week. Teachers taught parents the mathematical strategies we use at school.



## HOW2Learn – Creating Tomorrow's Learner Part 2

### Learning for Life is the main goal

Given the current climate to do well in nationwide assessments such as NAPLAN, the temptation to *teach to the test* is overwhelming. We can often forget the key goals of education are **'to provide high quality experiences for all students AND to help all young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens'** and buy into the shorter term goal of 'doing well on the test'. At Figtree Heights PS we are not 'teaching to the test' we are creating learning experiences for our students which teach skills, concepts and understanding through subject areas, not just in them. Learning is flexible and fluid and not taught in a silo. This picture explains why learning for life as the main goal is essential for our students.





# P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held this coming **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. All parents and community members from Figtree Heights Public School are invited to attend. This meeting will be a General Meeting.  
**The AGM will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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



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## **GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**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)



# 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!**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Caro Simons, Gill Newton &amp; Amanda Batchelor</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Angelia &amp; Nicky Lawler</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Atared Latif, Sonia Latif &amp; Asmaa Moussi</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Shari Fox &amp; Karina LeClerc</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Christina Bonacina &amp; Hanna Bonacina</b>

### What is Due and When?

<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Fairest of Them All performance s/s</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
<b>5/6 Camp notes and money s/s</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Stage 2 Classroom Costs for Term 1 s/s</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
<b>Reading Eggs s/s</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
<b>Maths Online s/s</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>

**Please note:**

S/S= selected students only

## 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](mailto:figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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

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

## Canteen Monday Special

On each Monday in the month of May the canteen will be having Hot Cinnamon Churros available for \$0.50, add chocolate dipping sauce for \$1.00 extra.

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**Book Clubs LOOP**

for Parents

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**Book Club Issue 3 closes Sunday 15th May.**

## Scholastic Book Club Changes

**Cash or cheques will no longer be accepted as payment.**

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

As of Term 2, all Book Club 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.

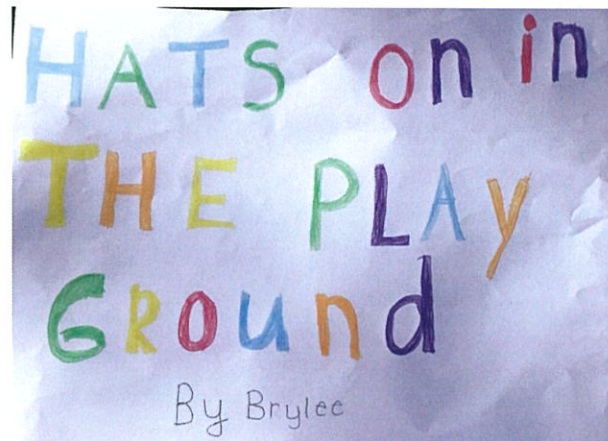
If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Book Club Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343.



# FHPS Student Star Files

A **RESPONSIBLE** (our value of the fortnight is RESPONSIBILITY) Figtree Heights PS **Student**  
**Brylee Ellem**

Brylee Ellem created some posters to remind students to wear their hat in the playground.  
Well done Brylee!



## Support our FHPS Under 12s Rugby Team!

Reminder: Our under 12s rugby team will be playing before the Warratahs and Chiefs game on Friday May 27 at Allianz Stadium. Good luck boys – do us proud!

## Student Representative Council – Term 2

I would like to introduce our SRC members for Term 2. Congratulations team!

KE	Ethan D & River M
KJ	Miles B & Miley R
1/2L	Ally L & Kobi H
1/2J	Joshua H & Chelsea N
1/2D	Toby L & Annie D
3/4F	Bailey L & Maggie H
3/4O	Beau B & Yolanda C
3/4P	Owen M & Kyla N
5/6N	James B & Alexandra W
5/6D	Nicholas H & Aleksia P
5/6M	Noah T & Emily R





## Road safety



## Road safety around your child's school

### Your child's safety depends on you

#### Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.  
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

#### Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** for traffic to your right left and right again.

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?  
Join in by visiting [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au).



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Figtree Heights Public School

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Parent Co-ordinator:  
Karen Craft ph: 0431 031 581**

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You can purchase an Entertainment™ Digital Membership in time for Mothers Day.

**Go to: <http://www.entbook.com.au/280t297>**

The Entertainment Books (hardcopy) will arrive at school by the end of May. They will be distributed to families for their appraisal. If you don't wish to purchase a book simply return it to school. Otherwise follow the payment and registration instructions and ENJOY!

**Go to: <http://www.entbook.com.au/280t297>**

Thank you for your kind support.



# The simplest way

...to cook a delicious curry.

## Lamb & Vegie Curry

Serves: 4

**Top tip:** Reduce the amount of meat and increase the vegetables – you'll save money and make the meal healthier. Applies to stir fries, curries, pizzas and mince dishes too.



**Ingredients:** 1 tsp olive oil; 2 tbsp curry paste; 1 medium brown onion, chopped; 2 cloves garlic, chopped; 300g diced lamb; 3 large carrot, cut into chunks; 250g button mushrooms; 400g tinned tomatoes, diced; 100g red lentils; 500ml reduced salt chicken stock; ½ cup fresh coriander.

**Method:** Heat oil in heavy-based pot and cook onion, garlic and curry paste until fragrant. Add lamb and brown over a high heat. Add tomatoes, stock, carrots, mushrooms and lentils and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook for about 1 hour with the lid on, stirring regularly until lamb is tender. Mix through coriander reserving a small amount for garnish. Serve with brown rice.

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