

Term 3, Week 8



FLYING FIGTREE

superstars

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

Joseph Cooper, Alex Kotsopoulos, Eva Davey, Loyal Sawan,
Toby Cooper & Rowen Halshaw.

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

Kiara Gollop, Marli Demertzis, Elliot Rainford,
Colin Zhou, Sebastian Criddle,
Samoil Kuzmanovski-Ellsley, Putri Azhar,
Tyce DeBruyn, Aiden Meagher, Karina Hunt
& Jack Turnbull.

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

Alyssa Srbinovski, Kasey Reh, Miles Burke,
Zoe Lovegrove, Tamara Bridge, Miley Reh,
Violet Brain-Bowen, Calista Stevanoski,
Imogene Anderson, Addison Cook, Barry Dennis
Alby Ferguson, Brooke Baird, Zoe Brain,
Christian Anagnostopoulos & Nathan Mitrevski.

Term 3	
14 th Sept	5/6D Assembly @ 2pm
15 th Sept	Big Screen Movie Night @ FHPS
21 st Sept	1/2D Assembly @2pm
21 st Sept	Premier's Spelling Bee Finals @ Austinmer P.S.
23 rd Sept	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
10 th Oct	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
23 rd Sept – 16 th Oct	No online payments pay-ments accepted during this period
12 th – 17 th Octo-ber	No cheque or cash pay-ments accepted during this period
12 th Oct	Figtree High School transi-tion visit (Yr 6)
12 th Oct	Kinder Orientation @ 6pm
17 th Oct	LMBR 'Go LIVE' date
2 nd Nov	P&C Meeting in the HIVE

Important News

- Kindergarten enrolments now being taken for 2017.
- All Outstanding Payments to be paid ASAP due to a new system being introduced next term.

We will see you on Wednesday morning assembly!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Isabel Burnes,
Samoil Kuzmanovski-Ellsley
& Kobi Hayward.

From the desk of the Principal

Movie Night

Don't forget the P&C Outdoor Movie Night is fast approaching and it will be a very exciting community event. The movie **Zootopia** will be screened and the event will take place on the back oval (Thomas Stadium) starting at **6:15pm**. Remember there will be food stalls operating for dinner options. Just turn up with a picnic blanket or chairs and enjoy the show. Please note, as with all other school functions, this is an alcohol-free event.

P&C Meeting

On Wednesday night we had our last P&C Meeting for the term and although numbers were a little smaller than we would have liked, great discussions still occurred. One of the topics we discussed was the possibility of introducing a language class option to before or after school time. This venture would be independent of the school (very similar to the Music Bus concept) where a language teacher would come to school and use our facilities in a privately operated business. The languages that are being offered are French and German. Please see next week's newsletter for more information on this topic.

Tell Them From Me Survey—Partners in Learning

The *Partners in Learning* Survey is still open, but not for long. Please take a short amount of time to complete this survey. The data we collect from the responses are invaluable and allow our school to ensure we are working closely with all members of our community to make FHPS a thriving school for our students.

Link: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/66kyg>

Uniform Changeover

As the weather starts to warm up (still not warm enough for me though) we will be transitioning to summer uniform. During this two week change over period, students have the choice to wear EITHER summer or winter uniform. It is important that they choose one or the other. If wearing winter uniform, school ties are still expected. Starting Term 4, full summer uniform is expected.

Fundraising from the P&C

Last week I spoke about how our wonderful P&C are at it again. Constantly looking at ways to support our school. Unfortunately the clarity of the information regarding a fundraising opportunity in last week's newsletter was not effective so please see the attached information in this week's newsletter for more details about the great initiative. The 'fundraising committee' have sought an opportunity to raise money for a new playground (fixed equipment). A big thank you to this committee for seeking out prospects for our children. I for one am looking forward to buying tickets just so I can be in the running of the great holiday to Queensland.

"Nothing in our world comes with its meaning attached: We GIVE everything meaning"

Unknown

Vocal Group

All the best to our school Vocal Group (Choir), who will be representing our school at the 41st Annual Music Festival next Wednesday at the University of Wollongong. Students have been working extremely hard over the last two terms, arriving at school at 8am (one to two mornings a week) for rehearsal. A big thank you to Mr Greg Costello and Miss Connie Lysandrou who have also given up their time to be at school to run these sessions for our students. This is the first year we have made the vocal group a voluntary activity and I would like to thank all the parents who took up this opportunity for their child to be part of a very long and strong Figtree Heights tradition. I can't wait to be sitting in the front row to see the performance.

School Self-Evaluation Team

We are currently seeking a handful of parents who are interested in being on our school self-evaluation team. Every year it is essential we reflect and evaluate how our school is progressing and where we need to go next. It is vital members of our school community are involved in this process. Collaboration is embedded into the practices of FHPS and deciding on the future direction of our school is no different. Being part of this team will not require much time out of your busy lives. We are asking parents to be involved in one meeting where data is analysed and future directions are mapped out. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Canteen Volunteers

HELP! We are in desperate need of more canteen volunteers. Of late there have been a number of occasions where the canteen has been forced to close due to lack of volunteers. This service is provided to our students by our parents and community and if we can not fill the roster the service simply can not run. This causes a great deal of distress for the canteen co-ordinators, students and also parents who rely on the canteen for lunches. If you can spare a few hours, **even one day a month** it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that toddlers and babies are more than welcome, we have games and toys to play with whilst you are volunteering. **ANY** help is greatly appreciated!

Term 4

Students first day back in Term 4 will be **October 10**. This is the same day for teachers and there will not be a School Development Day (SDD) at the beginning of the term. Instead, teachers will have two SDD's at the end of the term after students have finished school on Friday 16th December.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

From the desk of the Principal

We need a new playground!!

An update from the P&C Fundraising Sub-Committee:

Upgrading our school playground has long been on the agenda for consecutive P&C committees over the years. In the past, schools have had assistance for playground maintenance and/or refurbishment from local council or the NSW Dep of Education. However, these bodies relinquished responsibility for school playgrounds in 1999, and now, all responsibility for playgrounds rest with the school community.

In 2015, the P&C worked with a local company, Creative Recreation Solutions (CRS) to develop some concept designs for brand new, safe, modern play equipment. Our wonderful new playground has a price tag of **\$60,000**.





In order to try and finance this, we have submitted three grant applications over the last 12-18 months to various funding programs including Community Building Partnerships Grants (NSW Govt), IMB Community Grants and Clubs Grants (through Wollongong City Council). All have been unsuccessful. Whilst we have several other plans up our sleeve, after discussions with other potential community funders and members of the P&C, our own fundraising target of **\$60,000** has been agreed upon with which to refurbish our school playground.

The playground is heavily used by all of our students, all of our OOSH families; it is old and in desperate need of an upgrade. Learning through play is one of the fundamental elements in a child's development. Being able to provide an area where this need is met in such an interactive way will ensure our children continue to grow in their self-confidence, social skills and provide them with the essential decision making opportunities they require in today's society.

So how are we going to raise \$60,000?

We are planning to launch a 'Go Fund Me' fundraising campaign in 2017 to help reach our target (stay tuned). We intend to apply to Wests Illawarra for funding support. But to kick it all off, we are holding a raffle for a Queensland holiday! One book of 20 tickets per family will be sent home with the eldest child towards the end of Term 3. The raffle will be drawn at the Twilight Festival at the end of Term 4.

We hope everyone will be enthusiastic about this wonderful holiday prize, and get behind all the future initiatives to help us reach our target! By the way, although the prize is for '2 adults, 2 children', we checked, and the room CAN accommodate a third child (the winner will need to negotiate this at a small extra cost if necessary). Let's provide this exciting new playground for OUR kids! Please do not hesitate to Kelly Andrews on 0400 576 527 if you have any further ideas or suggestions, or email the P&C on fhpspc@gmail.com

	Figtree Heights Public School	FHPS Parents & Citizens Association		
\$2.00 PER TICKET MAJOR RAFFLE				
Name: _____		1st Prize: The major draw prize includes:		
Address: _____		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four (4) night holiday at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children in a Resort Double Room. Can be used over the School holidays*• Unlimited entry for two (2) adults and two (2) children to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast• \$100 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort & Water Park• \$200 Caltex Cash Card		
P/C: _____		Valued at \$2,100		
Phone: _____				
<small>All monies and tickets (including unsold tickets) are to be returned to the School Office by 25 November, 2016.</small>				
<small>Prize to be drawn at 6:00pm on 9 December, 2016 at the Figtree Heights Public School Twilight Festival, St Georges Avenue, Figtree, NSW.</small>				
IT IS SCHOOL POLICY THAT CHILDREN DO NOT SELL DOOR TO DOOR WITHOUT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT.				

Community News



Corrimal East PS CARNIVAL CAPERS FETE

SATURDAY
17 SEPTEMBER **2016**
11am till 3pm
Duff Parade, East Corrimal



- Rides • Market Stalls
- Sideshow Alley
- Show bags • Food Stalls
- Face painting

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OCTOBER 7TH 7:30PM
8TH 7:30PM & 9TH 11:30AM
AT CIRCUS MONOXIDE
UNIT 3/3 PRINCES HWY
FAIRY MEADOW
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE
TRYBOOKING.COM/MLHB
OR TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED ON THE
DOOR SUBJECT
TO AVAILABILITY
THE ONLY CIRCUS SHOW
TO SEE THESE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Smith's Hill High School

Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500


EXPO NIGHT

Wednesday 19th October, 2016

6.00 p.m. - 8.0 p.m.

Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.

Applications for Year 7 2018 close on November 14th 2016



FHPS P&C
PRESENT

OUTDOOR

MOVIE NIGHT

Disney
ZOOTOPIA

FREE EVENT

GATES OPEN AT 5PM | MOVIE STARTS 6.15PM
THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER... FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
ST GEORGE AVE, FIGTREE

BYO CHAIRS & PICNIC BLANKETS | FOOD STALLS OPEN FOR DINNER

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FIGTREEHEIGHTSPUBLICSCHOOL PHONE:(02) 4228 6770

From the P&C

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
Term 2 payments s/s	OVERDUE
Athletics Carnival	OVERDUE
District Athletics Carnival s/s	OVERDUE
Book Week Performance	OVERDUE
5/6 Camp notes and money s/s	OVERDUE

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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	Simone Pratt & Rachael Thackray
Tuesday	Karen Craft & Russell Meredith
Wednesday	Julie Jones & Karen Parry
Thursday	Shari Fox
Friday	Belinda Monkman & <u>Volunteer needed</u>



**Permanent Volunteer
required for the 3rd Friday of every month.**

Primary Ethics

We are looking for a new Ethics Teacher to complete training this year. 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

Amanda Bowen



PLAY YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL IN 2016

AFL 9s Exhibition Match

**In conjunction with
Junior Grand Final Day**

COME ALONG, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

Venue: North Dalton Park, Towradgi

Date: Sunday 11th September, 2016

Time: 11:30pm – 1:00pm

For all girls aged 10 – 17 years old

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!

For more Information or any enquiries email Nicola at: wsaflc@gmail.com

