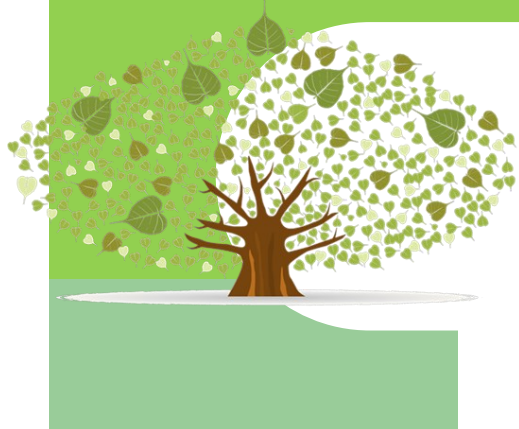


# Term 4, Week 7



## Flying Figtree

## Superstars:

Term 4	
WEEK 8	
Tues 28/11	Language Class @ 8am
Wed 29/11	Year 6 Swim Test Western Suburbs @ 8:30am
	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
	Morris Gleitzman Visit - Stages 2 & 3 @ 12:30pm
	Choir @ 8:15am
Thurs 30/11	2018 Kindergarten Orientation @ 9:15am
Fri 1/12	Dance Troupe @ 8am
WEEK 9	
Tues 5/12	Stage 2 Bike Education
	Language Class @ 8am
Wed 6/12	Choir @ 8:15am
	Presentation Day (FHS) @ 9am
	Twilight Evening @ 4pm-6pm

Congratulations to the following

### Bronze

Superstar student:

Audrey Lonsdale

Congratulations to the following

### Silver

Superstar students:

Senuka Perera, Oliver Rainford and River Meredith

Congratulations to the following

### Gold

Superstar students:

Isabel Walshe-Smith, Oliver Rainford, Marwa Maulaie,  
Jai Demertzis, Taylor Mulhere, Keiana O'Neill,  
Savanna Bennis, Jacob Hosking, Bilal Abdul-Latif  
and Maeve Hicks

Congratulations to the following

### Emerald

Superstar students:

Abbey Lemmon, Joseph Cooper, Kobi Hayward,  
Chelsea Neill, Zoe Pascoe, Ben Parry,  
Calista Stevanoski and Brooke Baird

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU...



Eva Davey, Noah Coppola,  
Harlow Holtom and Ryan Bush

**Superstars will be awarded at the  
Wednesday assembly on 29th November.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### **2018 School Captains**

Congratulations to all our nominees who were vying for school captain in 2018. The speeches were excellent and it certainly was a tough challenge for everyone to decide who to vote for. I was humbled to see the pride and congratulations these newly appointed school captains received from their peers and the authentic well wishes from those who were not elected passed on to their classmates. It is my honour to announce our school captains for 2018:

### **School Captains**

**Elliot Rainford**



**Calista Stevanoski**



### **School Vice-Captains**

**Nathanael Burns**



**Samarah Gibson**



Elliot, Calista, Nate and Samarah will spearhead our student body and we cannot wait to get started on planning for a very bright and exciting 2018. Well done leaders.

### **Figtree High School Scholarships**

Figtree High P&C Association are again giving one deserving recipient from our school a \$1000 scholarship to attend Figtree High School. Notes have been distributed to all Year 6 students and the applications are due back on Tuesday 28th November. If you have any questions please contact the office or speak to the Year 6 teachers.

## Gold Afternoon Tea

Over the past few weeks selected students who have received their Gold Super Star award have joined me for afternoon tea in the front garden. If your child has not received an invitation just yet, please do not panic. This year I am making sure the groups are small so I can spend quality time with the students.

## Emerald Excursion

This year I will again be taking those students who have received their Emerald "Heights of Excellence" award on a secret excursion. This is a very exciting event for those students and I again will be keeping the destination a secret. In the past I have mentioned the whereabouts of this excursion to parents who have asked, however unfortunately the secret has had a way of spoiling the anticipation for many students through whispers. This year I will be keeping the destination a secret. The excursion will be by bus and students will be asked to wear their sports uniform for comfort. A note will be going home to all those students who have received their Emerald award. The last day for all awards is **FRIDAY December 8**.

## Presentation Day at Figtree High School

Accompanying today's newsletter a permission note will be sent home with all students regarding the FHPS 2017 Presentation Day. Please make sure you read, sign and return this note to school as soon as possible so we can ensure all students are aware of the Figtree High School arrangements for Presentation Day.

## Every Day Counts

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter as it draws closer to the end of the year it is essential that we continue to work together to ensure all students attend school every day. It is just as important that all students are ready for learning when the **8:53am** bell rings. Below are simple snap shots that show the implications of days missed at school as well as how much learning time is missed when children are late to school.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day... **Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm Regards,

*Skylar Hayward*



# Special Events

You're invited to the Figtree Heights

# TWILIGHT NIGHT

4pm - 6pm

Wednesday  
6th  
December  
on the  
back oval

Bring a blanket and come and see our class performances. Sit back and enjoy a host of dinner options to help you enjoy the experience.

FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES WELCOME!

# Special Events

**To say thank you to all the volunteer parent, carer and loved ones, for the tireless efforts and support in 2017 we will be hosting a morning tea. If you have helped in the canteen, in classrooms, for sporting events, fundraisers, BBQs, through the P&C or anything in between, please let us say thank you. We would not be able to run many of the events or provide our students with so many wonderful opportunities without your continued support.**

**For catering purposes, please contact the office if you can attend.**

AT ★ 11AM  
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER  
IN THE HALL

**Helper  
Morning  
Tea**

*To say*  
**THANK YOU**  
*for your continued support in  
2017 we invite you to a Morning  
Tea*  
*Please RSVP to the office for catering purposes*

*many  
thanks*



P & C

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



 P&C Federation

**GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

**6.30PM IN THE HIVE**

**NO CHILD MINDING THIS MEETING**

*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

## What is Due and When?

What	When
Term 1, 2 & 3 Payments	OVERDUE
Jamberoo Rec. Park S/S	OVERDUE
Stage 2- Bike Education S/S	OVERDUE
Smith's Hill HS Performance	1st December

Please note: S/S= selected students only

Monday	Helen Perna & Wendy Coppola
Wednesday	Jordan McDougall & Rachael Thackray
Friday	Rebecca Walshe-Smith & Amie Kennedy



We are still be continuing the recycling program, so please keep recycling your products.

Bookclub Issue 8 closes Sunday 26th November 2017.

### Scholastic Bookclub Orders

Cash or cheques will not be accepted as payment.

All Bookclub 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 Bookclub Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343

## FHPS Canteen



The Canteen is open for Lunch orders  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Don't forget to use our



### Our Canteen uses Flexischools Online Ordering!

Flexischools allows parents, students and staff to place and pay for orders from home, work or school at any time via their mobile, tablet or computer.

As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the school canteen to process - so it makes everyone's life a little easier!

Flexischools is well established, operating in over 1,000 schools across Australia and having processed over 40 million orders.

#### How to register:



1. Register for Flexischools by visiting [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Add your student, their school and class to get started.
2. Top-Up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. Make an order by selecting from the range of options available and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.

#### What does it cost?

Online Ordering Fees \$0.29 per canteen order

#### Account Top-Ups

**Direct Deposit** - FREE (3-5 business days to become available in your Flexischools account)

**Visa / Mastercard / Paypal** - Surcharge of 15c + 1% of your top up value. (Immediately available in your Flexischools account.)

**Need assistance** registering, topping up your account or placing orders, please call the Customer Service Team at Flexischools on 1300 361 769.



**n newday kids**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

## TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW

NEWDAY KIDS IS A BRAND NEW LONG DAY CHILD CARE CENTRE

- ✓ **Now oPEN** ✓ OPERATING FROM 7AM-6PM MON-FRI
- ✓ CATERING TO 56 CHILDREN AGED 0-5 ✓ COUNCIL APPROVED
- ✓ 3 SEPARATE ROOMS EACH WITH THEIR OWN NATURAL PLAY SPACES OUTDOOR AREA
- ✓ HIGHLY QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED STAFF ✓ SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM
- ✓ NUTRITIOUS MEALS PROVIDED ✓ LOVING, CARING & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

For further information or to enrol your child please go to our website.

[newdaykids.com.au](http://newdaykids.com.au)

email: [admin@newdaykids.com.au](mailto:admin@newdaykids.com.au) phone: (02) 4226 5022



## The Bead Shoppe Port Kembla School Holiday Beading Workshops \$15 per child for 30minute class

all materials included.

Book the kids in for a different activity this holiday

Please call to book [0402239095](tel:0402239095)

95 Wentworth St. Port Kembla.



Department of  
Primary Industries



## Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

**COST is \$40 PER CHILD**, and includes \* rod and reel combination \* shirt \* hat \* tackle box \* show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**  
Maximum 25 participants.

### Locations and Dates

Lake Illawarra

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

January 2018  
April 2018

To book: e-mail [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring Stephen Thurstan, 0438 245 190  
Web details: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Wednesday, 28 November 2017

**10000ItalianRoses**

You are invited to

# Morning Tea

in Wollongong

ITSOWEL NSW Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

## 10,000 ITALIAN ROSES PROJECT

Did you know there are currently over 10,000 women of Italian background between the ages of 50 to 74 years old in New South Wales\* who have not had a mammogram?

Join us for a FREE morning tea to find out more about the project and help save the lives of women in your community and family.

Wednesday, 29 November 2017  
10.30am-12.30pm  
Centro CBD, 28 Stewart St, Wollongong  
Dress Code: A touch of pink

The 10,000 Italian Roses Project aims to raise awareness about breast screening among the Italian community in New South Wales. If you are between the ages of 50 to 74 years old, you can have a FREE mammogram with BreastScreen NSW by calling 13 20 50.

\*Source Cancer Institute NSW 2016

RSVP by Monday 27 November 2017: ITSOWEL (02) 4228 8222 or email [info@itsowel.com.au](mailto:info@itsowel.com.au)

