

Term 4, Week 10



Flying Figtree



Wishing you
and your
family a
Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!

2018 Term 1	
WEEK 1	
Tues 30/1	Staff and Year 1-6 First Day Kindergarten best Start
Wed 31/1	Kindergarten Best Start
Thurs 1/2	Kindergarten Best Start
Fri 2/2	Kindergarten First Day



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

2017 in review

What a wonderful year we have had; hasn't it been jam-packed! I cannot believe that we are here, at the end of another year. Time certainly does fly by when you are having fun.

Thank you for your continued support of our school, for your dedication to your children and our community. Figtree Heights Public School is a family and I thank all our parents and loved ones for helping us keep this culture alive.

Thank you to my teaching team, for the countless extra hours you put in each and every week to not only provide tailored, individualised learning opportunities for our students but the array of extra-curricular activities they are involved in. Our students are really so very lucky to have you guiding and shaping their lives.

To our wonderful administration staff, the words thank you, really cannot express how grateful our entire school community is for your behind the scenes work and taking care of the little faces when they come to you in need. We are very lucky to have you running our school.

To our students, we would not have such excitement in our lives if it wasn't for you. Thank you for inspiring us and lighting up our lives.

Farewell

At the end of every year we say goodbye to a number of faces and this year, unfortunately we are in the same boat.

To **Mr Greg Costello** who has been a passionate and dedicated teacher in public education and a strong advocate for everything creating and performing arts for the past 37 years, we say farewell. Mr Costello has not only guided our choir and school band but he has led our rock band, djembe drumming and guitar groups. He has also been on the organising committee of the Southern Illawarra Instrumental Festival, the Choral Festival, the Illawarra South East Region Music Camp as well as teaming up with Mr Malouf from Figtree High to create a Figtree Community of Schools Band. All whilst playing in a number of bands himself. Mr Costello's quirky personality and easy going nature will be deeply missed at Figtree Heights and on behalf of all the students, teachers and families, would like to thank him for his tireless dedication to public education over the past 37 years.

The time has also come to say goodbye to **Mrs Linda Jackson** who is broadening her horizons in 2018 at Shellharbour Public School. We wish you all the very best Mrs Jackson and can not thank you enough for the unwavering dedication to not only those students whom you have taught directly, but all our students who you have inspired and encouraged along the way, whether it be through dance troupe, the Hive, your classroom or the playground. We will miss your face each and every day, but we know we can't be selfish and keep you all to ourselves. We wish you all the very best in this new venture.

To **Ms Jacky Shehr**, whilst your time with us has been short, you have certainly packed a great deal into your time here at Figtree Heights. Your drive and enthusiasm is infectious and the skills and knowledge you bring to the table is phenomenal, thank you for sharing your expertise and supporting our staff and students in your executive role. We wish you all the very best as you continue to chase your professional goals and we thank you for the opportunities you have afforded us throughout the year. We will miss your vibrancy at Figtree Heights.

Not all change is sad, in 2018 we welcome **Mrs Sarah Thurston** (Assistant Principal) back on board (you would have seen her floating around in the past few weeks). Mrs Thurston returns from maternity leave after having her beautiful bouncing boy, Van. **Ms Deanne Petersen** (Assistant Principal) is also returning to the nest following a secondment with the University of Wollongong. We are looking forward to welcoming Ms Petersen back with open arms. Last, but definitely not least, we welcome **Mr Rhys Voysey** to our teaching team. We are very excited to have him on board and look forward to the opportunities he brings in 2018.

Early Christmas Present

This week Ryan Park announced that our school will be receiving a **\$17,500** grant for new flooring in our school hall. This is simply incredible! Teamed with the \$6,000 our SRC has raised this year means we are able to start to re-vamp our tired and run down school hall. We are currently waiting to hear about another grant we have our fingers crossed on before we can start work on this project. A MASSIVE thank you to **Mrs Kelly Andrews** and **Miss Emily Corcoran** for all their work on this and also **Miss Brittany Sharpe** and **Mr Stuart Wilkinson** for their support with this initiative. We are VERY excited at this news.

Emerald Excursion

On Wednesday, Mrs Thurston and I took a very deserving group of students on the Emerald Surprise Excursion to Inflatable World. It was a sensational day and we all had a stack of fun sweating it out on the blow up equipment. Thank you to all the 'Emerald parents' who put faith in our school and allowed this excursion to remain a secret.

2018 Plans

As mentioned in many previous newsletters, planning for the 2018 school year has been an ongoing exercise. I understand that this can be a nervous time for students and families, but it really does not need to be. The staff at FHPS put an extreme amount of time and effort into classing and we have participated in countless meetings to pass on student data and information, ready to hit the ground running in 2018. We do not announce classing or staffing before the new year as there are too many variables. Over the Christmas break, we have families moving in and out of our area and the number of students in each year group determines the structure of our classing. If this changes over the holiday period and the 'announced' classes have to change this causes undue stress on everyone. We will not finalise or publish classing or staffing until week one, when we can determine exactly how many students we have in each year group. We thank you for your patience and support in this matter.

Happy Holidays

That is a wrap; 2017 is done and dusted and I have once again been tremendously proud to be the leading learner of our school. Thank you for another wonderful year, I am truly looking forward to doing it all again next year. In 2018, I will be returning to school as Ms Skye Seymour and all correspondence from the school will reflect this change. I thank you, the community, for your continued trust and support and I wish all families and loved ones a safe and happy holiday period. Merry Christmas and I hope to see everyone back on board in the new year!

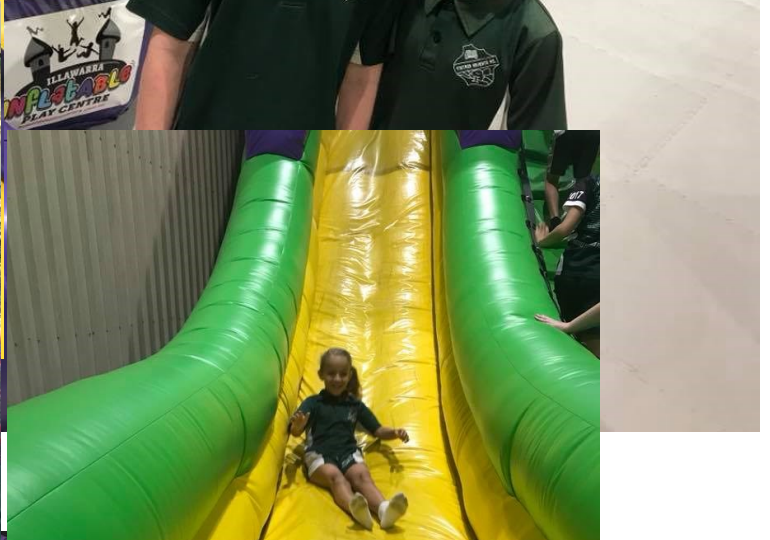


Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm Regards,

Skye Seymour

Emerald Excursion



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FIGTREE HEIGHTS FETE

NEWS & UPDATES

The fete is always a highlight of the school calendar where our whole community comes together to celebrate, have fun and raise funds for Figtree Heights Public School.

We will keep you up to date, particularly next year, with what is planned, what is needed and how you can be part of this special event.

In order to maximise the fundraising potential of our school fete, we will be asking families to donate goods and items for the planned stalls and raffles. Some of the items that we will be collecting will include: plants, bric-a-brac, second hand books, new items for raffle baskets and lollies.

Some of these tasks will be divided up between years or classes so please stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, please start planting your cuttings, dusting off your bric-a-brac and de-cluttering the bookshelf.

We are looking forward to Saturday 10 March when our school grounds will come alive as our families and friends join with the wider community, with amusement rides, food, market stalls, live entertainment and much more.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Figtree Heights PS Fete Committee

BOTTLE LOTTO

To get started, we would like to begin collecting items for a bottle lotto. This involves donating a new/full bottle of any type. Some suggestions would be: sauces, soft drinks, wines/beers, creams/hair products, lollies, car wash..... anything really, so get creative. If you are donating edibles please check and make sure the use by date is well past the 10th of March 2018 and doesn't require storage in the fridge or freezer. A box for the collection of items will be placed in the office foyer.



BUSINESS DONATIONS

If you know of a business that is willing to donate something to our fete, please pass the details on to the office.

Thank you



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SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018

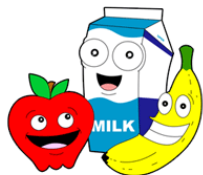
2PM TO 6PM

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
Term 1, 2, 3 & 4 Payments	OVERDUE

Please note: S/S= selected students only



FHPS Canteen

The Canteen is open for Lunch orders
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Don't forget to use our **HEALTHY** Canteen!



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. 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.



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

SWIM LESSONS



ENQUIRE TODAY!

www.ecsportz.com.au

Physical Therapy Building

60 Rosemount St

WOLLONGONG NSW 2500








0401 691 049

For every Term enrolment of swimming lessons a percentage will be donated to improve our back oval.

WEEK 1 SUMMER VACATION CARE DECEMBER 2017

FIGTREE HEIGHTS OOSH












Monday 18 th December	Tuesday 19 th December	Wednesday 20 th December	Thursday 21 st December	Friday 22 nd December
<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION Santa Spectacular</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$40 = \$80 Please arrive before 8.00am</p> <p>Departing 8am / Returning 4pm Duration 8hrs Booked times: 10am -1pm Address: James Ruse Dr, Rose Hill Phone: 0499 565 786 manager</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carnival Rides Toboggans & Ice skating Little elves workshop <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION Botanic Gardens</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$5= \$45 Please arrive before 9.30am</p> <p>Departing 10am / Returning 3pm Duration 5hrs Booked times: 10:30am – 2:30pm Address: Murphys Ave, Keiraville Phone: N/A</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park play Discover the gardens Sausage sizzle lunch <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>
<p>IN CENTRE Kids vs Educators</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Races Dodge ball challenge Egg & spoon /sack races Lots of sport games Christmas craft <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Christmas Madness</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas craft Christmas games Sport games Christmas disco <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Lego Brick Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego building Lego building competitions Lego craft Sports games <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Christmas Crafty Fun</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas craft Christmas games Sport games <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Water Wipe Out</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water fights Old school waterslide Water bombs <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers / towel / spare clothes Water pistol <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>

WEEK 2 SUMMER VACATION CARE JANUARY 2018

FIGTREE HEIGHTS OOSH










Monday 8 th January	Tuesday 9 th January	Wednesday 10 th January	Thursday 11 th January	Friday 12 th January
<p>EXCURSION Movie Madness</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$16 = \$56 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing TBA Duration 4hrs Booked times: TBA Address: Warrawong Plaza, King St, Warrawong Phone:(02) 42763333</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie Popcorn and drink <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION Inflatable World</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$16 = \$56 Please arrive before 9.30am</p> <p>Departing 10:30am / Returning 2pm Duration 3.5hrs Booked times: 11am - 1pm Address: 69 Montague St North Wollongong Phone:(02) 42252211</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours @ inflatable world <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>EXCURSION SENIORS Jamberoo Action Park Yr6 and High school</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$45 = \$85 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 6pm Duration 9hrs Booked times: 10am - 5pm Address: 1215 Jamberoo Rd, Jamberoo Phone:(02) 42360114</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterslides Pool fun <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers / towel / Rash Shirt <p>Expected attendance 24 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>EXCURSION Cataract Scout Park</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$25 = \$65 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 4pm Duration 7hrs Booked times: 10am - 3pm Address: Baden Powell Dr, Appin Phone:(02) 46316697</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterslide Caving <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers / towel <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators attending 6</p>
<p>IN CENTRE Obstacle Courses Galore</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacle courses & Races Sport games Water courses <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers/ towel <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Scientific Discoveries</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science experiments Hands on experiences Challenges <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Lego Brick Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego building Lego building competitions Lego craft Sports games <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Bike and Scooter Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike tracks Scooter races <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike or Scooter & helmet <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE OOSH's Dance Party</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance party Party games Karaoke <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>

WEEK 3 SUMMER VACATION CARE JANUARY 2018

FIGTREE HEIGHTS OOSH








Monday 15 th January	Tuesday 16 th January	Wednesday 17 th January	Thursday 18 th January	Friday 19 th January
<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION Nowra Tree Adventures</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$40 = \$80 Please arrive before 9 am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 4pm Duration 7hrs Booked times: 11am - 1pm Address: 23 Rockhill Rd, North Nowra Phone:(02) 44214830</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2hrs Tree climbing • Zip lines & High ropes <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 6</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION North Kiama OOSH</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$5 = \$45 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 3pm Duration 6hrs Booked times: 10am - 2pm Address: Charles Av, Minnamurra Phone: 42378988</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour run stations • Disco & BBQ <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of clothes / Towel • Wear white clothes <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>
<p>IN CENTRE It's All About Disney</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disney movies & trivia • Disney board games • Disney hide and seek <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disney dress up outfit / costume <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Water Wipe Out</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fights • Old school water slide • Water bombs & pistols <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers / towel <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Dee's Messy Mud Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud play & Messy obstacle • Old school water slide • Surprise boxes <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old clothes or swimmers • Towel <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Multi Media Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your own device named • Gaming stations • Movies • Media dancing & games <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE The Jess Academy</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 + Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Fitness • Drama • Specialised instructor <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>

WEEK 4 SUMMER VACATION CARE JANUARY 2018

FIGTREE HEIGHTS OOSH



Friday 26th January OOSH CLOSED – Australia Day.
Monday 29th January PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 22 nd January	Tuesday 23 rd January	Wednesday 24 th January	Thursday 25 th January	Monday 29 th January
<p>EXCURSION Jamberoo Action Park</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$45 = \$85 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 5pm Duration 8hrs Booked times: 10am - 4pm Address: 1215 Jamberoo Rd, Jamberoo Phone:(02) 42360114</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterslides & Pools <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers / Towel / Rash shirt <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators attending 6</p>	<p>EXCURSION SENIORS GOLD CLASS</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$30=\$70 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing / Returning TBA Duration: 8hrs Booked times: TBA Address: Westfield Miranda 600 Kingsway, Miranda NSW Phone: (02) 9540 5477</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie of choice • Shopping @ Westfield <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping Money <p>Expected attendance 24 Expected educators attending 3</p>	<p>EXCURSION Blaxland Park</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$10 = \$50 Please arrive before 9am</p> <p>Departing 9am / Returning 5pm Duration 8hrs Booked times: 10:30am- 3pm Address: Jamieson St, Sydney 2127 Phone: - 02.97147888</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground fun • Water play <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmers & towel <p>Expected attendance 32 Expected educators attending 5</p>	<p>No Excursion</p>	<p>EXCURSION Hangtime & Revolution</p>  <p>Cost: Daily Fee \$40 + \$30 = \$70 Please arrive before 9.30am</p> <p>Departing 10am / Returning 2pm Duration 4hrs Booked times: 11am -1pm Address: 3/ lot 2 Drummond St, Spring Hill 2500 Phone:(02) 80149017</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour @ Hangtime • 3 games of Laser tag <p>Expected attendance 56 Expected educators attending 7</p>
<p>IN CENTRE OOSH's Movie Day</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movies • Board games • Sport games <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Remote Control Madness</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building car tracks • Car races • Sport games <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote control car (OOSH will also have some on the day) <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE It's All About Sport</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dodge ball • Zombie tag • Soccer • Lots of other sport games <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Dee's 40th Birthday Bash</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumping castle • Dunk tank • Lolly buffet • Cake & Party food • Photo booth <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masquerade mask & costume <p>Expected attendance 60 Expected educators 5</p>	<p>IN CENTRE Getting In The Zone</p>  <p>Cost: Daily fee \$40 Activities Start at 10am</p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga • Meditation • Mindfulness & Relaxation <p>What to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness wear <p>Expected attendance 30 Expected educators 3</p>