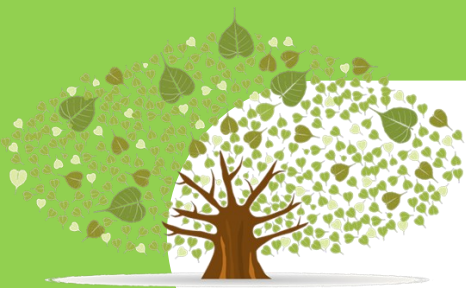


Term 1, Week 7



FLYING FIGTREE

Literacy at Figtree Heights

At Figtree Heights, we have a number of teachers training in L3. L3 is short for Language, Learning and Literacy. L3 is a research-based initiative, targeting text reading, writing and comprehension. It provides early and meticulous instructional opportunities that have positive influences on literacy growth for students. The purpose of the program is to reduce the risk of students not achieving expected literacy levels by the end of Year 2. This not only reduces the number of students requiring additional literacy support in later years, but creates a solid foundation for reading and writing. Our school has been using this pedagogy (way of teaching) since 2011 and we continue to see improvements in our students' literacy levels. Many parents may have heard of students visiting the 'Engine Table', this is where the explicit teaching of literacy skills occurs in small, targeted groups.

Parking Around the School

Parking outside the grounds of FHPS has always been an issue. Countless meetings have taken place with members of local council, parliament and also Roads and Maritimes Services. Unfortunately, we are not any closer to a solution. Of late, you may have noticed parking rangers outside our school. We have been contacted by the RMS and also police, to say this will continue and **finer will be issued**. Please heed this warning and obey the very clear road signs surrounding our school. Not only will your pocket be grateful, more importantly, you will be keeping our students safe.

Cross Country

The annual FHPS cross country carnival is on **Friday March 17** at Figtree High School. Earlier this week, a permission note went home explaining all the details of this event. Please make sure permission notes are sent back to school at your earliest convenience.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Kaide Pratt, Sophie Rasmussen,
Ty Adlington & Joseph Cooper

Term 1	
WEEK 8	
14/3	3/4H, 3/4G, 4/5P, 5/6N and 5/6D Gymnastics
15/3	Choir @ 8am
	School Swimming Assembly @ 9am
	School Banking Launch @ 8:30am
	MUFTI DAY for P&C
15/3	P&C AGM @6:30pm
17/3	Cross Country @ Figtree High School WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT
	Infants Camp Out @ 5pm
	NO CANTEEN TODAY
	NO Dance Troupe TODAY
WEEK 9	
20/3	PSC Leadership Day @ Figtree High
21/3	Harmony Day
	KE, KL, 1/2B, 1/2S and 2/3O Gymnastics
22/3	School Banking Commences
	Choir @ 8am
24/3	CWPSSA Touch Trials @9am
	Dance Troupe @8am
WEEK 10	
28/3	Illawarra Sports High Trials
	KE, KL, 1/2B, 1/2S and 2/3O Gymnastics
29/3	Student Citizenship Team Assembly @ 9am
	Choir @ 8am
31/3	Dance Troupe @ 8am
Week 11	
3/4	KE, KL, 1/2B, 1/2S and 2/3O Gymnastics
4/4	KE, KL, 1/2B, 1/2S and 2/3O Gymnastics
5/4	Choir @ 8am
6/4	Stage 2 at Killalea Excursion
7/4	Dance Troupe @ 8am
7/4	Easter Hat Parade @10am

Reminder Messages:

- The 2017 P&C AGM will be held on **March 15 at 6:30pm.**
- Our 2017 Swimming Champion Assembly is also on **Wednesday March 15 @ 9am.**
- FHPS Cross Country is on **March 17** at Figtree High School @9am
- Student Leadership Teams assembly **March 29.**
- Easter Hat Parade **April 7.**

Student Muffy Day next Wednesday 15th March – P&C AGM!

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Head Lice

Every school has students with head lice throughout the year and it can be extremely frustrating for parents and teachers. Especially if you are continually treating the hair, linen and accessories but getting nowhere. Of late we have had several reported cases of head lice and frustrated parents are wanting to break this cycle. If you are frustrated and can not break this cycle there is help! There is a wonderful little salon in Wollongong that will do all the hard work for you. This salon is called **Ziggetty Snipits** and they specialise not only in haircuts for children, but more importantly **eliminating head lice**. If you would like more information on this salon, please call 42 280048.



Value of the Month

Each month we will be focusing on a school value. Within that month we will have specific focus areas relating to that particular value. Next week we will be focussing on:



Have a wonderful weekend.

*Warm regards
Skye Hayward*

CONGRATULATIONS To our South Coast Swimmers!

Riley B placed 5th in backstroke, 10th in freestyle and our boys relay team placed first in their heat and 9th overall. Well done boys! That is a champion effort.

A special shout out to **Samuel Buffett** who went to cheer his team mates on. Samuel unfortunately had to withdraw from the relay team due to illness, however, cheered loudly and supported passionately nonetheless. Great work, Sam!

A big thank you to **Mr Nielsen**. Central Wollongong team manger is a big job, thank you for all your efforts leading up to and at this carnival.



Exciting News

We Want Your Creativity!

Beginning next term, we are going to have some exciting tokens for each of our school values. These will be given out frequently by teachers on playground duty when they see students displaying our school values.

These tokens will be kept in the classroom in a class box, which will be monitored by the class SRC representatives. Each week, we will tally the tokens in the school and work towards specific whole school rewards like extra playtime and fun whole school opportunities.

We would love students to design a token for any of the six values. The SRC and teachers will then select the winning token for each value and it will be published, ready for next term.

Entries for this competition are due to Miss Corcoran no later than Friday 24th March (Week 9).



Community News

Canteen Roster

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

Monday	Simone Pratt & Margaret Burnes
Wednesday	Atared Latif, Sonia Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Friday	Belinda Monkman & Rebecca Walshe-Smith

CANTEEN CLOSED 17th March, 2017

What is Due and When?

Please note: S/S= selected students only

What	When
Infant Camp Out	OVERDUE
Maths Mental Book S/S	OVERDUE
School Magazine S/S	OVERDUE
Gymnastics	OVERDUE
Online Maths Resource	OVERDUE
Diary S/S	OVERDUE

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BERKELEY NETBALL CLUB

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Bookclub Issue 2 closes Sunday 26th February 2017.

Scholastic Bookclub Changes

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 0412 469 343.

Easter Hat Parade

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It is that time of year again Easter, and we are celebrating with our annual Easter Hat Parade.

When: Friday April 7

Time: 10:00 am

Where: COLA



The parade will start at 10:00 am and each class will have a chance to display their hats to everyone.

There will be Easter raffles throughout the morning and even some class prizes.



REDUCE, REUSE &

RECYCLE



Students this year will be creating their masterpieces at home. They are encouraged to use recyclable items such as: egg cartons, milk bottles, cardboard boxes etc (anything that is recyclable and could be used to make an Easter hat.)

WE HOPE TO SEE PARENTS & LOVED ONES

AT THE PARADE!

Dance News

SOUTHERN STARS 2017



We are very excited to provide students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to take part in **Dance** at this year's Southern Stars performances.

All interested students should have received an expression of interest note today, however if they missed out, please see Mrs Jackson on Monday to get a note.

We are limited to the number of students who can participate, so please have notes returned to the office by Friday 10th March.

Show dates this year will be Friday 25th August and Saturday 26th August.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Southern Stars experience in 2017!

Mrs Linda Jackson and Miss Vanessa Heyes
2017 Southern Stars Coordinators

P & C Association

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



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Committed to Public Education

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

6.30PM IN THE HIVE

FREE 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

The 2017 Annual General Meeting pack can be viewed on the bottom of the FHPS P&C website

www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/fhps-p-c/p-c

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P & C Association

INVITATION

On behalf of the Parents & Citizens Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all families of Figtree Heights Public School community to attend the 2017 AGM to be held on Wednesday 15th March 2017.

At Figtree Heights Public School there is a drive to ensure the best outcomes for all of our students as we all strive for heights of excellence. This can only be achieved where you have a working partnership of passionate, enthusiastic teaching and administration staff, direct involvement by parents in assisting teachers and staff which is complemented by a proactive and supportive parent body.

The Parents & Citizens Association is a group of parents and local members who come together to represent the community and initiate various social events and fundraising activities as well as operating and managing the school's OOSH, Canteen and Uniform Shop.

The objects of a P&C Association are to; promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation; assist in providing equipment required by the school; advocate for the requirements of the school; assist the teaching staff in establishment of school policy and management in all facets of school activity.

If you are not currently a member I would like to encourage you to consider becoming involved with the P & C in 2017 and invite you to attend the AGM on the 15th March 2017 at 6.30pm in The Hive. This provides a rewarding opportunity for you to become involved in your child's education and development, actively participate as a member of the school community and meet other parents.

Available now on the school website is important information relating to the 2017 AGM including a nomination form for all P&C Office Bearers and Subcommittee positions which will become vacant at the meeting. For more information please see the school office or email mybandc@gmail.com

On behalf of the P & C, I look forward to your support at the 2017 Figtree Heights Public School AGM.



Stuart Wilkinson
P&C President



VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL 2017

Each year, the Figtree Heights P&C call for a voluntary contribution from all families attending our wonderful school.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?

Voluntary contributions are a way to enhance the school's educational, sporting and creative programs.

These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of our students.




Support your
school from as
little as \$60
per family!

This VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION will assist our children, the students of Figtree Heights, in their education, going directly towards literacy and numeracy resources.

If each family contributes \$60 per family, then the projected total would be **\$9780**. Can you give more? Of course!

In 2017, our goal is to reach \$6000. In 2016 our voluntary contribution only reached \$3521. This year we can get much closer to our goal.

HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE?

- CASH**  Place in an envelope, label with family name & amount and send to office.
- CHEQUE**  Make cheque out to Figtree Heights Public School and place in envelope labelled with name and 'Voluntary Contribution'
- POP**  Make a secured payment via the school website: www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Select *\$Make a Payment* and fill in the form ensuring you tick *Voluntary School Contributions*

THANKYOU

Together we are paving the way for our leaders.

Questions? Please contact the school office on: (02) 4228 6770



CHLOE'S Family Fun Day

26th March 2017

1pm - 5 pm

Wiseman Park Bowling Club
Bare foot Bowls afternoon

Single Adult \$35 • **Single Child** \$20

Family (2 Adult and 3 children) \$100 • **Corporate** 4 Adults \$125

Ticket includes: | **Adult:** Bowls/drink voucher /sausage sizzle
| **Child:** Bowls/sausage sizzle/ lolly bag

Purchase Tickets: www.trybooking.com



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