

Term 1, Week 3



Flying Figtree

Important and Useful Information

To keep up to date with what is happening in and around our school, please do the following:

- ⇒ Like our school **Facebook** page—this will alert you when we send out reminders or add photos.
- ⇒ **Download the school app**
To download this app go to the app store on iTunes (Google Play for Android) search for Figtree Heights and simply download.
 - * **User name:** community
 - * **Password:** figtreehtsps
 - * **PLEASE NOTE:** You will need to update the app (when available) to ensure all information is received and set your phone to allow for notifications in the control settings on your phone
- ⇒ Set up **Google Calender** and provide the school with your email address. We can then share our calendar with you to keep you updated on all school events.



2018 Term 1	
Week 3	
Mon 12/2	Parent Info Nights Stage 1 @ 5:30pm Stage 2 @ 5pm Stage 3 @ 4:30pm
Tues 13/2	FHPS Leadership and Citizenship Team forms DUE
Week 4	
Tues 20/2	Leadership and Citizenship Team Applications DUE
Wed 21/2	P&C Meeting @ 6.30
Thurs 22/2	District Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
Thurs 1/3	GOT Game Tennis begins
Week 6	
Thurs 8/3	GOT Game Tennis continues
Sat 10/3	FHPS FETE
Week 7	
Mon 12/3	National Young Leaders Day in Sydney
Wed 14/3	Regional Swimming Championships
Thurs 15/3	Selective High School Test

Please keep an eye on this calendar—as more dates are made available we will be adding to this calendar.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Chelsea Jones, Lily Brett, Alyssa Srbinovski
& Hendrix Brain-Bowen

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Congratulations to our Swimmers

If you had the pleasure of attending the annual swimming carnival at Unanderra Pool last Friday, you would have been in awe of the team spirit and encouragement clearly evident. Parents, students, teachers and loved ones were all on board cheering and encouraging all students as they made the nervous leap into the pool. It was a wonderful event to be part of.

Congratulations to all students who participated and a special congratulations to those students who will be representing our school at the Central Wollongong District Swimming Carnival on **Thursday February 22**, again at Unanderra Pool. Mr Nielsen is busy calculating results and will inform the Figtree Heights Swimming Team as soon as we can finalise events.

This carnival would not have been anywhere as successful if it wasn't for our organiser, Mr Nikolaj Nielsen and our team of parent and teacher helpers. The Swimming Carnival required a great deal of behind the scenes work and if you were there, you would have noticed how seamless the event ran. Thank you Mr Nielsen, for your countless hours and effort in making this such a wonderful event. We would not have been able to run this carnival without our volunteering parents and loved ones. We cannot thank you enough for the support you give the school and your willingness to give up your free time to ensure events like this can run. A special mention to our lifesaver on the day **Mr Brett Parry**, who not only ensured our swimmers were safe, but went out of his way to guide, encourage and support those less confident swimmers in their events.

Parent Information Sessions

This evening we have the start of our Parent Information Evenings. Although, we appreciate that many families have attended these in the past, we still urge parents to attend these sessions. Our curriculum is constantly changing and so is the way we facilitate learning in the classroom. Gone are the days of textbooks and chalk and talk methods. In 2018, our lessons are differentiated to individual needs and students are encouraged to push the boundaries of their learning using digital technologies, critical and creative thinking tools as well as inquiry. Teachers will guide you through their expectations and assist parents connect using social media platforms to ensure you are always in the loop. It is a great opportunity to meet the new faces of the parent community and ask any questions directly to the teacher. We thank you for the commitment to your child's education. Please see the front of this newsletter for your Parent Information Session times.

School Choir

Accompanying today's newsletter, for students who have expressed interest, is a note with information on the structure of the 2018 School Choir. If your child has not expressed interest, but you would like them to be involved, please see the front office for more information. Choir rehearsal in 2018 will be on a Thursday, during lunchtime.

P&C Meeting

Next Wednesday, February 21 we will be hosting our first P&C Meeting for the year. We really want to start the year with a bang and would love to see new faces join our team. One of the items on the agenda is the opportunity to further collaborate and consult on the new 2018-2020 school plan. Community input on this plan is essential and we welcome the opportunity to continue to work side by side for our students future.

Enjoy the week! Warm Regards,

Skye Seymour

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
District Swimming Carnival (S/S)	ASAP
National Young Leaders Day (S/S)	ASAP
Leadership and Citizenship Team applications (S/S)	20/2

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!**

Monday	Wendy Coppola
Wednesday	Julie Jones & Brooke Bridge
Friday	Casey Fisher & Sonya DeBruyn



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**.

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.

Bookclub Issue 1 closes Sunday 18th February 2018.

Introducing
SCHOLASTIC
Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



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.





Canteen Menu 2018

Snacks	
● Cheese Triangles (1/2 slice)	\$0.30
● Fun buns	\$1.50
● Assorted Muffins	\$1.50
● Pretzals	\$1.00
● Vegechips (GF)	\$1.00
● Smith's chips: Salt & Vinegar or plain (GF)	\$1.50
● Grainwaves: Sour cream & chives	\$1.50
● Red Rock Deli Chips: honey soy or sea salt	\$1.50
● Rice Wheels: Chicken, Cheese, BBQ or plain	\$1.50
● Corn Cobette	\$0.50

Frozen Fruit	
● Frozen Orange Wedges	\$0.10
● Frozen Watermelon	\$0.30
● Frozen Banana Choc-Pops	\$0.50



If you need a lunch bag just send your order in an envelope and add 30c OR ORDER ONLINE!

Drinks	
● Bottled Water	\$0.80
● Big M Flavoured Milk: Strawberry, choc	\$1.20
● 100% Juice: Orange, Apple Blackcurrant	\$1.20
● LOL/Juice Bomb: Flavoured mineral water: various flavours	\$2.00

Frozen Treats	
● Frozen fruit cups (GF)	\$0.80
● Mony	\$1.00
● Frozen Yoghurt (GF)	\$2.00
● Vanilla Ice cream (GF)	\$1.50
● Quelch fruit Stick (GF)	\$0.50
● Juicie Tube (GF)	\$1.00

Items will be prepared as described. No changes or substitutions will be accepted. Please do not place our volunteers in a difficult position by requesting.

Meals/Hot Food	
● Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.00
● Beef Lasagne	\$4.00
● Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.00
● Beef Pie	\$3.00
● Sausage Roll	\$3.00
● Chicken Fingers	\$3.00
● Chicken Finger wrap w mayo & salad*	\$4.00
● Fried Rice (V, GF)	\$4.00
● Potato Bake	\$4.00
● Chicken Burger W lettuce and Mayo	\$4.00
● Garlic Bread	\$1.50
● Corn Cobette	\$0.50
● Sauce Portion	\$0.20

* Salad consists of Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber and Carrot

Sandwiches/Wraps	
All sandwiches are served on wholemeal bread unless white bread is specified. Wraps(+50c) and Gluten free bread (+50c) also available.	
● Vegemite	\$1.20
● Cheese	\$1.30
● Cheese & Vegemite	\$1.50
● Cheese & tomato	\$1.50
● Cheese & salad	\$2.00
● Ham	\$2.00
● Ham, cheese and Tomato	\$2.30
● Ham, cheese & Salad *	\$2.50
● Side Salad	\$1.50
● Any sandwich or wrap toasted	\$0.50

* Salad consists of Lettuce, Tomato, cucumber and carrot





School Banking is on Tuesday!

Figtree Heights PS will be taking part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program again this year. It's a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

It's time kids learnt that Mum and Dad are not the bank! Does your child always want? Do they understand how much things cost? Do they think there is an endless supply of cash from the machine in the wall? The School Banking program offers you a platform to start teaching your child the value of money and the benefits of saving.

Our Saving Tips to discuss with your child:

Discuss what saving into the bank means. A bank account is somewhere safe to keep your money, the money remains yours and the more money you put in the more money you have.

How do you earn money? A great way to start your child's venture into earning money is doing chores around the house to earn pocket money. Set expectations and what they have the potential to earn. Set a goal, work out together something your child would really like to save for, starting out with smaller and achievable items works best. Discuss how much money they will need to save to reach this goal.

Once your child has reached the goal, research through catalogues or online as to where they will get the best value for their money.

Watch your child's sense of pride as you take them to purchase the item that they have worked and saved for!

We realise that many parents already have an account for their child and are actively saving for their child's future. Most of the time this is done through electronic banking and your child doesn't get to see and handle the benefit first hand. This program is once again about your child learning the process of saving and handling the cash themselves. Participating in School Banking gives your child the opportunity to do this on a weekly basis.

Earning fun rewards

Every 10 deposits through the School Banking program, **regardless of how much**, they can receive a Dollarmites reward items. Such as handballs, scratch pad, slushie maker cup and many more items.

What you need to know

School Banking Day will be **Tuesday**.

Your child will need a Commonwealth Bank **Youthsaver** account. There are several options on how to open an account. You can attend any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child's birth certificate, apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, or if you're an existing Commonwealth Bank customer you can log on to your Commbank app. **Existing accounts can be used just simply bring the account number in on banking day.**

Banking Day

Simply bring in your yellow wallet and deposit book on Tuesday mornings. Drop it into the yellow bin in the office foyer before the bell. It will be collected and processed and the wallet will be returned once banking has been processed via your school teacher.

2018 Information & Open Night

Date: Monday 26th February 2018
Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Location: ISHS Hall, Gura St Berkeley

The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports Program; including the Sydney FC Football Program.

Information for students in years 5 to 10.

Register your interest with the front office by calling 42711099 or by emailing Illawaspor-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au



Fun Languages  

The **FUN** way to learn another language!

REMINDER

ITALIAN classes will resume in Term 1 on Tuesday 13th February, sufficient student numbers pending. Classes run in the mornings from 8:00-8:45am in the Demountable Classroom. New students welcome at any stage.

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WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS



Expo Evening

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Year 6 Parents and Students are invited to attend WHSPA's Expo Evening

There will be 2 sessions:
5pm and 6.30pm.

Bookings essential
www.trybooking.com/UAPK

- Nationally recognised and award winning Performing Arts Programs specialising in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts.
- Outstanding HSC results with a high percentage of the cohort entering into Tertiary study.
- Professional opportunities offered to students through partnerships with AIPA, BaiMed, Walk Different and other industries.
- Extensive co-curricular programs in the Performing Arts and Sport where students are recognised at State and National levels.
- Leadership opportunities through SRC, Sports Committee, Entertainment Crew, Peer Support and Duke of Ed.
- An extensive curriculum which caters for diverse student needs including Gifted and Talented extension programs.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMING ARTS