

Term 4, Week 5



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Week 5	
12-16 Nov	Year 2 Swim Scheme
Wed 14/11	School Captain Speeches @12:30pm in the hall
Thurs 15/11	Kindergarten Orientation - Session 2 @9:15-10:15am
	Choir @11am
Fri 16/11	FIGGY HEIGHTS—BANGERS & BINGO NIGHT @5:30PM
	Dance Troupe @8am
	Stage 2 and 3 PSSA Sport @9am
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm
Week 6	
Wed 21/11	Dance Troupe and Choir excursion @1pm
Thurs 22/11	Stage 2 Camp to Stanwell Tops
	Kindergarten Orientation - Session 3 @9:15-10:15am
	Choir @11am
Fri 23/11	Stage 2 Camp to Stanwell Tops
	Dance Troupe @8am
	Stage 3 PSSA Sport @9am
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm
Week 7	
Tue 27/11	3-6 Enrichment Science Fair @2pm
	School Self Evaluation Team Meeting @3:30pm
Wed 28/11	UoW Science Fair
Thur 29/11	Choir @11am
	Stage 1 & Enrichment Incursion with Taronga Zoo
Fri 9/11	Stage 2 & Stage 3 PSSA Gala Day
	Dance Troupe @8am
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm

Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar student:

Callum Hill

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Odette Krizsan, Audrey Lonsdale
and Carter O'Connor

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Violet Brain-Bowen, Annabel Wouters, Ella Evans,
Genevieve Harvey, Ryah Hayward, Carter O'Connor,
Imogene Anderson, Zoe Brain, Brooke Baird,
Nate Hosking, Jye Kiley and Ava Rasmussen

Congratulations to the following

Emerald

Superstar students:

Ava Geralaxis and Marguerite Harvey

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
Friday November 16th assembly at 2:45pm**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Brody Jordan, Nathanael Burns,
Marguerite Harvey, Sam Batchelor,
William Burns and Alysha Telenta



Dear Parents and Carers,

School Captain Speeches

Our 2019 School Captain speeches are on this coming Wednesday, November 14 at 12:30pm in the school hall. All parents and loved ones are welcome to attend. All eleven nominees who present their speeches on Wednesday will form our 2019 Leadership Team. All the best to all our nominees!

School Self Evaluation

Recently a note went home requesting parents to provide feedback to the school in our 2018 School Self Evaluation (SSE). So far we have had a healthy response (possibly to do with the ice block initiative) but we would like more. The more responses we have the better. The SSE is an essential part of our planning and evaluation cycle; ensuring we are not only being reflective but we are using data to drive decisions in our school. The responses from this SSE will be published in the 2018 Annual Report, available in April next year. I urge all parents and carers to take part in this SSE! During the next week we will have iPads out at the end of the day to help parents access this survey. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Gold Afternoon Tea

The first of the 2018 *Gold Award Afternoon Teas* will begin next week. They will be held at recess in the front garden area (weather permitting) for all students who have received their Gold Award this year. There will be a staggered approach to the invitations as I will be holding a more intimate afternoon tea. This is to ensure there are not too many students at once. Students will receive an invitation to their specific afternoon tea. If they do not receive an invite, it will mean they are attending another afternoon tea. There will be a range of snacks at these afternoon teas and food allergies will be catered for.

Twilight Night

FHPS will once again be hosting a Twilight Evening to round out the year and to give all students the opportunity to showcase a performance for their loved ones. We will again be organising a few food vendors to help make the evening a family fun night. The Twilight Evening will be held on **Tuesday December 18 at 4pm**. Please save the date!

Presentation Day

This year we will be hosting our school Presentation Day here at school. It won't quite be in the finished environment that we anticipated, however we are very excited to be able to hold this event on school grounds for the first time in four years. The school presentation day is on **Wednesday December 12, 2018 at 9am**. A phone call will be made to families for students who will be receiving an award, however we will not state what the award is for, we like to keep that part a surprise. If you are attending the Presentation Day please ensure you RSVP to the front office.

Planning for 2019

Planning for 2019 is well on the way and we are looking at a number of different scenarios. Currently we look like having ten classes, but we are yet to finalise the structure. Our executive team are looking at a number of scenarios to ensure we find the best fit for our school. Temporary teaching contracts are being sorted at the moment and we are looking at welcoming a few new faces into our fold. Planning for staffing, classing and school organisation is always an intricate process and one which we take very seriously. Decisions will not be finalised until we get the green light from HR head office.

Camp Quality Convoy

In exciting news, our school logo will be a star feature on the Camp Quality Convoy People's Truck in 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their support in donating the funds to this cause which is dear to our hearts. We can't wait to see our school logo on this truck showing our school community's support of such a worthy cause.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—Canteen CLOSED Today

Unfortunately, due to an unexpected issue, the canteen was not open today. All students who had an order were provided lunch, albeit different to what they had ordered. Students who ordered online will have their orders **transferred to Wednesday** and those who put orders in at school have had their money and orders returned to them today. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

A friendly reminder of how important it is to attend school every day.



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 1 ½ 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 week!

Warm regards,

Skye Seymour

Principal

Week 5 Learning Disposition Focus:

Responsibility



Critical thinking

Accountability

Open-mindedness

Ethical Aspects of Learning

Responsibility

Thinking about how my actions impact on me and on others



Accountability - I understand that my choices and actions impact on the people around me. I am willing to stand up for what I think is right. I recognise that the choices of others can impact positively or negatively upon the people around me. I feel a sense of responsibility to the people and the world around me. I am willing to commit to trialling new things.

Open-mindedness - I am open to new ideas, beliefs and options. I am considerate and respectful when learning about other people, cultures and perspectives. I think about my own views on issues and think about the implication of thinking this way. I am interested in other people and their perspectives. I am not easily upset by opinions that differ from my own.

Critical Thinking - I look for the whole picture and evidence before believing something. I actively scrutinise my own position on things. I rely on reasons not emotions. I am okay about feeling confused whilst searching for more information that will provide me with a more complete picture. I recognise that my own knowledge and experiences may bias my judgement, but I remain open to new perspectives.

Week 5 Learning Habit Focus:

OPEN-MINDEDNESS

Student Stars

On Sunday Imogene and Bennett Anderson attended the Dapto Little Athletics Carnival.



Imogene achieved 1st place in 700m walk, 800m, 400m, 60m hurdles and U10 High Jump (up one age group); and 2nd place in Discus.



Bennett (competing in his very first competition) achieved 1st place in 700m, 200m, 60m hurdles and shot put; 2nd place in 100m and 4th in Long Jump.

Almost all results were Personal Bests!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

The Figtree Heights students gathered on Friday 8th September for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, to pay respect to the Australian and Aboriginal soldiers who fought for our country. Thank you to all the families who bought in flowers for the class bouquets that were placed at the base of the Australian and Aboriginal flags during the ceremony, it added a beautiful touch. Also a special thank you to Nathanael Burns for doing a wonderful job of playing both the Last Post and the Reveille during the ceremony.



MYSTERIOUS METEORITE?

A mysteriously large, rock like substance was discovered in our school this morning!

Figtree Heights has had a lot of strange things happen lately, ever since poor Humpty Dumpty had his fall. Now it seems that while we were away on school holidays, something has crash landed onto our basketball court and it's rolled all the way under our new Cola.

Is it a meteorite? Did coal fall out of Santa's sleigh? Are aliens involved? Or something else? Who can solve this mystery?



Write a text about this situation in class this week and your teacher will pick 2 texts to be published in the newsletter.

We can't wait to read your ideas and theories as to why these mysterious things keep happening to Figtree Heights.

The Meteorite

It was a dark and stormy night at Figtree Heights Public School. The vicious wind blew wildly in every direction. The huge trees shook, branches and mint green leaves tore off the trees one by one. Friendly, little animals and insects desperately searched for a place to hide from the growing storm. Everyone knew that Figtree Heights was a happy, peaceful school. Except that night, something big was about to happen.

A gigantic ball of fire soared rapidly through the cloudy night sky, heading straight for Figtree Heights new undercover area. The blazing hot ball of fire was falling so fast, that it would crash in just a few short seconds. The storm continued as the fiery meteorite came closer and closer to the pebbled ground.

"BANG!" a deafening sound spread everywhere as the meteorite crashed into the rock hard ground. Luckily, there had been no damage to the undercover area, but a devastating massive hole had been created by the helicopter sized meteorite. The fire had died out by the time it had reached the ground, but it would burn your finger off just by poking at it. The meteorite sizzled through the rest of the dark and stormy night, surely by the next morning someone would notice. It's impossible not to notice.

The next day the bright sun shone and the children crowded around the gigantic hole with the large meteorite in it. They gasped and talked to one another excitedly as the police arrived. Now this is where I come in along with the police, Investigator Alise. I pushed through the crowded children to get a better view of what I was investigating. My teeth started to chatter and small goose bumps started to spread all over from the cold breeze. Once I got a glimpse of the meteorite, straight away I knew this would be a tough one to solve. My heart skipped a beat and my brain got crowded with millions of thoughts. Where did this meteorite come from? Was one of the questions I asked over and over again. I can tell you now that after a lot of hard work, I have supposedly found the answer.

If my calculations are correct, at exactly 8 pm a huge meteorite blast from outer space towards earth. But this is no ordinary meteorite, this is different. I've done some tests and came up with the possible explanation, it came from a different galaxy. I don't know which galaxy it was from and I don't know how it kept going thousands of light years away, but it managed to make it to earth. I have this feeling that it will happen again, a meteorite from the same destination will hit earth thousands of years after this one. People think I'm crazy, because I don't have any evidence. But I don't need evidence. I have never been wrong about trusting my instincts, and I never will be.

By Alise Kerr

The Meteorite

"CRASH, BANG, THUD!" I peer out of my classroom window wondering what had just made such a racket. What?! I wonder curiously, could this be?! I couldn't believe my eyes! "A METEOR!?" I shout with such excitement. I scurry out of the classroom, hurrying down the stairs and skid along the pebbles. I honestly couldn't believe that an item right in front of me had come all the way from SPACE! "OH MY GOSH!" one voice shouted as I came down the stairs "it can't be real, can it!?" exclaimed another. As Miss Davies came rushing down the stairs and told all of us to scatter, her jaw dropped to the floor in disbelief. "Could it be, it has to be!" She mutters "be what!?" we ask in unison but there is no response. Miss Davies shook her head.

"Alise, go get Ms Seymour!" Miss Davies exclaims as she wonders if it was real. As Alise rushes to go get Ms Seymour, voices start surrounding us "you must go, it's not safe here!" the mysterious voice says to us. As we stare at Miss Davies smoke starts rushing out of her ears, "NO, IT HAS STRUCK YET AGAIN!" She shouts. Whilst we are scratching our heads wondering what she was going on a rant about Alise and Ms Seymour turn up. "Good morning 5/6D, how are you today?" Ms Seymour asks however none of us respond. "LOOK! OVER THERE!" Carter shouts as he points towards the meteor.

As Ms Seymour glances over at the meteor her face turns into complete shock, she clearly can't believe what she was seeing before her eyes. "Is this real?!" she questions in shock, "no one knows why or how it got here!" Kaden exclaims. Miss Davies looks down in misery, "is there anything you would like to say?!" Toby asked expecting an answer. "You can feel the awkwardness and tension in the air," Ava whispers to Riley A. An eerie sound appears from above, "IT LOOKS LIKE AN UFO!" Conner shouts, all of our beady eyes look up to see what it was and with greatest shock it was a UFO!

"Oh no, it's happened!" Miss Davies says, we all look at her wondering what she means. "What are you talking about!?" Ms Seymour asks and finally Miss Davies decides to tell us why she is so worried and panicked. "When I went to this school," she began to speak "all was happy and well, until one day this exact UFO appeared in this same spot!" she continues with cracks in between every word, this made the conversation even more difficult to listen and understand. "It had selected me to take to space, however I said that I would give it my first class I taught and that ended up being you guys!" She

exclaimed. We feel sorry for her as she was most likely about to lose one of us, however we could also feel that she has a tough choice to make.

"Your time is running out!" The voice says from above. Miss Davies palms are sweating and heart is pounding so hard you can see it. "Go, take them back to my classroom!" Miss Davies shouts. Whilst we are walking back to class we hear a massive 'THUD'. We all look back at what has happened. 'BANG, POW, SMASH!' Miss Davies has taken out the UFO, however we don't have long before it comes back. Miss Davies kicks it as hard as she can and with our luck it did that UFO for once and for all. "MISS DAVIES, MISS DAVIES!" We chant in such excitement. "I am not done with you yet!" The voice forms from the UFO, however we try not to worry about it as long as we have our hero, the amazing, talented Miss Davies.

By Yolanda

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
Stage 2 Camp	9/11/18
Year 6 Graduation Items	16/11/18
Year 6 Jamberoo Action Park	21/11/18
Term 1, 2, 3 & 4 Online 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!

Wednesday 14/11	Julie Jones & Brooke Bridge
Friday 16/11	Sonya DeBruyn
Monday 19/11	Simone Pratt

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60 Rosemount St
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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**.

Contact Us

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BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8 closes Sunday 25th November

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.



Figgy Heights Fathers
are holding the
'BANGERS & BINGO' night
this Friday, 16th November
Starting from 5:30pm with a BBQ
and Bingo from 6:30pm

Numbers have already been finalised.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

URGENT

Selective High Schools and Opportunity Classes

Below is the link for selective high school and opportunity classes. The closing date for these applications are due today Monday 12 November 2018:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



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P & C and OOSH presents



BREAKFAST **& photo with Santa** **Saturday 1 Dec 2018**

Santa arrives at 8am on a Fire Truck!

Pre-order your
breakfast & photo to
guarantee your spot!

Limited spots available!

Professional Santa Photos
(Westfield Quality)

Face Painting
Colouring Competition

Christmas trees & Gingerbread
houses are only available

through pre-order!*

*Before Friday 16th Nov

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

All payments are to be made to the school office
with order forms completed.