

Term 4, Week 6



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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
	Gold Afternoon Tea
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	Years 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 30/11	Stage 2 & Stage 3 PSSA Gala Day
	Dance Troupe @8am
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm
Week 8	
3-5 Dec	Illawarra Hawks visit
Mon 3/12	Ghana Beat My Drum performance @2pm
Tue 4/12	Year 7 Figtree High School Transition Day
Wed 5/12	P&C MEETING
Thurs	Choir @11am
Fri 16/11	Dance Troupe @8am
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm

Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Savanna Bennis, Isabel Burnes, Kobi Hayward and Rowen Halshaw

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Charlotte Manning, Sophie Thackray, Harry Placek, Silas Newton, Taylor Mulhere, Ben Parry, Oliver Zhau, Levi Steffen, Destiny Strat, Liam Hayes, Ethan Humphrey, Jacob Hosking, Amelia Elphick, Pearce Anagnostopoulos, Andre Dzeperoski, William Burns, Jade Pacey, Eva Bonacina and Sophie Rasmussen

Congratulations to the following

Emerald

Superstar students:

Maddie Clarke, Marli Demertzis, Samarah Gibson, Owen Manning, Aiden Meagher, William Humphrey, Nathanael Burns, Elliot Rainford and Isaac Vasic

Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the Friday November 23rd assembly at 2:45pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Roby Russell, Poppy Tomczynski, Ryan Bush and Shakayla Mikhail



Dear Parents and Carers,

Figtree Heights Public School 2019 School Captains

Last Wednesday, all eleven students in our 2019 Leadership Team presented their school captain speech to a full house of peers and loved ones. Public speaking can be nerve wracking but not one student was overcome with nerves and all students presented their speeches with passion and poise. Congratulations to all captain nominees, you should be proud of your achievement and taking on the responsibility of school leaders in 2019. A special congratulations to our elected School Captains **Carter O'Connor** and **Chloe Wilkinson**, and our Vice Captains **Jye Kiley** and **Ebony Pascoe**. Our school is in great hands next year and I can't wait to see you grow and develop as leaders.



Gold Afternoon Tea

The first of the 2018 *Gold Award Afternoon Teas* was held today. It was a great start and all students enjoyed celebrating their Gold award with the picnic in the front garden. As mentioned last week, 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.

School Self Evaluation

A reminder, we are still looking for more parents to fill out our School Self Evaluation surveys. The self-evaluation 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. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Traffic around our School

The traffic on St George Avenue has been an ongoing issue for families and residents for many years. We have tried on numerous occasions to address this issue with Wollongong City Council as well as Roads and Maritime, however we have not made any significant progress. Nevertheless, it is still on our radar and Stuart Wilkinson, on behalf of the P&C, has again raised this issue with council. Hopefully we will have some movement with our wishes to make the road a safer place for our students and families soon. Until then, please make sure you are obeying the signs and adhering to the parking restrictions as council rangers are patrolling the area regularly.

Bangers and Bingo Night

WOW! What a night! From the outset, the night looked like it was going to be a roaring success as more and more fathers, grandfathers, mums, sisters, brothers, aunties and uncles filled the COLA. The sausages were a hit and by the time bingo was ready to start the hall was jam packed. A big thank you, to Mr Nik Nielsen and our group of Champion Dads who went above and beyond to make this event possible. From the set up, cooking sausages, finding prizes and sponsorship to advertising the event and encouraging loved ones to come, it could not have been better. The atmosphere was electric and every single person had a big smile on their face. A special mention to Mr Nielsen, for his continuing passion for the Fathering Project and ensuring events such as this, are a success at Figtree Heights Public School.



Have a wonderful week!
Warm regards,

Skye Seymour

Principal

Week 6 Learning Disposition Focus:

Reciprocity



Empathy Effective listening Social intelligence Imitating

Social Aspects of Learning

Reciprocity

Using the benefits of social capital to build my capacity as a learner.



Social Intelligence - I know when to learn alone and when to ask others for advice. I know how much and what kinds of interaction it takes to get the job done. I can see that there are some things that cannot be done with others. I know when to call for backup, when to ask others for advice and when to harness the power of the group.

Listening - I show that I am actively listening by my eye contact and my body language. I can recall important parts of what I have heard and can repeat information back to others. I respond appropriately to questions asked about what I have learned.

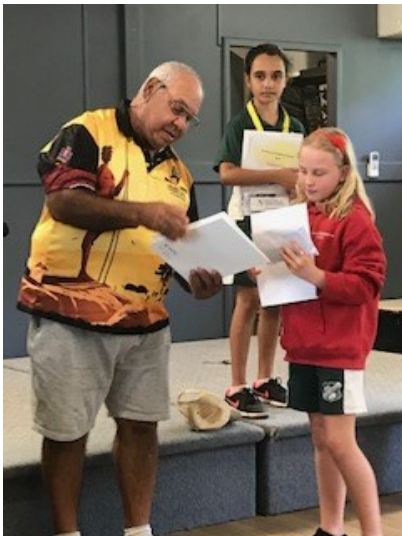
Empathy - I pay attention to other people's ideas, feelings and thoughts. I can sense the feelings and thoughts behind people's actions and words and respond accordingly. I think about what it might feel like to be in another person's shoes.

Imitation - I notice detail about how others approach/learn things and use this to accelerate my own learning. I can improve my skills and absorb ideas, strategies and thinking patterns by observing other people and trying to do these things myself.

Week 6 Learning Habit Focus: Effective Listening

Student Star Files

Congratulations to Myah Ellem and Kyarna Roberts who were both recipients of 2019 Northern Illawarra Deadly Encouragement Awards. These awards encourage Indigenous students who consistently apply effort in all areas of their schooling. Myah and Kyarna felt privileged to have Uncle Richard present their awards at a special ceremony at school.



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 Big Meteor by Elliot Jackson



It was a magnificent Monday at F.H.S. A group of ~~children~~ ^{scientists} were watching a meteor shower ~~somebody~~ ^{somebody} somewhere up in space. ~~an alien~~ ^{idea} got a brilliant idea in his head. His ~~idea~~ ^{idea} was to take a part of his ~~planet~~ ^{planet} down to ~~earth~~ ^{earth} to take over the world and that was a good plan. Let's do it. ~~OK~~ ^{OK}. 1 hour later they were pushing the meteor off the planet. ~~on the~~ ^{on the} opposite side of the planet. ~~Planet~~ ^{Planet} there was a spaceship. It ~~was~~ ^{was} getting out of the space ship and ~~at~~ ^{at} someone ~~was~~ ^{was} there. ~~so~~ ^{so} it ~~came~~ ^{came} but the aliens were there. ~~so~~ ^{so} it ~~came~~ ^{came} some ~~place~~ ^{place} off the ~~space~~ ^{space} ship. Then ~~at~~ ^{at} the ~~met~~ ^{met} ~~hour~~ ^{hour} of 2 hours later... it ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~there~~ ^{there} in the F.H.S. Then there it lay. ~~the~~ ^{the} Monday morning ~~to~~ ^{to} be looked at. The end.

Elliot Jackson

by Bennett Anderson



Astro Creep

I came to school after the school holidays and found a meteor. I wonder where it came from?

Then silly aliens came looking for it. They were looking for the meteor. I mess. He tried to open it with a mallet, it did not work. This time he tried to open it with a sword. It got a net in it. He continued hitting the meteor with the sword. It finally opened. There was this egg, the egg looked like there was veins outside of it also the egg looked like it was breathing like a hart. The egg was hatching cracks were getting bigger in the egg. I will put the egg in a container and lock the container. The egg hatched inside of the egg was slimy. The alien looked like a slug that had a fish pin on the top of it. Also the fish had thorns on the fish, but the thorns had a blade

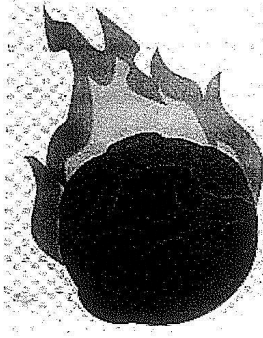
like a knife. why is it like this I wondered?

The next morning when Will went to feed the Astro Creep burped and acid came out of its mouth and it escaped! when Will went to school there was blood on the walls and on the floors, will did not like where this was going. Will looked in one of the classroom windows.

Will found a nest and he took out the floor of the nest, it was gooey like slime, will looked inside the Astro Creep that he had in the container but now the Astro Creep had legs and wings and an army of little copies. The Astro Creep and will went back home and picked the machine up and went back to school and thought of a plan. He slayed the army of Astro Creeps and then Will chopped off the big Astro Creep's legs and then chopped off its head. It never happened again. I hope you like my story good bye.

By Colin Zhen
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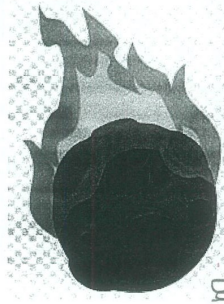
mysterious The mysterious meteorite



Bump! As the astronaut bumped the meteorite from the mysterious planet. Hi my name is Jeff and I'm on a unknown planet. "Boom!!!" Wait what was that?" "It's so not me!!!" Bump!! So, I better get it before it to it falls to Australia. "I'm going to get it." "Boom!!!" Oh no!! It's too late!! I think I'm going to get in trouble. "When I say trouble I mean FIRED!!!" Please say the NASA manager doesn't fire me!! I don't want to get shorter because I've watch a video when you get fired you become became became shorter. "But when the kids saw it they wanted to wanted find out who it was."

Alex Popovici

The Meteorite



"Help there's a meteorite dropping from Saturn!!!" See the alien inside of the meteorite? As the meteorite crashes into the public school and blows up the hall. "No, the balls gone but the dodge balls survived in the janitor's explosion." Here come another one and it's heading straight to the back of the classroom. The room exploded into microscopic pieces.

"We have no classroom ^{sorry} but luckily they are survived in the explosion. But Alex went missing" Oh no where's Alex? "Mrs King announced Now Mrs King was all gone Mrs King announced Mrs King is now ^{lately with no} Mrs King had no one to teach. Mrs King was getting worried about all the missing students but luckily found Will. "I'm coming back" said Will. "Where's every one else?" "Worried" Mrs King were all my students exaggerated Mrs King. Surprisingly one of the aliens came out and took the rag gun out of their body. ^{of the notebook}

"Save yourself and quickly run away before you get shot" cried Bennett. Then every one ran home and was safe.

But luckily Bennett came out of hospital alive

The Big BANG.

'A Meteorite has hit Figtree Heights Public School.'

Some people believe that Sponge Bob and his mysterious Star Fish friend were there, in the scene. A lunchbox claims he saw them, when he was sitting in the solar twiddling his thumbs. He didn't say anything of course, (he was probably to shy.) Squidward tentacles says 'It was the happiest day of my life when they were gone.'

Mr. Engine Krabbs, (on the other hand,) said-

'It was "me" saddest day of my life.'

'Is that lunchbox telling the truth?'

'Did Sponge Bob and his friend ~~actually~~ actually come out of the meteor?'

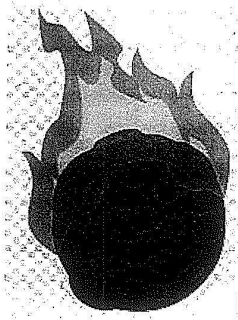
WHERE IS THIS MYSTERIOUS STAR-FISH AT NOW?

Lewis Andrews



by Imogene Anderson

The meteor



"Oh my, gosh" said the alien. "Help! Part of the moon is gone!" said the alien. "Oh, hi alien!" "Oh, hi other alien!" said the alien.

Back on Earth. "Hey guys what is that thing in the sky?" said Alex looking worried.

"Oh no it's getting closer!" shouted Alex.

"Ahhh it's a meteor!" shouted the village people, yeah but what is all that white stuff in it?" said Alex

"Help us!" "we're all going to die!" still, till this day no one knows what that thing in the meteor is, but I do...

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 21/11	Wendy Coppola & Rebecca Walshe-Smith
Friday 23/11	Ioland Fuduli
Monday 26/11	Helen Perna & Wendy Coppola

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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!

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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

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

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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.



Our FHPS Enrichment Science Expo is on Tuesday 27th November at 2:30pm in our school hall.

All parents/carers and community members are welcome to attend.



We would like to thank Figtree Heights' students, family and loved ones for their contributions to our 2018 Scholastic Book Fair. We had an extremely successful book fair, which in turn, benefits our school library and our love of reading. We will be purchasing some brand new books for the Hive, using our Scholastic rewards. Be sure to check them out in 2019! I would also like to say a special thank you to my Hive team for all their assistance with the Book Fair. I couldn't have done it without you!

Many thanks, Mrs Fincher

FHPS would like to thank Gala Trophies for donating the trophies for the public speaking competition.



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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! Photos finish at 11:30am

Professional Santa Photos
(Westfield Quality)

Face Painting & more

Time: 8am to 12pm

Location: Figtree Heights PS

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with a completed order form or via
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SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Our scripture Christmas Assembly will
be held on Wednesday 5th December
between 12:00 - 1:00pm

Look forward to seeing all the students