

Term 4, Week 9



Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar student:

Antonia Hatzistefanou, Majd Abdul Latif and Brylee Ellem

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Tarhjae Roberts, Senuka Perera, Mohamed Maulaie, Bennett Anderson, Antonia Hatzistefanou, Brylee Ellem, Rayce Pacey and Majd Abdul Latif

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Eileen Zhou, Tyce De Bruyn, Tarhjae Roberts, Darcy Kelly, Toby Leo, Mohamed Abdul Latif, Eva Davey, Isabel Burnes, Joshua Hailstone, Nate Pratt, Antonia Hatzistefanou, Sophia Petasecca, Kobi Hayward, River Meredith, Odette Krizan, Chevy O'Connor, Mia Rutledge, Brylee Ellem and Darcee Cheetham

Congratulations to the following

Emerald

Superstar students:

Riley Baird, Carter O'Connor, Eden Stewart, Lily Brett, Brooke Baird, Jye Kiley, Christian Anagnostopoulos, Ava Rasmussen, Ally Luke, Sophie Thackray, Alexander Popovski, Zoe Pascoe, Tyce De Bruyn, Angus Newton, Zoe Brain, Rachel Leo, Eva Bonacina, Byron Manning, Violet Brain-Bowen, Annabel Wouters, Charlie Kerr, Eileen Zhou, Sophie McCall, Sinead O'Brien, April Bridge, Ellie Placek, Alyssa Srbinovski, Poppy Tomczynski, Justin Zhao, Olivia Burnes, Hendrix Brain-Bowen, Shakayla Mikhail, Addison Cook, Tamara Bridge, Harlow Holtom, Tebra Maulaie, Lucy Wilkinson, Ollie Locke, Kai Edwards-Jones, Isabel Walshe-Smith, Lewis Andrews, Elijah Fedele-Siroch, Elizabeth Burns, Ryah Hayward, Kale McClymont, Keiana O'Neill, Tahlia D'Amico, Ty Adlington and Ethan Humphrey

Term 4	
Week 9	
Tue 11/12	Yr 6 Jamberoo Recreation Park excursion
	Choir Christmas Performance, Crown Street, Mall @ 11:30am
Wed 12/12	FHPS Presentation Day @9am
Thurs 13/12	Canteen sub-committee dinner/meeting Mt Kembla Pub @6:30pm Everyone is welcome to join
	Choir @11am
	Year 6 Farewell @5:30pm
Fri 14/12	EMERALD excursion
	Dance Troupe @8am
	Parent Helper & Thank You to the Community Afternoon High Tea@1:30pm
	Value Wristband assembly @2:45pm
Week 10	
Tue 18/12	Twilight Night @ 4pm
Wed 19/12	Last day for students
	Year 6 v's Teachers & Parents Soccer game
Thur 20/12	School Development Day
Fri 21/12	School Development Day



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU...**

Chiara D'Amico,
Byron Manning
and Nate Hosking

Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the Friday December 14th assembly at 2:45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Jamberoo

Tomorrow our graduating class of 2018 will be celebrating with a fun-filled day at Jamberoo Recreation Park. This is always a fun day, for both students and teachers. Every year Jamberoo Recreation Park closes its gates to the public and has the day designated to only Year 6 students. I can't wait to see how much fun they have celebrating their last few days as a student of Figtree Heights Public School.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day has almost arrived. This **Wednesday**, we will be holding this annual event here **at school under the new COLA**. The day will begin as close to **9am** as possible, so if you are planning on attending I urge you to grab a seat ready for the 9am start. We anticipate to finish at 11am. I look forward to celebrating a wonderful year with the Figtree Heights community as we recognise the achievements of many of our students.

Reports

Our end of year reports will be going home on Wednesday. These student academic reports will reflect the learning of students in the second semester of the year. They will highlight what a student can do and what their future learning goals are. If you have any questions or would like to speak to your child's teacher please organise a suitable time.

Emerald Excursion

This Friday, I will be heading out with the FHPS **Heights of Excellence** Emerald Super Stars. The destination is, once again, a surprise; however we will be travelling by bus. We will be leaving school at 12pm and returning in time for the 3pm school bell. One of the greatest parts of the Emerald Excursion is the element of surprise. If you desperately need to know where we are going please call the school and we can inform you, however I would love to keep the element of surprise if I can. As it is on Friday, students do not require special attire for this event.

Parent Helper Afternoon Tea

Also this Friday, we will be hosting a parent and helper afternoon tea for anyone who has spent time in our school helping out during the year. From canteen volunteers, classroom helpers to scripture and ethics teachers, we would like to say thank you for giving up your time to volunteer in our school. If you are intending on coming to this Afternoon Tea, please RSVP to the office for catering purposes. The Afternoon Tea will be in the school hall at 1:30pm.



Twilight Night

The fun-filled Twilight Night is almost here. Please make sure you lock in **Tuesday December 18** at **4pm** to make sure you are able to attend this event. Our students and teachers have been practising their items, ready to blow your Christmas hats off. So make sure you don't miss out! This year, there is a slight change, where all items will be performed first and then we will break for dinner. So make sure you are here for the 4pm start. *Please note, even though this is a school event, parents and carers are responsible for their own children. If you are unable to attend, please organise with another parent or carer as students should not be at the event, without a supervising adult.* There are a range of dinner and dessert options available on the night, so please bring cash with you as eftpos facilities are not available.

Front Garden

In exciting news, our front garden will be getting a makeover in the new year. The school and P&C have been busy looking at design ideas and working out plans to utilise the space at the front of our school (Lewis Drive side). We can't wait to tackle this project and turn our dreams into reality. Early in 2019, we will be holding a Working Bee and this front area will be one of the main priority areas. Watch this space!

2019 Classing

As in previous years, the 2019 classing structure may not be finalised for the start of the new year. Over the past week alone we have had six new enrolments and these students need to be included into the 2019 structure. Whilst we always endeavour to finalise classing, the holiday period brings many variables that we need to consider. **We will be starting the 2019 year in the classes of 2018** and hopefully throughout the day we can be certain we have all numbers correct and announce the new classes. *This is not something we will know until school returns.* Whilst we understand finding our your new class and teacher is an exciting but sometimes nervous moment, it is important that we get it right before classes are announced. All students will line up, in their 2018 classes, under the new COLA on day one next year (Wednesday January 30).

Last Day of School

The last day for the 2018 year is next Wednesday, December 19. In a Figtree Heights tradition, Year 6 will be playing a game of soccer against Year 6 parents and FHPS staff. This is always a barrel of laughs and something the entire school looks forward to. This year we will again be playing for the Mikayla Mitrevski Memorial Cup and I for one can't wait. The game kicks off at **1:45pm** and it would be wonderful to see our community at the event. Following this game we will move to the grass hill where our Year 6 students and any students and teachers leaving our school will have their final ringing of the bell. It is an event not to be missed.

Have a wonderful week!

Skye Seymour

Principal

EMPATHY

HOW2Learn Focus

Week 9 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 9 Learning Habit Focus:

Empathy

Congratulations to the following students who got
Highly Commended in the UoW Science Fair



Nathanael Burns



William Burns



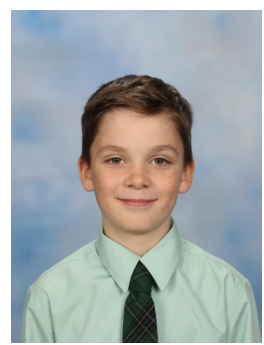
Lenny Atsas



Asher Percival



Kavindu Herath



Bryn Fuller



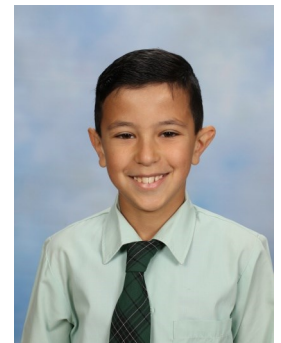
Byron Manning



Joshua Hailstone



Andre Dzeperoski



Majd Abdul Latif

Super Stars

RMS Boating Safety

On Friday Stage 3 had a visit from the RMS on Boating Safety. The talk was very practical and hands on. Students were shown a variety of life jackets and discussed the importance of using the correct type on the waterways. Students engaged in a range of safety talks about making boating safe and fun. The highlight for many was seeing and sitting on the jet ski. It was a great experience for all students involved.



Performance

Smith's Hill High School drama troupe entertained our school today with their performance of Billy and the Mischief Machine. The students from Years 9 and 10 wrote the play and have been touring local schools. The performance included dancing, singing and lots of audience participation.



Reverse Advent Calendar Basket

The baskets are filled with short term Christmas treats and other items to make Christmas day special and a few bits to get through after the Christmas period.

If you would like to make a donation to help fill a basket please bring it into the office and place under our Christmas tree. Some ideas for donations are:

- Christmas oven mits, tea towels, serving plates etc
- Cake & muffin mixes
- Coffee mugs with mocca mix, milo and tea bags
- Pancake mix and jam
- Xmas puddings, etc
- Back to school stuff
- Toiletries
- Petrol or supermarket vouchers



FHPS Canteen



Research is showing that less than 5% of children are eating the recommended daily servings of vegetables (ABS, 2015). To help address this the canteen will be trialling "Fresh and Free". A Free vegetable snack platter will be offered at the canteen during lunch for anyone who would like to come a try some fresh vegetables. The produce is being donated completely free to the school by Figtree Providers Greengrocer and Deli. Their generosity has made this initiative possible. Please show your appreciation by visiting their brand new store at the old Crinis premises, Princess Hwy, Figtree.

This trial will run from Monday 3rd of December until our last canteen day of the year on Friday 14th of December, and be reviewed for continuation in 2019.

Lost Property

If your child/ren have lost any Items of clothing, please look in the lost property as anything left after 19/12 will be donated to our Uniform Shop. Thanks FHPS.

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
Year 6 Farewell	3/12/18
Choir Christmas Carol Performance (S/S)	7/12/18
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 12/12	Julie Jones and Brooke Bridge
Friday 14/12	Belinda Monkman and Mum



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**.

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Join in the fun
next term



A program for
fitter, happier,
healthier kids



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

What is Go4Fun?

Go4Fun is a free program for 7-13 year olds who are above a healthy weight, and their families.

- Play fun games and activities
- Make healthier choices for your family
- Make new friends

Places are limited. Register now!

Where is it held?

Join us for a fun program next term:

Term 1, 2019

Dapto (Ribbonwood Centre)	Wollongong (UOW Sports Hub)
Thursdays 4 - 6 pm	Saturdays 9 - 11am

Not at a location near you?

Please call and put your name on the wait list. We will get in touch when the program is being run in your suburb.

www.go4fun.com.au 1800 780 900

EC Sportz Swim School

Saltwater Swim Lessons
School Holiday Intensive
Program for January
Week 1-14, 16, 18
Week 2- 21, 23, 25

January 2019

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ECsportz.com.au





NO FLAGS

NO SWIM

stay safe this summer
wollongong.nsw.gov.au/beachsafety



Join us for the
Inaugural 'BIG PUSH'
Charity Bike Ride

SYDNEY TO CANBERRA - 28th to 30th April 2019

Every child in Australia deserves to have an effective father figure.

+ About the 'BIG PUSH' Bike Ride

A fun-filled event that brings fathers, father figures and family members together with the one goal of celebrating what is a father's most important role in the world, being a dad. It runs over 3 days, it will cover 280km and will help us raise much-needed funds to expand our programs in NSW.



The five main aims of The Fathering Project to help our kids:

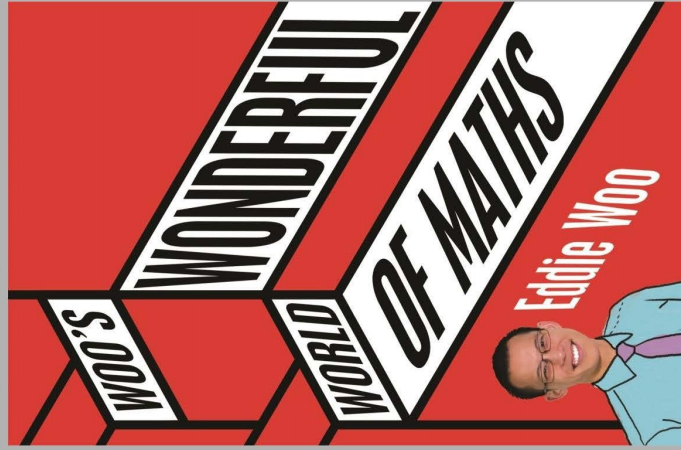
- 1 To help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life.
- 2 To give fathers advice on how to engage with their children.
- 3 To inspire fathers to get involved with their children – become proactive.
- 4 To develop programs and initiatives to assist with and promote the engagement of fathers.
- 5 To utilise research-based evidence to encourage positive change in fathers.

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION COST: \$500.00 per rider (includes accommodation, meals, insurance and a riding jersey valued at \$129.00).

Each rider will have a goal to raise \$2,000 plus in addition to their registration fee. This will go towards our front-line staff to assist them in the continuation of the rollout to schools in New South Wales.

GUEST SPEAKER



WHEN
Thursday 14 February
6 - 8pm
WHERE
Dapto Library
Ribbonwood Centre
93 – 109 Princes Hwy
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Book online via our website or Eventbrite

Wollongong City Libraries is proud to host:
EDDIE WOO

Australia's favourite maths teacher is on a mission: to show us that maths is everywhere and for everyone!
Shortlisted as one of the top ten teachers in the world, maths teacher superstar, Eddie Woo, will be joining us to talk about how to get yourself or your kids into maths.

Copies of his book, Woo's Wonderful World of Maths will also be available for purchase.
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Your library your place

Commit to your child's online safety

Free event

Children are exposed to online content in their preschool years. Behaviours like cyberbullying begin at primary school. Peer pressure can cause poor online decisions for many teenagers.

- Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on empowering young people, parents and carers to manage online issues.
- Commit to your child's online safety by attending this presentation from one of Australia's leading online safety experts.

eSafety is important for every child from ages 1 to 18

Learn how to:

- Reduce accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Initiate conversations about online stranger danger
- Identify age appropriate apps and websites



1-7

- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Support your child using online safety resources



8-12

- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand



13-18

WHEN: Thursday 21 February, 6 - 8pm
WHERE: Wollongong Library
41 Burelli Street
BOOKINGS: Book online via our website or Eventbrite



For more information please contact
Wollongong Library on (02) 4227 7414
www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library



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