

Week 6	
Wed 20/11	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thur 21/11	Sydney FC Visit
	Kindy Orientation 9:15-10:15am
Fri 22/11	Music Lessons in Demountable 7:45am
	Dance Troupe 8.00am
	Superstar Awards 2:45pm
Week 7	
Tue 26/11	School Captain Speeches Year 6 2020 @12
Wed 27/11	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thur 28/11	Sydney FC Visit
Fri 29/11	Music Lessons in Demountable 7:45am
	Dance Troupe 8.00am
	Superstar Awards 2:45pm
Sun 1/12	Breakfast with Santa
Week 8	
Wed 4/12	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
	P&C Muffi Day. Gold coin donation
Thur	Figgy Heights Fathers event from 2-3pm
Fri 6/12	Music Lessons in Demountable 7:45am
	Dance Troupe 8.00am
	Class 1D Assembly 2:15pm
	Superstar Awards 2:45pm
Week 9	
Mon 9/12	Twilight Night from 4:00pm
Tue 10/12	Year 6 Jamberoo Excursion
Wed 11/12	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thur 12/12	Thank You Afternoon Tea 1:35pm
	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 13/12	Music Lessons in Demountable 7:45am
	Dance Troupe Breakfast 8.00am
Week 10	
Mon 16/12	FHPS Talent Show
Tue 17/12	Presentation Day
Wed 18/12	Students Last Day. Year 6 Bell Ringing
	Year 6 vs Teachers & Parents Soccer Game 2:00pm

Term 4, Week 6



Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Che Barton

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Mack Stewart, Addison Cook, Ty Adlington, Alexander Popovski, Oliver Zhao, Harlow Holtom and Leon Minnaar

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Elizabeth Burns, Ilona Krizsan, Bilal Abdul Latif, Isaac Vasic, Miles Burke, Miley Reh, Adam Ernst, Tom Fischer, Amelie Hill and Grace Kerr

Congratulations to the following

Emerald

Superstar students:

Chloe Reh and Gideon Moore

Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the Friday 22 November assembly at 2:45pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Lawson Cook, Josh Djurovski and Jai Djuroski

Congratulations

Last Thursday our amazing musical superstars, Jacob, Sinead, Violet, Ty, Bryn, Brooke, Nate and Annabel, took part in the *50th Combined Schools Instrumental Festival* and it was a huge night! Congratulations on an impressive individual



school item and for participating in the Combined Schools Mass Band. You did a great job and the music was wonderful. Special thanks to Mr Costello and our band assistants who supported our students. As far as behaviour goes, I think I was the least stressed supervising teacher there, so thank you for that as well! 😊

Thanks Ms Wyman

As of Thursday 21 November I will be on leave and Ms Wyman will be relieving as principal. I will be returning on Monday 9 December ready for the last rush of the year. Unfortunately that means I will miss *Photos with Santa* (Dec 1), which is very disappointing but it seems my parents didn't consider the busy end of year time for schools when they got married 50 years ago!

2020 Enrolments and Organisation

We are currently trying to determine our 2020 class structure. To do so we need as accurate student numbers as possible for each grade. Please notify the office of any students who won't be returning (other than Yr 6!) as soon as possible.

Measles in the Illawarra

As you may be aware there has been a recently reported case of the measles in Wollongong. This is a highly contagious disease and although the majority of our students are immunised, this is not the case for everyone. Should you wish to know more about the symptoms a facts sheet can be found at https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Measles_Factsheet.aspx.

Ethics at School

Ethics classes can only run if we have enough trained volunteers to take the groups. More training days are being held on 14-15 December. If interested in training please look further in the Newsletter for more information or contact the Primary Ethics Coordinator, Rachel Hanrahan Talty, on phone: 0435 341 657 or at racheltalty@gmail.com.

Figtree High School Scholarship Applications

Just a reminder that the Figtree High School Scholarship Applications are available from the office. These are due back by 29 November 2019.



School Magazines

It has come to our attention that the School Magazines usually delivered each month to our school have not been available for our students this year. Families with students Yr 3-6 who are up to date with all school payments will have the cost of the magazines credited for 2020 School Magazine and Yr 6 students will have this amount, \$10, deducted from their Yr 6 Formal.

Figtree Heights Has Talent

Currently we have students planning and organising 'acts' in preparation for our class and Stage auditions as we work our way to presenting our very own **Figtree Heights Has Talent**. A variety of acts will be showcased on Monday 16 December. More information will be made available, however, feel free to pencil that day onto your calendar. We thank you for any help your children may be asking of you in putting their act together. Please be mindful that all aspects of each act will need to be school appropriate, including music and costume choice.

Emerald Excursion

This year's Emerald Excursion will be held on Friday 13 December. I realise this unfortunately clashes with some external commitments some students may have, however, it was the only day both Ms Wyman and I were available to supervise this special excursion. I hope as many Emerald students as possible can attend as I am very much looking forward to recognising their achievements with them.

Grandparents Day

It was so lovely to have a huge turn up for our Grandparents Day celebration. Grandparents and grandparent figures play a very important role in shaping the younger generation and teach more life lessons than they ever really know. Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit our school. We loved having you here!

Last Word



Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal

School Captain Nominees 2020



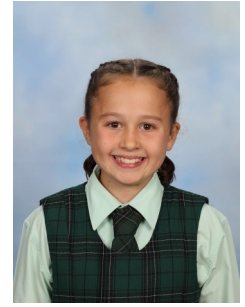
Asha Andrews



Lily Brett



Annie Dennis



Maeve Hicks



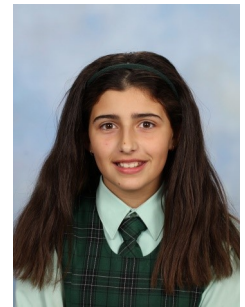
Alexandra (Ally) Luke



Chelsea Neill



Zoe Pascoe



Destiny Strat



Majd Abdul-Latif



Pearce Anagnostopoulos



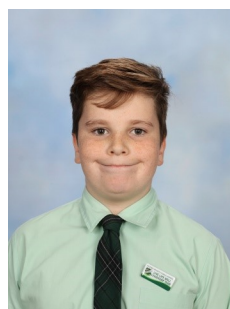
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Joshua Hailstone



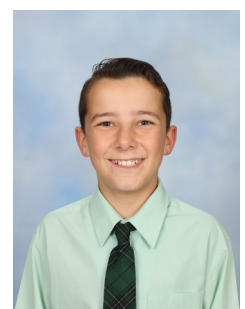
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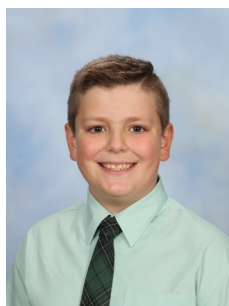
Gideon Moore



Chevy O'Connor



Ben Parry



Asher Percival



Oliver Rainford

**Speeches on 26 November
@ 12 in the school hall.
Parents/Carers are welcome.**

Superstar Students

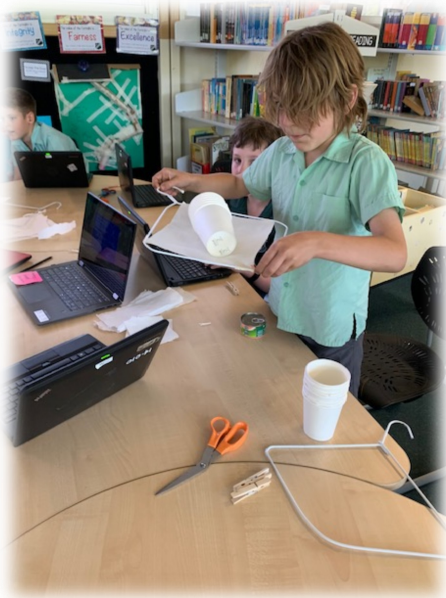
These players were invited to play against the South Coast Taipans U8/9 Development team on the weekend. With amazing teamwork and lots of fun, they played a tough match and ended up winning 7 – 4.



Players:
Kale McClymont,
Isaac Manning,
Braxton Ewen-Chappell,
Charlie Kerr,
Jai Demertzis,
Ethan Humphrey

Enrichment Session

Here are a few photos from the Science and Technology Enrichment session in the Hive. Students had to devise a fair test to ascertain which brand of paper towel is the strongest when used dry.



Grandparents Day



5 Cent Friday

1D are fundraising for the Australian Koala Foundation for the next three Fridays. Part of their assembly item on Friday 6 December is about saving our koala population as it is drastically declining. 1D have asked the students last Friday if they could help by contributing some 5c coins. Other coins are welcome too. 1D students will pop into classrooms on Friday mornings to collect the coins.



The Australian Koala Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation and effective management of the wild koala and its habitat. 1D are very excited to be helping in a small way to save our koalas.



Next FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERS Event

HANDBALL CHALLENGE AND OUTDOOR GAMES AFTERNOON

DATE: Thursday 5th December (Week 8)
TIME: 2:00pm to 3:00pm
BRING: A hat and your best handball skills!
WHAT: Between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, all students will take part in a fun afternoon made up of two activities:

1. a handball challenge; and
2. fun outdoor games!

Years K-2 will form one group and Years 3-6 will form another group. Students will take part in one activity for roughly 25 minutes with their group and then swap to the other activity for another 25 minutes, staying with their group. Fathers, father figures, family members and role models are all welcome to attend and participate!

I hope to see many of you there!
Mr. Nielsen

Fathering Tips

This week, we're looking at helping your kids feel special. Try our tips:

- Genuinely seek their opinion and show them you value their thoughts by acting on them, paying attention and discussing their ideas.
- Encourage their unique creativity; watch, listen, and give feedback to their ideas or art.
- Display their artwork and other creativity.
- Point out something about them or an interest that makes them unique, and that you love that about them.

Dad Jokes

Dad, did you get a haircut?

No I got them all cut



Figtree Heights Public School
P & C and OOSH presents



BREAKFAST & photo with Santa

Sunday 1 Dec 2019

Santa arrives at 8am on a Fire Truck!

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

Limited spots available! Photos finish at 1130am

Professional Santa Photos
(Westfield Quality)

Face Painting & more

Time: 8am to 12pm

Location: Figtree Heights PS

Payments can be made via the school office
with a completed order form or via
<https://www.flexischools.com.au>





BREAKFAST *with* SANTA

Sunday 1 December, 2019

8am - 12pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need the energy and enthusiasm from the Figtree Heights community to help make our Breakfast with Santa a success. Everyone has something to contribute and in this instance we are asking for your time.

Whether you can give us an hour during the morning to help prepare breakfast, man the Gingerbread House or Christmas Tree stall, sell raffle tickets or make a sweet treat for the cake stall, we would love to see you.

Please send in your details to the Front Office,
or message Wendy on 0424 866 654

Thank you, P&C Fundraising Committee

FHPS

Parents & Citizens Association

The FHPS P&C would like to welcome all interested Parents and Citizens to our Term 4 meeting.

It is taking place in the **HIVE** on **Wednesday the 4th of December at 6.30pm.**

As always, new members are always welcome!

Childminding is available.

As a reminder of our meeting we will also be holding a...

MUFTI DAY

On **Wednesday the 4th of December.**
Please send your child to school with a
Gold coin donation.

**All money received benefits
our students and our
amazing school.**



Annual Mikayla Mitrevski Soccer Match Year 6 Students vs Teachers and Year 6 Parents

Each year, on the final afternoon of school, we play the annual Mikayla Mitrevski Soccer Match. This is when Year 6 students play soccer against the teachers (who are brave enough to do it!) and the parents of Year 6 children. Thus far, the teachers' and parents' side is undefeated. If you are a Year 6 parent, please come along and help us keep it that way!

Details are: 2pm on Wednesday 18th December, school back oval.

This soccer match will be followed by Year 6 students ringing the old-fashioned school bell to mark the end of their time at FHPS. I am sure that tears will be flowing!

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
Mathletics (s/s) \$26	DUE NOW
MathsOnline (s/s) \$10	DUE NOW
Reading Eggs (s/s) \$24	DUE NOW
Spelling Mastery	DUE NOW
Dance Troupe Costume (s/s)	DUE NOW
SIMF Rehearsal (s/s)	DUE NOW

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 18/11	Simone Pratt
Wednesday 20/11	Wendy Coppola and Rebecca Walshe-Smith
Friday 22/11	Iolanda Fuduli and Lynn Jiang
Monday 25/11	Wendy Coppola and Liz Depers

Bookclub Issue 8
closes Sunday 24th November 2019

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 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)

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