

# Term 3, Week 10



## Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

### Bronze

Superstar students:

Cillian Hanrahan-Meaney,  
Tyler Monkman and Elizabeth Pirie

Congratulations to the following

### Silver

Superstar students:

Owen Bridge, Hunter Demertzis, Levi Steffen,  
Ella Evans, Lily Hanrahan-Meaney, Lucy Howes,  
Kaylee Monkman, Dion Brangovits, Lexi Forrester,  
Kourtney Garvey, Malaak Abdul Latif, Evie Harvey,  
Elizabeth Pirie, Pearce Anagnostopoulos,  
Isaac Polhill, Amalia Smith, Hugh Clarke,  
Adam Ernst, Annie Dennis, Maggie Harvey  
and Odette Krizan

Congratulations to the following

### Gold

Superstar students:

Gideon Moore, Abigail Charlton-Shaw,  
Lawson Cook, Isla Nelson, April Knox,  
Senuki Habaragamuwa, Ollie Locke,  
Jye Kiley and Carter O'Connor

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the  
Friday 27 September assembly at 2:45pm**

TERM 3	
Week 10	
Life Education Van - Mon-Thur	
Tue 24/9	Kindergarten excursion
Wed 25/9	<b>NO BAND PRACTICE</b>
Fri 27/9	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Athletics & Cross Country Medals, Superstar Awards @ 2:45pm
TERM 4	
Week 1	
Mon 14/10	<b>Students and Staff return</b>
	Selective High School Applications Open
Wed 16/10	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Fri 18/10	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards @ 2:45pm
Week 2	
Wed 23/10	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thur 24/10	Instrumental Festival Combined Mass Choir Rehearsal
Fri 25/10	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	3/4V Class Assembly @ 2pm Superstar Awards @ 2:45pm

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU ...**

**TJ Omaye, Eva Bonacina  
and Elizabeth Pirie**

## End of a Term!

Time certainly flies by, seemingly faster each year! As I approach the end of my first term at Figtree Heights, some days it feels like it's all still new and other days I feel like I have been here forever, which is lovely! Thank you to everyone who has made the transition such a positive one.

It has been a very busy term with Book Week, Education Week, Southern Stars, Tournament of the Minds and a whole host of other events. Well done to everyone involved.

As the holidays near I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some time with your children and some great weather. If you're not sure what is available over the break these websites might give you a few ideas of ways to get out of the house!

<https://www.parents-guide.com.au/whats-on/school-holidays>

<https://whatsoninwollongong.com.au/your-guide-to-the-top-school-holiday-fun-in-wollongong/>

## Congratulations

While we are all looking forward to the school holidays, for one person at our school they are going to be even more special. Miss Middleton will be getting married this weekend and we wish her and her future husband all the best for not only for a lovely wedding day, but for their married future.

Next term we will no longer have a Miss Middleton but will be welcoming Mrs Gerrey!

Almost  
Just  married



## NAPLAN

NAPLAN reports will be sent home this week. Please keep in mind these are a snapshot of a single day in time and are by no means all we base our knowledge of our students on.

## World Gratitude Day

Saturday 21 September was World Gratitude Day. There are many studies that illustrate the benefits for us physically and mentally if we take the time to feel, recognise and express gratitude. If you would like some ways to do this with children you can find out more at this website. Although it is American and references some things unique to their culture, the basic ideas are very transferable.

<http://happysciencemom.com/world-gratitude-day/>

## Selective High School Applications

It may be early to think about high school if your child is in Yr 5, however, if you are intending to apply at a selective high school the application process opens during the school holidays. The application website will open on 8 October until 10pm, 11 November 2019, with the placement test taking place on 12 March 2020.

Applications can only be made on line. Further information can be found at

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

## Casual Teacher Shortage

We, along with many other schools, have found it increasingly difficult to find casual teachers when required. Should you know of any teachers who are available for casual work please ask them to make sure they are listed on Class Cover as this is the system available to schools to assist with booking casual teachers.

## Last Word

The six best doctors:  
sunshine, water, rest, air,  
exercise, and diet.

—Wayne Fields

Have a good day!

*Rae Redfern*  
Principal





## ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Ebony Pascoe  
Destiny Strat  
Imogene Anderson  
Ilona Krizsan  
Maeve Hicks  
Sophie McCall

Nash Ferguson  
Carter Cook  
Toby Morrison  
Khye Forrester  
Joshua Hailstone  
Jack Turnbull

## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Imogene Anderson  
Lily Brett  
Destiny Strat  
Sophie McCall  
Maeve Hicks  
Kelaela Smith  
Maggie Harvey  
Evie Harvey

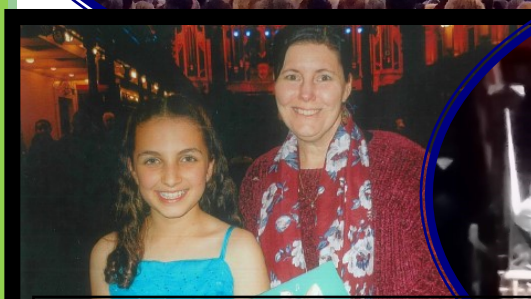
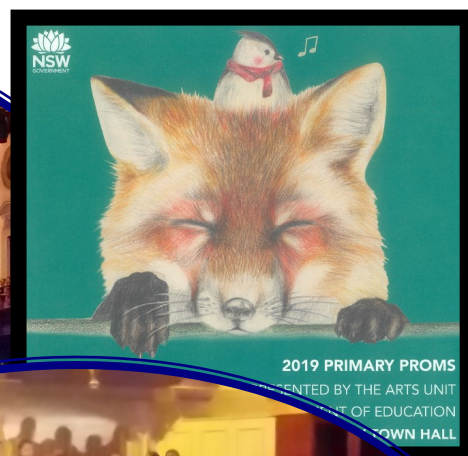
Toby Morrison  
Stefen Anagnostopoulos  
Bryn Fuller  
Mohamed Maulaie  
Bennett Anderson  
Jacob Hosking  
Jack Turnbull  
Carter Cook



# Superstar Students

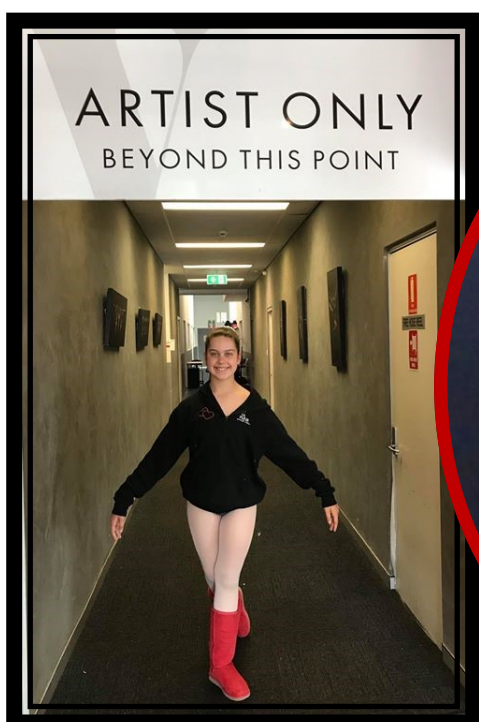
## Flute Soloist Extraordinaire

Last Wednesday I was fortunate enough to attend the Primary PROMS Daintree Concert that was held at the Sydney Town Hall. What an amazing building and what amazing talent! One of the solo acts was our very own Annabelle who played the flute so beautifully. Congratulations Annabelle, on being one of only three acts that were preformed by individuals or duets.



5. *Sonatina Op. 100, 1st Movement*  
Flute Soloist: Annabel Wouters  
Figtree Heights Public School  
Accompanist: Suzanne Cowan

Ally Luke had a very enjoyable day as she participated in The Arts Unit & The Australian Ballet's "The Australian Ballet Repertoire Workshop Series". The education provided to Ally extended her understanding of choreography skills and her ballet technique and she found the day thoroughly inspiring. Did you know: There are 340 members of the Australian Ballet and only 70 are dancers.



# Community of Schools Public Speaking

On Tuesday 17 September 2019, Figtree Heights hosted the Community of Schools Public Speaking Competition. In the K-2 competition, Figtree Heights competed against four other schools including Figtree P.S., Unanderra P.S., Mt St Thomas P.S. and Nareena Hills P.S. In the 3-6 competition we went head to head against Unanderra P.S.

Every student from Figtree Heights entered the competition (with the exception of Kindergarten, as the activity was optional) and during a tough elimination process Figtree Heights gained two representatives in each year. The school representatives were:

Kindergarten:  
Lennon Holtom  
Jaxon Toth

Year 1:  
Elizabeth Burns  
Olivia Morgan

Year 2  
Ryan Bush  
Ethan Humphrey

Year 3:  
Lewis Andrews  
Isaac Vasic

Year 4:  
Hollie McCall  
Byron Manning

Year 5:  
Lily Brett  
Tyler Monkman

Year 6:  
Anastasia Popovska  
Chloe Wilkinson

Each participant spoke with enthusiasm and should be proud of their efforts.

There were four winners from our school on the day and these were:

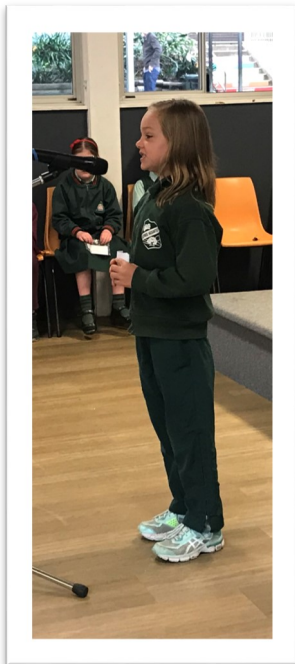
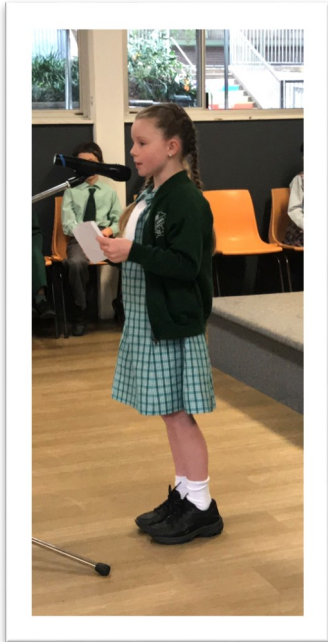
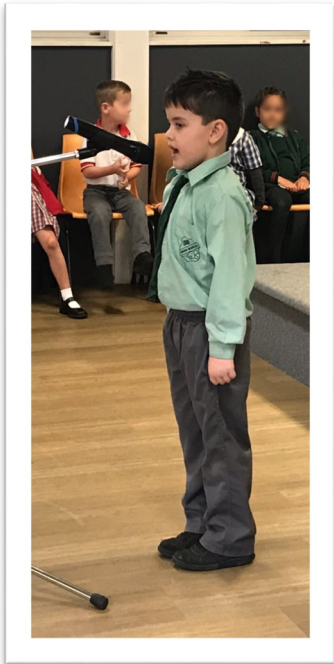
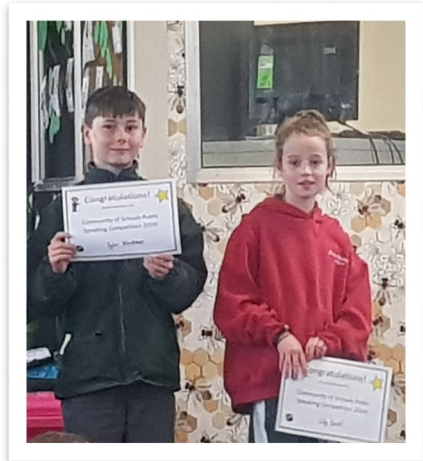
Year 1: Olivia Morgan  
Year 3: Isaac Vasic  
Year 4: Byron Manning  
Year 6: Anastasia Popovska

A huge thank you to Gala Trophies for donating the trophies for the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS!  
Miss Pearce and Miss Janeska







# Amity Chess Tournament

On Friday 20 September, a group of students from Figtree Heights Public School entered a chess tournament at Amity College. The students involved were Bryn Fuller, Lizzie Pirie, Toby Leo, Kavindu Herath, Byron Manning and Harry Placek from 4/5B as well as Ty Adlington from 2/3M.

The students played against many other schools in the Illawarra and competed in six rounds. Bryn described the day as "fun and very quiet, because there was so much concentrating going on in the room. It was interesting because you could even play with two or more queens."

A special mention goes to Ty Adlington who received a medal for "Play of the day". He was the only student to receive this honour in the primary section.







The value of the fortnight is...

**Fairness**

Take a minute to think about how you are showing **Fairness** in everything that you do!



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VIP EVENT - THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER  
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**20%\***

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\* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.  
Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

# Community News

## What is Due and When?

What	When
<b>Mathletics (s/s) \$26</b>	<b>End Term 3</b>
<b>MathsOnline (s/s) \$10</b>	<b>End Term 3</b>
<b>Reading Eggs (s/s) \$24</b>	<b>End Term 3</b>
<b>Spelling Mastery</b>	<b>End Term 3</b>
<b>Life Education Van Visit</b>	<b>18/9/19</b>
<b>Stage 3 Camp (s/s)</b>	<b>20/9/19</b>
<b>Dance Troupe Costume (s/s)</b>	<b>27/9/19</b>
<b>SIMF Rehearsal (s/s)</b>	<b>20/10/19</b>

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!**



<b>Wednesday 25/09</b>	Mell Pirie & Alice Zhou
<b>Friday 27/09</b>	Iolanda Fuduli & Lynn Jiang
<b>Monday 14/10</b>	Sonya DeBruyn & Tracy Ji



## 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](http://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**.



**MOTHERS  
& SONS  
PROGRAM**



### When:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October- 28  
November 2019 4pm-6pm

**OR**

Saturday 16 November 2019  
9:30-4:30

**Where:** Illawarra Women's Health Centre  
2-10 Belfast Street, Warilla

**Call:** to register your interest with  
Denika Thomas on 4255 6800

A program supporting mothers to raise happy, respectful, non violent boys aged  
6-8 years old.

## SWIM LESSONS



**ENQUIRE TODAY!**

[www.ecsportz.com.au](http://www.ecsportz.com.au)  
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## WEEK 1 VACATION CARE SPRING PROGRAM 2019 "CHILDREN'S CHOICE"

Figtree Heights OOSH



Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>HANGDOG CLIMBING</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43+ \$20= \$63</b> <b>Arrive before 9:15am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Rock Climbing @ Hangdog Climbing Gym Wollongong</li> <li>Caving</li> <li>Bouldering area</li> </ul> Maximum attendance 42 Expected educators attending 5	<b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>FLIP OUT &amp; HUNGRY JACK'S</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$30=\$73 (Includes lunch costs)</b> <b>Arrive before 9:15am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2hrs jumping fun @ Flipout North Wollongong</li> <li>Lunch @ Hungry Jack's Figtree</li> </ul> Maximum attendance 42 Expected educators attending 5	<b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>ICESKATING</b>  <b>Cost: Daily Fee \$43 + \$25 = \$68</b> <b>Arrive before 9am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3hrs of Ice Skating fun @ Liverpool catholic club</li> <li>Hot chips and drink included for afternoon tea</li> <li>Ice skating skills building</li> </ul> Maximum attendance 42 Expected educators attending 5	<b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>TREES ADVENTURE</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$50= \$93</b> <b>Arrive before 9:30am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2hrs of Climbing fun @ Trees Adventure Nowra</li> <li>Zip lining &amp; High Rope Challenges</li> <li>Sightseeing by the river</li> </ul> Expected attendance 42 Expected educators attending 5	<b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>MCKEON'S SWIMMING</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$15= \$58</b> <b>Arrive before 9am</b> <b>Bring: Swimmers, Rash vest &amp; towel</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2hrs Swimming @ McKeon's Unanderra</li> <li>Inflatables swimming games</li> <li>Swimming challenge games</li> </ul> Maximum attendance 30 Expected educators attending 5
<b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>SLIME WORKSHOP</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$10= \$53</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slime workshop with Dee</li> <li>Playdough creations</li> <li>Goop create &amp; play</li> </ul>	<b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>GAME ON</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sport challenges</li> <li>Team challenges</li> <li>Games and skills activities</li> </ul>	<b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>SPACE DAY</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Bring: Dress up SPACE</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All about Space games</li> <li>Space facts activities</li> <li>Space trivia</li> </ul>	<b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>PYJAMA DAY</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Bring: Dress up PYJAMAS</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movies &amp; Board games</li> <li>Slumber Party games</li> <li>Crafts activities</li> <li>Ice Cream included</li> </ul>	<b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>FUNKY FRIDAY</b>  <b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Bring: White item for tie-dye</b> <b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disco Dancing</li> <li>Milkshakes</li> <li>Face Painting</li> <li>Tie-dye creations</li> </ul>

## WEEK 2 VACATION CARE SPRING PROGRAM 2019

## MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED



Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	
<p><b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>BOTANIC GARDENS</b></p>  <p><b>Botanic Garden</b> WOLLONGONG</p> <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$5= \$48</b> <b>Arrive before 9:30am</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Park play @ Botanic Gardens Wollongong</li><li>• Garden walks</li><li>• Sausage Sizzle included</li></ul> <p>Maximum attendance 42 Expected educators attending 5</p>	<p><b>SYMBIO</b></p>  <p><b>Symbio</b> wildlife park</p> <p><b>Cost: Daily fee x 2 \$86 + \$99 = \$185</b> <b>Arrive before 8:30am</b> <b>Separate Permission Form required to be completed</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animal talks</li><li>• Splash Zone water play</li><li>• Meeting Animals</li><li>• Playground</li></ul> <p>Maximum attendance 30 Expected educators attending 4</p>	<p><b>SLEEPOVER @ OOSH</b> <b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>SLUMBER PARTY</b></p>  <p><b>HOYTS MOVIES</b></p>  <p><b>RASHAYS</b> CASUAL DINING</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Movie @ Hoyts Warrawong</li><li>• Freddo Frog &amp; Chuppa Chup</li><li>• Lunch @ Rashays Warrawong</li></ul> <p>Fees Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily fee Wednesday &amp; Thursday</li><li>• Symbio excursion fee</li><li>• Movie excursion fee</li><li>• Dinner wendesdy night</li><li>• Overnight stay</li><li>• Beakfast &amp; snacks Thursday morning</li><li>• Lunch on thursday</li></ul> <p><b>To attend the oosh sleepover you will need to book into both:</b> <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> EX ROLL</b> <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> EX ROLL</b></p>	<p><b>EXCURSION ROLL</b> <b>JAMBEROO ACTION PARK</b></p>  <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$45= \$88</b> <b>Arrive before 8am</b> <b>Bring: Swimmers, Rash vest + towel</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water rides @Jamberoo Action Park</li><li>• Water rides &amp; slides</li><li>• Splash parks</li></ul> <p>Maximum attendance 30 Expected educators attending 5</p>	
<p><b>EXCURSION SENIORS ROLL</b> <b>Yrs 9 &amp; High School</b> <b>LUNA PARK</b></p>  <p><b>LUNA PARK</b> just for fun</p> <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43 + \$82 = \$125</b> <b>Arrive before 8am</b> <b>Bring: Spending money</b></p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thrill rides</li><li>• Amusement rides</li><li>• Games &amp; shows</li><li>• Lunch included</li></ul> <p>Maximum attendance 12 Expected educators 2</p>	<p><b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>CRAFT WITH KERRY</b></p>  <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fancy card making</li><li>• Card designing</li><li>• Assorted craft activities</li></ul>	<p><b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>SUPERHEROS</b></p>  <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Bring: Dress up SUPERHERO</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Superhero challenges</li><li>• Superhero photo shoot</li><li>• Team activities</li></ul>	<p><b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>VIDEO GAME DAY</b></p>  <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b> <b>Bring: Dress up GAME CHARACTER</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nerf challenges</li><li>• Pac-man games</li><li>• Minecraft themed creations</li></ul> <p>* This is a video game Inspired day</p>	<p><b>IN CENTRE ROLL</b> <b>IT'S ALL ABOUT REPTILES</b></p>  <p><b>Cost: Daily fee \$43+ \$15=\$58</b> <b>Activities Start at 10am</b></p> <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reptile show</li><li>• Learn about reptiles</li><li>• Hands on experiences</li></ul>