

# Term 3, Week 9



## Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

### Bronze

Superstar students:

Ava Rasmussen

Congratulations to the following

### Silver

Superstar students:

Srivatsa Ananthram, Violet Brain-Bowen,  
Elizabeth Burns, Millie Harnish-Dunn,  
Marwa Maulaie, Keiana O'Neill, Asher Percival,  
Lorelei Percival, Max Polhill and Justin Vasic

Congratulations to the following

### Gold

Superstar students:

Issy Clarke, Dahlia Depers, Ethan Humphrey,  
Hollie McCall, Kale McClymont  
and Annabel Wouters

Congratulations to the following

### Emerald

Superstar students:

Chloe Wilkinson

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the  
Friday 20 September assembly at 2:45pm**

TERM 3	
Week 9	
Tue 17/9	CoS Public Speaking Final @9am Canteen Tuesday Special: Hot Dog
Wed 18/9	<b>NO BAND PRACTICE</b>
Thur 19/9	Responsible Pet Education Program
Fri 20/9	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	KD & KM Class Assembly @ 2pm Superstar Awards @ 2:45pm
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
	Superstar Awards @ 2:45pm
TERM 4	
Week 1	
Mon 14/10	<b>Students and Staff return</b>
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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...**

Antonia Hatzistefanou,  
Maeve Hicks, Chloe Reh,  
Nate Pratt, Grace Kerr  
and Genevieve Harvey

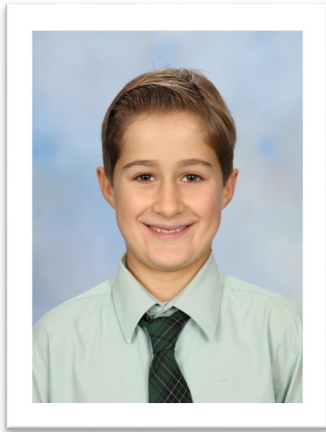
## Regional Spelling Bee Finals

As you are aware, we held our school Spelling Bee to determine those who went to the regional level. The students who represented us were:

Juniors: Theodore Rainford and Lewis Andrews

Seniors: Lenny Atsas and Eva Davey

Well done to all of those students...I am already in awe of you and your spelling abilities as I prefer to work with numbers!



A huge congratulations to Theodore who won the Junior Regional Finals and will now be going to Sydney to compete in the State Spelling Bee Finals in November! Amazing effort!

## Uniform Reminder

Now that spring is here it can be a bit tricky to tell what the weather is doing. For the remainder of this term students will have the option of wearing either their winter or summer uniform. Students have been told to make this decision based on the weather ...and with parent assistance!

In other 'Uniform News', we now have an example of both the girls skirt and culottes for those interested to come and have a look at in the office. Should you like to add your vote you can either do so in person at the office, or send in a note clearly stating which of the options you prefer and we will tally them up. Both are actually very similar and I think will be a welcome addition to our uniform for the girls come summer time. Lowes stock each style for the same price of \$27.95.

The winter girls pant option, tab tie and a new hat option are also available for viewing. If you intend to vote, please do so by the end of this term so we can finalise numbers prior to the P&C ratifying the new addition at the next meeting.

Thank you to Mrs Rasmussen for her time in ordering and collecting the various styles for us to have available to display.

## New or Leaving Enrolments for 2020

As we start to think about class structures and staffing options for 2020 we rely on having our student numbers as accurate as possible. If you have a child who is ready to start school next year, or know of a family in our area who does, please direct them to our office so we can fill in the required enrolment forms. Similarly, if you will be leaving our school (apart from our Year 6 students!) also let us know so we can adjust our expected numbers.

## ICAS Update

As mentioned last week the ICAS site has experienced difficulty and schools have been unable to access the site or register students for the on-line tests. Due to the technical issues, tests will be conducted during school hours this year.

If the site is functioning correctly, our planned schedule for the remaining tests is:

Monday 16 - English

Tuesday 17 – Spelling Bee

Thursday 18 - Maths

Friday - Catch up

## Last Word

A flower does  
not think of competing  
to the flower next to it.  
It just blooms.

–Zen Shin



Have a good day!

*Rae Redfern*  
Principal





# Oztag Gala Day

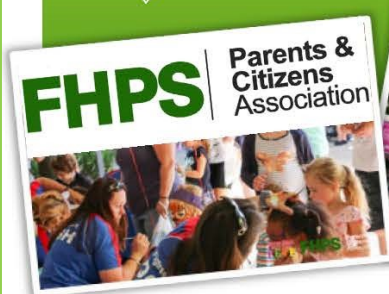
On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, four teams of Figtree Heights students travelled to Thomas Dalton Park to take part in a South Coast OZTAG Gala Day. The day was made up as a round robin style tournament. With all schools getting the chance to play each other once. Whilst wins were at times hard to come by, the efforts and attitudes from all of the Figtree Heights students was nothing short of outstanding. This was clearly evident with one of our teams having the goal of making sure that everyone in the side score a try by the end of the day. Fantastic stuff!

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers for getting the students to school earlier than normal and to Mr Nielsen for helping out on the day.  
Mr Voysey





# Do you want a FHPS Fete in 2020?



## We need you!

In 2018 Figtree Heights held a highly successful school fete that raised an amazing \$16,211 for our school.

The event was a wonderful way of sharing our amazing school culture with the school community. This could not have gone ahead without the support of the school and the committed parents and community members who devoted their time to the preparation and running of the day.

The time has now come to begin preparation for the 2020 Fete. In order for the Fete to go ahead, we need a committed team of volunteers who are willing to support our school and P&C in the preparation and running of the event. We are planning to hold the Fete in Term 1 next year. Unfortunately, the Fete will not go ahead unless we have sufficient volunteers.

To register your interest in volunteering please email/call or visit the school office and record your name AND/OR attend our:

## Fete Planning Meeting

Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at 6.30pm in the HIVE

A decision regarding the Fete will be made at the meeting.



## Choir SIMF Tickets

This is the final week for Southern Illawarra Music Festival tickets to be purchased from the office. SIMF is on Wednesday 23 October at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 each and we only have a small amount left. If you have already purchased some of your child's three allocated tickets, but would like to buy more, now is your chance. The last day of ticket sales is FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER.

If you have purchased your tickets through POP, please remember to pick them up from the office ASAP. POP Reference: SIMF Tickets

Mrs Ruscica and Mrs Darin  
Choir Coordinators

## School Banking Change

Due to Rebecca Walshe-Smith taking Maternity Leave, Rebecca Anderson will now be the School Banking Coordinator.

This means that the School Banking day needs to change from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.



The value of the fortnight is...

# Fairness

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



# 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>Kindy excursion UoW (s/s)</b>	<b>13/9/19</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 18/09</b>	Wendy Coppola & Rebecca Walshe-Smith
<b>Friday 20/09</b>	Sylvia George, Clare Williams & Penny Guo
<b>Monday 23/09</b>	Wendy Coppola & Liz Depers

Smith's Hill High School  
Gipps Street, Wollongong, 2500

**EXPO**  
**Monday 21 October 2019**  
**3:30pm – 5:30pm**



Smith's Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for high potential and gifted students.

Applications for Year 7 2021 close on November 11 2019

Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2021. Year 6 students who have sat the entrance test for 2020 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and curriculum. Direct all enquiries to the school by phoning 4229 4266 during school hours (8:25am to 3:30pm).



## 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:

← LOGIN



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**.

## SWIM LESSONS



ENQUIRE TODAY!

[www.ecsportz.com.au](http://www.ecsportz.com.au)  
Physical Therapy Building  
60 Rosemount St  
WOLLONGONG NSW 2500  
**0401 691 049**





## BIG CAMP OUT

GIVING FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES THE CHANCE  
TO SPEND QUALITY ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH THEIR  
CHILD IN A UNIQUE CAMPING EXPERIENCE!

**SATURDAY 2 - SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**  
CAMP UNDER THE STARS AT WIN STADIUM!

MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

PURCHASE VIA

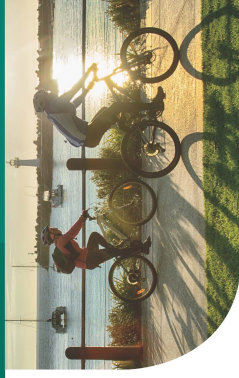
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## Ride the Gong!

**Saturday 21 September, 9am - 1pm**  
**Lang Park, Wollongong**

**FREE** activities for riders of all ages and abilities  
thanks to **Sydney Bike Skills**.  
Register online at [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/safety/roadsafety](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/safety/roadsafety) or 4227 7111.

**BYO bike and helmet.**

**Junior Riders:** 2 x 1 hour workshops commencing at 9am and 10am.

**Teenage/Adult Riders:** 1 x 2 hour workshop commencing at 11am.

**Free bike safety checks** Check your bike and pump your tyres thanks to **GIANT Wollongong**.

**Check out our coastal shared paths** Bike rentals available from **South Coast Bike Hire** for riders of all abilities.

**Free helmet exchange** Swap your old helmet for a new one with **Transport for NSW** (while stocks last).

**Children's entertainment** Circus and magic on the move with **Tom Foolery**.

**Information and advice, free giveaways and prizes to be won!**

Contact Wollongong City Council (Road Safety Officer) on 4227 7111 or [rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

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