

Term 4, Week 8



Flying Figtree

Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Violet Kuusik, Keira Meagher and Sinead O'Brien

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Callum Hill, Sinead O'Brien, Max Cheetham, Nate Pratt,
Sophie McCall and Tyler Monkman

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Asher Percival, Sophie Rasmussen, Ellie Placek, Charlie Kerr,
Blaize Rutherford, Lillian Walshe-Smith, Isabel Walshe-Smith,
Jackson Browne, Kourtney Garvey, Jai Demertzis,
Owen Bridge, Alexander George, Georgia Geralexis,
Aiden Meagher, Annie Dennis, Alexander Popovski,
Sara Radford, Chelsea Jones, Pearce Anagnostopoulos,
Taylor Mulhere, Josh Djurovski, Oliver Rainford
and Elizabeth Pirie

Congratulations to the following

Emerald

Superstar students:

Zoe Jeffery, April Knox, Emilia Boehme, Ollie Locke,
Hank Guo, Justin Zhao, Carter O'Connor, Jye Kiley,
Jade Pacey, Hollie McCall, Ethan Humphrey,
Isabel Walshe-Smith, Sophia Edwards-Alm, Zoe Pascoe,
Elizabeth Burns, Olivia Morgan, Chelsea Neill, Miles Burke,
Isaac Manning, Nash Ferguson, Kai Edwards-Jones and
Isaac Vasic

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
Friday 6 December assembly at 2:45pm**

Week 8	
Wed 4/12	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm - The Hive
	P&C Muffi Day "Dress Like a Farmer" Gold coin donation
Thur 5/12	STOP WORK MEETING School Commences @11am
	Figgy Heights Fathers Event
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	Last Day Music Lessons in Demountable 7:45am
	Dance Troupe Breakfast 8.00am
	Emerald Excursion
Week 10	
Mon 16/12	FHPS Talent Show
Tue 17/12	Presentation Day @9:15am
Wed 18/12	Students Last Day. Year 6 Bell Ringing
	Year 6 vs Teachers & Parents Soccer Game 2:00pm
TERM 1 2020	
Mon 27/1	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 28/1	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Wed 29/1	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

...
Zoe Brain and Hank Guo

Breakfast with Santa

A big crowd was here to greet Santa when he arrived on a fire truck at 8am yesterday – he had to have an escort of elves-in-training through the throng to ensure he reached his chair safely!

It was a fabulous event with live music, face painting and children writing letters to Santa which were organised by the OoSH team. This was all topped off with delicious food such as waffles, bacon and egg buns and a sausage sizzle.

A huge thankyou to the organising team, coordinated by Wendy Coppola who were here on Saturday setting up, back at 6am on Sunday and still clearing up at 1:30pm yesterday – this was a magnificent effort. I would also like to thank the many other volunteers who came along to set up, cook, serve food and supervise the stalls. Our student helpers were also wonderful.

We were also supported by our local businesses and would like to acknowledge the donations by Coles (\$50 gift card), Bakers Delight Figtree (bread), Priceline (hamper items for our raffle) and Woolworths, Figtree for the generous donation of bacon and eggs. Please support these local businesses.

'Breakfast with Santa' was truly a wonderful event for our school community as well as a great fund-raiser. Thank you everyone and I'm sure you'll enjoy the photos in our newsletter (I even visited Santa this year).

STOP Work Meeting – THIS THURSDAY – URGENT NOTICE

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced it will hold mass stop work meetings of school teachers this Thursday, 5 December 2019. At these meetings, members will consider a proposed teacher salary award which is the outcome of negotiations between the Federation and Department of Education.

Our school will be open to provide 'minimal supervision' in the morning from 8:30 to 11am. Teachers will return from the meetings by 11am. We will be holding a rehearsal for Twilight Night at midday and then our exciting Figgy Heights Fathers Fun Event is from 2pm – 3pm.

P & C MUFTI DAY – THIS WEDNESDAY - 'Dress Like a Farmer' – Gold Coin Donation

Our next P & C Meeting will be held this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the HIVE. Please come along and be a part of our wonderful P & C – all welcome.

Wednesday is a mufti day and students are invited to come dressed like a farmer. Their gold coin donation will be added to the SRC's donation to support our farmers. We have teamed with Ms Seymour at Barrack Heights Public School and other schools to target the farmers in the central western region which has been affected very badly. Ms Seymour will be travelling to Nyngan on Friday December 6 and will spend the weekend working with the town to distribute the funds raised and the vouchers purchased. She will make a video of this and then share it with our school so our students can see where the funds have gone.

2020 Student Captain and Vice-Captains

Congratulations to our 2020 Captains, Vice Captains and Student Leaders who were elected last week. The Leadership Team of eight students are commencing their training under the guidance of our current student executives.

Captains: Asha Andrews and Oliver Rainford.
Vice Captains: Zoe Pascoe and Asher Percival.
Student Leaders: Maeve Hicks, Annie Dennis, Andre Dzeperoski and Pearce Anagnostopoulos.

Figtree Heights Has Talent

Our Stage Talent Shows continue this week as students share their performance skills with each other. Students selected to perform in our Figtree Heights Has Talent showcase will receive an invitation. A variety of acts from all stages will be showcased on Monday 16 December.

The next 'FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERS' Event – This Thursday

This exciting event is a HANDBALL CHALLENGE AND OUTDOOR GAMES AFTERNOON which will be held this Thursday, December 5, from 2-3pm. We would love you to bring a tennis or rubber handball if you have one at home (please label with your name). Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

TWILIGHT EVENING – next Monday, December 9

Our classes are busy rehearsing for our Christmas Twilight Evening. Please come along and join us next Monday for our annual family Christmas get-together. There will be food stalls and a coffee van but also feel free to bring your own picnic dinner. Don your Christmas apparel and join us for a great afternoon. The performances will commence at 4:30pm. More information is in the newsletter.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Christmas Charity – Christmas Food Drive

Our K-6 SRC members have chosen to organise a food drive to support several organisations such as the Manna House which supply food hampers and hot meals to the homeless and those having a difficult time. Donations of food items such as biscuits both sweet and savoury, packets of sugar, tins of coffee, packets of tea bags, long life milk, long life custard, fruit cake, tins of ham, cans of baked beans, spaghetti, corn, tomatoes, fish (tuna, salmon), spaghetti/tomato base sauces, pasta or rice would be wonderful. Also, personal hygiene items are very welcome (soap, travel sized shampoo, sanitary items, toothpaste and brushes, etc) which can be made into gift packs. Donations can be placed under the Christmas tree in the front office.

Superstar Levels and Emerald Excursion

Students who have gained their Superstar Emerald level will receive an invitation and parent information and permission notes in a sealed envelope this week. This is so the excursion is kept a secret. Please sign the notes and return them in the resealed envelope. We appreciate your assistance in keeping the surprise – we know it's hard as children can be very persistent with their questioning! The excursion is being held on Friday, December 13.

Last Friday was the last day for students to submit their Superstar Awards and our final Superstar Assembly for the year will be held this Friday at 2:45pm.

From the desk of the Principal

Literacy Enrichment – ‘Newspaper in a Day’

This Friday the literacy enrichment group will be involved in creating a school newspaper in a day. They will be involved in the roles of editor, sub-editors, writers, reporters and photographers as they respond to ‘disasters’ that will be happening around our school to create a newspaper filled with news reports, articles and entertainment pages. I am looking forward to their final product that will have to be ready to ‘go to print’ at the 3pm deadline.

2019 Academically Gifted Class Graduation

Congratulations to our students who have attended the Academically Gifted class this year. Last week they held an exhibition of their studies which included a performance of a play based on Shakespeare’s Hamlet. Well done to Andre Dzeparovski, Josh Hailstone and Eva Davey.

Library Borrowing – HIVE Stocktake this week

Library borrowing has ceased for the year. Please return all library books tomorrow as stocktake will be held on Wednesday and Friday this week. After the stocktake, letters for missing books borrowed by your child will be issued.

Book Covering

Thank you to those parents who have been covering our new readers – they are all done! We also have more than 100 new books to cover for the library. If you are able to assist by covering a few books in contact, please see Ms Wyman. The contact is provided as well as a lesson on covering if you need one.

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 Year 6!) as soon as possible.

Have a lovely week,
Dee Wyman
Relieving Principal

2020 School Leadership Team

CAPTAINS



Asha Andrews



Oliver Rainford

VICE CAPTAINS



Zoe Pascoe



Asher Percival

STUDENT LEADERS



Maeve Hicks



Andre Dzeperoski



Annie Dennis



Pearce
Anagnostopoulos

Gala Day - Stage 2 & 3



Breaky with Santa



Academically Gifted Class



The value of the fortnight is...

Respect

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



FHPS

Parents & Citizens Association

The FHPS P&C would like to welcome all interested Parents and Citizens to our last meeting for 2019. It will be a lovely opportunity to reflect on our year together.

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...

“Dress Like a Farmer”

MUFTI DAY



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

Gold coin donation.

**All money received will go
toward supporting
Australian farmers.**



UPDATE

FHPS have raised \$168.70 so far for the Australian Koala Foundation. You can still help by contributing some 5c coins. Other coins are welcome too. 1D students will pop into classrooms for the last time this Friday 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**
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



The lost property bin is overflowing. Any clothing not collected by the end of the term will be placed into the second hand clothing pool. Other items without a name will be thrown away.

A few parents are unable to locate missing jumpers which are labelled with a name. Can you please check any school clothing or items at home, as it may have been taken home accidentally.

Thank you
FHPS Office





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Figtree Heights Public School's

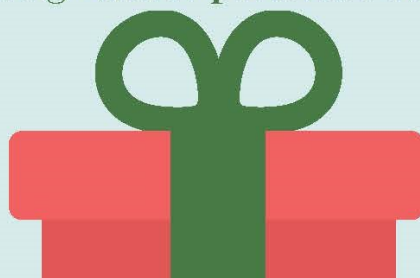
Christmas Twilight Concert

Monday 9 December 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Under the new COLA

- Class performances
- Choir
- Dance Troupe
- Woodfire Pizza
- Sausage Sizzle
- Coffee & cakes van

- Please bring cash to purchase dinner options



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

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 2/12	Dean Harvey & Diana Toth
Wednesday 4/12	Atared Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Friday 6/12	Rebecca Walshe-Smith, Sara El Gamal & Angie Fischer
Monday 9/12	Sonya DeBruyn & Tracy Ji
Wednesday 11/12	Julie Jones & Brooke Bridge
Friday 13/12	Karen Polhill, Sarah Snelson & Jordan McDougall

REMINDER

The canteen will be closed for orders on Wednesday 18 December. It will be open for any left over drinks and ice blocks. Some items will not be reordered if they run out by week 9.



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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