

# Term 1, Week 4



TERM 1	
Week 4	
Mon 18/2	Stage 3 (5/6P, 5/6TF & 4/5W) Parent Information Session from 4pm in 5/6TF room
Tues 19/2	Year 7 2020 Figtree High School - Try Year 7 for a Day
	Kindergarten Parent Information Session from 4pm in Kindy rooms
Wed 20/2	MUFTI DAY - Gold Coin donation
	P&C Meeting from 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 22/2	District Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
Fri 1/3	Clean Up Australia Day activities
Week 6	
Mon 4/3	Premier's Reading Challenge
Wed 6/3	Figtree High School Expo Night



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...**

Salman Alruwaili  
Brooke Baird  
Jaiden Kerr  
Audrey Lonsdale

The value of the fortnight is...

# Respect

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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have now been at school for 13 days and I am amazed at what we have achieved. As I visit classrooms I witness settled classes, with students engaged in explicit teaching experiences and focused on their learning. Differentiated group work and individualised tasks to ensure each child's needs are met are underway. Classrooms are beginning to come alive with displays of the students' work, reflecting the focus areas of study and the unique 'style' of each class.

## **PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend Parent Information sessions last week. We continue with the Stage 3 meeting this afternoon at 4:00pm in 5/6TF room and Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) on Tuesday at 4pm.

## **P & C Meeting and Mufti Day**

An invitation is extended to all parents, carers and community members to attend our first P & C meeting for the year to be held this Wednesday at 6:30pm, in the Hive (library). Our school values strong collaborative relationships which guide our decision making process, driving continued school improvement so that our little school is the best it can be for our children. Come along, find out what is planned for the year - we hope to see you there!

Whenever a P & C meeting is held we have a **MUFTI Day** as a fundraising venture. Children are asked to donate a gold coin for the privilege of wearing non-uniform. Please ensure that the chosen clothes cover shoulders (no string straps or singlets), no midriffs are exposed, t-shirts do not have inappropriate slogans or images, and shoes are a covered style and appropriate (eg no thongs).

## **BAND**

A past strength of Figtree Heights has been our music program. Mr Greg Costello is keen to rejuvenate the band and is kindly volunteering his time on Wednesday mornings to provide a wonderful, rich experience for students. Band practice for current students commences this Wednesday at 8:00 – 8:45 so lesson time is not disrupted.

Mr Costello will also stay on Wednesday to 'audition' any child interested in joining the band. Please see more information later in the newsletter. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop or hone their musical talents and we look forward to them sharing their music with us throughout the year.

Not only have the band performances enriched our lives but the **CHOIR** is also a wonderful avenue for students to develop musical skills and experience the joy of 'song'. Our school choir sessions are commencing this week.

## **Class Captains**

Congratulations to the elected Class Captains / Vice Captains for Term 1. We look forward to you not only being wonderful role models within your classrooms but also contributing to the school as members of the SRC.

## **SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS CLASSES**

Scripture and Ethics classes are not held for kindergarten students. Unfortunately we currently do not have enough teachers to cover all classes so a number of Ethics classes are not running this term.

## **FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

Figtree High School has offered some wonderful learning opportunities this coming months commencing with 'Try Year 7 for a Day' tomorrow.

Master classes for year 5 students which give the opportunities for students to attend three lessons in a range of subjects such as visual arts, cooking, science and woodwork (just to name a few) are being offered and seem to be very popular.

FHS Expo Night on March 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm. For further information please see the flyer included in this newsletter.

## **YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE**

Suspicious activity in the evening or early morning near the OOSH bus cage area has occurred. We ask that community members who are passing by are vigilant and call security on 1300 880 021 if you witness any person loitering in this area.

## **DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This coming week we see our students competing in the District Swimming Carnival on Friday at Unanderra Pool. Good luck to all of our competitors – we are very proud of you. Have a great day, try your best, enjoy the experience and I'm sure you will show exemplary sportsmanship – a trait we highly value at Figtree Heights Public. Thank you again to Mr Voysey for organising the team.

**The VALUE** of the fortnight just passed has been 'caring'.

To celebrate 'Valentine's Day' and to show we care for others, I have purchased a 'give forward' gift for the students of Figtree Heights of some chickens from OXFAM, which will be sent to a less fortunate family. A gift card is included in the newsletter. The Value of the coming fortnight is 'respect' and our school leaders will be helping us think about how we can demonstrate this value each morning in their daily announcements.

## **VISIT BY ILLAWARRA STEELERS**

On Friday, Stage 2 and 3 enjoyed a session with the Illawarra Steelers discussing the importance of cyber safety. This was a wonderful session as can be seen in the following photos.

## ***Declaration for volunteers and non child related contractors***

Under amended Department of Education guidelines and policy, parents or close relatives who volunteer at their child's school are *required to apply and obtain* a declaration for volunteers and non child related contractors. This declaration includes, but is not limited to: day to day reading helpers, canteen helpers, Mother's Day stall operators etc., who are a parent or close relative to a child at the school where they are volunteering. These workers **DO NOT** need a WWCC (Working With Children Check) number.

Parents or close relatives who are volunteering should complete the declaration and provide the school with 100 points of ID. If you are volunteering in any capacity at our school, please see the front office and provide the school with the relevant documentation.

Please note this is a stipulation from the NSW Department of Education and is put in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL

I know it is difficult when your child is ill, particularly for working parents but it is important for the health of other students and teachers that your child remains at home when they are unwell. The following link gives parents and carers advice on how to manage various health conditions and how long children should remain at home. The information is supplied by NSW Health and is not intended to replace a visit to your doctor.



### ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

## Walk safely

Always hold your children's hands – when walking on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road – until they are at least 8 years old.

When your children are between 8 and 10 years old, supervise them very closely when they are near traffic and crossing the road.

When you decide to let your children over 10 years old walk to and from school by themselves, plan the journey together. Practise being a safe pedestrian by:

- keeping to the left of the footpath
- being aware of vehicles coming in and out of driveways
- not being distracted by mobile devices or by other people
- using a safe, alternative way home in wet weather
- showing respect to other pedestrians.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.  
**LOOK!** continuously look both ways.  
**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.  
**THINK!** is it safe to cross?

**For further support**  
Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at [education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education](http://education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education) or visit [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) and search for road safety education.

Encourage your children:

- to always use a safe place to cross the road such as a pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or a school crossing, if available
- to check for turning vehicles before they cross the road and driveways
- never to assume that a driver can see them or will stop for them
- to make eye contact with a driver so they know the driver has seen them
- to wait till the driver has completely stopped their vehicle before they cross the road or driveway.



NSW Department of Education | Road Safety Education [www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

## SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

I hope you have a lovely week,

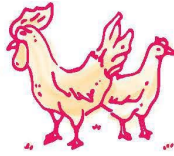
Warm Regards  
Dee



## THE GOOD THIS CARD CAN DO



This card represents a donation to Oxfam on your behalf.



Oxfam can give chickens to a family in places like Vanuatu.



The chickens lay eggs for the family to eat and sell at market.



With this money, the family can buy medicines and send their kids to school. Your gift helps tackle poverty.

Purchased from Oxfam Unwrapped for

Students of Figtree Heights



Valentine's Day chicken couple - 3X0266



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# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I'M SO CLUCKY TO HAVE YOU.



Inside Photo: Ariene Bax/OxfamAUS. Illustrations: Felix Pfling

## I GOT YOU A COUPLE OF CHICKENS ... FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

## THANK YOU!



Alexine is a poultry and garden farmer. In the wake of Tropical Cyclone Pam, she lost most of her crop and chickens, and thought she would need to move and find alternative work. But with Oxfam's help she was able to stay and rebuild her farm bigger than before.

— Alexine George (pictured),  
poultry farmer, Vanuatu

To the Students of Figtree Heights Public,

I have purchased a pair of chickens on your behalf to celebrate Valentine's Day.

These chickens will go to a family in a poor country so that they may have fresh eggs to eat and be able to sell extra eggs to earn an income so their children can go to school.

Love,  
Ms Wyman



Visit [oxfamunwrapped.com.au/impact](http://oxfamunwrapped.com.au/impact) to learn more about the good your card can do.

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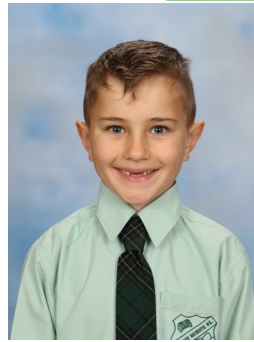


Abdallah Abu Qasim

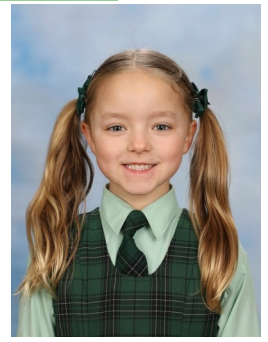


Kourtney Garvey

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Jai Demertzis

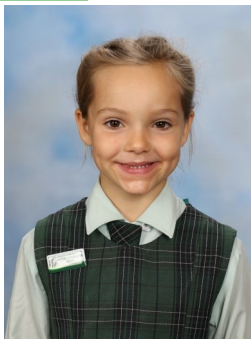


Lucy Wilkinson

I/2M



Kale McClymont

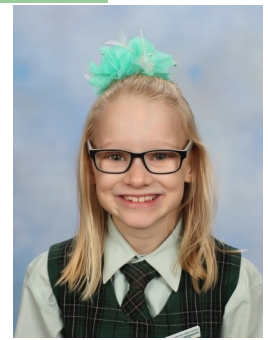


Elizabeth Burns

2/3M



Nash Ferguson



Sophie Thackray

3/4V

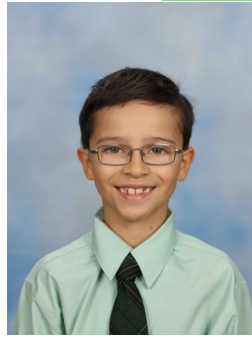


Theodore Rainford



Audrey Lonsdale

4/5W



Byron Manning



Ilona Krizsan

5/6P



Tyce De Bruyn

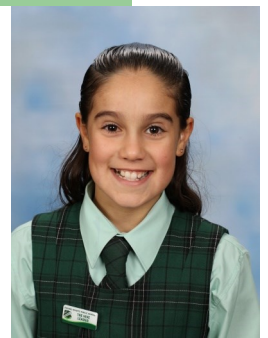


Maggie Harvey

5/6TF



Sonny Morris



Ellie Placek



# St George Dragons Visit





## School Band Program in 2019

This year I am planning on continuing the School Band Program and am looking to recruit some new students.

At this stage the band consists of flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and drums.

I would love to hear from any students at the school who already play and are having lessons on any of those instruments.

I would also love to hear from any students who may be interested in learning to play a 'wind' instrument with the view of joining the school band at a later date.

I have a tutor who is prepared to run before school lessons in the demountable on a Tuesday if he can take on a couple of new students.

Band rehearsals will take place in the demountable from 8am to 8:45am on a Wednesday.

This coming Wednesday I will stay behind after the Band rehearsal and 'audition' any new students who are interested.

I know there are a few students having keyboard (piano) lessons outside of school and would be interested in hearing them play for me.

Same goes for anyone who plays bass guitar.

If you would like more information feel free to contact me on: 0408271107

Thank you  
Greg Costello





# ***Figgy Heights Fathering Tips***

## **Listen to your child**

- Listen even when you are afraid to hear what they want to tell you.
- Don't boomerang discussion back to yourself.
- Ask yourself what it is like from their shoes.
- Ask questions about their favourite websites and about their friends.
- Don't solve, criticise or judge.
- You want your child to come to you when they have a problem or have made a mistake. When they do tell you about issues – express your feelings respectfully. Don't 'explode', instead, listen carefully.
- Tell them if you think they have made a bad choice, but ensure they know they are still loved and supported.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS**



Dear Parents

There have been ongoing cases of head lice at school. We know this can be an issue that causes families concern. Please check your child's head and take appropriate action if necessary. A second and third check is recommended on subsequent days to ensure the lice life-cycle is broken.

If your child has lice, they are not required to be absent from school once treatment/s have been given.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

FHPS Staff

# Community News



## FHPS Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch orders

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

**Don't forget to use our HEALTHY canteen!**

Wednesday 20/02	Wendy Coppola & Rebecca Walshe-Smith
Friday 22/02	Iolanda Fuduli & Lynn Jiang
Monday 25/2	Wendy Coppola & Liz Depers

### Contact Us

**Email:** figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Phone:** 02 4228 6555 .

14 St George Ave, Figtree NSW 2525



## 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**.

## Your family can get FREE dental care

### Did you know...?

- ALL CHILDREN under 18 years old can have FREE general dental care in our outpatient clinics
- Waiting times are reducing so it's a good time to register your family!

**PHONE NOW!**

*(All child patients must have a valid Medicare card)*



### CLINIC LOCATIONS

Wollongong • Port Kembla • Warilla • Kiama  
Nowra • Ulladulla

**Ph: 1300 369 651**



Health  
Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District



Medicare bulk billed dental care for eligible children  
Child Dental Benefits Schedule

## 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



# ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH

SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION

## 2019 Information & Open Night

Monday 25th February 2019

6.00pm til 7.45pm

Illawarra Sports High School Hall

Guru Street, Berkeley



The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports and Development Program.

Information for students in years 5 to 10.

Register your interest online [www.illawaspor-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.illawaspor-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

## WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2019 SUMMER SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)

### 7 ROUND SWISS

**WHEN: Sunday 24-Feb-2019** (10:00am to 4:00pm)

**WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM**

**Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> + Age Groups**

Games will be rated by NSWJCL  
Results will influence qualification to  
NSWJCL Country Championship

**Entry Fee: \$10**

**Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.**

**Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI**

**Phone: (02) 4283 3080**

**e-mail: [mazzieri@exemail.com.au](mailto:mazzieri@exemail.com.au)**

**Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS**  
26-May AUTUMN Sunday

**WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB**  
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)





# *Expo Night*

**Figtree High School Auditorium  
5:30pm Wednesday 6th March 2019**

**Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2020 are invited to the annual Expo Night**

**School Open Evening  
Faculty Displays  
Games  
Student guides  
Technology**

**For further information, please call  
or email us:**

**02 4271 2787**

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