

Term 2, Week 3



Flying Figtree

Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Annie Dennis, Kai Edwards-Jones,
Braxton Ewen-Chappell, Grace Kerr,
April Knox, Ebony Pascoe, Jaxon Toth,
Nash Ferguson, Mawada Maulaie,
and Stefen Anagnostopoulos

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
Friday May 17th assembly at 2:45pm**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Ayden Poon and Lucy Wilkinson

TERM 2	
Week 3	
BOOK FAIR (Mon - Thur)	
NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5 (Tue - Thur)	
Tue 14/5	Canteen Tuesday Special - Fish & Chips
Wed 15/5	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8.45am
Fri 17/5	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 4	
Wed 22/5	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8.45am
	PSSA Netball knockout, Illawarra Sports High School @ 2pm
Fri 24/5	FHPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL at Figtree High School
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 5	
Wed 29/5	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8.45am
Thur 30/5	School Photo Day
Fri 31/5	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm

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From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all of our mums, grandmothers and carers were able to enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine, lots of hugs and maybe a little treat yesterday, on their special day. You are loved every day of the year but Mother's Day provides a special opportunity to say 'thank you' for all that you do for your children.

Our mufti 'Adopt a Farmer' Day was a fabulous success with lots of great dress-up and we are able to make a generous school donation to this important fundraising event for our farmers who are 'doing it tough' at the moment. Thank you for your support.

Our students in Years 4 – 6 completed the 'Tell Them From Me' survey last week and we should receive the results in a fortnight. The staff will use this important information to evaluate our teaching programs and the effectiveness of other opportunities we provide to improve student wellbeing and engagement.

Last Thursday Mr Voysey and Miss Pearce accompanied our competitors to the District Athletics Carnival. We are very proud of all of our competitors who tried their best and warmly encouraged each other. We also had some amazing individual results – see later in the newsletter.

As the days start to turn colder we are appreciating the lovely warmth in the hall from the new air-conditioners which were supplied by funds from our OOSH facility – a wonderful example of how this partnership benefits both our students and wider school community.

One thing we struggle with is returning lost clothing to the owners who discard them in the playground as they warm up - please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. We currently have hundreds of dollars worth of nameless jumpers and jackets in lost property.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Tier is expecting a child. Congratulations on this wonderful news! Mrs Tier will continue supporting our students through the Years 3 – 6 Learning Support Program until mid Term 4.

NAPLAN

This week, the National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place for students in Years 3 and 5. I will be conducting a catch-up session on Friday morning for any children who need to complete a missed test. Although some children become quite stressed during any test situation, please encourage your child to not become overly anxious – emphasise that the purpose is to assist teachers to identify the areas that they need to focus on to help everyone reach their potential. Some exercise, healthy food and lots of quality sleep are the best preparation strategies.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is on this week from today, Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May, in the HIVE. Mrs Fincher has already had a stream of children and parents visiting the display. The times available to inspect and purchase books are different depending on the day, so please refer to Mrs Fincher's information note that was sent home last week with the eldest child.

2020 APPLICATIONS FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT - CLOSE THIS FRIDAY

Students currently in Year 4 are invited to apply for Opportunity Class placement for next year. Parents need to apply online. Applications close **THIS Friday 17th May**.

Important dates in the application process are as follows:

- **Tuesday 30 April 2019:** Online applications opened - interested parents and carers must read *Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020* available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/information-for-applicants>
- **Friday 17 May 2019:** Online applications close (parents and carers must apply by the due date)
- **Wednesday 31 July 2019:** Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between **Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019** at:

- <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

K-6 SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - FRIDAY, 24TH MAY at FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Voysey is busy organising our Athletics Carnival. Permission notes and information for the Athletics Carnival has been sent home today. Parent helpers would be very much appreciated on this day. If you are able to help in some way, please see Mr Voysey or return the slip on the permission note as soon as possible.

NATIONAL 'WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY'

This annual campaign, which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk and commute safely to school, is now in its 20th year. This Friday is a day when we are asked to take a few extra minutes to emphasise the safety rules for walking to school. This is of particular concern around our school with our narrow streets, the high number of parked cars, blind corners and hills which obstruct visibility. Until the age of ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when they cross the road. More information can be found at walk.com.au

The 'FATHERING PROJECT' event celebrated at our school

Please see information later in the newsletter about a wonderful 'fathers' event organised by Mr Neilsen for our school.

WINTER 'BUGS' AND ILLNESSES

We have had a growing number of ill children having to be sent home due to chest infections. Please do not send your children to school if they are too sick. This [link](#) gives parents/carers advice on how to manage various health conditions and may be of use for parents/carers on how long to keep your child at home if they are unwell. This information has been supplied by [NSW Health](#) and is not intended to replace a visit to your doctor if anyone in your family is unwell.

2020 KINDERGARTEN

The time has come to look at enrolments for next year. If you know of any family in our local area who has a child starting Kindergarten in 2020, please encourage them to contact the school and leave their details. Our classes in 2020 depend on our Kindergarten numbers and the earlier we can finalise these numbers the better. Thank you in advance.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TRAINING AND SPORTS UNIFORM REMINDER

Mr Nielsen will commence athletics training such as long jump, high jump, running and shotput during his RFF time slots. He is requesting that students wear their sports uniform on the days he has their class for their extra weekly Physical Education (PE) lesson, starting this week. Students will continue to have class/stage sports activities on Friday so this will entail them wearing their sports uniform two days a week. Please see Mr Nielsen's timetable below:

Week 3 (NAPLAN Week)

Monday - 2/3M, KD, 5/6TF

Tuesday - 1/2M, 1/2JO, 4/5B, 5/6TF

Wednesday - 1D, KM, 3/4V, 5/6P

Week 4 Onwards

Mondays - 2/3M, KD, 1/2JO

Tuesdays - 5/6TF, 4/5B, 1/2M

Wednesdays - 1D, 5/6P, 3/4V, KM

SCHOOL UNIFORM TRANSITION PERIOD

We will commence our transition to winter school uniform from Monday next week. Our school photos will be held in Week 5 and students are to be in full winter uniform for these.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Kind regards,

Dee

District Cross Country

Congratulation to the following students that have made it through to the regional level for cross country.

8/9 Boys - Stefen Anagnostopoulos (2nd place)

8/9 Girls - Kelaela Smith (6th place - 1st reserve)

10 Girls - Lily Brett (8th place - 3rd reserve)

11 Girls - Destiny Strat (8th place - 3rd reserve)

12/13 Boys - Toby Morrison (2nd place)

12/13 Girls - Sophie McCall (5th place)



Live Life Well Team



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Happy Reading FHPS!



Tom Fischer KM



Ebony Pascoe 5/6TF



Anastasia Popovska 5/6TF



Rachel Leo 5/6TF

School Photos



SAY CHEESE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS

THURSDAY 30th MAY

Have you child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelope and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Payment can be made online or enclose the correct money in the envelope as no change is given.
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- **INDIVIDUAL PHOTO ENVELOPES and SIBLING PHOTO ENVELOPES MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us Tel: 42613009 www.mspcom.au

Figgy Heights Fathers group

If you'd like to join our Figgy Heights Fathers group and be in the loop with what we're doing, follow this link, fill in your name and email address, and join other fathers and father-figures from our school community:

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/figtree-heights-public-school/?letter=F>

FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERING TIPS

This week, stimulate your child's imagination:

- Help them 'think outside of the box' and challenge their creativity.
- Don't over-instruct; let them find their own way of doing things.
- Encourage imagination by exposing them to the world, give them opportunity to interact with nature, people and world events.
- Children are naturally imaginative, avoid over-organising their lives and allow them time to explore.
- Limiting 'screen time' is also helpful as it discourages imagination.
- Instead, encourage reading or art and crafts – these are creative and imaginative activities.





Book Club

Bookclub Issue 3
closes Sunday 26th May 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.



Calling all

BAKERS ,

Cupcake Makers

(and Betty Crocker Fakers)

We need your help!



**Cake donations needed for our Election Day BBQ
and Cake Stall - SATURDAY 18th May**

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BAKE WE'D LOVE DONATIONS OF CAKES, BISCUITS, SLICES OR BROWNIES.
CAKE BOXES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL DONATIONS WITH AN INGREDIENT LIST.

**Donations can be delivered to the school on Friday 17th May
or from 7:30am Saturday 18th May.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
School Magazine (s/s) \$10	End Term 2
Mathletics (s/s) \$26	End Term 2
MathsOnline (s/s) \$10	End Term 2
Reading Eggs (s/s) \$24	End Term 2
District Cross Country (s/s) \$11	9/5/19

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!

Wednesday 15/05	Wendy Coppola & Rebecca Walshe-Smith
Friday 17/05	Sonya DeBruyn & Sylvia George
Monday 20/05	Simone Pratt

REMINDER



CANTEEN TUESDAY SPECIAL Fish & Chips

Tomorrow **Tuesday 14th May**, the canteen will have your fish and chips for you at lunchtime.

The canteen will be open for service during the lunch break for drinks and snacks only.



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**.

SWIM LESSONS



ENQUIRE TODAY!

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Physical Therapy Building
60 Rosemount St
WOLLONGONG NSW 2500
0401 691 049



HEALTHY
LUNCH
BOX

The simplest way

... to swap a packet of chips

Chips are high in saturated fat and salt, are not very filling and do not contain the nutrients needed to fuel your kid's for the school day.



SWAP chips FOR:

- Plain popcorn
- Plain rice crackers
- Dry roasted chickpeas
- Baked pita bread triangles
- Baked veggie chips

For more snack ideas, swaps and recipes visit our website.

healthylunchbox.com.au



BOTANIC GARDENS DAY
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

PEOPLE – PLANTS – POSSIBILITIES
CONSERVING PLANTS FOR THE FUTURE

www.bganz.org.au

SUNDAY 26 MAY 10AM - 2PM

*Free
event*

What's On:

Tours:

- Behind the Scenes
- Habitat Gardening
- Garden Tours in the Buggy

Workshops:

- Kids Seed Planting
- Composting
- Insect Hotel Making
- No Dig Gardening

No More Dodos Play

Native Plant Sale

Botanic Art Display & Stall

Lunchtime Band

BBQ lunch and coffee available throughout the event

Visit wollongong.gov.au/botanicgarden for the full program.



National Ambassador
Costa Georgiadis



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