



Term 2, Week 9



TERM 2	
Week 9	
Tue 25/6	CANTEEN TUESDAY SPECIAL—HOT DOGS
Wed 26/6	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thur 27/6	COS Public Speaking competition
Fri 28/6	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm

Week 10	
Tue 2/7	Choir Rehearsal @ Mt St Thomas
Wed 3/7	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Fri 5/7	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	NO DANCE TROUPE TODAY
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm

TERM 3	
Week 1	
Mon 22/7	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tue 23/7	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wed 24/7	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Fri 26/7	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm
Sat 27/7	FHPS WORKING BEE
Week 2	
Thurs 1/8	Spelling Bee Finals

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Flying Figtree

Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Sophie Rasmussen, Lucy Howes,
 Elizabeth Burns, Lillian Walsh-Smith, Eva Davey,
 Sophie McCall, Max Read, Alexander George,
 Owen Bridge, Leon Minnaar, Jack Turnbull,
 Aiden Meagher, April Bridge,
 Isabel Walsh-Smith, Ilona Krizan,
 Anastasia Popovska, Elijah Fedele-Sirotych,
 Maggie Harvey, Amelia Craft, Macey Synott,
 Andre Dzeperoski and Genevieve Harvey

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Kale McClymont, Braxton Ewen-Chappell,
 Carter O'Connor, Jye Kiley, April Knox, Emilia Boehme,
 Benuri Wickramasuriya and Lily Brett

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
 Friday June 28th assembly at 2:45pm**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Isaac Manning

From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday we held a very special event – our 'Figgy Heights Fathering Project'. It was delightful to see how excited the children were to have their dads and grandfathers come to spend some time with them in their classrooms. Not only was it an opportunity for more than 85 fathers and 'father figures' to mingle and chat for a while over a 'cuppa' but Mr Nielsen also shared some helpful parenting tips and important research. One fact that made myself and the audience think deeply was that just eight minutes of one-on-one time, per day, has an enormous positive effect on a father's relationship with their child and their wellbeing. The photos included in the newsletter show just how wonderful the afternoon was. If you were unable to make it, the link to the Fathering Project site is included in the newsletter.

Thank you P & C!

What an enormous cheque (not only in size but also the monetary value) that was presented to the School Captains and Vice Captains on behalf of the P and C at last Friday's assembly. This will allow for the purchase of additional texts to support our reading groups and literacy units as well as iPads and digital technology resources. We appreciate our amazing P & C - thank you again for your hard work and wonderful support for our students and teachers.

Debating Team Report

Last Tuesday both of our debating teams had their first formal debates against other schools in the Premier's Debating Competition. Teams were given their topic and had an hour to prepare their arguments and rebuttals without adult assistance. Each debate was held in front of a student audience and judged by official adjudicators. One of the best aspects of the day was that the adjudicators not only provided comprehensive feedback to both teams before announcing the winners but also provided individual advice to each speaker in a follow-up meeting. I was very proud of our students as they conducted themselves professionally and displayed good manners and sportsmanship, receiving accolades from the adjudicators, teachers from the host school and teachers from the opposing schools. We were successful in winning three of the four debates. Our last debates will be held early next term against Figtree Public School and we also then have to debate ourselves!

Working Bee

Please put the morning of Saturday 27th July in your calendar for a school working bee. We will be busy weeding, pruning, mulching, refreshing the vegetable gardens for the Live Life Well Team, hammering and working on a few very special painting projects. The list of jobs is growing and many helpers (and tools) are needed. We will also enjoy a well-earned sausage sizzle on the day.

Choral Festival and Southern Stars

Our singers and dancers have been practising hard. The first combined schools rehearsal for the Choral Festival will take place on Tuesday next week. The first Southern Stars Dance combined schools rehearsal is scheduled for next Monday. Please see additional notes regarding the upcoming rehearsals.

Class Assemblies

Our individual class assemblies will commence in Term 3. It is always an exciting time for our students as they showcase their learning and present 'something a little special' for our entertainment. The class schedule will be advertised in the newsletter and school calendar.

Athletics Carnival – 200m Event

Due to our limited space on the oval at school, we will complete the 200m race this Friday morning at Figtree High School. This 'competitors-only' event is for runners who can confidently and competitively complete this distance. Notes were sent home last week by Mr Voysey and need to be returned tomorrow at the latest. As the majority of students and teachers will be at school, parent helpers are needed to run this event efficiently so that competitors and teachers can return to school by lunch time. If you are able to assist please complete the form or contact the school as soon as possible.

ICAS Assessments

The ICAS assessments will take place in Term 3. Except for the writing test for Years 3 and 4, all other assessments are on line this year. Parents are required to order and pay for the ICAS assessments directly to UNSW Global by the end of July.

Most assessments are available from Year 2 – 6 and include Writing (Years 3 & 4 – paper version only; Years 5 & 6 is online), English (Years 2 – 6), Maths (Years 2 – 6), Science (Years 2 – 6), Spelling Bee (Years 2 – 6) and Digital Technologies (Years 3 – 6). The cost is \$14.50 per test.

The tests are conducted at school on specified days. If you are interested in having your child sit any of these tests please collect an information form from the front office which will include test dates and the school code and password which you will need to order and pay for the tests.

I hope you have a wonderful week.

Kind regards,

Dee

Figgy Heights Fathering Project





FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERING TIPS

Being an example of resilience

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.



**DAD
JOKES**

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award?

A: Because he was outstanding in his field



Congratulations

Albion Park Soccer Club Gala Day

Some boys from FHPS competed in the Albion Park Soccer Club Gala day yesterday, Sunday 23rd June.

The Figtree U6 Blue team with 3 players from Figtree Heights Conner Vasiliou (KM), Hunter Demertzis (KD) and Jarrah McClymont (KD) won all 4 games they played.

The Figtree U7 Navy team Kia Edwards-Jone (1/2M), Dylan Walsh (1D), Dion Brangovitz (1D), Max Polhill (1D). Well done boys.

The weather was chilly and the rain stayed away.



WELL DONE TYCE



A big congratulations to **Tyce De Bruyn!**

Tyce won the Junior Speech and Drama Solo Championship. Also a 2nd for Solo Prose and a 2nd for Solo Australian Poem Recital.

He is very excited and will bring his medals and trophy in.



FHPS Kids Club Activities



Premier's Debating Competition



Well done to our debating team on their achievement at the Premier's Debating Competition





The value of the fortnight is...

Excellence

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



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
Spelling Mastery	End Term 2
Dance Troupe Costume (s/s)	End Term 2
SIMF Rehearsal (s/s)	25/6/19

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 26/06	Mell Pirie & Alice Zhou
Friday 28/06	Iolanda Fuduli & Lynn Jiang
Monday 1/07	Dean Harvey & Diana Toth

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

200m Athletics Carnival
Race permission notes are
due back no later than
Tuesday 25th June.
Any late nominations will
NOT be accepted.

REMINDER: YEARS 3 to 6 STUDENTS
Southern Stars Matinee Performance ex-
cursion on Friday 23 August at
Wollongong Entertainment Centre.
\$35 covers ticket and bus.

If you are interested in attending this ex-
cursion please bring your permission note
and payment to the office ASAP. Spaces
are limited.



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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WOLLONGONG NSW 2500
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Last week Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE** was officially launched at the BlueScope Visitors Centre in Wollongong, where Executive Producer, Paul Roger, announced the theme, and that tickets were officially on sale to the public.

There were some fantastic performances from our featured artists offering a sneak peek of some of the great items from this year's show. Our 4 Tenors in particular really made an impact, bringing the audience to tears – it was incredible!

The show once again will have something for everyone. The theme and show segments are all based around how students come alive when they perform.

It's the biggest show in the history of Southern Stars with over 3,000 students from over 100 schools in the Illawarra and around NSW. The students will take part in a world-class two hour arena style variety show that will feature pop, country, rock, and opera.

COME ALIVE includes two circus troupes, audience favourites - the NSW Public School Millennial Marching Band, a 600 strong choir, rock band, our Aboriginal dance ensemble, massive student orchestra, the Black Swans with an original item based on stories of the Illawarra, 2000 dancers, amazingly talented featured artists, the signing choir and disability students fully integrated with our drama students and vocalists, and much more.

As in past years, community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success, and the easiest way of showing your support is by attending one of the four blockbuster shows.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy spectacle which provides great entertainment for people of all ages. The talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students, is something not to be missed. Anyone who has attended a show says so!

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 31 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday September 1 (2pm and 7.30pm) - make sure you are one of them!

Please note that tickets should be purchased **only** through the official ticket booking site of Ticketmaster. <http://ticketmaster.com.au>

You can stay informed about what's coming up in the show, by visiting our Facebook page **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** and Instagram **@southernstarsareaspectacular**. Please like us and share the stories and pictures with all your friends and family.





The Ultimate Farm Experience for Kids

School Holidays Farm Experience

Come and visit Green Connect's chemical-free, permaculture farm in Warrawong these school holiday. Great interactive tour for kids from 3years old. Meet the pigs, chickens and sheep. Kids will be able to taste, touch and smell locally grown produce and learn more about where it comes from.




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Greene St, Warrawong

Free NAIDOC

Family FunDay

Tuesday 9 July 2019 10am-1pm
 Waste Wise Event

Celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture

Deadly things to experience...

- Welcome to Country
- Entertainment
- Local artists and dancers
- Giveaways and information stalls
- Activities for young and old
- Free BBQ (healthy options) and water

● Drug and Alcohol free ● BYO chair
 ● Listen to 198fm for weather details

Sponsored By: Barnardos South Coast, Illawarra Legal Centre, Warrawong Fire Station, Warrawong Residents Forum, Coomadtichie United Aboriginal Corporation, CareSouth, Lake Illawarra Police, Wollongong City Council, ISSIT, Bunnings



SCHOOL HOLIDAY Football clinics

JULY 2019

School Holiday Clinics provide players (aged 5-12 years) and goalkeepers (aged 10-15 years) with the opportunity to be coached by some of our leading coaches.

You will spend the mornings with members of FSC's coaching staff working on your football skills and having a lot of fun!

WEEK 1 (8 - 11 JULY)
 Thirroul (Thomas Gibson Park) 9am-12pm
 Albion Park (Terry Reserve) 9am-12pm
 Balgownie* (Judy Masters Oval) 9am-12pm
 *Includes Goalkeeping Clinic

WEEK 2 (15 - 18 JULY)
 Helensburgh (Rex Jackson Oval) 9am-12pm
 Unanderra (Unanderra Oval) 9am-12pm
 Gerringong (Gerry Emery Reserve) 9am-12pm

FUTSAL CLINIC (15 - 17 JULY)
 Fraternity Club Futsal Courts (9.30am - 11.30am)
 \$70.00

\$95 FROM PER PERSON

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

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HAVE FUN. MAKE FRIENDS. LEARN NEW SKILLS.



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 community



NAIDOC@Koonawarra

Proudly presented by CareWays Community and our Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee Partners

Thursday July 11th 2019

10am-2pm

Koonawarra Community Centre
 36 Fowlers Rd Koonawarra

*Free BBQ *Smoking Ceremony
 *Family Fun *Performances
 *Kids Activities

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