

Term 2, Week 10



Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Conner Vasiliou, Harper Tenhave,
Fatoum Maulaie, Ramona Brankovic,
Harlow Holtom, Olivia Burnes, Amelie Morrison,
Myah Ellem, Kaylee Monkman, Darcy Kelly,
Senuka Perera, Georgia Geralexis, Ryan Bush,
Addison Cook, Lucas Jiang, Kourtney Garvey,
Max Polhill, Justin Vasic, Chloe Telenta,
Max Cheetham, Jade Pacey, Millie Harnish Dunn,
Blaize Rutherford, Orlando Oyedeji
and Kyle Snelson

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Chloe Reh, Miles Burke, Jamie Wouters,
Darcee Cheetham, Ethan Humphrey, Ally Luke,
Stefen Anagnostopoulos, Blair Matias,
Leah Thackray, Ayden Poon, Zoe Brain,
Nate Hosking, Aria Bonacina and
Kai Edwards-Jones

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
Friday July 5th assembly at 2:45pm**

TERM 2	
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	
Wed 31/7	Interrelate: Session 1 @ 6pm Interrelate: Session 2 @ 7:15pm
	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thurs 1/8	Spelling Bee Finals @ 9am
Fri 2/8	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	2/3M Class Assembly & Superstar Awards @ 2pm



**THERE IS NO DANCE
TROUPE THIS
FRIDAY 5TH JULY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Rowen Halshaw, Toby Morrison, Alex Ladmore, Carter
O'Connor, Mohamed Abdul Latif, Lexi Forrester, Jonty
Ivaneza, Savanna Bennis, Orlando Oyedeji, Owen Bridge,
Emilia Matic, Max Cheetham and Dahlia Depers



From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term and my last newsletter as Acting Principal. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to hold this position for such an extended period. A sincere thank you to staff, parents and community members for your support, especially during those times of 'steep learning curves'. Next term I take on the role of working in the HIVE, focussing on supporting teachers with our MAPPEN units and digital technologies to support the implementation of the Science and Technology syllabus. I will also teach 5/6TF on Wednesdays and coordinate enrichment programs for Terms 3 and 4.

This weekend I joined Mrs Raelene Redfern, our in-coming Principal, at a two day workshop focussed on exploring wellbeing programs that may be suitable for our students.

At Figtree Heights Public School we are constantly seeking to reflect on our practice to provide the best teaching for our students. This week, Mrs Thurston will be joining Mrs Redfern and myself at a two-day course on 'Quality Teaching Rounds' for Principals and executives of Illawarra schools. This approach will be embedded in our school as a part of our reflective teaching cycle.

Best Wishes Mrs Fincher

This Thursday is Mrs Fincher's last day of teaching as she commences maternity leave to await the arrival of her baby. We wish her and her husband the very best during this exciting time.

Working Bee

Please put the morning of Saturday 27th July in your calendar for a school working bee. The teachers have been asked to list things that are needed to be done in their classrooms. We will be busy weeding, pruning and mulching gardens; refreshing the vegetable gardens for the Live Life Well Team so they can plant vegetables and herbs to use in the canteen in Term 3; cleaning out two storerooms; painting the current 'friendship seat' in the garden; and painting toilet doors and walls - students are currently designing the doors and we will be painting the block background colours at the working bee.

The list of jobs is growing and many helpers (and tools such as paint brushes, rollers, shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets) are needed – a comprehensive list of tasks will be in the first newsletter of Term 3. Students are welcome to help (under parent supervision) and we will also enjoy a well-earned sausage sizzle.

Choral Festival and Southern Stars

The first Southern Stars Dance combined schools rehearsal is scheduled for today – thank you to Mrs Modernel and Miss Middleton for your organisation for this. Tomorrow (Tuesday) the choir will be accompanied by Mrs Ruscica to the first combined choral practice for the Southern Illawarra Music Festival.

Spelling Bee – Stage 2 & 3

Last week teachers identified their class finalists for the school spelling bee. The successful students will now progress to compete in our Figtree Heights Spelling Bee which will be held on Thursday 1st August at 9am in the hall. All parents and loved ones are invited to this event. Two finalists from each Stage will then represent the school at the Regional level in September.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week occurs during the school holidays. Our school will be celebrating the event this week on Wednesday. Our students will enjoy sessions on art, traditional Aboriginal games and storytelling conducted by visiting Indigenous high school students and their teachers. Figtree High School is also holding a special morning and some of our students are attending with their families.

ICAS Registrations

We have been in contact with ICAS and due to them having technical issues they are unable to provide us with a parent code to register online. We will inform you as soon as this issue has been resolved.

Influenza

We have been notified that a student from our school has been diagnosed with Influenza A. To avoid the spread of this virus, frequent hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette is essential. Please be diligent and ensure your child is kept at home if they are presenting any symptoms including fever and chills, cough, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches & joint pains, headaches and fatigue (feeling very tired), nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea (more common in children than adults).

I hope you have a wonderful break,
Kind regards
Dee

Thank you to our P&C for their generous donation to our school

The money was used to purchase a Ride on Mower, student leaders to attend the Halogen Leaders Conference, new iPads, books for our reading groups, literature to support our MAPPEN units (history, geography, science) and resources for digital technology.



PSSA Touch Football

It was Friday June 21st and the sun was shining down on the glorious Figtree High School oval. Some would say a perfect day for touch football. The Senior Girls were taking on Coledale Public School in the opening round of the PSSA Knockouts in what was being anticipated as an instant classic.

The game started off very well, with the Figgy Heights girls scoring an early one in the corner. 1-0 soon became 2-0 after a blistering run down the sideline from Ellie Placek. For the remainder of the first half, solid defence from both sides kept the scores locked at 2-0 until just on the strike of halftime, some quick passing opened up space for Maggie Harvey to cross over in the corner. 3-0 at halftime.

Coledale opened the second half with confidence, scoring an early try to make it 3-1. 3-1 soon became 3-2 and the Figgy Heights girls were now locked in a contest. Some back and forth action soon followed before a late try sealed the deal. A 4-2 win and onto the next round.

Well done girls and thank you to all of the family members for their support on the day!



Touch Football to start off the week. A perfect way to start off week 10 for the senior boy's touch football side! They were matched up to play Figtree Public School. A cross town rivalry if ever there was one.

The match started off at a frantic pace. Back and forth action and some fantastic goal line defence had the scores locked up at 0-0 after 15 minutes. A bustling run from Khye Forrester lead to our first try. 1-0, with halftime shortly around the corner. Figtree managed to score two late tries to make the score 2-1 at the break.

The second half started off similar to the first half, end to end action and both teams playing a terrific brand of touch football. The Figtree Heights boys managed to level up the scores to make it 2-2 with 10 minutes left on the clock.

Unfortunately, Figtree managed to score two late tries to seal the deal. The final score being 4-2.

Congratulations to the boys for a fantastic effort on the day.



PSSA Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to represent the school at the upcoming Central Wollongong PSSA Athletics Carnival. Permission notes for the event will be handed out shortly.

Boys

Nash Ferguson: 100m, 800m, High Jump, Long Jump & Junior 100m relay
Bennett Anderson: 100m, 800m & Long Jump
Braxton Ewen-Chappell: 100m & Junior 100m relay
Carter Cook: 200m, 100m, 800m, 1500m, High Jump, Long Jump & Senior 100m relay
Mohmed Maulaie: 200m & 800m
Toby Morrison: 200m, 100m, 800m, 1500m, High Jump, Long Jump & Senior 100m relay
Alex Ladmore: 800m, 1500m & High Jump
Ethan Dzparovski: 100m
Arlo Steffen: 100m
Steffen Anagnostopoulos: 100m
Harry Placek: 100m, Shot Put & Junior 100m Relay
Andre Dzparovski: 100m, Discus & Junior 100m Relay
Jack Turnbull: 200m, 100m, Discus & Junior 100m Relay
Joshua Hailstone: 100m & Long Jump
Ben Parry: 100m & Shot Put
Jacob Hosking: 200m, 100m, Long Jump & Senior 100m Relay
Khye Forrester: 100m, Shot Put, Discus & Senior 100m Relay
Theodore Rainford: Shot Put
Asher Percival: Shot Put & Discus
Carter O'Connor: Shot Put
Aiden Meagher: Discus
Rowen Halshaw: Discus
Nate Hosking: High Jump
Pearce Anagnostopoulos: High Jump & 1500m
Charlie Kerr: 200m

Girls

Imogene Anderson: 1500m, 200m, 100m, 800m, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus & Junior 100m Relay
Kelaela Smith: 100m & 800m
Maeve Hicks: 200m, 100m & 800m
Zoe Pascoe: 800m
Ebony Pascoe: 200m, 800m & Long Jump
Odette Krizsan: 800m & High Jump
Lexi Forrester: 100m
Lucy Howes: 100m
Marwa Maulaie: 100m
Keira Meagher: 100m
Ilona Krizsan: 100m, High Jump & Junior 100m Relay
Myah Ellem: 100m, Discus & Junior 100m Relay
Chloe Reh: 200m, 100m & Junior 100m Relay
Destiny Strat: 200m, 100m, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus & Senior 100m Relay
Asha Andrews: 100m
Ellie Placek: 100m & Senior 100m Relay
Sophie McCall: 200m, 100m & Senior 100m Relay
Brylee Ellem: 100m & Senior 100m Relay
Elizabeth Pirie: Long Jump
Brooke Baird: Long Jump & Shot Put
Kaylee Monkman: Shot Put
Chelsea Jones: Shot Put
Ally Luke: Discus
Maggie Harvey: 1500m & High Jump
Anastasia Popovska: Shot Put & Discus
Chiara D'Amico: Long Jump
Isabel Burnes: Shot Put



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Senuki Haragamuwa** for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

"Only 8 more weeks until the Premiers Reading Challenge closes. All student reading logs must be submitted/entered by August 30th.

Happy Reading Figtree Heights PS!"

Congratulations to **Annabel Wouters** on her achievement at the Wollongong Eisteddford. Annabel achieved the following places in the Wind Instrument Section:

- IST—12 years Australian Composition
- IST—12 years Baroque/Classical
- IST—12 years Wind Instrument Solo
- IST—14 years Wind Instrument Solo
- 2nd—14 years Duet



SPELLING BEE

Following are our finalists that will be competing at the school Spelling Bee competition:

Stage 2 Contestants

Genevieve Harvey
Harry Placek
Kelaela Smith
Isaac Vasic
Jaiden Kerr
Imogene Anderson
Colin Zhou
Theodore Rainford
Lewis Andrews

Stage 3 Contestants

Joshua Hailstone
Eva Davey
Toby Leo
Rowen Halshaw
Ebony Pascoe
Annabel Wouters
Lenny Atsas

The Fathering Project

FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERING TIPS

Homework Routines

This week, we're thinking about how you can help your child establish a good homework routine.

- Most children start getting homework from the first year of school – practicing reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic initially - but evolving into larger, more complex research projects later on.
- Encourage your child by establishing a routine where you can sit with them, or nearby, while they work.
- If you can't always be around while they're working, another way to do this is setting a time for you to review their work together once they've had a go.
- Be available to test their spelling, listen to their reading, and guide them if they can't see the solution to a problem or don't know where to look for information.
- Try to avoid simply answering their questions, guide them to find the answer for themselves.
- Take an interest in what they are learning about – you might learn something too.
- Create routine for play time and homework time after school so they can understand what's expected of them each week.

DAD
JOKES

Q: How does a penguin build its house?

A: Igloos it together



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 3/07	Atared Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Friday 5/07	Rebecca Walshe-Smith, Sara El Gamal & Angie Fischer
Wednesday 24/07	Mell Pirie & Alice Zhou

FROM THE LIBRARY...



We have a lot of books in the library that need covering! If any parents would like to volunteer their time to help cover books, please contact the school office.

Thank you,
Mrs Fincher



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