

Term 4, Week 4



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Wed 4/11	Figtree High School Visit - Year 7 2021 transition P&C Zoom Meeting @6:30pm
Week 5	
Tue 10/11	CANTEEN SPECIAL - HOT DOG
Fri 13/11	Sydney FC visit SRC FUNDRAISER Crazy hair and fun day
Week 6	
Thur 19/11	Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 20/11	Sydney FC visit
Week 7	
Thur 26/11	Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 27/11	Sydney FC visit
Week 8	
Mon 30/11	Figtree High School - Information Night
Tue 1/12	Figtree High School - Orientation
Wed 2/12	P&C Zoom Meeting
Fri 4/12	Sydney FC visit
Week 9	
Fri 11/12	Sydney FC visit
Week 10	
Wed 16/12	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Thur 17/12	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Fri 18/12	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar student:

Ryan B., Kyle S. and Ava J.

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

Charlotte A., Anglo A., Scarlett B.,
Jackson B., Layla C., Noah D., Evelyn E.,
Oliver E., Stella F., Drew G., Alexander G.,
Kiara H., Niah J., Ava J., Dion K., Grace K.,
Jesse K., Olivia L., Finn M., Blair M.,
Albie M., Lachlan M., Sybil M., Freija N.,
Nahla O., Gaia P., Elly P., Hendrix R.,
Aisha R., Amalia S., Lyla S., Claire S.,
Isabel S., Natalia T., Chloe T., Conner V.
and Madeline W.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

Toby L.,
Chelsea V.
and Lucy H.



With Thanks

Thank you to the lovely canteen volunteers, Iolanda and Shanelle, who enabled our students to take another tiny step back towards normality! The ice-block and drinks sales made \$188.

Please remember our canteen is not officially 'open' until next year but do keep an eye out of any more special days coming up.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

We have been organising our 'new look' Kindergarten Orientation for our youngest students starting next year. If you know of any local families who are yet to enrol children who will be of Kindergarten age, please direct them to our office as soon as possible to receive all of the necessary information. Orientation is such an important part of getting ready for school that we would hate for any of our 2021 Kindergarteners to miss taking part. Thank you for your assistance.

Australia Reads

Australia Reads is running from 1-12 November and is an opportunity to talk about and engage your children in reading. Thursday 12 November is also the day the Australian Reading Hour campaign takes place. On this day all Australians are encouraged to pick an hour of the day (whenever it suits you) to stop and read.



More information can be found at <https://australiareads.org.au/>.

Reminder: 2021 Staff Development Day Changes

At the start of each year school staff return a day before students do and then remain at school for two days at the end of the year after students have finished.

We have been advised that for **next year staff will return two days earlier than students and remain for one day later at the end of the year**. As we work around Australia Day this means the dates for the start of school, 2021, will be:

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January	Staff Development Days (no students)
Friday 29 January	First Day for students Years 1-6 (Kindergarten will have an allocated time to complete the Best Start Assessment on this day)
Monday 1 February	First Day for Kindergarten

A Message from Mrs Fincher

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Figtree Heights students and families for all of their support with the Book Fair. We truly appreciate your support, especially during these unknown times. I am very excited to let you know that we have had an extremely successful Book Fair and have earned enough points to purchase over \$500 worth of books and resources for our school. Please be on the lookout for some brand new titles in 2021. We look forward to seeing you at next years event! Mrs Fincher

From the desk of the Principal

Last Word

Reading reduces stress by 68%.
It works faster than listening to music,
going for a walk or enjoying a cup of tea.

Reading will advance your child's learning.
A bedtime story six days a week can put kids
almost a year ahead when they start school.

DID YOU KNOW?

Reading is good for your brain.
It helps keep you active as you get older.

Reading leads to self awareness.
It is closely linked to increasing our
understanding of our own identity.

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Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications
Office for the Arts

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**AUSTRALIA
READS**

October 1-12, 2020

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Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal



Awards Gallery

Bronze



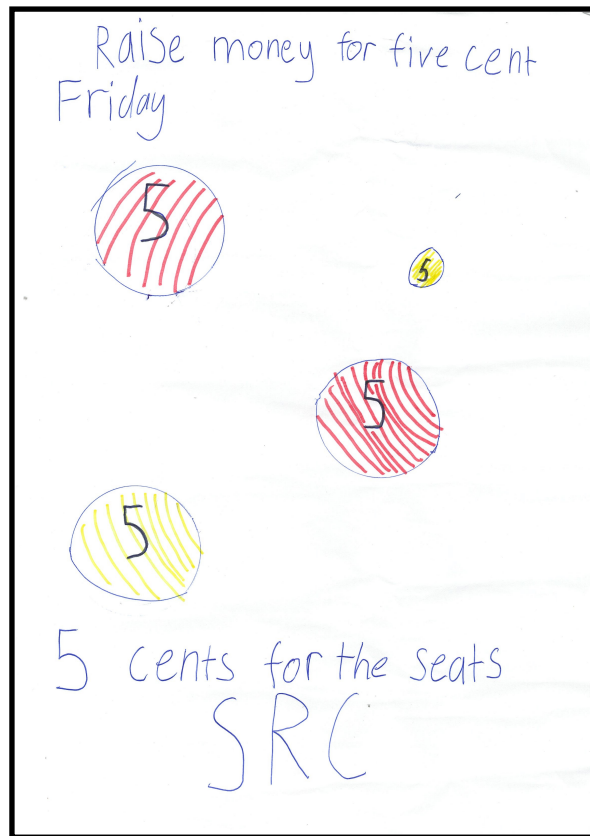
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Gold



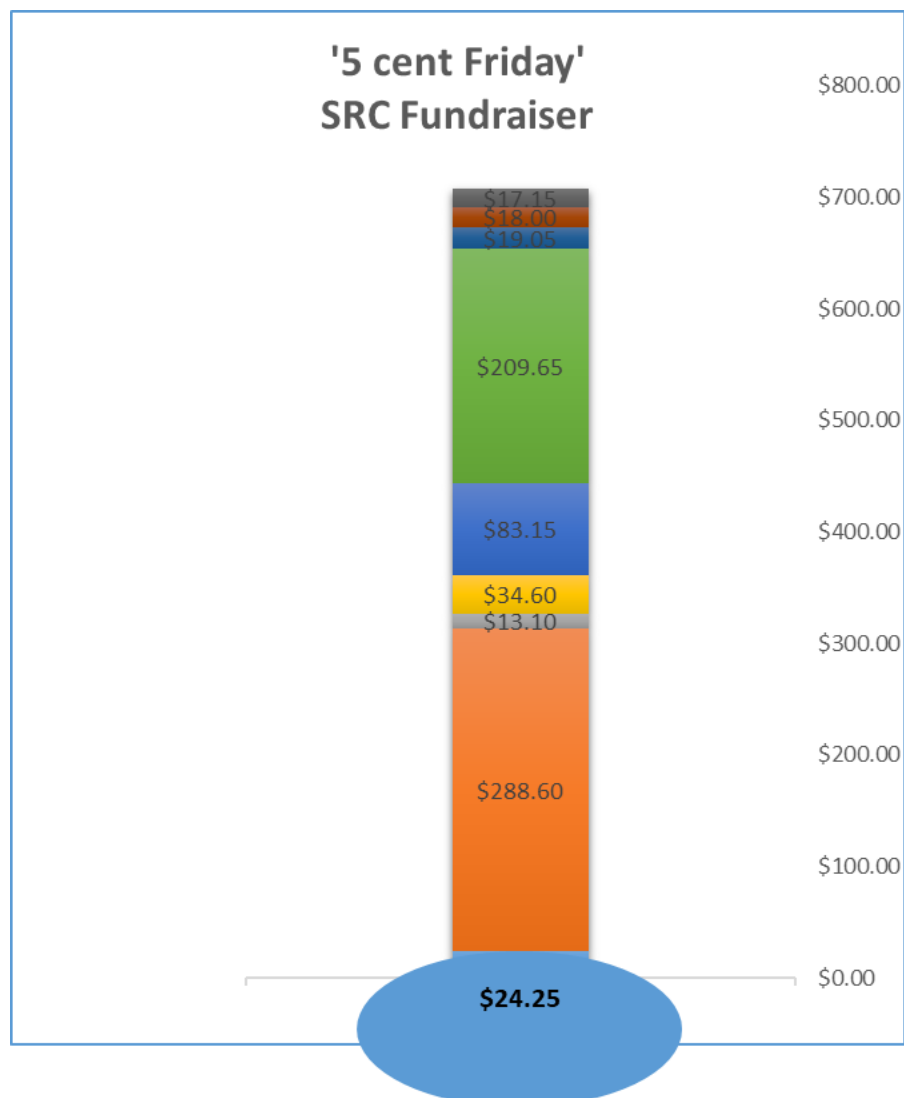
SRC Spotlight



Last week we raised \$17.15.

This brings our total to \$707.55.

Thank you,
SRC



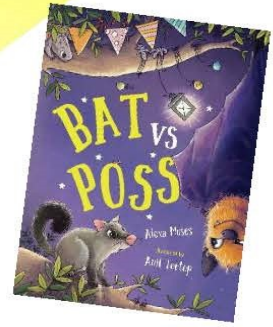
BOOK WEEK SPOTLIGHT

1/2CO

Title: Bat vs Poss

Author: Alexa Moses

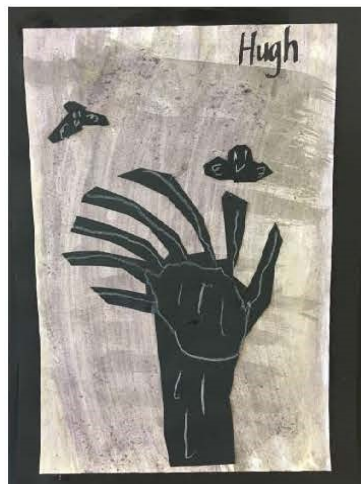
Category: Early Childhood book 2020



This story is about a bat who tries to make his home in a tree. The problem is, there are already other creatures living there, including a family of possums. Find out what happens when the bat tries to kick out the family of possums!

1/2 CO embraced this book and have taken part in many activities to further their understanding of this heart-warming story. Take a look below at some of their hard work. Well done!

Silhouette Artwork



4.10.2020 11/19h



If I Was Pass
I Would ask Why
Bat Was being
rude. You can be
more respectful.
respectful.

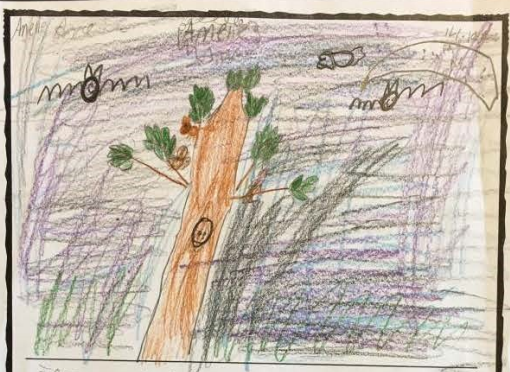
Emilia B



If I was bat I would share the
tree and learn to care about other animals.
I would also clean my own mess and
help other animals. Bat should really be
more helpful and kind. He should
also not be so demanding and lots
more kinder.

14.10.2020

Thank you for sharing your writing 1/2CO!



If I was bat I would ask if I could
come in to their tree and learn how to care.
Bat has to try to not cry when something ^{happens} ~~down~~
go his way. He also needs to have some ^{money} ~~manes~~
He needs to share.

Amelie

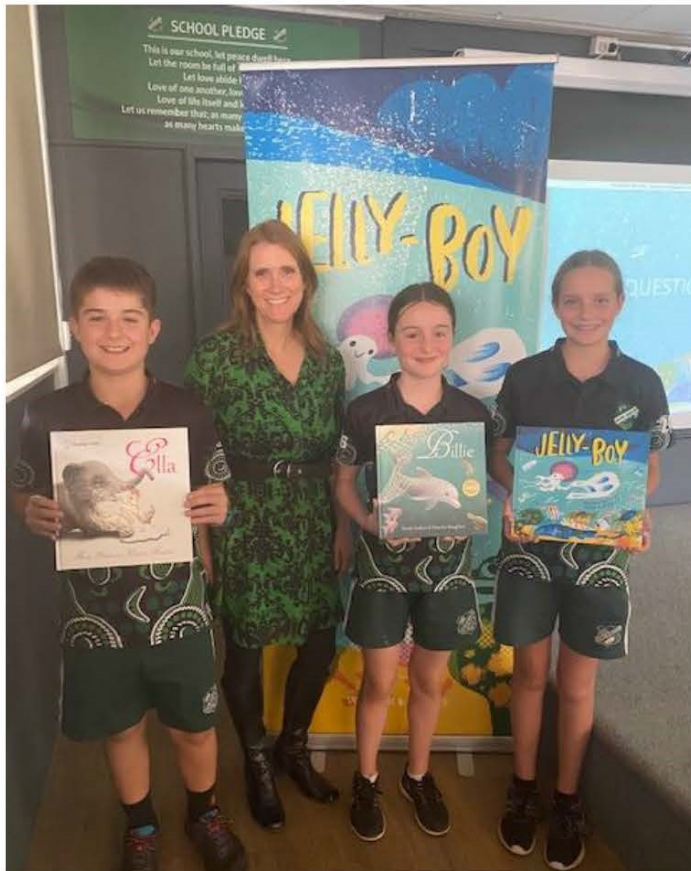
Isaac 4.10.2020



If I Was Pass
I Would Say to
Bat You Can
come in. Pass was
being mean because
mooku ~~posd~~ pushed Bat
off the tree.

Author Visit with Nicole Godwin

'Jelly-Boy'



"I think it's really great that she's writing kids stories about conservation and saving the planet."

~Sinead, Year 6

"Today I learned that we should never throw nets into the ocean because animals can get caught in them. I also learned that we need to treat animals the way we want to be treated."

~Olivia, Year 2

"My favourite thing about our visit with Nicole today was learning about the plastics that can get stuck inside animals."

~Albie, Kindergarten

"I really enjoyed the author visit. I thought it was interesting to learn all about the different animals in the book. It was great to learn how to make a good story, for example, have your paragraphs and story parts planned before you start writing. I also enjoyed meeting the author because I have never met an author before."

~Sophia, Year 3



Author Visit continued



"Today I learned that you should never litter or pollute because if you were an animal you wouldn't like to be caught up in nets."

~Orlando, Year 2

"I thoroughly enjoyed learning about what went through the authors mind while she was writing her books."

~Barry, Year 5

"I learned more about Jellyfish (that most don't hurt you). I really enjoyed how the author told us that her books are about real life and not just imaginative stories. I also learned about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch."

~Bilal, Year 3

"My favourite thing about our visit with Nicole today was learning about the Jelly fish."

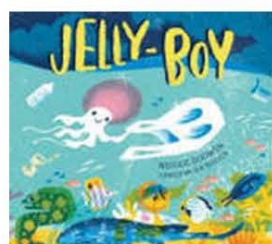
~Maddie, Kindergarten



Exciting News

Nicole has just announced that Jelly-Boy has won an award! The beloved book has won the Conservation Awareness for Children category in the Whitley Awards presented by the Royal Zoological Society of NSW.

A huge congratulations to Nicole!



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



Your P&C Federation
Committed to Public Education

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2020
GENERAL MEETING 6.30PM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED

VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

RSVP via email to fhpspanc@gmail.com for meeting link

SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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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 all,

I just wanted to give a quick update on our Figgy Heights Fathers group. For obvious reasons, we haven't been able to run any events this year but hopefully the health guidelines will be relaxed in 2021, allowing us to pick up where we left off - holding more Dads & Kids events and Dads Only events. Assuming that happens, I look forward to seeing you all again and reforming our dads group - something that will grow over time and have a positive impact on our school, ourselves and most importantly, our kids.

All the best for the remainder of the year,
Nikolaj.

FATHERING PROJECT TIPS

This week, we're looking at teaching your kids independence. Try our tips:

- Encourage your kids to make decisions; on what activity to do on the weekend, what to help make for dinner, what holidays to go on.
- Give your kids responsibilities around the house and hold them accountable.
- Ask for your child's opinion when making family decisions. Take what they have to say seriously.
- Teach them not to take things for granted; a good method with this is getting them to create a savings plan to pay for part of something they want.

Dad Jokes

**19 and 20 got into an argument.
21.**



Link to The Fathering Project channel – a website with stacks of videos on fathering ideas, tips, webinars, interactive opportunities, podcasts and more!
<https://thefatheringproject.org/fathering-channel/>

CANTEEN TUESDAY SPECIALS: Hot Dog

On **Tuesday 10th November**, canteen will have a "Hot Dog special day":

Hot Dog \$2.50 each, with your choice of sauce



Your hot dog will be available for collection in the lunch baskets.

*Canteen will be open for service, during lunch break,
for drinks and snacks only.*

Orders are due by **Saturday 7th November**

AVAILABLE ONLY ON FLEXISCHOOL

NO PAPER ORDERS OR ALTERATIONS ACCEPTED – SORRY!