

# Term 4, Week 10



TERM 4	
Week 10	
Wed 16/12	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Thur 17/12	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Fri 18/12	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
2021 TERM 1	
Week 1	
Wed 27/01	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Thur 28/01	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Fri 29/01	Years 1-6 Students Return
	Kindergarten 2021 Best Start Assessment
Week 2	
Mon 1/02	First day for Kindergarten



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Asha A., Amelia C., Dylan W.,  
Brayden O., Oscar G-C., Kiara H.,  
River M., Imogene A., Olivia B.,  
Ethan D., Isaac V., Keiana O.,  
Bilal A., Amani A., Amelia E.,  
Taylan C., Isaac P., Conner V.,  
Georgia H., Tom F., Lucas J.,  
Dallal M., Dani G. and Anglo A.



## Santa Run is on THIS Afternoon!

Santa is starting his run at 4:30 this afternoon, leaving from Figtree Cres, then working his way to stop on Outlook Drive, along Lewis Ave, up St George Ave to make a stop at Stillness Rd, then next stop in Camden Grove followed by Bellevue Avenue near FGK and finishing up near our school. If you click on the link below it should take you to a Google map tracking Santa's planned trip and approximate times.

[FHPS Santa Run 14/12/2020 - Google My Maps](#)

### Dates

Don't forget students' last day of school this term is

**Wednesday 16 December**

and the first day back, for Years 1-6 is

**Friday 29 January**

with Kindergarten students officially starting on Monday 1 February.

### Presentation Day

A huge thank you to Bec from *Bump to Bounce Photography* for the absolutely beautiful photos she took of our award recipients and Year 6 graduates. She has sent these away to be printed and we are hoping to have them back before Wednesday afternoon to send home with the students involved. Bec really went above and beyond as she spent all day here to get the photos taken, filed and sent away as quickly as possible. Not only that, she did a complementary slideshow of the photos to put on our Facebook page so have a look, they are just lovely. Thank you also to the P&C for funding this initiative.

Thank you to Jayden Brown who filmed and edited our celebration. You can view this by clicking on the link attached to the Newsletter email. Some of our students are a little softly spoken so you may have to turn your sound up. Jayden also went to the effort of putting time guides so you can skip straight to the section you wish to view.

Thank you to both Bec and Jayden for enabling us to best share our day with you.

### Statements and Student Assistance

Don't forget if you are experiencing any type of financial hardship (especially given the year we have just had) you are able to apply for student assistance. The process is easy, confidential and judgement free. Just call the office and we will send an application home for you to fill in. There are funds set aside for this each year and, with out camps proceeding this year, this resource has been under utilised.



# From the desk of the Principal

## Last Word...Farewell 2020

What a year! Starting off with bushfires, to be followed by floods, was bad enough but we have also entered into the first major pandemic of this century...just to make the year a little more interesting! I can honestly say I have not seen a year like this before and I am so impressed with how our community, students and staff have adjusted to all the 2020 curve balls. Thank you for your ongoing support, even in circumstances that otherwise could have been quite divisive...it means more to us than you know.

May you all get to relax, refresh and revitalise over the break as we ready ourselves for what 2021 will offer. From the Figtree Heights Public School family to yours...



Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

*Rae Redfern*  
Principal

# Superstar Awards Gallery

## Bronze



## Silver



## Gold



## Bronze 2



# Year 6 2020

## YEAR 6 JAMBEROO EXCURSION



A big 'Thank You' to the families that donated and helped to organise the Year 6 farewell.



# Premier's Reading Challenge



## SRC 2020 Highlights

Congratulations to all of the Student Council Representatives on their contribution to our school events and their class leadership this year. \$1,604.00 has been collectively raised this year with some amazing events that were a lot of fun.

- Homeless Hub Muffi Day
- Odd sock and tie Muffi Day
- Friday Crazy Hair Fun Day
- 5 cent Friday with SRC Poster displays
- Return and Earn of aluminium cans from the canteen was commenced but had to be postponed due to Covid-19 but will return in 2021.
- Fruit and Vegetable collections for South Coast Wildlife after the bush fires.

The SRC also did weekly announcements to the school at morning assemblies and over the PA system. It was great to see them offer to do these announcements and improve their public speaking skills over time.

We have been very proud of their achievements this year and we are looking forward to 2021.

Mrs Cameron and  
Miss Pearce



# Swimming

## SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP



Congratulations to our swimming age champions and runner-ups!

The "Swimming Carnival was the only official carnival we were able to run this year. However, we are hopeful we get to have a few more carnivals in 2021!



# P&C News

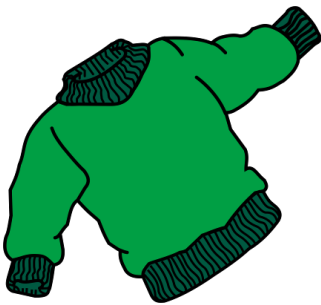


## FIGGY FOX IS COMING IN 2021

*What does the Fox say!*



**FHPS** Parents & Citizens Association



## *Lost Property Reminder*

Our lost property basket is overflowing.

Can you please ask your children to check lost property, which is located outside the front office, before the last day of school.

Anything unlabelled will be donated to the second hand uniform pool.



# Community News

## Minnamurra Rainforest January Holiday Program



### Junior Ranger – things that sting - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
Bookings essential: 42360 469

Junior rangers are born to explore. If you have an interest in nature, animals and the outdoors then this is the activity for you. Discover the secrets of the rainforest on a fun junior ranger activity this school holidays, learning about the plants and animals of the rainforest.

### Junior Ranger - birds of the forest - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
Bookings essential: 42360 469

Have you ever wondered why birds' beaks, feet and wings look so different? Come along on this fun activity to learn all about the birds of the forest in their natural habitat.

### Summer Nature journaling - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

Join our guide on a fun way to document your outdoor adventure at Minnamurra Rainforest. Learn how to observe and draw leaves, patterns, colours and shapes using nature journaling techniques. BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

### Nature in resin - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on the great holiday activity to get creative. We will be creating old school paper weights, preserving specimens in resin for eternity.

### Kokedama Balls - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
Bookings essential: 42360 469

Get your hands dirty joining us to make your own kokedama moss ball! Book in for this fun and engaging workshop where you will make a beautiful hanging creative display to take home and enjoy. All materials will be provided.

### Junior Ranger – life in the leaf litter - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00  
Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)  
Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)  
Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on an activity where we will look closely at the life in the leaf litter. We will use magnifiers and trays to closely investigate our discoveries.

Note to participants: Bookings are required to ensure places in the activities. Printed finish times are approximate, and activities may be cancelled or altered due to unforeseen circumstances. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. When attending activities, please bring drinking water, appropriate clothing and footwear, sun protection and snack. COVID safe rules apply.

**Bookings required for all activities. Phone 02 4236 0469 or email [minnamurra@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:minnamurra@environment.nsw.gov.au)**

## FIGTREE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB



Figtree Junior Soccer Club is the club for all ages and all abilities to play soccer in a safe and friendly environment. Whether it is social or competitive teams you are looking for, we have a team to suit.

All our coaches aim to make soccer fun and to develop every single player.

Registration for the 2021 Soccer Season opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Check out our website <https://figtreefc.majestri.com.au> for more details or drop us an email at [juniors@figtreefc.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:juniors@figtreefc.onmicrosoft.com)



## HOLIDAY CAMPS



**CAMP 1**  
21-22 DEC 2020  
9AM-2PM

**CAMP 2**  
11-12 JAN 2021  
9AM-2PM

**1 DAY = \$60**  
**2 DAYS = \$100**



**BOOKINGS: [TOPEDGEcoach@gmail.com](mailto:TOPEDGEcoach@gmail.com)**



**Health**

Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District  
Public Health Unit

Dear Parent/Guardian

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting the community and individuals from disease.

Adolescent vaccines will be offered for FREE to your child when they commence Year 7 in 2021.

Your child will be given a Parent Information Kit in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2021, which contains information about the vaccines and a consent card that you will need to complete for the vaccines to be offered.

**Vaccines offered to ALL students in Year 7:**

GRADE	VACCINE	SCHEDULE
7	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (dTpa)	1-dose
	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	2-dose schedule (6months apart)

For further information regarding this program or any other questions about immunisation please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

Alternatively, see our website with videos and information on the school immunisation program  
<http://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/public-health-unit/immunisation-0/nsw-school-vaccination-program>

Yours faithfully

Curtis Gregory  
Director, Public Health Unit

12 December 2020