

Term 1, Week 4



Term 1 2020	
Week 4	
Tue 18/2	Parent Information Sessions Stage 3—3:30pm Stage 1—4:00pm Stage 2—4:30pm Kindy (Early Stage 1)— 5:00pm
Wed 19/2	FHPS P&C General Meeting in The Hive @ 6:30pm (Free child minding available)
Fri 21/2	District Swimming Carnival
Week 5	
Mon 24/2	Kindy - Year 6 Gymnastics
Week 6	
Mon 2/3	Kindy - Year 6 Gymnastics
Tue 3/3	Canteen Special - Sushi
Week 7	
Mon 9/3	Kindy - Year 6 Gymnastics

Canteen News

Due to unforeseen circumstance the Sushi Canteen Special has been postponed from Tuesday 25th February until Tuesday 3rd March.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...

Audrey Lonsdale,
Jaiden Kerr and
Natalia Tarantello



FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



Your P&C Federation
Committed to Public Education

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 6.30PM IN THE HIVE

FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE

ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME

**SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

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FHPS Parents & Citizens Association
PRESENTS THE
Figtree Heights
AUTUMN FAIR
SATURDAY 28TH
MARCH 2020
10AM - 2PM

**FUN - FOOD - STALLS - RIDES - ENTERTAINMENT
FREE ENTRY**

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From the desk of the Principal

Swimming Carnival

Thank you very much to the Figtree Heights community for such a great carnival last week. Thank you to Mr Voysey for his organisation and to the staff and parents that took on the various roles required for the day to run as well as it did. Congratulations to all competitors, for having a go, and spectators for their very encouraging support. It was wonderful to see so many 'first time' competitors get involved, with some surprising themselves! There are always a few bumps with goggle, swimmer or nerve malfunctions, but on the whole I think it was a very enjoyable day...with even the rain and predicted storm holding off for us! The final results have been emailed as an attachment with this week's newsletter.

Parent Information Meetings

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Information Meetings to be run tomorrow afternoon. It's a lovely way to meet teachers that may be new to your family and hear about the year ahead. We have scattered our times to allow for siblings in different classes.

- 3:30 Stage 3 - in 5/6 TV
- 4:00 Stage 1 - in 1/2 CO
- 4:30 Stage 2 - in 3/4 B
- 5:00 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - in the Kindergarten rooms

Communication Home

For any new families here is a quick overview on school communication.

Our weekly Newsletter goes home each Monday. In this we try to put as much information as possible about events and items that may be of interest to families. However, sometimes we need to get updates home as quickly as possible (and not on a Monday) so in this case we use Facebook as this is the platform supported by the Department. Whilst we realise not all parents are members of Facebook you do not have to be a registered user to access our page. You can either follow the link at the bottom of our website, or google Figtree Heights Public School. We are also in the process of updating our website to provide ease of access to notes and information.

Class information is shared via Seesaw or Google Classroom, depending on the stage and this will be discussed further at the Information Sessions.

Gym reminder

Don't forget our gymnastic program will be running as of next week so sports uniform will be required on:

- Monday 24 February
- Monday 2 March
- Monday 9 March

Sports uniform will also be worn on each Friday.

Early Arrivals

Please remind your children that if they are at school before 8:30 they are to sit on the seats in the old COLA area. Teacher supervision starts at 8:30 so we do ask that you try to drop students off after that time. Before school care is available for families who require such support, however, this also means that OoSH (Out of School Hours) are utilising our new COLA and grounds until 8:30 so other students need to stay clear of these areas, remaining in the old COLA.

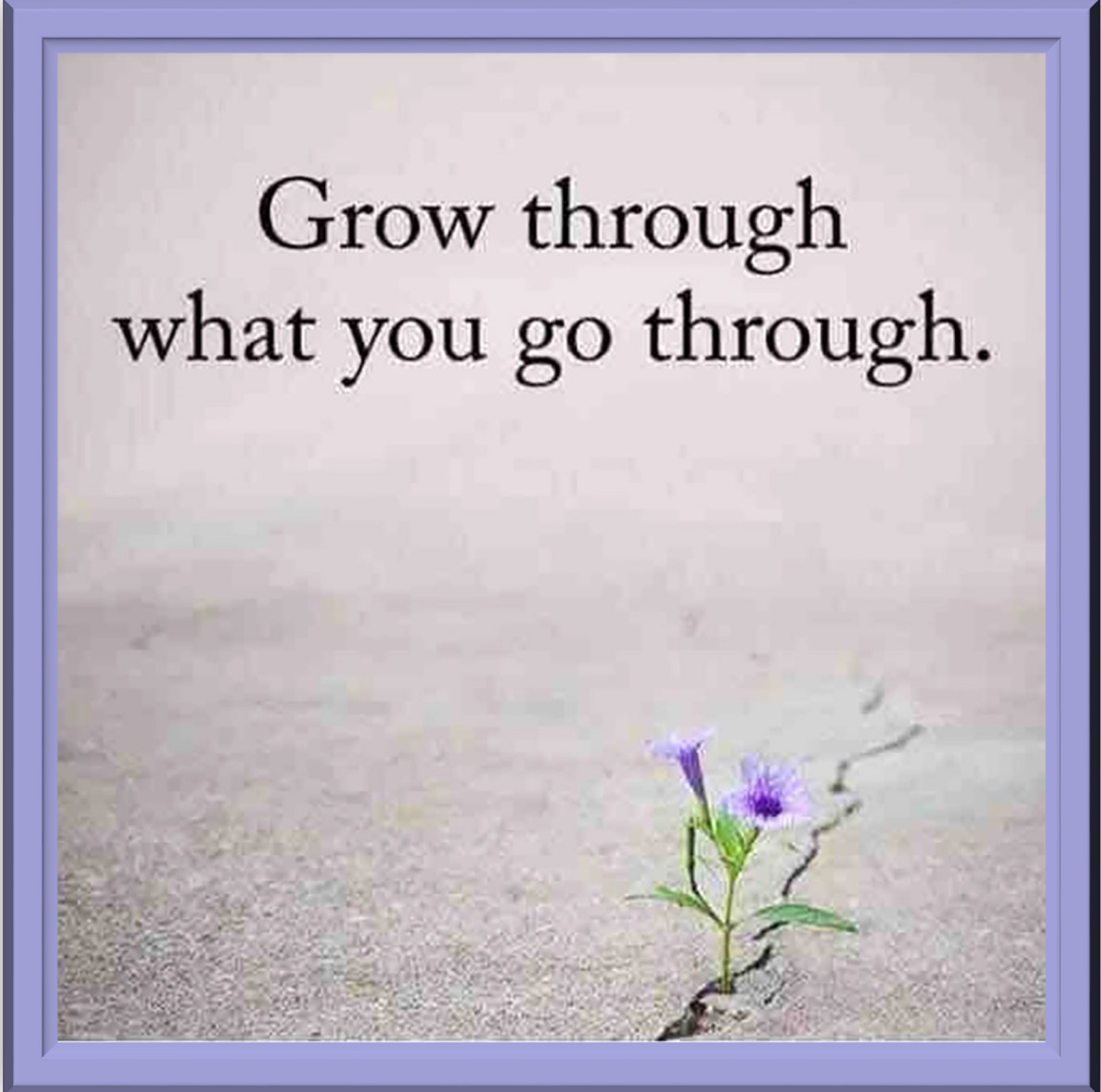
Ethics Classes, Volunteer Shortage

Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to teach Ethics to all grades. Currently we have Ethics teachers for the Stage 2 group and a Year 2 group. All other Ethics groups will be included in Non-Scripture at this point. Should you rather your child join one of our other scripture groups please send a note or email into the school. Similarly, should you wish to train as an Ethics teacher also let us know and we will pass your details on.

Wollongong High School Applications

Applications for Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts for Year 6 students wishing to apply for 2021 are now open. Applications are only accepted online. For more information go to <https://www.millenniumschoools.net.au/whspa/?id=8213>

Last Word



Grow through
what you go through.

Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal

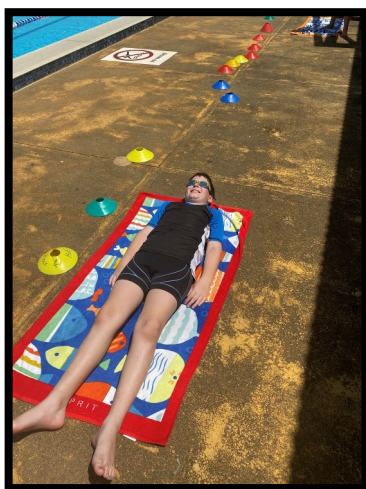
Swimming Carnival

2020 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations and good luck to all of the students listed below as they will be competing at the Central Wollongong District Swimming Carnival this Friday. Well done to all competitors at our swimming carnival last Tuesday. The effort and enthusiasm shown by all competitors on the day was fantastic to watch.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who helped out on the day of the carnival in one way or another. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Mr Voysey



Fathering Project Tips

Encourage Learning

After a much needed summer break, the transition back to school can be stressful.

Children go through a period of readjustment when returning to school, after having become used to a lack of structure in the holidays.

Try these tips to ease the stress and maintain a positive attitude to school in your family.

- Showing you place a high value on education requires only simple words and actions; tell your kids what you think about education.
- Make sure you're on time for school.
- Thank teachers for all of their hard work, in front of your kids.
- Discuss and agree on a homework routine for the term.
- Set up a place for them to study and be willing to help them when they are struggling.
- Help them find balance. Have a conversation about screen time, what the rules might be for this term - and why they're important.

Dad Jokes

Question:

Dad, can you put my shoes on?

Answer:

No, I don't think they'll fit me.



Borrowing books from The HIVE will start in Week 4 of this term as the stocktake from 2019 rolled in to this year. Unfortunately this caused delays with when students were able to begin borrowing. Library days for Term 1 are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Below are the library days for each class:

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/3W 1/2CO 5/6N	3/4P 3/4B 5/6TV	KP K/1D 1/2J

These days may change due to unforeseen circumstances. If there is a change to a borrowing day, students who wish to borrow books will be able to do so on another day.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is starting very soon and is a fantastic for students of all ages to participate in. It is not a competition, but a challenge for students to read a variety of books. It aims to encourage a love for reading across a range of quality literature. All books in the library that count towards the PRC have their ID codes on the front cover. Below is some key information about the PRC:

Important dates:

Opening date: 2nd of March 2020

Closing date: 28th of August 2020

Important rules of the challenge:

1. You must complete your **ONLINE** Student Reading Record by the 28th of August 2020.
2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the challenge:

Year Group	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice Books	Booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

3. Books you read after the 2019 Challenge closed can count towards this year's Challenge.
4. A) K-2 students, can read books on their own, with someone or can be read to by someone.
B) 3-4 and 5-6 students, must read the books on their own, but someone can help them choose the books they would like to read.
5. In a series, for example, Harry Potter, only **THREE** books count towards the PRC. You can read up to five other books within the same series, however, these count as Personal Choice books.
6. K-2 students who are able to read simple chapter books on their own are able to attempt the 3-4 Challenge.

Logging in to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website:

The main link for the PRC website is:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

A link to the Premier's Reading Challenge website can also be found in the [Student Portal](#) under the **Learning** section. Students are also able to add a link to the PRC in the **My Link List** section to make the PRC easier to find. The URL to use

is <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>.

Public school students can also log in directly to the [PRC website](#) using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password. These are the same details a student would use to access the [Student Portal](#) and the computer network at school. If you are unaware of your username and/or password, please contact your class teacher and ask for your Student Portal username and/or password.

Watch this video to learn about how to add books the online Student Reading Record: <https://vimeo.com/267736577>

Extra Information:

Students can be provided with a paper copy of a blank reading log to keep a record of the books they have read. However all books need to be recorded online as paper copies will not be accepted.

Some classes have already started their PRC in the library with Miss Petkovska. Below are the books she has read with them, including their PRC ID codes:

Class	Date	Book Title and Author	ID Code
K/1D	05/02/2020	Year 1 - Florette by Anna Walker	4999
1/2J	07/02/2020	The Rainbirds by David Metzenthen & Sally Rippin	1081
	13/02/2020	Banjo and Ruby Red by Libby Gleeson	1184
1/2CO	05/02/2020	Ollie and the Wind by Ronojoy Ghosh	3002
	06/02/2020	Florette by Anna Walker	4999
	13/02/2020	The Great Rabbit Chase by Freya Blackwood	43464
2/3W	30/01/2020	The Island by John Heffernan & Peter Sheehan	18562
	05/02/2020	Max by Bob Graham	8874
	12/02/2020	Mr Huff by Anna Walker	9806



Figtree Heights **AUTUMN FAIR**



We are excited to invite you to the Figtree Heights Public School Autumn Fair on Saturday 28 March, from 10am until 2pm.

The fair is always a highlight on the school calendar where our whole community comes together to celebrate, have fun and raise funds for Figtree Heights Public School.

In order to maximise the fundraising potential of our school fair, we will be asking families to donate goods and items for the planned stalls and raffles. Everyone has something to contribute, whether it be their time, their baking skills, their craft skills, a donation of a prize or a business contact who could sponsor the event.

With the main elements locked away, we are now needing the families of Figtree Heights to lend their support. The success of our upcoming fete will depend a large part on the number and enthusiasm of our volunteer workforce. We've done it before and we can do it again!

Each week we will keep you up to date with what is planned, what is needed and how you can be part of this special event.

We are looking forward to Saturday 28 March when our school grounds will come alive as our families and friends join with the wider community, with amusement rides, food, market stalls, live entertainment and much more.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Figtree Heights PS Autumn Fair Committee



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CLASS DONATIONS

With our objective to run a successful fete without major impact on our families leading up to the event, we would kindly ask that each student brings in ONE item relating to the category allocated to your class to assist with making raffle baskets, contributing to lolly bags at the Cake Stall or prizes at Side Show Alley.


Suggestions for each category are listed below.

Donations can be brought to class from this week and placed in the basket provided in each classroom.



KP LOLLIES & CHOCOLATES	K/1D EASTER EGGS	1/2CO BOYS TOYS	1/2J GIRLS TOYS
Gummies / jelly lollies, wrapped lollies, sour lollies, jellybeans, lollipops	Easter bunnies, small chocolate egg packets, large eggs, Easter decorations	Hot wheels, Beyblades, cards, Pokémon, marbles, Lego, textas, pencils, vouchers	LOL dolls, nail polish, hair accessories, small games, Lego, textas, pencils, vouchers
2/3W ENTERTAINERS	3/4B MENS	3/4P WOMENS	5/6N & 5/6TV SMALL PRIZES & CHOCOLATES
Cheese board, wine, crackers, nuts, cook books, serving spoons, platters	Aftershave, body wash, beer, toiletries, tools, magazines, chocolates, vouchers	Perfume, body wash, manicure items, bath bombs, candles, hair accessories, wine, vouchers	Blocks of chocolate, chocolate bars or small prizes for Side Show Alley

EXTERNAL STALLS



We are also looking for external stall holders to compliment those already being organised by the school.

If you are part of a local sporting organisation and want to promote your club; are a local Illawarra artisan, maker or artist or you know of one that may be interested in hosting a stall please email Paula for more information
paula.boehme@gmail.com



BUSINESS DONATIONS

Do you own a business, work for a business or know of a business that can make a donation to the fete? We are looking for vouchers and prizes for our Chocolate Wheel. This is a great opportunity for businesses to support a great cause and get recognition at the same time.

Let us know on the 'Get Involved' form how you can support our fete!





Figtree Heights AUTUMN FAIR

GET INVOLVED

Name: _____

Child's Class: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Let us know how you can support the Figtree Heights Autumn Fair
Saturday 28 March 2020 10am to 2pm:

☐ I would like to hold a stall.

Type of stall:

☐ I have a contact for a community stall.

Community Organisation:

☐ I have a contact for entertainment.

Contact:

☐ I can bake for the Cake Stall.

I will make:

☐ I know a business sponsor.

Business Name/Contact/Phone:

☐ I have a suggestion.

Please write suggestion below:

☐ I will help by letter box dropping flyers.

☐ I will put a poster up.

Location:

☐ I will help with event setup.

Time available:

☐ I will be on a stall.

Time Available:

☐ I will help with security/grounds.

☐ I will help with packing down event.

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Figtree Heights **AUTUMN FAIR**

AMUSEMENT RIDE UNLIMITED PASS

ORDER FORM

We have engaged the services of Fosters Carnival Amusements to provide a range of fantastic rides operating from 10am - 2pm at the Figtree Heights Public School Autumn Fair.

Rides include:

- * Round Up * Zoomer * Sizzler *
- * Large Inflatable Slide * Tea Cups *
- * Jurassic Park Castle * Windjammer *



An unlimited ride wristband will cost only \$25 when you pre-order or \$30 if purchased on the day of the fair. Individual ride tickets will cost \$5 per person, per ride.

To order your unlimited ride wristband, complete the slip below and return to the school office before Friday 27 March.

Payment is via cash or FlexiSchools only. Please note that POP payments are not available.

Pre ordered wristbands will be available for collection on the day of the fair.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BEFORE FRIDAY 27 MARCH

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____
Number of \$25 Wristbands: _____ Total Cost: _____
Payment Type: Cash / FlexiSchools Order Number: _____

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Community News

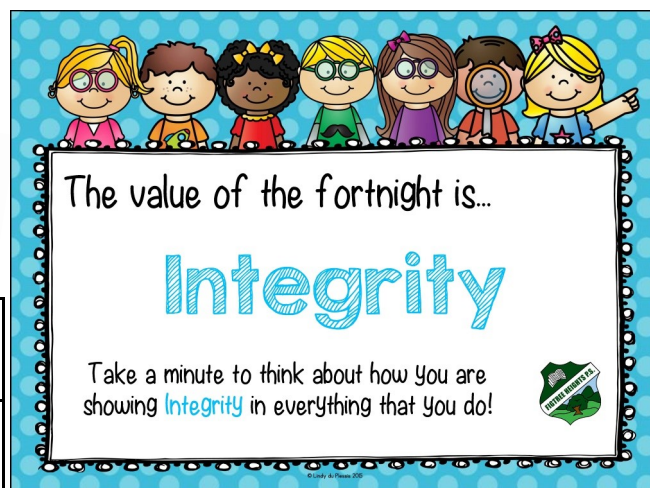
FHPS Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch orders
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Don't forget to use our
HEALTHY canteen!



Wednesday 19/2	Wendy Coppola
Friday 21/2	Liz Depers, Meagan Rourke & Jay Wagan
Monday 24/2	Maris Depers & Steven Gajic
Wednesday 26/2	Rebecca Brangovits & Diana Toth
Friday 28/2	Jennie MacRae, Tania Moon & Terrisa O'Neill



Online ordering is here!

The fast and secure way to order and pay online.
From your mobile, tablet or desktop:

Our school now has a great online ordering system called Flexischools.

As well as being convenient for parents, online orders are faster and easier to process - so it helps to simplify everyone's day!

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Take advantage of this convenient new service. Go to flexischools.com.au and click **register**.

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1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **REGISTER** option and enter your email address.

2 You will be sent a registration email. Click on the link in the email to complete the registration.

3 Fill in your details on the Registration Form and click "submit".

4 Add your students, select their school and class.

1 Go to www.flexischools.com.au and select the **LOGIN** option. Click on "Start an order" for your student.

 2 Select the service you wish to purchase from. You can also set up orders in advance.

 3 Add each of your items. Extras and options will appear where relevant to the item.

 4 Select your payment option. Pay for the one order or "top up" your account. Complete payment to place order.