

Term 1, Week 6



Term 1 2020	
Week 6	
Tue 3/3	Canteen Special - Sushi
Wed 4/3	Figtree High School Expo From 5:30pm
Fri 6/3	World's Greatest Shave Assembly @2:30pm
Week 7	
Mon 9/3	Kindy - Year 6 Gymnastics
Thur 12/3	Smiths Hill Selective High School test
Week 8	
Mon 16/3	Kindy - Year 6 Gymnastics
Tue 17/3	Harmony Day Dress Up
Wed 18/3	P&C Meeting @6:30pm in The Hive
Week 9	
Thu 26/3	FHPS Cross Country
Sat 28/3	FHPS P&C AUTUMN FAIR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO YOU ...

Alexander P.,
Jai D.
and
Leon M.



**FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**



Yours P&C Federation
Committed to Public Education

**GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
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
11AM - 3PM

FUN - FOOD - STALLS - RIDES - ENTERTAINMENT
FREE ENTRY

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The value of the fortnight is...

Care

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



Read All About It!

Reading is a skill essential for a thriving and productive life. A skill we utilise every day whether it's reading labels in the shopping centre or street signs. Like other skills it takes regular and consistent practice before it can become more automatic. Just like riding a bike... most of us needed training wheels and lots of 'have a go' before we were able to enjoy independently riding.

There is research to show that students who read for 15 minutes or more a day are the ones that see accelerated reading gains and not surprisingly those that read just over half an hour to an hour have the biggest growth.

For more information either google "The Magic of 15 Minutes" or go to:

<https://www.renaissance.com/2018/01/23/blog-magic-15-minutes-reading-practice-reading-growth/>

There are some amazing books but reading can also be with a magazine, comic, cookbook or instructions about how to play a game. For readers who are becoming a little too big for picture books (or at least think they are!) books like *The Bad Guys* and *The 13th Storey Treehouse* series are good places to start. For older readers, Morris Gleitzman is the author of the *Once* series and other great books.

Year 7 2021

For students applying for **Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts**, applications close on Wednesday 4 March. Applications are only accepted online. For more information go to <https://www.millenniumschoools.net.au/whspa/?id=8213>

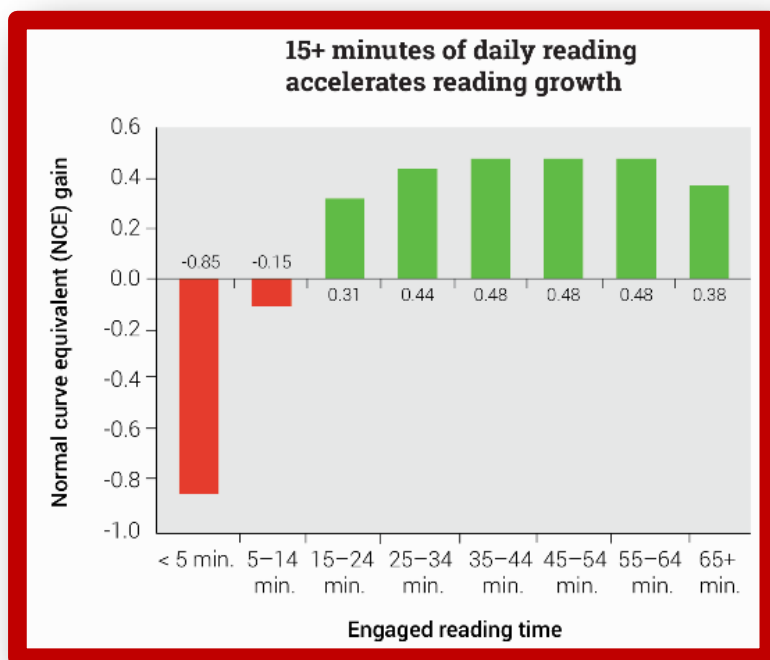
Those who have applied for **Selective High School** placement the test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to Smiths Hill High School.

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> to find information about test centre allocations, a map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test' and 'The bulletin, Test information for parents and students'. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Tournament of the Minds and Debating

For students in Stage 3 and interested, keep an eye out for a note about Tournament of the Minds and debating. Both involve a big commitment but are amazing opportunities.



From the desk of the Principal

Harmony Day

We have some exciting plans for Harmony Day so make sure you check the attached note and start to think about what you will wear!

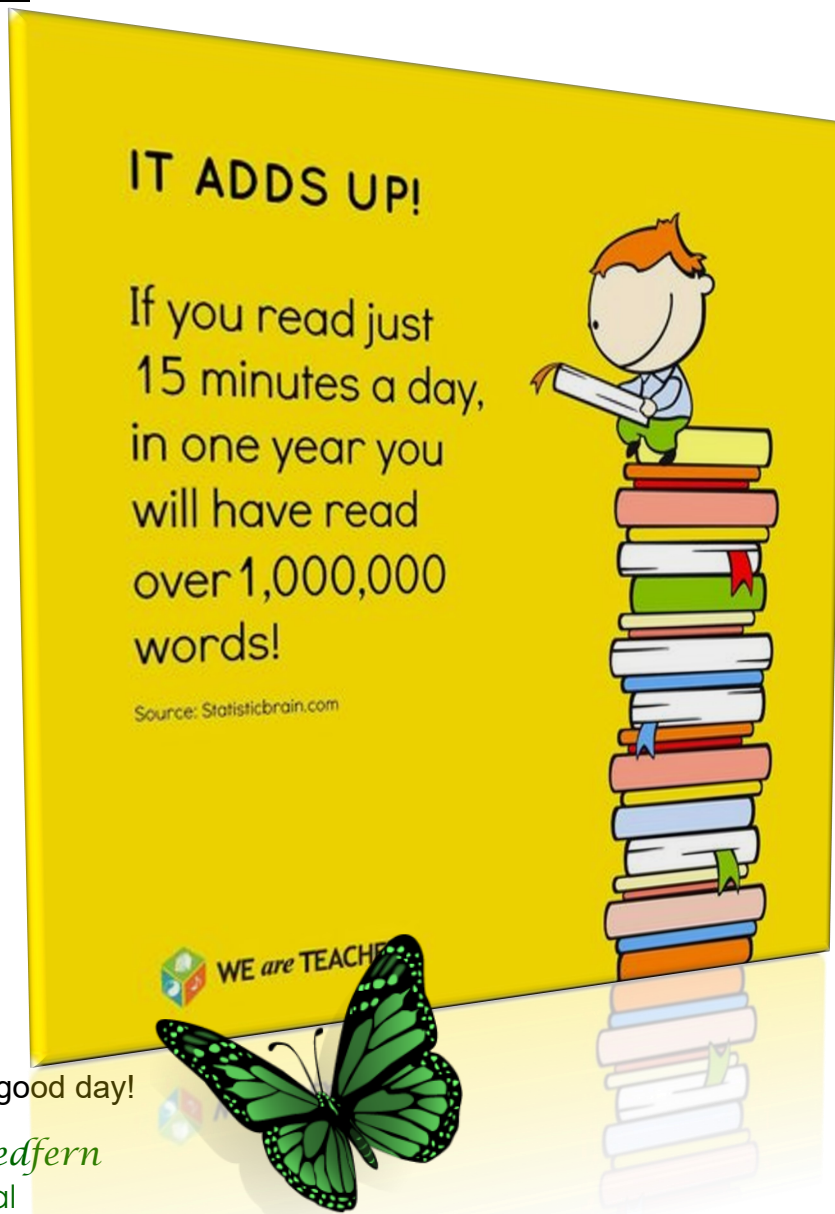
Updating Details

A copy of the Emergency Contact Details that we have for each student is being sent home. Please check that all details are still relevant and correct. If they are then there isn't anything for you to do. If you have any details that need updating just make the changes on the form and return it to the office.

Contacting Teachers

If you have an issue that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher the best ways to contact are to email (them or the school), call the school or even write an old fashioned note. Whilst many classes use Seesaw to communicate class messages, staff do not regularly monitor this for private messages. Teachers will endeavour to return your call or make a time to meet you. However, please keep in mind that teaching is our priority so you may not get a response straight away. Generally we try to respond, when required, by the next day but please allow for 48 hours as sometimes staff are out of the school or have days with limited breaks due to duty and extra curricular groups. Thanks for your understanding.

Last Word



Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal

Congratulations, once again, to Nate H. who made it to the South Coast Regional AFL trials.



BREAKING NEWS

Sinead O'B. from 5/6TV will be shaving her hair in 'The World's Greatest Shave'.



Sinead will be raising money for the Leukemia Foundation.

Today (Monday), Sinead is \$50 short of her \$1000 target.

On Friday (6/3/20) at 2:30pm, we will have a short assembly. Mrs Thurston will shave Sinead's hair.

Let's support Sinead and this great cause...

Figtree Heights will be collecting any donations, big or small, on behalf of Sinead.



This is a cause very close to Sinead's heart.

Below are some words from Sinead -

'In 2019, my Aunty got leukemia which is a blood cancer. So I'm doing it for her and any other families going through the same thing. Luckily my Aunty survived during chemo. So help me shave the world from blood cancer.'

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts today! I am very happy to see so many students excited to undertake the challenge this year. I apologise for confusion about the student's login for the challenge. The login that your child needs to record their books online is the same username and password they use at school when logging in to their class computers (not Google Classroom or other learning platforms).

Username: first name.last name

Password: (please ask your child or their classroom teacher)

The username and passwords for Kindergarten have not been finalised yet. However, a note will be sent home shortly with these students to let you know their details. Feel free to keep a paper record of the books your child has read.

A quick reminder: all books must be recorded and submitted online as paper records are no longer accepted.

You should be able to access the Premier's Reading Challenge student site via this link: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

These are the books I have read in the library with some classes last week that count towards your child's Premier's Reading Challenge:

Class	Date	Book	ID Code
KP	28/02/2020	Baby Wombat's Week by Jackie French	23029
K/1D	28/02/2020	Grandma Wombat by Jackie French	21596
1/2J	28/02/2020	Dingo In The Dark by Sally Morgan & Tania Erzinger	9236
1/2CO	26/02/2020	Barney by Catherine Jenkins & Stephen Michael King	569131
2/3W	26/02/2020	One Horse Waiting For Me by Patricia Mulins	9568



Fathering Project Tips

Technology gives you the ability to keep in touch, even when you're miles apart. Daily chats over the phone or face-time allow kids to hear your voice (and even see your face). These catch-ups allow you and your kids to maintain a connectedness.

This is one simple way you can still 'be there' for your kids, for them to share their stories, thoughts or concerns, even when you're away.

Stay connected

- Call your kids every day where possible. Ask them questions about their day and tell them about yours. Let them know that you love them and miss them.
- Don't limit communication to a phone - video calls are fun and easy ways to keep in touch, especially with young kids.
- Send your kids text messages during the day if possible, let them know what you are doing and ask them how they are going (especially if they are dealing with a particular challenge or special occasion, like an exam or a competition).

Dad Jokes

Question:

What do you call a fake noodle?

Dad:

An Impasta



Community News

FHPS Canteen

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

Don't forget to use our
HEALTHY canteen!



Wednesday 4/3	Iolanda Fuduli & Jordan McDougall
Friday 6/3	Terrisa O'Neill, Belinda Monkman & Tiffany Wheatley
Mon 9/3	Dean Harvey
Wed 11/3	Atared Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Fri 13/3	Karen Polhill, Sarah Snelson & 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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- Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click on "Start an order" for your student.
- You will be sent a registration email. Click on "I am a parent" and enter your email address.
- Fill in your details on the Registration form and click "Submit".
- Add your student, select their school and class.

ORDER

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click on "Start an order" for your student.
- Select the service you want to order. Browse and add items to your cart. You can also set up orders in response.
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- Select your payment method. You can pay by credit card, bank transfer or cash on delivery. Click on "Place order".

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Expo Night



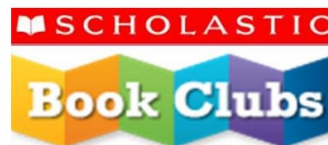
Figtree High School Auditorium
5:30pm Wednesday 4 March 2020

Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2021 are invited to the annual Expo Night

For further information, please call or email us:

02 4271 2787

figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Bookclub Issue 2 closes Sunday 15 March 2020

Scholastic Bookclub Orders

Cash or cheques will not be accepted as payment. All Bookclub purchases must be done online using the Scholastic Loop Payment Portal.

If you wish to purchase books for a gift and would like the option to pick up from the School Office, there is now an option to select this when you order online.

If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Bookclub Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343.

Want to learn a brass instrument for \$60 per year?



The City of Wollongong Brass Band is starting up a new group for beginner musicians – **instruments supplied as part of the \$60 fee!**

Please come along to our information session!

What: Try out, hear, watch and learn about brass instruments in a fun environment!

When: Friday March the 6th, 5pm-5:30pm

Where: City of Wollongong Brass Band Hall – 3 Ellen Street Wollongong (entry via Church St.)

Please RSVP to Des Cannings on des.cannings@gmail.com or 0431065359 by the 4th of March (earlier the better, instruments will run out!)

Must be year 4 or older.

<https://www.facebook.com/wollongongbrassband/>

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Illawarra Shoalhaven
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Community **FREE** Moonlight Movies



THE LEGO MOVIE

Saturday 14 March
Roy Johanson Park, Figtree

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT STARTS 6PM
MOVIE SCREENS AT 7.30PM

**FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARK**



Headphones and / or hearing loops are available for use for people with hearing impairments and can be booked via the Events Team on 4227 7111.

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