



Term 2, Week 5



TERM 2	
Week 5	
National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June	
Wed 27/5	National Simultaneous Storytime
Week 6	
National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June	
Wed 3/6	P&C Meeting POSTPONED
TERM 3	
Week 5	
Thur 20/8	SCHOOL PHOTOS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

Lillian W. and Georgia G.



FIGTREE HEIGHTS CANTEEN

FHPS | Parents & Citizens Association

Attention:
CANTEEN CLOSED

*THE CANTEEN WILL BE
CLOSED DURING TERM 2.*

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Welcome Back!

Wow...The Difference a Week Can Make!

Last week I thought I was being optimistic thinking we might all be back for our new school photo day (Thursday 20 August)...but here we are! It is so nice to have our students back! :)

Staff News

During the time that 'normal school' was interrupted we have had some other changes. Mrs Campbell has had a change of name and is now Ms Hutchinson. Although I am sure she'll still answer you if you forget her new name for a little while, it will be nice for her when we are all use to calling her by the correct name!

Other very exciting news concerns Mrs Darin as she is expecting the arrival of her first child later this year! Congratulations and well wishes to both Mrs and Mr Darin for such wonderful news.

School Equipment

Now that we have our students back we need all borrowed devices and chargers returned as soon as possible so we can utilise them at school. Please also return any other equipment that was sent home to support learning packs.

Changes around the school

Some of the work that has been done around the school has already been shared in last week's Newsletter, but here is a list of things to look for:

- New interactive boards in Kindergarten, 1/2J, 2/3W and 5/6TV
- A new gate at the top entry that joins Stillness Road
- New concrete outside the canteen windows replacing the previously broken section
- Fencing around the tree near the playground to reduce trips on the roots.

Changes still to come include the installation of automated hand sanitiser units that are on order for each of our classrooms.

Reminder About the New Gate on Stillness Road

We have a shiny new gate on the school entry located on Stillness Road. Whilst older students will be able to open and close this gate effectively on their own, it is a child safety gate, so younger students will require help to open it. Should you drop your child off at this entry point please assist them with the gate until you can determine whether or not they can manage independently. There is a latch to lift up from the internal school-side of the gate, and from the external side you can push the button that forms the barrel of the lock or reach through to lift the latch. As this is a less visible entry/exit point to our school this will increase safety for our students. We do ask that you always close the gate behind you.

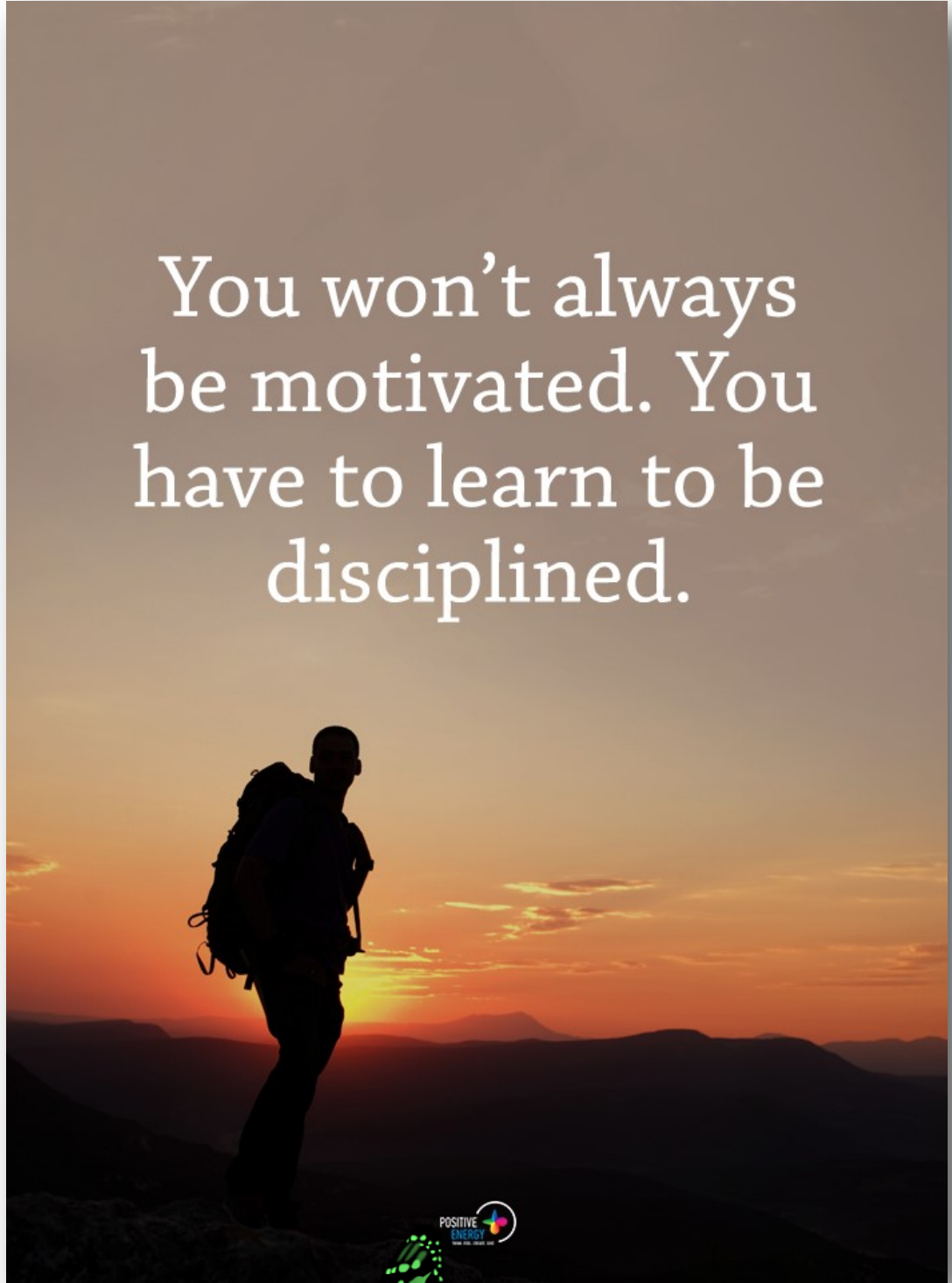
From the desk of the Principal

Information Regarding Back to school

Information about starting back at school was emailed out to everyone on our email list, shared via class platforms and was posted on our Facebook page (you do not have to be a Facebook member to view our page). Please contact the office if you need further clarification.

Last Word

You won't always
be motivated. You
have to learn to be
disciplined.



Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal





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CHOIR

It is with great sadness that I share the most recent announcement from the organisers of the Southern Illawarra Music Festival. Unfortunately SIMF has been cancelled for 2020.

At this point in time, our Thursday choir rehearsals have been postponed, but we hope for them to recommence as soon as the COVID restrictions allow larger gatherings at school.

If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Mrs Ruscica

We have a very sad little girl who has lost her birthday present. It is a silver signet ring with a blue stone (like the picture).

It would be great if we can all keep an eye out for this while out in the playground or in class.

If found, please hand it in to the front office.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM



The room where our second hand uniform is stored is currently being used by our School Counsellor every Monday.

You are welcome to come and have a look through the clothing pool on any other day however, please phone the office to check available times. We need to limit the number of people in the office at the same time.

Thank you for your understanding.

25th May 2020



Dear Community,

Welcome back to our first week of full time face-to-face learning.

Firstly, on behalf of our school community I would like to acknowledge and thank our school Principal, Teachers and staff for the tireless work undertaken to guide Figtree Heights Public School during this pandemic.

Over the past 10 weeks, the Figtree Heights Public School Parents and Citizens Association (FHPS P&C) Incident Management Team (IMT) has continued to coordinate our organisation's response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Please find below some important updates.

Figtree Heights Canteen

The FHPS P&C IMT have made the decision to keep the canteen closed for Term 2. While the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines advise that school canteens can reopen, it has been decided that as a volunteer ran operation it is best to keep the facility closed at this time. A decision on the canteen opening for Term 3 will be made in late June in consultation with our school Principal and canteen sub committee.

Figtree Heights OOSH

Our OOSH sub committee and staff have done an amazing job navigating and ensuring our services remained operational over the past 10 weeks. We continue to follow the Department of Education's Early Childhood Education Directorate directions but I am pleased to advise that our OOSH is available for the families of Figtree Heights Public School for before, after and vacation care. The FHPS P&C IMT would like to make special mention of our OOSH Coordinator Sheree Springhetti who has gone above and beyond to manage the many Government directives while ensuring staff, students and families have been supported.

Figtree Heights P&C AGM and General Meeting

The FHPS P&C Annual General Meeting and General Meeting scheduled for 3rd June 2020 has been postponed. Consideration was made to hold the event virtually but to ensure that we can guarantee required numbers and that it is equitable for all to be involved we will postpone the meetings until the second half of the year. New members are welcome to join at anytime - email fhpspandc@gmail.com

Please be assured that during these challenging times the FHPS P&C is still here to serve and be a voice for our schools community. If you require any support or wish to raise a matter please email fhpspandc@gmail.com or contact an Executive Member or Sub Committee Convenor:

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We continue to monitor NSW Health and Department of Education advice and will act accordingly, providing timely updates in the coming weeks and months to our members and the wider community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Wilkinson', written over a light blue circular stamp that contains the letters 'PC'.

Stuart Wilkinson

President



Fathering Project Tips

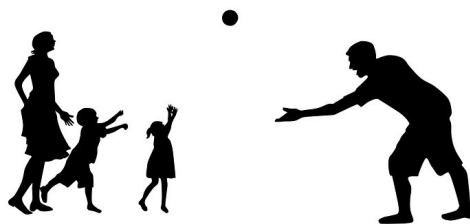
Behaviour and Expectations

Creating clear expectations, routines, and consistency means kids are able to predict the kind of behaviour that's acceptable.

Remember, it takes time and practice to understand and learn new routines - but here are some tips to help:

- Children need and want boundaries. Like any relationship, the best way to do this is through communication. Let your child know what is going to happen and what you expect from them.
- The key points of boundary creation are: set the routine, give them notice, be predictable and be consistent.
- Schools use signals (e.g. a bell) to indicate when they need children to stop an activity, or change focus. You could make your own sound signal.

As an example, when it's nearly time to leave the park, communicate and set the expectation. Let your child know they have 5 minutes left and get them involved by allowing them to help you set a timer on your phone or watch. This way, they will know what the alarm means and expect to change their focus when they hear it.



Dad Jokes

"I'll call you later!"

"Please don't do that. I've always asked you to call me Dad!"





The value of the fortnight is...

Integrity

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



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