

Term 3, Week 6



TERM 3

Week 6

Tue 25/8	Illawarra Hawks Clinic
Wed 26/8	P&C General Meeting Via ZOOM @6:30pm
Fri 28/8	Premier's Reading Challenge Ends
	FHPS Debating

Week 7

Tue 1/9	Illawarra Hawks Clinic
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Week 8

Tue 8/9	Illawarra Hawks Clinic
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Week 9

Tue 15/9	Illawarra Hawks Clinic
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Week 10

Tue 22/9	Illawarra Hawks Clinic
Fri 25/9	Last Day of Term

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon 12/10	STAFF and STUDENTS RETURN
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Week 2

19-23 Oct	Book Week
19-23 Oct	Book Fair

Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Jaiden K. and Samoil K.

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar students:

April B. and Sophie R.

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



Your P&C Federation
Committed to Public Education

GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST

6.30PM ON ZOOM

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

SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Nash F., Arlo S., Lyla S.,
Mawada M., Kyle S.,
Kai E. and Jackson B.



2021 Student Enrolments

Should you be aware of any families in our local area that are planning on sending their children to our school next year can you please pass on our details. Many families who are enrolling a child for the first time don't think they are able to do so until quite late in the year. However, the sooner the better for us to start working on how to best arrange our classing structure.

Similarly, if you are aware that your child currently enrolled here (apart from Year 6) will not be returning to our school in 2021 please also inform our office.

Merit Award System

As we are getting more Bronze award recipients, and our first Silver ones, it's a good time to remind everyone of how our system works.

Bronze Award Certificate	5 Value Awards (may be duplicates) PLUS ONE BEHAVIOUR AWARD
Silver Award Certificate	5 Value Awards (may be duplicates) PLUS ONE BEHAVIOUR AWARD
Gold Award Certificate and Gold Star Badge	5 Value Awards (may be duplicates) PLUS ONE BEHAVIOUR AWARD

For example, a student may have two *Respect* awards, one *Care* award and two *Excellence* awards to make up their five value awards, then needs one *Behaviour* award to go with them to get their Bronze.

Each student's progress is individual, so our awards will carry over to the next year. This means if a student is one or two awards away from receiving their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, they are able to continue towards this when they return for the new school year. Once a student has achieved Gold they will start again to work towards their Gold Two.

Updated Covid-19 Advice Reminder

As of last Monday we have received further updated advice in regards to Covid-19 and schools. Some developments are:

- Students who are sent home, or kept home, from school with flu like symptoms are required to be tested. They may return to school when they receive a negative result (to be sighted by the school) and no longer have any symptoms.
- Unfortunately choir is no longer able to run.
- Students are to stay in their relevant year or stage group for learning activities where possible. We will need to determine what this means for future planned enrichment activities.

What has not changed is that non-essential adults, including parents, are not to enter the school grounds. Nor has the request that unwell students stay at home. However, we still have children coming to school who are sick and parents who walk their children to hang up their bags. Please be mindful of our students who have vulnerable health concerns and we ask that you respect these guidelines.

We know this year has been unusual and thank you for your assistance.

From the desk of the Principal

School Admin and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week

This is the week that we take time to recognise and appreciate our SAS staff. In the office this is Mrs Grogan and Ms Hutchinson, in the grounds it's our two GAs, Mr Appleton and Mr Lockhead, and in our classrooms it is the lovely aides who help our students and teachers. Thank you to all of these people who contribute to making our school so special.

Mufti Day

Well done everyone...our P&C Mufti Monday made \$225.50!

Tell Them From Me Student Surveys

Our school is again taking part in the Tell Them From Me students surveys. This will occur next week. Tell Them From Me works on an opt-out system, so if you would NOT like your child to take part then please notify the school, in writing, by Friday 28 August. More information can be found further in the Newsletter.

Hawks Program Starts Tomorrow

Just a reminder that students are able to wear sports uniform tomorrow as we start our Hawks Sports program. This program will run until the end of this term.

Last Word



Don't be afraid of Failure.

Failure is the **WAY to **Succeed**.**

Have a good day!

Rae Redfern
Principal



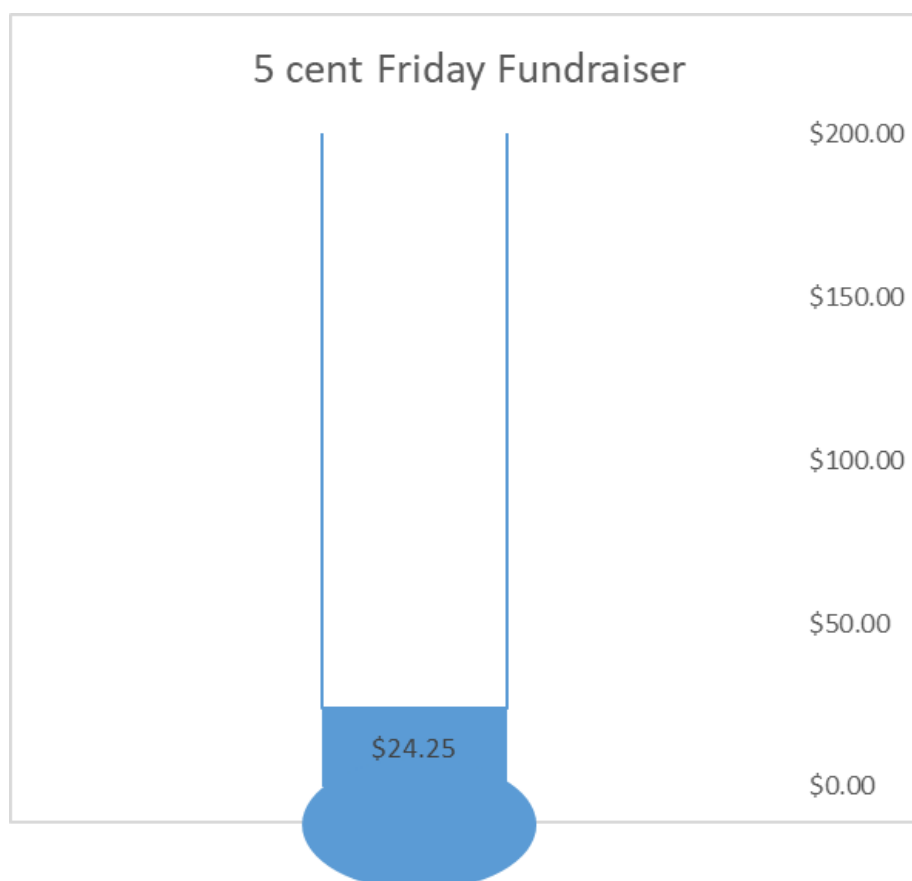
SRC Spotlight

'5 cent Friday' Fundraising

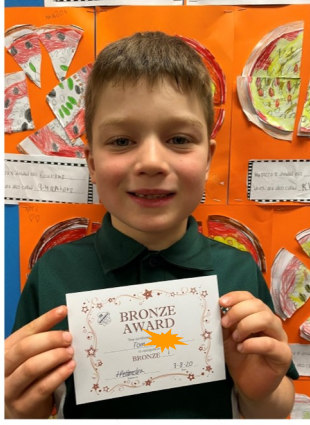


'Five cent Friday' has been going for two weeks and the current balance is \$24.25. The SRC will be setting a target to achieve by the end of Term 4 at their next meeting. Can we all have a look around this week for some odd coins. Check out the laundry, the car or maybe the kitchen bench. Ask first before you add any coins to your collection.

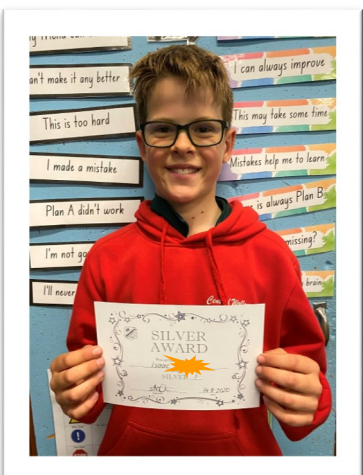
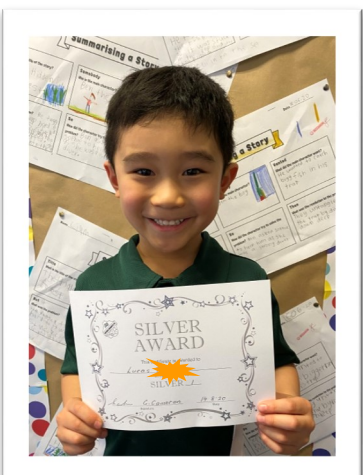
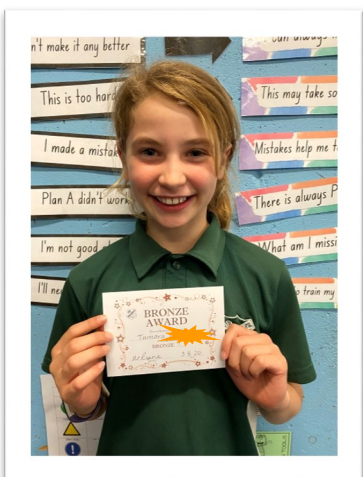
Thank you to those who have already contributed.



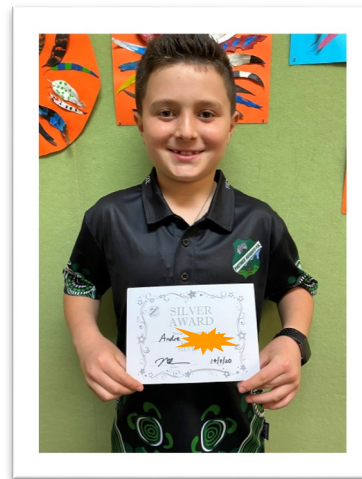
Superstar Awards Gallery



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The value of the fortnight is...

Excellence

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



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Tell Them From Me student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me* student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers** Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the form below and return it to your child's school by Friday 28 August, 2020.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Rae Redfern
Principal
Figtree Heights Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

Please complete in English

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 28 August, 2020.

I DO NOT give consent for my child to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student 1: _____ Roll class: _____

Name of student 2: _____ Roll class: _____

Name of student 3: _____ Roll class: _____

Name of student 4: _____ Roll class: _____

Name of parent/carers: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____