



Term 1, Week 2



2021 TERM 1

Week 3

Tue
9/02

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
@ Western Suburbs Pool,
Unanderra
(for Students turning 8 years or
older in 2021)

Week 4

Wed
17/02

Scripture commences

Thur
18/02

DISTRICT SWIMMING
CARNIVAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...

Mariam A., Isaiah R.
and Charlie K.



WELCOME
BACK

Welcome Back!

The summer break always seems to fly by but I hope you all had a chance to relax and recharge before heading into 2021. What a difference a year makes...from a very fiery start to 2020 we've had rather a wet beginning to 2021. Unfortunately Covid is still with us, however, I think we're all getting use to the changes that go hand in hand with it. We learnt a lot about how versatile we can be and I hope we hold onto those lessons as we face possibly ongoing 'challenging' times. Having said that, a few less 'unprecedented' ones would be appreciated this year!

Classes and Where to Find Them

Our class structure this year looks like this:

Teacher	Class / Role	Location
Mrs Pirie	K/1P	Middle rooms above office
Miss Janeska	K/1J	Middle rooms above office
Mrs Cameron (M-Th) Mr Voysey (Fridays)	1/2CV	Next to library
Mrs Osborne	1/2O	End rooms above office
Ms Wyman	2/3W	Next to office
Miss Bate	3/4B	Downstairs (oval side)
Miss Pearce	3/4P	Downstairs
Mr Nielsen	5/6N	Upstairs above 3/4P
Miss Petkovska (M, T, Th and F) Mrs Fincher (Wednesdays)	5/6PF	Upstairs above 3/4B
Mrs Fincher (M, Th and F)	Library	Near demountable (old 5/6TV)
Mr Voysey (M-Th)	RFF	-

Communication and Concerns

Should you have an urgent message to get to your child (for example, regarding pick up changes) please notify the office and they will pass the message on. This is difficult if left until almost home time as sometimes classes are not in their room so we appreciate all the warning you can give us. If you would like to make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher, again the best way forward is to either call or email the office so this can be passed on.

While staff all have their own email, and some classes will be utilising Seesaw, these are not often checked during school hours as teachers are on class. So messages sent to these platforms will not be seen in time for the end of the school day. Given the busy nature of our days, teachers may not get back to you the same day but we do try to within 48 hours.

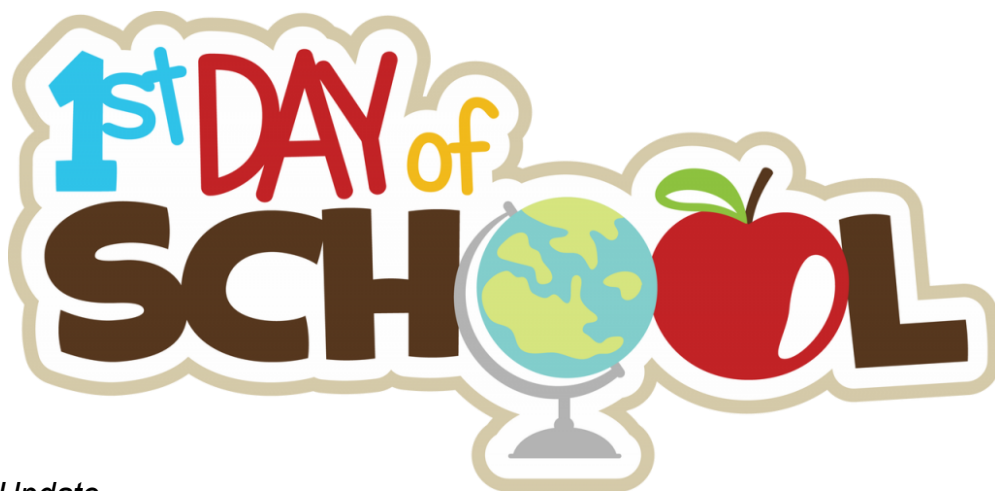
Even if you think it is a small concern, we are always happy to hear it rather than wait for any further developments. The class teacher is always the best place to start. However, if you would rather not speak to the teacher you can go to the stage supervisor. This year Mrs Pirie is the supervisor for Kindergarten and Stage 1, while Ms Wyman will be supervising Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Facebook

Another form of communication we use is our Facebook page. In order to use this you do not have to be a Facebook member. As it is a public page you are able to search for our school and view any messages that have been shared.

Kindergarten

We are very fortunate to have such a gorgeous group of brand new Kindergarten students who have officially started today! After our morning assembly I went up to visit their room to see how they were settling in and you would think they had been coming to school for months! Have a look at the 'first day' photos further in the Newsletter!



Covid Update

For the remainder of this week Kindergarten and Stage 1 parents are able to pick up and drop off their child as they adjust/readjust to being at school. Unfortunately the restrictions regarding other non-essential adults on school sites had not altered. Please don't think this means we don't want to see you! We are able to make appointments with parents to discuss concerns either in person or over the phone. You are also welcome to drop off forgotten lunches etc, however, this needs to be done via the office.

When you do come to our school you will now have to sign in via a QR code, which is used by the Health Department. We will still need you to sign a Covid form for the Education Department and sign in and out using our visitors book which we use should there be an emergency. We already know this is time consuming and apologise for the inconvenience.

Swimming Carnival

While we are able to run our Swimming Carnival this year, it too will look different to other years. We can have a small number of parents who are deemed 'essential' to the running of the day to come and assist with jobs such as time keepers but not to sit and be spectators. Mr Voysey has sent notes home and will be determining how many assistants we will need. Thank you to all those who have nominated so far. This may be the first year we have more volunteers than we can use.

Contact Details

A form will be coming home just to make sure we have the most up-to-date email address for each of our families. Please return these as soon as you can so we can make any changes necessary.

From the desk of the Principal

Holiday Works

While the students were on holidays we made use of the time to get some work done on our playground. The silver seats area has been revamped and looks great! Some seats were unable to be saved, but others were added to the rows we could keep, and they are all much safer now that there is no exposed footings.

There has also been new turf laid in multiple areas, so while the rain may not be popular with everyone, we think it was perfect timing!

We now need your help. Can you please keep on eye out during non-school hours, as we are trying to keep everyone off the new grass until it is established. Remind your children that they should not be on school grounds out of school hours unless attending OoSH. There were a number of acts of vandalism around our school over the holidays so I'm hoping the more we are alerted to these, the more we can assist police and hopefully reduce their occurrence.

For now...how good does this look...



Have a good week!

Rae Redfern
Principal

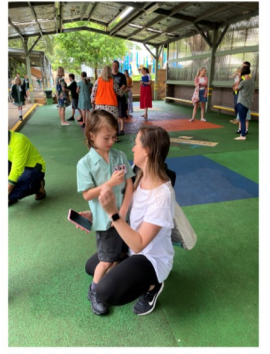


Superstar Awards Gallery

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1 February 2021



Welcome to 2021

Welcome back to all our teachers, support staff, families and most importantly students!
A special welcome to all of our new families joining our school community.

Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated plays an important role within our school community. It not only represents parents but is actively involved in many of the decision making processes in the school. We work in co-operation with the School Executive and staff to achieve outcomes beneficial to all students. This may range from input into policy to more grass roots help.

Over the year ahead the P&C will continue to provide two vital services to our school community; Figtree Heights OOSH and Figtree Heights Canteen. We are always looking for members to support the sub-committees guiding these services and for volunteers to ensure our canteen is operational each week. Please contact our Sub-committee Convenors if you can assist (contact details below).

In 2021 Figtree Heights Public School Parents & Citizens Association will be working with the School Executive to develop and adopt a four year plan for the future investment of the P&C Association's time, resources and funds. During Term 4 2020 and Term 1 2021 a schoolwide consultation is being undertaken to canvas the views and ideas of students, teachers, parents, carers and other interested community members to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input into our four year plan. One part of this consultation process is a survey which is now open and can be accessed online: <http://tiny.cc/fhpspandccconsultation>

February is Membership Month and we invite all members to renew your membership now. If you are a parent/guardian of a Figtree Heights Public School pupil, a staff member or citizen within the school community I would like to invite you to join Figtree Heights Public School P&C as a member. You can complete your membership online at <http://tiny.cc/FHPSPCMembership> or forms can be accessed in the school office.

In next weeks newsletter we will provide details about our upcoming meetings and how you can be more involved in the Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association in 2021.

Looking forward to a wonderful year at Figtree Heights Public School!

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Stuart Wilkinson, consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'W'.

Stuart Wilkinson

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If you would like to reduce your landfill-bound waste, a parent from our school collects a number of different waste streams and recycles them through TERRACYCLE. If you would like to collect any or all of the following products, once you have a bag full, you can drop it off to the front office. All of these programs accept the below items in any brand.

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