

Term 1, Week 10



2021 TERM 1

Week 10

Wed 31/03	Scripture Easter Assembly for Catholic & Anglican only
	5/6N Hawks visit
Thur 1/04	Colour Fun Run
	Easter Hat Parade
	Sausage Sizzle lunch Year 6 fundraising
	Last day of Term 1

2021 TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 19/04	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tue 20/04	Students Return to School

Week 2

Wed 28/04	Stage 1 Excursion - Illawarra Museum
	Scripture commences
Fri 30/04	District Cross Country

Week 5

Wed 19/05	National Simultaneous Storytime
Thur 20/05	School Photos

Week 6

Mon 24/05	Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
Tue 25/05	Stage 3 Camp - Canberra
Wed 26/05	P&C 2021 AGM (Elections) 6:00-6:30pm P&C Meeting 6:30-8:00pm

Week 7

31/05 to 4/06	BOOK FAIR
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Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

April B., Audrey L. and Taylor M.

Congratulations to the following

Bronze 2

Superstar student:

Addison C.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

Brooklyn K., Miley R., Eden S.,
Sebastian C., Lennon H.,
Rayce P., Drew G. and Kiera T.



Changes Coming

As the state eases restrictions we are so looking forward to having schools return to 'normal'. At this stage we have been informed that the Department is in the process of updating its Covid guidelines ready for implementation in Term 2. When I know more I will definitely pass that information on. Hopefully the *one person per 2sqm rule* will ease as this is the one that makes events difficult for us. Time will tell. You can cut and paste the following link to find the latest NSW update:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/covid-19-restrictions-to-ease-but-compliance-must-increase?deliveryName=DM11136>

Opportunity Class, 2022

High school seems a long way away when you are in Year 5, however, for those interested in applying for placement at an opportunity class the process starts in April. If you would like more information, please contact the office and we will send home the Information Book.

Key dates

Application site opens:

Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:

5pm, Friday 7 May 2021

You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:

Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information

released overnight on:

Friday 1 October 2021

**Thinking of applying
for Year 5 entry to an
opportunity class in
2022?**

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Cross Country

Luckily the rain held off and between the sunshine and wind our oval wasn't too soggy for our Cross Country. Congratulations to all of our students who ran... I was exhausted watching! Thanks to Mr Voysey who organised the event and special thanks to Mr Nielsen who ran our day in Mr Voysey's absence.

Our students were amazing and so very encouraging and supportive of each other.

Great school spirit. Well done, everyone!



From the desk of the Principal

End of a Term

Term One is always busy, although I'm not sure I have ever experienced a 'quiet' term yet! I hope you and your family get to enjoy the upcoming break, get a chance to relax and maybe indulge in some Easter eggs and hot cross buns. Thank you to the P&C and our community for supporting our school and students. We have some very excited students looking forward to the Colour Fun Run and some staff equally looking forward to the hot cross bun drive delivery. Neither of which would have happened without the parents behind them.

Last Word



Have a good school break!

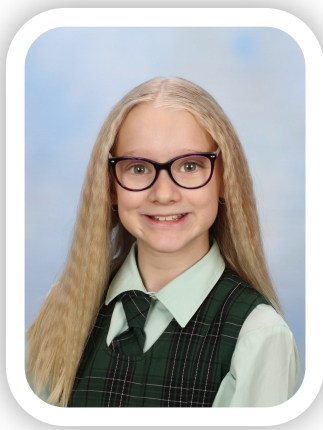
Rae Redfern
Principal



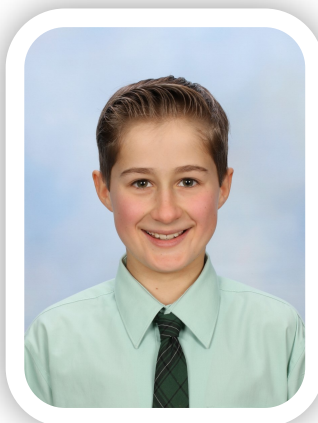
Superstar Students

Congratulations to these students who have been successful in gaining entry into the
High Potential and Academically Gifted program.

This is a one day per week program for Year 5 students from across the Illawarra. We know they will represent our school admirably and are very proud of their efforts.



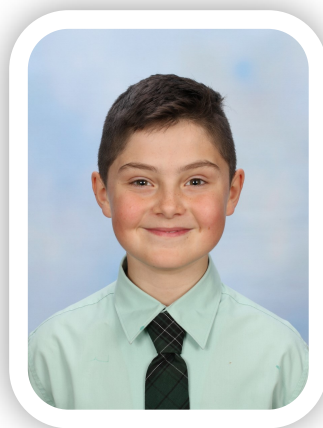
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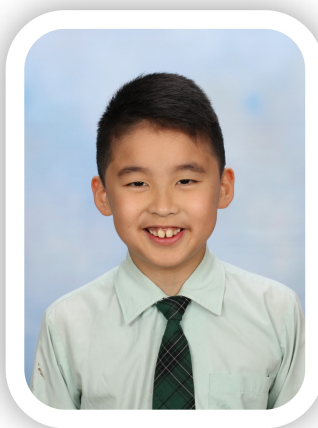
Theodore R.



Alexander P.



Lewis A.



Colin Z.



Jaiden K.

Superstar Awards Gallery

Bronze 2



Silver



Gold

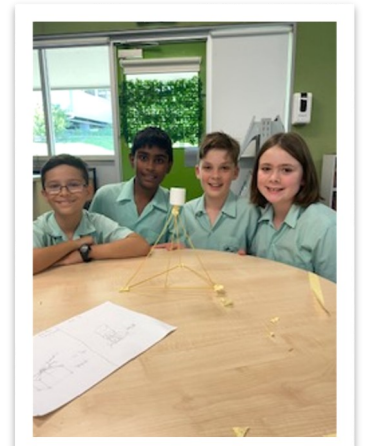


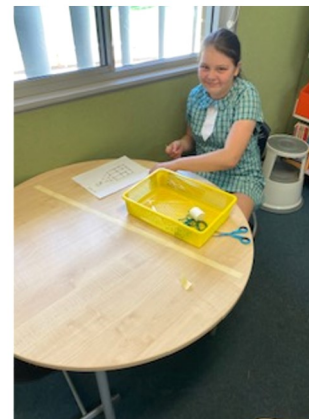
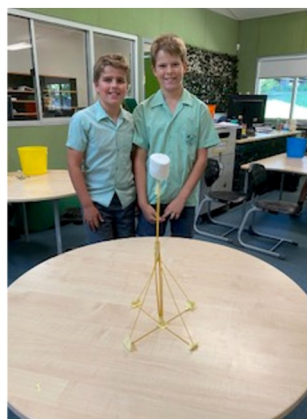
STEM - Stage 3

In the library, Stage 3 have been experimenting with structures. In their first STEM challenge, they had to create the tallest tower using 20 pieces of spaghetti, 1m of string, 1m of tape and one large marshmallow. It was a much harder challenge than they thought it might be!

Congratulations to Myah E., Keira M. and Addison C. (5/6PFT) and, Sam B. and Sebastian C. (5/6N) for creating the tallest towers.

Mrs Fincher





Cross Country

On Friday of last week the entire school took part in our annual Cross Country races. The 5, 6 and 7 year old students ran laps of the back oval and were immensely proud of themselves upon completing their races. It's a long way for little legs!

The older students ran a longer course that stretched all the way around the school. Children aged between 8 and 10 years old ran five laps and the 11 and 12 year old students ran 7 laps. On a warm morning with a wet track underfoot, everyone did so well, giving their best and doing themselves proud.

The Top 5 place getters of each race qualify to run at our District carnival which will be held on Friday 30 April (Week 2, Term 2). Permission notes for this will go home soon.

Congratulations to all competitors again, and thank you to all school staff who worked so hard on the day, particularly Mr Voysey who organised the event despite being unwell.

Sincerely,
Mr Nielsen

8/9 Boys

1st Kai E-J
2nd Taylan C
3rd Justin V
4th Bilal A-L
5th Lawson C
6th Hendrix B-B
7th Hunter D

8/9 Girls

1st Elizabeth B
2nd April B
3rd Amelia E
4th Senuki H
5th Asher B
6th Rose Mc
7th Mia P
8th Olivia M

10 Boys

1st Alex P
2nd Taylor M
3rd Bennett A
4th Charlie K
5th Braxton E-C
6th Kale Mc
7th Max R

10 Girls

1st Miley R
2nd Darcee C
3rd Lucy H
4th Lillian W-S
5th Chelsea V
6th Georgia G

11 Boys

1st Nash F
2nd Stefen A
3rd Mohamed A-L
4th Theodore R
5th Miles B
6th Lewis A
7th William H

11 Girls

1st Kelaela S
2nd Addison C
3rd Tamara B
4th Tahlia D
5th Ava R
6th Sophie T

12 Boys

1st Bryn F
2nd Nate H
3rd Byron M
4th Jack T
5th Connor M

12 Girls

1st Genevieve H
2nd Hollie M
3rd Alysha T
4th Ilona K
5th Chloe R
6th Elizabeth P
7th Myah E



Years 4 and 6 Check-in Assessment

Students in Year 4 and 6 will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 4 and 6 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The check-in assessments supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment is scheduled to take place during Week 2, Term 2. Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If your child needs headphones to be provided by the school, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind regards,
Stage 2 & Stage 3 teachers



This Thursday is Figtree Heights Colour Fun Run! We are very excited and have a few tips and items so your children will be ready to have a fun time.

Wondering what to wear for the Colour Fun Run? We recommend your children wear a white t-shirt (available at Kmart from \$3.00) and some old shorts (it will get dirty and stain), bring goggles or glasses to protect their eyes, a bandana or mask so they don't breathe in the powder and a towel to dry off after the event.

As students can get a little over excited when armed with a full bottle of powder, only teachers and volunteers will be throwing the colour. As a general rule, colour will be aimed from the shoulders down. The colour powder is made from corn starch powder and food grade colours but if you need any further information, a full Materials Safety Data Sheet can be found at the Front Office.

Also, for children with light hair (if you don't want it coloured) we have been advised that coconut oil in their hair before the event will make the powder rinse out easier.

We have a fire truck that will be hosing the students with water so the students WILL get wet, covered in colourful powder and maybe even some mud!

Fun Tip: If you want to keep your child's t-shirt from the day, spray(soak) it in white vinegar and leave it dry then hot iron it after the Colour Run to lock in the powder, this will make a great keepsake from the event.

Any cash donations the students have collected need to be handed into the school office, if you could do this before the last day of Term that would be fantastic, as this is the last day for raising money.

Also please remember this is a non-spectator event so any parents who enter the school will be asked to leave unless they are volunteering at the event.

Thank you for your amazing fundraising!

Figtree Heights PS Colour Fun Run Committee



Dear FHPS community,

Thank you so much for your donations of chocolate over the past three weeks for our Easter Hat Parade raffle. Through your donations and the raffle tickets that you have purchased, we will have a very exciting final day of term and Year 6 will raise money to go towards a special gift for the school this year. At a time when everyone has many, many expenses, we really appreciate your generosity.

Thank you also to our numerous Year 6 parent volunteers who will be at school this week wrapping up prize baskets, dropping off ice blocks and cooking sausages for our kids. Your time helping with events like these, coupled with everyone's generosity, are the only reasons that days like this succeed as well as they do.

Sincerely,
Mr Nielsen

FHPS CANTEEN

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

Remember: Flexischool Fridays:
Online orders only

Wednesday 31/03	Wendy Coppola



***Don't forget
to use our
HEALTHY canteen!***



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We hope this step forward will support families with a more convenient and efficient process of placing canteen orders.