

Term 1, Week 9



2021 TERM 1

Week 9

Fri
26/03 Cross Country

Week 10

Wed
31/03 Scripture Easter Assembly
for Catholic & Anglican only

Colour Fun Run

Easter Hat Parade

Thur
1/04 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

Week 5

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

Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar student:

Indi B.

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Ava R.

Congratulations to the following

Bronze 2

Superstar student:

Bilal A-L., Malaak A-L., Kiara H.,
Jade P. and Miley R.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

**Lily H-M.,
Mason W.
and Alex G.**



Cross Country

Listening to the rain outside at the moment it doesn't appear to be the ideal week to run a cross country event! However, if the weather clears enough to dry up some of our grounds by Friday we plan to still go ahead, even if it means we have a slightly heavy track. This won't make a difference to the outcome as competitors go through to the next level based on placement, not times. Should it be out of the question to run on Friday then we will aim for Monday so we can get our names submitted for District. On the day we will also be holding K-2 (for those under 8) events, which usually involve laps of our oval. We will try to keep everyone clean, but no guarantees!

Easter Hat Parade

We are so looking forward to having an Easter Hat Parade this year as we were unable to 'parade' last year. It will also be lovely to welcome back some visitors to add to the excitement of our event. One guest for each of our K-2 students have been factored into our Covid Safety Plan. While this means our parade will follow a longer pathway than the usual trip around the big COLA, it was the best way to get as many spectators here as we could.

If attending please go straight to your child's classroom when you arrive, as sign on sheets and QR codes will be located just outside their class door so we could scatter possible congestion at the office. There will be signs to show you which area has been allocated to visitors for each class.

Health Alert

Last week we had a few students diagnosed with impetigo. The fact sheet from Health NSW can be found on our Facebook page (posted 16 March) or at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../fac.../Pages/impetigo.aspx>.

A Road Win

Last Monday afternoon I received an email from the Road Safety Officer at Wollongong Council that we have been working with, informing us that the project to put a crossing in place on Lewis Drive has been successful. It has been scheduled for construction in the 2021/22 financial year with the school and TfNSW to be consulted about design. To get to this point has taken many meetings and input from our community, the P&C and the school. Thank you to those on the P&C who have been involved in this process for a number of years now.

Differing Events

At the P&C meeting the inconsistencies between events, and indeed schools, was raised so I will try and clarify this further. I am aware that many schools are not having any spectators at their Easter Hat Parade, some are having limited numbers and others may be inviting a parent for each student. Generally this is based on how the school can best implement aspects of the required Covid Safety Plan. The requirements relating to people capacity in the specified area and procedures to ensure physical distancing, limiting congestion and co-mingling are the ones that will differ for each school and each event.

We were able to do this for those invited to attend the Easter Hat Parade as it is a seated event (ensuring physical distancing and limited mingling), spread across multiple areas with sign on locations that are scattered. For other events, such as the cross country, there is not the same level of being able to abide by those requirements.



From the desk of the Principal

Parent Volunteer Forms

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have dropped into the office and completed their Declaration for Volunteers form and ID check.

Thanks for being one of our volunteers in the first place! ☺

Last Word



Have a good week!
Rae Redfern
Principal

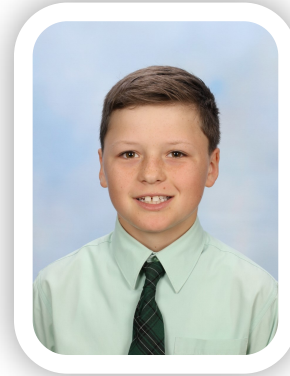


Superstar Students



After an arduous audition process, including pausing for COVID-19, Tahlia D. was successful in the audition process and has been offered a place in the Southern Stars Performing Company. Congratulations Tahlia!

Well done to Nash F. for being selected to represent the Northern Illawarra Zone Under 11's Rugby League side at the upcoming South Coast trials.



SRC Update

So far this term we have had two meetings. We have talked about lots of new ideas.
April K Year 1/20 SRC

We will be having a Mother's Day Stall in Term 2. There will be a raffle too. We are also hoping to have another fun day with games and a guessing competition. Our goal this year is \$2000.00.

Owen B Year 1/20 SRC

Stage 2 - Visual Arts

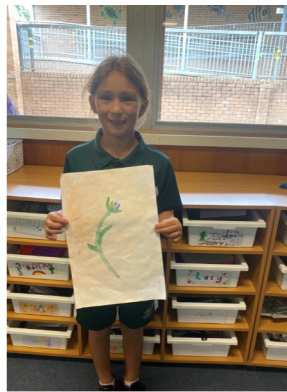
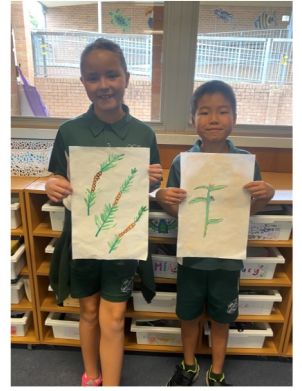
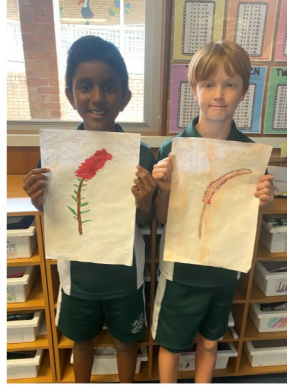
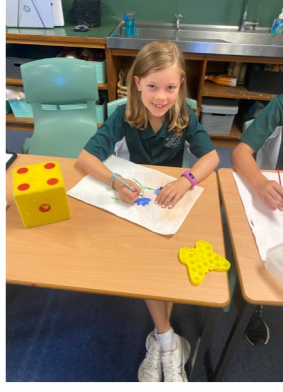
How clever are our young artists!

The Stage 2 Visual Art Enrichment group have been busy over the past several weeks working with Ms Wyman to design, paint and decorate a large Easter egg to enter into the Figtree Grove Schools Easter Egg Competition.

The school with the most votes wins \$1000. Please vote for us!



3/4B - Sydney Parkinson inspired artwork



22 March 2021

Dear Figtree Heights Community,

Thank you to all members and guests that joined our meeting on Wednesday night.

A reminder that if you haven't completed your 2021 membership form yet please do so now. Being a member of Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated allows you to stay up to date with what is happening within our school community, gives you a voice to vote on important decisions and allows you the opportunity to serve further on various committees if you choose to. You can complete your membership online at www.tiny.cc/FHPSPCMembership or forms can be accessed via the school office.

Traffic and Pedestrian Management

For many years FHPS P&C has been advocating on behalf of our school community to improve traffic and pedestrian safety around the school. It was wonderful to hear that Wollongong City Council have advised that they plan on installing a school crossing on Lewis Drive during the 2021/22 budget year.

We will continue to work on this and the other improvements we have proposed to improve traffic flow, signage and speed mitigation around the school. To support this further the P&C has partnered with Healthy Cities Illawarra on the *Safe and Active Routes to School Advocacy* project with more details to come in Term 2 on how you can be involved.

FHPS Colour Fun Run - Thursday 1st April

Only 10 sleeps until our Colour Fun Run. Thank you to Wendy Coppola and the team of volunteers who are pulling this event together for the school. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to all the families who have commenced their sponsorship drive - every little donation counts.

While it has a fundraising component to the event, a major motivation for holding the fun run was for the enjoyment of our students after a challenging 12 months. For those who remember the 2019 event the excitement, fun, energy and smiles from the children was amazing.

This is one of the main reasons that we will not have adult spectators at this year's event. After much consideration to see how we could meet the NSW Health and Department of Education COVID Safety requirements (such as people capacity, allocated seating and separation between adults/children to name a few) the decision was made to make this event all about the kids. We are aware that this is disappointing for some families, but our intention is to make the day as fun, inclusive and safe for the children as possible. We appreciate your understanding with regard to this hard decision, and we will engage photographers to capture the event for all to look back on.

OOSH Sub Committee Meeting

This coming Wednesday, 24 March 6pm is our OOSH Sub Committee Meeting. All members and guests interested in supporting the ongoing governance of our OOSH Service are invited to attend.

Sincerely,



Stuart Wilkinson
President

EXECUTIVE

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Canteen Convenor: ERIN VASILIOU 0425 351 490



We have 2 weeks left until the Colour Fun Run. The fundraising target is \$10,000 and we have raised \$9700!

Keep sharing your online profile to keep the donations coming in.

Here are a few things so you can start getting organised for the colour run.

- White t-shirt (\$3 from kmart)
- Sunglasses/goggles
- Mask or bandana
- Old shorts
- Big smiles
- A towel to dry off

We will have more information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your amazing fundraising!

Figtree Heights PS Colour Fun Run Committee

FHPS CANTEEN

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

Remember: Flexischool Fridays:
Online orders only

Wednesday 24/03	Jordan McDougall
Friday 26/03	Sara El Gamal & Tara Watters
Monday 29/03	Dean Harvey
Wednesday 31/03	Wendy Coppola



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



Place all your canteen orders online with Flexischools

Flexischools is a well-established organisation allowing you to easily place all your canteen orders online at any time.

Download the Flexischools app from the App store or Google Play for details on how to set up your account [How do I register for a Flexischools account?](#)

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please visit our FAQ's <https://community.flexischools.com.au/s/>

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

CANTEEN EASTER SPECIAL Hot Cross Bun Drive

Get your order in for a pack of six delicious and locally made Hot Cross Buns, support a local business and raise money for our school.



Choose your flavour:

Traditional Fruit, Double Chocolate and Fruitless Plain.

Pack of six Hot Cross Buns \$8 each

FLEXISCHOOL ONLY

Orders are due by Friday, 26 March.

Orders will be delivered to the children on **Tuesday, 30 March.**