

Term 2, Week 1



2021 TERM 2	
Week 1	
Wed 21/04	Stage 3 Hawks visit
Week 2	
Wed 28/04	Stage 1 Excursion - Illawarra Museum
	Scripture commences
Fri 30/04	District Cross Country
Week 3	
Wed 5/05	Stage 3 Dragons 'Best You Can Be' diary visit
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	
BOOK FAIR	

Superstar Awards

Congratulations to the following

Gold

Superstar students:

Georgia H., Liam H. and Gaia P.

Congratulations to the following

Silver

Superstar student:

Elizabeth P.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU ...**

**Connor MacR., Lewis A.,
Sophie T., Marwa M.
and Jaxon T.**



Each year Stewart House asks for donations to support the students they cater for, including those from our area.

An envelope has been sent home with each family today for your chance to be in the draw to win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher.

To go in the draw, please return the envelope with \$2 enclosed by 14 May 2021.



We are ready for Term 2!

We are excited that we can 'Welcome Back' more than just our students now that our Covid guidelines have been eased...thank goodness! As of this term we are allowed to invite up to 200 visitors to outdoor events without the restrictions of a Covid Safety Plan. Since we have 220 students it would have been ideal if the number was a little higher, but we will thankfully take what is offered! Parents are able to briefly enter the school grounds to pick up or drop off students without signing in, however, if you are staying on site for longer then we are still required to keep a record of visitors. This is through the sign on book in the office and by using the QR code. Early pick-ups during the day will still be through the office so students can be signed out.

However, this has remained unchanged:

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

(<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>)

If your child has seasonal allergies or another condition that presents as flu-like symptoms you are able to get a certificate from your GP to confirm this.

Reminder, Opportunity Class, 2022

For Year 5 students interested in applying for placement at an opportunity class the process starts TODAY. 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>



From the desk of the Principal

3/4P

As you would be aware from previous newsletters, Ms Pearce will be requiring some maternity leave later this year! The teacher that will be taking her place is Ms Laura Jones, who knows many of our students well. We look forward to welcoming her when the time comes.

Last Word

“It’s like a brand new school!”

“Wow...SO beautiful!”

“How did they do ALL that?”



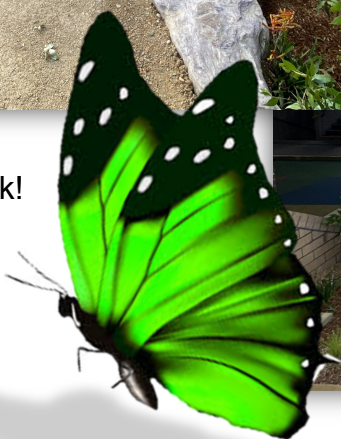
These are some of the comments students made this morning as they arrived to see our new gardens! They do look amazing and once the new grass and plants have a chance to establish themselves we can't wait to explore a little more!

Welcome back!



Have a good week!

Rae Redfern
Principal



Superstar Awards Gallery

Bronze 2



Gold



Silver

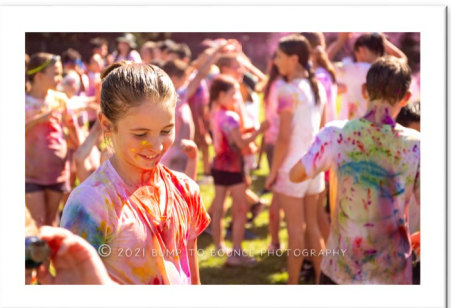
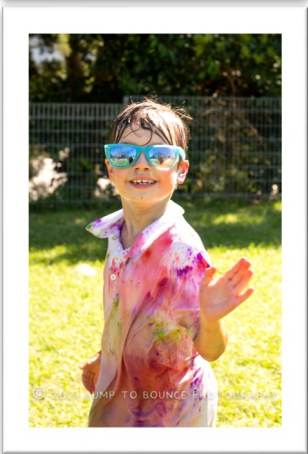


Bronze



Colour Fun Run





FHPS CANTEEN

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

Remember: Flexischool Fridays,
Online orders only

Wednesday 21/04	Jordan McDougall & Christina Minnaar
Friday 23/04	Sara El Gamal & Tara Watters
Monday 26/04	Dean Harvey



**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.

Nutrition Snippet

WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LUNCH BOX?



A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Here's what you'll find on the [website](#):

- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and [snack ideas](#).
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

healthy lunchbox.com.au



ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 6 TRIALS

Thursday April 29th

Talented Sports & Development Program

Basketball / Football / Rugby League / Rugby Union
Netball / Surfing / Hockey / Touch & Tag
New in 2022 Cricket

You must register online through school website or Facebook.
Details of trials will be emailed to you upon registration.
Must be currently playing in club or representative team.

Call the front office if you require assistance.

Ethics News

A wonderful first term was had with the Year 3 Figtree Heights ethics students.

We discussed the notion of greed and things to consider when deciding if someone is being greedy and when/if being greedy is wrong. The students thought about different scenarios to critically examine situations where being a bit greedy may even be understandable and weighing up things such as willingness to share, wasting food or the earth's resources in deciding if being greedy wrong. What if the person is too young to understand that they are greedy? Can you be greedy and not even know it?

Opinions were formed and reasons provided as the children took turns and respectfully listened to each other.

The reality, though, is that SRE and Ethics rely on volunteers and many children are missing out.

Currently there is a considerable number of children signed up to do ethics so there is clearly a demand.

Please consider applying if you are free on a Wednesday afternoon. Even doing it for one year would make a big difference in keeping the programme alive at this school.

It involves an initial application on line, an interview, WWC check and criminal history check. The training is fun! Two days at the UOW with like-minded people. There should be another training session coming up in May. You will be surprised how rewarding and fulfilling it will be for you personally.

You do not have to have ANY teaching experience or a degree in philosophy. You will be fully trained in delivering a carefully formulated, Department of Education approved 'script' and facilitating a discussion. A little pre-reading before the lesson and a half hour on Wednesday afternoon between 12 and 12.30 is all that is required once you are trained.

You will also be thoroughly trained in behaviour management. The children at Figtree Heights, however, are thoughtful and lovely to work with, though be assured that a teacher is in the classroom with you, should you need support.

Teaching ethics is a very rewarding experience and after you go home you will find yourself smiling and thinking back on the lesson and the children's insightful responses.

Check it out at the Primary Ethics website <https://primaryethics.com.au> or call/message Helen (grandparent) on 0413535830