Term 4 No: 10 Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December

Message from the Principal

The holidays are upon us! It is hard to believe the year is drawing to an end, and what a year it has been. Before we say goodbye to 2014 I have a few important messages:

**We say Goodbye!**

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Kiri Stone and wish her all the very best for her future at Nareena Hills. They are certainly very lucky to be stealing her away from us and I know they will appreciate her up there as much as we have here! You will be taking away part of our heart Mrs Stone, but it is just the beginning of a very exciting time in your career. We will miss you!

In other very sad, but also exciting news, Miss Crista Wolksi will also be farewellng us, but hopefully only for a year. Miss Wolksi has been successful in an expression of interest for a relieving Assistant Principal role for 2015. Miss Wolksi is a very experienced teacher and the time has come for her to spread her wings in a bigger school. We will miss you Miss Wolksi, but we know it is selfish to think we can hold onto you forever. All the very best in your career, we hope this is not goodbye forever!

On Wednesday afternoon we are saying farewell to our wonderful class of 2014. In Figtree Heights tradition we will have a whole school assembly followed by the ringing of the bell and arch of goodbye. It would be wonderful to see our community at this event as a chapter closes for our Year 6 students as well as Mrs Stone and Miss Wolksi. The event will begin at 2pm.

**2015 Classing**

Next week we are anticipating the announcement of 2015 classes. Students will be notified of their placement by their class teacher. Announcement of classes can be a very daunting prospect for many children and to ensure we are supporting our students we are informing them before the school holidays. Please note these are anticipated classes, there is always the possibility of more families moving into our area causing a re-structure, however it is not likely, but is possible. We appreciate all families filling out class consideration forms to assist in the process and we have dedicated many staff meetings to ensure all aspects are looked into. The process of classing requires extensive planning and it is not a topic we take lightly as it impacts our entire school. We appreciate your support in this process.

*Have a great weekend!*

Warm regards,

Skye Hayward

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**What's Happening at the Heights?**

**Week Beginning 15/12**

**Mon 15**

Students Semester 2 Academic Report to go out today

**Wed 17**

Last day of Term 4 for students

Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January is school start date for students Years 1 - 6 in 2015.

Best Start Assessments will be held Wed 28th, Thurs 29\textsuperscript{th} & Fri 30\textsuperscript{th} January for new 2015 Kindergarten students.

New 2015 Kindergarten students will start school Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February.

**HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

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**SILVER Value Wristband Awardees**

Well done to the following students:

- 2O: Ella Cook
- 5L: Samuel Pelakanos
- 5/6T: Genevieve Krizsan

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**EMERALD Value Wristband Awardees**

Congratulations to the following students:

**KP**
- Andre Dzeparoski
- Annie Dennis
- Ally Luke
- Eva Bonacina
- Chevy O’Connor

**KS**
- Lily Brett
- Carter Cook
- William Burns
- Chelsea Neill

**3/4D**
- Eve Christensen
- Jaime Kiley
- Abbey Lemmon
- William Brett
- Ziggy Badans

**3/4PR**
- Keeley Reynolds
- Maddie Ladmore
- Kirra Synott
- Mackenzie Smart
- Kasey Reh
- Karly Fox

**5L**
- Bailey Craft

**5/6T**
- Erin Erler
- Olivia Ladmore

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**GOLD Value Wristband Awardees**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

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**Textbook selling day**

**Head-up for 2015!**

Figtree Heights will be holding its textbook selling day on Thursday 5th February 2015.

Textbooks are an essential part of classroom lessons and all students will be required to purchase books.

Early Term 1 students will be notified the cost of their classroom textbooks.

Payment can be brought in on selling day. Thank you for your anticipated assistance.

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**Well Done Ethan Carruthers!**

Ethan Carruthers and his team ‘The Nerdy T-Rexes’ completed in the first Lego League Australian Championships on the weekend at Macquarie University. There were 38 teams competing.

Ethan and his team were rookies and a wildcard entry. They achieved the Teamwork Award.

Well done and congratulations Ethan!
Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays today, next week and in the school holidays........

Congratulations to Abby Adlington

Abby recently received a high distinction A+ in her 2nd grade speech and drama exam. Well done Abby!

Abby also attended the exhibition of artwork in Queanbeyan from her time at The Illawarra and South East Region Visual Arts Camp. She had 2 days at Greenhills, Canberra and it was open to students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. She absolutely had a ball.

Volunteers

Canteen Volunteering

2015

Please send in your (pink) volunteering sheet. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
Canteen News:

Stickybeak insulated lunchbags $12 and wallets $10 are now available for sale at the canteen.

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Useful Information

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**Uniform Shop is open Monday mornings from 8.30am – 9am** for sales and fittings. We have limited stock remaining so please make your purchases promptly. Lowes Figtree are taking over as suppliers of FHPS uniforms. Stock will be available towards the end of the term. Thank you for your patience.

The Community Noticeboard is located outside near the office and is used to advertise local sporting groups and community groups who offer services to our students and families.

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Check out the School Community Notice Board, outside the office, it's full of school & P&C news as well as school holiday activity information!

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