Term 1 Week 9

Coming Events
This Week
Wed 26
*Cross Country carnival at school 9am-11am. All welcome
*P&C AGM meeting 6.30pm in the 5/6T classroom

Thurs 27
*Inter-relate evening in school hall 6pm

Fri 28
*Pet Education program
*Gympsport K-Yr 2

Next Week
Mon 31
Last Uniform Shop day for Term 1

Tues 1 April
*Year 4 Bike Safety Park excursion more information on pg 3

Wed 2
*Illawarra Regional Performing Ensemble 9am-10am under the Cola

Fri 4
*Gympsport

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays this week....

Tyler M, Ben P, Nicholas P

Would you like your newsletter emailed? Just send an email to school: figtreehpts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with a request for your address to be added to the list.

Monday 24 March 2014

Activity payments due:
*AFL sport: Year 3-6 $28. Due Now 7/3/14
*Gympsport: Years K-2 $30. Due by 2/4/14
*Reading Eggs K-2 $20 Due now
*Textbook payment – selected Yr 3 & 4 students $13.50 Due now
*Bike Day Yr 4 - $15 Due 28/3/14
*Illawarra Regional Ensemble performance K-6 $4 per student or $8 per family. Due 1/4/14
* ICAS competitions Yr 3-6 Spelling $11, English & Maths $8 Due 4/4/14

CANTEN ROSTER
Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch
Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only

Tue Cindy Ladmore, Jacqui Smart
Wed Amanda Taylor, Rebecca Anderson
Thurs Shari Fox, Fiona Rudd
Fri Fiona Leo, Sonya DeBruyn
Mon Bronwyn Gibson Christina Bonacina

Pizza Meal Deal every Monday
Pizza & Milk drink $2.50 or Pizza & other drink $3.50

Easter hat parade and raffle
Thursday 10th April
Donations of Easter eggs and baskets (to put the eggs in) are being accepted for our raffle. Please send them into school now.
Raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday 31 March. Year 6 students will be selling the raffle tickets at school.
A Message from the Principal

P&C Meeting

Please remember our P&C Meeting is on this

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30pm
in 5/6T classroom.

This meeting is our Annual General Meeting and all positions within the P&C will be open for nomination. If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions please make sure you are there on Wednesday evening. It is not necessary for attendees to volunteer for a position within the P&C, only important you are there to have your say on issues involving your child’s education.

Discussion items include:
- AGM – new committee elected
- OOSH
- Phone App
- Merit Award System
- Principal Position
- Hot Shot tennis
- Camp Out

Infants Camp Out

WOW! What a fantastic night we had on Friday for our annual K-2 Camp-Out. The weather was nice to us and saved all the rain for the following night, very lucky indeed.

The oval was filled with tents, over fifty of them, and the year 6 students did a great job with the activities. The pizza was yum and the disco with Mrs Pirie was sensational. All the children loved the spotlight game and enjoyed eating their dessert whilst music-man Phil played some great songs around our campfire. By the time toilet, teeth and bedtime rolled around the students were pretty exhausted and it didn’t take long for most of them to fall asleep peacefully. Sunrise brought yummy pancakes, fruit and cereal and before we knew it, home time was upon us.

I would like to thank each and every parent on our Camp-Out committee, everyone really did an amazing job and without you this would have never happened. A big thank you to all those parents who were brave enough to camp and those who helped out with the bits and pieces on the night. THANK YOU and see you next year!!!!

Cross Country

This Wednesday will be our annual school cross country carnival. It will begin at 9:15am with the first race being the senior boys and girls, followed by the 5, 6 and 7 year old races. Then 8/9yrs, 10’s and 11’s.

Children are permitted to wear their sports house colours or sports uniform.

Please make sure you have downloaded our school phone app (info in this newsletter) so we can notify you if any changes are made due to the weather.

Hot Shot Tennis

Figtree Heights would like to welcome Hot Shot Tennis to our school. Every Tuesday at lunchtime, we will have a qualified tennis coach come to school and with the help of our sports leadership team, set up six to seven mini tennis courts for games and skill sessions. One of the best parts about this is it is totally FREE.

Better still, if every child signs up to say they will participate in this lunchtime activity the school will get $2 for every student, to spend on new tennis equipment. Students who do sign up will also get a free gift.

Please click on the link on our school website and follow the prompts from the information sheet that has gone out with this newsletter.

Child Minding available

Phone App

Our school phone app is now up and running. You can download this app for free from the iTunes store. Simply type in Figtree Heights and it will come up. Once downloaded you will require a username and password. This is the same for everyone.

Username: community
Password: figtreehsp

Please ensure you change your phone settings so you can receive notifications from our school. Events, photos, notifications and newsletters will be available using this app.

ENJOY!
Interrelate Evening for Years 3-6
Thursday 27 March in the School Hall
Session 1 "Where did I Come From?" for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 is commences at 6pm sharp.
Session 2 "Preparing for Puberty" for Years 5 & 6 commences at 7.15pm.
Cost $25 for one session and $30 for both sessions per family.
Information notes for the Interrelate evening were sent home last week. Spare notes are available from the school office. Payment can be sent in to school or you can pay at the door on the night.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – ICAS
Notes have been distributed with today's newsletter to students in years 3 – 6. The competition is optional and payment must be received by April 4.
Mrs Lo Surdo
Coordinating Teacher

School Safety Notice to Drivers
There are no excuse for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, parking illegally puts children's lives at risk. Fines for disobeying road rules are between $160 - $450 and 2 demerit points.
The cost of taking your children to school depends entirely on you!
Message supplied by Wollongong City Council.

P&C Voluntary Contribution 2014
Please remember to pay your P&C Voluntary Contribution for 2014. The amount is $50 per family and can be sent in as cash or cheque (made payable to FHPS P&C) or direct debited into the P & C account.
BSB: 062644 Account No: 00900425
Receipts will be issued with as soon as possible.

Year 4 Bike Safety Park Excursion
All Year 4 students will be visiting the Bicycle Safety Park at Lake Illawarra PCYC on April 1st (Week 10). All bicycles are provided by the venue but students are encouraged to bring their own helmets if possible. Cost is $15. Please bring note and money before March 28.

Congratulations to Abby Adlington
At the recent Illawarra Region Eisteddfod Abby was awarded two 1st places and a highly commended in her speech and drama sections, and two highly commended in her dance section. Well done Abby!

Student’s School Activity Payments
Thank you to families for sending in your child/rens school activity payments.

The school is working to strict budgets and is finalising its accounts for Term 1. Any outstanding payments are requested by their due date. Payment reminders can be found on the front page of the newsletter and reminders notes have been sent out via the classroom. Please check your child’s schoolbags!

If you are unsure whether you have paid for your child’s activities at school please contact the school office for clarification?

Schools are given a small budget by the DEC to help families in financial difficulties. If you require assistance please contact the school for more information.

Reminder - Student Absences
Students are required to bring in an absentee note when they return to school after an absence. Notes are to be given directly to the class teacher.

If students are taking extended leave (more than 20 school days) an 'Exemption from School' form must be completed prior to the absence.

Partial absences: Students who are late for school must collect a late note from the office and hand it to their class teacher. Students leaving school early must be signed out by a parent/caregiver or authorised person.

An authorised person is someone who the school has been given permission (by the parent/caregiver) to have contact with the student e.g emergency contact person.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding absences please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

School Winter Uniforms
It's time to order winter uniforms!
Orders must now be in by Thursday 3 April. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.
The Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 7 April (last Monday in term 1). Please make any necessary purchases and ordering next Monday 31 March.

For orders placed at school: To get the right size please come to the uniform shop next Monday morning between 8.30am and 9am and have your child fitted or send your child in at this time for our uniform co-ordinator, Rhiannon to fit them out.
Price list and order forms are available from the uniform shop. Payment is required with all orders.

Taslon Jackets and Pants: We are selling off the last of the taslon jackets and pant (as we have changed to microfiber). Jackets are now $10 and pants are $7 and are available from the uniform shop until sold out.

Thank you
Rhiannon Synott
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator