**Easter Hat Parade, Eggshibition and Raffle**

**When:** Thursday, 10th April

**Time:** 11.30am - 12.30pm

**Where:** COLA (C + 2) Hat Parade & Library (Year 3 - 6) Eggshibition

As previously advised, this year Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in the Easter Hat Parade and will be creating their hats on Monday 7th April. Don’t forget to have all materials in by Monday 7th. Years 3 to 6 should be working on their ‘Eggshiting, Eggshibition’ creations. These will be due in by Tuesday 8th April. Eggshibition displays will be on show in the library on the day for all to marvel over our students’ creativity!

During the afternoon there will be a Year 6 fundraising BBQ lunch and Easter Raffle.

**PARENTS & LOVED ONES WELCOME**

**Year 6 Fundraising Easter Hat Parade Sausage Sizzle**

At our Easter Hat Parade and Eggshibition on Thursday 10th April, Year 6 will be running a sausage sizzle at lunch time.

**Prices:**
Sausage sizzle sandwiches - $2.50 each
Drinks - $2.00 each

**MEAL DEAL**
Sausage sizzle and Drink - $9.00

A limited number of sausage sizzles and drinks will be available for purchase on the day.

**Pink order forms went home on Friday last week.**

Please make sure you are ordered your sausage sizzles to avoid disappointment.

All money raised goes back to our wonderful school. We thank you for your support.

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**Term 1 Week 11**

**This Week**

### Wed 9
- Combined Scripture service in the hall 11.30-12.15

### Thurs 10
- *Easter Hat parade and raffle*
- *Mini Olympics*
- *Eggshibition*

### Fri 11
- *Gymspurt*
- *Rewards Day*
- *Last day for Term 1*

**Term 2 return date for student Tues 29 April**

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays this week and during the school holidays....


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**Happy Birthdays**

**Thanks and Congratulations to these students who are celebrating birthdays this week:**


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A Message from the Principal

Stay Safe!

With holidays fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our HPHS students, staff and community for a sensational start to the year. It was a busy term, filled with special events and general preparations for the new year.

Next term will again be busy, but that is half the fun. The School Athletics Carnival is coming up on Monday 26th May, so please look this date in your diaries. We have class assemblies, NAIDOC week and of course NAPLAN. We are trying to make sure Term 2 has limited disruption so we can focus on our core business of Teaching and Learning.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. Please take the time to enjoy this time with your family. If you are going away, please drive safe! See you next term!

School Cross Country

Congratulations to each and every student who participated in the School Cross Country Carnival on Thursday. It was a wonderful day and it is always heart-warming to see our students give all they can. The races were tight and there were many students who displayed honourable sportsmanship to their fellow competitors.

Congratulations to the following Age Champions for 2014:

- 8 years: Toby Russell and Ella Cook
- 9 years: Clay Baldock and Kirra Synott
- 10 years: Luca Cove and Kealley Reynolds
- 11 years: Chris Sink and Jami Goode
- 12 years: Tom Jeffery and Livvy Madmore

Our team will be competing on Thursday 1st May at Kembla Joggers track, Brownsville.

School News

- Please save the date for our P&C’s Outdoor Movie night, FRIDAY 8TH MAY. This night will be a fun-filled evening focused on bring our community together in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.
- One of our wonderful parents is training to become an ethics teacher at HPHS and needs some extra help. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity please come into the office and we can give you more information.

School Security

Over the break, OOSH will be on school grounds for many of the days, however, there will be times the school is vacant. For those of you who live close, please keep an eye on our school. It is always devastating to see things we have worked so hard to build and maintain, ruined over school break times.

If you see anything please call school security on: 1300 669 021

Rewards System

Our new merit award system has been in full flight and some students have already reached their Bronze Value Wristband. WOW!!!!!! Unfortunately, there has been a delay with shipping, however, the wristbands should be here before the end of term. When they arrive, students will be notified and we will have a small presentation to celebrate this milestone. A big congratulations to each and every student, the value merit awards are flying out the door. Every student has been putting their best foot forward and it really has made a difference to our school.

Savings:

Save the date:

Outdoor Movie Night
Fri 9 May
Figgree Heights “Thames Stadium”
(silver seats near school oval)
Watch out for more information

Student’s School Activity Payments

Thank you to families for sending in your child/ren school activity payments.

Final notices have been handed out to students who have overdue accounts. Please send in your payments no later than Wed 9 April. Thank you.

Please contact the school office for clarification if you are unsure if you have paid for your child’s activities at school.

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.

Library News

The Premiers Reading Challenge is underway and nine students have already completed the challenge. Congratulations to those students.

What a great effort to make in the year!

Weekly Roster for Library Team

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Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Figgree Heights Public School helps Stewart House charity by way of supporting their clothing appeal. Stewart House Clothing bags have been distributed with today’s newsletter. Please fill the bags with clean unwanted clothing and return the bags to school by Monday 5th May. Spare bags are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

Primary Ethics

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. We need new volunteers to teach Years 8-12, and 5-6 ethics classes starting in Term 2. The teachers teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop the capabilities for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained by Primary Ethics to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials. Learn more and apply online at primaryethics.com.au or contact Amanda Bowen, Ethics Coordinator, at: figtreeheightspethics@outlook.com or ph: 0404 492 828

Canteen News!

A huge thank you to our canteen committee who have donated $7000 to the P&C. This money will go towards supporting our student’s educational needs.

Thank you to our canteen volunteers for their hard work and support. Your help has enabled the above donation to happen.

Figgree Heights OOSH

After School Care 3pm – 6pm
Vacation Care 8am – 6pm
Figgree Heights Public School Hall
3 St George Avenue, FIGTREE NSW 2525
Phone: (02) 4227 2755 Fax: (02) 4226 5061
Email: central@doog.net
ABN: 55 782 160 086 Website: www.foosh.net

Are you in need of care after school and during school holidays? Come and see our wonderful service today!

We offer care for children attending primary school and have been rated as “meeting the National Quality Standard” under the Education and Care National Services Regulations & Law. We are also government assistance approved. We are a not for profit community owned business run and operated by Figgree Heights Public School P & C.

A copy of Figtree Heights OOSH Holiday Program is listed on the School Community Noticeboard, located outside the school office. Please contact Figtree Heights OOSH for enrolment details.

AST Surf School is running an Easter Holiday program for 5-12 year olds. An information flyer is on the noticeboard outside the school office.

Lost Property

Items in the Lost Property tub will be disposed of at the end of the week. Please look in the tubs if you are missing school “stuff”.

The office is holding a girls ring in a black box which was found a while ago. If it’s yours please collect it from the front office.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel will be the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scca.com.au, email sccausa@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 601, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!