Term 1 Week 10

Coming Events
This Week
Mon 31
* Last Uniform Shop day for Term 1

Tues 1 April
* Year 4 Bike Safety Park excursion

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

Thurs 3
* Cross Country carnival

Fri 4
* Gymsport
* Gala Day at Sid Parish Park for Yrs 5 & 6 see more information pg 3

Next 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
* Gymsport
* Rewards Day
* Last day for Term 1

Term 2 return date for student Tues 29 April

Monday 31 March 2014

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

Activity payments due:
* Gala Day Year 5 & 6. $3.80 Due Now
* AFL sport: Year 3-6 $28. Due Now 7/3/14
* Gymsport: 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 $5 per family. Due 1/4/14
* ICAS competitions Yr 3 -6 Spelling $11, English & Maths $8 Due 4/4/14

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

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

Canteen Lunchtime Meal Deal Day
Friday 4 April
Nacho Meal With a drink $6
Orders to be in by Tues 1 April (sorry for the short notice). Spare orders forms at the school office.

Happy Birthday to students who are celebrating their birthdays this week....
Arina G, Grace G, Sonny M & Anastasia P
A Message from the Principal

2014 Programs

Figtree Heights staff are involved in a number of exciting programs this year. Ongoing professional development is essential to ensure our students are exposed to the most up-to-date programs and initiatives.

Programs for 2014 Include:
* Language and Learning in Literacy Kindergarten (L3)
* Language and Learning in Literacy Stage 1 (L3)
* Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) K-2
* Focus on Reading (FoR) 3-6
* Implementation of NSW English Syllabus
* Implementation of NSW Mathematics Syllabus
* Sustainability - Stage 2
* Developing 21st Century Learners
* In2uni - Stage 3
* Australian Curriculum

More initiatives will be available this year in relation to the release of new Australian Curriculum documents.

Phone App

Our school phone app has been a booming success, we are still working out some features of this app however, we have had some great feedback. Don’t forget you can download this app for free from the iTunes store for both Apple and Android phones. 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: figtreehtsps

Please ensure you change your phone settings to receive notifications from our school. More features to come soon!

Merit Awards

The Figtree Heights Values awards are in full swing and students have transitioned to this new system with ease.

The six core values we are using have been values of our school for some time and were decided on with consultation with the P&C. Weekly values lessons are occurring in classrooms to ensure students have a deep understanding of what these values mean and what actions constitute a particular value.

It is important to teach our children how to be active global citizens and putting focus on these values teaches our children life-long skills.

Storage of these awards has been a hot topic of conversation. Students can keep their awards at home or at school, however, in line with our responsibility value, we are trying to teach students to hand in their awards when they have achieved their wristband. Teachers are keeping a record of awards in case any get lost along the way.

Cross Country

Hopefully the weather plays nice and we can hold our school Cross Country carnival this

THURSDAY, 3rd April, 9am-11am.

If by chance it rains, we may have to hold this carnival at a very short notice (any day in week 11) as we need the entries for the District carnival which is on in Week 1.

We will try to notify parents as soon as a decision is made. We do understand that parents are trying to juggle work commitments, hopefully we have clear skies and can go ahead on Thursday.

Easter Hat Parade & Eggstibition

To celebrate the end of the term, we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. Students K-2 will make their hats at school with their buddies and then parade their creations Thursday next week.

Years 3-6 will be involved in an ‘eggstibition’. Students and their families will be invited to the Library where the egg creations will be on display.

Easter donations are still being accepted by our bunnies at morning assembly. Easter baskets will be raffled off at the Hat Parade.
Easter Hat Parade, Eggshibition and Raffle Information

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.

Easter Hat Parade and Eggshibition
When: Thursday, 10th April
Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm
Where: COLA (K - 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 Friday 4th April, with Monday 7th at the latest.

Years 3 to 6 should be working on their ‘Eggs-citing, 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 - See YOU then

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.

Save the date:
Outdoor Movie Night
Fri 9 May
Figtree Heights “Thomas Stadium”
(sitting near school oval)

Watch out for more information

Central Wollongong Gala Day-Fri 4 April
Yr 5 & 6 students are involved in a Gala Day on Fri 4 April. Notes have been distributed. Payment for the day $3.80 please send payment in with permission note. Please disregard the message on the note ‘to be included in Term 2 invoice’ as this was in regards to PSSA billing to the school. We apologise for any misunderstanding.

Student’s School Activity Payments
Thank you to families for sending in your child/ren’s 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 schoolbag!

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.

School Winter Uniforms
It’s time to order winter uniforms!
Orders must now be in by Thursday 3 April. We apologise for the change in date and any inconvenience caused.
The Uniform Shop will be closed Monday 7 April (last Monday in Term 1).

Thank you
Rhiannon Synott
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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 students educational needs.

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

Figtree Heights OOSH
After School Care 3pm - 6pm
Vacation Care 8am - 6pm
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A copy of Figtree Heights OOSH Holiday program is located on the School Community Noticeboard, located outside the school office. Please contact Figtree Heights OOSH for enrollment details.