Monday 12th May  

Week 3 Term 2 

Message from the Principal 

Welcome to Week 3! 

We have another busy and eventful week ahead of us. 

I will be relieving for Mrs Hayward again this week as she is still in quite a bit of pain. We should have a clearer picture of the extent of her injuries and length of her absence as she has more x-rays, scans and an appointment with her surgeon throughout the week.

We are all wishing her a speedy recovery!

Students from Years 3 and 5 will be completing their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) examinations this week. Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests will be conducted on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday.

We wish all our students the best of luck in these tests.

A big congratulations to both Jade F and Tayla W on their successful selection in the South Coast Netball team. Our girls proved best out of a highly competitive field. What an achievement for both girls!

Well done to the students who are wearing their bronze wristbands with pride! It is such a pleasure to award the wristbands on ‘Wristband Wednesday (morning) Assembly’. I am so proud of their achievements and exhibition of our school values.

Can I remind students to hand in their 6 awards (5 value + 1 behaviour) before 9am on Monday. This will ensure we can advertise their names in our newsletter and invite parents and loved ones to assembly to share this momentous occasion.

Kind Regards,
Sarah Thurston

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts”

Dalai Lama
Kindergarten 2015

Figtree Heights Public School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Please come to the office or contact the school to receive an ‘in-area’ or ‘out-of-area’ Expression of Interest form.
Ph: 4228 6555  E: figtrees-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

School Photo Day
May 29th
Envelopes for student photos have been distributed. Envelopes can be returned with payment prior to photo day or sent in on the day.
Sibling envelopes are available from the front foyer. **Students are to be in full winter school uniform on photo day.**

Winter Uniform Change-over

**Uniform change-over has started.** For those parents new to the school we have a period where students can wear either winter or summer uniform to school. All students should be in full winter uniform by the beginning of Week 4 – 19/5/14

**Winter Uniform order update:**
Some orders have been completed, others have been partially completed. We are still waiting on uniform stock and when it arrives our uniform co-ordinator will complete the remaining orders. Thank you for your patience.

Focus on Reading (FoR)

The Research Behind FoR
Focus on Reading draws from a sound research base. This research justifies Focus on Readings’ key aspects and puts them at the forefront of literacy teaching and learning.

The program emphasises and highlights the importance and use of:
- Rich texts, particularly the subject-based texts, multi modal (technology, variety of prints and genres)
- Text types that appeal and motivate our students
- Rich talk that encourages students to show and demonstrate their thinking
- Teaching that is:
  - driven by assessment
  - supports and scaffolds our students
  - gives purposeful feedback
  - provides opportunities for student reflection

FHPS teachers have just completed another section of the Focus on Reading Program. This section focused on ‘Learning’. Key concepts included reading (and comprehending) being central to each Key Learning Area (subject), supporting but challenging our students and personalisation. Personalisation puts your child at the centre of our teaching programs and their learning experiences.

Students, in years 2 to 6, will be surveyed on their on reading habits and strategies.

If you have any questions about the program please contact me at school or email sarah.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au

Sarah Thurston
Focus on Reading FHPS School Leader

**BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees**

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband this Wednesday at morning assembly.


**WELL DONE!**
School Phone App
To download our school phone app go to the App Store on iTunes (Google Play for Android users), search for Figtree Heights and simply download.
Username: community
Password: figtreeheightsp
Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone's control settings.

School Newsletter
If you would like to receive your school newsletter by email, please forward your email address to: figtreeheights-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

Tea Towel Yr 6 Fundraiser
Year 6 are running a Tea Towel fundraiser. The school first ran this fundraiser 8 years ago when Mr. Thomas came to the school, so it is quite ironic that we are doing it again in Mrs Hayward's first year. The tea towels are a great memento for families and students as well as being a great quality tea towel.

Students and staff of Figgy Heights will be drawing a picture of themselves which will then be printed onto the tea towels. There is a sample in the school foyer if you would like to check it out.

Order forms have been distributed to students and are available from the office. Orders must be in by 13th June. Cost is $12 for 1 and $10 each if you order more than one.

P&C News
Copies of the P&C 2014 AGM minutes are available from the school front foyer for anyone who would like a copy.

P&C Voluntary Contribution
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: 00090425
Receipts will be issued with as soon as possible.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser
Families received their Entertainment Books last week. It is great value and even if you only use it a couple of times it will pay for itself.
Cost of the book is $55 and payment can be sent in to school or processed online. Follow the payment instructions inside the book or the payment link is: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2801297
Please return unwanted books to school as soon as possible.

P&C Committee

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 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 ethics classes starting in Term 2. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity 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 www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Amanda Bowen, Ethics Coordinator, at email: figtreeheightspethics@outlook.com or ph: 0404 492 828

Canteen News:

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