What's Happening at the Heights?

This Week:
Tues 3
Last day for Canteen Meal Deal orders
Fri. 6 June
Special Meal Deal day at the canteen

Next Week:
Mon 9
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri. 13
Tea-Towel orders due
Last day for Book Club (Issue 4) orders

Reminders
- P&C Voluntary contribution $50 per family. Cash, cheque or direct debit:
  BSB: 062644
  Account No: 00900425
- Tea Towel fundraiser orders & payment due 13/6/14
- Unwanted Entertainment Books to be returned to school now please.

Monday 2nd June
Week 6 Term 2
Message from the Principal

End of Semester Reporting and Interviews
It is all systems go with assessments and reporting. Teachers and students are busy finalising assessments for this semester, ready to send reports home in week 9. Parent/teacher interviews will be held in week 9, please wait for information from your child's teacher regarding available interview times.

Unfortunately, the way our timetable at school is structured, finding time for a quick chat with your child's teacher can be difficult. If you have concerns about anything to do with your child, or simply would like a quick "how are they going?", please send a note with your child to school, flick an email or leave a message with the front office to organise a time. Morning assembly is unfortunately not an effective time to have a quick chat with the teachers. This assembly is always busy and our teachers need to listen to the daily messages before moving into class.

Student Achievements
Congratulations to the two students who represented our school and Central Wollongong at the Regional Cross Country last Friday. Nathan HW placed 11th out of over 78 competitors and Chris S placed an incredible 3rd in the same race. Chris will now represent the South Coast at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek in July. Well done boys and all the best at the next level Chris!

Well done to our Girls Soccer Knockout team who played against Nareena Hills in the first round of the NSW PSSA Knockout. Unfortunately we were beaten by a better team on the day; however, our girls played their best and displayed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the game.

Value Awards
Our School Merit Award system is going along swimmingly. I am proud to announce I will be awarding our very first SILVER value awards at this week's Wristband assembly. Our students have certainly stepped up and embraced this change. They are showing their understanding of FHPS six core values and portraying qualities that will stay with them throughout their life. Well done Figtree Heights!

School Website
We are currently going through a few changes and updates with our school website. Soon each class will have an updated page where you can take a look into what makes each class special. I have heard there are some pretty exciting additions coming up. Stay tuned and watch this space!

That is all from the Principal's desk this week!

Kind Regards

Skye Hayward

"What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you."
Kindergarten 2015
Figtree Heights Public School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Contact the school to receive an ‘in-area’ or ‘out-of-area’ Expression of Interest form. Please pass this information on to neighbours in our area who have children starting school in 2015.
Ph: 4228 6555  E: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Child Safety
Safety of our children is of the utmost importance for our school. Lately there have been a handful of incidents in the Illawarra regarding suspicious looking cars around Primary Schools. Please take this time to speak to your child about ‘Stranger Danger’ as we are doing here at school.

Now is a great opportunity to ensure your child waits to be picked up in a safe area inside our school grounds. Many teachers are out and about the playground of an afternoon; however, there are some areas that are less visible. Children should wait outside their classroom, under the COLA or in an area decided upon by a parent.

Ensuring your child enters the school ground of a morning is also important. It has come to our attention that a few students are hanging around outside the school fence and not coming straight into school. Please ensure you again mention this to your child as we are here at school also.

Medication at School
Parents please note: if you require school office staff to administer medication to your child, whether it is long or short term, you must come to the office and fill out a Medication Request form. This is essential for the safety of students and staff.

For serious health conditions an ‘Action Plan’ from a doctor should also be brought in. This will allow the school to assist in the management of your child’s health condition.

Lost Property
The lost property tubs, located outside the school office are overflowing with un-named school items. Please take a look if you have lost school articles.

Due to health regulations we dispose of un-named plastic ware after a week of being unclaimed. We love to be able to return lost items so please label all school belongings.

Focus on Reading (FoR)
Last week, your child brought home a student survey asking questions about how they feel about reading, what they like to read and what they think about when they read. It would be helpful if these surveys could be returned to school as soon as you have had the time to complete it with your child. It should take no more than five minutes. The survey data will be collated and used to guide our teaching in Focus on Reading.

If you would like any more information (even resources or posters to use at home) on this strategy, please contact me at school or email sarah.thurston@det.nsw.edu.au. I am more than happy to help.

Sarah Thurston
Focus on Reading FHPS School Leader

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SILVER Value Wristband Awardees
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving the first SILVER wristband this Wednesday at morning assembly.
- 3/4N: Ellie R and Emily R
- 3/4PR: Arina G and Tobias M

AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT!

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BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband on this Wednesday at morning assembly.

WELL DONE!
Happy Birthday to the following students……..
Isabelle B, Bailey C, Mohmed M, Oliver R

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: figtreehtsp
Please make sure you allow notifications from Figtree Heights in your phone’s control settings.

School Newsletter
Last week a note went home regarding our school newsletter and asked for some feedback on our school phone app. To help move our school towards being "paperless" please send the surveys back to school a.s.a.p.

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

Tea Towel Yr 6 Fundraiser
Accompanying today’s newsletter is a Tea Towel order form. Remember to send your orders in by Friday 13th June.
Spare order forms are available from the front office.

P&C News
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: 062844 Account No: 00900425 Receipts will be issued with as soon as possible.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser
Final reminder: Please return unwanted books to school. There are quite a few outstanding books particularly in the senior classes.

Thank you to all of our families who have purchased the Entertainment Book. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

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.entreminetbook.com.au/orderbooks/280297

P&C Committee

Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop: is open Monday mornings from 8.30am – 9am for sales and fittings. Orders with payment can be dropped into the office anytime and the uniform co-ordinator will completed the order the following Monday and deliver your order to your child via the classroom.

KEEP CALM AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!