Monday 16th June
Week 8 Term 2

Message from the Principal

3/4D classroom and Computer Lab changes
Permanent accommodation for all our classes here at Figtree Heights is something we have been working towards for some time. Finally, this dream will become a reality and in the upcoming holidays 3/4D will move to their new permanent classroom, the Computer Lab. The current demountable is still more than suitable for a classroom, however, a permanent room has always been the goal.

As for the Computer Lab, we are only moving away from the physical room, not away from the technology it provides (simply updating). With the 21st Century learner in mind (creative thinkers, problem solvers, independent learners) we will be creating a "floating lab" of portable laptops able to be moved from classroom to classroom. This will enable classes to use technology in a more efficient and immediate way.

Through purchasing new laptops, replacing the older, slower desktops in the Lab, classes can have more technology at their fingertips to heighten their learning. Our vision will see classes have access to technology more frequently, on a needs basis, rather than the current structure of only having access when it is your classes turn to use the lab.

Our goal is to eventually be able to house two "floating labs" in the school, providing even better access to technology. By adding to the laptops the P&C generously purchased the school at the end of last year, we are providing our students with an opportunity to broaden their horizons and are enabling them to become successful 21st Century Learners.

This topic will be discussed further at next Wednesday’s P&C meeting if you have any questions or comments.

Staff In-servicing
As new Australian Curriculum documents roll out into schools, it is mandatory for all staff to complete a number of Professional Development sessions. As a school, we are committed to providing our staff with the most up to date information from the education world to ensure our students have access to the best education. To enable all these things to happen, there are times in which a staff member will be away from their class to attend these sessions. When this occurs we try to ensure there is minimal disruption to classes, employing a familiar casual who knows the students and the class routines. This is not always possible, however, in the instances when a teacher knows they will be away, they do discuss with their class to ensure all students are prepared for this change.

That is all from the Principal's desk this week!
Kind regards,
Skye Hayward
Reminders
- Aunty Peach performance payment due 24/6 $6 per student or $15 per family.
- Dance2bfit permission notes due 20/6
- Spelling Mastery book money due (notified students only)
- Unwanted Entertainment Books to be returned to school now please.
- Re-usable lunch bag orders & payment due 26/6/14
- Choir rehearsal permission note and $4 bus money due 24/6/14
- Crazy Hair gold coin donation Friday 27/6

What STARs!
Congratulations to the following students who have recently achieved at the Wollongong Eisteddfod.

**Tiffany Brisbane** who was awarded 1st place in the 8 years and under Solo Wind Instrument section. Tiffany wowed the judges playing flute. Well done, Tiffany!

**Macey Synnot** received 5 places at the Just Dance Eisteddfod. Three 3rd and two 2nd in the open sections in all styles of dance.

**Kirra Synnot** received 1st place in her tap. WOW! What an achievement, congratulations!

The school loves to recognise the achievements of our students. If your child has achieved in their field please be encouraged to let the school office/class teacher know so it can be included in the school newsletter. A short note with the achievement details written down is the best way to get the information to us.

Exciting Events

**World Cup Soccer Fever has hit**
To get into the spirit of the World Cup, Figtree Heights will be holding our very own
**Doing Things Together World Cup afternoon**
this Friday 20/6.
Students can wear ANY kind of sports clothing to school (soccer gear ties in best if you have it). Please remember to wear suitable footwear (no boots).
Following the scheduled activities will be a short teacher/parent vs Year 6 soccer match.

**Crazy Hair Day**
To celebrate the end of the term we will be having a crazy hair day on Friday 27/6. The last day of term.

Students are to wear school sports uniform and create the weirdest, wackiest or just simply crazy hairstyle. It can be difficult to style some very short hair so wigs are perfectly acceptable for this day.

All students are to bring in a gold coin donation which will be used to help support our school phone app.

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their bronze wristband this Wednesday:

**KS:** Angus Newton, Mia Rutledge, Carter Cook, Destiny Coelho-Stigt;

**1W:** Mitchell Roberts, Lathan Cole, Layal Sawan;

**1/2M:** Toby Russell; **3/4D:** Ethan Carruthers;

**3/4PR:** Jacob Chichkan

**5/6T:** Lachlan Wilkinson

**WELL DONE!**
Happy Birthday to the following students………
Tessa Baldock, Destiny Coelho-Strat & Kyla Nowlan

P&C Change of date!

Don’t forget...

P&C meeting has been re-scheduled.
It is now on Wednesday 25/6 at 8:30pm in 5/6T classroom.
Following the general meeting Mrs Cindy Russell will be speaking about the self-awareness program “Be Unreal”. Cindy is working on this program with the staff at FHPS, ready for implementation in the classroom in Term 3. Please join us to hear more about this wonderful program.

Re-Usable Lunch Bags

Don’t forget to order your re-usable lunch order bag. These are here for a limited time only. Please see the front office if you require another note.

Primary Ethics

Please remember there are opportunities for you to become a trained Ethics teacher. If you are interested in training as an Ethics teacher or would like more information on Primary Ethics at Figtree Heights please contact Amanda Bowen at figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com
More information is on the school noticeboard outside the front office.

Permission Notes & Payments for School Activities

Thank you to families for sending in permission notes and payment for school activities by the due date. (Check out ‘Reminders’ on page 1).

Permission notes must be received by the class teacher before the activity.

Permission notes are to be sent to the students’ class teacher. If payment is with another student please write on the permission note ‘payment with (name & class)’.

This system informs the class teacher and school office that the student has permission to attend the activity and how the payment has arrived at school.

Receipts and change will be sent home within a few days of receiving the payment.

Canteen News:

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Useful Information

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: figtreehtps

$50 Voluntary School Contribution: P & C account. BSB: 062644 Account No: 00900425

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 will be completed by the uniform co-ordinator the following Monday.