**Monday 28th July**  
**Week 3 Term 3**

**Message from the Principal**

Welcome to Education Week! 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity for Figtree Heights to take a look back at how far we have come. The slogan from the 1954 Education Week has again been adopted: "Lighting the way to a better world". We look forward to a great week, celebrating in our classes.

**Open Classrooms and Book Week**

To further commemorate Education Week with our families and friends, we will combine celebrations with Book Week which falls in week 6. The schedule for book week can be found with this newsletter. Please take a look at the schedule and find a time that suits to come and see all the wonderful things we have going on.

**“Be Unreal”**

Cindy and Tegan Russell have held their first lessons for the “Be Unreal” program. This program has been specifically written for our students in close consultation with myself and a team of teachers. The focus of these lessons aligns with both the Personal Development and Health and Visual Art curriculum requirements for all stages. It is a free program for the school and both Cindy and Tegan have kindly donated their time to assist our classroom teachers in the delivery of these lessons. I personally, am extremely excited to be offering such expertise to our students, helping them to become their best “unreal” self.

**P&C Meeting**

The first P&C Meeting for this term will be held next Wednesday at 6:30pm in 5/6T classroom. Agenda items for this meeting include: strategic planning for the future, healthy canteen proposal, playground inspiration, Village Fair, OOSH update, uniform room and more. If you would like to discuss any of these items please come to this meeting. Free child minding is available and I look forward to seeing you there!

*Have a wonderful week,*  
*Skye Hayward*

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**SILVER Value Wristband Awardees**

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their **SILVER** wristband this Wednesday  
**KS:** Xavier Cooper  
**KP:** Asha Andrews, Rachel Baulch, Andre Dzeparoski  
**1W:** Sophie McCall, Macey Synott  
**20:** Nathanael Burns  
**3/4PR:** Alexandra Wira, Jai Cole, Marcus Stevanovski, Kirra Synott, Madilyn Ladmore, Mackenzie Smart, Harmonie Baker-Werth  
**3/4N:** Zali O'Brien  
**3/4D:** Clay Batchelor  
**AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT!**
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. We require some volunteers to do a letter-drop to local families. Please let the office know if you are able to assist.

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Focus on Reading (FoR)

Kindergarten are MAKING CONNECTIONS!

Last week, I had a visit from some of our Kindergarten students. Oliver, Zoe and Violet came to show me how they were able to ‘Make Connections’ with The Terrible Suitcase, a book they had read in class. Well Done Oliver, Zoe and Violet!

Years 5 and 6 are VISUALISING!

Do you know what a Nogard is? Years 5 and 6 used the ‘Visualising’ strategy to create an image of a Nogard. Below is the text they used.

The nogard is an animal. It has an oval shaped body. It has a long neck and tail. The top of the neck, back and tail are covered with a row of triangular shaped plates. The nogard’s head is shaped like a long triangle. It has big eyes and eyebrows that stick out. It also has big nostrils. Its body is covered with scales. The nogard has four short legs. At the end of each leg is a foot with five toes. Each toe has a sharp claw at the end. The nogard has two wings attached to its body. These are located behind the front legs towards the top of its back. Nogards are usually green but change to a deep purple during the winter months.

It is so great to see our students and teachers implementing this fantastic program.

If you would like any more information (resources or posters to use at home) on these strategies, 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

WOW! What STARS WE have......

Congratulations to our star netballers Tayla Ward and Jade Frankham! Tayla and Jade were part of the South Coast netball team, competing last week at the NSW PSSA Netball Champs in Penrith.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Hayward who received an “Excellence in NSW School Sport – Netball” award whilst away at these championships. Mrs Hayward has taken the South Coast netball team for 12 years and also selected the NSW PSSA State team on 7 occasions. Great job!

Well Done to Ali Luke and Macey Synott. The girls were recently selected to compete in a championship eisteddfod. Although the girls did not win the trip to America they performed superbly and should be congratulated on their efforts.
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week.....

Emmaline Pirie, Sharnie Radford, Toby Radford, Emily Penniall, Macey Synott, Asher Percival, Majd Abdul Latif, Yolanda Chichkan, and Brylee Ellem.

Primary Ethics

Exciting news that Ethics has begun at Figtree Heights Public School! Kindergarten students have commenced Ethics classes during SRE time with their teacher Mrs Davey. At Figtree Heights, we require 3 more teachers who are willing to volunteer their time to teach the students from years 1-6. It would be fantastic to fill the positions with grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles or carers from the Figtree Heights community. For more information, please see the Primary Ethics website or contact Amanda Bowen.

primaryethics.com.au OR
figtreeheightspsethics@outlook.com

Figtree Heights now have a Twitter account! 5/6T, with the guidance of Mrs Thurston, are running the account. Our Twitter will be used to connect with other students from around Australia and the world, celebrate our fantastic school, keep up to date with current affairs, voice our opinions and learn how to use social media in a positive way. If you use Twitter make sure you follow us - @FigtreeHeights.

Snack Time

Raw vegies such as carrot sticks, snow peas, beans, celery sticks and capsicum slices are great foods to munch on as a quick snack and a great way to satisfy kids if they are hungry before dinner.

Canteen News:

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| Tue  | Diana Mitrevski & Allison McKenzie  |
| Wed  | Tracy Ellem & Stuart Wilkinson     |
| Thurs| Tracey Chichkan & Liz Neill        |
| Fri  | Anne McKay, Kerry Hatchman (morning), Amanda Taylor, Rebecca Anderson (afternoon) & Cathy Badans |
| Mon  | Carmen Lemmon & Jennifer Harvey    |

Please note:

* Cheese Triangles have increased to 30c
* Meatpies have increased to $2.50
* Traditional Pizzas have been replaced by Pizza Roundas - Pizza flavour by Ingham

Education Week

Celebrating 60 years since the first Education Week. Please join our postponed celebrations in Week 6. See this newsletter for more details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDUCATION WEEK!

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**: figtreeheights

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

**$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.
### FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
#### Term 3 Planner – 2014

**UNIFORM POOL OPEN** – Monday 8:45am – 9:15 am

**School Security 1300 880 021**

Dates are subject to change please check your weekly Community Newsletter.

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