What’s Happening at the Heights?

This Week:

Mon 11
Australian Maths Competition for students who applied

Tues 12
ICAS Maths Assessments for students who applied. Life Saving Aust visit for Yrs 2, 4 & 6. No cost.

Wed 13
P&C meeting 6.30pm in 5/6T room

Thurs 14
Yrs 3 & 4 choir rehearsal & Night performance at the 2014 Music Festival at Shellharbour Club

Fri 15th
Southern Stars rehearsal at Illawarra Sports stadium 8.30am-2.30pm

Next Week:

Book Week

Tues 19
Book Week Parade
Book Fair
Read you can orang-utan performance

Wed 20
KS Assembly 2pm in the hall

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Monday 11th August
Week 5 Term 3

Message from the Principal

Newsletter
This marks the initial week of our changeover for the school’s newsletter. Today we will only be sending home paper copies of the newsletter if you have indicated this is how you wish to receive your news, otherwise the newsletter will be available via your chosen option. We will have a handful of spare copies in the front office if required. This entire process will take a few weeks to become seamless and we thank you for your continued support of this changeover. Once the e-newsletter becomes available, links will be provided via email, website or our phone app. For the time being the ‘paperless’ copies will continue as scanned documents until all settings have been finalised.

P&C Meeting
This Wednesday at 6:30pm in 5/6T classroom we will be holding our first P&C meeting for the term. This meeting is the perfect opportunity to raise concerns, voice opinions, make suggestions or show support of what is happening in our school. Under the latest education reform agenda “Local Schools Local Decisions” Principals and school communities have more control over what happens in the school setting. Please take this opportunity to come to this meeting and discuss your opinion to ensure we are making the right decisions for our children. Education is not a one way street, however, if parents, students and teachers do not work together it can limit directions for the future. Agenda items include: uniform room, strategic planning team nominations, enrolment panel creation, healthy canteen vision, OOSH report, Village Fair, general reports and more. Please remember free child minding is available.

Choral Festival
This Thursday evening our Stage 2 students will be performing at the Shellharbour Club as part of the Southern Illawarra Music Festival. Mr Costello has been working hard with our students and I simply cannot wait to see what they have in stall for us. Good luck performers, I know you will make us proud! Mr Costello has included extra information regarding this festival in this newsletter.

That is all from the Principal’s desk,

Kind regards,
Skye Hayward

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BRONZE Value Wristband Awarded

Congratulations to
Genevieve Krizsan and
Abby Adlington
from 5/6T on their BRONZE wristband

SILVER Value Wristband Awarded

Congratulations to
1W: Brylee Ellem
2O: Kyara Christensen
3/4PR: Liam Walter &
Tayla Radic

WELL DONE!

GOLD Value Wristband Awarded

A standing ovation to
ARINA GEORGE from
3/4PR on her Gold Award! Wow what an achievement Arina.

Well done!
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.

Ph: 4228 6555 E: figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Letter box drop – volunteers needed
Volunteers are needed to assist with a letter box drop to inform 2015 in-area kindly starters that the school needs their details. If you are able to assist please call to the office to pick up some information postcards and be assigned a street.

Congratulations...

to all our Athletes who competed at the Central Wollongong PSSA Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Friday last week at Beaton Park. A special congratulations to both Chris Sink and Nathan Henderson-Walls. The boys came first and second in their 11years 800m race. We are just waiting to hear if their qualify times allow them to represent the school and District in Canberra later this month. Thank you to Mrs Manning and Mr Nielsen who accompanied the team.

Focus on Reading (FoR)

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

Focus on Reading FHPS School Leader
Sarah Thurston

What is happening in our school?

- This week the Illawarra Hawks are visiting our senior classes with the Hoops Basketball program. Learning the technical skills from NBL Basketballers is an incredible opportunity for our students.
- NSW Cricket is once again out on “Thomas Stadium” putting our students through their paces with a variety of cricket skills and game scenarios.
- Our Stage 3 students are going through their training for the programming and use of our incredible 3D printer. The items they have designed and made already are mind-blowing, it will be great to see what else they can come up with.
- Senior classes are in the middle of their discoveries for their “Murder under the Microscope” unit. Classes are busy researching, hypothesising, analysing, predicting and even blogging about what they believe could be the correct solution to their problem.
- Our Year 1 and 2 classes are continuing on their “inquiry based learning” projects around the school. There have been some very interesting deliveries to the school over the past week. I can not wait to see what they have planned for our playground.

Reminders

* Dance2Blit $27 Due now
* Unwanted Entertainment books MUST be returned
* Southern Stars ‘Expression of Interest’ note for viewing matinee performance by Wednesday (Years 3-6)
* Music Festival tickets on sale now $18 each
* Yr 3 & 4 students Music Festival rehearsal bus 14/8/14 - $4
* Orang-utan Book Week performance – whole school $4

Performance Updates

We have a big day and night for our School Choir this Thursday with our big rehearsal and performance at the Shellharbour Club as part of the Southern Illawarra Music Festival. A couple of reminders for everyone.

* Parents and friends please remember to get your tickets from the office before Thursday. Tickets are $18 each and are NOT for sale at the Club.
* Permission notes for Thursday should have been handed in. Students need to bring with them a scarf and or beanie, an old hairbrush and boys need a pair of sunglasses.
* Please wear your full school uniform on Thursday night. Parents/Careers need to drop students off no later than 6:30pm. The show should finish around 9pm.

Remember to SMILE! We’ve done the hard work - now we can have some fun.

Greg Costello
Choir Coordinator
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week....

Ziggy Badans, Samuel Buffet, Annie Dennis, Abbey Lemmon & Eloise Taylor

Primary Ethics

If you're interested in placing your child into Ethics classes, please pick up a form from the office. We're still looking for a couple of Ethics Teachers, so if you're a Grandparent, Parent or Carer from the Figtree Heights Community please register your interest on the Primary Ethics website primaryethics.com.au or email Amanda Bowen at figtreeheights.ethics@outlook.com

Book Week and Education Week Celebrations 18/8/14 - 22/8/14

Book Week and Education Week have been combined this year to allow all our families an opportunity to attend an event.

Mon 18/8: Year 6 Public Speaking competition to be Principal for a Day 2pm

Tues 19/8: Book Parade-9.30am, Book Fair - all day & "Read You Can Orang-utan" performance 2pm

Wed 20/8: KS Assembly -2pm in the hall

Thurs 21/8: Brekkie with Books – 8am

Fri 22/8: Open classrooms Doing Things Together - Fruit and Veg theme 12-1pm, BBQ -1pm & Tree Planting 1/30pm

We look forward to seeing parents and grandparents at any of the above sessions.

Regards

FHPS staff

Canteen News:

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THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!
Volunteers needed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are able to assist please contact Elisa on 0414638136

Lost Property
The lost property tub is full of articles of school uniform and equipment that have no names. Please check it out if you have lost anything. Please label everything as we love to return lost articles. Unclaimed articles will be disposed of.

Book Covering
Huge thank you to Mrs Baily and Mrs Neill who have recently covered our new library books. Our Library thanks you.

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

Reminder!

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.