Monday 18th August
Week 6 Term 3

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our Bookcation Extravaganza week. We have a sensational variety of activities planned and we hope to see you here at school sometime this week. Unfortunately we can not count on the weather to always play nice.

Congratulations to Mrs Stone & Mrs Thurston
WOW! What a big week we have had. On Friday both Mrs Thurston and Mrs Stone were successful in their plight to further their career with the Department of Education and Communities. Mrs Stone was successful in securing a full-time teaching position just up the road at Nareena Hills Public School. It is a very exciting time for Mrs Stone and one that is well-deserved; however, a very sad time for us here at Figtree Heights as we will deeply miss her. Mrs Stone will be staying with us until the end of the year and I am sure we will have a spectacular send off for her when the time comes. In other exciting news, Mrs Thurston was successful in gaining the position of Assistant Principal here at Figtree Heights. Mrs Thurston is very deserving of this role and we are extremely excited she will be staying with us. On behalf of all students, parents and staff we wish both Mrs Stone and Mrs Thurston all the very best and congratulate them both on their appointments. As per DEC stipulations both Mrs Thurston and Mrs Stone will not be officially appointed in their roles until the 10 day appeals process is over.

Choral Festival
Words cannot describe the pride I felt as I sat in the front row at the Southern Illawarra Music Festival on Thursday night. Our Stage 2 children were simply sensational, not to mention our soloists Eliza Harvey and school captain Tayla Ward as well as our instrumentalists Jacob Chichkan, Charlotte Neill and Olivia Grant. We certainly have an enormous amount of talent here at Figtree Heights and I thank each and every child who put so much work into the practices and performance. I cannot forget the work our teachers have done. We simply would not be part of such a wonderful experience if it was not for the dedication and hard work of Mrs Pirie, Miss Dejanovic, Mr Nielsen and of course, Mr Costello (who played a mean saxophone number in a very cool headband!). Thank you to everyone who was involved and all our parents and loved ones who came out and supported this wonderful event.

Wet Weather Changes
Due to the lovely weather we are experiencing there will need to be a few changes to our Bookcation Extravaganza. Unfortunately when it rains we have a very limited space to hold whole school events, even walking around under our shelters is less than ideal. It pains me to say we will have to postpone our book parade and re-schedule for a day without rain if possible. At the moment, this is the only change we will need to make as the other activities will be in classrooms (we will wait and see how the week goes to make a decision about the tree planting). PARADE DATE: Tuesday 2nd September at 9:30am.

Kind regards,
Skye Hayward
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 Kindy 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.

BRONZE Value Wristband Awardees
Well done to the following students:....

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<td>Bashaar Abdul-Latif, Max O’Sullivan, Rachel Bailey, Lara Fox</td>
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GOLD Value Wristband Awardees
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:....

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SILVER Value Wristband Awardees
Well done to the following students:....

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Permission to Publish & Online Services form – due now!
The school recently sent out new DEC ‘Permission to Publish & Online Services’ permission forms. Thank you to parents who have returned their child/ren’s form and a gentle reminder to those parents who are yet to do so.

Please note: By returning and affirmatively signing the (orange) ‘Consent for Publication of Students’ Work’ that was sent out earlier this year you have given permission for your child’s photographs, full name and work to be published in print and on our school website. Alternatively, if you did not return the form or have not signed for permission, your child will not have access to these services.

By returning and affirmatively signing the ‘Permission to Publish & Online Services’ form, sent out this term, you gave permission for your child to access online services provided by the Department of Education and Communities. Alternatively, if you did not return the form or have not signed for permission, your child will not have access to this service.

Parents can choose if they give permission but it is essential to return the ‘Permission to Publish & Online Services’ form so the school can begin entering the data into students records.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance and if you require further information please do not hesitate in contacting the school.
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays this week.....
Riley Andrews, Alessandro Ciarrococca & Jack McNally

Congratulations.....
Last week we mentioned Chris Slink and Nathan Henderson-Walls were possibly going to Regional Athletics in the 11 year boys 800m, this week I can confirm that both boys will be running in Canberra. In even more exciting news, Chris not only is the Central Wollongong 11 year boys 800m Champion, but he now holds the record for this race. Making him the fastest runner for his age, at this distance, in over 100 years. Well done Chris! This is certainly an achievement for the record books.

Uniform Shop - Update
At the recent P&C Meeting it was decided by the committee to move our entire school uniform to LOWES at Figtree. This will allow better access for working families with minimal change in price. This will not happen right away, however, we have begun the process and we will keep you updated.

The school is currently in the process of updating and streamlining this uniform process – so please be patient with this transition.

Purchases of new and used uniforms can STILL be made on Monday mornings from 8.30 – 9am for the time being. Orders can be handed into the office and will be filled on the next uniform day. Thank you for your assistance and apologise for any inconvenience that might occur during our re-organising.

Organising Pre-loved Uniforms
We need volunteers to tidy up our selection of pre-loved uniforms. A small group of people would be ideal. The uniforms are located in the old demountable. Please contact the office if you are able to assist us.

Advertising in our School Newsletter
The school newsletter is changing to an electronic version. As part of this process we are updating our advertisers. If you are, or know of, a local business that would like to support and advertise in our newsletter please contact Michelle at Australian Newsletter Services michelle.m@austnews.com. Phone: 0409992479

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Canteen News: The current canteen menu accompanies this newsletter.

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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

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: figtreehtsp
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.
2014 Book Week Performance

To Celebrate Book week this year we will be watching a performance by School Performance Tours called:

‘Read You Can Orang-utan’

Time: 2:00 pm on Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} August.

Where: School Hall

Cost: $4:00

Please return the signed permission note and $4:00 by Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} August.

_____________________________________________________________________

I give permission for my child/children ________________________________

to attend the performance ‘Read You Can Orang-utan’ at 2:00pm Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} August.

I have enclosed $4:00

Signed ________________________________
Dance / Fitness
Program - Dance2bfit

12 June, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are again having the ‘Dance2bfit’ program at Figtree Heights Public School in Term 3 this year. This program proved very popular in 2013. Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDLHE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the arts. Students will be taught a new dance every lesson over the 10 week program.

For your child to participate you will need to complete the permission note and return it to the class teacher by Friday 20 June then send in your payment of $27 by Thursday 17 July, 2014. A family discount applies - the 3rd and 4th child in the family participate free.

Skye Hayward
Principal

Payment Slip for Dance2bfit – due by 17/07/14

Student Name: ________________________________

Class: _______ Please find enclosed payment of $27 for Dance2bfit program.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ___________

Permission Slip for Dance2bfit – due by 20/06/14

I give permission for my child __________________ Class ________ to participate in Dance2bfit classes to be conducted at FHPS in Term 3, 2014 beginning Friday 18 July 2014.

☐ I have enclosed payment of $27

☐ I will send in payment of $27 by Thursday 17 July, 2014

Parent/guardian signature ____________________________

Dated __________________________
# The Hungry Figtree

## Canteen Menu 2014 from Term 3

### Lunch Specials - only available on set days

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Pizza</td>
<td>Pizza flavoured roundas</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Chicken Burgers</td>
<td>Chicken breast fillet, lettuce &amp; mayo on a bread roll</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>Chicken Wraps</td>
<td>Tortilla bread, 3 chicken fingers, lettuce, carrot &amp; mayo</td>
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### Available Everyday

#### RECESS
- Cheese Triangles $0.30
- Pikelets - freshly made $0.30
- Bag of Popcorn - freshly made $0.30
- Muffins - freshly made $0.50

#### SNACKS (Available at Lunchtime only)
- Fruit Jellies (limit 10) $0.05
- Milko Bars (limit 3) $0.20
- Eucalyptus Bags $0.50
- Nestle Milky Bar Buttons $0.70
- Red Rock Deli Chips - Plain/Honey Soy Chicken $1.00
- Grainwaves - Sourcream & Onion $1.00
- Popcorn Bags $1.00
- Jelly Cups - freshly made - when available $0.50

#### DRINKS
- Bottled Water - 300ml $1.00
- Big M Flavored Milk - Strawberry/Chocolate $1.00
- 100% Juice - Orange, Apple or Blackcurrant $1.20
- Flavored Mineral Water - LOL’s or Juice Bomb Cans: Apple/Blackcurrent, Vanilla/Lime or Raspberry $1.50
- Flavored Focus Water - Raspberry, Blackcurrent or Lemon/Lime $1.50

#### ICE CREAMS
- Berri Queleh Fruit Sticks - 100% Fruit Juice $0.40
- Frozen Fruit Cups $0.50
- Mony - Choc/Cola/Blackcurrent/Strawberry $0.60
- Frozen Yoghurt Gluten Free $1.20
- Peters Icecream cup - Vanilla $1.20

Due to certain circumstances, some items may not be available. We shall endeavor to replace them with a suitable substitute.

### Lunches - available Mon, Wed & Fri

#### SANDWICHES
- Vegemite $1.20
- Cheese only $1.30
- Cheese & Vegemite $1.50
- Cheese & Tomato $1.50
- Cheese & Salad $2.00
- Ham only $2.00
- Ham & Cheese $2.30
- Ham & Tomato $2.30
- Ham & Cheese & Salad $3.00
- Egg only $2.00
- Egg & Salad $3.00

*Salad = lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot*

#### SALADS
- Salad Plate $3.00
- Salad & Ham or Egg $3.50
- Salad & Ham & Egg $4.00

*Salad = lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cucumber, cheese, carrot*

#### HOT FOOD
- Mamee Noodles - Chicken or Beef $2.00
- Meat Pie - Unanderra Bakery $2.50
- Sausage Roll - Unanderra Bakery $1.60
- Party Pie - Reduced Fat Betta Maid $0.70
- Lasagna $2.20
- Macaroni Cheese $2.20
- Hash Browns $0.40
- Potato Wedges $2.50
- Chicken Fingers (6) $2.00

#### MISCELLANEOUS
- Sauce Portion (Tomato or BBQ) $0.20
- Lunch Bag $0.30