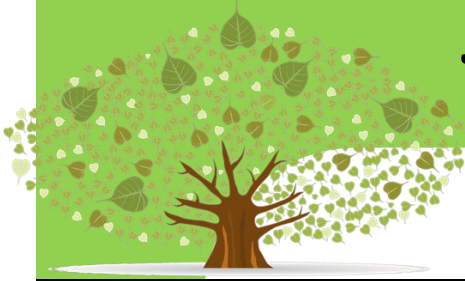


Term 2, Week 6



Flying Figtree Superstars:

Congratulations to the following

Bronze

Superstar students:

Jai Djurovski, Isaac Polhill, Issy Clarke,
Dallal Maulaie, Chelsea Neill,
Zoey Fullerton, Isaac Manning,
Marwa Maulaie, Lucy Wilkinson,
Senuki Habaragamuwa
and Elliot Jackson

**Superstar wristbands will be awarded at the
Friday June 7th assembly at 2:45pm**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ...

Hollie McCall, Oliver Rainford
and Mia Placek

TERM 2	
Week 6	
Tue 4/6	Canteen Tuesday Special - NOODLES
Wed 5/6	P&C Meeting - HIVE @ 6:30pm
	P&C Mufti day
	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Fri 7/6	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 7	
Mon 10/6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 12/6	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Fri 14/6	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 8	
Wed 19/6	School Band Rehearsals in Demountable from 8:00-8:45am
Thu 20/6	Figgy Heights Fathering Project Board Games and Cards - FHPS @1:35pm
Fri 21/6	Music Lessons in Demountable @ 7:45am
	Dance Troupe @ 8am
	Superstar Awards Assembly @ 2:45pm

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From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday night I had the pleasure of attending the 32nd Annual South Coast Public Schools Dance Festival. One of my favourite performances of the show was a very creative and entertaining piece that combined the tango, mosquitoes, red capes and fly-swatters. "Mosquito Tango" which was performed by the Southern Stars Primary Dance Company, has two of our students in the troupe - Ally Luke and Macey Synott. Well done girls and I am looking forward to seeing you perform in 'Southern Stars' in a few months.

Our very own Mrs Cameron should also be congratulated as she is one of the dedicated committee of four teachers who volunteered their time to coordinate this wonderful event. The festival provides the opportunity for hundreds of students to experience performing on stage to their school-mates, families, friends and the wider community in a professional venue. No doubt, creating one of those moments that will become a special school memory. I'm sure our students performing in Southern Stars, the Southern Illawarra Music Festival and the Combined Schools Instrumental Festival over the coming months will also create wonderful memories as well.

Today I am attending a professional learning course focusing on the new Science and Technology syllabus. This will allow me to support staff as they implement the syllabus content through our MAPPEN units, which combine Key Learning Areas such as history, geography and science and technology.

If you have visited the office area in the past week you will have noticed some changes. We have a fresh coat of paint, a lovely display cabinet for our trophies, new chairs for visitors and comfortable seats for our students. There will soon be framed student artworks on the wall and our figtree display is sprouting the photographs of our bronze and silver superstar students amongst it's leaves. We hope that a new office counter will be installed later this year.

This week we also feature more of our talented writers – Lily Brett's narrative 'Seasons of Change' has also been selected to be published in the 2019 Write4Fun anthology. Bryn Fuller wrote a poem titled "Box". He was awarded a certificate and will also be published in the "**Excellence in Writing**" section. Lily's story and Bryn's poem are included later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Sophie McCall, Stefen Anagnostopoulos and Toby Morrison for making it to the South Coast Cross Country. They will be competing this Friday 7th June. Good luck.

Don't forget to let us know if you have any other wonderful news to share.

From the desk of the Principal

P & C MEETING – Meet our New Principal

I hope you are able to join us at the P & C meeting this Wednesday evening. New members are always welcome. Mrs Raelene Redfern, our new principal, will join us for a short time at the beginning of the evening just to introduce herself. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in the HIVE (library).

ICAS

ICAS Assessments are online assessments (except writing), designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. More than a million students participate in these tests around the world. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year in each country. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated and thorough level of learning. To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. Most assessments are offered for Year 2 – Year 6 students in subjects such as Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English and Mathematics.

Practice Tests are available for parents to purchase at <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/shop/for-students-parents/>

(choose 'for parents and students')

If you are interested in having your child sit for these tests, we have registered for a school account which will allow parents to select the ICAS 2019 assessment/s they wish their child to participate in, and pay online for the tests. I hope to be able to give you the final login information next week. Orders need to be made by the end of July and the tests are completed in September at school on specified days.

I hope you have a lovely week.

Kind regards,
Dee

Seasons Of Change

Does it ever get any easier to say goodbye? The last few months were the best months possible, splashing in the cool waves, seeing flowers bloom, kids rolling and playing in the grass. One of the things I liked most has been seeing the joyous faces of people being out in the rays of sunshine. I love the way the sun sparkles like diamonds on the splashy waves, the squealing of children running in and out of the ocean waves as it tickles their toes. It's always fun to see ice creams melt and the delicious substance running down the childrens arms as they go to lick it up. Summer salads and sizzling barbeques always make me lick my lips.

As I sit dabbling my toes in the equatorial seas, I look over my shoulder and see the colours of Mr Autumn. He's painting my beautiful green trees in shades of red and gold. A tear rolls down my face as my masterpiece of greens are splattered with orange. As I take my next step, I feel the chill that my arch nemesis left behind.

The pink buds and golden daffodils nod their heads to greet me. Life goes on with so much work ahead to do. As I go across the land, the sun, my best friend, accompanies me helping with my work. Number one was filling the place with sunlight, then releasing the green leaves, and bringing sparkling waves on the sea. As I walk with the sun trailing behind I am painting the trees to be a bright emerald and lime colour. I have run from Borneo just above the equator through Xiamen in China past Tamsagbulag in Mongolia and all the way to the East Siberian Seas in Russia. I am running out of energy, although Spring is very pleased to see me and encourages me in my work.

Melting the chill of this new land has now been ticked off the list. On my way through all these countries, I kept checking there was not one speck of brown, orange or red on any of these now green trees. Another thing checked off my list. Now I need to do the seas. 3... 2... 1... I toss the sun in to space all the way above the seas. I slump down on the soft sand looking around at my work with my sunny companion dazzling over me.

I close my eyes and as soon as I open them, I see crowds of people rushing around me, enjoying being outside in the warm weather. A little child comes up to their parents and says, "Who invented summer because they are the best!" I feel so proud to be appreciated and praised, because I am Summer. The bright sun, the sparkling waves and the green leaves; that is me, all me. I am Summer.

Lily Brett

Box Poem

My friend is an open box
working outside the lines
inside his undiscovered World

By Bryn Fuller

Superstar Students



Sophie McCall



Toby Morrison



Stefen Anagnostopoulos



Macey Synott and Ally Luke

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Happy Reading FHPS!



Kyle Snelson KM



Ella Evans 1D



Taylor Mulhere 2/3M

P&C News

Reminder:
The 5th of June is a
student Muf ti day.
(Gold coin donation)

**FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Figgy Heights Fathers Group

If you'd like to join our Figgy Heights Fathers group and be in the loop with what we're doing, follow this link, fill in your name and email address, and join other fathers and father-figures from our school community:

<https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/figtree-heights-public-school/?letter=F>

Details of the upcoming Figgy Heights Fathers event are as follows:

Thursday 20th of June

1:35pm - eat recess with your kid/s

2:00pm - quick group talk with Mr Nielsen about The Fathering Project and Figgy Heights Fathers

2:10pm - in classrooms to play board games and cards with kids

FIGGY HEIGHTS FATHERING TIPS

Helping your kids feel special

This week, we're looking at helping your kids feel special. Try our tips:

- Genuinely seek their opinion and show them you value their thoughts by acting on them, paying attention and discussing their ideas.
- Encourage their unique creativity; watch, listen, and give feedback to their ideas or art.
- Display their artwork and other creativity.
- Point out something about them or an interest that makes them unique, and that you love that about them.

DAD
JOKES

**What do you call a
baguette in the zoo?**

Bred in captivity.





Illawarra Combined Schools Dad's Night

Continuing the conversation about fathering

This night will be an opportunity to:

- Hear from The Fathering Project and local dads talking about being fathers
- Connect with other dads from across the Illawarra, sharing ideas and drawing upon the wisdom in the room
- Hear what other Dad's Groups are doing in their schools

We're all on the same journey and can learn from each other

17 June 2019, 7:00pm

West's Illawarra Leagues Club

Food served at 7:00pm

If you require more details, please email:

nikolaj@thefatheringproject.org

This combined Dad's Night at 7pm will follow a training session at 6pm for dads interested in becoming a Facilitator/Presenter for TFP. For more information on either session, please email Nikolaj at the address above.

www.thefatheringproject.org



Come and learn how you can help us to start the conversation about fathering in local schools and community groups.

We will be running a session to train people to present/facilitate productive Dads Group gatherings, and to learn what the research says about fathering.

The purpose of attending this session is so you can effectively:

- facilitate/present a Dads Group night
- promote and assist the implementation of The Fathering Project in local schools
- be a support to the local TFP coordinator
- be a support for local Dads Groups

The key function of this training is to provide support to the school and dads group, as The Fathering Project expands in this region.

We will walk you through a tried and tested process, to engage the dads, and build a group of men who are focused on being involved and effective fathers or father figures.

If you would like to help other dads put fathering first, then come along.

Join The Fathering Project's Illawarra Coordinator, Nikolaj, and NSW Schools Program Manager, David, to learn how you can help The Fathering Project to reach more fathers in this region.

17 June 2019, 6pm to 7pm

Venue: West's Illawarra Leagues Club

For details or to RSVP, please email:

nikolaj@thefatheringproject.org

Training will begin at 6pm and will be followed by a Regional Dads night, starting at 7pm. Food will be provided.

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Book Club

Bookclub Issue 4 closes Sunday 23rd June 2019

Scholastic Bookclub Orders

All Bookclub purchases must be done online using the Scholastic Loop Payment Portal.

If you wish to purchase books for a gift and would like the option to pick up from the School Office, there is now an option to select this when you order online.

If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Bookclub Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343.

Cash or cheques will not be accepted as payment.

SRC BADGES

If you have a SRC badge from last term could you please return it to the office OR If you would like to keep your badge, please make a payment of \$10.00 through the office.



The value of the fortnight is...

Respect

Take a minute to think about how you are
showing **Respect** in everything that you do!



Community News

What is Due and When?

What	When
School Magazine (s/s) \$10	End Term 2
Mathletics (s/s) \$26	End Term 2
MathsOnline (s/s) \$10	End Term 2
Reading Eggs (s/s) \$24	End Term 2
Spelling Mastery	End Term 2

Please note: S/S= selected students only



FHPS Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch orders

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Don't forget to use our HEALTHY canteen!

Wednesday 5/06	Atared Latif & Asmaa Moussi
Friday 7/06	Rebecca Walshe-Smith, Sara El Gamal & Angie Fischer
Monday 10/06	Sonya DeBruyn, Tracy Ji & Jordan McDougall



CANTEEN TUESDAY SPECIAL: NOODLES

Reminder, tomorrow **Tuesday 4th June**, the canteen will have your noodles for you at lunchtime.

The canteen will be open for service during the lunch break **for drinks and snacks only.**



Our Canteen uses Flexischools Online Ordering!

Flexischools allows parents, students and staff to place and pay for orders from home, work or school at any time via their mobile, tablet or computer.

As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for the school canteen to process - so it makes everyone's life a little easier!

Flexischools is well established, operating in over 1,000 schools across Australia and having processed over 40 million orders.

How to register:



1. Register for Flexischools by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and class to get started.
2. Top-Up your account via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. Make an order by selecting from the range of options available and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.

What does it cost?

Online Ordering Fees \$0.29 per canteen order

Account Top-Ups

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Need assistance registering, topping up your account or placing orders, please call the Customer Service Team at Flexischools on **1300 361 769**.

SWIM LESSONS



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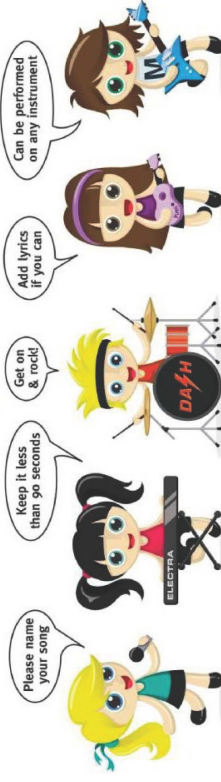
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From the Music Bus!

Did you know?

The **Mi-Tunes Competition** is now on!

For Term 2 all **The Music Bus** student will be given the chance to compete in our annual **Mi-Tunes Songwriting Competition**. The children have 5 weeks to make up and prepare their song in readiness for the Mi-Tunes performance day. On the Mi-Tunes performance day each child, in the Music Bus class will be asked to play their composition out loud for their teacher and the other children.



The overall winning entry for each category will win:

A DAY IN THE RECORDING STUDIO AND A RECORDED PRODUCTION OF THEIR SONG!

Visit our Youtube Channel - *Music Bus Productions* to listen to past winners!

phone **1300 168 742**

Limited space available.

www.themusicbus.com.au

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