

Principal's Picnic

Last week I had a fabulous time playing games with the radical students who received their principal's award. We played handball, duck, duck goose and rob the nest. Mrs Jordan and Mr Tunbridge also came to join in the fun!

Classes 2016

Students in Years 1-6 will return to their 2015 classes on Thursday 28 January 2016. As they have done all of this year they will line up in their class spot under the COLA. They will be met there by their 2015 teachers or one of our new 2016 teaching staff.

Kindergarten students will begin school on Monday I February 2016.

2016 classes will not be finalised until we are sure that we have the numbers to maintain the proposed 12 class structure, however, students will begin 2016 Stage appropriate work.

At the moment if one or two more students enrol for 2016 we may have to restructure our anticipated 2016 K-6 classes.

Book packs

Last year parents had the opportunity to order their book packs through Kookaburra.

This year we will again return to ordering the book packs through the school on line POP payment system. Information regarding payment costs will follow.

Please make sure you order before **23** January to ensure you do not incur a late fee and to ensure that your children's books arrive at school in time for the start of the school year.

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Student Banking Tuesday

Canteen Wednesday, Thursday

11 DecPresentation Assembly for
Year 6 - 12 midday14 DecYear 6 Dinner 4.45pm -
Lagoon Restaurant
Disco 7pm - 8.45pm - School16 DecLast day for students201628 Jan28 JanStudents Year 1 - 6 return
Kindergarten students start

12 Feb Swimming Carnival

ASSEMBLIES

Term 4 Next Assembly Week 10 commences at 12 midday

Week	Friday II December -
10	Year 6 Presentation
	Assembly at 12 midday



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Parent Action Symbol!

When:

Where:

Cost:

Due:

If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.



UPCOMING PAYMENTS

Stage 3 Costume Hire

Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 November Nareena Hills Public School \$10.00 **DUE NOW**

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU MAKE AN ONLINE PAYMENT BEFORE 6PM, THE PAYMENT WILL APPEAR IN THE SCHOOL'S BANK SUMMARY DETAILS THE NEXT MORNING.



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the canteen roster for 2016.



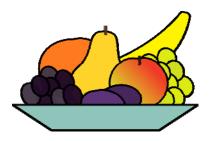
Unfortunately, at this stage we only have enough volunteers to open 3 out of every 4 weeks in 2016.

Please consider volunteering, it is a great opportunity to be part of the school community and see your kids smiling faces over the counter. We love grandparent helpers too!

Contact Cheree Beattie on cheree.beattie@hotmail.com if you are interested and advise her of your preferred day (Wed or Thurs) and your availability.

Thank you

Amanda Schipp Canteen Coordinator



Student Holiday Reading

There are many excellent children's books that students can engage with over the school holidays.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) <u>Book of the Year Awards 2015</u> is a good starting point for recommendations, or try their <u>previous award winners.</u>

When parents are selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and an interest in reading, leaving the student with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.

When advising parents:

- ensure the book is at a recreational reading level for the student (5 or more words on a page that the reader is unsure of or does not know indicates it is too difficult)
- identify a suitable genre, theme or topic that is interesting to the reader
- suggest books where there are other books by that author. This will make finding the next book easier
- speak to the school or local librarian. They are experts in children's literature and will be able to make recommendations specific to each child. They also know the most current popular books.

<u>Supporting your Child in Learning to Read</u> on the BOSTES website provides information and suggestions for parents when they are reading with their children at home.

Giselle Coltman Principal



SCHOOL NEWS



As the end of term approaches, parents are reminded to ask their child/children to check lost property. Parents are advised that on the last day of term any items of clothing not collected will be donated to the school's second hand uniform and other items will go to St Vincent de Paul.

A reminder to please ensure that ALL your child/children's items are clearly labelled to enable them to be returned.

School Banking

Parents **DO NOT** send in School Banking next week as it has finished for the year. Thank you to everyone who has participated through out the year and we hope to see you all back banking in 2016.









Congratulations to the students who received ROSA awards for this term. Following are some photographs of the recipients.



Province and Average





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I/2C











2/3C







3/4C





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ROSA AWARDS CONTINUED





3/4L

5/6M









END OFYEAR AWARDS



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Citizen of the Year



Community Spirit



Environmental



Outstanding Scholar



School Leadership



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END OFYEAR CONTINUED





School Sports Person



Figtree High School Scholarship



Winning House - Banksia



Premier Sporting Challenge



Assembly presenters



Mrs Rickersey Years of Service Award





NOTICEBOARD ITEMS





BEFORE SCHOOL CARE Figtree Heights OOSH

Figtree Heights Public School St George Av Figtree 2525 PH: 4227 2515 M: 0412 012 061 Email: <u>centre@fhoosh.net</u> Website: www.fhoosh.net NOW OFFERING BSC as a Trial for Term One of 2016 Book now!



6am - 9am (school drop off starts from 8:30am)

Transport to school on OOSH bus (if required)

Breakfast

Getting ready for school activities

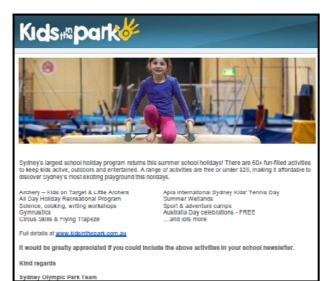
Games and crafts

Only \$20 per child per day

Child care benefits available

Supporting our local families providing quality care with quality educators providing fun and engaging activities for your children.





Guitar for Life - is accepting new students for 2016. Learn to play guitar, bass, acoustic, classical or ukulele from an experienced and enthusiastic teacher and musician. All styles taught, all ages levels welcome. All lessons are one-on-one and targeted to your needs. Please contact Gordon on 42252253 or 0414 899 007

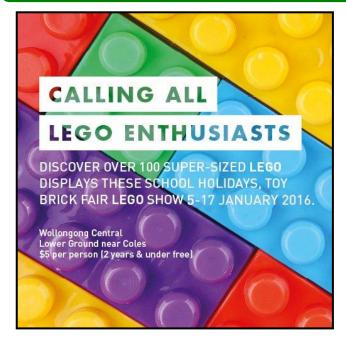


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CIRCUS WORKSHOPS KIAMA

Get the kids out and active with some great circus fun.

Learn **Trapeze**, **acrobatics**, **juggling**, **unicycling**, **Hula Hoops**, **comedy performance** and how to work in a group. The workshops will focus on mental and physical development, confidence building, dexterity and the basics of performance. We guarantee exhausted happy kids!!

Most of all, we intend to have a lot of fun.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Jan 2016

GENERAL CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP: One day general circus

AGE: 4 years and up

TIME: 10am-3pm

COST: \$50

DATE:

Possible to attend one or multiple days.

WHERE: "La Petite Grande" mini, big top, Hindmarsh Park, Kiama, NSW 2533

DETAILS: children need to bring their own lunch and water and wear comfy clothes and bring some sneakers.

Booking: http://www.trybooking.com/JPZZ

OR for questions contact Tamara on 0403 817 549

BOOKINGS FOR ALL WORKSHOPS ARE ESSENTIAL

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'Code Like a Girl!' Workshop

Dear Parents,

During the Christmas holidays, Mount St Thomas Public School will be hosting an exciting opportunity presented by '**Girl Cod**e', for girls aged 10-14. In a one day '**Code Like a Girl' Workshop**, girls will participate in a range of exciting technology activities including 3D printing, e-textiles, robotics and coding. It should be loads of fun and a fantastic learning opportunity.

Details of the 'Code Like a Girl Workshop' are as follows:

DATE: Thursday January 14, 2016

VENUE: Mount St Thomas Public School (Library)

COST: \$93.24

TIME: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

LUNCH / RECESS: Bring own food and drinks.

TRANSPORT: Parents will need to organise transport arrangements.

AGE OF STUDENT: Girls aged 10-14. Older siblings are also welcome to enrol.

Please note:

Enrolments need to be completed online at this address.

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/copy-of-girl-code-summer-2016-wollongong-tickets-19557721672? ref=ebtn

- You can also Google <u>Girl Code Mount St Thomas</u> for the link,
- The supervising teacher, Mrs Jenni Faulconbridge, from Mount St Thomas Public School can email you the address: Jennifer.faulconbridge@det.nsw.edu.au

Although the provider, *Girl Code*, is running the day, Mrs Faulconbridge will be there all day to support and supervise the students.



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