Friday...the day of work, work, work!

Last Friday Mr Cherubini spent the day installing doors in the library as part of a plan to enclose an area so that we can have a computer lab. He is also organising some art work to hang in the foyer! Not only is Mr Cherubini a wonderful teacher, he is also an amazing handyman. Grazie Mille Mr Cherubini!

Woolworths Earn and Learn Prizes
Just when I thought work on Friday afternoon had ended I noticed the Stage 3 teachers carrying boxes to their classrooms well after school had finished. The Woolworths Earn and Learn prizes had finally arrived! As with everything, many of the games and toys had to be assembled. The dedicated Stage 3 teachers gave up their Friday afternoon to assemble toys and games for the students of our school. It was very interesting to watch the problem solving skills and team work shown by Mrs Brett (definitely foreman material), Miss Gibson and Mr Haines. Once everything has been labeled and assembled the toys will be available for the students to use. Thank you Mrs Brett for coordinating the Woolworths Earn and Learn prizes. A special thank you to Mrs Christian who tallied our 2012 Earn and Learn points.

Staff news
Mrs Jordan will not return to school for the rest of the term as she recovers from an operation on her hip. Mrs McPhee will take responsibility for the class until Mrs Jordan returns.

Mrs Giselle Coltman
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Harmony Day

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The St George Illawarra Dragons will also run a session at the school called Tackling Bullying in support of Harmony Day.

P & C Silver Coin Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who placed an order for the Slice Drive. The amount raised for the school is yet to be confirmed, approximately $700! We have 450 orders expecting arrival this Wednesday. Anyone who can help with the sorting of the orders will be appreciated. Please turn up to the hall from 3pm with some plastic shopping bags. Pick up of your order can be from 4.30pm from the hall or...
School Assembly

This week there will be an item by 1C, commencing time will be 2.15 p.m.

Sport News

Futsal
Congratulations to the U10 boys who were undefeated at the Futsal Competition last week. Team members are Travis, Tim, Corey, Tomas, Sebastian, Logan and Ned.

Did you know???
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children.

This year we also have a couple of students who have allergies to dog hair. Thank you for your support in this matter.
**2013 School Cross Country**

This Friday is the school Cross Country. The carnival promises to be lots of fun with age races, AFL development officers and fun activities arranged for the students. The P & C are organising a BBQ for the students. (A separate information and order form has been sent home and all orders need to be placed by Wednesday this week).

We ask that all children come dressed in their sports uniform and their house coloured T-Shirt. Please wear a hat, sunscreen and bring along plenty to eat and drink. You may also like to bring a towel to sit on.

Mr Haines and I will be setting up the course early on Friday 22 March. If you would like to give us a hand we would love to see you at about 7.45am on the school oval. We will also need a few parents to help Mrs Coltman with the judging and some parents to help stamp the children’s hands as they complete their laps. If you would like to help us on the day please let Mrs Rickersey know or simply turn up on the day.

I have attached an overview of the day to this newsletter. Please note that all times are approximate, but we will do our best to keep to the set times.

I am looking forward to a fun filled day. Good luck to every student participating. I hope everyone does their very best.

Mrs Jordan (Mrs McPhee will replace me.)

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**Scholastic Bookclub**

The March issue of the Scholastic Book Club was distributed to students last week. Orders can be returned on Friday 22 March and Monday 25 March. Orders are to be placed in the Silver Collection Box in the foyer before 9.30 am on these days. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

To avoid your child’s disappointment, please ensure the order is in a sealed school envelope, clearly marked with the child’s name, class and Bookclub on the front, with the correct money, or a cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd’. Credit card payments can now be accepted for any amount. (Fill out the slip on the back page with appropriate details). Orders received accumulate points that go towards new books for our great Library.

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**Canteen Roster**

Wed 20 March: Rachel Kendon, Alison Giobbi, Leone Paiola, Juliana Stanojevic
Thur 21 March: Karmen Bond, Alison Darlow, Janine Lukasiak, Cheree Beattie, Bridget Newman

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Community Notices

Australia’s First Coloured Commemorative Coin - Limited Edition
Kids’ Fishing Workshop - Thursday 18 April;
Host Families needed in June/July
Bunnings Warehouse - Thursday 21 March 6-8 pm Easter Activities for the whole family
Coniston Indoor Sports Centre - under new management
PCYC Time 4 Kids Charity Event @ Stockland Shellharbour Friday 12 April -

OOSSH Information

Figtree Heights OOSH
After School Care 3pm – 6pm
Vacation Care 8am – 6pm

Figtree Heights Public School Hall
st George Avenue, FIGTREE NSW 2525

- Phone: (02) 4227 2515  • Fax: (02) 4226 5061
- Email: centre@fhoosh.net
- ABN: 55 782 160 086

Do you need someone qualified and caring to care for your children in the local community?
Then come on in and visit our wonderful out of school hours care service!
We offer care for children 5-12yrs of age and comply with Education and Care National Services Regulations
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