



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 3 Week 6 22nd August, 2014

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School Events

Week 7 (A)	Beginning Monday 25 th August
25.8.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Drama Practical Examination - Yr 11 VET – Hospitality: Work Placement all week - Yr 12 Visual Arts Body of Work due – 9am - Yr 11 SRC Speeches presented to executive
26.8.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 11 VET – Entertainment: Work Placement all week - Yr 12 Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stall
27.8.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southern Stars Rehearsals
28.8.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 HSC Visual Arts Exhibition – Staff Common Room 6:00pm - Southern Stars Rehearsals - NSW All Schools Athletics Knockout - SOPAC
29.8.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACT Mountain Bike Championships excursion - Yr 12 IT- Timber HSC Practical Marking - Southern Stars Performances: Matinee and Evening - Yr 11 Visual Arts Enrichment Excursion - Yr 7 Scripture: 7M, 7B, 7E
Week 8 (B)	Beginning Monday 1 st September
1.9.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multicultural Youth Conference - School Captain Speeches and student elections - Term 4 Sport selections - Yrs 8, 9 and 10 - Yr 8 into Yr 9 2015 Elective Subject Selection Evening – 6:00pm
2.9.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multicultural Youth Conference - Term 4 Sport selections – Yr 7 - Game Training Roadshow seminars for students studying Computing Courses
3.9.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debating Gala Day in the Auditorium - Yr 9 and 10 Trades Road Show
4.9.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 10 History Incursion –Periods 1-3 - Yr 10 Geography Excursion - Yr 12 Modern History Seminar - CHS Athletics – Sydney Olympic Park
5.9.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 7 Scripture: 7T, 7N, 7O - CHS Athletics – Sydney Olympic Park

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HSC Music evening performance

I had the pleasure of watching the students perform on Thursday 21 August. They were very talented and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Mr Michael Malouf and Mrs Mandy Buxton for their organisation and Ms Eve Schroder and Mr Adrian Herbert for accompanying the students in their performances.

Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Year 8 elective evening. Please ensure that your child completes their elective choices on-line. The Head Teachers and staff are available to answer any questions in relation to these important decisions that your child will be making for their electives for 2015-2016.

BYOD@Figtree High School

BYOD (bring Your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personally-owned device to school for the purpose of learning. The School BYOD Policy will be distributed to students in the next few weeks.

We need your votes!

I am seeking your support for Stage one of the CUA Community Care competition. **Please Help Us Win \$5,000 to Improve Our School.**

We are competing against 11 other schools in the area to take out the \$5,000 prize. The winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Our project proposal is to refurbish and expand the Coffee Bean Café Outdoor dining area adjacent to the school canteen by creating a vertical herb garden and mural to beautify the area. We hope to increase accessibility for all students and to encourage sustainable food practices.

Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA's Figtree branch located at Shop 31, Westfield Shopping Centre, 19 Princes Hwy in Figtree.

Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win \$5,000 to improve our school.

Thank you.

Carol Marshman
Principal

Figtree High School's Core Values

A focus on Learning

Are you a parent of a Year 12 Student ?

There are a range of resources on the **A-Z Schools** website to provide you with some tips and advice for supporting your child through the challenging months ahead in the lead up to the HSC Examination period in October. These resources are available from the following link:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc/hsc-resources-to-help-your-child>

Key Resources available on this site include:

- A video on preparing for the HSC
- Managing Exam stress
- HSC Survival guide for the whole family
- Links to the Board of Studies and HSC Online

Are you a parent of a Year 11 Student ?

Year 11 have their final examinations for the Preliminary Courses in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. If your child needs some assistance with study techniques, managing exam stress or with essay writing tips, the **A-Z Schools** website can provide you and your child with some valuable advice and support.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>

Are you a parent of a student in Years 7-10 ?

The **A-Z Schools** website can provide you and your child with some valuable advice, resources and support in managing their weekly homework schedule, improving their organisational skills and developing effective study techniques. You can access these resources from the link above. There are also specific resources for Maths and English homework available from the following links;

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics>

The **A-Z Schools** website resources are also available on their mobile app – ideal for iPhone or iPads.



Ms Ellie Donovan – Deputy Principal

Winter School Uniform

Our **ONLY** approved school uniform suppliers are;

- **Lowes** at Westfield Figtree
- **Poppets Direct** who have an outlet store in Montague St, Fairy Meadow, and the **Crystal Bears** Store at Dapto Mall.

Tailored plain navy pants, plain navy slacks or plain navy tracksuit pants can be worn by students during the colder months. Girls may also choose to continue to wear their school skirt or approved school shorts, with plain tan/navy/black stockings in the colder months. We would like to remind girls and their parents that navy tights can only be worn to school if they are worn **under** a school skirt or shorts.

If a student is not able to wear the correct Figtree High School uniform, they should have a note of explanation from a parent/carer and give this to their roll call teacher. If you require financial assistance to support you in purchasing the correct uniform for your child, please contact Mrs Kirsten Borst at the school.

School Caps are now available for sale at the school canteen. The navy caps, embroidered with the school logo are ideal for PE and Sport to provide students with protection from the sun during outdoor activities. They are available for a cost of \$12.00.



School Cap



PBS VALUES

WEEK 7: SAFETY

Play approved games only in the playground

WEEK 8: LEARNING

Move quickly back to the classroom at the end of the break

Southern Stars #webelieve2014

There are only two more weeks until Southern Stars hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday 30 and there are still tickets available to all four shows, with Saturday night selling quickly.

The Saturday matinee is a great opportunity for families to attend and with a family ticket at \$140 dollars (two adults and two children), it's great value too. Friday night tickets are also still available.

If you don't have a child involved in the show this year don't let that stop you from getting a ticket to biggest arena style show to take place in Wollongong each year.

The show has something for all ages and musical tastes, and the little ones in particular will love seeing the segment on their childhood heroes – both the traditional ones and new ones like Elsa from Frozen. Let them go!

The show is a celebration of all that we believe in, from our earliest memories right through to adulthood. We believe that you will be amazed by the talents of our public school children and that you will really love the show.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have taken on our challenge to find 100 Friends of Southern Stars in August. We have nine so far including Mortgage, Peoplecare, Dion's Buses, Danz Gallery and individuals Rae Mitchell and Jeannette and Stan Warren, Lynn and Norman Saad, and Jacqui McGee. We are still looking for more to secure the show's future so if you or your business would like to become a friend of the show contact Sharon Buikstra 0419 402 033 or email

sharon.buikstra@det.nsw.edu.au

Please support Southern Stars by getting along to the show. Buy your tickets today through Ticketmaster.



LOST AND FOUND

A pair of prescription glasses were found in the Auditorium at a Parent/teacher night last term. If you own these glasses, please contact the office on 4271 2787.

We have many items in our lost and found box in the front office that we have accumulated since February this year that students have not yet claimed.

We have clothing, jewellery, phones, pencil cases etc. If your child has lost an item like this at school, please send them to the front office to claim their lost items.



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CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help serve at our Canteen. It can take all of the lunch time for students to be served, so if you can spare 1 hour between 11am -12 noon to serve the students, they would greatly appreciate it. Please phone Narelle on 4271 2787.

FHS Debating Team

On Friday 8th August Figtree High School debating students participated in a virtual excursion to view the Year 11 and 12 Final of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The final debate was between North Sydney Girls High and Sydney Boys High. The debate was held in The Great Hall of Sydney University. Students not only had the opportunity to view the debate, they also had score sheets to practice their adjudication skills.

Over 28 schools attended the virtual excursion and all students and staff linked into an online discussion forum through Edmodo. Students were able to 'live chat' during the debate, posing questions, ideas and responding to polls on the progression of the debate.

The debate topic was that 'A compulsory co-payment should be made when seeing a doctor.' Sydney Boys High School argued as the affirmative and won the debate, much to the disappointment of our very vocal and passionate Year 10 girls who expressed strong ideas about social inequality caused by a compulsory co-payment.

Overall, our students were impressed with the quality of the speeches and have learned some valuable tips they will be able to apply when they attend debate camp later this term.

Ms Kokolevski

SPORTS NEWS

Boys Gymnastics Results

A big congratulations to Jarrod Buick, Joseph D'Souza-Bullman and Daniel Pelaez who competed exceptionally well at the CHS State Championships 2014. Jarrod achieved 3rd place overall, with outstanding performances in both pommel and parallel bars. Joseph ranked 2nd place overall and he produced exceptional performances in both high bars and rings. Daniel also produced commendable performances, with an overall ranking of 5th place. Well done Figtree High Gymnastics boys.

Regional Athletics Results

Well done to our Figtree Athletics students who competed at the regional carnival down in Canberra. Despite the super cold conditions, Figtree appeared to be on fire that day. Everyone competed with pride and power. Standout performances include:

- Teghan Barklay, who is off to state for SEVEN different events.
- Natasha Hynoski, who came 1st in the 200m.
- Cameron Lodge, who ran brilliantly in the 800m.
- Momolu Sirleaf, who smashed the long jump and 100m sprint event.
- Jarrod Twigg, who is off to state for SEVEN different events.

Year 11 Visual Artist in Local Exhibition



Jason Bloomfield in Year 11 has celebrated his early life as a visual artist by exhibiting his art with 30 local and emerging artists at the Project Contemporary Artspace in Keira Street Wollongong from 30th July to 9th August. His works were a series of whimsical and delicate ink, watercolour and chalk animal images.

The other very notable feature of this exhibition was the artwork of four ex-students from Figtree High School. The exhibition was curated by **Tegan Russell (2010)** who brought together this group of young creative artists under the banner 'Making Friends Exhibition'. Tegan has opened her own small gallery called 'Now You See Me' with the intention of providing a venue for young emerging artists to exhibit their work. Tegan herself has completed her own art studies at both the National Art

School in Sydney and at UOW. Her entrepreneurial and nurturing approach towards emerging artists is supported by the large number of young people who follow this new trail of art in Wollongong.

Assistant curator and tireless worker alongside Tegan was former SRC President and School Captain **Jessica Pryor (2012)**. Jessica is completing her studies at a Design School in Sydney. Jessica had thoughtful printmaking works that were well-received by visitors.

Zac De Jongh (2010) exhibited a series of small and finely drafted images. He is currently studying Economics at UOW.

Former student **Emily Gunthorpe (2008)** has completed her studies at COFA in Design and Textiles. Her work used the traditional process of quilting applied to everyday supermarket plastic bags.

Over the duration of the exhibition, the gallery space was used for a series of workshops that engaged anyone interested in being creative. Emily, Tegan and another ex-student John Glenn-Doyle (2010) provided their talents, expertise and energy for making art into providing these workshops. Emily also curated an installation from these workshops on the gallery wall called Papergirl.

This inspirational powerhouse of young artists is a credit to the energy and self-determination of the young people of Figtree High School.



NOTIFICATIONS

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Outreach Course Semester 2 2014

Dapto Campus

Want to find employment in the Community Sector?

Not sure what training to do?

Why not come and do the following course at Dapto TAFE:

10697 Skills for Work and Training Introduction to the Community Sector

Monday and Thursday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

This course is fee exempt but there is a \$25 student contribution fee

**For further information please contact Kathy Finigan Outreach Coordinator on
42218939**



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INSPIRED TO CHANGE A LIFE?

Are you caring, nurturing and understanding? Would you like to help out a local family in your community?



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information session

Tuesday 9 September 2014 7 - 9pm

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70 Gregory Terrace
Brisbane
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LIFT

A group for men and women who may be feeling overwhelmed or experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety. Participants are able to explore feelings in a safe and friendly environment, challenging negative thinking patterns and discover how to build and improve relationships.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
5 Friday afternoons 12noon-2:30pm
8, 15, 22, 29 August & 5 September 2014

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

MY KIDS AND ME FOR WOMEN

A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources and to develop relationships with their children.

Illawarra Women's Health Centre
2-14 Belfast Avenue, Warrila

7 Thursday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
14, 21, 28 August, 4, 11, 18 & 25 September 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents will learn "mindfulness" techniques to increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings. Parents will learn to be more aware of their children's needs & how to better respond to their child's behaviour to improve children's self identity, decrease parental stress & enhance the parent/child relationship.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn Street, Wollongong

6 Tuesday Afternoons 12noon-2:30pm
12, 19, 26 August, 2, 9 & 16 September 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND - (Mornings)

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
5 Wednesday mornings 10am-12:30pm
23, 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August 2014

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND (Afternoons)

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
5 Monday Afternoons 12noon-2:30pm
11, 18, 25 August, 1 & 8 September 2014

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

CatholicCare Wollongong

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
3 Wednesday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
3, 10 & 17 September 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

Shellharbour

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

Community Room, Stockland Shopping Centre
Lake Entrance Road, Shellharbour City
3 Thursday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
24, 31 July & 7 August 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044

Wollongong 4227 1122

Nowra 4421 8248



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Other workshops may be available on request.
Limited childcare may be available for some workshops



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Single Mothers Support Group



This is a new group in the Illawarra community which advocates for and supports single women and their children, in a non-formal way. This community inspired group brings single mothers together to share ideas, provide social support and create community that goes beyond that of a 9-5pm service.

There will be tea and coffee provided.

Children welcome and an activity will be provided.

Where: Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre

Winnima Way, Berkeley

When: Monday's 10am - 12pm

Contact: Denika Thomas 0431095530

TVET

TVET - TAFE while at school



TVET Course Guide available soon



TVET - TAFE while at school

Proposed Courses for 2015 - Wollongong, Wollongong West, Shellharbour and Yallah Campuses.

The TVET program is an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to complete two, four or six units of their HSC at TAFE.

All TVET courses contribute units towards the HSC in each year of study, with **selected courses** offering the optional ATAR.

How will a TVET course benefit you?

As a TVET student you will enrol in your school studies, plus a TAFE course, making you eligible for a TAFE qualification as well as working towards your HSC.

All TVET courses are designed to lead to higher level TAFE qualifications. TVET courses:

- will also allow you to continue to study in the chosen field and will improve your chances to enter the workforce
- have been developed or endorsed by the NSW Board of Studies
- provide credit towards an AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) qualification which is nationally recognised
- count as units of study on the Year 11 Record of Achievement or the Year 12 HSC
- may contribute to the ATAR (depending on course selected)
- assist you to acquire new skills and capabilities

- are appropriate for any ability level, including those who plan to proceed to Higher Education
- are taught by teachers who have direct industry links
- provide all equipment, materials, protective clothing and texts at no cost to all students
- provide articulation into traineeship or apprenticeships
- provide maximum advanced standing into a TAFE NSW Certificate course after you leave school.

How often do you attend TAFE?

Most TVET courses are offered one afternoon per week for four hours.

How do you apply?

You will need to complete an 'Expression of Interest' form available from our website: www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/tvet or forms can be obtained from the school's Careers Advisor.

Expressions of Interest for 2015 close on 12 September 2014

For further information about TVET courses:

- visit our website www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/tvet
- telephone 4222 2919
- email TVET.Illawarra@det.nsw.edu.au
- talk to your School Careers Advisor

For course listing please see over »

TVET - TAFE while at school

Proposed Courses for 2015 - Wollongong, Wollongong West, Shellharbour and Yallah Campuses.

Your study options

Campus	Industry Curriculum Framework Courses (ATAR) ¹	Board Endorsed Courses (non ATAR) ²
Shellharbour	Automotive (Light Vehicle Servicing)	Children's Services
	Automotive (Heavy Vehicle Servicing)	Fitness (Certificate III)
	Business Services	Maritime Operations
	Electrotechnology	
	Financial Services	
	Human Services - Aged Care	
	Human Services - Health Services (Assist Nursing)	
	Metal and Engineering	
	Retail Services	
Wollongong	Tourism and Events (Tourism Stream)	
	Automotive (Airbrushing)	Baking - Retail
	Automotive (Panel Beating)	Children's Services
	Automotive (Vehicle Detailing)	Community Services Work
	Automotive (Vehicle Painting)	Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)
	Business Services	Laboratory Skills (Environmental)
	Construction (Bricklaying)	Media Journalism
	Construction (Carpentry)	Plumbing
	Construction (Painting and Decorating)	Property Services
	Construction (Shopfitting)	Screen and Media
	Electrotechnology	Signage (Signcraft)
	Electrotechnology (Air-conditioning and Refrigeration)	Surveying
	Entertainment (Live Production, Theatre and Events)	
	Financial Services	
	Financial Services (Accounts Administration)	
	Hospitality (Accommodation Services)	
	Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)	
	Hospitality (Food and Beverage)	
	Human Services - Health Services (Assist Nursing)	
	Information and Digital Technology (Computer Support)	
	Information and Digital Technology (Web Design)	
Wollongong West	Metal and Engineering	
	Tourism and Events (Events Stream)	
Yallah	Tourism and Events (Tourism Stream)	
	Information and Digital Technology - Digital Animation	Beauty (Nail Technology)
Yallah	Primary Industries (Agriculture)	Beauty (Retail Make-up and Skin Care)
	Primary Industries (Horticulture) - course will be offered at two locations - Yallah campus and the Wollongong Botanical Gardens.	Beauty / Hairdressing COMBO ³
		Hairdressing
		Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft - Drawing
		Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft - Photography
Yallah		Animal Studies
		Horse Industry

1. An Industry Curriculum Framework course enables students to gain a range of technical, personal and organisational skills valued both within and beyond the workplace. The examination mark from one Industry Curriculum Framework course may be included in the calculation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). Workplacement is compulsory.
2. Board Endorsed Courses contribute towards a student's HSC but not towards the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). These courses have been endorsed by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES).
3. TVET COMBO courses consist of 2 x 120 hour TVET Courses designed to complement each other and delivered one day per week. Students undertaking these courses will get an understanding of two different industry areas to assist them with post-HSC career options. Students undertaking a COMBO course will receive 4 units of HSC credit in one year.



Correct at time of printing. Courses will be offered subject to sufficient demand and resources. Date Published: May 2014

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WESTS ILLAWARRA CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Registration Time Again

Wests Illawarra Junior Cricket Club registration days will be held on Saturday August 16 & 23 between 1 – 3pm and Wednesday August 27 (4.30 – 6pm) at the Wests Illawarra Leagues Club.

Wests Cricket caters for boys and girls within mixed teams, with or without experience, between the ages of 9 and 15 in U10 to U16 competitions. The Club will again be running a MILO In2Cricket program this season for the younger players aged between 5 & 8 (**must have turned 5 at 31st August**) and an area wide program T20 Blast program will also be conducted midweek (Friday afternoons) for players 7 & 8 years.

For enquiries, contact the registration coordinator Paul King 0422976026 or email jadmin@wicc.com.au



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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Illawarra and Wollongong by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Berry Quilting Exhibition Berry School of Arts

30th/31st August

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