



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

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### School Events

Week 10 (B)	Beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
17.9.14	- Yr 5 Enrichment Class – Parent Presentation 6.00pm - Yr 12 BBQ, Carwash and Practice Graduation Assembly - Yr 11 Preliminary Examinations catch up day - Young Women's Forum Excursion
18.9.14	- Yr 12 Picnic Day - Yr 11 PDHPE First Aid Course
19.9.14	- Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony 9:30am - Yr 12 PDHPE First Aid Course - Last Day of Term 3
Week 1(A)	Beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
6.10.14	- Public Holiday
7.10.14	- Yrs 7-11 students return to school for Term 4 - Links to Learning Program
8.10.14	- Mathematics Incursion for 7E and 7N - School Fun Run during Sport - Yr 11 Visual Arts Camp
9.10.14	- Yr 11 Visual Arts Camp - Yr 7 2015 Parent & Student Information Evening- 6:00pm
10.10.14	- Yr 11 Visual Arts Camp - Debating Gala Day - Motivational Presentation for Yr 10 and Yr 11
Week 2 (B)	Beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
13.10.14	- HSC Examinations commence at 10:20am for English (Standard) and English (Advanced) – Paper 1. Hospitality (VET) examination at 1:55pm.
14.10.14	- Links to Learning - HSC Examinations continue at 9:25am for English (Standard) and English (Advanced) – Paper 2. Industrial Technology – Timber Products and Furniture Technologies is at 1:55pm.
15.10.14	- HSC Examinations continue at 9:25am for Ancient History. PDHPE is at 1:55pm.
16.10.14	- HSC Examinations continue at 9:25am for Information Processes and Technology. Construction (VET) is at 1:55pm
17.10.14	- HSC Examinations continue at 9:25am for Engineering Studies and Modern Greek Beginners. Community and Family Studies is at 1:55pm - Yr 11 Textiles Excursion

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Year 12 Graduation

I look forward to seeing the Year 12 student's parents, family and friends at the Year 12 Graduation on Friday 18 September in the school auditorium at 9.30am.

#### HSC Music 1 Practical Examination

The student's HSC work was marked on Friday 12 September. Thank you to **Mr Michael Malouf**, **Mr Adrian Herbert** and the student's friends who accompanied our Year 12 students.

### ALARM (A Learning and Response Matrix)

Several teachers have been further involved in additional training in the ALARM program on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This training will ensure that our students have the skills to reach a high level in assessment responses.

### Year 12 Blood Donation Drive

Congratulations Year 12. Over 30 Year 12 students participated in the Blood Donation Drive. A special thank you to **Jelena Zaric** who organised the Blood Donation Drive.

### Year 10 Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to the Year 10 students, **Matthew Clark**, **Stephanie Black**, **Mathew MacGregor**, **Linh Le**, **Rachel Branch**, **Erika Petersen**, **Jade Scanlen**, **Victoria Liddle**, **Samantha Suljic** and **Chloe Winch** who were successful in gaining a position on the Student Representative Council (SRC). The speeches were very competitive and professional.

### Debating Challenges

The Year 7 and 8 students presented themselves exceptionally well in the latest round of the Premier's Debating challenge. Our NAIDOC debating team were tremendous and won the Regional Final. Well done students!

### Year 11 First Aid Course

Thank you to **Mrs Tanya Markham** for organising the Year 11 PDHPE student's participation in the two day First Aid Course on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### Figtree High School Facebook page

The Figtree High School facebook page has been a great success and I would encourage you to log in, see the latest news and events and 'like' our site.

### Homework Centre

Just a reminder that the Homework Centre operates each Monday afternoon from 3pm-4pm in the library. There is voluntary teacher supervision.

**Carol Marshman**  
Principal

## Figtree High School's Core Values

### A Focus on Learning

#### Year 12

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on the successful completion of their Higher School Certificate courses. There are three weeks until the first written HSC examination. Students can use this time to engage in home study to revise the course content, practise examination style questions and seek support from their class teachers.

The BOSTES website has a range of material to assist.


[http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc\\_exams](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams)

Past HSC examination papers, notes from the marking centre and marking guidelines can be found on this link.

All Year 12 students need to activate their BOSTES Students Online account if they haven't already.

<http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

This is where their personalised HSC Examination timetable and information about examination rules, approved equipment and calculators can be found. This is also where students will find information about accessing their HSC results in December.



**What you need to know**

If you are in Year 12 Students Online is your source of information about your HSC.

- If you haven't already done so, **activate your account**. Waiting until December may delay access to your HSC results
- To log in use your BOSTES eight-digit Student Number and your six-digit PIN. If you forget your PIN, use your Student Number to **recover it**
- Your personal HSC timetable is now available when you log in to **My Details > Exam Timetable**. If you expect to sit a HSC VET exam, you should check your personal timetable and confirm that the exam appears. If it doesn't, alert your school
- See **preparing for your written exams**
- Have your say about your HSC experience by completing our online survey when you log in.

The latest **Students Online newsletter** has:

- links to useful revision resources
- student survey details
- study tips

Year 12 students can continue to see their class teachers during their scheduled lesson times during the first week of Term 4. If students need assistance from their teacher after this week, they can contact their teacher by phone at the school or via email to arrange an appropriate time to meet.

Students need to ensure that they arrive at school at least 20mins prior to the scheduled start time for HSC examinations and that they have all of the necessary approved equipment, including an approved scientific calculator if appropriate. Note that BLACK pen is preferred for HSC examinations. Mobile phones are NOT allowed in the examination room.

## PBS VALUES

### WEEK 10: RESPECT

Walk quietly in the corridors so that others can continue learning

### Term 4

### WEEK 1: LEARNING

Be on time for your next class

#### Year 11 Students

Year 11 students have completed their final examinations for their Preliminary HSC Courses. During the first 2 weeks of Term 4, students will be receiving feedback from their teachers about how they have performed in the examinations. It is essential that students attend these lessons. The final grades for the student's Preliminary Course Record of School Achievement (ROSA) will be finalised at the end of Week 2 Term 4.

Students will be commencing their Higher School Certificate courses in Term 4. As such, during Week 2 Term 4, Year 11 students who are considering dropping one of their courses of study will be able to complete an application to discontinue their study of the course. This application needs to be signed by a parent/carers. This application is assessed by a range of staff at the school to ensure that the student will still meet the eligibility requirements for an ATAR (if appropriate) and the award of an HSC. Students must continue to attend the lessons for the course until their application to discontinue the course has been approved.

Year 11 students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the range of resources on the BOSTES website that they can use to support their learning and study patterns throughout their HSC courses.

#### Year 7-10 Students

Term 4 can be a busy time with a number of assessment tasks issued and due in the first half of the term. Students should use a diary (hard copy or electronic) to ensure that due dates are recorded. This will help students with their organisational skills to ensure that their tasks are completed in a timely manner and to submit work that reflects their best effort.

**Ms Ellie Donovan**  
Deputy Principal

## News from the Mathematics Department

It has been a busy term and the holidays are fast approaching. Year 11 are in their last stage of completing their preliminary course.

As for Year 12 they have just completed 13 years of schooling and are now preparing for their final exams, the H.S.C. It is important for them to use their preparation time well and to make sure that they establish a good pattern of study leading up to their final exams.

I would also like to congratulate the following students who performed well in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

In Year 7:

**Joonyoung Moon**-Distinction, **Ryan Sheridan**-Credit, **Dylan Mesiti**-Credit, **Ashley Kendon**-Credit, **April Martins**- Credit, **Reydan Sinbandhit**-Credit, **Zoe Williams**-Proficient, **Natasha Hynoski**-Proficient, **Georgia Sturman**-Proficient, **Zachary Seymour**-Proficient, **Brendon Skillen**-Proficient, **Timothy Hansen**-Proficient, **Jeremy Jones**-Proficient and **Krissie Skarvelis**- Proficient.

In Year 8:

**Madison Gruevska**-Distinction, **Tiffanie Doan**-Proficient, **Chris Kiotis**-Proficient, **David Watson**-Proficient and **Dylan Ward**-Proficient.

In Year 9:

**Lloyd Kellermann**-Proficient.

In Year 10:

**Annika Black**-Proficient, **Beatrice Roberts**-Proficient, **Kirra Somerville**-Proficient and **Linh Le**-Proficient.

In Year 11:

**James McKinnon**-Proficient.

On a special note **Joonyoung Moon** from Year 7 has been participating in the "Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians" and I would like to congratulate him for achieving a High Distinction in the Junior Division.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

**Mr Achim Linnenlucke**  
Head Teacher Mathematics

## News from the TAS Department

Changes to arrangements for "Little Figgies" Playgroup in Term 4:

As Yr 12 **Exploring Early Childhood** students complete their studies at the close of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the school and the wider community for the successful operation of Playgroup each fortnight. Our thanks are extended to **Mrs Leabeater** for her support of the students and organisation of this great playgroup.

Year 11 will continue to run playgroup fortnightly commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 between 10.45 – 12.15pm. All welcome. Enquiries to the Front Office on 42712787.

Year 11 **Exploring Early Childhood** will also assist Figtree Primary School with Kinder Play during Term 4.

Year 11 **Textiles and Design** students have their corsets on display in the Library. Congratulations on the standard of work and creativity.

Year 12 **Hospitality** is to be congratulated on their contribution to corporate catering within the school and the successful operation of the Coffee Bean Café and Bistro, under the guidance of **Mrs Goodall**.

Congratulations to Year 12 **Industrial Technology Timber** students for the successful completion of their Major Projects, due Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013. These projects reflect their practical skills, creativity, time management and ability to compile appropriate accompanying documentation.

Several projects from Year 11 and Year 12 **Industrial Technology Timber** have been entered into the prestigious **University of Wollongong- Faculty of Engineering: NSW Technology Awards**. Congratulations to **William Searle** and **Blake Spencer** Year 12 and **Daniel Lucas** and **Matthew Sharpe** Year 11 for being selected for entry and good luck in the competition.

Year 7 and 8 **Technology Mandatory** have commenced their final rotation and are busy working with folio and project development in metals, timber, food and textiles materials.

**Mrs Cathy Smith**  
Head Teacher TAS

## CHS Athletics Results

Congratulations to all our students who represented Figtree HS at the recent State Athletics Championships in Homebush. We had some fantastic results. Out of 293 schools that competed Figtree HS came 14<sup>th</sup> overall, a magnificent effort and the South Coast Region came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to the following Athletes

- **Barnabus Johnson** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 year boys 100m
- **Natasha Hynoski** – 8<sup>th</sup> in the 12 year girls 100m and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 200m
- **Payton Williams** – 6<sup>th</sup> in the 14 year girls 100m
- **Teghan Barklay** – 9<sup>th</sup> in the 15 year girls 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 90m hurdles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m hurdles, 5<sup>th</sup> in triple jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> in high jump,
- **Jarrold Twigg** – 1<sup>st</sup> in 15year boys 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 10 100m hurdles, 1<sup>st</sup> in 200m hurdles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus
- **Momolu Sirleaf** – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 15 year boys long jump
- 4 x 100m relay – 6<sup>th</sup> team members **Jarrold Twigg, Sam Oyston, Momolu Sirleaf** and **Jayke Wilson**.

Congratulations to all competitors.

## Zone Athletics – Age Champion Presentation

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions at our Zone athletics carnival. They are pictured on assembly receiving their medallions.

**Teghan Barklay, Payton Williams, Camelia Ali, Jarrold Twigg** and **Cameron Lodge** ( absent Adam Bassuni)



## CHS GYMNASTICS

**Jarrold Buick** (Year 8) received his CHS Gymnastics medals on assembly. He received a 3<sup>rd</sup> on floor, 1<sup>st</sup> on parallel bars, 1<sup>st</sup> on pommel, 3<sup>rd</sup> on rings and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in his division. A fantastic effort from Jarrold!



**Joseph D'Souza Bullman** ( Year 10) received 6 medals from the recent CHS Gymnastics event held in Newcastle. His results were 2<sup>nd</sup> on floor, 1<sup>st</sup> on high bar, 3<sup>rd</sup> on parallel bars, 2<sup>nd</sup> on rings, 2<sup>nd</sup> on vault and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall in his division. Congratulations on a tremendous effort !



Congratulations also to the following students who also competed at this event.

- **Daniel Pelaez** – Year 9
- **Payton Williams** – Year 8
- **Myah Howard** – Year 10
- **Natasha Hynoski** – Year 7
- **Kaitlin Hearne** – Year 8

## GRADE COMPETITION SPORTS WINNERS

Congratulations to the following teams who won their grand final for Wednesday Zone Competition sport. All teams played exceptionally well. Figtree High walked away with 13 wins and plenty of smiles all round. A highly commendable result!!

Junior Girls Volleyball coached by Ms Pam Acosta:

- Anjela Azimi
- Treza Booth
- Tayah Davey
- Caroline Dyball
- Brittany Galea
- Naomi Gray
- Demee Kyriazis
- Emily Murphy
- Grace Purnell

Junior Boys Dodgeball coached by Mr Jared Poppett:

- Jarrod Loija
- Jake Sheppard
- Kayden Hill
- Isaac Johnson
- Asbjorn Kanigowski
- Matthew Kerry
- Mitchell Lee
- Daniel Pelaez
- Corey Rower
- Colin Sharman

Senior Girls Soccer coached by Mr Gary Smith:

- Camelia Ali
- Nicola Douet
- Ashlee Currinckx
- Sheri Ghodrati
- Jasmine Lee
- Judith Mushaba
- Tanin Rahmani Lasjerdi
- Taranom Rahmani Lasjerdi
- Kimia Rahmannia
- Melanie Vay
- Melinda Vay
- Elena Kuminga
- Ally Nelson
- Katherine Trudgett
- Chantelle Botting
- Simone Botting

Senior Girls Oztag coached by Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson:

- Diana Djukic
- Kiara Grover
- Brittany Hadfield
- Olivia Harris
- Mikayla Malaki
- Shanay Neave
- Belinda Veljanoska
- Taylah Dewhurst
- Lucy Nolan
- Lauren Oyston
- Emma Pinfold
- Abbey Powell
- Breanon Ruddock
- Kaitlyn Stuart
- Jessica Uzunovski

Junior Girls Basketball coached by Mr Chris Hardy:

- Takirah Coulson
- Tazmin Fulcher
- Madeline Noronha
- Hannah Blanch
- Jacinta Faulkner
- Cassandra Harding
- Tasmine Lown
- Emily McKinnon

Senior Girls Basketball coached by Mr Chris Hardy:

- Rachel Branch
- Taryn Brunskill
- Kaitlyn Hay
- Linh Le
- Erika Peterson
- Beatrice Roberts
- Chloe Winch
- Margaret Va'afusuaga
- Shaye Wilkinson

Junior Girls Netball coached by Ms Sandra Fernades:

- Aurelia Noronha
- Georgia Sturman
- Ashleigh Yeaman
- Sara Clark
- Jade Gray
- Olivia Jacobs
- Madison Rauscher
- Rachel Burrows
- Mikayla Markham
- Ebony Tasker
- Rose Kolednik



Senior Girls Netball coached by Ms Sandra Fernandes:

- Lauryn Neto
- Bryanne Slood
- Teghan Barklay
- Rebekah Clark
- Aimee Cunningham
- Kiah Mc Omish
- Georgina Petrolo
- Chloe Spencer

Junior Girls Futsal coached by Mr Stephen Solah:

- Abby Cole
- Sarah Dawson
- Caitlin Edwards
- Madison Grover
- Ashleigh Long
- April Martins
- Chloe Mearing
- Yasmyr Phillips
- Ruby Taylor-Simon

Boys Ultimate Frisbee coached by Mr Rob Joseph:

- Daniel Bridges
- Michael Bye
- Jack Langhorn
- Wasim Latif
- Dylan Rower
- Rhys Taafe
- Lewis Elgey
- Jack Foye
- Logan Gonzalez
- Reece Kellner
- Jack Leach
- Daniel Lucas

Darts coached by Mr Michael Malouf:

- Blake Barklay
- Kira Connolly
- Scott Garrick
- Rory Beniuk
- Jayden Brown
- Jarrod Buick
- Callum Dodds
- Christian Kanaris
- Blake Mackay
- Daniel Moss
- Dylan Ward
- Joshua Boyd
- Brooke Connolly
- Jack Faulks

- Lloyd Kellermann
- Saumya Sharma
- Chekira Stamp
- Josh Thomas
- Isaac Toole
- Sebastian Catling-Smith
- Nathan Vaughan
- Luke Galea
- Kailub Ives
- Nathan Turner

Girls Ultimate Frisbee coached by Ms Jessica Williams:

- Kayla Marras
- Stephanie Black
- Madeleine Broadhead
- Tayla Chambers
- Erin Costello
- Abbey Hawes
- Jessica Hickey
- Emily Imber
- Pimwadee Polhill
- Caitlin Smith
- Georgia Whinn
- Kiara Bourne
- Elise Oakman
- Rachel Watson

Junior Boys Soccer coached by Mr Peter Hawken:

- Barnabas Johnson
- James Gliguroski
- Ben Lucas
- Luke McCrudden
- Julio Mushaba
- Brandon Redman
- Jayden Smileski
- Stefan Visnic
- Lachlan Barker
- Kieran Brodrik
- Cody Gillis
- Emanuel Hondroudakis
- Lachlan Nardone
- Lachlan Pattman
- Christopher Popovski
- Matthew Tschentscher
- Joshua Yeaman

## English/Drama Faculty News

Firstly I would like to congratulate Year 12 Drama on their successful practical HSC examination, which was held at the school on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.

I would also like to congratulate the Year 10 Drama students for putting on an outstanding 'Showcase' evening for parents, friends and staff. I was particularly impressed with the way the students worked as a team. They remained focused and were able to demonstrate the skills which they have learnt in Drama, on the stage. I would like to thank the technical crew which facilitated and organised the lighting, sound and music for the performers; **Bridee Arrighi, William Searle, William Brown** and **Aidan Byrnes**. These students worked long hours after school time, running through the program and making sure the performers were on cue.

In Year 12 English we have been working through a revision program. This program has proven to be successful with all students. Students worked through 'Alarming' exemplar samples of work for each module. They also worked through current Trial papers from a range of sources. This program has enabled our Year 12 students to be aware of the range of possible questions that they can be asked in the Area of Study paper and in the Module paper.

The following quotes have been taken from our Year 12 Extension 2 major works. These students have worked extensively on their major work throughout the year. I am very proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in the future.

Lastly on behalf of the English Faculty I would like to wish Year 12 good luck in their HSC and remember to focus and revise.

'As dusk settled and the blue-black darkness of night subjugated the previous white radiance ....'

Hesken- By **Elizabeth Bertakis**

'He prefers the shadows. Fits in with the shadows. A broken man, damaged as he is, finds comfort in the shadows.'

The End in the Beginning-by **Isabella Roberts**

As I am left feeble,

Lone,

Tender.

Crimson skies flood my mind.

Wave of Faults-by **Henry Heritage**

'After waiting in desperate anticipation, the cup settled down and all that was left of the black king was a golden, rusted key.'

The Disappearance of a King-by **Andrew Bailey**

'All that dies will live in the mind of the writer'.

The Embellished Perspective-by **Samuel Condon**

'The gate has always been difficult to open'

Le Discours D'Arbres-by **Kirra Goldrick**

**Ms Angela. Mintzas**

Head Teacher English/Drama

### Gold Awards

Congratulations to **Jade Chapman-Arnawa, Charlie Quin, Emilee Colbeck, Alyssa Wright** (Year 12) and **Jelena Zaric** (Year 11) who qualified for their Gold Award during Term 3. This is a most impressive award in the school's merit system and means that each of these students has presented 150 merits. These merits provide evidence that the student has been working to the best of their ability across a range of subjects and that they have been prepared to be involved in a range of extra-curricular activities such as special sporting events, debating and academic competitions. These students have all been awarded Principal's Awards and/or Year Advisor's Awards, which is another demonstration of their consistent work ethic. They have also clearly demonstrated a commitment to following the school's values of Respect, Safety and Learning through earning PBS merits. **Jade, Charlie, Emilee, Alyssa and Jelena** are all excellent role models and most deserving recipients of this prestigious award. Well done!

### Merit Award System

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Silver or Bronze level in the school's merit system during Term 3.

**Silver:** **Koe Bowmaker, Jye Hepplewhite, Corey Stanton, Robbie Delbanco, Katerina Mateska, Kaysie Urbani (Year 12), Caitlin Carson (Year 11), Tanin Rahmani-Lasjerdi, Amanda Valceski (Year 9) Abby Churchin and Daniel Moss (Year 8).**

### **Bronze:**

**Hilary Language** (Year 12), **Orion Jovanovic** (Year 11), **Chloe Horne, Jaya Letich, Maya Stojackovic, Maddison Delaney** (Year 8), **Madison Grover, Payton Scanlen, Abby Cole, Tazmin Fulcher, D'arcy Griffiths, Emerson Hutto and Lianna McKinnon** (Year 7).

To be considered eligible for Bronze, Silver or Gold level on the school's merit system a student must present the required number of merits (Bronze 15), (Silver 45), (Gold 150). Students also need to demonstrate that they are cooperative and courteous and prepared to work to the best of their ability at all times.

Students who have the required number of merits are encouraged to apply for their Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. Bronze certificates should be renewed after twelve months. This means the student will have to present 15 new merits if they do not have enough merits to apply for their Silver certificate. Students can obtain a merit application form from their Year Advisor or from Ms Dive in the Languages Staffroom.

Students who have been awarded a Bronze or Silver certificate can participate in merit reward excursions. These certificates are also a valuable addition to a student's résumé. The merit excursion for Term 4 will be to Jamberoo Action Park. More information will be given about this excursion in Term 4.

### **Regional Athletics Age Champions**

Congratulations to **Jarrold Twigg** ( year 9) and **Teghan Barklay** (Year 10) who received their medals at school for being Regional Athletics Age Champions. Both these students also had a very successful meet at the recent CHS Athletics held in Homebush.



### **Year 11 Hospitality "Kitchen Brigade"**

Year 11 Hospitality students were once again able to show case their talents in the kitchen with another catering event last week, when they catered for 60 people for morning tea and then a special luncheon for 20 guests at our school. Students were assisted by **Mrs Kelly** and **Mrs Parr** and preparations were made for the event all week. The menu consisted of food including pies, slices, wraps, curry, stir-fry, chocolate mousse and homemade gelato ice-creams. All students showed initiative and were able to put into practice what they have learnt during their work placement experiences the week before.

A big thank you also goes to **Mrs Smith** and **Mrs Jenkins** who assisted in making the function such a success. We congratulate all the students and look forward to seeing the Kitchen Brigade grow in skill and confidence as the year continues.

## **Motivational Speaker**

We would like to let you know of an opportunity for our Year 10 and Year 11 students to listen to one of Australia's most sought after inspirational speakers- **Michael Crossland** who we have coming to talk to our school students on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. He is a regular guest speaker at schools, universities, sporting groups and corporate organisations throughout the world.

To say Michael's story is inspiring is a huge understatement. Michael defied the odds of a life threatening cancer, has suffered 2 heart attacks & spent over ¼ of his life in hospital, yet has still managed to build a life of exceptional achievements. Michael in the last 12 months has presented in front of over 250,000 people around the world, been on many online TV success programs and countless radio shows throughout America, Australia & Fiji. Along with his award winning program about his life on Australian Story, he recently returned home from a speaking tour in the USA, England and Hong Kong, Michael addressed 9/11 victims, families and survivors. He also presented to players and officials from the New York Mets baseball organisation, Toronto Blue Jays Baseball organisation, several juvenile detention centres, just to list a few. He is the national ambassador for Camp Quality and among other things runs his own orphanage in Haiti.

You can watch the emotional announcement to Todd Nester, runner up on last year's Biggest Loser competition, that he was going to live his dream of playing baseball in America, powerful stuff..

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5oxY9kb1vs>

Where – Figtree Anglican Church Auditorium

When – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Time 12pm -1.36pm

Cost - **\$2.00** to be paid on entry

**Ms Tanya Markham**

Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE



## NAIDOC Public Speaking and Debating Challenge Final 2014.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September four students, **Jasmine Lee** and **Taranom Rahmani Lasjerdi** Year 9, **Taymin Pagett** and **Sarah Dawson** Year 7, competed in the NAIDOC Debating Challenge Final at the Shoalhaven Council Chambers in Nowra.

The day began with a number of primary students who presented speeches on 'Aboriginal peoples serving Australia in war times.' The public speaking winners were Tarrawanna Public School and the runners up were Dapto Public School.

In the second half of the day, five high schools from the Illawarra South East region engaged in debates. These five teams had progressed from their local heats, and were competing for the regional title. The topic debated was, 'Has the Australian Government properly recognised the contribution of Aboriginal service men and women, during and after wartime?'

Our students debated twice, arguing from the perspective of the opposition on both occasions.

Firstly, the girls came up against Bulli High School. They demonstrated confidence, organisation and persuasiveness, and were successful in defeating their opposition. The girls demonstrated this again in their second debate, this time facing Mulwaree High School, a team that was made up solely of Year Eleven students.

The girls did not let this phase them, as they again showed teamwork and composure, and successfully defeated their opposition. The two wins ensured that Figtree High School was awarded as regional winners, with Kanahooka High School being named runners up. They will now go through to the next round, which will be held at State Parliament House next term.

I would like to congratulate Jasmine, Taranom, Taymin and Sarah for their outstanding achievement. The four girls were impressive, not only in their debating ability, but also for the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. They demonstrated maturity, leadership and teamwork.

I would also like to thank **Mrs Williams**, who put in a lot of time and effort to help the girls prepare for their debates.

**Ms Abbey Munro**  
English Faculty



**Figtree High School**

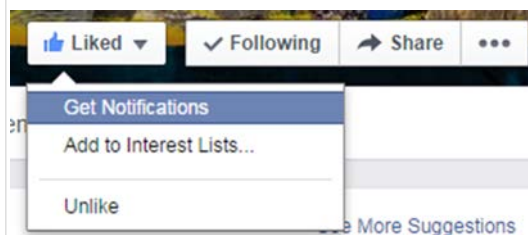
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Show your support and keep up to date with our latest news posts by clicking 'Like' on our page.

Social media has changed the way people work, live and play. It's changed the way we connect with family and friends, with colleagues, with service providers, organisations and governments.

Figtree High School has recognised this fact and setup its own Facebook page to help parents, students and the wider community keep up to date with current news, student achievements and events at Figtree High School.

When you click 'Like' on our Facebook page, you will automatically get updates on your news feed from our page. As an added extra, if you would like to receive push notifications when we post to Facebook, first 'like' our page then an extra option should appear as shown below where you can elect to 'Get Notifications'.



Visit our Facebook page here [Figtree High School – Official](#)

Don't forget to visit or [official school website](#) for a more comprehensive guide to our school including news, events, policies and guidelines.



### ***Adidas School Fun-Run***

Figtree High School will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on the **8<sup>th</sup> October 2014** within the school grounds. The students will be participating in a 50x50 run. This means that will run 50 metres, in 50 minutes, 50 times.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase:

- \* **improving and revitalising school sports grounds**
- \* **fitness lab equipment**

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

A new way to help your child reach their sponsorship goals is through online fundraising. Students raise 5.62 times more with online fundraising, with an average of \$95.58 per student! To benefit from this new feature, log on to **[schoolfunrun.com.au/students](http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students)** today!

Once fundraising is complete please help your child fill out *Step 5 – How to Claim Prizes*, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then tear it off and return it with all money raised to the front office on or before **19<sup>th</sup> September**, student prizes will arrive shortly after.

Each year we hope to create a day of fun for the students and their families with the *adidas School Fun-Run*, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *adidas School Fun-Run* event day at the school on **the 8<sup>th</sup> October** to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!  
Tanya Markham  
**Sports Organiser Figtree High School**



**Figtree High School**  
**Year 12 Graduation 2014**

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

Figtree High School would like to proudly extend an invitation to the

*The Figtree High School Year 12, 2014*  
**Graduation Assembly**

DATE

Friday, 19th September

VENUE

Figtree High School Auditorium

TIME

9.30 am –  
11.30am

**Respect, Safety, Learning**



# Robo Camp

## BUILD SOME NEW FRIENDS!

Students (aged 7+) learn to design, build, and program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots – and have a lot of fun in the process!

Hosted by the University of Wollongong

Bookings Essential: Email [coach@projectb.net.au](mailto:coach@projectb.net.au)

Full Information at [www.projectb.net.au](http://www.projectb.net.au)

• **INTRO TO MINDSTORMS®:** Oct 2 - 3, **\$110** (Inc. GST)

• **WACKY ROBOT RACES:** Oct 2 - 3, **\$150** (Inc. GST)

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## BE COACHED BY CHAMPIONS

Exclusive 'Super Clinics' to be held in the September School Holidays.

Each coach competed at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games!

**Distance Clinic**

**Long jump Clinic**

**Javelin Clinic**

**Ben St Lawrence**

**Sophie Stanwell**

**Jake Stein**



### WHEN

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2014, 9am – 12pm

### WHERE

Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

### WHO

Athletes aged between 12 and 18 years of age

### COST

\$60 per athlete (or \$50 without singlet)  
(includes - coaching clinic, singlet, water bottle and clinic notes)

### REGISTER

Places are strictly limited so register now at  
[www.nswathletics.org.au/Coaching/ANSW-Super-Clinics](http://www.nswathletics.org.au/Coaching/ANSW-Super-Clinics)

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