



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 4 Week 8 26th November, 2015

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School Events

| Week 8 | Week Beginning 23 rd November |
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| 26.11.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 7 Parent Reading Program – Period 3 - Yr 12 Formal at Panorama House – 6pm - Yr 11 Exploring early Childhood Kinder Play - Yr 9Y PASS Tenpin Bowling P4&5 - Yr 11 General Mathematics Assessment task P2&3 - White Ribbon Day Activities – Lunch 1 - Yr 11 Legal Studies Incursion P4 |
| 27.11.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 11 Business Studies Assessment task P1&2 - Yr 7 Anti-bullying program P1 - Yr 10 Online Sports Selections for 2016 opens - SRC leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park - Yr 11 Extension Mathematics Assessment task P6 |
| Week 9 | Week Beginning 30 th November |
| 30.11.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 9 Online Sports Selections for 2016 open - Industry Whitecard Course for selected students - Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Camp |
| 1.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 8 Online Sports Selections for 2016 open - Industry Whitecard Course for selected students - Yr 11 Exploring early Childhood Assessment task P6 - World AIDS Day BBQ - Yr 10 Marine Studies Excursion to Western Suburbs Pool - Yr 9 History Incursion- Guest Speaker P3&4 - Yr 11 Modern History Assessment task P5 - Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Camp |
| 2.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 7 Online Sports Selections for 2016 open - Premier's Sporting Challenge Leadership Camp - Yr 11 Earth and Environmental Science Assessment task P2 - Yr 11 Modern History Assessment Task P2 - Yr 11 Advanced English Hamlet Excursion - Yr 7 2016 parent Information Evening 6:00pm |
| 3.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 7 2016 Orientation day - Yr 11 Studies of Religion Assessment task P1 - Yr 11 Earth and Environmental Science Assessment task P3 - Yr 9X PASS Tenpin Bowling P4&5 - Yr 7 Parent Reading program P3 |
| 4.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 9 Information Software technology and Yr 11 Work Studies Excursion - GenZ2Work Launch for Year 9 P3 - Australian All Schools Athletics Knockout-Melbourne - Yr 11 Chemistry Assessment task P2 |
| Week 10 | Week Beginning 7 th December |
| 7.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U15 Girls Waterpolo – Raymond Terrace - Regional Aboriginal Education Awards – Batemans bay - Yr 11 Standard English Assessment task P1 - Yr 10 Book and Fees Clearance P1-3 - Australian All Schools Athletics Knockout-Melbourne - Yr 11 French Assessment Task – Listening P4 - Yr 8 Digital Nutrition incursion P6 |
| 8.12.15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 10 Marine Studies excursion to Jervis Bay - U15 Girls Waterpolo – Raymond Terrace - Australian All Schools Athletics Knockout-Melbourne - Annual Presentation evening 7:00pm |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Community of School Debating Challenge was held on Friday 13 November. I was very impressed by the quality of the presentation from the primary schools and the adjudication of the high school student judges. Thank you to Mrs Young, Mrs Clapham-Williams, CoS teachers and Yr 11 Entertainment Crew for their assistance on the day.

Congratulations to our Year 8 & 9 students who are participating in the Youth Mentoring Program hosted by Illawarra Workplace Learning. They held a sausage sizzle to raise money for their projects. Most of the projects should be completed by the end of 2016.

Congratulations to three of our students, Chloe Winch (Yr 11), Brittney Angus (Yr 10) and Korey Ison (Yr 9) who have been successful in winning a regional 2015 Inspire Succeed Excel Aboriginal Education Achievement Award for their dedication, achievement and commitment to their learning this year. The awards ceremony will be held on 7th December in Batemans Bay.

Congratulations to Ms Natasha Clark on her well deserved promotion as Head Teacher Welfare at Shoalhaven High School 2016.

There are a number of very important dates for our students and parents in the coming weeks;

- 2/12/15: Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening
- 3/12/15: Year 7 2016 Student Orientation Day
- 8/12/15: Annual Presentation Evening
- 9/12/15: Sports Presentation Assembly
- 11/12/15: Year 7-10 Reports issued and Merit Assemblies
- 16/12/15: Last day of term 4 for Years 7-11 students
- 16/12/15: HSC results available to students through BOSTES Students Online.

Thank you

Carol Marshman

Principal

Figtree High School – Core Values

Learning

While the formal assessment period has concluded for Years 7-10, normal lessons will continue for all students in Years 7-11, up to and including the last day of the school year for students which is Wednesday 16th December.

The Semester 2 reports, which will be distributed to students on Friday 11th December, will provide parents/carers with information about their child's academic performance and commitment to learning. It is important that students also take the time to reflect on their achievement in each course and each teacher's comments about how they can further improve their learning and achievement in 2015.

Year 10 Book and Fees Clearance

Year 10 students will be engaged in a Book and Fees Clearance session on Monday 7th December in the Auditorium. The purpose of this activity is to ensure that any outstanding subject fees, including elective fees, have been paid and any textbooks that students have used in Years 7-10 have been returned before students move into their Senior Years and study different courses. Invoices with any outstanding fees were sent home to parents earlier this term. Parents can make payments for any outstanding school fees online through the school's website or the Figtree High School skoolbag app prior to the clearance day. Students should ensure they return any library books to the library prior to the Book and Fees Clearance Day to enable them to complete this process on the day.

Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening for our Year 7 2016 students will be held next Wednesday 2nd December, commencing at 6:00pm. Information will be provided about the Orientation Day on 3rd December, Day 1 2016 and strategies to prepare your child for high school.

At this evening, parents will be able to collect and pay for their pre-ordered book packs, collect and/or submit bus pass application forms. The front office will also be available if parents wish to make payments for sports uniforms, school fees and/or the Year 7 Camp in 2016. A range of staff from the school will also be available to discuss any questions that you may have about our school or your child's needs.

Our school uniform suppliers, Poppets Direct and Lowes Figtree will also be available for school uniform purchases on the evening.

Sun Safety for Summer

Our school canteen is selling the school caps for a price of \$12. This was a Figtree HS Parents and Citizen's Association initiative. The plain navy caps are embroidered with the school logo. As the warmer weather approaches, we encourage your child to wear our school cap during lunch breaks, Thursday morning assembly in the quad, and especially on their PE/Sport days.



Students should also ensure that they apply sunscreen to exposed skin before leaving home in the morning. Sunscreen has a sun protection factor (SPF) and the higher this number, the greater the protection it provides, eg SPF 50 provides far greater protection than SPF 15 sunscreen. Sunscreen can expire which will reduce the protective factor. There are a variety of sunscreens available for purchase, we encourage you to take your teenager with you to purchase some sunscreen, so that they can take responsibility to protect their skin.



Hydration

Students should bring a drink bottle to school, particularly in the warmer weather. The school has a hydration station where students can refill their drink bottles with cool, filtered water. Young people are at greater risk of dehydration than adults. Water is the best fluid for hydration in warm and hot weather.

Ellie Donovan
Deputy Principal

PBS VALUES

Week 9: RESPECT

Be at the canteen only to buy for yourself

Week 10: RESPECT

Put rubbish in the bins

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library supports a constant energy of student learning activities that recognises the breadth of experiences provided at FHS. From district debating, to Year 5 Enrichment Program, Defence Talks, Youth Frontiers Mentor Program, Parent Reading Group, Job Education Training (JET), After School Homework Centre (Mondays), Learning Centre for Distance Education students, and a dedicated Senior Independent Study area. Constantly changing student work exhibitions engage all who visit the Library.

The Library is a futures-focused learning space where we take into consideration flexibility in how students learn. As the Library evolves, so does the student voice and purposes for which the Library can be accessed. The transitioning of the Library will be supported by a new Library Learning System provided by the DET called **Oliver** at the end of Term 1 2016.

Oliver will provide schools with a 21st Century learning management tool that offers an interactive experience for all users.

Benefits with the new system: schools will have the option to integrate a wide range of online resources, including eBooks and other interactive digital content. Students will be able to check loans, make reservations and receive alerts, search, request and rate resources, publish reviews, access resource lists and develop bibliographies. Teachers will be able to search for physical and digital resources across linked libraries and databases, catalogue course and project materials and share resources with colleagues. Library staff will have a modern system with the functionality that is currently used together with new tools to introduce and manage digital resources.



Work Experience

In July, Ashleigh Hanson, from the PDU completed a week of work experience in the Library. There are a number of students who use the Library to develop work related skills and in 2016, a Junior Library Assistant program will be put into place.

Distance Education offers courses to students that cannot be offered within the timetabled curriculum, or clashes with a student's subject choices and cannot be met within the timetable structure of the school. Distance Education offers another way in which student choice can be met, however, it is important to be a well-organised and independent learner to successfully manage this pattern of study. The Librarian acts as the in-school supervisor to assist with student management.

There are currently two students studying Japanese by Distance Education, one of which, Nathaniel Kicks, has just left the country for 3 months to live in Japan to attend school until he returns in Term 1 2016 to continue his studies with Kiah McOmish. Both have now begun their HSC studies in Japanese.



Old books, New Books and Comics

In preparation for **Oliver**, out-dated and under-used books are being disposed and donated to the Church next door who are preparing a container load of books to establish Libraries in Nigerian schools.

Students who borrow books to read are given a 'Book Review' bookmark that is returned with the book with their opinions on the book.

A significant budget has been allocated to new, contemporary novels, the highly popular graphic novel, new magazines and monthly comics. The Principal has supported these new resources with the funds to buy some purpose shelving to make these reading resources more attractive to students. Before school and lunchtimes remain very popular, with card games, board games, some computer game days and just sitting with friends reading. The future of our Library is exciting for 2016



Online Sport Selections for Term 1 2016

Students will soon make their sport selections for Term 1 2016. The selections will be made online. All students will be sent an email to their school mailbox with the link and code that they require to complete their selection. Students will be required to select 2 sports; just in case they do not get their first preference. Once students have been allocated their sport, each student must print off the appropriate permission note. The permission note needs to be completed by a parent/guardian and returned to the PE staffroom.

Online sport selections will open at 9am and year groups will select on different days, as outlined below:

Year 10 Friday 27th November 2015

Year 9 Monday 30th November 2015

Year 8 Tuesday 1st December 2015

Year 7 Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Due to changes in the Department of Education policy regarding compulsory participation in Sport, from 2016, Wednesday afternoon weekly sport will be compulsory only for students in Years 7-10. Wednesday afternoon Sport will be optional for students in Year 11. If students in Year 11 want to participate in Wednesday afternoon sport in 2016, they need to commit to participating in their selected sport for all of Term 1. This has been explained to Year 10 students recently. All students are still able to participate in the school sports program which includes school swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals, knockout sports, zone and regional trials and championships as well as state and national representation.

Girls U15 Waterpolo Success

Congratulations to the Figtree High School U15 Girls water polo team who were victorious in their regional final game against Woonona High School on 16th November. Under the expert guidance of coach Mr Sargent-Wilson, the girls won the game 8-2. The girls will now be progressing to the Combined High School U15 Girls Waterpolo Championships at Raymond Terrace on 7th and 8th December.





I'm the second one from the left (standing)

My name is Akira Prior and during the September/October school holidays I was lucky enough to be chosen by our MP Ryan Park to attend the Junior Parliamentary Program in Collaroy NSW as the representative from our electorate, Keira. The Junior Parliamentary Program (JPP) is an apolitical program run by the YMCA that teaches students debating skills, amongst other things. The JPP was a five day camp where I met and worked with 106 other students from Years 7-9 and learnt how a Bill is made, debated and becomes law.

For 5 days we got to make new friends and learn some important skills. Before we went to camp we were divided into committees; I was placed in the Aged Care and Disabilities committee. While at camp, over the five days, we woke up every day at 6am but didn't go to bed until 11pm! We were tired but we loved it! For two days we worked in groups, got to know each other and wrote Bills and Amendments. I was in the Opposition, so we made amendments. For the next two days each committee debated the Bill and Amendments.

On the last day the fun really began. We got to go to the State Legislature in Sydney and debate the Bill! I was placed in the opposition. We filled the seats of the Legislature and engaged in real debate about things that mattered to us!

When it was all over, we said our goodbyes and then we cried – A LOT!

The Junior Parliamentary Program is something that I will never forget and I am very fortunate to have been able to take part. I recommend that everyone tries to go next year; it's an experience I'll never forget!

Akira Prior
Year 9



The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, traveling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January 2016. It's an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is "brilliant", "amazing", "a must see" and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

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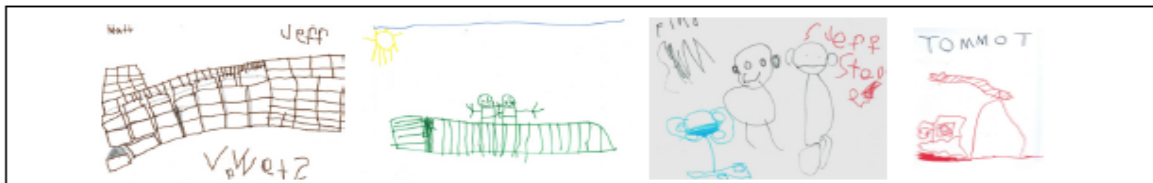
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BUILDINGS

No smoking near entrances to or exits from a public building (the 4 metre law)

THE FACTS

The *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free. Smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building in NSW. This law is called the '4 metre law'.

The '4 metre law' was delayed for licensed premises and restaurants until 6 July 2015. This delay was allowed to support consistent application of the smoking ban on commercial outdoor dining areas from 6 July 2015.

What types of public buildings are covered by the 4 metre law?

Smoking is already banned in enclosed areas of public places in NSW. The law extends the smoking ban to cover the area within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building, such as:

- ✓ shopping centres, malls and plazas;
- ✓ schools, colleges and universities;
- ✓ childcare facilities;
- ✓ community centres, halls and places of worship;
- ✓ theatres, cinemas, libraries and galleries;
- ✓ accommodation hotels and motels;
- ✓ professional, trade, commercial and other business premises;
- ✓ fitness centres, bowling alleys and other sporting and recreational facilities; and
- ✓ Local, NSW and Federal Government premises.

and from 6 July 2015

- ✓ licensed premises including clubs and hotels;
- ✓ restaurants; and
- ✓ cafés.

What buildings are not covered by the '4 metre law'?

Buildings used only for residential purposes such as private houses or multi-unit residential accommodation (such as boarding houses, buildings in caravan parks and residential accommodation in community or strata schemes) are not covered by the '4 metre law'.

Buildings that have multiple uses, such as residential and commercial purposes, will be subject to the '4 metre law' only at those entrances and exits which are used for non-residential purposes.

Does the smoke-free law apply to someone walking along the footpath while smoking as they pass within 4 metres of an entrance to a public building?

No. This situation is not considered an offence, so long as the person does not remain in the smoke-free area while smoking. The purpose of the ban is to stop smokers from congregating immediately outside entrances to or exits from public buildings.

Will there be signage to indicate where smoking is not permitted?

The law does not require signs to be displayed to indicate that smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. This is due to the diverse range of public buildings that are captured under the law.

The law allows NSW Health to work with Local Councils and other Government departments to develop signage appropriate to the different public buildings. 'No smoking' signage is strongly encouraged to support public awareness of the smoking ban.

How will this be enforced?

NSW Health Authorised Inspectors can enforce the ban within 4 metres of an entrance to or exit from a public building under the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*.

On the spot fines of \$300 may apply to individuals who do not comply with the '4 metre law', including at hospitality venues from 6 July 2015.

Why is this Act in place?

The number of people who gather just outside the entrances of buildings can be significant. This has the effect of forcing people entering and leaving those buildings to walk through groups of smokers, exposing them to second-hand smoke. Also, smoke drift can easily occur from outside buildings to the indoor areas.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette and the smoke emitted from a burning cigarette.

In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can increase the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can worsen the effects of other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Exposing ex-smokers to other people's tobacco smoke increases the chance of relapsing to smoking.

For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children's airways are smaller, and their immune systems are less developed. These differences make children more likely to suffer health problems due to second-hand smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.

Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as smoke-free entrances and exits from public buildings, supports those who have quit and makes smoking less visible to children and young people.

How does this affect Local Council bans on smoking?

Many NSW councils, under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, have introduced their own smoking bans. Where these bans are in place, they can continue to be enforced by Local Council rangers.

NOTE: This fact sheet provides general guidance on complying with the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*. Please refer to the exact wording of the Act and associated regulations concerning points of law.

For more information

Learn more or report a breach at health.nsw.gov.au/smokefree.

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TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

LANDSCAPE DRAWING & COLLAGE

(drawing & collage)

for 9 - 14 year olds

Skye Zaracostas - artist & educator

10am - 3pm*

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY

WILD STREAMS

(ink drawing)

for 5-8 year olds

Tammie Castles - artist & teacher

10am - 12 noon

FRIDAY 15 JANUARY

SHELL ART

(mixed media)

for 5 - 8 year olds

Skye Zaracostas - artist & educator

10am - 12 noon

WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY

BOOKMAKING

(bookmaking & collage)

for 9 - 14 year olds

Tammie Castles - artist & teacher

10am - 3pm*

WHACKY WEARABLE CERAMICS

(ceramics & jewellery making)

for 5 - 8 year olds

Clare Thackway - artist & educator

1.30 - 3.30pm

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(drawing)

for 5 - 8 year olds

Skye Zaracostas - artist & educator

1.30 - 3.30pm

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