



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 4 Week 4 30th October, 2015

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Week 4	Beginning Monday 26 th October 2015
30.10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Examinations in Auditorium - Junior Girls Netball Gala Day - HSC Visual Arts Marking all day - 2016 Yr 7 visit to Mt Kembla Public School - Ms P.Dowd
Week 5	Beginning Monday 2 nd November 2015
2.11.15	- HSC Examinations in Auditorium
3.11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Examinations in Auditorium - Marine Studies First Aid - 2016 Yr7 visit to Nareena Hills PS - Ms P.Dowd
4.11.15	- HSC Examination in Auditorium last day
5.11.15	- Yr12 Engineering Studies UOW
6.11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victor Chang Awards in Auditorium 8am-4pm - 2016 Yr 7 visit to Mt St Thomas PS – Ms P Dowd
Week 6	Beginning Monday 9 th November 2015
9.11.15	- South Coast Waterpolo- U/15 Girls
10.11.15	- Year 7 Zone Gala Day
11.11.15	- Yr 10/11 Parents 7-8pm Road Safety Forum
12.11.15	- Yr 12 History excursion Sydney
13.11.15	- FHS CoS Debating Gala Day

Principal's Report

The HSC Examinations are still in progress and will finish on Wednesday 4 November. Figtree High School have many members of staff who will be marking the HSC Examination papers from a wide range of subjects. Thank you to those teachers who have decided to take part in this important process. Participating in HSC marking provides teachers with a greater depth of knowledge to assist in preparing students for their future studies.

A big congratulations to Robyn Christofides, Head Teacher Figtree High School, Flametree Annexe who received the Australian College of Educators, World Teachers' Day 2015 Recognition Award for being a highly effective educator and role model.

We wait in anticipation for the results of the National Moran Photography Prize. Congratulations to Nova Tucker as a finalist and Munveer Bajwa for being named as a semi finalist in the prestigious competition.. Good luck to Nova in the Secondary School Students, Years 9 to 10 Category, as the winner is awarded \$3,000 and their school is awarded \$3,000 for the development of arts at the school.

Congratulations to Ms Ellie Donovan, Deputy Principal for being awarded the PDHPE Teachers' Association most prestigious award, the Doug Scholz Award for outstanding service to the PDHPE profession. A fantastic achievement for an inspirational PDHPE educator and advocate for the teaching profession.

Congratulations to Mrs Julie Liddle from the HSIE faculty who has gained a promotion through merit selection to Head Teacher Administration at Kiama High School. She will commence in 2016. Congratulations to Mrs Karran Williamson who has been appointed as Head Teacher TAS at Figtree High School and will commence in 2016.

Thank you

Carol Marshman

Principal

Learning Support Faculty Report

Every day is a great day in Learning Support. So therefore it should come as no surprise that 2015 in Learning Support has been fantastic because so much has been achieved by our staff and students.

Our achievements and highlights include:

Fourteen of our senior students were successful in attaining **Disability Provisions** for the 2015 HSC. Disability Provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to demonstrate their knowledge in an exam room. Provisions may include braille papers, large-print papers, use of a reader and/or writer, extra time or rest breaks. Many thanks to Mrs Nicole Young who organised the following Year 9 students: Meg Fox, Jarryd Buick, Kayla Marras, Josh Panayiotou, Sam Birch, Jacinta Carson and Sarah Clark. These students generously gave up their time to act as scribes and readers. Best wishes to all students who are currently sitting their HSC examinations.

A reminder for those students who are eligible for **Disability Provisions** and are entering Year 11 and

Year 12 in 2016. Both parents and students should be aware that Disability Provisions applications for BOSTES need to be submitted by **Friday 11th of March 2016**. Inquiries can be directed to Ms Vanessa Glasgow, Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning or our Learning Support Teachers; Ms Judy Markham and Ms Sue Clifford.

It's been another successful year for all those Year 7 students who have participated in the **"Parents as Tutors- Reading Program"**. Many thanks to those parents and friends of Figtree High School who have selflessly dedicated time each Thursday morning to this program. Their continual support and assistance is invaluable as *"Listening to a student read is the best way to promote students' academic success and bolster their self-confidence and sense of well-being"*. Parents/ friends who wish to be involved in this program should contact Ms Judy Markham.

In early June the Learning Support Faculty assisted teachers of all KLA's in completing the 2014 -2015 **NCCD** (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data). The data submitted by Figtree High School acknowledges the work that teachers have already undertaken to support and assist students with disabilities. The data also provides teachers with information on students who will require continued support in some or all of their subject areas. This support and assistance allows students access to participate in learning on the same basis as their peers.

The 2016 **Norta -Norta Tutoring Program** has provided senior indigenous students with the opportunity to engage in individual tutoring and mentoring. The focus of this program is to provide students with learning assistance in key areas of literacy and numeracy. Many thanks to our Tutors; Mr Loucas Kyriacou, Mrs Maureen Waters, Ms Mary-Louise Cregan, Ms Cheryl Akhurst and Mrs Denise Quinn.

Two senior students, Trent Potter and Kayla Schulte were fortunate enough to participate in a "Taster" program organised through **Flagstaff**. Students were able to experience what it would be like working in the industries of catering, laundering, recycling and printing. Flagstaff also provides post school opportunities to our students through a "Transition to Work" Program. Flagstaff is committed to enhancing employment opportunities for people with disabilities by increasing their skills and knowledge through

training, support and experience. Figtree High School and the Learning Support Faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank the Flagstaff Group, in particular Mary Heriot for their constant support.

Annual Review Meetings for students with Disability Confirmations were conducted in Term 3. Students, Parents/ Guardians, Itinerant Teachers (Hearing and Visions), Teachers of Learning Support and Executive Teachers attended. Students were given the opportunity to reflect on past academic, personal and vocational goals. Students then set new objectives. This meeting provided all persons in attendance to evaluate and discuss the students learning and engagement.

It could be assumed that as the 2015 school year draws to an end, things would begin to slow down. This is not the case in the Learning Support Faculty. Currently, Our Learning and Support Teachers are working tirelessly on the **2016 - Year 6 to Year 7 Transitions**. All primary feeder schools have been contacted and information has been collected and collated on student's individual and academic profiles. This information is vital in assisting staff in meeting the individual learning needs of students who transition from the primary school setting to high school.

Finally many thanks to our **SLSO's (Teachers' Aides)**. Frances Roberts, Janine McKnight, Marie-Claire Kurt, Sharon Brigg & Kerry Bengson. The support and assistance that they provide for students at Figtree High School is of an extremely high standard. These aides provide students with both academic and personal support. Their dedication to their work reflects their love and passion for student learning.

Parent Parking Concerns

The Figtree High School **staff car parks are not to be used by parents to drop off or pick up students**. The car park drive ways, including the Figtree Anglican Church driveway, should not be used to complete three point turns. At the end of the school day, these driveways are extremely busy exit points. Staff car parks are not pedestrian access points for parents or students. The school has two pedestrian paths on Gibsons Rd for this purpose. We seek the support of our parents to ensure our car park spaces are safe for our staff and students to ensure they are incident free.

The school has a rear exit gate that enables students to walk north towards O'Briens Road.

Figtree High School

2015/16 Pricelist



Factory Outlet shop
1/31 Montague Street, Fairy Meadow Phone: 4226
1611
Trading Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm



Junior Girls All Season Uniform

Blouse	White layback style with crest		\$24.99
Polo Top	White short sleeve with crest		\$26.99
Skirt	Navy, black & white check - Aline style		\$39.99
Shorts	Navy stretch - mid length		\$32.99
Slacks	Navy Stretch		\$39.99
Jacket	Navy Hooded Zip jacket with crest		\$42.99
Socks	white ankle style	3 pkt	\$12.99

Senior Girls All Season Uniform

Blouse	White layback style with crest		\$24.99
Skirt	Navy Aline style		\$39.99
Shorts	Navy stretch - mid length		\$32.99
Slacks	Navy Stretch		\$39.99
Jacket	Navy Hooded Zip jacket with crest		\$42.99
Socks	white ankle style	3 pkt	\$12.99

Junior Boys All Season Uniform

Polo Top	White short sleeve with crest		\$26.99
Shorts	Navy elastic waist style	From:	\$19.99
Shorts	Navy cargo style		\$22.99
Trousers	Navy elastic waist style		\$27.99
Jacket	Navy Hooded Zip jacket with crest		\$42.99
Socks	white ankle style	3 pkt	\$12.99

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Unisex Sport Uniform

Sport Polo	Available at the school
Sport Shorts	Available at the school

Figtree High School P & C



Shopping Bus Tour

The Figtree High School P&C are having a fantastic fundraiser event for our school community to raise much needed funds for our students.

Date: Saturday 14th November, 2015

Time: 8.00am to approx. 5.30pm

Pick up Location: Wollongong Train Station Carpark West (Gladstone Ave)

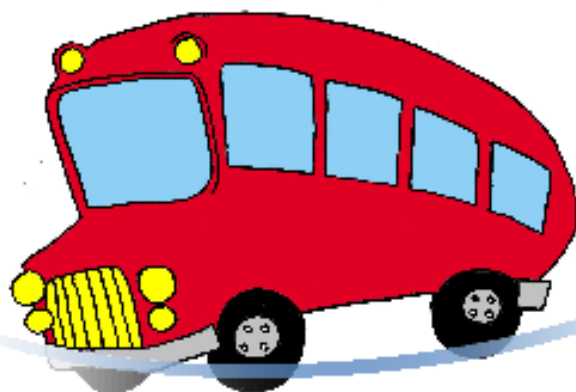
Outlets: Taking Shape Clothing, Sullivans Warehouse Clothing, Debs Hidden Treasures, KB Toys, Christmas World, Manchester Madness, Red Ribbon Gifts, Dolci D'oro Chocolates, Peter's of Kensington, Bendon Lingerie and more.

Cost: \$50.00 per person. Please bring your own lunch and refreshments.

Please bring lots of gold coins with you as we are having raffles on the bus.

Contact: Narelle Jacobsen or Diane Grant on 4271 2787 to book your place. You can direct deposit your payment by contacting us for details.

Please come along for a fun day and help support Figtree High School!





2014 White Ribbon Day walk

Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk



Say no to violence against women!

25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at
<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk>

You can also visit the walk's Facebook page at
<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB>

Organized by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence in support of the White Ribbon Campaign



Get ready for the swimming carnival!

You are welcome to come and try
Corrimal Swim Club
FRIDAY NIGHT POINTSCORE.

Your first 2 visits are FREE!

Corrimal Swim Club's main purpose is to promote swimming within the area, not just to provide a facility for elite swimmers.

Our Friday night point score is a great opportunity for swimmers of all ages to race in a non-competitive atmosphere.

All races are based on the swimmer's individual best times.

Not only do the kids have fun but it is also an opportunity for parents to socialise in a relaxed environment and enjoy a barbecue dinner.

What: Swim Club Pointscore

When: Friday nights 7pm start

Where: Corrimal Memorial Heated Pool
Short Street, Corrimal

Contact: Kim Hutchinson (registrar)

hutchinsonhaul@optusnet.com.au

<http://corrimal.swimming.org.au/>