



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 2 4th February, 2015

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School Events

Week 2(B)	Beginning Monday 2 nd February 2015
3.2.15	- Year 12 Visual Arts Process Diary due
4.2.15	- Year 7 Swim Test at Unanderra Pool during Sport
5.2.15	- JET program meeting with selected Yr 10 students
6.2.15	- South Coast Boys Baseball trials - Year 12 IPT Major Project – Stage 4 Task Due - Year 12 UOW Discovery Day Excursion - St Johns Ambulance Presentation for Years 7 and 8 students
Week 3 (A)	Beginning Monday 9 th February 2015
9.2.15	- Figtree High School Swimming Carnival at Unanderra Pool
10.2.15	- South Coast 15yrs Boys Tennis Trials - Yr 12 Advanced and Standard English Creative Writing Portfolio Assessment Task due
11.2.15	- South Coast Boys and Girls Volleyball Trials - Yr 10 PASS Students assisting with FHPS swimming carnival
12.2.15	- Year 10 Science Student Research Proposal Assessment Task due
13.2.15	- Year 12 Wellbeing Day in the Auditorium - South Coast Open Girls Basketball trials
Week 4 (B)	Beginning Monday 16 th February 2015
16.2.15	- Year 12 Curriculum and Transition Planning Student Interviews - CHS Boys Cricket - Year 12 Textiles Assessment task due
17.2.15	- Year 12 Curriculum and Transition Planning Student Interviews - CHS Boys Cricket - South Coast Open Boys Tennis trials - Year 9 Music Assessment Task due
18.2.15	- CHS Boys Cricket - Year 7 SRC Speeches and Elections – Period 1 - Year 7 Safe Surf Program during Sport
19.2.15	- Year 12 Mathematics Assessment Task
20.2.15	- Zone Swimming Carnival – Corrimall Pool - School Photos - Yr 12 IPT Major Project – Stage 5 due - South Coast Boys and Girls Touch trials

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We have had a very settled start to the year with the students well equipped to begin their year of learning. The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy is fully operational and the parents of Year 7 will be receiving a short survey to complete.

We have a strong and committed Senior Executive; Deputy Principals; **Ms Ellie Donovan** and **Ms Trish Morgan** and myself as Principal.

I would encourage all parents to download the [free Figtree High School App](#). Instructions are located on our school website and official Figtree High School Facebook page.

Welcome to our newly appointed staff:

Mr Peter Hewitt, Head Teacher, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA). **Ms Susan Khan**, teacher, Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE). **Ms Tanya Bennett**, teacher, Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE). **Ms Amanda Henderson**, teacher, Science.

Congratulations to **Ms Jenny English**, Head teacher Science who has been seconded to DEC Warilla Office as relieving Teacher Quality Officer for Term 1, 2015. **Mr Ben Hudson** will be relieving Head Teacher Science.

Welcome to **Ms Karran Williamson**, Head Teacher Secondary Studies, **Ms Evia Kyriacou**, ESL teacher and **Mr Paul Linnett**, Maths teacher, who have returned to Figtree High School.

There have been quite a number of building and maintenance projects completed during the summer holidays. There is a new large undercover area that is currently under construction at the rear of the school. This will provide a sun and rain safe area for the students. I look forward to its completion during the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that you have a fast and efficient method to pay school fees, excursion and extra curricula activities through our Figtree High School website. A summary of our 2015 school fees has been included in this newsletter.

Our Wellbeing Team continues to be a key point of contact for both students and parents in regards to student wellbeing. Our Welfare Head Teachers: **Mrs Jemma Lawson** (Thur/Fri) and **Ms Natasha Clark** (M, Tu, Wed) lead our wellbeing team.

Year 7: **Mrs Margaret Parr** and **Mrs Evia Kyriacou**

Year 8: **Mr Gary Smith**

Year 9: **Mr Simmonds** and **Mrs Dive**

Year 10: **Mr Liddle** and **Mrs Dowd**

Year 11: **Ms Harris**

Year 12: **Mrs Goodall**

Supervisor of Girls: **Mrs Kirsten Borst**

Supervisor of Boys: **Mr Sargent-Wilson**

Thank you

Carol Marshman
Principal

Figtree High School – Core Values: Respect, Safety and Learning

Respect – Interpersonal and online relationships

At Figtree High School, we have clear expectations about student's behaviour and explicitly teach and model behaviours that reinforce our core value of **Respect**.

In all settings in our school environment, respect looks like;

- Being tolerant of others
- Accepting individual differences
- Caring for self, others and the environment
- Using appropriate language

When students leave school at the end of the day, we expect that students will make decisions and continue to interact with their peers and community members in a way that is respectful.

Safety – travelling to and from school

Figtree High School is very fortunate to have traffic lights at the front entrance to ensure student safety for road crossings. Gibsons road is very busy with buses, cars, bicycles and pedestrians, particularly at the end of the school day. Students who have to cross Gibsons road need to use the traffic lights at the front of the school. This ensures their own safety and the safety of other members of the school community. Parents are asked to remind their children about using this crossing and the risks involved in crossing the road by stepping out between parked cars and buses. Students who walk or ride home and travel south along the Princes Highway are also asked to cross the road at the traffic lights in front of the school instead of at the round-a-bout on the Princes Highway, which is very busy after school finishes.

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.

The school has a rear exit gate that enables students to walk north towards O'Briens Road. This road is an ideal pick up point for parents as there is less traffic from Figtree Public School and ample space to stop or park to collect your child after school.

The Figtree Anglican Church front carpark area should not be used by parents to drop off and collect students. This car park is for the staff and visitors of the Figtree Anglican Church. Your cooperation in parking elsewhere is appreciated.

Learning – packing the essentials for school

A key for enhancing learning is ensuring that students are **well organised** for school. Students should have appropriate resources for each of their subjects and bring these for lessons. A pencil case with writing materials, calculator, ruler, highlighters, sharpener, scissors and glue are needed each day. Students should have their BYOD device and exercise books as instructed by their class teachers. Students need several copies of their school timetable – at least one for school and one for home. A diary to organise work requirements is essential, this enables both parents and students to monitor homework and assignment due dates, to reduce the chance of students losing assessment marks because of the late submission of set tasks.

Technology tools are available to assist parents in supporting their child to enhance their learning and achievement at school. The Department of Education and Communities has a website for this purpose, <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au> and the resources are in the free 'schoolatoz' app in the App store.

All students should be engaged in some form of **homework** throughout each school week, to improve their learning and achievement. This can be homework assigned by the teacher or 'self directed' homework, where a student reviews their understanding of a topic by reading through their school book and making summary or study notes on the particular topic to achieve to their potential and develop skills for lifelong learning.

Ellie Donovan

Deputy Principal

PBS VALUES

WEEK 2: LEARNING

Be on time for your next lesson

WEEK 3: RESPECT

When entering and leaving the school, obey community rules and laws.

School Fees

The following is a list of Figtree High School fees for 2015

For your convenience, we process invoices several times a year and these are posted home to each family. If you have a query about any of the fees on your invoice, please phone 42712787 and we will endeavour to help you. All Senior Elective fees may not be included—please see the relevant Head Teacher.

Voluntary School Contributions

Years 7 & 8	\$65
Years 9 & 10	\$75
Years 11 & 12	\$85

Subject Contributions

Mathematics Faculty

Yr 9 Information and Software Technology	\$20
Yr 10 Information and Software Technology	\$20
Yr 11 Information Processes and Technology	\$20
Yr 12 Information Processes and Technology	\$20
Yr 11 Software Development and Design	\$20
Yr 12 Software Development and Design	\$20

TAS Faculty

Yr 7 Technology Mandatory	\$40	
Yr 8 Technology Mandatory	\$40	
Yr 9 Food Technology	\$80	
Yr 10 Food Technology	\$80	
Yr 11 Food Technology	\$50	
Yr 12 Food Technology	\$50	
Yr 12 Textiles & Design	\$25	
Yr 11 Exploring Early Childhood	\$10	
Yr 12 Exploring Early Childhood	\$10	
Yr 11 VET Construction	\$50	
Yr 12 VET Construction	\$50	
Yr 11 VET Hospitality	\$80 Food	\$15 Tool Kit/Locker \$70 Uniform
Yr 12 VET Hospitality	\$80 Food	

Yr 11 Engineering Studies	\$10	
Yr 12 Engineering Studies	\$10	
Yr 9 Graphics Technology	\$10	
Yr 10 Graphics Technology	\$10	
Yr 10 Industrial Technology Metal	\$50	Initial contribution
Yr 11 VET Metals and Engineering	\$50	
Yr 12 VET Metals and Engineering	\$50	Initial contribution
Yr 9 Industrial Technology Timber	\$50	
Yr 10 Industrial Technology Timber	\$60	Initial contribution
Yr 11 Industrial Technology Timber	\$50	Initial contribution
Yr 12 Industrial Technology Timber	\$25	
Yr 11 and Yr 12 Work Studies	NIL	

Languages Years 7 & 8	\$5
Elective Classes (German and French)	\$5

Creative Arts

Visual Art Years 7 & 8	\$20
Visual Art Years 9 & 10	\$30
Visual Art Years 11 & 12	\$50
Visual Design Years 9 & 10	\$30
Photography Years 9 & 10	\$60
Photography Year 11 & 12	\$60
Visual Arts Diary	\$7 & \$5
Music Years 7 & 8	\$15
Music Junior Elective Years 9 & 10	\$20
Music Senior Elective Years 11 & 12	\$25
Yr 11 VET Entertainment	\$25
Yr 12 VET Entertainment	\$25

Science

Junior Science Electives

Marine Studies Yrs 9 & 10	\$40
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Senior Subjects

Biology Yr 11	\$15
Yr 12	\$20
Chemistry Yr 11	\$30
Yr 12	\$40
Earth and Environment Yrs 11 & 12	\$10
Physics Yr 11	\$15
Yr 12	\$20
Senior Science Yr 11	\$15
Yr 12	\$20

Payments for School Fees/Excursions online

We have an online payment option for payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other', to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students full name, class and reference number OR
- the students full name, and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

SMS Messages to Parents

If you receive an SMS from Figtree High School informing you that your child has been marked absent on that day and you are replying back by SMS, could you please state your child's full name and the year they are in as it makes it difficult for us to identify the child with just a Christian name.

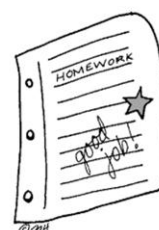
Thank you for co-operation
Administration Office

PARENT/STUDENT PHONE CALLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We ask all parents to be aware that students are required to turn off their phones and put them in their bags during lessons. To ensure students comply with this rule, we request that urgent phone messages to students during lesson times are directed through the front office of the school. We are able to convey messages to students very quickly and to support them if need be should urgent action need to be taken. This allows us to ensure that both the individual student and the other students in the class can return to their learning very quickly. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL – HOMEWORK CENTRE

Our Homework Centre is open every Monday (starting from Week 3 Monday 9th February) from 3.00pm-4.00pm in the School Library. All students are welcome to attend and a teacher will be present to supervise students. Light refreshments are also provided. So, take advantage of this great opportunity to access resources, computers and the internet in a quiet environment.



CONGRATULATIONS SHARNIE

Congratulations to Sharnie Loiqa who studied Visual Arts in Year 12, 2014. Her artwork, *Manhattan - the Himalayas of cityscapes*, has been selected to be exhibited at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in the prestigious ARTEXPRESS exhibition. ARTEXPRESS is an annual exhibition of exemplary artworks created by students for the Higher School Certificate examination in Visual Arts. The works represent a broad range of subject matter, approaches, styles and media. Sharnie describes her artmaking process in her following artist statement;

“In my BOW I wanted to challenge myself and push the boundaries of contemporary drawing practice. I was inspired by Korean artist Hong Seon Jang’s postmodern installations that explore cityscapes using fishing line, string and coloured hot glue. My plan was to suspend my drawings in space – however this was disastrous! The weight of my large glue drawing was distorting my composition. Influenced by Australian artist, Meredith Woolnough, I decided to suspend my drawing on paper using pins and Japanese seed beads. This enabled me to explore the sculptural possibilities of drawing, delicately casting shadows that enhance my complex open work compositions.”

Sharnie also has the privilege of having her artwork feature on the official ARTEXPRESS invitation and her artwork can be viewed on the ARTEXPRESS website.

Johanna Clifford – HT Administration



Year 12 Discovery Day 2015 at the University Of Wollongong

This excursion is a non-uniform day, with the aim that students achieve a taste of University life.

When you arrive on Friday 6 February 2015:

ALL students that are driving, will need to park in the Western car park at their own expense, or if they **have 3 people** in the car they are entitled to **free parking** as per the UOW carpooling incentive. At the car park, you will be met by UOW Student Reps (they will be wearing GREEN T-Shirts and UOW nametags). The Student Reps will direct you to the UOW Hall for their registration.

Student Registration:

Discovery Day Registration will be in the UOW Hall foyer from **8.30am**; students will need to collect their personal timetable which is made according to the preferences they made when selecting subjects on the website. Once in the foyer, students will need to register according to their SURNAME, there will be no changing of any student's timetable in 2015. Students will then enter the hall for the first compulsory session where they will hear from current students and information about the day.

After this session students will attend the sessions they selected and enrolled in, with lunch and entertainment taking place on the Duck Pond Lawn at 12.05-1pm. There will also be lots of food outlets open from where students can purchase lunch. Students should be advised to either pack their lunch or bring some money. Your Discovery Day will officially conclude at approx. 2.45pm.

Mr Sargent-Wilson

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to all our students and especially our new Year 7 students.

We would like to extend an invitation to all the new parents to Figtree High School to volunteer at our wonderful and friendly canteen. If you can spare an hour per week or a couple of hours per month to help serve the students at Lunch 1 (11.22 to 11.52 M,T, W & F or 11.34 to 12.04 Thurs) we would really appreciate it. The more volunteers we have each day, the quicker the students get served and have time to eat their lunch.

Please phone Narelle on 4271 2787 (preferably not at lunch times)

Student Representative Council (SRC) Leadership Day 2015

The Student Representative Council for 2015 will be involved in a **leadership training day** at the University of Wollongong on **Tuesday 24th February**. The aim of the day will be to co-ordinate and plan our SRC activities for the year ahead, create some team harmony and to hear from current community leaders in regards to leadership techniques and tips. The students will need to meet at the Northfields Ave Bus stop by 9.00am where our Year 12 Captains will guide them to building 24 and room 103 for the day's activities. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day. Students will only need to bring a pen/or laptop if they own one.

The **SRC Induction ceremony** will be held on **Monday the 23rd of February** in the school auditorium. Parents/Grandparents/Friends of students receiving their SRC badges are most welcome to attend the ceremony which will commence at 9.45am.

Mr Sargent-Wilson

School Swimming Carnival

When: Monday 9th February, 2015

Where: Western Suburbs Pool

Time: 8.40am – 2.40pm

Attendance:

It is **compulsory** for **all** students to attend. All students who have passed the Aquatic Skills test are encouraged to enter a minimum of 2 events.

Information:

- Students to wait outside the pool until directed in by Figtree High School Staff.
- Roll Call will be at the pool at 8.40am.
- Students will be dismissed from the pool at 2.40pm (this allows time for students to return to school to catch normal buses). There will be no teacher supervision of students returning to school.
- Students are not required to wear school uniform but must wear sensible clothing for the conditions. It is strongly advised to wear a hat and bring sunscreen.
- The canteen/kiosk will be available at the pool.
- The Carnival will go ahead, even if raining.
- There will be NO 'Free Swimming' time and NO ball games will be allowed on the grassed areas.

Early Departure

Pass Outs will not be issued on the day. Students wishing to leave the carnival early must obtain permission from the Deputy Principal prior to Monday 9th February, 2015.

Creative and Performing Arts



CAPA Team: Mr M. Malouf, Ms N. Green, Mrs J. Clifford, Mr P. Hewitt, Mrs M. Buxton, Ms E. Schroder absent Mrs S. Ferguson

As the newly appointed Head Teacher of Creative Arts and a visual arts teacher, I am pleased to have joined the dynamic CAPA team at Figtree High School. Thankyou to all the music and visual art staff for sharing your expert knowledge and successes of 2014, this has enabled a smooth transition into Figtree High School. I am enthusiastic in working together to provide a variety of opportunities for all the outstanding students I have met over the past two weeks.

2015 is going to be an exciting year for Music and Visual Arts. The Visual Arts team will be providing some exciting opportunities including the initiation of a 'Figtree High School Annual Photography Prize' and extracurricular program 'Studio Art' aimed at enthusiastic students who would like to increase their art making practice. There will also be continued junior exhibitions and the impressive annual HSC Body of Work showcase. Other engaging opportunities that will support our teaching and learning programs include the National Arts School Intensive Studio program, Wollongong City Gallery workshops and regional 'Visual Arts Camp'.

The Visual Arts team would also like to publicly commend Mackenzie Simpson who won a place in National Art School intensive studio course for her visually engaging photography, and Shannai Brassington who was awarded the Figtree High School Creative Arts Award for her outstanding achievements in Visual Arts, Music and Photography and Digital Media.

The Music program at FHS continues to grow; in 2015 we will be starting a rock/contemporary music band for talented musicians and singers in Year 8. The school vocal group continues to gain momentum and will feature in public performances at school events. Senior ensemble rehearsals for HSC exam items will take place on Thursday afternoons after school, until around 4pm.

The Music Department looks forward to building on the highly successful 'Talent Quest'; we look forward to watching entrants in several categories and share in lunchtime heats with a large and respectful audience. With over 400 people in attendance in 2014, the 'Talent Quest' was an exciting performance showcase of the creative talents at FHS. Our music students are also excited about performing at school and regional events, including merit assemblies and graduations. Congratulations and a round of applause for Elyse Kambisios is also in order, who achieved highly in Music — her HSC Band 6 result was amongst the best in the school.

The VET Entertainment crew is enthusiastic about providing technical support for audio, lighting, vision systems and staging for events such as the Victor Chang Science Awards, Year 12 Graduation, Presentation Night, Expo night, SRC Inductions, Talent Quest and more.

Any student who is interested in singing is welcome to join the Vocal Group — rehearsals are on Tuesdays during lunch 2. Year 8 rock/contemporary Music band rehearsals will take place on Monday afternoons after school between 3:00pm and 4:15pm. We will be talking to students during class and giving permission notes and information to nominated students. If your son or daughter is interested in being involved, please ask them to discuss this with either Mr Malouf or Miss Schroder (positions may be filled via audition if it proves to be popular).

In other Music news, alumni music student Emily Markham released her debut E.P. recording last year titled "Come On Over" and is available on iTunes for download.

The CAPA faculty is looking forward to a productive and engaging 2015 with all students, parents and staff.

Mr. P Hewitt Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

Outstanding Hockey Success for Emily

Year 8 student Emily McKinnon's Illawarra 1s U15 Team took out the Division 2 State Championship at the 2014 U15 Girls State Field Hockey Championships in Taree last year. From that Championship, Emily was then selected to represent Hockey NSW in the Girls U14 Blues State Team in Melbourne (29/9-3/10/14).

The Blues competed against teams from Victoria and Canberra over a week, and made it into the finals against Victoria. Unfortunately our girls were defeated 3-1 by a very tough Victorian Team, but they came away from the experience with many lifelong friends.

Emily barely unpacked her bags, only to receive a call requesting her to fill in for the Illawarra 1s, U15 Girls Indoor Team. They competed the following weekend in the U15 State Indoor Hockey Championships in Niagara Park (Central Coast).

Her team was put in a tough pool and finished a respectable third place over all in Division 1. A solid result, considering Emily had not played indoor hockey all season.

Congratulations to Emily and we wish her every success with her Hockey in 2015.



School Photos – February

This year our school photos will again be taken over two days in February, Friday 20th and Friday 27th. This year we have changed to a local company – MSP – Photography who have a range of packages available for you to purchase. An information brochure is included in this newsletter.

Students will be receiving their photograph envelopes and organisation next week. Parents are reminded that the envelopes and payment is made on the photo day and envelopes should not be returned before the photo day. Students who are attending the Zone Swimming Carnival and miss their photos will be photographed on the following Friday 27/2/15.

School Uniform - 2015

The school has two suppliers for our school uniform, Lowes at Westfield Figtree and Poppets Direct, who have a warehouse outlet in Montague Street, Fairy Meadow. Girls have the option to wear the school skirt or our approved school shorts during the summer months. The school uniform shorts for girls are mid-thigh length, plain navy, with no logos, pleats or cuffs. Our uniform suppliers have our girl's shorts in stock. We seek our parents support in ensuring that girls are wearing the approved school uniform shorts next year.

Junior Students Senior Students



Our school canteen is selling the school caps for a price of \$12.

Footwear

Our school uniform includes **ALL BLACK** fully enclosed **leather, leathertette or suede** shoes. This is to ensure that students meet the appropriate Work Health and Safety requirements while they are at school.

If you require assistance with uniforms, please contact Mrs Borst at the school.



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Project Unite – A Wests Illawarra and WAVE FM Community Initiative

Wests Illawarra Leagues Club coordinate the Project Unite -The Youth Achievement Awards. The nominations for these awards are now open and close on Friday 20th February at 5pm. Nominations for these awards are completed online by young people. The school is happy to provide support to any student who is interested in nominating for one of the 8 award categories. Categories include: Citizenship, Academic Excellence, Achievement in the Arts and Digital Media, Special Achievement, Sports Achievement, Achievement in Golf and Achievement in Rugby League.

Further information about the nomination process is available on the website

<http://www.westsillawarra.com.au/project-unite/youth-achievement-award-applications> or student can see **Ms Donovan, Ms Clark** or **Mr Smart**.

All award nominees have the opportunity to attend the awards dinner, with family and friends able to purchase tickets to the dinner. In 2014, a number of Figtree High School students won the major award and encouragement awards.

Saturday School of Community Languages

Term 1 classes at the Saturday School of Community Languages, Smiths Hill High School centre **start on Saturday 7 February**.

Students should meet in the assembly area (near the Gipps Street entrance) for a brief assembly to start at 8.30am and they will then move to their classrooms for lessons. Years 7 to 10 finish at 10.30am, Years 11 & 12 finish at 11.45am.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Margaret

Margaret Uitterlinden
Supervisor, Saturday School of Community Languages
Smiths Hill High School centre



Figtree High School Expo Night 2015

6pm Wednesday 25th February 2015

Figtree High School Auditorium

Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2016 are invited to the annual FHS Expo Night

School Tours
Faculty Displays
Games
Student guides
Technology

For further information,
please call or email us:
02 4271 2787

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say cheese

School Photo Day is
Friday 20th February 2015
& Friday 27th February 2015

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for more than one student in one envelope however each student needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Sibling & Friends Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. *Online Ordering is NOT available for Sibling & Friends Photo Packs.*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day. Present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer, sending it to school earlier will only create more work for your school administration staff.

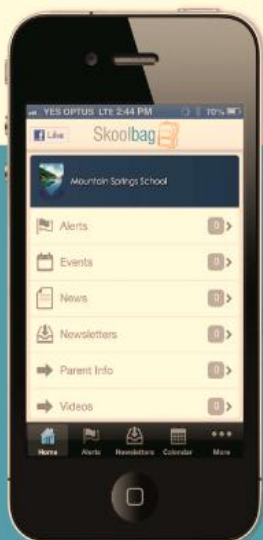
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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Australian Army Cadets Recruiting in Wollongong

The Australian Army Cadets provides young Australians with the opportunity to learn, develop & practice many interesting, fun and valuable skills - especially leadership. It is the only government sponsored youth group in Australia. Currently there are over 25,000 young Australians enjoying their involvement in tri-service cadet units throughout the country so we must be doing something right! Become part of a unique, exciting and challenging organisation that will drive you to exceed your best. Why not join us and become a new member of the 26 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) at Wollongong? 26 ACU has a long and distinguished history of service, having been founded in 1985. Join us, make your mark, rise to the challenges and have a great time doing it!

Unit name - 26 Army Cadet Unit, Wollongong

Parades - Thursday nights weekly (6pm to 9.30pm) during school term and 4 weekend bivouacs per year.

Info Night - Thurs 5th & 12th February 2015, 6pm at Wollongong Army Depot, 91 Gipps St Gwynneville NSW.

Age - minimum- Must be turning 13yo the year of joining and not older than 17yo.

Gender - we accept both male and female recruits

Contact No. - 4228 3698

Email - 26acu@cadetnet.gov.au

Website - www.armycadets.gov.au

Any interested students should come along to the Info Night with their parents and can see what cadets is all about. We only have 2 recruit intakes per year and the next wouldn't be until July-15 so if students are interested they should come along now.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS and BUSINESS OWNERS
PRINCES HIGHWAY FIGTREE – SOUTH OF GIBSONS ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS TO CYCLEWAY/ROAD/PARKING

On 9 February 2015 Wollongong City Council will be commencing improvement works to the existing road servicing 120 to 160 Princes Highway and 1 Gibsons Road Figtree. These improvement works are part of Council's commitment to improve and maintain the city's assets. The anticipated project will be completed by the end of April, pending weather conditions.

The works will involve road widening, drainage improvements, new kerb and vehicle access, improved cycleway access, pavement resurfacing and improvements to parking arrangements. Tree removal will be necessary in front of houses 134, 132, 124, 122 and 120.

Traffic and pedestrian control measures will be put in place to separate the works site from the traffic for the safety of the public and worksite staff. The existing access road will be open to residents during the works and all other access will be restricted. It is requested alternative arrangements be utilised for school drop off. Vehicles using this site for advertisement for sale will be referred to Council's regulation and enforcement Division.

Construction vehicles will utilise the entrance road to enter the construction compound. Parking will not be able to be maintained that is currently utilised on the road verge in front of properties while works are progressing. During the stage of driveway construction, residents will not have vehicle access to their properties for approximately 4 days. Council asks residents to make alternative arrangements for parking their vehicles. Residents will be able to park vehicles on the existing road during these periods.

Council understands that during the construction some inconvenience may occur during the course of the works, but every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum.

If you have any queries prior and during construction work please contact Council's Leading Hand on Site, or alternatively Council's Senior Civil Coordinator, Glen Schembri on telephone 4227 7111.

Your cooperation during the construction period will be appreciated.

Family Law Advice

A free legal service for women



Our solicitors provide legal advice and information about Family Law issues
This is a free service for women

When

Fortnightly on Thursday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00

Appointments

Are essential!

Location

WWIS - Wollongong Women's Centre
170 Corrimal Street
Wollongong
(opposite Wollongong Golf Club)

To make an appointment

Contact us on 4228 1499
or wwis@wwis.org.au

Welcome!

Women's *Crafty* Drop In Morning

If you would like to...

- ☺ do some art and craft activities
- ☺ have a chat over morning tea
- ☺ get to know some other women
- ☺ just relax and do your own thing

this could be the group for you!

**This is an informal, friendly and relaxed
time for women to drop in, do some
things that they enjoy, and have some
fun - together!**

*Limited child minding will be available -
bookings are essential!*

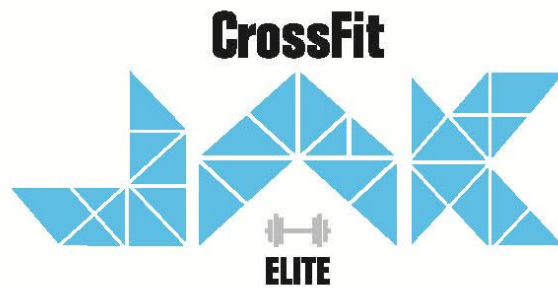
When

Term 1 2015

Thursday 5 February - Thursday 26 March
10.00 – 12.00

Where

Wollongong Women's Centre
170 Corrimal Street Wollongong
(opposite Wollongong Golf Club)



JAK FIT KIDS

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY
4-5PM @ \$20 SESSION**



CROSSFIT JAK OFFICE:

MOBILE: 0419 923 201 / LANDLINE: 02 4226 9666

CNR CORRIMAL & SWAN ST@VIKINGS CLUB

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Your Local Info Session

North Sydney
Stanton Library
234 Miller Street
North Sydney NSW 2060
9 Feb '15 | 7-8:30pm

See our
website
for more
details

" I hardly seem to have a spare moment here!! After three weeks, things are starting to feel more and more normal and life here is starting to become natural. Sometimes it feels weird to speak English!! "

School, at first, was quite difficult because I am living in a small town, my whole class have known one another since they were petite. However, they were all friendly and I have made acquaintance with just about the whole school, so there is always someone to talk to or ask questions. The language difference isn't too much trouble. Miming is funny anyway and it's good for breaking the ice!

My host family are very accommodating and always have new things to share and do with me. I am trying my best to do the same back, bringing my own bit of Australia here with me in Belgium. We are celebrating Australia Day tomorrow and I am teaching them how to make pavlova.

See Rome, Paris or New York in 2015 with WEP Student Exchange!

Request a FREE Information Pack NOW!

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Experience The Magic Of Hosting



" In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable. "

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

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WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT

2015 SUMMER SUNDAY

(Under 18 Year Olds)

7 ROUND SWISS

WHEN: 10:00am Sunday 15-Feb-2015 (10:00am to 4:00pm)

WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
(Opposite Woolworth)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI

Phone: (02) 4283 3080

e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS

AUTUMN 31-May-2015

WINTER 30-Aug-2015