



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

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### School Events

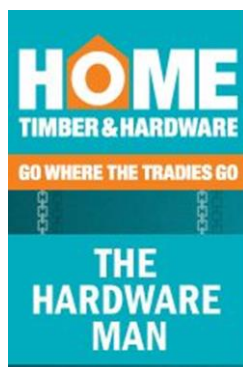
| Week 8(B)   | Beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015   |
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| 18.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHS Baseball Championships all week</li> <li>- Figtree Heights PS Cross Country Carnival 9-11am</li> <li>- Year 7 Safe Surf Program at North Wollongong during Sport</li> <li>- Yr 10 French and German assessments this week</li> <li>- Yr 11 Music Performance assessments this week</li> </ul>   |
| 19.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 9Y and 10Y Food technology Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 11 Ancient History Assessment task</li> <li>- Peer Support for Year 7 and selected Yr 11 students</li> <li>- Yr 11 VET Students White Card Course in Lab 4</li> <li>- HSC Music Ensemble Practice – 3:00pm</li> </ul>  |
| 20.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South Coast Boys and Girls Hockey Trials</li> <li>- 'Bullying No Way!' Program for Yr 8</li> <li>- Assembly for launch of new Sports Houses – Period 1</li> <li>- Yr 11 VET Students White Card Course in Lab 4</li> <li>- Senior SRC and Captaincy Morning Tea – Lunch 1</li> <li>- Yr 11 Work Studies Assessment task</li> </ul>  |
| Week 9 (A)  | Beginning Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2015   |
| 23.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations commence and continue all week</li> <li>- Yr 11 Music Performance Assessments this week</li> <li>- Yr 7 heritage Site Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 9 German and Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks this week</li> <li>- Yr 11 French Assessments this week</li> <li>- Yr 10 Gen2Work Interviews for students</li> <li>- Yr 8 Music Band Practice – 3pm</li> </ul>  |
| 24.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- 'Bullying No Way!' Program for Yr 8</li> <li>- NSW All Schools Pizzey Cup Tennis trials</li> <li>- Yr 10 PASS excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Yr 10 Marine Studies excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Yr 11 French Assessment task</li> </ul>  |
| 25.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- Year 7 Camp – Teen Ranch Cobbitty</li> <li>- Yr 9 History and geography Assignment Due</li> <li>- Australian Geography Competition</li> <li>- South Coast Rugby League Open and U15 trials</li> <li>- P and C Meeting – Staff Common Room – 7:30pm</li> </ul>   |
| 26.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- Year 7 Camp – Teen Ranch Cobbitty</li> <li>- CHS Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre</li> <li>- South Coast netball Gala Day</li> <li>- Yr 11 Advanced and Standard English Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 9 PASS Excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Girls U15 and Open AFL Gala Day</li> <li>- Yr 11 French Assessment Task</li> <li>- HSC Music Ensemble Practice – 3:00pm</li> </ul> |
| 27.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- CHS Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre</li> <li>- Year 7 Camp – Teen Ranch Cobbitty</li> <li>- Yr 10 Science Student Research Projects due</li> <li>- Yr 10 History and Geography Assessment Tasks</li> <li>- Yr 11 Community and Family Studies Assessment Task</li> </ul>   |
| 28.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- P&amp;C holding a BBQ on Election Day out the front of the Auditorium 9am – 12noon. Coffee and Lamingtons for sale also!</li> <li>- CHS Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre</li> </ul>   |
| Week 10 (B) | Beginning Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2015   |
| 30.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations continue all week</li> <li>- Peer Support for Year 7 and selected Yr 11 students</li> <li>- 'Bullying No Way!' Program for Yr 8</li> <li>- Yr 11 Legal Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9 Marine Studies Excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Year 8 Science Practical Assessments</li> </ul>   |
| 31.3.15     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- School Cross Country Carnival after Lunch 1</li> <li>- Year 8 Science Practical Assessments</li> </ul>  |
| 1.4.15      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- South Coast Netball Trials</li> <li>- Yr 11 Visual Arts Assessment Task</li> <li>- Year 8 Science Practical Assessments</li> </ul>  |
| 2.4.15      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations</li> <li>- Merit Excursion to the Royal Easter Show</li> <li>- Last Day of Term 1</li> </ul>   |

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to all the students from our Community of Schools (CoS) who participated in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. In particular I would like to thank Ms Karin Harlor, Ms Hayley Quill, the Year 10 students for their participation as the coaches and the CoS teachers who attended on the day to make it a great success for all students involved.

Congratulations to **Zoe Williams** and **Alyssa Neden** from Year 8 on their successful audition and recent selection in the Southern Stars Performing Company – High School Dance ensemble. We look forward to seeing your performances later this year.

A special thank you to the Trade Manager at Home Timber & Hardware, Tony Erdel *Mobile 0439 384 716* ([tony.erdel@thehardwareman.com.au](mailto:tony.erdel@thehardwareman.com.au)) for the quality and price of the timber and metal fasteners that were purchased for the construction of 9 tables and chairs settings for the recently built undercover COLA at the rear of the school.



It was with great pleasure that I attended the Zonta Club -Young Woman in Public Affairs Award in the Illawarra. The students who were nominated for the prestigious event are **Karlee McNamara**, **Amy Pryor** and **Jelena Zaric**. Mrs Borst and the girl's parents also attended the event.

Thank you

**Carol Marshman**  
Principal

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

### A focus on Respect

We regularly talk to students about respect, reminding students to speak and act with respect to their peers, teachers, school staff and community members. This week, on the school assembly, we recognised the importance of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, which is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



The purpose of this National day is to raise awareness about bullying. This includes focusing on; what bullying behaviour looks like; how to deal with bullying if a student is being bullied; and the role of a bystander in a bullying situation.

As a school we actively encourage students to **report** incidents of bullying to their class teacher, the teacher on playground duty, their Year Advisor or Deputy Principal. The school can and will take action to address any issues of bullying that are reported. The earlier that students report bullying concerns, the easier it is to manage the situation so that students feel safe at school.

The online environment and social media interactions can increase the opportunities for students to experience bullying. For this reason, it is very important that the issue of bullying is discussed in the home environment and that parents monitor their child's online interactions and engagement with social media.

The Bullying No Way website, has some valuable information to support both students and their parents.  
<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

It recommends that students: TALK. Telling shares the problem. It helps you feel supported. Get some helpful advice from others. It is really important to tell someone if the bullying has been going on for a while or the strategies you've tried haven't worked.

- Talk to your friends - they can help you tell a teacher or your parents or just to feel better.
- Talk to your parents - tell them the who, what, when and where of what's been happening.
- Talk to your teacher or another staff member - tell them the who, what, when and where. If you don't want to do this in public, make an excuse to see the teacher about something else, for example your homework.

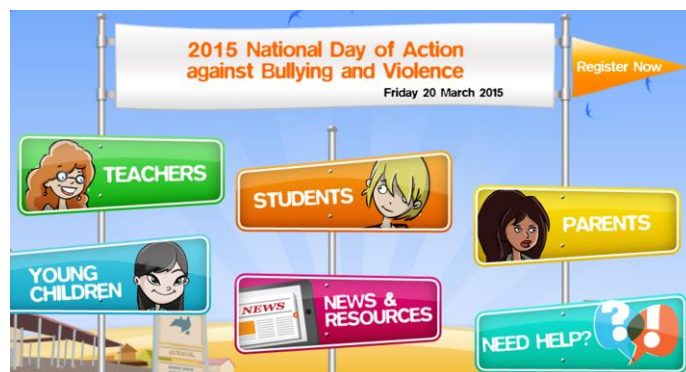
If you can't talk to someone face-to-face go online or call a Kids Helpline counsellor

The 'Take a Stand Together' app is a useful 'free' tool for students and it is available as both an iPhone or Android application, to provide young people and parents with helpful advice regarding bullying.



As I often remind students, and parents that I speak with, students need to report incidents of bullying, so the school can follow up on incidents, using the school's discipline and welfare procedures. Students are reminded that they can speak with a teacher, their Year Advisor, school counsellor or Deputy Principal about bullying incidents. Alternatively, parents can also contact the school if they are concerned about their child experiencing bullying at school.

It is fantastic to see our Wellbeing Team and our students supporting this awareness raising, National Day of Action.



Information for parents and students can be accessed from this website <http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

*Ellie Donovan*  
**Deputy Principal**

## PBS VALUES

### WEEK 9: RESPECT

Be at the Canteen only to buy for yourself

### WEEK 10: LEARNING

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

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

### **EVENTS 2015**

This year Figtree High School students participated in several events:

#### **Zonta Club International – Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA) on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

As part of International Women's Day, three students were nominated this year for the prestigious **Zonta Club -Young Woman in Public Affairs Award** in the Illawarra, held at **Centro CBD**. The students nominated were **Karlee McNamara, Amy Pryor and Jelena Zaric**. Mrs Marshman, Mrs Borst and the girl's parents also supported them by attending the event. The nominees chosen all displayed a high standard of excellence academically as well as being actively involved in community service and displaying an awareness of the status of women on a national and international level. Nominations were of a very high standard throughout the Illawarra. **Karlee, Amy and Jelena** were all chosen as finalists for this year's event. This is an impressive achievement as the standard of finalists was exceptional with entrants from St. Mary's Star of the Sea College, The Illawarra Grammar School and Smiths Hill High School. Congratulations to all three students and keep on 'Advancing the Status of Women'.



#### **International Women's Day Brunch – March 10th**

On Tuesday March 10th, four students in Year 10, **Jasmine Lee, Mikayla Markham, Kimia Rahmannia and Xoesse Attipoe** attended a brunch at BlueScope Steel Visitors Centre.

It was held to celebrate women and their roles in society. Inspirational guest speakers for the event included: Caroline Fathers-actress, Clare Murphy-climate scientist, Ibteessam Tohmey – engineer and Kelly Newell-neuroscientist, spoke at the event. They each highlighted the importance of perseverance and learning through failure as well as success, and the power of education and belief in yourself. They also spoke of their diverse career paths that led them to their success in their current vocation. The students who attended were encouraged by the presentations and thoroughly enjoyed the sumptuous morning tea that followed.

“Today we attended the International Women's Day Brunch. It was a very educational experience. We were inspired by the women who spoke about their hardships, inspirations, memories and achievements. They showed us that we should always follow our dreams and not listen to anybody who criticises our goals and beliefs.”

**Mikayla Markham and Jasmine Lee**

“The International Women's Day brunch was very enlightening because we got to listen to some amazing women and their inspirational stories. The fact that these women work in a male dominated area was inspiring. They struggled and worked very hard which is motivating to us to aspire to go further in our education to achieve our goals.”

**Xoesse Attipoe and Kimia Rahmannia.**





## FIGTREE HIGH - CROSS COUNTRY

**This is a normal school day and ALL students are to attend and participate.**

**WHEN:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**WHERE:** School – races start on the Netball courts and finish on the bottom oval underneath the football posts, running through neighbouring paddocks and crossing the creek (approximately 3km ).

### TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

Periods 1 – 3 will be normal timetabled lessons

Lunch 1 – 11.22am until 11.56am

Assembly 11.56pm until approximately 12.20pm

### RACE SCHEDULE

- **Seniors & 16 years**– 12.45pm
- **12 & 13 Years** – 1.00pm
- **14 Years** – 1.15pm
- **15 Years** – 1.30pm

**If time permits there will be assembly in the Quad at approx. 2.45pm where rolls will be marked and raffle tickets will also be drawn with prizes given.**

### INFORMATION

- School uniform **MUST** be worn for Periods 1 – 3 then students may change into old clothes to run in (they don't have to run in their PE shirt)
- The students **WILL** get their feet wet crossing the creek so it is advisable to wear old joggers and not expensive shoes.
- Seniors and 16 years should not eat a great deal at Lunch 1 but wait until after their race.
- 12, 13, 14 and 15 years should eat their lunch at Lunch 1 before their race.
- It is advisable to wear a hat and sunscreen for the race.
- Water will not be available on the course. If students think they will need it, they will have to carry a water bottle with them.

### TEACHER SUPERVISION

Teachers are stationed at regular intervals around the course (visible at each checkpoint) – each teacher will have a mobile phone and small first aid kit. A risk assessment has been completed for this event.

All students are encouraged to participate whether to qualify for the Zone Cross Country Championships or just to have fun. If your son/daughter has a medical condition that may prevent him/her from participating in this event, please supply a note on the day detailing the condition so an exemption may be arranged.

### FUNDRAISING

On the afternoon of the Cross Country the SRC are running some stalls to raise money for the school (eg, sausage sizzle, cakes & drinks). We ask students to bring some money to support these fundraising activities.

## P&C NEWS

### Help for the P&C State Election BBQ –

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 8:00am-1:00pm**

Figtree High School Auditorium will be a polling place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the P&C are organising a fundraising BBQ on the day. If you are interested in assisting with cooking or serving on the day, please email Sharyn Low on [d\\_low@tpg.com.au](mailto:d_low@tpg.com.au) or phone/text 0422 885 340 with your name and your preferred time slot.

We are also asking for donations of cartons of eggs and bacon to cook on the day. If you can donate either of these items for the BBQ it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be taken to the school canteen before school any day until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

We will be selling Lamingtons and coffee on the day as well.

Please consider helping at the BBQ or donating food items and remember you have to vote somewhere, so come along and enjoy a snag too and support your school.

Thanks,

Sharyn Low  
Figtree High School  
P&C President

## South Coast Football

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining a position in the South Coast Football teams to compete at the Combined High School carnivals next term.

### South Coast Boys Team

- **Ethan Kambisios** (Yr 11)
- **Joshua Mears** (Yr 11)
- **Adam Bassuni** (Yr 12)
- **James Solevski** (Yr 12)

### South Coast Girls Team

- **Pimwadee Polhill** (Yr 11)
- **Diana Djukic** (Yr 11)
- **Lucy Nolan** (Yr 12)

# “LITTLE FIGGIES PLAYGROUP”

Figtree High School's Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood class is running "Little Figgies Playgroup". The sessions are every second Monday of the school term. The next date for Term 1- 30/3/15

Time: 11-12

Where: Design and Planning Room (Ground level - Industrial Arts block)

Cost: 1 piece of fruit per child. Morning tea provided for parents/caregivers.

Toys, painting, play dough, dress ups, arts and crafts!

Tell your friends and come along and join the fun!!

For more information contact Mrs Wale (TAS Teacher) on 4271 2787



## Big Science Competition

All students are invited to participate in the Big Science Competition. This is a nation-wide science competition consisting of 30 multiple choice questions. The exam will be sat in Science classes during May. Students will receive certificates for participation and achievement, as well as a report outlining their responses.

The cost of entry is **\$7.50**, to be paid at the front office **before Week 10, Term 1**.

We would like to encourage all students with interest and/or ability in Science to participate.



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for all students in Years 7 and 9 will be held in Term 2 from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015. NAPLAN tests are conducted at all schools and are administered by classroom teachers. NAPLAN tests are a ‘snapshot in time’ of a student’s literacy and numeracy skills; they do not replace the formal and informal ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance in the courses being studied as part of the school curriculum.

### Additional support for students with special needs

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. Disability adjustments can include large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests. Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

If you wish to access additional support or apply for an exemption or withdrawal for your child please contact either Mr Peter Simmonds (NAPLAN Coordinator), Ms Susan Clifford or Ms Judy Markham (Learning and Support Teachers) as soon as possible for applications to be completed and submitted to meet due dates.

For more information about NAPLAN, visit the NAP website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) or contact the identified teachers at our school.

Mrs Vanessa Glasgow  
HT Teaching and Learning

## 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

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who have responded quickly to our SMS's that we send out when a student is marked absent.

Can we ask that you state the child's full name and year when replying to the SMS as this allows us to mark our records accurately.

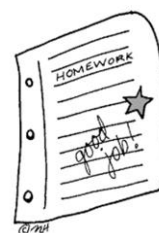
Thank you for co-operation  
Administration Office

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 16 years Boys South Coast Futsal Championships

Figtree entered two teams in this age group, the 16Blue and 16Red. The 16Blue team were State Runners Up 2 years ago in the U14 age group narrowly losing in a tense state final 5-4 to Endeavour Sports HS. The boys were very keen to make it back to the state championships to amend for that loss. The day did not start well after cruising 1-0 over Wollongong Performing Arts to only concede 2 very soft goals at the death to lose our opening match 2-1. A bit of a pep talk from Coach Smart, reinforcing our game plan and how we play paid dividends, with the boys not beaten for the rest of the day, being crowned 16Boys South Coast Schools Futsal Champions. Their results throughout the day after the initial loss were wins over, Lake Illawarra Red 7-0, Albion Park 5-0 and Oak Flats 3-0 to finish top of our pool. Then in the semi-final, Keira 3-1, and the final, Vincentia 4-1. The boys proving to definitely be the best team there on the day. Bring on the State Champs on Thursday July 30!



### 16 years Boys Blue – South Coast Champions

16Red proved to be the surprise packet of the day. A group of League players who had played a bit of Football when younger, decided to chance their hand at Futsal. And what a hand it proved to be! Topping their pool with wins over Lake Illawarra Blue 5-1, Corrimal 5-2, Kanahooka 3-0, and their biggest scalp of the day, Keira 4-2! They also drew 3-3 with Oak Flats Red. In the semi-final against Vincentia it was 0-0 all the way to the final few minutes with Vincentia pulling away at the end to win 2-0. So close to having both Figtree teams in the final and qualifying 2 teams to State Championships.



### 16 years Boys Red – South Coast Semi-finalists

Both teams were a credit to themselves and the school, competing with vigour, enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. A great day out at Futsal by all and a very positive day for Figtree HS.

Mr Smart

HT PDHPE

## Regional Swimming Championships

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> March the Regional Swimming Championships were held at Dapto Olympic Pool. We had a number of individual swimmers as well as a large number of relay teams competing throughout the day. Figtree High students swam extremely well and demonstrated strong levels of sportsmanship and team spirit.

Congratulations to the following students who will now be going to Sydney Olympic Park to swim at the Combined High Schools Championships on the 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Caitlin Smith** – 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 200m Individual Medley, 50m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

**Meghan Fox** - 100m butterfly

**Jade Gray** - 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke

Relay teams

12 year boys – **Eamon Smith, Martin Patrone-Hill, Max Schilder, Zane Oliver**

12 year girls – **Alyssa Parks, Savanna Mackay, Marlee Nelson- Giatras, Tahlay Balgovind**

14 year boys – **Daniel Gray, Jason Vugrek, Jack Rudd, Jeremy Jones**

Girls Medley – **Jade Gray, Meghan Fox, Caitlin Smith, Molly McNair** (pictured below)



### **16 Girls South Coast Futsal Championships**

Figtree entered two teams in this age group, the 16Blue and 16Red. Both teams started a little slow in their first match, not taking chances when they presented. In the pool matches 16Blue drew in their first match against the eventual South Coast champions Vincentia 0-0 and 16Red came from a 3-1 deficit to draw 3-3 with Lake Illawarra. 16Red then were beaten by Cedars while 16Blue lost in the dying seconds to be beaten by Illawarra Christian School 1-0. From here both teams got on a roll, taking chances and scoring goals. 16Red beat Warrawong, and then played out a nail biting 1-1 draw with Wollongong Performing Arts HS (PAHS), who eventually made the final, then winning their last match against Albion Park Blue. 16Blue then went onto beat Albion Park Red & Keira. 16Blue qualified for the semi-finals with 16Red unluckily just missing out.

It was very close on the day between the top 8 teams, with all results in the matches involving these teams having the possibility of going either way. In the semi-final 16 Blue took on Wollongong PAHS. The lead in this match see-sawed with Figtree taking the early lead. The match was locked at 2-2 and everyone readying for extra time when a Wollongong player took a crack at goal and it miraculously hit the net. Straight after this the final whistle blew. Wollongong winning 3-2, making the Final and qualifying for the state championships!



### **16 Girls Blue**



### **16 Girls Red**

#### **Open Girls South Coast Futsal Championships**

Figtree entered a team with the Yr 12 girls enjoying the last opportunity to represent the school at Futsal. The day started well with a win over Lake Illawarra, the day then hit a snag as they came up against a Cedars team brimming with quality. Cedars went on to become convincing South Coast Champions, and I predict, will give the state title a big nudge. Unfortunately the next game against Dapto proved to be their last, playing out a 0-0 draw which meant the girls didn't qualify for the semi-finals.

Overall, it was a great day out with the three Figtree teams involved. All girls represented the school very well and enjoyed a day of teamwork, skill, fitness playing Futsal.

Mr Smart

HT PDHPE



## 2015 Futsal Open Boys South Coast Competition

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> March four open boys futsal teams competed in the south coast competition. The school teams competing consisted of Figtree Blue, Green, Red and Yellow.

Figtree blue started the day with a forfeit and went to play in another 4 matches that saw them draw 1-1 with Lake George Sports High from Canberra, lose 5-3 to Illawarra Sports High red team. In the third game Figtree Blue suffered a loss to Oak Flats. In the 4<sup>th</sup> match Figtree Blue came home with a well-deserved 6-1 win.

Figtree red had one of hardest draws of all the teams competing, they took on Oak Flats in their first pool match which saw victory to Figtree red by 2-1. The second game saw the boys up against the team that went on to win the day, Keira High school. The Figtree red team threw everything they could at Keira including their bodies. The boys suffered a defeat at the hands of Keira. Game 3 saw them take on Lake George Sports Academy. Having lost two integral team members the boys were gallant in defeat losing 7-2.

Figtree yellow showed composure and class the whole day and ran out winners 5-1 against Lake George Sports academy. The boys then took the field against Illawarra Christian School and delivered a 2-2 draw. Unfortunately in their final pool match against Illawarra Sports High, the boys needed a win to see them through to the semi-final stage but it was not meant to be, with Illawarra Sports winning the match 4-2.



The days stand out team was Figtree green, the team gained the upper hand on Cedars winning 1-0 with a goal to **Harrison** in their first pool match. Figtree green went on to their second match against Wollongong High winning 2-0 with goals to **Adam and Ben**.

In game three the boys impressed with a solid performance beating Kanahooka High 4-1 with goals to **Harrison, Adam and Cameron**.

With all of the pool games completed the Figtree green team saw themselves on top of their pool and progress to the Semi-Final stage where they were up against Illawarra Sports High red team. During the semi-final match the boys played some very impressive football coming back from a 2 goal deficit to complete the end of normal time with the scores locked at 3-3. With the scores locked at 3 all, it was decided that they would play 3 minutes of extra time with Golden goal rules.

Unfortunately for the boys they conceded in the second minute of extra time and lost. Having come this far in the competition the boys were devastated and should be commended for the way in which they both presented themselves on the day and competed.

Well Done!

Mr Aaron Kellaway

## Under 14's Futsal Report

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the U14's boys and girls represented Figtree High School at the Futsal tournament. Altogether, we had three teams compete (2 boy's teams and 1 girls' team). Although all teams were unsuccessful in making the semi-finals, everyone demonstrated excellent sportsmanship skills and all students played to the best of their ability. **Ashleigh Long** and **Matthew Mc Cance** were the star goalkeepers for the day. Both students continually put their bodies on the line and they each saved some fantastic goals. **Jayden Smileski** also demonstrated some impressive football. He always looked for the open pass and was quite destructive in his defensive skills. Overall, a great day was had by everyone. Thank you to the parents who offered their help throughout the day. It was great to see so much support for our students.

Hayley Quill

## KOREA 2015

If you are interested in your child travelling to Korea or hosting a homestay billet this year, please read the following information.

### EOI - HOMESTAY 2015 – JE JU, KOREA

Dear Parents and Students

Thank you for your interest in our Homestay program with Je-Ju National University Middle School, Republic of Korea. With our Homestay visit planned in August 2015, we are planning our return **travel to Korea during the Spring holidays, 2015.**

All students who hosted a Korean student or acted as a day billet, will be receiving this letter to invite them to participate in the return visit. Parents are also invited to participate in this trip.

**Details:**

**Travel Dates: 20 September 2015 – 29 September 2015. (Tentative dates)**

**Duration: 10 days**

**Staff: Mrs Smith, Ms Berriman, Mr Liddle**

**Cost: \$2300.00 students. Parents/staff – hotel surcharge TBA.**

Students will be staying with Homestay hosts and it is hoped that in most cases they will be with the same student that stayed with you.

**Payment plan:**

We need an indication of your interest in participating and this is to be in the form of:

- a deposit of \$200.00 paid to the school office by **Friday, 27 March 2015**
- a further part-payment of \$400.00 by **Friday, 08 May 2015**
- the balance paid in two instalments – late Term 2, mid Term 3 or **by 01 September 2015.**

Part payments can be made at any time to the school office and we imagine many families will decide to part-pay each fortnight.

Fundraising to offset costs for students is an option.

**Passports and Travel Insurance at own expense. Prompt organisation of passports is essential. All documentation must be to Regional Office by late April, 2015.**

Students interested in participating need to return the attached form to Mrs Smith within the week.

Yours faithfully

Cathy Smith  
Head Teacher TAS  
Homestay Co-ordinator

Carol Marshman  
Principal

## Expression of Interest - Homestay Program - August 2015

Dear Parents and Students

It is time to plan for the arrival of our Korean Homestay visitors in August 2015. This is a great opportunity to host a billet for 10 days and be involved in the cultural activities and excursions available to billeting families. Families will receive some financial support to assist with costs.

**Tentative arrival date is 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.**

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| <b>Parent Consent:</b> |
|------------------------|

My family and I are interested in participating in the program.

*Please circle the relevant response.*

- We would be able to accept one / two / three billets.
- It would be best if the billet(s) was a male / female / gender is not an issue.

Parent name/s: ..... Signature:.....

The following information will assist us with preparation of necessary documents to be passed onto the organisers of the visit for the Korean parents and students. **Please complete and return to school** via your student no later than **Friday 10 March 2015**.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parents name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Further information will be passed on to you as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information. Thank you for your participation and interest in this valuable experience.

Cathy Smith  
Homestay Co-ordinator  
HT TAS

Carol Marshman  
Principal

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## Planting of the Lone Pine Sapling @ Wollongong Botanic Gardens

The City of Wollongong RSL sub-Branch and Wollongong Botanic Gardens asked local schools to join them in commemorating the purchase and planting of a sapling that is a cutting from the original pine tree from the battlefields of Lone Pine, Gallipoli Peninsular.

The Commemoration service was also an opportunity to introduce Wollongong with the Centenary Anzac Torch. The concept is similar to the Olympic Torch and is arriving for the Centenary of Anzac commemorations.

Two year 8 students **Ryan Morris** and **Georgia Verastegui** had the opportunity to represent Figtree High School at this service.

It was an important service as it included the laying of a permanent commemorative plaque at the site which will act as a reminder for visitors to the Gardens of the sacrifice of our forebears of 100 years ago.

Karran Williamson



## CANTEEN NEWS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still needing volunteers to help serve at our canteen.

We are not able to serve all the students within the 30 minute lunch breaks at the moment.

We have only had 6 new mums offer to help this year. We need at least another 30 parents to be on our roster for 2015. If you can possibly give just one hour of your time once a month, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please phone Narelle on 4271 2787 between 8.45 to 10.30 Mon- Fri.

Thank you

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Figtree High School P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm in the school library.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2014 AGM all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- \* President
- \* Vice President
- \* Treasurer
- \* Secretary

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.

Sharyn Low  
FHS P&C President

## School Uniform-Ready for Autumn

As the weather begins to get cooler, students often transition to the winter school uniform. We remind our students and parents that 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 continue to wear the school skirt or our approved school shorts with tan/navy stockings underneath. The school uniform shorts for girls are **mid-thigh length**, plain navy, with no logos, pleats or cuffs and are the same length around the circumference of the leg. Our uniform suppliers have girls shorts in stock. During the cooler months, both boys and girls school uniform includes long navy tailored pants/slacks/tracksuit pants. These pants are **plain navy**. We seek our parents support in ensuring that students are wearing the school uniform each day.

Junior Students    Senior Students



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

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



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## 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. 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.



**There is 20% off all items this Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March ONLY at our Figtree Westfield store.**

**This includes all school wear.**

**You can also use rewards cards and Ezy Way cards.**

**Please contact the store for more details.**

**4227 1609**

# Mathematics Competition

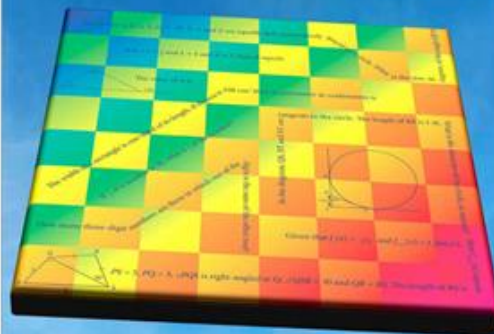
**Date of competition: 30 July 2015**

This competition is open to all students in Years 7 to 12.

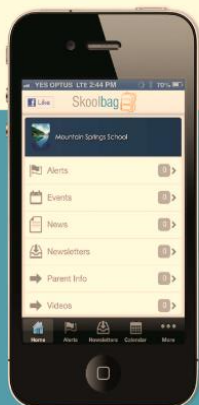
If your child would like to enter in to this competition, it will cost \$6. This entry fee needs to be paid to their maths teacher no later than 24 April 2015. No late entries accepted. No refunds given.

Most people think of maths as just numbers,  
***but I think of it  
as a game.***

James Zhang, Silver Medalist, 2014 International Mathematical Olympiad



**Australian Mathematics Competition  
30 July 2015**



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5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
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".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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## **WESTERN SUBURBS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

Come and register for the 2015 season on the following days:

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**Sid Parrish Park 4pm – 5pm**

**Bring a friend to register**

**All new players need to bring along the following:**  
Birth Certificate or Passport, and of course a parent to sign for them

Cost is \$80.00 per player  
includes:  
Registration & CRL Insurance  
Shorts & Socks

For any enquiries please contact any of the following:

Brad Reh (President) 0421 509 665  
Sam Baldock (Secretary) 0419 989 959  
Leann Andrews (Wests Sports Liaison Officer) 0412 727 682



## Youth Survey 2014

In 2014 Mission Australia conducted its **13th annual survey of young people aged 15-19 years**. The survey was distributed nationally and aimed to identify the values and issues of concern to young people. This year the survey included a focus on the importance and achievability of personal aspirations.

**13,600**  
respondents

**19.7%** spoke a language  
other than English  
at home

**5.6%** Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait Islander



**61.2%**  
female



**38.8%**  
male



**8 in 10**

felt that achieving career success  
and being financially independent  
were highly important

of these young  
people, **only 6 in 10** felt that  
these aspirations  
were likely to  
be achievable



**7 in 10**

felt that owning their own home  
was highly important

of these young  
people, **7 in 10**  
felt that home  
ownership was  
achievable

### Education



was felt  
to be the  
number  
one  
influence

on young people's  
future career  
prospects, followed  
by hard work

only **54.4%**

of males  
plan to go  
to university  
compared  
with 71.9%  
of females



**25.1%**

of young women  
felt that  
gender would  
influence  
their career  
opportunities  
in the future





## What young people told us...

"I want to get the best out of my education and achieve a successful career but I have no idea what I want to do, or how to get there."

"Many young people are full of potential but the pathways for them to reach that potential are unclear."

"There needs to be more done on picking up on problems that people, especially students going through stressful situations, are going through."

"My friends have started drinking more and more and I've noticed they've been making bad choices. Young people are being taught the wrong things when speakers come to schools. Instead of talking about why you shouldn't drink, we should be told what to do when we do drink."

"People need to engage with politics, watch the news more, engage in conversations and debate, realise that the policies affect us."

**Mental health** has increasingly been identified as a key national issue by young people:

**2012**

**12.7%**

**2013**

**15.2%**

**2014**

**18.5%**

## Where do young people go for help with important issues?

Friend/s **Parent/s**  
Relative/family friend  
**internet** teacher  
**school counsellor**  
online counselling  
websites **magazines**  
community agency  
**telephone hotline**

## What are young people concerned about?

### Coping with stress

School or study problems **Body image**  
Depression **Family conflict**  
Bullying/emotional abuse  
**Personal safety** Suicide  
**Discrimination** Drugs

## Almost 1/4

identified alcohol and drugs as an important issue facing Australia in 2014





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