



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 6 6th March, 2015

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### School Events

Week 6(B)	Beginning Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015
6.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 10 English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9 History Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9-3 Mathematics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Drama Assessment Performances</li> <li>- Yr 12 Advanced and Standard English – AoS Portfolio Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 English Studies Assessment Task due</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7M, 8E, 8N Mathematics Assessment Tasks</li> <li>- South Coast Open Boys Futsal Championships</li> <li>- Motivational Media presentation for all students</li> </ul>
Week 7 (A)	Beginning Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
9.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Entertainment Work Placement all week</li> <li>- Peer Support for Yr 7 and Yr 11 Peers Support leaders</li> <li>- Premiers Sporting Challenge day with local Primary School students</li> <li>- Transition to Work Excursion for students with disabilities</li> <li>- Yr 10 Music Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 10-2, 10-4, 10-5 Mathematics Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Science Communications Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9 Science Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Hospitality Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Exploring Early Childhood Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 8 Music Band Practice – 3pm</li> <li>- Homework Centre in the Library 3:00pm</li> </ul>
10.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 11 Business Studies Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 12 English Studies Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 9 ad 10 Music Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 9 Science Assessment task</li> <li>- South Coast Boys and Girls Football trials</li> <li>- Yr 10 PASS Excursion to Unanderra pool</li> <li>- Yr 11 Study Skills Presentation</li> <li>- International Women's Day Brunch – excursion for selected students</li> </ul>
11.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 10.3 and 10.6 Mathematics Assessment task</li> <li>- MudFun Activities for selected students</li> <li>- Defence Forces Presentation for selected Yrs 10,11 and 12 students</li> </ul>
12.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year 7 2016 Selective Schools test in the Auditorium</li> <li>- Yr 11 Legal Studies Assessment task</li> <li>- 7E and 8T Mathematics Assessment tasks</li> <li>- White Card Course for Yr 11 VET Students</li> <li>- Yr 9 PASS Excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Yr 12 Drama Excursion</li> <li>- HSC Music Ensemble Practice – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
13.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 11 Ancient History Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Geography Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Food Technology Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 10 Music Assessment task</li> <li>- White Card Course for Yr 11 VET Students</li> </ul>
Week 8 (B)	Beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
2.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homework Centre in the Library 3:00pm</li> <li>- 9Z food Technology Assessment task</li> <li>- CHS Basketball carnival this week</li> <li>- Yr 9 PASS excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> <li>- Yr 8 Music Band Practice – 3pm</li> </ul>
3.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 11 Modern History Assessment task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Music Performance Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Exploring Early Childhood Assessment task</li> <li>- South Coast Rugby Union Trials</li> <li>- Yr 10 PASS Excursion to Unanderra Pool</li> </ul>
4.3.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 11 Music Performance Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Safe Surf Education at North Wollongong Beach for Sport</li> </ul>

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to the staff and students for their assistance in making the Year 6 Expo Evening such an overwhelming success. The photos that I took on the night have been uploaded onto the school website.

The P & C Meeting was held the same evening and we welcomed some new members. I would encourage all parents to attend a P & C Meeting to meet a dedicated group of people who have our student's learning as the focus of each meeting.

I congratulate the students for their behaviour for the school photographers. The photographers commented that the days went very smoothly and to schedule. Thank you to the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty for their organisation.

Congratulations to **Brittney Angus** (Yr 10) and **Rebecca Neal** (Yr 12 2014) who have been awarded 2015 Nanga Mai awards. This is a fantastic achievement for these two students and we look forward to celebrating this with them at the presentation later this month.

Thank you to Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson for his organisation of the Year 12 Interview Days. All Year 12 students had the opportunity to discuss their course of study with a member of staff and also discuss their post-school options. If your son or daughter missed their interview please contact Mr Sargent-Wilson.

The Captains, SRC and Sport House Captains Induction Ceremony was well received by the school community. Thank you to Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson, Careers Adviser, Ms Trish Morgan, Deputy Principal, Ms Debbie Lowe, Director Wollongong North for their inspiring talks.

Congratulations to Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson who has been permanently appointed to the position of Careers Adviser at Figtree HS. Mr Mark Hume who previously held the substantive Careers position has accepted the Regional Sport Organiser position.

Thank you

**Carol Marshman**  
Principal

## Figtree High School – Learning

### 2015 Nanga Mai Award Winners

Our school recently nominated two of our students for 2015 Nanga Mai Awards; **Rebecca Neal** (Year 12 2014) and **Brittney Angus** (Year 10). Nanga Mai Awards recognise the achievements of Aboriginal students each year. Our school nominations were considered by a regional based panel and this panel put forward nominations to the state panel. Rebecca has won a state Nanga Mai – Academic Excellence Award and Brittney has won a state Nanga Mai Outstanding Creative/Performing/Visual Arts Award. There are only a limited number of awards given in NSW, so this is certainly a fantastic achievement for both Rebecca and Brittney. Our students will be presented with their awards at a Nanga Mai Awards Ceremony on 26<sup>th</sup> March in Sydney.

**The following provides a summary of Brittney and Rebecca's achievements which led to these awards.**

#### **Brittney Angus (Year 10)**

Brittney is a very talented leader and performing arts student, displaying excellent skills as a dancer, public speaker and debater. In 2014, it has been in the area of dance that Brittney has certainly excelled. She was selected in the Bangarra Rekindling Youth program, where she attended four intensive dance based workshop sessions to explore both 'self' and culture through dance. She had the opportunity to work with elders from her community, to further develop her dance, performance and creative skills and demonstrated this in the group's final performance at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre.

Brittney's excellence and skill as a dancer in this program saw her selected for the Garabara Ngurra residential 5 day dance camp at the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills and Dance Association (NAISDA) Dance College which culminated in a dance performance for the families of students and other NAISDA students. She was selected for the Indigenous Dance Group who performed at the DEC Southern Stars Production in 2013 and 2014. Brittney has been selected for this dance ensemble again in 2015.

Brittney is a member of the Illawarra Flametrees Youth Leadership group where she has continued to develop her knowledge about her culture and further refine and practise her performing arts techniques

and skills in dance, drama and singing. Brittney has applied her very strong leadership skills as part of the Illawarra Flametrees group. She performed on a number of occasions as part of this group in 2014 and will continue to perform in the Illawarra Flametrees group in 2015, including a filmed performance focused on "Identity" in March 2015. Brittney is planning on attending the NSW Public Schools Arts Unit Aboriginal Dance Workshop in 2015, where she is hoping for selection for the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Ensemble.

#### **Rebecca Neal (Year 12 2014)**

Rebecca is a model student in her dedication, application and conscientious approach to her studies and she achieved outstanding results in her Higher School Certificate courses. She maintained an attendance rate of approximately 90% throughout the 2014 school year. Rebecca was a recipient of an Illawarra South East Region Aboriginal Student Scholarship in 2013 in the category of Academic Achievement. In 2013 Rebecca was selected for the UNSW NGI Nura Gili Winter School Program – and completed the week long Medicine program during her school holidays. Rebecca has achieved outstanding academic results in 2014. She has been engaged with the Norta Norta Tutoring program throughout Years 11 and 12, she participated in the NAIDOC Week Art Poster competition and attended AIME sessions at the University of Wollongong. Rebecca has a real aptitude for Mathematics and Science courses and has achieved outstanding results in her HSC Courses. Rebecca received academic awards for Biology, Chemistry and PDHPE at our Annual Graduation Ceremony in 2014.

Rebecca achieved outstanding results in her Higher School Certificate examinations. She received and has accepted the offer to study a bachelor of medical and health Sciences at the University of Wollongong.

**Congratulations Rebecca and Brittney on your achievements.**

*Ellie Donovan*  
**Deputy Principal**

## PBS Values

### **Week 7: Safety**

**Play approved games only in the playground**

### **Week 8: Respect**

**Place Rubbish in the bins provided**

## Student Representative Council (SRC) Report

### Induction

The Induction Ceremony is a ceremony which acknowledges and congratulates the selected SRC representatives and Sport Captains each year. We all received our SRC badges at this ceremony and took the Oath of Office. The induction ceremony was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. Ms Debbie Lowe, Director from the Department of Education and Communities, was present and she made an inspiring speech. She also presented us with our SRC and House Captain badges. Ms Debbie Lowe spoke to us about leadership and the significance of working together. She encouraged us to continue moving forward and congratulated us on having been accepted into the SRC.

Mrs Markham was also present at the induction as she was presenting the Sports Captains with their badges. Mrs Sharyn Low, Parents & Citizens' Association President, congratulated the House Captains and presented them with their badges. Mrs Markham spoke about each Captain and congratulated them in receiving such high marks and setting high standards in either their chosen sport or all round athleticism.

### Fundraisers:

The SRC have already held their first fundraiser which was on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. This was to celebrate Valentine's Day. We sold baked goods and soft drinks on the day and prior to the day roses were on sale. We raised over \$1000 on this day and our next fundraiser will be in Week 8 of Term 1, on Thursday. This fundraiser is to raise money for the World's Greatest Shave campaign. Hair spray will be sold on the day as well as donuts and soft drinks at lunch. People can also donate extra money if they wish. At lunch one of our Year 10 students, Heather Oakley, will be shaving her hair for the cause on the main stage.

### Training Day:

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the SRC and Figtree High Sports Captains travelled to the University of Wollongong for a leadership training day. On the day, we discussed a number of areas that we'd like to focus on and try our best to improve upon. We also talked about the SRC working in smaller groups that will focus on improving one area in the school and have it changed or improved by the end of the year. We also discussed having junior school representatives more involved in their participation with the SRC.

The Sports Captains said that they wanted to do more sport based activities that involved the juniors being more active during PDHPE lessons and possibly organising some equipment (like basketballs and soccer balls) in a separate shed just for the students who like to play soccer and football during their lunchtimes. Another idea mentioned by the Sports Captains was purchasing new equipment for new, different, fun and exciting sports/games to be played during PDHPE.

Some of the SRC representatives explained that they wanted to have more shade in areas that got really hot in the summer like the main quadrangle and the sitting areas in both the junior and senior quadrangles. Another couple of SRC representatives said they wanted to get an eftpos machine for the canteen or even a vending machine or two in the school.

At the moment, this is a hard to achieve task, but the SRC is willing to support our peers ideas and thoughts about what we should change and improve in our school.

Jasmine Lee and Xoes Attipoe

Year 10 SRC Representatives

## G'Day USA

There will be a Wollongong Community Group G'Day USA Meeting on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm** in the Corrimal RSL Auditorium.

Limited spaces are still available for any students interested in travelling next January. Please attend the meeting for more details or call Jennifer Mundy on 0448 909 655.

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ANZAC DAY 2015 CEREMONY - INVITATION TO  
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

Anzac Day 2015 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli by The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, the Anzacs, and is a very important day in Australia's history. To commemorate the occasion there will be a special ceremony in WIN Stadium after the Anzac Day March.

The March will commence at 9.30am, starting in Church Street, moving into Burelli Street, turning right into Kembla Street, left into Stewart Street and directly into the southern gate of WIN Stadium, where the contingents will march past a saluting base and take their seats. We hope there will be a big roll-up this year to thank our veterans for their service to Australia over the last 100 years, so buy a small Australian flag, select your viewing point and join us.

After the march there will be a ceremony in WIN Stadium which will open at 9.00am in case you want to go directly there to get a good seat. Entry will of course be free and all facilities will be open. Public seating will be the whole of the top deck of the western grandstand, Bays 1-3 inclusive in the lower deck of the Western Grandstand and Bays 9-12 of the northern grandstand.

The ceremony will commence with music from a number of marching bands, which will play while those who have watched the march walk to WIN Stadium. Once they have arrived, the serving members of the Defence Force will march past a saluting base and take their seats.

Then there will be music from the Wongawilli Bush Band and the Southern Stars Choir. To round off the morning there will be a solemn commemoration service to honour all those who have served Australia in the Armed Forces.

The whole ceremony will be over by 12 noon, so we hope you and your family will join us to mark this important anniversary and of course have a good time as well. In the event of wet weather the Anzac Day march will continue, but the WIN Stadium ceremony will be transferred to the Wollongong Entertainment Centre next door.

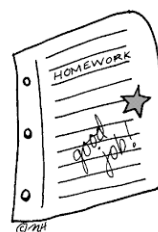
If this becomes necessary we will advise you via the local media on the evening of 24<sup>th</sup> April.

So please bring your family and come along to this most important event. We can guarantee that you will enjoy it.

**LEST WE FORGET**

**FIGTREE HIGH – HOMEWORK CENTRE**

Our Homework Centre is open every Monday 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.



## 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.

## **HSC Disability Provisions 2015**

Our Learning Support staff is in the process of organising Disability Provisions for current Year 11 and 12 students who are completing courses in the NSW Higher School Certificate. The disability provision may apply to examinations and assessment tasks.

We have outlined some important information about Disability Provisions below. Parents/Caregivers, who are concerned about whether Disability Provisions apply for their child, should contact the Year Adviser or School Counsellor.

### **What are Disability Provisions?**

Disability provisions provide students who have special needs with practical support in the HSC examinations. Students' special examination needs may include learning, medical, and vision or hearing difficulties.

The definition of 'disability' in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 includes:

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Psychiatric
- Sensory
- Neurological, and
- Learning Disabilities, as well as
- Physical disfigurement and
- The presence in the body of disease causing organisms

Disability provision application can be made by:

- the student
- the parents / care givers
- the teaching staff

### **Schools Responsibilities under the *Disabilities Discrimination Act*.**

All schools must be sure that students with disabilities, including learning disabilities, are able to access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Schools should assess and accommodate their student's disability provisions needs, and, when necessary submit applications for the HSC examinations on their behalf.

### **Disability provisions for school-based assessment tasks**

Schools are responsible for determining and approving disability provisions for all school-based assessment tasks. The Board of Studies only determines disability provisions for the HSC examinations. Students and parents should be advised that there is no guarantee the Board will grant the same provisions as those given at school.

### **Providing evidence to support an application**

Depending on the category of disability, evidence required may include

- Report from GP or other health professional
- Vision or hearing test

The evidence should be less than 12 months old at the commencement of the tests/exams.

If you require further clarification about HSC Disability Provisions, you can contact our Learning and Support Teachers.

Ms Sue Clifford and Ms Judy Markham  
Learning and Support Teachers

## **MERIT REWARD DAY- ROYAL EASTER SHOW**

A special reward day excursion has been organised to the Royal Easter Show at the Sydney showground - Homebush. All students who have reached Silver level in the school's merit system, as well as students who have been awarded Bronze in 2014 or 2015 are eligible to attend. Numbers will be limited so there will be a first in - first pay / permission note basis. Details are below:

**Date:** Thursday 2nd April 2015

**Transport:** By coach.

**Cost:** \$35 – covers the cost of the bus and entry into the show.

**Times:** Students need to be at school by 8.30am. The bus will leave at 8.40am. The bus will return to school by 5.00pm.

**Gear:** Students must wear a Figtree High shirt or T-shirt but otherwise may wear comfortable, appropriate casual gear with suitable footwear for walking.

Students should also remember to wear a hat and use sunscreen. In case of rain the excursion will still go ahead and students should take suitable protective rain gear.

**Supervision:** Students will be organised into groups beforehand. They may then venture freely at the Show but must stay with their group at all times. Students will have at least one mobile phone per group and will be provided with a teacher's mobile phone number for easy contact at any time.

**Permission Notes and Payment:** The last day for notes and payment will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets need to be ordered so final numbers are needed by this date. Payment must be made at the Front Office. Cheques are to be made payable to Figtree High School. Permission notes are being handed out during Week 6.

**Organising teacher:** Ms Dive (Merit System Coordinator).

## Motivational Media

Motivational Media has created another 3D inspiring audio visual presentation that our school will be participating in on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. This group has been touring Australian schools for many years attempting to educate students on how to become better citizens and individuals.

This year the theme of the presentation is **“Jigsaw”**.

The following is an outline of what will be covered in the presentation.

“At times, life seems like a difficult jigsaw. We have some idea of what we want our life to be, but with so many choices to make and so much conflicting information to process, we don’t know which way to turn. Having the life we want doesn’t happen by chance. Each aspect of our life contributes to the full picture. We need to carefully decide which ones will add to the result we want and which ones will lead to results that will disappoint.” This theme is then explored through;

- Having a vision
- Knowing ourselves
- Accepting others
- Making good decisions
- Overcoming difficulties

**Where** – School Auditorium

**Time** – Period 1: Year 11 & 12

Period 2: Year 9 & 10

Period 3: Year 7 & 8

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

Those who don’t attend will be supervised with worksheets to complete.

This event is highly encouraged as the themes that come out of the movie will be discussed in all PDHPE lessons.

Mr Smart  
Head Teacher PD/Health/PE

## 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.



# 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.



## Zone Swimming Results

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Corrimal Pool. We had a large number of students who competed on the day with some outstanding results.

- **Natasha Hynoski** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle
- **Molly McNair** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle
- **Tahlay Balgovind** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Butterfly
- **Meghan Fox** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle
- **Jade Gray** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breaststroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 IM.
- **Ava Ruban** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle
- **Caitlin Smith** – 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 400m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 200 IM
- **Jason Vugrek** – 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 400m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle

- Girls Open Medley Relay – **Meghan Fox, Molly McNair, Caitlin Smith and Jade Gray** – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 12 years girls relay – **Tahlay Balgovind, Ava Ruban, Savanna Mackay and Marlee Nelson-Giatris** – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 12 years boys relay – **Max Schilder, Eamon Smith, Zane Oliver and Martin Patrone-Hill** – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 13 years girls relay – **Natasha Hynoski, Abby Murada, Capreece Wax and Madeline Noronha** – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 14 years girls relay – **Molly McNair, Tazmin Fulcher, Kaitlin Hearne and Georgia Sturman** – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 14 years boys relay – **Jason Vugrek, Jeremy Jones, Daniel Gray and Jack Rudd** – 1<sup>st</sup>
- 16 years boys relay- **Ben Vugrek, Ben Hubert, Joshua Head, Andrew Watson** – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 17+ years girls relay – **Caitlin Smith, Jade Scanlen, Aimee Cunningham and Georgina Petrolo** – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 17+ years boys relay – **Alex Costello, Kieran Churchill, Dylan Kanaris and Joshua Burley** – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions at the carnival

**14yrs Boys – Jason Vugrek**

**15yrs Girls – Jade Gray**

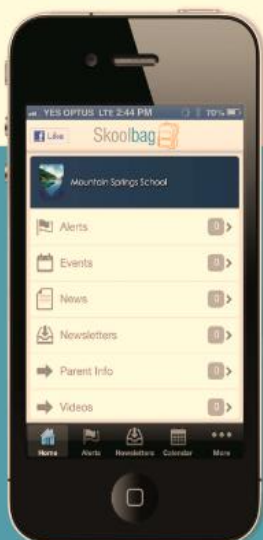
**17+yrs Girls- Caitlin Smith**

Figtree HS came 4<sup>th</sup> Overall.

The Regional Carnival was held at Dapto Pool on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> March. A report of student results will appear in the next bulletin.

## State Oz Tag Championships – Coffs Harbour

Congratulations to **Demi Westwood** (Yr 9), who last month competed in the State OzTag Championships as a member of the U15's Girls Wollongong Team. While they were defeated in the grand final, Demi was selected in the NSW U15's Girls OzTag team to compete at the Australian Championships on the Sunshine Coast next term. Demi also went on to represent Wollongong in the State Cup Touch Championships the following weekend, but the tournament was cancelled during the event due to the weather conditions.



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Could your family include a foster child every second weekend? We urgently need respite foster carers to care for children on a regular short term basis. Come along to one a **FREE** foster care information session on **Thursday 26th February at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre**, Princes Highway, Dapto from 5 to 6pm.

To reserve your place  
CALL **1300 130 585**.

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# Host an Exchange Student with WEP

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Applications are now open for WEP student exchange programs commencing from July 2015 onwards.

**Imagine:**

- Hopping on a yellow school bus and dressing up in preparation for Friday night football games
- Making friends with people from all corners of the world
- Becoming a member of an overseas host family

We are now looking for welcoming volunteer host families for our exchange students due to arrive in July 2015 for a semester or year.

**Imagine:**

- Having a photo taken and sent overseas of a meal you have prepared, because it looks so different!
- Knowing someone who is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country!

## Find Out More

Request a FREE information pack for your family today!  
[www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) 1300 884 733 [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)

**AFS Australia, world leader in High School Student Exchange to over 57 countries are kicking off their 2015 information sessions and invite you to come along and find out if a student exchange program is for you.**

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Students in years 10-12 can spend anywhere between 2 weeks to 11 months studying abroad, learning a language and becoming a part of a whole new culture. Learning by doing. You'll be supported the entire way by AFS.

We will be running a free information session for you and your parents to find out more:

**When:** 6:30pm Tuesday 10th March      **Where:** Wollongong Public Library, 41 Burelli St, Wollongong

For more information and to register your attendance or to see the many other locations and dates of upcoming Information Sessions, head to [www.afs.org.au/opensdays](http://www.afs.org.au/opensdays) or call the AFS Sending Team on [1300 131 736](tel:1300131736) or email [ausafs@afs.org](mailto:ausafs@afs.org)

At the session there will be returned students eager to share how the AFS experience has impacted their lives, and keen to encourage you to take a chance and study abroad.





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**24th APRIL -**  
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**(TERMS 2 & 3)**



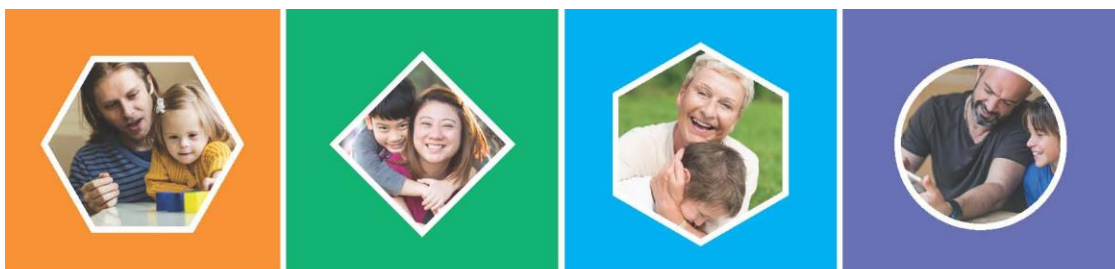
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**BOYS & GIRLS COMPETITIONS**  
**JUNIORS—YEARS 7 & 8**  
**SENIORS—YEARS 9, 10, 11 & 12**



BNSW registration - \$80 per player

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# 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight  
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## WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

## HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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- Transition to Work (TTW)
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- Individual Funding Packages (IF)

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  - We are experts at linking people with social networks in the broader community
  - We offer a flexible service delivery
  - We offer a range of activities, including: social, sporting, recreational and employment
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