



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 10 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015

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### School Events

Week 10(B)	Beginning Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
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> <li>- Grade Sport Trials for Term 2/3</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>
Week 1 (A)	Beginning Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
20.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Development Day</li> <li>- Yr 12 Students RSA/RCA Course for Students in Lab 4</li> </ul>
21.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All students return to school</li> <li>- Yr 12 Students RSA/RCA Course for Students in Lab 4</li> <li>- CHS Boys Volleyball</li> </ul>
22.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHS Boys Volleyball</li> <li>- Grade Sport Trials continue for Term 2 &amp; 3</li> </ul>
23.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 IT-Timber Assessment task due</li> <li>- Aboriginal Students Morning Tea – Lunch 1</li> <li>- Term 2/3 Sport Selections for Yrs 9, 10 and 11</li> <li>- Open Boys Soccer Game 12pm at Figtree HS</li> <li>- CHS Boys Volleyball</li> <li>- HSC Music Ensemble Practice – 3:00pm</li> </ul>
24.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ANZAC Day Ceremony Period 3 and 4</li> <li>- Term 2/3 Sport Selections for Yrs 7 and 8</li> <li>- South Coast AFL Trials</li> <li>- U15 and Open Boys AFL Gala Day</li> <li>- Yr 10 Gen22Work Excursion to Wesfield Figtree and Warrawong</li> </ul>
Week 2 (B)	Beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
27.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 7 &amp; 9 vaccinations and catch up vaccinations for Yrs 11 &amp; 12</li> </ul>
28.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Mathematics Assessment task for 10-2, 10-4 and 10-5</li> <li>- Harmony Day Celebration Lunch 1</li> <li>- CHS Boys Basketball</li> </ul>
29.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 8 Science Assessment task – in class</li> <li>- Yr 11 Geography Assessment task</li> <li>- CHS Boys Basketball</li> </ul>
30.4.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 8 Science and Yr 9 Science Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 11 Mathematics and Mathematics General Assessment task</li> <li>- Greater Southern Rugby League Trials</li> <li>- European Handball Championships Gala Day</li> <li>- Yr 10 Commerce Excursion to Sydney</li> <li>- Yr 11 Entertainment students completing White Card Course</li> <li>- CHS Boys Basketball</li> </ul>
1.5.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 8 French and German Assessment tasks</li> <li>- Yr 8 Science Assessment task – in class</li> <li>- Yr 9 Health Assessment task due</li> <li>- Yr 11 Entertainment students completing White Card Course</li> <li>- Greater Southern Rugby League Trials</li> <li>- Open Boys and Girls South Coast Touch Trials</li> </ul>

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and broader community who have supported the school.

We have had many outstanding achievements across academic, creative and performing arts and sport. Students continue to work towards their gold medallions through the Positive Behaviour System (PBS). A record number of positive letters that celebrate student success have been issued by staff this term. I would like to thank the parents who have contacted the school when receiving news of their child's successes.

Semester 1 student reports will be issued for all students towards the end of Term 2. I encourage parents to make time to speak to teachers if they have any concerns about their child's academic progress.

The School Plan 2015-2017 and Annual School Report are near completion and will be uploaded to our website in the first weeks of May.

Term 2 commences with a Staff Development Day and all students return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Thank you

**Carol Marshman**  
Principal

### PBS VALUES TERM 2

#### WEEK 1: SAFETY

Walk sensibly in the corridors and the stairwells and keep to the left.

#### WEEK 2: LEARNING

Stay on task and do your best

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

### A focus on Learning

#### Year 7 Interim Reports

Over the past week, Year 7 teachers have completed profile reports for all students in Year 7. These reports provide information about learning attributes in most of the Year 7 courses. These reports are called “Interim” reports and are designed to provide both students and their parents with information about how each student has ‘settled’ into the learning process in each course. These reports will be posted home to parents. A course report may not have been completed if a teacher is currently on leave from school. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they are concerned about their child’s performance in a course, so that the teacher can contact you when they return from leave. Some teachers may have requested a parent interview to discuss your child’s progress. Parents are asked to contact the school by phone next term to organise a mutually convenient time to discuss your child’s progress. Semester 1 reports for Year 7, which will provide detail about a student’s achievement of course outcomes, along with learning attributes, will be issued towards the end of Semester 1 (Term 2).

#### Local Art Exhibition – Just One Act

**Jason Bloomfield** from Year 12 is currently exhibiting a collection of his artworks in an exhibition titled “*Just One Act*” at Project Contemporary Artspace, 255 Keira St, Wollongong. The Exhibition, which has its theme focused on ‘*a look into the rainforest and the creatures within*’, opened on 30<sup>th</sup> March and will conclude on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Official Opening night is the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. We encourage our school community to support Jason and drop into his exhibition over the Easter weekend.

#### Celebrating Student Achievement – Wests Illawarra Wave FM Youth Achievement Awards 2015

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the 16<sup>th</sup> Wests Illawarra and Wave FM Annual Youth Achievement Awards were held. This year Figtree High School had a large number of current and former students nominate for these awards across the range of categories.

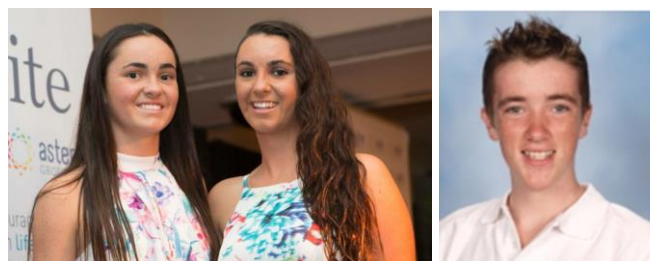


Our students who nominated for these awards included:

- **Meghan Fox** (Yr 9) - Junior Academic Excellence Award
- **Amy Pryor** (Yr 12) and **Shannon Fox** (Yr 12 2012) – Citizenship Award
- **Matt Delbanco** (Yr 10) – Wests Devils Rising Star Award
- **Jarrold Twigg** (Yr 10), **Payton Williams** (Yr 9) – Junior Sports Achievement Award
- **Caitlin Smith** (Yr 11), **Thomas Miotto** (Yr 12) and **Elise Kerle** (Yr 12 2012) – Senior Sports Achievement Award
- **Chris Rutter** (Yr 10) – Junior Achievement in the Arts and Digital Media and Junior Special Achievement Award
- **Elise Oakman** (Yr 12), **Jason Bloomfield** (Yr 12) and **Emily Markham** (Yr 12 2012) – Senior Achievement in the Arts and Digital Media

Three of our students were **successful in winning awards** on the evening. **Meghan Fox** won the Junior Excellence Award, **Shannon Fox** was the runner up and received the encouragement award in the Citizenship category and **Chris Rutter** was a winner of the Junior Special Achievement Award.

We congratulate all of our current and former students who nominated for these awards, and Figtree High School staff enjoyed celebrating their outstanding achievements with the student’s families at the awards ceremony and dinner.



**Meghan Fox, Shannon Fox and Chris Rutter**

*Ellie Donovan*  
**Deputy Principal**



## Nanga Mai Award Winners

Last Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the Department of Education and Communities held the annual Nanga Mai Awards Presentation at the Maritime Museum in Sydney. These awards celebrated the outstanding performances of 18 Aboriginal students from across NSW.

**Brittney Angus** (Yr 10) was presented with her award for Outstanding Achievement in the Creative and Performing Arts at this very special presentation ceremony.

**Rebecca Neal** (Yr 12 2014) was unable to attend the presentation due to University commitments, so I had the great pleasure of accepting the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award on Rebecca's behalf. I was able to present this award to Rebecca at school during this week.



Rebecca Neal



Brittney Angus

## Combined High School Baseball Championships

Congratulations to six of our students; **Daniel Bridges (Yr 11)**, **Mitchell Davis (Yr 11)**, **Peter Faulks (Yr 11)**, **Sam Rada (Yr 9)**, **Corey Rower (Yr 10)** and **Dylan Rower (Yr 11)**, who were selected in the South Coast Baseball team that competed in the CHS Baseball Championships commencing on 16<sup>th</sup> March. The South Coast Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall at these championships and our students performed exceptionally well.



## Bullying No Way – National Day of Action

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, our school participated in the Bullying No Way – National Day of Action. This commenced on Thursday where our SRC students spoke on the school assembly regarding the importance of positive relationships and the need for all students to take a stand against bullying. Figtree High students were issued with a wrist band which stated “Bullying No Way! – Take a Stand Together. The wrist bands were given out to year groups by the SRC members and the initiative was well supported by both staff and students at the school.



Our SRC students saying NO WAY to Bullying and taking a stand at Figtree High...



As a whole school Figtree High students and staff took a stand against bullying by raising their arm, with the wrist band in a stop position!



## ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

This term has been very productive for the English Faculty. We have implemented the new curriculum for Stage 5. This is an exciting time for English since we have embraced this opportunity in designing an effective scope and sequence of learning for these year groups.

Year 12, Advanced and Standard English have been working through the new Area of Study on Discovery. Students and teachers have found this module interesting and challenging.

Students in Year 10 were given the opportunity to explore a new topic, 'Detective Genre' as part of the new curriculum. Students wrote carefully planned and interesting detective stories for their first assessment task. They were able to use ideas and a number of creative strategies which were taught in class during the term.

Here are a few extracts of some creative compositions from Year 10 students.

"We tread into the next room. Suddenly the room changes, I feel the cold fingers of the wind tickling my neck. I blow the dust off the sign that resides on the wall, 'operating table' the sign looks back at me. Dead in the eye."

By **Luke Vandenburg**

"Intently rifling through a file she had tucked into her arms, she answered distractedly. "Oh, you left your computer logged on". She sang the last part in a lilting, mysterious tone."

By **Saumya Sharma**

"The loud footsteps came through the cell. My head was down and I heard the rattling on the bars. I looked up and it was Walter. It was a dark place for me now and all the colours I could see were black and red."

By **Chantelle Leatigaga**

Enjoy your Easter break

Ms Angela Mintzas

Head Teacher English

## Talent Quest 2015

### "Get Creative!"

The Talent Quest 2015 is coming in Term 2 this year, so it's time to get creative.

There will be categories in all areas of the Performing Arts.

So..... get your bands, duos, music acts, drama performances, dance, magic and comedy on..... and enter Talent Quest 2015. Lets Get Creative!

Heats commence Term 2 Week 6.

Finals will be held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

\*\*\*\*\* SPONSORS SOUGHT \*\*\*\*\*

Talent Quest sponsors contribute towards prizes and production costs. All sponsors receive a spot in the programme and a chance to advertise at the event.

If you know of a business or individual who would like to contribute as a sponsor we would love to hear from them.

Entry forms are available from the Creative and Performing Arts staffroom or students can ask a Year 12 Entertainment Student.

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## P&C NEWS

Once again we had another successful election BBQ fundraiser here at the school last Saturday. A big thank you to Brad and Tracey Newman, Linda and Greg Costello, Narelle Jacobsen, Samantha Karmel, Diane Grant and Chris McGavock for all your hard work and support. We raised \$800.

Thanks,

Sharyn Low  
Figtree High School  
P&C President



## Sydney Swans Girls 12 a side AFL Gala Day

**When: Thursday March 26**

**Where: Thomas Dalton Park, Towradgi**

The girls pictured below (most had never played AFL before) decided to get a team together and enter this gala day. The girls played 3 games in the pool stage of the day winning all three games. St Joseph's Albion Park 24-0, Holy Spirit College Bellambi 11-6 and Corpus Christi Oak Flats 11-1. As we moved through the games the girl's knowledge of AFL and confidence grew. Winning our pool meant we advanced to the final to take on Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. The winner of this game to progress to the Sydney Swans Cup Final Day later in the year.

The Wollongong team were a little more experienced and got the jump on us in the first half shooting out to a 14-0 lead at half time. The half time break allowed us to regroup and get our heads around the higher standard of this match. The ability of the girls shone through in the second half by taking all the learning experiences from the first half and implementing strategies to overcome the dominance of the Wollongong team.

The second half we won the scoring shots 3-1, but our accuracy in front of goal let us down, eventually losing the final 20-3. The actual closeness of the match is found in the score Wollongong 2-2-20 to Figtree 0-3-3. A great day was had by all with all girls gaining a greater appreciation of AFL and representing Figtree High School exceptionally well. Well done girls!



Mr Smart

U15 Girls AFL Coach

## "My Outward Bound Experience"

By **Chloe Winch** – Year 11

In the 2015 January summer holidays I went on a 12 day 'Outward Bound' camp. Outward Bound is an organisation whose mission statement is: **To provide challenging experiences that help people to discover, develop and achieve their potential.** I was lucky enough to be sponsored to attend this program by the Figtree Lions Club. They also provided transport for me to Canberra and home again.

There were 9 out of the 12 days that involved hiking up steep mountains and through rugged bush land, and camping in the rain and wind. This camp was the most amazing experience of my life. I had so much fun on this trip and I have made so many new friends and learnt so many new things. I had a 20kg bag on my back the whole time, which had everything I needed from food and water to my sleeping bag. We went abseiling, which was scary but a lot of fun.

There was a solo day where we couldn't talk to anyone and had no technology, but it was relaxing. I have learnt that there are more important things in life besides my phone. Even though I still go on it a lot, I know I could be outside discovering new things. On another day I had to be a leader of the group and make decisions for the group. This experience has really helped me develop my leadership skills.

I would like to say a big thank you to my year adviser Miss Harris for helping get my application in and for picking me up, and I would also like to say a really big thank you to Figtree Lions Club. If it wasn't for their scholarship I would not have had the opportunity to experience this. If you have any questions just come ask, and if you want to know more about my trip and what we did, go to:

<http://www.outwardbound.org.au/navigator/australian-alps-navigation-january-2015>



## The Centenary of ANZAC

All Year 8 Technology Mandatory students are currently producing **Poppies of Remembrance** as part of a community project for the Wollongong Art Gallery. These beautiful poppies will be placed in the Gallery garden on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 between 12 and 4 pm. Students are welcome to attend this event.

At our school level, students are producing poppies to be used in our Anzac Day ceremony on 24<sup>th</sup> April, next term. We are hoping to make a 100 year tribute of poppies to display at this important ceremony.

A variety of mediums are being used by students. Most are confident with cardboard options, some more adventurous students are attempting knitted, felted or crocheted poppies.

Congratulations to all Year 8 students on their efforts.



Mrs Cathy Smith – Head Teacher TAS



## “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 dates for Term 2 are: 27/4/15, 11/5/15, 25/5/15, 22/6/15.

Time: 11am -12midday

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





## CHS Swimming Championships

On the 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Figtree High School had 3 individual swimmers and 3 relay teams compete at the Combined High Schools Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Our swimmers achieved excellent results:

**Caitlin Smith** (Year 11) had a huge program of events, swimming in the 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 200m Individual Medley and the Open Girls Medley Relay. She won GOLD in the 17-19yrs 400m freestyle and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200m freestyle. Caitlin also made the final (top 10) for the 50m, 100m and 800m freestyle. The Open Girls Medley Relay team swam a personal best time.



**Meghan Fox** (Year 9) swam in the 100m Butterfly, smashing her personal best time by over 2 seconds. Meghan was also a member of the Open girls Medley relay team.

**Jade Gray** (Year 9) swam in the 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke. Jade was a member of the Open girls Medley relay team. She is to be congratulated on swam personal best times in all her events.

Figtree High School's three relay teams who competed at the CHS Championships included the 12 year Girls, 14 year Boys and the Open Girls Medley relay team.

The 12 year Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle relay team (pictured below) included **Savanna Mackay, Tahlay Balgovind, Alyssa Parks and Marlee Nelson- Giatras**. The girls swam a huge personal best time as a team and are to be congratulated on such a great performance, with all girls having left their Year 7 Camp to represent our school.



The 14 year Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle relay (pictured below) included – **Jeremy Jones, Jack Rudd, Daniel Gray and Jason Vugrek**. These boys also swam a fantastic race, swimming a personal best time for the team.



The open girls Medley relay team (pictured below) included **Jade Gray, Caitlin Smith, Meghan Fox and Molly McNair**. The girls also swam a personal best time as a team and were all smiles after their performance.



## 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.**

<b>Parent Consent:</b>
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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

42712787 / 0403596333 / catherine.j.smith@det.nsw.edu.au

## 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.

### **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 8.45am to 10.30am Mon- Fri.

Thank you

# Mathematics Competition

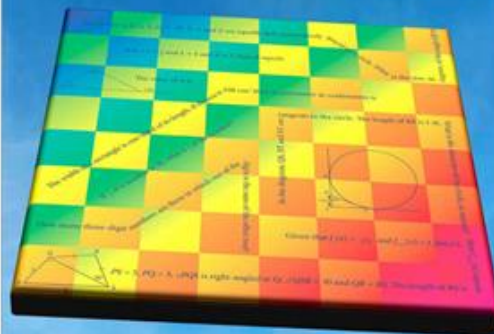
**Date of competition: 30 July 2015**

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

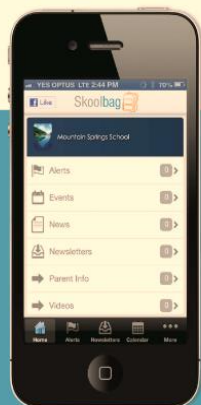
If your child would like to enter in to this competition, it will cost \$6. This entry fee needs to be paid to their maths teacher no later than 24 April 2015. No late entries accepted. No refunds given.

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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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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# NOTIFICATIONS



## THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

- ✓ Relaxing
- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Safe

Entertain the kids this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, slip'n'slide, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Kids' Day Camps start from \$47. Family Camp weekends start from \$63 per day for kids and \$96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities).

### Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.



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# BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY

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7.00 - 10.00 PM

## FREE EVENT

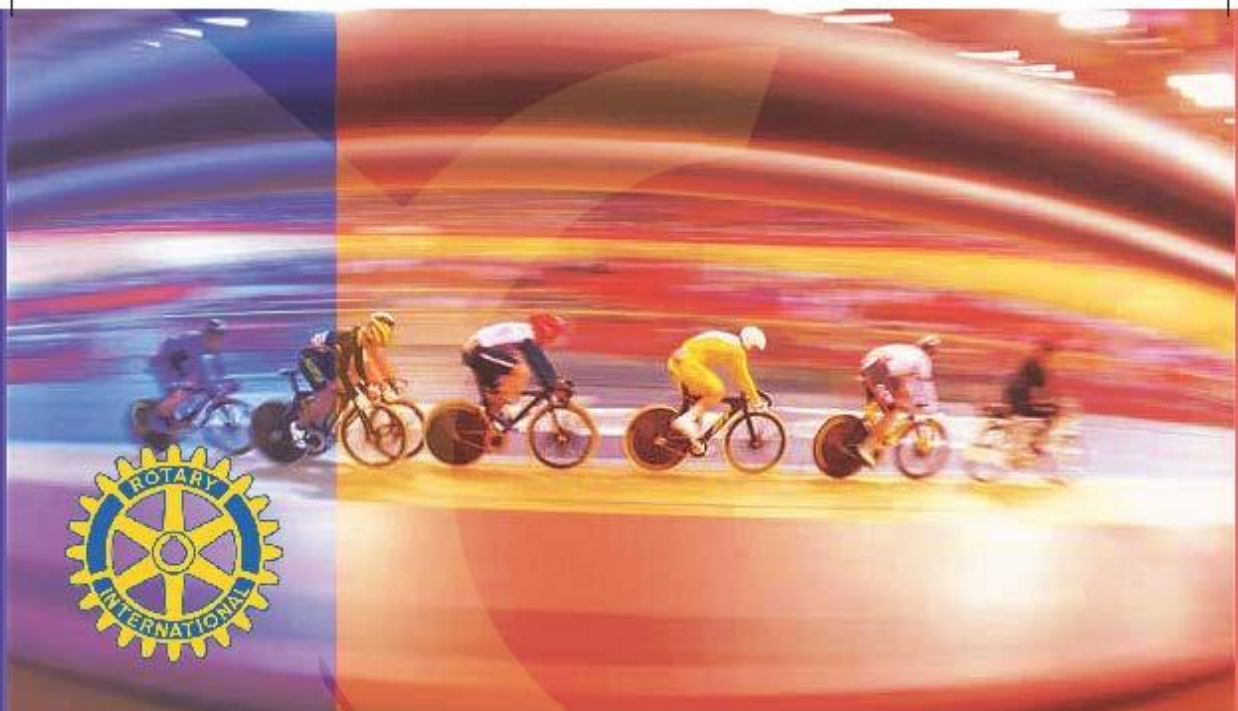
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# ***Ride 4 Rotary 2015***

Help Rotary raise funds for those charities within the Illawarra supporting Youth at Risk.

## **Sunday 19 April 2015**

***Cycle the Wandaan Velodrome***

**in one of 12 x 30 minute events on the day  
commencing at 8.00 am**

It's fun, it's easy and suitable for social and experienced riders alike.

Road Riders: As part of your Sunday ride, why not come via the Velodrome.

Ride in, ride around and ride out!

Bring your family, friends and work colleagues and form a team.

Participation is only \$25 per rider and, once registered, you'll receive a link to assist you in generating sponsorship.

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Ride4Rotary](http://www.facebook.com/Ride4Rotary)

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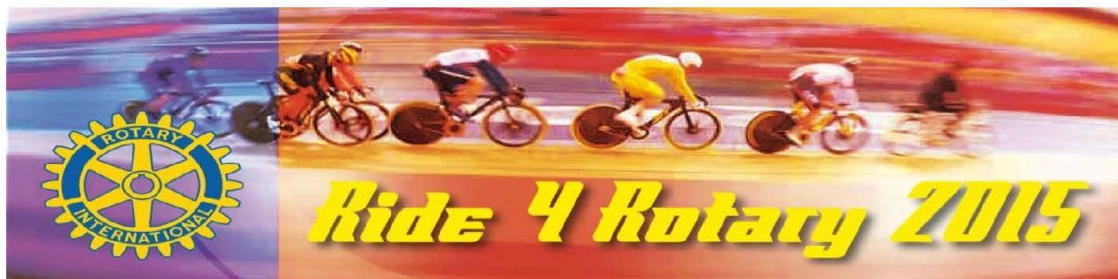


**LIGHT UP  
ROTARY**

For more information contact: Stephen: M 0488 787 922 or Rowan: M 0408 372 792



Hi everyone, this newsletter is to let you know about this annual charity fun ride. Please take a moment to read and consider making this one of your annual events to support.



## **Supporting Youth at Risk in the Illawarra**

**It is Easy and Fun to Help**

**Unanderra Velodrome on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

We will have great coffee and food available at the event

**Ride 4 Rotary** is an easy and fun way to be involved and support our youth. Please join in, be a local hero and have fun while helping improve lives in your community. The ride is based on riding in a 30 minute session. Sessions start at 8 am and continue until the last ride at 4pm.

This year the funds raised will be go to **Southern Youth and Family Services**, a very worthwhile not for profit organisation in our community. <http://www.syfs.org.au>

The ride is organised by the combined Rotary Clubs of the Illawarra. We are all volunteers and have very minimal administration costs, thus all your money goes through to SYFS.

**So how can you become involved and help? - In many ways! – It is Easy and Worthwhile!**

1. **Sign up to ride at –** <https://www.mycase.com.au/events/ride4rotary>
2. Once signed up to ride, send the email that is then supplied by Mycause to your network of colleagues, friends and family asking for sponsorship.
3. **Considering making a small team** from you work colleagues, sports club, family and friends.
4. If you don't want to ride - **sponsor a rider friend or colleague** who is.
5. **Like us on Facebook -** <https://www.facebook.com/Ride4Rotary>
6. Tell Your Friends, Tell Every one
7. Call **Stephen** on **0488 797922** or **Rowan** on **0408 372792**

**Please Say Yes and come along – You will have fun and help local youth in need**

### **Answers to common questions**

- You can use any type of bike on the velodrome
- The velodrome Does NOT have steep banks – it is safe for any rider
- The ride is for any level of fitness and you ride around at your own pace.
- The faster road riders may choose the earlier time slots as part of their Sunday morning road ride. Road ride to, Ride around for 30 minutes, Ride out – help our youth



**Please read on to find out more about how your money raised will be used by Southern Youth and Family services**

**Southern Youth and Family Services** (SYFS) works with young people who experience disadvantage, homelessness and risk of homelessness. In the 2013/14 year, SYFS accommodated 616 young people and provided a range of support services to over 2,500 young people and over 1,500 families.

In December 2014, Rotary presented SYFS with a \$4,000 cheque, raised through the Ride 4 Rotary. In thanking Rotary, Ms Clay, CEO SYFS said: "This is a wonderful contribution from our local Rotarians. The money contributes to education, school and essential expenses for the young people. Equally important is that local people care about these young people's futures and this contribution has touched these young people's lives. You have made them feel valuable. They are amazed that people who they have not individually met, have worked so hard to raise money to secure them a better future. All at SYFS say thank you!"

SYFS has directed the donation through their Education, Training and Employment arm to assist young people to sustain their engagement in education and training and in their preparations for entering the workforce. This has a high impact for creating a future that breaks the cycles of disadvantage and homelessness. The following case studies demonstrate the benefits for these young people of Rotary's generous donation:

**Some real life cases (names changed for privacy) – helping youth help themselves**

**Fern** resides in one of the SYFS homelessness services, after experiencing a severe family breakdown. Fern has completed Year 12 while residing with SYFS and had been working in a temporary position in a local restaurant, which has come to an end. Fern has had difficulty securing another job without the relevant Certificates and with only limited experience. The donation from Rotary is paying for Fern to obtain her Barista Certificate and Responsible Service for Alcohol qualifications. It is also providing Fern with suitable work and interview clothes. The support staff at SYFS have helped Fern to develop her resume and to apply for positions. Fern is a resilient, polite young woman and we have every confidence that with the help from Rotary and the support from staff at SYFS that she will succeed in obtaining employment and increased financial security.

**Mick** is an 18 year old who had been residing in a unit with no power or water as he did not have enough money to pay these bills after his parents had moved overseas. On referral to SYFS he entered the Foyer Program, which provides accommodation as well as support for education, training and employment. Mick is very interested in working in the Construction industry. The donation from Rotary will pay for Mick to obtain his WHS White Card, an industry and training pre-requisite. It will also assist SYFS to provide Mick with the more intensive support he needs to be able to enrol and undertake training in the industry.

There are many things that young people without the financial and emotional support from family need in order to achieve their goals. The donation from Rotary is being used to assist young people like Fern and Mick to overcome the hurdles they experience

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