



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 2 Week 10 24th June, 2015

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Upcoming School Events

Week 10(B)	Beginning Monday 22 nd June 2015
24.6.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 10 Merit Assembly - TAFE Taster Day - P & C Meeting – 7:30pm in Library - Yr 11 Drama Performance - Auditorium
25.6.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent Teacher afternoon for Yrs 7, 9 and 10 students from 2:30pm – 7:30pm - Yr 12 Biology Assessment Task - Yr 10 German Assessment task - Young Women's Forum – P1
26.6.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last Day of Term 2 - Yr 10 French Assessment Task - Yr 12 Community and Family Studies and Yr 12 Geography Assessment Tasks - Debating Challenge - Figtree A v Figtree B - Yr 12 Mathematics and Extension Mathematics Revision Day at UOW
Week 1 (A)	Beginning Monday 13 th July 2015
13.7.15	- Staff Development Day
14.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All students return for Term 3 - Yr 12 PDHPE Assessment Task due - Yr 12 Year Meeting to confirm BOSTES entries
15.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 10 in Yr 11 2016 Subject Selection Evening 6:00pm - Yr 11 Extension English Assessment Task - Yr 11 and 12 VET Entertainment Students to return their completed USI documents
25.6.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 7 Parent Reading program – Period 3 - NAIDOC Week Aboriginal Mural Launch at the School Assembly - Yr 12 Geography Assessment Task - Yr 11 Drama Assessment Task
16.7.15	- NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships
Week 2 (B)	Beginning Monday 20 th July 2015
20.7.15	- Debating Challenge
21.7.15	- Yr 9 HSIE Excursion to Powerhouse Museum Sydney
22.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P & C Meeting in Library 7:30pm - Yr 11 Work Readiness Program for all Yr 11 VET Students during period 1
23.7.15	- Yr 11 and Yr 12 VET Entertainment students attend USI session at school
24.7.15	NSW Open Boys and Open Girls Futsal Championship
Week 3 (A)	Beginning Monday 27 th July 2015
28.7.15	Trial HSC Examinations Commence

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I wish the students and families a safe school holiday period. It has been a particularly productive term and I would like to thank the staff for their commitment to maximising the learning outcomes for our students.

I am looking forward to seeing parents and students attend the very important Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 15 July, Term 3 Week 1 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the Global Enterprise Challenge students and staff for their 1st place position in Asia-Pacific and 2nd place position in the World. More information is in this bulletin, on our FHS Facebook page and FHS Website.

I would encourage the Figtree High School community to view our official FHS Facebook, FHS website and download the FHS App.

I would also encourage parents and students to log onto www.thinkuknow.org.au or the FHS website www.figtree-h.schools.edu.au to find out more information on Cyber-safety. Learn more about social networking sites, such as, Snapchat, instagram, kik and ask.com through the fact sheets located on these sites.

As always it has been very rewarding to speak to so many parents at the parent/teacher afternoon/evening and I look forward to meeting parents of Years 7, 9 and 10 students this coming Thursday evening. We organised our technical assistant, Mr Ben Nichols to assist many parents to down load the Figtree High School App on the evening. Ben will also be present this Thursday parent/teacher information evening and I would

encourage all parents to download the FHS App. Instructions can also be found on our official FHS Website.

I would encourage and welcome parents to attend our FHS P & C Association that meets every 4th Wednesday of the month. FHS is very fortunate to have a P & C managed canteen. This canteen provides healthy food at a very reasonable cost to students and staff. All profits from the canteen are donated to the school for resources. It has been through the combined efforts of the school and P & C that interactive data projectors have been installed in most classrooms in the school. I would like to thank the FHS P & C for their support of the students and staff.

Thank you

Carol Marshman
Principal

Figtree High School – Core Values: Learning

A New System for Managing VET Credentials in Australia - Unique Student Identifier (USI)

From January 2015, all students enrolled in nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools.

The Commonwealth USI system will provide students with an online account where all records of the training undertaken throughout their lives will be stored. This will allow students to provide prospective employers and training providers with their VET credentials in a timely manner.

Students who are currently enrolled in a VET subject at Figtree High or who have completed their White Card will need to create their own USI's and complete their student declaration. This will be completed and managed through the school.

This week, students in Year 11 and Year 12 VET Entertainment will receive an Information Package containing details about the Unique Student Identifier (USI) and forms that must be completed, signed and returned to the school by Term 3 Week 1 -Wednesday 15th July.

It is important that students and parents carefully read and sign the relevant documentation contained in this package.

Year 11 and 12 VET Entertainment students will attend a session at school on Thursday 23rd July to obtain their USI. All students MUST attend this session.

Throughout the remainder of Term 3, the remaining VET students and students in Stage 5 and Stage 6 who have completed their White Card will also work through the process of creating their USI.

Year 10 into Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Evening for Parents and Students

Year 10 students have been issued with the Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Information Booklet. To consolidate the activities undertaken with students at school, on Wednesday 15th July Figtree High School will hold our Year 10-11 Subject Information Night in the school auditorium commencing at 6.00pm.

The evening will give parents/carers and Year 10 students the opportunity to gain further understanding of: Higher School Certificate rules and regulations; ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank); Subjects on offer at FHS (subject to final approval); Vocational Education & Training options; TAFE VET options and the process subject selection.

Wollongong University and TAFE Illawarra will also have representatives at the evening to answer any questions regarding tertiary study and degree options.

Ms Ellie Donovan – Deputy Principal

PBS VALUES

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

The Global Enterprise Challenge

The Global Enterprise Challenge is a competition run by the Australian Business Review Weekly. Competing schools from 3 global regions - Asia-Pacific, European and American - are issued with a business challenge at 9am in their respective time zones. Teams have just 12 hours to conceive the idea, and then present that idea in the form of a business report, a power point presentation and a three minute promotional video. Figtree High School has entered this competition every year since 1999.

This year, the challenge was to develop a business model that informs, entertains and educates communities, the media and governments about the importance of light. The challenge was presented via the internet by Fred Watson, the astronomer in charge of the Australian observatory. Our team, consisting of **Amy Kilian (CEO), Jack Foye, Margaret Va'afasu'aga, Jelena Zaric, Ben Kuzman (Yr12), Ashleigh Foran, Jack Langhorn,, Mathew MacGregor (Yr11), Ben Hubert and Andrew Watson (Yr10)** conceived the idea of a walk-through interactive display illuminating the role of light in life, space, communication, human emotion, medical application, engineering, and the future. After the intense pressure that builds every year to complete and submit our entry by the 9pm deadline, the team knew they had a good idea, but were unsure that they had sold it to the judging panel.

As it turns out, the team had done exactly that and more. When the results were announced on Monday 15th June, the team from Figtree High was awarded **1st place in the Asia-Pacific region, and 2nd place across the world.** What an incredible achievement! A testament to the creativity and team work that these students applied to the challenge presented. They have done our school and our region proud. Their winning entry can be viewed on the global enterprise challenge website.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the **P&C**, who fund our entry into this competition every year, **Doug Boyton** and **Ben Nichols** for technology setup and support, **Aidan Byrnes** and **Will Brown** for their expert contributions to lighting and sound, and our principal

Mrs Marshman who always drops in for an extended visit on the day, and provides energy supplements in the form of pizza and ice-cream.

I would also like to extend a special thankyou to **Mrs Catherine Ramos**, a former Head Teacher at FHS who gives up her time every year to support students in this challenge. Finally, I would like to congratulate our team for their magnificent response to this year's challenge. They are our budding entrepreneurs of the future.

Mr. Robert Joseph

Saving Lives through Blood Donation

On Monday 23rd June, Jelena Zaric (Yr 12) organised for the Red Cross Mobile Donor Centre bus to visit our school. This enabled a significant number of our senior students to give the life saving gift of their blood. A number of our students were first time blood donors – it was fantastic to see so many of our students being so generous to our community. This was a great experience for our students and we hope that our students continue to be regular blood donors.



Aboriginal Mural Project

The Aboriginal Mural project will be launched on Thursday 16th July at the school's NAIDOC week assembly. Participating students look forward to the day with pride and excitement. During Terms 1 and 2 Year 8 and Year 9 Aboriginal students and some of their friends were given the task to create a mural for the school quad. They worked with great enthusiasm picking up painting skills along the way and experience in working together as a team. All contributed towards the final design.



Pictured from left to right: **Ross Kyriazis, Patrick Denham, Hannah Bryant, Holly McDonald, Zoe Williams, Krystal Cattell, Camelia Ali, Sarah Winch, Kade Hutchings** (*Not pictured Jarrod Castles, Salem Nolan*)

Researching the Illawarra Dreamtime they discovered some intriguing stories about mythical beings and the role of the legendary Figtree in the lives of local Aboriginal people and later settlers. It was used as a meeting and learning place as well as shelter for protection. The Figtree symbol was to be the main focus of the overall design. Students collaborated on ideas such as using native birds and animals to be featured on and around the tree. A practicing Aboriginal artist Zac Bennett Brooks was invited to work with the students for a day. The students have been given a unique opportunity to share part of their culture with the school community through this project and we will celebrate their achievement during this assembly which will be attended by their parents, principals and students from the local schools as well as local community leaders.

Gloria Roche

NAIDOC Debating Challenge

On Tuesday 23rd June, Figtree High School's NAIDOC Debate team travelled to Woonona High School to compete in the NAIDOC Debating and Public Speaking Challenge. The team consisted of **Jasmine Lee** Year 10, **Czarina Jermyn** Year 10, **Ben Quigley** Year 8 and **Chloe Winch** Year 11. Figtree competed against Albion Park High School and Kanahooka High School in the first round of the challenge. The team won against Albion Park but was unfortunately beaten in the second debate by Kanahooka. The topic debated was, 'all sacred lands should be handed back to the traditional owners.' Figtree High had the opportunity to present arguments for both the affirmative and opposition.

Congratulations to the team for advancing to the Regional NAIDOC Debate. The team would like to thank Ms Williams for driving the team to Woonona and for coaching the team.



By Czarina Jermyn Year 10

SMS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Our school has been using an automated SMS Notification System this year to advise parents/carers of when their son/daughter is absent.

The procedure for replying to these notifications has recently changed – instead of sending a message to the mobile number that was specified in the message, we ask that parents reply directly to the absentee message they receive on the day of the absence.

Thankyou for your assistance.

Bill Turner U/15's Football Game— Thursday 28th June, 2015

The report below was written by Mr Ben McDonald. He is captain of Bulli FC First Grade team. He was on his Professional Teaching Experience from The University of Wollongong and coached the boys in this first round Bill Turner Cup fixture.

Our under 15's went down to Smiths Hill High School in a 1-0 loss on Thursday. Some brave defending from the backline and goalkeeper early on kept us in the game. After a shaky start the boys then settled into the game and passed the ball around, controlling play and playing some real eye catching football. This positive passing play led to a few good chances that the boys just couldn't take. Smiths Hill attacked our left and if it wasn't for some great defending from Justin (usually a striker) the score could have been very different. Smiths Hill scored shortly after halftime after our boys got mixed up at the back. Shortly after the goal the Smiths Hill team were reduced to 10 after some foul language. Our boys pushed up and pressed them all the way. Late shots from James and Julio just couldn't find the net. Overall a strong performance from the Figtree boys, who were unlucky not to come away with the win. Special mentions must go out to Jayden who captained the side and rallied the boys well, Justin who filled in at an unfamiliar left back role and man of the match Matt Calder who played in goals for the first time in outdoor soccer and kept us in the game early on.

Well done Figtree HS, you should all be proud of your effort, as well your ability to set up a net.



Mr Ben McDonald – Professional Experience Teacher
Physical and Health Education (UOW)

2015 Pierre de Coubertin Award

On Friday 19th June, **Caitlin Smith** (Year 11) attended the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Awards Olympic Academy and State Presentation. Caitlin was nominated for this award for her sporting values, commitment, dedication and outstanding performances in sport throughout her five years at Figtree High School.

At the NSW Olympic Academy Day, Caitlin had the opportunity to meet Olympians, workshop Olympic issues and learn about the International Olympic Movement. Following this, Caitlin attended the presentation ceremony in the Hall of Legends, Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

We congratulate Caitlin on receiving a 2015 Pierre de Coubertin Award and wish her every success in her sporting endeavours in the future.



Canteen helpers needed!!

If you can give an hour or two of your time to help at the canteen and also meet some new parents, please call Narelle Jacobsen on 4271 2054.

Talent Quest 2015

The Figtree High School 'Haworth Guitars' Talent Quest was back for 2015. The search for the greatest performing arts students started with 40 lunchtime auditions over a two week period. The final night was well attended by the local community with over 300 audience members. Judging in all categories was closely contested with a range of singers, vocal groups, acoustic duos, dancers and bands all providing a range of amazing talent in the brilliantly converted auditorium.

Congratulations to all the performers, backstage crew and staff for all their hard work in showcasing Figtree High School students' creativity.





Senior Vocalist. 1st Prize - **Abbey Blackmore**

Senior Vocalist. 2nd Prize - **Sustina Suli**

Junior Vocalist. 1st Prize - **Chantelle Leatigaga**

Junior Vocalist. 2nd Prize - **Camelia Ali**

Duo. 1st Prize - 'Pen Tappers' **Joonyoung Moon** and **Ulrich Aiono**

Duo. 2nd Prize - **Mikayla Markham** and **Jasmine Lee**

Instrumental Soloist. 1st Prize- **Shannon Neeson**

Instrumental Soloist. 2nd Prize- **Brandon Temple**

Dance. 1st Prize - **Ruby Ljubovic** and **Kina Suli**

Dance. 2nd Prize - **Emerson Hutto**

Drama. 1st Prize - Year 10 Drama Group - **Jessica Trudgett**, **Mia Jordan**, **Dayna Brunskill** and **Lauren Watson**

Band: 1st Prize - 'Packo'. **Will Brown** and **Daniel Packovski**

Band: 2nd Prize - **Chantelle Botting**, **Simone Botting**, **Nabeela Kassas**, **Shannon Neeson** and **Marius Polhill**

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Visual Arts

On the 21st of May, Year 12 Visual Arts students were invited to attend a writing workshop at the Wollongong City Art Gallery, which was aimed at helping to improve literacy and answering section one-style questions from the HSC Visual Arts examination. The program provided students with an opportunity to directly engage with the gallery's artworks within a learning context. Students were given an inspiring guided tour of the exhibitions held at the gallery. The Year 12 Visual Arts students would like to thank Miss Green for allowing us to have the opportunity to participate in this workshop, which we felt was a rewarding and beneficial experience for all who attended on the day.

Jason Bloomfield
Year 12 Visual Arts student.



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ACING THE TRIALS WITH ROWAN KUNZ

Rowan will demonstrate step by step, how to make the most of your trial exams.

WHEN: Wednesday 17 June, 5-6.30pm

WHERE: Wollongong Library

ENGLISH: AREA OF STUDY: DISCOVERY WITH LARRY GRUMLEY

Can't work out your related texts? Problems with relating to the topic? Former HSC marker Larry Grumley can help!

WHEN: Monday 29 June, 3.30-5pm

WHERE: Wollongong Library

BUSINESS STUDIES SEMINAR

This seminar will take you through the core subjects, just in time for your trials.

WHEN: Tuesday 30 June, 10am-12noon

WHERE: Corrimal Library

MOCK EXAM

Bring along a past paper of your choice and complete under mock exam conditions. It's a great way to prepare for your trials and HSC.

WHEN: Tuesday 7 July, 2-5pm

WHERE: Thirroul Library

YOGA DE-STRESS

HSC getting to much? Need time to relax? Time to find some inner peace.

WHEN: Wednesday 8 July, 11am

WHERE: Corrimal Library

ENGLISH: AREA OF STUDY: DISCOVERY WITH LYNDALL HOUGH

Respected author and former marker Lyndall Hough will take you through your options for Discovery.

WHEN: Monday 27 July, 5-6.30pm

WHERE: Dapto Library

THE MONTH BEFORE THE HSC WITH ROWAN KUNZ

It's never too late to start a study plan (this workshop is also open to year 11 students).

WHEN: Wednesday 9 September, 5.30-6.30pm

WHERE: Thirroul Library

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WHEN: Friday 2 October, 6-9pm

WHERE: Wollongong Library



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