



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

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Upcoming School Events

Week 2(B)	Beginning Monday 20 th July 2015
23.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UoW Early Admission Presentation to Yr 12 students during Roll Call and Period 1 - Yr 11 and Yr 12 VET Entertainment students attend USI session at school - Yr 10 students subject selection survey for Year 11 2016 closes at 9am - Yr 11 General Mathematics Assessment task - Yr 11 Study Skills Workshop – Period 5 - Yr 7 Parent Reading program
24.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSW Open Boys Futsal Championships - Yr 11 Mathematics and Mathematics Extension Assessment task - Yr 11 and 12 White Card Students attend USI session at school - Yr 12 Construction students incursion
Week 3 (A)	Beginning Monday 27 th July 2015
27.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal lessons for Year 12 students - Yr 12 Society and Culture PIPs due by 3pm
28.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue
29.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 5 COS Enrichment Class excursion - Southern Stars Rehearsal excursion
30.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 7 Parent Reading program - Yrs 7-12 Mathematics Competition - NSW U16 Boys Futsal Championships
31.7.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - South Coast Athletics Championships - Canberra
Week 4 (B)	Beginning Monday 3 rd August July 2015
3.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 11 Hospitality, Construction and Entertainment work placement all week - Yr 8 Science Assessment task completed in class throughout the entire week - CHS Gymnastics
4.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 11 Biology Assessment Task due - Southern Stars Rehearsal excursion - CHS Gymnastics - Yr 9 Ski Trip students meet at school at 11:45pm
5.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 9 Ski Trip - CHS Gymnastics
6.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 12 Industrial Technology major Work projects due by 3pm - Yr 9 Ski Trip - Yr 7 Parent Reading program
7.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial HSC Examinations continue - Yr 9 Ski Trip

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a very exciting start to the term. The Year 10 into 11 information evening was well attended and as I mentioned on our official FHS Facebook page there were lots of smiling faces. There were representatives from our staff, UOW and Illawarra TAFE who were available to answer questions. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from their Year Advisers, teachers and careers adviser for further advice throughout the subject selection processes this term.

The launch of the mural designed by our Aboriginal students was an overwhelming success and the FHS students, FHS staff, invited guests, parents, Community of Schools (CoS) principals, CoS teachers and CoS students thoroughly enjoyed the event. The photos have been displayed on our official FHS Facebook page.

Congratulations to all of the students who are participating in Southern Stars. Mrs Tanya Bennett will be supervising the FHS students during the rehearsal schedule.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, 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 sites, such as, Snapchat, instagram, kik and ask.com through the fact sheets located on these sites.

The FHS P & C Association meeting is on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7.30pm in the FHS library. The next meeting will be on 26th August. All school community members are welcome to attend.

Thank you

Carol Marshman - Principal

Figtree High School – Core Values: Learning

Our Year 12 students will start their Trial HSC Examinations next week and this is a major assessment task for many courses. Students should check their FHS HSC Assessment Schedule to check on the weighting for these examinations for their HSC Assessment. Students should also review the procedures for any illness/misadventure during the examination period and ensure that they follow these.

There are a range of online resources to support students with their preparation for these examinations. Students should ensure that they are taking the advice and feedback from their class teachers into this examination period. The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) website is also an important resource for HSC students in their preparation:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams

This link provides students with:

- Past HSC examination papers
- The 2015 HSC Examination timetable, dates and events
- Examination equipment checklist
- Examination rules and procedures for HSC students

The BOSTES also has the NSW Students Online website: <http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

Students can use their student number and pin to access their personalised HSC Examination timetable, a range of 'tips and tools', 'past papers' and useful links including the 'glossary' of key HSC words and HSC Exam workbooks.

Students studying courses such as: Extension 2 English, Society and Culture, Industrial Technology - Timber, Visual Arts, Drama, Music and Textiles all have major projects/performances to complete THIS term. Students need to ensure these tasks are submitted/performed ON TIME.

Students need to remember that their class teacher is their most valuable resource and students need to seek assistance from their teacher if necessary to ensure they meet this deadline.

Vocational Student of the Year

In the last week of Term 2, **Owen Isedale** (Yr 12) was invited to the prestigious Illawarra and South East NSW Training awards ceremony where he was then named the Vocational Student of the Year.

Owen is undertaking a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong and is in the first year of his apprenticeship via 1300apprentice and Unanderra builders Max Woods & Sons.

Owen has been able to successfully juggle the demands of TAFE study, his school based apprenticeship and his school based courses. Owen has been working and learning on the job with local builders Max Woods & Sons, who have been very impressed with Owen throughout his school based apprenticeship.

We congratulate Owen for this outstanding achievement and wish him the best of luck in the NSW State Awards.



Meagan Thorpe from 1300apprentice with Owen Isedale, Vocational Student of the Year

Ms Ellie Donovan
Deputy Principal

PBS VALUES

WEEK 3: RESPECT

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

WEEK 4: LEARNING

Be and active listener during assembly

Gold Awards

Congratulations to **Mitchell Acev and James McKinnon** (Year 12), who were presented with their Gold Award at a whole school assembly at the end of Term 2. This is the highest award that can be achieved in the school's merit system and means that both of these students have been able to present 150 merits. These merits provided evidence that Mitchell and James have been working to the best of their ability across a range of subjects and that they have been prepared to be involved in a range of extra-curricular activities. These included sporting and academic competitions and volunteering to help at various school events. Both students have been awarded Principal's Awards and Year Adviser's Awards, another demonstration of their consistent work ethic. They have clearly demonstrated a commitment to following the school values of Respect, Safety and Learning through earning PBS merits and offering their services to the school. Mitchell and James are excellent role models and most deserving recipients of this prestigious award. Well done!

Merit Award System

Congratulations to the following students who have reached Silver or Bronze level in the school's merit system during Semester 1.

Silver:

Caitlin Deverell, Tiffanie Doan, Ashleigh Jones (Year 9)
Aurelia Noronha and Payton Scanlen (Year 8).

Bronze:

Mecenzi Howard (Year 12)

Jemma Gourlay, Hayley Maynard-Khourey, Molly McNair, Ryan Mutahi, Josh Panayiotou, Emily Woods (Year 9)

Kira Connolly, Sarah Dawson, Marija Knezevic, April Martins, Taylor O'Connor and Ashleigh Yeaman (Year 8).

To be considered eligible for Bronze, Silver or Gold level on the school's merit system a student must be able to present the required number of merits (Bronze 15), (Silver 45), (Gold 150). Students must also meet the criteria of being cooperative and courteous and being prepared to work to the best of their ability at all times.

A Bronze or Silver certificate allows students to participate in merit reward excursions and can be a valuable addition to a student's résumé.

All students who have the required number of merits are encouraged to apply for their Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. They can obtain an application form from their Year Adviser or Ms Dive in the Languages Staffroom.

Zone Athletics

Our Zone Athletics Carnival was held at Bulli High School this year as our original date at Beaton Park was cancelled due to the weather. A big thankyou to the teachers of Bulli High School for allowing the day to be held on their school grounds. It turned out to be a fantastic day. The weather was kind to us and we had a large number of students participate on the day.

We had some excellent results from a number of students. Our relay teams were phenomenal and produced some outstanding results. This year in the point score the males blitzed the other schools by almost 200 points. The girls were second to Smiths Hill. This meant when we combined our scores Figtree High School came **second** overall (we were only 50 points behind Smiths Hill). A sensational effort by all our students to achieve this result.

In relation to the Age champions, Figtree High School had 6 out of the 12 age champions. Congratulations to the following students who were the Age Champions for 2015.

- **Alyssa Parks – 12 year Girls**
- **Ben Plumb – 13 year Boys**
- **Cameron Lodge – 14 year Boys**
- **Payton Williams – 15 year Girls**
- **Jarrod Twigg – 16 year Boys**
- **Banious Dumbuya – 17 year Boys**



12 Years Girls Relay team

Our next carnival is the Regional Carnival, which will be held in Canberra on Friday 31st July.

We have a team of 52 students attending on this day. We wish all the students the best of luck and look forward to hearing about some great results.



14 years Girls Relay Team

Share the Dignity Campaign

Figtree High School will be supporting the 'Share the Dignity' Campaign by providing a collection site for donations of feminine hygiene products. Please refer to the advertisement on the next page of our bulletin to learn about this initiative. To support this campaign and to develop student understanding in the issues many surrounding homelessness in Australia all Year 9 and 10 Health classes will participate in a quick 10 minute lesson. Please support us by purchasing products and handing them into the HT Teaching and Learning Office.

DONATIONS OF WINTER PANTS AND JUMPERS FOR OUR CLOTHING POOL

Due to an overwhelming demand of clothing recently, we need any Figtree High School winter clothing that you can donate.

Please place in a bag and mark it attention to: Mrs Borst and drop it off to the front office.

Thank you for your support

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Figtree High School is participating in Woolworth's Earn & Learn program to earn points for resources for our Learning Support and Autism class.

We would like to encourage all of our school community to help us by donating any stickers that you receive when you make purchases at any Woolworth's Supermarkets. Please drop them in to the specially marked box in the Library.

The more stickers we receive, the more resources we can acquire for these areas of our school.

The promotion is from 15th July to the 8th September, 2015.

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.

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.

Share the Dignity

"No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary products"



Sanitary items should be a **RIGHT** not a privilege!

<https://www.facebook.com/sharethedignity>

Please purchase an extra box of tampons, sanitary pads next time you are shopping and place in the bin provided at Mrs Glasgow's Office at our school and help Share The Dignity. Items will be donated to local community groups to support homeless and at risk women and girls.

Thank You.



SHARE THE
Dignity

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There are children and young people in your community who could really benefit from your interest. CareSouth provides our carers with exceptional support and training.

To find out more, call us for an obligation-free chat today.

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KAREN, CARESOUTH FOSTER CARER

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The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Australian Government.

Essential Employment and Training (EET) offer:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
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Community Pantry

Food Parcels are available for
those who are struggling
make ends meet.

Place:

Unanderra Community Centre- Main hall

Day : Thursdays from July 9th

Time: 1-2.30pm

Cost: donation \$7



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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

HSC LOCK-IN

Pizza, tutors, study space... the entire library for HSC... FREE!!!

WHEN: Friday 2 October, 6-9pm

WHERE: Wollongong Library