



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 3 Week 6 21st August, 2015

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Week 7(A)	Beginning Monday 24 th August 2015
24.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Drama Performance Examinations - Yr12 Visual Arts Bodies of Work due by 3pm to supervising teacher - Y11 English Standard Speaking Task - Y8 Languages Task - various periods for different classes all week
25.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Industrial Technology Itinerant Marking - Yr 11 SAC in class task - Y12 SAC in class task - Yr 11 - Andrew Morello - Inspirational Speaker
26.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southern Stars Rehearsal - Yr 9 English Performance Task during lessons - Yr 10 Maths Test – during class time
27.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southern Stars Rehearsal - Yr 11 Advanced English in class task - Yr 9 German Listening and Reading in class task - Yr 9 PASS - ACE Tennis during class time - Yr 10.6 Science readiness in class test - Yr 12 Music Performance Evening - Malouf / Schroder
28.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southern Stars Matinee and Night Performance - Yr 10 Languages in class task - Yr 10 Geography in class task - Cross Country Mountain Bike Championships - Stromlo Forest, ACT - Yr 10.1/2/3 Science Readiness in class test
Week 8 (B)	Beginning Monday 31 st August 2015
31.8.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSC Design & Technology Itinerant Marking – all week - Yr12 Drama Projects submission date to BOSTE- Yr12 Music Submitted Works due by 3pm to supervising teacher - Year 11 SRC speeches - Y8 Science Practical task - various periods – all week
1.9.15	
2.9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 10 SRC Speeches - CHS State Tennis - Regional NAIDOC Debate - Minnamurra PS
3.9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHS Athletics - Yr 10 German Listening / Reading in class task - Yr9 PASS - ACE Tennis – during class time - CHS State Tennis
4.9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHS Athletics & Sat 5.9.15 - Yr 9 Health in class task

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Best wishes to the HSC students who will be participating in their practical examinations in Drama Performance and Music in the next few weeks. Congratulations to all the HSC students who have completed their major projects in a wide variety of subjects. The year 12 students are nearing the end of their formal high school studies and I wish them all the best for the coming weeks.

The Community of Schools Science Week Challenge Finals K-6 were held at Figtree High School. The day was a great success and the students met the challenges using innovation and scientific methodology. Congratulations to all the participating schools and students. Many photographs were posted on the official Figtree High School Facebook page.

The GenZ2Work students have enjoyed in insight into Westfield Figtree through workplace visits. This innovative program offers our students a comprehensive understanding of school to work.

On Tuesday 11 August I received this congratulatory letter:

Dear Staff at Figtree High School,

I am writing to commend the wonderful students that were on today's Coastal Management excursion conducted at lake Illawarra and Warilla Beach. The students had shown diligence, courtesy and a sound work ethic to the task. They have a thorough knowledge and insight to the many issues of coastal management from building breakwaters and training walls, dredging channel etc that improved the quality of the waters of Lake Illawarra. On the beach, they saw at first hand work done in revegetating dunes and used scientific instruments in measuring micro environmental changes in three stages of vegetation. Beyond this, they studied the effects of storm surge erosion and attempts to counter this by way of sea walls that created other erosional issues.

Again a special thank you to the staff and students at Figtree High School.

from John, Dave and John and Stewart at Illawarra Environmental Education Centre.

Thank you

Carol Marshman

Principal

Girls' Talk

On Thursday 6 August the group of girls who are involved in the Young Women's Forum attend a Girls' Talk day at Port Kembla Senior Citizens Club. Along with groups of girls from Five Islands Senior College, Warrawong HS and Corrimal HS, they had a great day discussing issues concerning teenagers in the 21st century. They created cards to represent their identity and presented short plays that they wrote, directed and performed.

The feedback we received about the girls' behaviour and mature attitude from the organisers of the event and the teachers from the other schools was extremely positive. The girls themselves had a great day mingling and getting to know other girls their age from our local high schools.

Mrs E Kyriacou
EAL/D Teacher



Work Experience

On Monday 10th of August, I along with four of my peers attended a work experience day at Westfield Figtree for the Year 10 GenZ-2Work program. The five of us decided to choose marketing as we thought it would be interesting and beneficial to our possible career paths. We were taken to centre management and into the conference room where we were introduced to the lovely staff there. Kat was our mentor for the day. During the day we learnt about the different aspects of marketing, and the role in which it plays in a shopping centre. We were shown the importance of marketing for the success of the centre.

We were given fresh donuts for morning tea, and we then had a Skype chat with the team at the Warrawong shopping centre. We were given a chance to have a brief of the previous campaign allowing us to share our feedback and ideas. To help roll out a new innovative GPS based technology which helps customers find stores within the centre easier, we were asked to help in mapping out the shops within centre, ensuring that all the stores would be in the correct spot on the map and restricted areas were not shown on the map. As Westfield's 50th birthday was approaching we were asked to come up with some designs and ideas for their newest campaign.

We finished the day looking at marketing bloopers on youtube. This experience has made us even more enthusiastic about pursuing careers in marketing and was well worth doing. On behalf of the five of us we would like to thank the team at Westfield Figtree for having us and making us feel very welcome, and for taking time the time out of their day for us. We also would like to thank Kat for spending the day with us and organising amazing activities and making it a very fun and educational day. Last but not least we would also like to thank Mr Sargent-Wilson and Brett Leonard the centre manager for organising this amazing experience for us.

Demee Kyriazos Year 10



Snow Trip 2015

To say the snow trip was an amazing experience would be an understatement as it really was that good. I'm sure almost every year 9 student would go back in a flash and do it all over again. We could not thank the teachers enough especially Miss Quill and Mrs Markham for all the organization that happened before we left and down there, they were great fun and supported us so much on the slopes. The three days delivered us with four seasons of weather, the first day with not so great weather, blizzards all day skiing/boarding whilst snowing and high winds with day 2 and 3 providing the goods. All students enjoyed the trip thoroughly and have many more than just one highlight from the few days we spent on the slopes. We not only had fun on the slopes but off them too and even more throughout the many hours together on the bus. They were long days on the snow with early wake up calls which brought out many emotions throughout the group. The snow tested everyone's endurance both physically and mentally and thank you to all the year nines for making it what it was. All up it was a great experience to remember.

--Meghan Fox

BEYOND THE FRAME SOUTHERN STARS 2015

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 ***Beyond The Frame*** are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult \$48, Pensioner and student over 12 \$38, Student/Child under 12 \$27 and Family pass \$140) as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out.

Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about ***Beyond The Frame*** including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!

CUA Community Care 2015

Help Us Win \$5,000 to Improve Our School

At Figtree High School we think it's very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the adidas School Fun-Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we are eligible to enter a program called 'CUA Community Care' that gives us the chance to win \$5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to upgrade our football field so it can be used for a multitude of sports.

We're up against 10 other schools in the area to take out the \$5,000 prize and as the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 27 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at:

www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA's Corrimal branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Also, voting is open to anyone so please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting. Please give us your support and help us win \$5,000 to improve our school!

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.

Wellbeing Report

There have been a number of changes to the Wellbeing Team at Figtree High School this term. We have had some changes to the Year Advisers due to changes in duties and we would like to welcome Sandra Fernandes and Aaron Kellaway to the Wellbeing Team. A big CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Parr (Year 7 Adviser) who has applied for and gained the role of Relieving Head Teacher TAS Faculty for 2015. This means that for the rest of the year she will be replaced by Sandra Fernandes from the HSIE faculty. Thank you to Pam Dowd for her role as Year Adviser to Year 10 this year. She is taking on the role of Year 7 2016 Year Adviser as is preparing everything for our next Year 7 cohort. Aaron Kellaway is congratulated on gaining the position of Year adviser to Year 10, sharing the role with Peter Liddle.

The Year Advisers for each year group are as follows

Year Group	Year Advisers	
7	Ms Evia Kyriakou	Ms Sandra Fernandes
8	Mr Gary Smith	
9	Ms Trish Dive	Mr Peter Simmonds
10	Mr Peter Liddle	Mr Aaron Kellaway
11	Ms Kerrie Harris	
12	Ms Jan Goodall	
Head Teachers	Ms Jemma Lawson and Ms Natasha Clark	

Please feel free to contact any of us if you need to discuss your child.

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www.headspace.org.au/wollongong

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health under the Youth Mental Health Initiative.

During last term all Year 7/8/9 students attended the Brainstorm Productions performance, The Hurting Game. This was a performance that delved into the hurting games young people play at school and online to give a false sense of power and belonging. The Hurting Game shows students how ongoing negative relationships at school and online can affect their self-esteem and their future. This wellbeing initiative was organised to teach students about Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Harassment, Resilience, Cyber Footprint and Safety.

This was well received by all students who attended.



On behalf of year 9, I would like to acknowledge and thank our year advisors for organising 'The Brainstorm Productions' for attending our school last week and performing to year 8 and 9. I believe the play 'The Hurting Game' was a great performance and truly made us think about our actions. Our entire year thoroughly enjoyed the show as we could all relate to the play's story line. The performance was phenomenal whilst demonstrating what the right choices are to make when going through tough times and not to retaliate in a negative manner. It also showed the understanding of the nature and effects of bullying and the importance of being respectful to people both in person and online. 'The Hurting Game' also demonstrated how to react to cyber bullies and to be yourself no matter what anyone thinks of you. It inspired us all to never bully nor damage our digital reputation. There was a lot to gain from watching this performance.

Meghan Fox Year 9

Leaving school- What next?



CAREER
Development,
Assessment &
Counselling

Your future.

The 'Leaving School – What Next' Program will help you:

- **Work out what careers would suit you**
- **See what courses may be available in 2016**
- **Includes a Career Assessment**
- **Check out TAFE and University options**
- **Is a FREE program for school students in years 10, 11 or 12**

Career Development, Assessment and Counselling (**CDAAC**) (a part of TAFE Illawarra) is inviting school students to a Career and Course evening. For many young people (and their parents/guardian) the decision about whether to leave school and what to do is very stressful. This program will help you get the information you need and start planning for study in 2016.

Wednesday 9th September 2015
WOLLONGONG TAFE (Map attached)
Foley's Lane, North Wollongong
Block B, Conference Room
6pm to 8pm

RSVP BY THE END OF AUGUST

To book your place or make enquiries please phone:
Sally Kettley on 4229 0535

Wollongong Campus

Foleys Lane
North Wollongong
PO Box 1223
Wollongong 2500
Ph: 02 4229 0400

A	Building name
i	Customer Service Centre
P	Parking area
	Campus grounds
	Roadway/paths
	Entry to Campus
	Emergency evacuation point



SECTION/UNIT	BLOCK
Aboriginal Education Unit	B
Administration Studies	T
Adult Basic Education	W1, W2, W3, W5
Adult Migrant Education Program (AMEP)	K
Architectural Drafting	L
Auditorium	P
Autobody Refinishing and Repair	U
Baking	W4, W6
Bookshop	N
Bricklaying	J
Business Development Unit	W8
Business Studies	A
Canteen	N
Career Education & Employment for Women	K
Carpentry & Joinery	J
Child Care Centre	R
Childcare Studies	G
Civil Engineering	I
Cleaners	01
Communications	L
Community Services	G
Counselling & Career Services	N
Customer Service Centre	A
Digital Media & Design	Q
Disabilities (Hearing)	L
Disabilities (Neurological, Physical & Intellectual)	K
Electrotechnology	Q
Engineering Drafting	E
English	K
English Speakers of Other Languages	K
Faculty Director's Unit - Trades & Technology	A
Fitting & Machining	E
First Aid Centre	01
Fluid Power	M
Food & Beverage	W7
General Education	K
General Education (Humanities, Individual Learning Centre, Science & TPC)	L
Individual Learning Centre	L
Information Technology	A
International Students Unit	L
Library	A
Library Practice	A
Main Store	E
Maintenance Fitters, Gardeners	F
Mechanical Engineering	E
Metal Fabrication & Welding	H
Mining	E
Multicultural Education Unit	K
Music	L
Open Learning Centre	A
Outreach	L
Painting & Decorating	O
Plumbing	J
Recreation Centre	X
Refrigeration	Q
Security	A
Student Association - ITSA	N
Surveying	I, K
TAFE HSC Pathways	K
TAFE NSW Metal Centre	F
Teacher Learning Initiatives	L
Tourism & Hospitality	V

Community Noticeboard



**FIGTREE JUNIOR OZTAG
REGISTRATIONS @
WEST'S ILLAWARRA
LEAGUES CLUB**

Wed 19th & Mon 24th August

5.30 – 7.00 pm

Organise your team or be placed in a
team (not guaranteed)

For Further information
www.wollongongoztag.com.au
under Figtree juniors

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
ONCE THE COMP HAS STARTED

Keira Cricket Club

Keira Cricket Club will be holding two registration days for their MILO In2Cricket Program and Junior Competition at:

**Wiseman Park Bowling Club (Foleys Road, Gwynneville)
Saturday 22nd & Saturday 29th August, 2015
10AM to 12PM**

Further information can be found on our website - <http://keiracc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>
or by emailing: jamespirie@exemail.com.au



Adult Basic Education Courses – Wollongong Campus September to November 2015

Course	Description	Dates	Fees for eligible* students	
			Concession (Centrelink)	Non Concession
FSK10213 Certificate I Skills for Vocational Pathways Tuesday 9:00am – 12 midday Thursday 9:00am – 12 midday Friday 9:00am – 12 midday	Literacy Numeracy Computers	15/9/2015 – 26/11/2015 9 weeks	\$80	\$220
FSK20113 Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways - TRADES Monday 9:00am – 2:30pm Wednesday 9:00am – 2:30pm Thursday 9:00am – 2:30pm	Carpentry Bricklaying White Card <i>plus</i> Literacy, Numeracy Computers	14/9/2015 – 26/11/2015 9 weeks	\$80	\$320
FSK20113 Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways – EARLY CHILDHOOD Tuesday 9:00am – 2:30pm Wednesday 9:00am – 2:30pm Friday 9:00am – 2:30pm	First Aid Communicating with Children <i>plus</i> Literacy, Numeracy Computers	15/9/2015 – 27/11/2015 9 weeks	\$80	\$320
10089NAT Certificate II Skills for Work and Training – EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS Wednesday 9:00am – 2:30pm Thursday 9:00am – 2:30pm Friday 9:00am – 2:30pm	Job-Seeking Workplace Communication Skills	16/9/2015 – 27/11/2015 9 weeks	\$80	\$320

*You can investigate your eligibility for government-subsidised courses at <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au>

Information & Assessment sessions: Wollongong Campus, Foley's Lane, Wollongong, Room W2
10am – 1pm on Tuesday 25 August, Friday 28 August, Tuesday 1 September, Friday 4 September

To put your name down on a waiting list for this course or for more information please phone/email **Helen Wood** on 42290451 or Email: helen.wood4@det.nsw.edu.au or **Cheryl Hales** on 42290566 or Email: cheryl.hales@det.nsw.edu.au

**Classes will run depending on availability of funding and student numbers; in some cases we will put your name on a waiting list, until the class is viable to run. Days of delivery may also change depending on room availability.*

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