



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 2 Week 4 20th May, 2016

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T2 Week 4	Week Starting 16 May
19.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 Languages Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Science Half Yearly Exams</li> <li>- Yr 8 Brainstorm Production</li> <li>- Yr 10 Food Technology Half Yearly Exam</li> <li>- Yr 10 History Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Software Development and Design Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Earth and Environmental Science Assessment Task</li> <li>- South Coast Table Tennis Competition</li> </ul>
20.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 Languages Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Science Half Yearly Exam</li> <li>- Yr 7 Scripture: 7M, 7T, 7I</li> <li>- Yr 11 Ancient History Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Studies of Religion Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Biology and Senior Science Excursion: Museum of Disease, UNSW</li> </ul>
T2 Week 5	Week Starting 23 May
23.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open Boys Soccer, Bulli High School</li> </ul>
24.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 9/10 Links to Learning</li> <li>- Yr 10 Seniors Technology Assistance Volunteers</li> <li>- Yr 10 Timber Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Drama Practical Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Business Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> </ul>
25.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Enrichment Class</li> <li>- Yr 8 and 10 Australian History Competition</li> <li>- Yr 10 IT Timber Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Advance English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> </ul>
26.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 Geography Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 10 Mathematics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Extension 1 Mathematics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 English Advanced Assessment Task</li> </ul>
27.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 Scripture 7E, 7R, 7Y, 7noahluc</li> <li>- B</li> <li>- Yr 12 Modern History Assessment Task</li> </ul>
T2 Week 6	Week Starting 30 May
30.05.16	-
31.05.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 9/10 Links to Learning</li> <li>- Yr 9/10 PASS 11 SLR Recreational Activities</li> <li>- Yr 10 Graphics</li> <li>- Golden Figs Heat</li> </ul>
01.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Academic Enrichment Class</li> <li>- South Coast Dance Festival</li> <li>- Golden Figs Heat</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage 2 CoS STEM Immersion Afternoon</li> <li>- Student Leadership Program Excursion Sydney Parliament House</li> </ul>
02.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South Coast Dance Festival</li> <li>- Golden Figs Heat</li> </ul>
03.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 10 Geography Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Advanced English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 English Standard Assessment Task</li> </ul>

## Principal's Report

Welcome to our week four bulletin. As always, many stimulating learning experiences have taken place in the last fortnight at our school.

We have facilitated NAPLAN testing for our Year 7 and Year 9 students over three days. The results of these tests come to the school later in the year and are a highly useful data tool for our staff to support your children in their learning. NAPLAN is a snapshot diagnostic test measuring skills in literacy and numeracy and allows you to see growth and development in your child's learning since they last sat the test. As a school, it assists us to identify where we can focus learning and professional development.

The Visual Arts space had their hallways painted white in the holidays and is now showcasing some outstanding student work. The Creative and Performing Arts faculty will also be hosting our annual Golden Figs Talent Quest in a few weeks' time – watch this space for details of ticket purchase.

Zone Cross Country was held this week and we sent a large team to compete. More about the results of this event from Mrs Tanya Markham later in the bulletin. We also have a number of boys selected in Rugby League and wish them well as they compete next week.

We value the community partnerships that we share and this week we were privileged to host GenZ2Work who interviewed Year 10 students and gave feedback. The input of these workplace managers with our

students is greatly valued and the feedback from them was high praise for our students.

It was lovely to meet the selected students and their parents this week who will be taking part in our Year 5 Academic Enrichment program 2016. Mrs Vanessa Glasgow and Mrs Amanda Henderson facilitated the information session which held exciting news about the Sustainability focused program the students will be experiencing this term and next. Mrs Jan Goodall was also present to support the evening as our Transition Coordinator. Mrs Goodall will be the point of contact, along with the 2017 and 2018 Year Advisers to ensure a smooth transition for your child to Figtree High School.

We welcomed a new Visual Arts teacher this week. Ms Sarah Wunsch has been selected as a temporary teacher to replace Ms Green and has settled in very well with her classes this week. Ms Ellie Donovan has been successful in gaining a seconded position for the remainder of this term as a Quality Teacher Advisor based at Warilla Office and Mrs Jennifer English will be the relieving Deputy Principal responsible for Strategic Direction 1: Teaching and Learning and supporting students in Years 7 and 11 for this time.

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 7:30pm. We welcome all parents and community members input at these meetings.

Enjoy reading this edition of our bulletin.

Karen Burke

Principal

## Deputy Principal's Reports

### GENZ-2WORK

This program is an important community partnership with Figtree Grove and Warrawong Plaza for Year 10 students. All students in the year heard a speech from Ms Kristy Miglionico (Figtree Grove) and Mr Andrew Martin (Warrawong Plaza) about post schooling options. Students were then invited to submit applications to be part of the program. As part of the submission, students experienced lessons on resume building, CV development and interview skills.

Interviews will be taking place for those students who submitted applications this week. The interviews will be conducted by Mr Sargent-Wilson and Ms Caroline Haselden (Careers Advisers), Ms Kate Edmondson (Figtree Grove and Warrawong Plaza), Ms Shelly Mainon and Ms Tracey Storm (Workplace Learning Illawarra).

### Volunteering Program

Year 10 students are involved in a partnership with Unanderra Community Centre. The event is for interested seniors to participate in an intergenerational learning with technology program called "Lets get IT Savvy". The workshops involved 20 students working with senior citizens on personally supporting them to increase their confidence in using IT on a range of devices. This interface will also reduce ageist stereotypes and perceptions of both generations and build mutual respect and consideration for each other. There are a number of photos on our Figtree High School Facebook page celebrating the first workshop.

*Ms Trish Morgan*

### Deputy Principal

## PBL Core Values

### Week 4: Respect

Be an active listener during assembly

### Week 5: Learning

Walk quietly in the corridors so that others can continue learning

## Faculty Report: LIBRARY

There have been lots of changes to the format of the library this year. The beginning of first term saw the return of Mrs Crouch from Maternity Leave. The role of librarian is being job shared between Miss Booth (Mon – Tues) and Mrs Crouch (Wed – Fri). We are very grateful that Miss Booth has been able to continue her

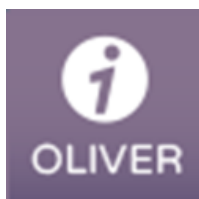
work in the library, providing staff and students with consistent, dedicated and friendly service. We also welcome Mrs Crouch back to the role.

In preparation for the upcoming refurbishment of the Administration Office and Front Entrance, the Western part of the Library has now been closed off and the Administration and Student Reception have temporarily been relocated here. However, the library continues to function as the learning hub of the school and continues to support a variety of school activities including: District debating, Year 5 Enrichment Program, Defence Talks, Youth Frontiers Mentor Program, Parent Reading Group, Job Education Training (JET), After School Homework Centre (Mondays), Learning Centre for Distance Education students, and a dedicated Senior Independent Study. This year we have also welcomed the Young Men's Group.

First term had the library team hitting the ground running as we prepared for the implementation of our new Library Learning System provided by the DET called **Oliver**. This new system went 'live' on the last week of Term 1 and provides our school with a 21st century learning management tool that offers an interactive experience for all users. While the implementation went fairly smoothly, it is a brand new system which has presented a challenging, yet exciting learning curve for all Library staff. As we find our way with this new system, staff and students may find that certain tasks take us a little longer to process such as the accessioning of new textbooks, printouts of class lists, overdue notices, etc. We thank you for your support and patience.

The key benefits of Oliver include its:

- interactivity
- link with e-books and digital learning objects
- ability to check loans, make reservations, request new resources, and pursue interests to get alerts of latest resources available as well as providing the capacity to renew items online
- ability to publish reviews to share with other users
- ability to check PRC titles available
- ability to save searches
- real time updates for loans, new resource displays and reading lists



## News from Creative and Performing Arts

### Talent Quest

Figtree High School's Talent Quest is back for 2016 and this year has been rebranded 'The Golden Figs'. The creative theme for this year is **light** and students are inspired to create and perform to their interpretation of light. The search for the greatest creative and performing arts students starts with lunchtime auditions over a two-week period between 30th May and 9th June. The final night performances will be held in the auditorium on the 16<sup>th</sup> June and tickets can be bought at the door on the night for \$5. Last year students were supported by the local community with over 300 audience members. We are proud to announce Nova Tucker as the winner of the 2016 Golden Fig Poster Competition. Congratulations to all students who have entered. Nova's excellent design work is attached.

### Photography Prize

This year's first photography prize competition closes 31 May. Entry forms can be picked up from the CAPA staffroom.



### **Artexpress**

On Tuesday 10 May, selected Year 10, 11 and 12 Visual Arts students attended Artexpress at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Students were able to view the best HSC art works from across the state and were inspired see our own Millie Wistow-Martin's work in the exhibition. Students enjoyed lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the Domain parklands before heading back into the gallery to view the Sydney Biennale and Contemporary Galleries.

### **Figtree High Dance Troupe**

Congratulations to Mrs Tanya Bennett and the student dance group. For the first time in many years, Figtree High School has a performance dance troupe. Students were selected via an audition process with a guest dance teacher and choreographer, Ms Riley Moon. A group of approximately 40 students auditioned and a high quality, motivated troupe has been selected. Since this time, the students have put together a dance performance piece for the South Coast Dance Festival. Again, an audition was required for the Festival and the students' efforts have been rewarded with selection into the program. Of even greater reward, the students have been offered a Saturday evening performance which allows a further video audition to apply to State Dance Festival.

The students have come together as a team very quickly and have made me very proud of their efforts and the quality of the performance they have put together on youth issues. We also wish to thank Ms Teagan McKeen for her help.

Should you wish to view the performance at the IPAC, they will be presenting at the Thursday school matinee and evening performance, as well as the Saturday evening performance.

Tickets for the festival performances are through the IPAC Box Office or (Ph 02 4226 3366) or through their website.

**Ticket Prices for 2016 are:** All public performances: Matinees and Evenings  
Student/Concession/Child - \$15.00 Adult - \$33.00





# ↑THE GOLDEN FIGS

*'light'*

JUNE 16

6:30 - 8:30PM

TICKETS: \$5

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Respect, Safety, Learning

## Important notice for all staff and students:

All schools in the NSW Department of Education are changing how their computers and users access the internal network and the internet.

As of Wednesday morning (May 25, 2016), Figtree High will be transitioned to this system (Secure Proxy Authentication) with the following impacts:

- **Desktop** computers in staff and class rooms: All users will be required to append @detnsw to their login names.  
ie log in as [jane.smith12@detnsw](mailto:jane.smith12@detnsw)  
(same password as before)
- **Laptops** (belonging to the school): laptop users should already be logging in with @detnsw already.
- **Other school devices** (school iPads): need to be handed in for configuration.
- **Personal devices** (laptops, tablets and phones): staff and students are required to change the wifi settings for each device with new settings.

**Details of these settings will be distributed through roll calls and direct to staffrooms.**

Staff and students are encouraged to contact Mr Boyton on or after Wednesday if they need assistance with their logins.

## What is SPA?

In 2006, the Authenticated Internet Browsing and Email service launched and all staff and students were provided with individual accounts with year-level filtering introduced. In order to access the Internet, users authenticate with their DoE Portal ID & password.

The filtering service is accessed by authenticating to the department's proxy servers which have recently been updated. The update provides for a new authentication process with user credentials encrypted and securely sent to the proxy server.

SPA is the first step to establishing a Single Sign-On service for all eT4L schools. On eT4L Windows devices, once logged onto Windows, it will remove the need to authenticate again for Internet sessions

The next phase of Single Sign-on due in the second-half of this year will see the Windows logon be applied automatically for the DoE Portal, Email and most corporate applications, meaning you won't need to authenticate multiple times every day.

Mr Boyton

Computer Coordinator



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## Sharon Bird MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CUNNINGHAM

May 2016

Dear Parent

If your child plays sport you would be aware of the costs associated with competing, particularly at higher levels.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at sporting competitions.

The grant of \$500 exists to help meet some of these costs.

Applicants must apply online before the event, please see following link:  
[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions)

The event needs to be more than 125 kms from home.

Applications for funding will be assessed three times a year.

The closing dates for the next two rounds are:

- 30 June 2016
- 31 October 2016

Yours sincerely

SHARON BIRD MP  
MEMBER FOR CUNNINGHAM