



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 11 8th April, 2016

Address: 2 Gibsons Road, Figtree NSW 2525

Phone: 02 4271 2787

Email: figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Fax: 02 4271 6626

T1	FRIDAY 8TH APRIL, 2016
Week 11 A	
08.04.16	- Year 12 Half Yearly Exams - Yr 8 German Inclass task
11.04.16	- School holidays
T2	MONDAY 25TH APRIL, 2016
Week 1 B	
25.04.16	- ANZAC day
26.04.16	- Staff Development Day
27.04.16	- All students return - Yr 8 French Language Inclass task
28.04.16	- Yr 8/9 Chinese Cultures Lunch Incursion - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks
29.04.16	- Y8 French Language Inclass tasks - Y9 Autism Class excursion - Wollongong TAFE
T2	MONDAY 2ND MAY, 2016
Week 2 A	
02.05.16	- Yr 11 Camp – Camp Yarramundi - Y7 Science Practical task - Y8 Science Practical task - Y9 Science Practical task - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks
03.05.16	- Yr 11 camp – Camp Yarramundi - Yr 10 Volunteering - Seniors Technology - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks - Y7 Science Practical task - Y9 Science Practical task - Y8 Science Practical task - Y9/10 Links to Learning - Year 9 & 10 PASS & 11 SLR Excursion Recreational Activities
04.05.16	- Yr 11 camp – Camp Yarramundi - Y7B /9 English 4 - NAPLAN Equating Study - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks - Y7 Science Practical task - Y8 Science Practical task - Y9 Science Practical task
05.04.16	- Y10 SDD inclass task - Y11 Geography Inclass task - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks - Y7 Science Practical task - Y8 Science Practical task - Y9 Science Practical task
06.05.16	- Yr 11/12 Hospitality excursion - Y11 Ancient History submission task - Year 10 Geography Assessment - Excursion AIME Senior Program - UOW - Excursion Greater Southern Rugby League Trials - Y8 French Language Inclass tasks - Y7 Science Practical task - Y8 Science Practical task - Y9 Science Practical task

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe how quickly 11 weeks has gone. It has been a highly productive term with students and staff giving their all across the school.

We have had success in learning, sport and the arts. Year 7 has settled in well and Year 12 are focused on their HSC, finishing the term with their mid-course examinations. A high percentage of our school competed in the annual Cross Country event yesterday, the results of which will be highlighted in a bulletin next term. I have been most impressed with the attitude and participation of students throughout the term – they have made my role as principal very rewarding.

We welcome new Year Advisers to the Wellbeing team through an application and interview process. Ms Natalie Green is the co-adviser of Year 9, Mr Adrian Herbert is the Year 7 Adviser for 2017 and Mr Austin Brooks will be looking after Year 7 in 2018. These vibrant professionals take their role of ensuring student wellbeing seriously, as do all of our Year Advisers, and I know their energy and enthusiasm will be appreciated by the students and their parents.

I would like to inform you of some exciting new changes to the appearance of our administration area and front entry. Over the next 6-9 months, the front area of the school will be undergoing quite a transformation through the Secondary Schools Renewal Program. As a result, our office will be re-locating from the start of Term 2 and will operate in a converted area at the back of the library throughout the renovation period. Phone numbers will remain unchanged and as always, our professional and friendly office staff will provide excellence in customer service. We thank you in advance for your patience during this time and we know you will enjoy the new refurbishments as much as we will. May I take this opportunity to remind all parents/visitors to report to

the office before moving to other parts of the school. This ensures we are in line with WHS expectations.

I will have news to share about staffing changes early next term, as positions in English, Mathematics and PDHPE will be filled through merit selection. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Snezana Cullen who has accepted a position in Mathematics at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts for the remainder of 2016. Mrs Cullen is an outstanding classroom teacher and the students will miss her commitment to their learning and caring nature.

In more staffing news, Ms Johanna Clifford has been successful in gaining the position of Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year and is a valuable addition to the Senior Executive Leadership Team. I would like to congratulate Mrs Jan Goodall as relieving Head Teacher Administration during this time. I would like to express my appreciation for the contributions and leadership of Mr Stephen Smart as Relieving Deputy Principal over the past six weeks. Ms Tanya Markham has added Head Teacher PDHPE to her Sports Coordinator duties in this time and I thank her for her positive commitment to the role. Mr Smart returns as Head Teacher PDHPE next term.

I wish your family a safe and enjoyable two week break that is completed with ANZAC Day and then School Development Day. Students return for Term Two on Wednesday 27 April 2016. Our P&C meeting will take place on the same evening at 7:30pm in the Bistro and all are welcome to join us. Happy holidays!

Mrs Karen Burke

Faculty Report – Learning Support

There is never a dull moment in Learning Support or a moment to spare. Without a doubt the start of 2016 has been incredibly busy for Students, Teachers and Teachers Aides in the Learning Support Faculty.

Students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 have received significant assistance from Learning Support. This has provided students with the necessary support structures to enable them to transition smoothly from the primary to high school setting. Support comes in the form of academic and personal support.

The Learning Support Centre provides classes, groups and individuals with continued support with their learning. Break times continue to be an extremely busy time with a constant stream of students either dropping in for a visit or receiving help and assistance with their learning.

Learning Support works across all KLAS and curriculum areas team teaching or taking small groups or individuals for short periods of intensive instruction. We would like to acknowledge our ever caring and committed Teachers Aides: Frances Roberts, Janine McKnight, Marie-Claire Kurt, Kerry Bengson and Lidija Blazevska who never fail to provide students with academic support, a kind word and a lot of encouragement.

The Learning Support Faculty provides support and assistance to students who participate in BEP (Behaviour Education Program). BEP operates during Roll Call. This program in conjunction with the Figtree High School Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) offers students individual daily monitoring and goal setting. The objective of this program is to increase students' academic and social success.

Applications for students requiring Disability Provisions for the 2016 HSC have been submitted to Board of Studies. The success of the students' applications will be known within the coming weeks. We would also like to thank the Year 9 students who have willingly assisted as readers/scribes for Year 12 students currently sitting exams.

A significant milestone has been reached as we celebrate the 20th year that The Parents as Tutors Reading Program has been operating at FHS. Once a week these dedicated and supportive parents and

friends of FHS have offered their time to assist a group of Year 7 students with individual reading assistance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for their commitment and generosity.

Learning Support has also undertaken the planning and implementation of a Student Volunteering Program. This program will enable students to participate in a variety of activities that will allow them to give back to the wider community. The first planned activity will involve students assisting elderly community members in using and understanding technologies such as, tablets computers and phones.

Sporting News

Interschools Mountain Bike Championships.

Well done to Daniel Maris and Jacob Tomic who both competed in the Interschools Mountain Bike Championships at Thredbo earlier this month. Both boys rode extremely well in some tough conditions.



South Coast Hockey

Congratulations to Samara Miotto, Emily McKinnon and Jake Sheppard who have been selected in the South Coast Hockey teams. The girls will play at Unanderra in May and the boys will play at Pennant Hills also in May. Well done to all the students who participated in the trials.



South Coast Football

Congratulations to Pimwadee Polhill who was successful in gaining a position in the South Coast Girls Football team. This is a highly contested sport and Pimwadee demonstrated great skill to be selected. Ethan Kambisios was also selected to play in the Boys South Coast Football team.

Well done to both students.



South Coast Water Polo

Congratulations to Campbell Fulcher who has been selected in the South Coast Boys Water Polo team to play later in the year. This is a fantastic achievement as water polo is becoming more popular at Figtree HS.



Regional Swimming

We had a fantastic meet at the Regional Swimming on the 9th March at Dapto pool. Our school came 2nd overall in the region which is a superb effort. We had some outstanding results with Jade Gray coming 2nd overall, Meg Fox coming 3rd overall, Caitlin Smith coming 2nd overall and Jason Vugrek coming 3rd overall.

The following students will be off to CHS State Championships in week 11 and we wish them all the best.



Jack Rudd, Jason Vugrek, Daniel Gray, Caitlin Smith, Jessica Buffett, Meg Fox, Natasha Hynoski, Emily McKinnon (absent from picture), Jeremey Jones, Molly McNair, Zali Moore and Jade Gray.

Stage 4 Mathematics Enrichment Class

A Mathematics Enrichment class will be created to extend our talented Mathematics students in Years 7 and 8. The class will operate in Terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2016. Each student will be entering the Australian Mathematics Trust Enrichment program which will run for 16 weeks and the remaining weeks they will be working on challenge questions in a collaborative environment. Students will have one scheduled class per fortnight with the expectation of completing the majority of the work at home. The class will consist of up to 8 talented students from both Years 7 and 8. The selection of the students will be based on Maths tests completed at Figtree High School, NAPLAN results and teacher recommendations. Students will be invited to join this class based on the three selection criteria and will be notified of their place by the end of week 2 in Term 2.

School Bus Safety critical incident

Unfortunately this year there has been two separate occasions where students have been injured by a car after alighting from their bus on the way home. Both students walked in front of the bus and into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Thankfully neither student was seriously injured; however the situation could have been much worse.

The road safety message for all students is: **Wait until the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road.**

In light of these recent incidents, schools are asked to remind and reinforce safe road user behaviours in and around buses with their students.

The attached flyer contains key messages and links to quality teaching and learning resources for students in early stage 1 up to stage 5.

Contact your local [Department Road Safety Education Officer](#) for further support.

For more information visit the Department's new [Road Safety Education website](#)



Department
of Industry
Resources & Energy



2015-2016 Family Energy Rebate



\$150*
**TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS**

Apply before 11pm
16 June 2016

TWO MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to \$150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- be a resident of New South Wales; and
- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, or a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, or a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; and whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; and
- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, and have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

You'll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you're not required to lodge a tax return; and
- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate.
Visit our website for more information.

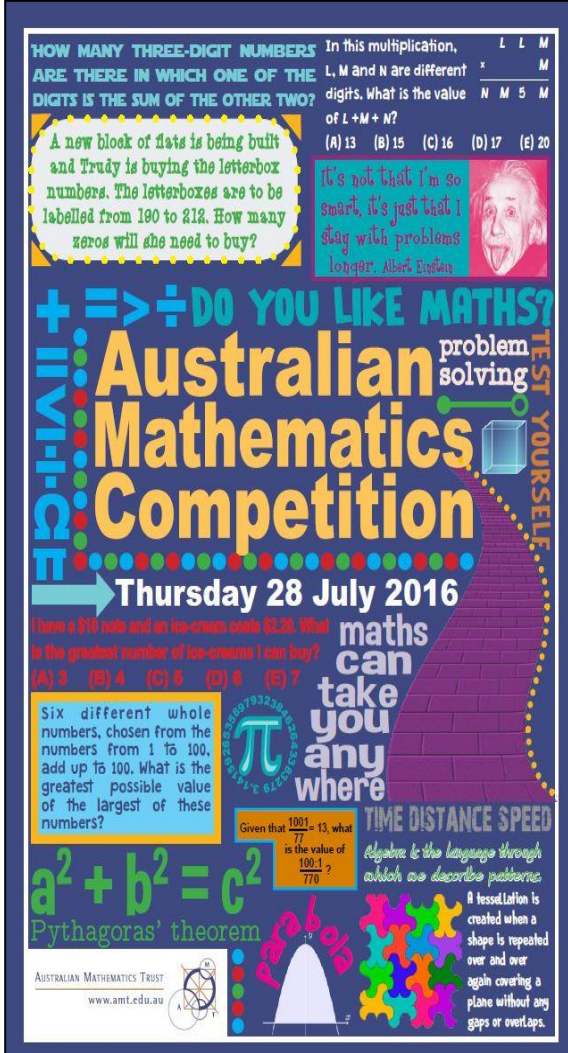
Mathematics

Competition

Date of competition: 28 July 2016

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 the office no later than 29 April 2016. No late entries accepted. No refunds given.



HOW MANY THREE-DIGIT NUMBERS ARE THERE IN WHICH ONE OF THE DIGITS IS THE SUM OF THE OTHER TWO?

A new block of flats is being built and Trudy is buying the letterbox numbers. The letterboxes are to be labelled from 180 to 212. How many zeros will she need to buy?

In this multiplication, L, M and N are different digits. What is the value of $L + M + N$?

(A) 13 (B) 15 (C) 16 (D) 17 (E) 20

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer. Albert Einstein

DO YOU LIKE MATHS?

Australian Mathematics Competition

problem solving TEST YOURSELF

Thursday 28 July 2016

I have a \$10 note and an ice-cream costs \$2.25. What is the greatest number of ice-creams I can buy?

(A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6 (E) 7

Six different whole numbers, chosen from the numbers from 1 to 100, add up to 100. What is the greatest possible value of the largest of these numbers?

π

Given that $\frac{1001}{77} = 13$, what is the value of $\frac{1001}{770}$?

Pythagoras' theorem

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Algebra is the language through which we describe patterns

A tessellation is created when a shape is repeated over and over again covering a plane without any gaps or overlaps.

Australian Mathematics Trust
www.amt.edu.au



**Kangaroo Valley
PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM**
Presents:

PIONEER DAYS

A fun weekend of traditions, demonstrations and activities to experience life in the 1800s.

Come see demonstrations of:

- ~ sheep shearing
- ~ butter making
- ~ cow milking
- ~ blacksmith
- ~ leather work
- ~ and more

PLUS
BBQ sausage sizzle & traditional games to play!!!

A fantastic family holiday activity to educate, enjoy and entertain!

Only \$5pp
KIDS < 12yo
FREE!!






**KANGAROO VALLEY
PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM**
2029 Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley
enquiries@kangaroovalleymuseum.com
For more details call: 0421930214

16 & 17 April 2016 10 am- 4 pm



An opportunity not to be missed these school holidays!

The Sydney Olympic Football Camp.

Want your child to benefit from the architects of one of the world's leading football youth development programs? The Sydney Olympic Football Camp has been inspired by the world renowned German football curriculum and will be led by coaches who have travelled to Australia from FC Schalke04, one of Europe's top ten teams. No matter who your child plays for, the experience gained at the camp will be invaluable. It's an opportunity not to be missed.

WHEN:

Week 1: Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th April

Week 2: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th April

WHERE:

Peter Moore Field, Tudor Street Campsie NSW 2194

TIME:

9am – 3pm (including lunch break)

COST:

\$195 per player, per camp. Includes lunch each day and a jersey, shorts and socks in recognition of their participation.

Bring a friend: Register and pay for 2 players at the same time and receive a free soccer ball.

Schools or Clubs: 25 or more children registering from the same school or Club, Sydney Olympic FC will make a \$800 donation to the School or Club. For 50 or more registrations from the same School or Club, Sydney Olympic FC will donate \$2000 to the School or Club.

FOR PLAYERS 5 - 15 YEARS.



**OLYMPIC
F.C.**

For further details or to secure your place, please contact:

FEDERICO GUZZO

P. +61 (02) 9787 7890

E. footballcamp@sydneyolympicfc.com

FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST

WIN NETWORK SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

**PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AND BOYS
5 -12 YEAR OLDS**

Three different clinics to choose from:

Outfield player clinic (4 days),

Goal Keeper clinic (4 days) or

Futsal clinic (3 days)

**HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, DEVELOP
AND LEARN NEW FOOTBALL SKILLS.**



For more details visit
WWW.FOOTBALLSOUTHCOAST.COM
or contact the office on **42856929**