



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 2 Week 6 3 June 2016

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T2 Week 6	Week Starting 30 May
02.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South Coast Dance Festival</li> <li>- Yr 12 Chemistry Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Drama Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> </ul>
03.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- South Coast Regional Cross Country</li> <li>- Yr 7 SRE 7M, 7T, 7I</li> <li>- Yr 10 Geography Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Advanced English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Chemistry Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Standard English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Standard English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Chemistry Assessment Task</li> </ul>
T2, Week 7	Week Starting 6 June
06.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Boccia Knockouts</li> <li>- <b>Yr 7 Vaccinations</b></li> <li>- Yr 11 PDHPE Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 History Field Trip</li> <li>- Yr 12 Ancient History Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Drama Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Geography HSC Study Day</li> </ul>
07.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Yr 8, 11 and 12 Merit Assemblies</b></li> <li>- Yr 9 and 10 Links to Learning</li> <li>- Yr 10 Graphics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Physics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Biology Assessment Task</li> </ul>
08.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Enrichment Class</li> <li>- Yr 11 Visual Arts Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Studies of Religion Assessment Task</li> </ul>
09.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> <li>- Yr 11 Geography Assessment Task</li> <li>- <b>PARENT TEACHER NIGHT</b></li> </ul>
10.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 7 SRE 7E, 7R, 7Y, 7B</li> <li>- Yr 11 Work Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Society and Culture Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 General Maths Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Languages HSC Study Day</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> </ul>
T2 Week 8	Week Starting 13 June
13.06.16	- QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 9 and 10 Links to Learning</li> <li>- Yr 9 and 10 PASS and Yr 11 SLR Excursion</li> <li>- Open Boys and Girls Touch Football</li> </ul>
15.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Academic Enrichment Class</li> <li>- Yr 12 Economics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Golden Figs Talent Quest Dress Rehearsal</li> </ul>
16.06.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Golden Figs Talent Quest Final</b></li> <li>- South Coast Mountain Bike Championships</li> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> <li>- Yr 12 Legal Studies Assessment Task</li> </ul>
17.06.16	- Yr 7 SRE 7M, 7T, 7I

### Thoughts from the Principal



Welcome to week 6 of our school highlights. A few things I would like to mention this week are:

**A visit from Year 4** for a taste of high school – students from our seven Community of Schools visited for a few hours this week to experience some learning and fun in the

Science faculty. They were intrigued by the experiments and were keen to participate. We really enjoyed having them in our school.

**A Year 5 academic enrichment program** established for selected Community of Schools students. 29 eager students began visiting our school commencing last Wednesday to partake in a program that challenges their understanding in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The students are working on the theme 'Sustainability' and have been enjoying the opportunities high school life brings.

**Our Athletics Carnival** – a great success on a challenging windy day. Significant attendance and participation in this year's carnival ensured a day of enthusiasm and competition. It was fantastic to see records broken despite the competitors running into the wind.

**Merit Assemblies** – Tuesday 7 June for Years 8/11/12 – you will receive an invitation in the mail if your child is participating or gaining an award. Light refreshments provided.

**Parent/Teacher Evening** – Thursday 9 June – we look forward to seeing you to discuss your child's learning. Bookings can be made online as per the letter sent home with your child this week.

**Talent Quest 'Golden Figs'** – Thursday 16 June – a great night of showcasing our schools creative and performing arts' talent. Tickets just \$5.00 and it's sure to be a great night.

**South Coast Dance Festival** - Figtree High School will be performing Saturday Night 4 June at the IPAC Theatre. Tickets for the festival performances are through the IPAC Box Office or (Ph 02 4226 3366) or through their website.

Our school has a strong focus on diverse opportunities so each of our students experience success and an authentic connection with our school. Enjoy this edition of our bulletin where these experiences are in greater detail.

Mrs Karen Burke  
Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

Figtree High School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Positive Behaviour for Learning has been implemented in approximately 940 schools state-wide and is a comprehensive and integrated whole-school approach to student wellbeing. As a part of this approach the Wellbeing Team at Figtree High School are currently introducing "Expect Respect", which is a bullying prevention program. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all learning environments are safe places where all students can achieve their goals. Part of this program is teaching students to identify different types of Bullying, and knowing and understanding what we can do if Bullying happens. Our Expect Respect student routine involves the following steps:

1. "ENOUGH" You say this clearly to others. If someone says this to you then "WALK AWAY".
2. If nothing else happens go on with your day
3. If something else happens ask a trusted adult for help - "TALK".
4. Help the person being bullied and find the right person for the problem– trusted teacher, Year Adviser, Counsellor, Deputy Principal.

At Figtree High School staff and students are working together and share in the responsibility of creating respectful teaching and learning spaces.

Mrs Johanna Clifford  
A/Deputy Principal

## PBL Core Values

### Week 7: Safety

Play approved games only in the playground

### Week 8: Learning

Move quickly back to the classroom at the end of the break

## Parent Teacher Interviews for Students in Years 8, 11 and 12

### 9 June 2:30pm-7:00pm in the Auditorium

This year the school is using an online scheduling system for Parent/Teacher interviews.

Students in Years 8, 11 and 12 will receive an individual note with details about the website where bookings can be made and your child's unique booking code. We ask that parents read the instructions carefully, and log into the site to request their parent teacher interviews by the specified date. Parents can request bookings with specific teachers and the online scheduling system will allocate parent's interview times with teachers. Parents may have some opportunity to adjust interview times with teachers, after interviews have been allocated, using the online site and the student's unique booking code. The online system also enables teachers to specifically request an interview with a parent, and parents can see this request when they log into the website.

If parents do not have access to the internet to request interviews, the hard copy form can be returned to the relevant deputy principal. If parents have difficulty in accessing the online booking system, please contact the school for assistance.

Parent teacher night for students in **Years 7, 9 and 10** will be held on **Thursday 30 June**. Information and booking codes will be released to parent closer to the event.

Please visit [www.edval.com.au/book](http://www.edval.com.au/book) & enter your code to log into this event.

## From the Mathematics Faculty

During Term 2 a Stage 4 Mathematics Enrichment class was created and there were eight Year 7 and Year 8 students invited to form this class. Congratulations to the following students in gaining a position in the class.

Year 7 students: **Darby Ball, Jayden Betts, Jessica Buffett, Bailey Craft, Eli Manning, Jacob Newton, Daniel Petrevski and Grace Siminski.**

Year 8 students: **Sarah Hubert, Tiarne Laird, Maria Ljuboja, Maxine McEwan, Ellie Rada, Connor Ryan, Eden Smith and Ellie Skarvelis.**

These students have started a sixteen-week competition where they solve either eight or twelve in-depth problems. To work through all problems they will be required to work independently and show a commitment to the program. We look forward to their results in this Enrichment competition in term 4.



**"Maths is more than just numbers"** is the theme for a Mathematics competition where students work collaboratively in a group to produce a 3-5 minute video. Registration for this competition closes on 29 June 2016. We have two teams currently registered. If you would like more information, or to register, students are to see their Maths teacher. Go to [www.choosemathsawards.org.au](http://www.choosemathsawards.org.au) to view some

examples of videos.



All years have started their formal assessments and parents are welcome to discuss the progress of their child with their teachers. Parent teacher nights are shortly upon us and I would like to encourage all parents/carers to attend these very important evenings as the feedback that is obtained will only help to improve your child's educational outcomes.

**Ms.Sharon Kachovich**  
**R/Head Teacher Mathematics**

## From Creative and Performing Arts

### 1. Talent Quest 2016 – The Golden Figs

We are very excited to announce that our heats for 2016 start this Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May during lunchtimes in the Auditorium and continue until our big night on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

So far we have received over 35 entries from music, dance and drama acts. We have also had a strong response to our photography competition which will also be showcased at Talent Quest. We may even have a short film or two.



Tickets for Talent Quest will be \$5 on the door and the event starts at 6:30pm.

This year we have a Woodfired Pizza Van catering for the event as well as tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks.

Our major sponsors this year are:

**Better Floors and Blinds, Wollongong**



388 Crown Street Wollongong  
42285488

**Haworth Guitars, Fairy Meadow**



**Yours and Owls Music Label.**



We have also had generous support pledged from other members of the school community and we look forward to announcing these soon.

Please support our talented students by putting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in your diary. We hope to see you there.

## **2. Dobell Drawing School – National Art School 2016**



During Term1, 3 students from Figtree High School Preliminary Visual Arts were selected to attend the Dobell Drawing School at the National Art School. Samara Miotto, Melinda Vay and Amelia Jones all travelled to the inner city during their school holidays to participate in this incredible opportunity.



Generously supported by the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation since 1997, the Dobell School aims to provide Year 11 Visual Arts students from Government High Schools in regional NSW and outer metropolitan areas a unique and rare opportunity to develop their skills under the guidance of professional practicing artists.



Students will choose from five workshops including Drawing the Nude Life Model, Portrait Drawing, Drawing the Clothed Life Model, Experimental Drawing with the Figure and Objective Drawing, all of which culminate in an exhibition at the National Art School's Cell Block Theatre in the heart of Darlinghurst.

The 75 Year 11 students nominated for the program are those who are currently undertaking visual art as a subject at their school but who may not have access to the teaching, studios and facilities available at a tertiary art school.

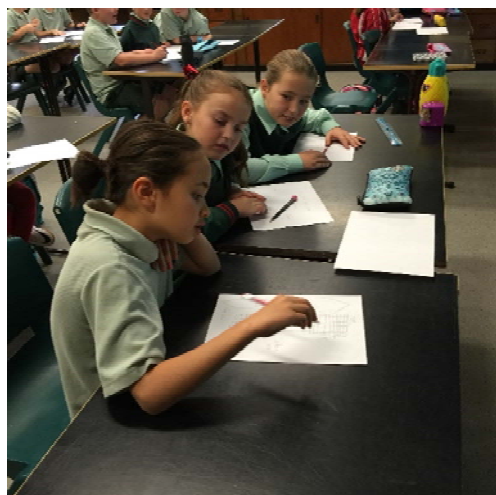
The girls will never forget this experience; the opportunity to work in one of Australia's most Thanks to Ms Kate Brewer, Visual Arts, Photography

and Digital Media and Visual Design teacher for organising this exceptional learning opportunity.

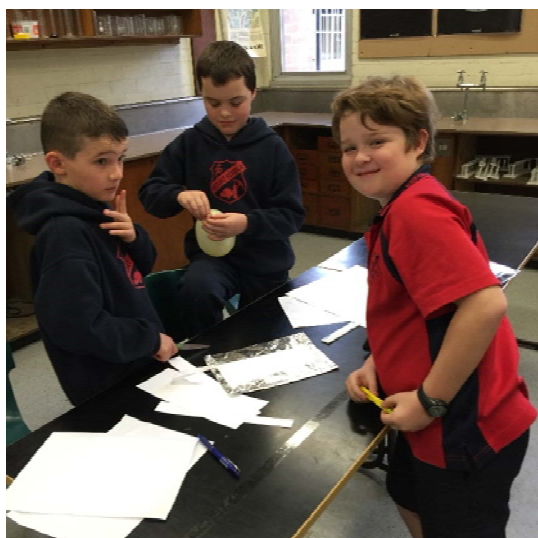
Mr M Malouf

R/Head Teacher CAPA

## STEM Challenge CoS Afternoon



On 1 June selected Year 4 students from 6 of our Community of Schools Primary Schools attended a STEM challenge day at Figtree High School. The students designed and built a solar car as well as taking part in a challenge to design and build a 'floating house'.



Teams had a budget of \$40 and could buy materials that included cardboard, aluminium foil, cling wrap, straws, paddle pop sticks, balloons, sticky tape, blu tak, string, plastic cups and elastic bands. The houses were tested by adding being floated on water and adding weights 100g at a time.



A team of girls from Figtree Heights Public School created the winning design which held 900g, their nearest rival holding only 400g.

## Athletics Carnival 2016

Our Athletics Carnival was held on 27 May 2016. It was great to see so many of our students participate in all the events. The weather conditions were quite difficult on the day as the wind picked up and this meant very few records were broken. **Zac Lomax**, however, did break the boys shot put record with a new distance of 13.76m.

It was great to see so many of our Year 12 students participating and dressing up for the day.



This year Gurri House (Red) won the pointscore followed by Jerrangaugh (Green), Warrigal (Yellow) and Buru (Black).



The Age Champions this year were:

12 years – Liam Smith and Hannah Sheridan

13 years – Max Schilder, Alyssa Parks and Teagan Williams

14 years – Benjamin Plumb and Natasha Hynoski

15 years - Jayden Smileski and Cameron Lodge,  
Georgia Sturman

16 years – Colin Sharman and Georgia Wilson

17 year- Joshua Head and Teghan Barklay



The Zone Carnival will be held on the 21 June 2016 at Beaton Park. We wish all our students competing in this the best of luck and we look forward to hearing of some fantastic results.



## Zone Cross Country 2016

Our Zone Cross Country was held on the 18 May 2016 after our initial date was washed out. We had a great number of students who participated on the day. Our boys team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall and our girls team 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meant overall Figtree High came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



We had 2 age champions on the day which were

15 years – Cameron Lodge

17 years – Joshua Head

We have a number of students who will be running in Nowra on the 3 June and we wish all those students the best of luck. They are:

Hannah Sheridan , Chloe Hancock, Hayley Sterchow, Thomas Bevan, Lulu Lozano, Ned Glasgow, Kelly Rauscher, Benjamin Plumb, Cameron Lodge, Jayden Smileski, Mikayla Markham, Joshua Head, Kayden Hill, Caitlin Smith and Aimee Cunningham.





# Choices Day

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# ↑THE GOLDEN FIGS

*'light'*

JUNE 16

6:30 - 8:30PM

TICKETS: \$5

ALL WELCOME

FOOD VANS ARRIVE 5:30

PRIZES IN ALL CATERGORIES

MUSIC • DRAMA • COMEDY • DANCE

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- Presentation by  
BreastScreen NSW &  
Women's Health Nurse
- Arabic interpreter available
- Free Event



## Breast Health Information Session

Importance of early detection of  
breast cancer

TUESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2016

10 am – 1 pm

CRINGILA COMMUNITY CENTRE

32-40 LAKE AVE, CRINGILA

**9 in 10**

women  
diagnosed  
with breast  
cancer do not  
have a family  
history

Free morning tea and  
light lunch provided

Call Sisters' Cancer Support Group  
0415 238 990 for more information.

Event presented by Sisters' Cancer Support Group, ISLHD  
Multicultural Health Service, & the local BreastScreen NSW  
service.



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ممرضة صحة المرأة
- نوفر مترجمة عربية
- ندوة مجانية



## ندوة معلومات عن صحة الثدي

أهمية الإكتشاف المبكر لسرطان الثدي

الثلاثاء 31 أيار 2016

الساعة 10 صباحا - 1 ظهرا

مركز كرنجيلا الاجتماعي

**32-40 LAKE AVE, CRINGILA**

نوفر مجانا شاي الصباح ووجبة الغدا الخفيفة

**9 من بين 10**

نساء يتم تشخيص  
سرطان الثدي لديهن  
لا يكون في عائلتهن  
تاريخ إصابة بهذا  
المرض

للمزيد من المعلومات الرجاء الإتصال بمجموعة الأخوات لدعم الأفراد المتأثرين  
بمرض السرطان ولأهلهم ومقدمي الرعاية لهم موبيل 0415 238 990

The Breast Health Information has been organised by Sisters' Cancer Support Group, ISLHD Multicultural Health Service, & the local BreastScreen NSW service.



## Free two/three day workshop for parents and carers

**Workshop: 15-16NSWPC4**

**Location: Wollongong NSW**

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

### What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person's learning at home and at school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop days

### Workshop details

**Venue:** City Beach  
1 Marine Drive  
Wollongong NSW 2500

**When:** Two day workshop – Tuesday 21 June and Wednesday 22 June 2016 ( 2 consecutive days )  
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations for the Two day workshop open on Tuesday 10 May 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au). You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email [parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au).

**Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 20 July 2016 9.15 am – 12 noon (registration 8.30 am onwards). Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days**

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## School Holiday Creative Technology Lab

Ages 10-15 Wollongong Art Gallery

12-15th July 2016.

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