



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 2 Week 8 14 June 2016

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T2 Week 8	Week Starting 13 June
16/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Golden Figs Talent Quest Final</li> <li>- Defence Force Recruiting Talk</li> <li>- South Coast Mountain Bike Championships</li> <li>- Yr12 Legal Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr12 SLR Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> </ul>
17/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mufti Day for Muscular Dystrophy Yr 12 Visual Arts Body of Work Progress</li> <li>- Yr11 Mathematics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 SRE – 7M, 7T, 7I</li> </ul>
T2 Week 9	Week Starting 20 June
20/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 12 Senior Science Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Aboriginal Studies Excursion Killalea</li> </ul>
21/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zone Athletics Carnival</li> <li>- Yr 12 Business Studies UoW Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 12 Senior Science Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Mathematics Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9/10 Links to Learning</li> </ul>
22/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Academic Enrichment class</li> <li>- Stage 3 STEM Showcase</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- <b>P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm</b></li> </ul>
23/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Distance Ed Korean Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Aboriginal Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9 Brainstorm Production</li> <li>- Yr 9 Snow Trip Parent Information Evening</li> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> </ul>
24/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BOSTES Literacy and Numeracy Tests</li> <li>- Yr 12 Work Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Ext 1 Mathematics UoW Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 12 CAFS Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Engineering Studies Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9 Marine Studies Aquarium Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 9 Food Technology Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 7 SRE – 7E, 7R, 7Y, 7B</li> </ul>
T2 Week 10	Week Starting 27 June
27/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Merit Assemblies Yr 7, 9 and 10</b></li> <li>- Yr 12 English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 PDHPE Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 11 Business Studies Assessment Task</li> </ul>
28/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young Women's Forum Excursion</li> <li>- Yr12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 Standard English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 12 English Studies Assessment</li> <li>- Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 11 English Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 9/10 Links to Learning</li> <li>- Yr 9/10 PASS &amp; 11 SLR Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 8 TAS Excursion Power House Museum</li> </ul>
29/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yr 5 Academic Enrichment Class</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> </ul>

30/6/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Yr 7, 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Night</b></li> <li>- Yr 12 Earth &amp; Environmental Science Excursion</li> <li>- Yr 12 Music Assessment Task</li> <li>- Yr 7 Parent Reading</li> </ul>
1/7/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last day of Term 2</li> </ul>

## Thoughts from the Principal

Welcome to week 9 of our school's experiences and events. A few things I would like to highlight this week are:

- Talent Quest 'Golden Figs' – Thursday 16 June** – a great success showcasing our student's creative and performing arts' talent. Our Dance Troupe, fresh from performing at the South Coast Dance Festival, opened the night as special guests. We were then entertained by soloists, bands, duos and even a magic act. The photography exhibition was outstanding and looked beautiful lit up on the rear wall of the auditorium. Congratulations to all performers – it was a challenge to pick winners. Thank you to the many parents, carers and friends who supported the evening and to the CAPA faculty for their time and extra commitment to make this annual event such a success.
- Merit Assemblies** – Monday 27 June for Years 7/9/10 – you will receive an invitation in the mail if your child is participating or gaining an award. Light refreshments provided. We look forward to your presence.
- Parent/Teacher Evening** – Thursday 30 June for Years 7/9/10 – our second evening set aside for you to discuss your child's learning. Bookings can be made online as per the letter sent home with your child this week. Your child will receive his or her report prior to this evening.



- **Uniform reminder** – as we move into our colder months, we ask your support with your children wearing the agreed school uniform. If you are experiencing difficulty with purchasing the necessary uniform items, please contact your child's Year Adviser or send a note to explain the situation. We may be able to help.
- **Makeover update** – many things are happening at the moment to clearly convey and improve our identity in the community. In August, you will see our school becoming partly a construction site. As I have outlined in earlier editions of our bulletin, we have been selected to have a new entry to our school complete with electronic sign, paved pathway with landscaping and new office area. It will be a welcome addition when complete, but may be a challenging time during the makeover – we ask for your patience.
- **P&C** – we welcome new and existing members to the meeting this Wednesday evening, 22 June 2016 – yes, on State of Origin night. We will meet in the Bistro to discuss items relevant to the learning of your child at 6.30pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Our partnership with you is highly valued.

Mrs Karen Burke  
Principal

### From the Deputy Principal

Half Yearly Reports have been issued to Years 8, 11 and 12. These year groups also had their Merit Assemblies and Parent Teacher Nights in week 7. The Merit Assemblies were wonderful celebrations of academic success, attendance and outstanding effort. The Assemblies also showcased some of the talented performers we have within each of these year groups. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at both the Merit Assemblies and Parent Teacher Night and we look forward to similar events in the future. A special thank you should be extended to the two Head Teacher Wellbeing, Year Advisers, Mr Michael Malouf, the Senior VET Entertainment students and SRC representatives for running these assemblies so professionally.

Years 7, 9 and 10 will be having their Merit Assemblies on Monday 27 June and Parent Teacher Night on Thursday 30 June. If your child is to receive an award at the Merit Assembly, you will receive an invitation to the event. Students in these year groups will also

receive a letter with instructions and the code to book interviews with teachers online in Week 9. We look forward to seeing parents at both these events.

Mrs Jennifer English  
R/Deputy Principal

## PBL Core Values

### Week 9: Respect

Be at the canteen only to buy for yourself

### Week 10: Respect

Put rubbish in the bins

### From the Science Faculty

Year 7 students were fortunate to have had great weather for a fantastic day at Taronga Zoo, as part of their Classification topic. Students were given a presentation by zoo staff where they had the opportunity to touch various reptiles and mammals and had several hours to explore the wide diversity of animals at the zoo. A big thank you to Mr McGavock for leading the organisation of this event.

We have had participation across all year groups in the junior, intermediate and senior categories of the 'Big Science Competition'. This 30 question multiple choice exam challenged students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples. We are very pleased to see our students taking the opportunity to enter and test their abilities.

Preliminary Physics students took part in a model solar car challenge as part of a focus on STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, in Science. Students were challenged to build their cars in the shortest time, engineer the fastest cars and the cars with the greatest torque. Many of the cars produced displayed innovative design features including; angled solar panels and regear motors.

Years 8, 9 and 10 students will be given the opportunity in their Science classes to take part in a variety of STEM challenges including; model plane making, mousetrap racer challenge and producing a sixty second science film in the lead up to Science Week (Week 6, Term 3). During Science Week we will

be hosting students from our surrounding primary schools who have won their in-school challenges. They will compete against our winning entrants in these challenge tasks designed to build interest and enjoyment in scientific endeavours.

Year 10 students who produced interesting Student Research Projects, completed to a high standard, have been invited to place entries into the Figtree High School Science Fair. Their entries will be displayed in the library during science week, with the top 6 entries going on to represent Figtree High School at the Illawarra Coal Science Fair at the University of Wollongong later in the year.

Finally, Year 9 students will be undertaking a topic on sustainability next term. This innovative program is being assessed for its impact on students' attitudes toward Science. Parents and carers will receive consent forms regarding the participation of students in surveys regarding this program. The prompt return of these consent forms would be greatly appreciated.

These are just a few of the many learning opportunities being provided in Science every week to assist our students to achieve and foster an appreciation of the amazing world around them.

Mr Hudson

R/Head Teacher Science

## Congratulations



Figtree High School would like to congratulate retired Music Teacher Ms Meryl Jackson Kew who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to music education in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Ms Jackson Kew has been a dedicated public school Music teacher but has also conducted a number of Choirs in the Illawarra, NSW and Internationally. It is wonderful that her dedication to Music Education has been recognised.

## Golden Figs Talent Quest

### What an outstanding night!

The Figtree High *Golden Figs talent quest* was a huge success again this year with many exceptional Figtree High students highlighting their musical and creative skills! Throughout the night we enjoyed a variety of acts including; singing, dancing, design, photography and crowd favourite magic!

The judges, our Principal Mrs Karen Burke, Teacher Mrs Amy Black and special guest judge Kristy Williams from Encore Wollongong, were put in the unenviable position of selecting five winners: Tyler Hampton for Production, Susi Suli for Music, Emerson Hutto for Dance, Chloe Winch for Photography and Nova Tucker for Design.

Congratulations to all winners and participants as well as all staff involved for an exceptional night.



**KEYS 2 DRIVE**

# YOUR KEY TO SAFER DRIVING

Teenagers are the safest when they're behind the wheel learning to drive. However, the risk of having a crash rises significantly once they get their P's.

Keys2drive is an Australian Government initiative aimed at reducing this risk by providing a free driving lesson\* including theory and practical exercises focused on independent driving. A parent or supervising driver is also present, so they too can learn from the instructor, getting everybody working together.

**Book a free keys2drive session with your  
local NRMA Safer Driving instructor.**

**Call Kevin 0447 683 291**

\*Conditions apply, available at [www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au/keys2drive](http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au/keys2drive). Lessons are subject to availability. The learner driver must hold a valid Australian learner licence. A parent or supervisor with a current Australian full driver licence must also attend the keys2drive session. DCG-4780



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## School Holiday Creative Technology Lab

Ages 10-15 Wollongong Art Gallery

12-15th July 2016.

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# BARISTA AND COFFEE ART SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



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## BARISTA WORKSHOP

*Make that perfect cup of coffee!*

Small intimate classes to  
maximise personalised training.

(maximum 4 people)

This 3 hour workshop will include:

- Coffee Art
- Milk Texturing
- Correct grind selection
- Coffee machine maintenance
- Making all coffees found in a café
- Use of a Commercial Coffee Machine

### Barista Workshop\*

Commencement: Tuesday 5th July 2016

Course Details: Face to Face 3 hours



Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Price: \$100.00

\*This is Non Accredited Training however you will receive a certificate of participation from Illawarra ITeC

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# PHOTOGRAPHY\*

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

### INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

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\* Students must provide their own DSLR camera

Are you looking for something creative to do over the holidays?

Are you interested in learning the basic principles of photography?

Do you want to learn to shoot in a studio environment?

Enrol in our Photography workshop at ITeC these school holidays and let your creativity run wild!

**COST \$75**

#### WHEN AND WHERE WILL IT BE?

Date: Tuesday 5th July 2016

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Where: 1-5 Miller Street, Coniston

Duration: 3 Hours

Book early as class sizes are limited to only 6 people!

For more information contact ITeC on 4223 3100

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# DJ MIXING

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### INTRODUCTION TO DJ MIXING SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

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Are you looking for something creative to do over the holidays?

Does the idea of learning to DJ interest you?

Get a hands on introduction to mixing on a Dj mixer.

Beatmatching, crossfading, EQing, filters, pitch bending and more!

**COST \$75**

#### WHEN AND WHERE WILL IT BE?

**Date:** Wednesday 6th July 2016

**Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** 1-5 Miller Street, Coniston

**Duration:** 3 Hours

Book early as class sizes are limited to only 6 people!

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For Girls aged 13 – 17

Junior Girls welcome to attend training clinics

**3 BIG NIGHTS!!**

Represent the  
Illawarra at the  
Shoalhaven  
Carnival

Venue: Myimbarr Oval, Shellharbour  
Date: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016  
Time: 6pm- 7.30pm

Hannaford Oval, Wilton  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016  
6pm- 7.30pm

North Dalton Park, Towradgi  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016  
6pm- 7.30pm

## DON'T LET THE BOYS HAVE ALL THE FUN!

For more Information or any enquiries email Nicola at: [wsaflc@gmail.com](mailto:wsaflc@gmail.com)





## 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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# Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!

Wollongong - 21 & 22 June

## Register your place:

[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)

