



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

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KEY DATES

T3 Week 3	Week Starting 1 August
Monday 01/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 12 Society & Culture PIP Submission - Yr 8 Science Communication Task - U15 Girls Basketball
Tuesday 02/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 10 IT Timber Exam - Yr 8 Science Communication Task - Links to Learning
Wednesday 03/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 11 Extension Maths Task - Yr 10 IT Timber Exam - Yr 10 Science Communication Task - Yr 8 Science Communication Task - U15 Girls Netball Knockout - U14 State Boys & Girls Futsal Championships - Yr 5 Academic Enrichment Class
Thursday 04/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 10 Elective History IPAC Excursion - Yr 8 Science Communication Task - Yr 7 Parent Reading - U16 State Boys & Girls Futsal Championships
Friday 05/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 11 Chemistry Excursion to UoW - Yr 11 General Maths Task - Yr 9 Autism Class Work Experience - Yr 9 History Task - Yr 8 Science Communication Task - South Coast Athletics, Canberra - Southern Stars Rehearsal
T3 Week 4	Week Starting 8 August
Monday 08/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 12 Soc & Culture PIP BOSTES submission - Yr 11 Construction & Metals Work Placement - Yr 11 Advance English Task - Yr 11 Mathematics Task - Yr 10 PASS Coaching Presentation Task - State Tennis Knockout
Tuesday 09/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 11 Construction & Metals Work Placement - Yr 11 Biology Task - Young Women's Forum - Links to Learning - State Tennis Knockout - Southern Stars Rehearsal
Wednesday 10/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 11 Construction & Metals Work Placement - Yr 5 Academic Enrichment Class
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 12 Industrial Tech Project submission

11/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 11 Construction & Metals Work Placement - Yr 7 History Task - Yr 7 Parent Reading
Friday 12/08/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams - Yr 11 Construction & Metals Work Placement - Yr 11 Chemistry Task - Yr 11 PDHPE Fitness Task - Yr 10 PASS Coaching Presentation Task - Yr 9 Autism Class Work Experience - Yr 9 Science Practical Task - Yr 7 History Task - AIME Program, UoW

Thoughts from the Principal



Welcome back to Term 3 and our first newsletter for the term.

Highlights in recent weeks include a big win for Figtree High School in the Zone Athletics

Carnival, National selection for one of our boys in Rugby League, the compere for Southern Stars chosen from our school, local Community of Schools students enjoy the Premiers Sporting Challenge at our school, and much more.

Update on the Secondary School Renewal Project – we are excited to announce that the starting date for this long awaited project will occur in just a few weeks' time. The SSRP team met with the Project Manager this week and final things put in place ready for commencement. We will ensure that our students' learning comes first whilst this project is underway, and the contractors have key dates to avoid excessive noise. I am sure the wait, noise and temporary mess will be worth the end product of a brand new office and front landscaping.

Thank you for your attendance at the recent **Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection**. We hope you found the evening informative and an opportunity to partner with the teachers in supporting your child's selecting their senior courses. We also thank you for your participation in our short survey about our Bulletin that the Deputies conducted at the evening. Your input was greatly valued and we will be making the suggested tweaks in coming issues.

We wish Year 12 all the best in their coming **Trial HSC Examinations** over the next two weeks and encourage you to call the school with any enquiries you may have.

Enjoy reading about all the things our students are accomplishing at Figtree High School.

Mrs Karen Burke
Principal

PBL Core Values

WEEK 3: RESPECT

When entering and leaving the school, obey community rules and laws

WEEK 4: LEARNING

Be an active listener during assembly

From the Deputy Principal

You may have noticed some changes to the front page of our Bulletin. The parents surveyed during Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening indicated that the Key Dates needed to be clearer.

To help parents see when assessment tasks are due and excursion will occur, the year groups are now colour coded as follows:

- Year 12 Purple
- Year 11 Olive
- Year 10 Blue
- Year 9 Red
- Year 8 Green
- Year 7 Orange

We hope this allows parents and carers to quickly identify the key dates relevant to their child.

If you have any further suggestions for the Bulletin, please email them to figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Learning is a core value of Figtree High School. Educational research tells us that attendance is one of the key indicators of successful learning. It is a priority to have students in class at all times. This includes arriving to school on time and getting to class on time.

We ask for your support as parents and carers to partner with us to get students to school by 8.30 am ready for roll call at 8.38 am. This will enable students to make a positive start to learning each day.

Jennifer English
R/Deputy Principal

TAS Faculty

Year 8 Technology Mandatory excursion to the Powerhouse Museum



Year 8 Technology Mandatory students had the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in week 10, Term 2. Mrs Parr, Mr Solah, Mr Kellaway, Mr Poppett and Ms Hall attended. This excursion was to further their knowledge and understanding of the design

process and the work of designers, which is applied to all disciplines within the Technology Mandatory Syllabus.

Students were able to view works involving engineering, ecological sustainability, textiles/fashion design and



electronics. In term 3, Year 8 Technology students will be completing an assignment relating to design and designers. Year 8 are currently experiencing success in Technology Mandatory Textiles, Food, Wood and Metals.



Year 9 Food Technology Excursion to The Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant, Haymarket.



In week 9 of term 2, Year 9 Food Technology students, accompanied by Mrs Williamson, Mrs Parr and Mrs Hall, went the Eight

Modern Chinese Restaurant in Haymarket. The purpose of this excursion was to further identify the

impact of Asian cuisine in Australian culinary history as studied in the topic Food in Australia in term 2. After the train ride from Unanderra train station and a walk to China Town the students sat down to Yum Cha with dishes such as steamed prawn dumpling, steamed pork dim sim, scallop dumpling, steam pork bun and mango pudding, to name a few dishes of the 11 tasted. I am pleased to report that the majority of students were happy to taste foods they had never tried before. We will return to term 3 studying Current Food Trends in Australia.



Year 12 Hospitality

Coffee Bean Cafe



During Term 2, our Year 12 Hospitality students have been demonstrating their Food & Beverage skills in running the

Coffee Bean Café. Service has been on a regular basis for breakfast and during Lunch 1. They have prepared and served hot food & beverages, including delights such as banana bread, pancakes with maple syrup, toasted sandwiches, bacon & egg rolls, cappuccinos, lattes, mochas and hot chocolates. Our customers have enjoyed a hot breakfast and beverage before school, either on the go or dining in at our undercover cafe tables.



It has been an invaluable experience for our hospitality students as they have learnt a great deal about all the procedures and processes needed to successfully run a cafe. They have continued to work well as a team and gained confidence in their customer service techniques. It has been encouraging to have new customers each week as well as return customers. The students have enjoyed serving staff and their peers in this way.



Little Figgies Playgroup

Figtree High School's Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood class will once again be running **Little Figgies Playgroup**.

The sessions are every second Monday of the school term.

When: The next dates for Term 3 are:

- Week 6 – 22nd August 2016
- Week 8 – 5th September 2016

Time: 11am -12 Midday

Where: Design and Planning Room, Ground level - Industrial Arts block.

Cost: FREE

Please bring 1 piece of fruit per child. Morning tea provided for parents/caregivers.

Toys, painting, play dough, dress ups, arts and crafts!



Tell your friends and come along and join the fun!! For more information, contact Margaret Parr in TAS



Sporting Achievements

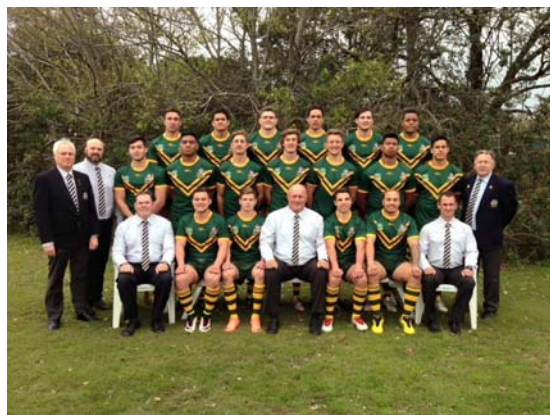
NSW CHS Cross Country

On Friday 29 July 2016 we had four runners compete at Eastern Creek at the NSW CHS Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to Ned Glasgow (pictured below), Cameron Lodge, Jayden Smileski and Joshua Head for qualifying to compete in this event. Ned came 9th and was selected in the NSWCHS Team and 2nd reserve for Nationals, Jayden came 13th and Joshua Head 16th. A great day for Figtree High School. Well done to all four boys.



Rugby League

Congratulations to Zac Lomax (Yr 11) on his efforts in rugby league. Zac has had a very busy time recently. He represented NSW in the U18 State of Origin game in Brisbane. Zac opened the scoring with a great try, and then went on to score another magnificent try and kicked a goal. The NSW team went on to win this match.



He was then selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team. Zac competed in the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast representing NSWCHS. In his first game against Queensland he won man of the match honours after scoring four tries. His success continued throughout the remaining three games of the championship and he thoroughly deserved his selection in the Australian team.



Unfortunately, the NSWCHS team were beaten in the grand final in the last few seconds of the game. He will now represent Australia against the touring England U/19 team in a two test series which commences in a couple of weeks. We wish Zac every success, and know he will wear the famous 'green and gold' jersey with distinction and great pride.

Zac is above (middle row, third player from the left) with the Australian team.

Zone Athletics

Our Zone Athletics carnival was held on the 21 June 2016 at Beaton Park this year. Our students did exceptionally well. All students need to be



congratulated on their willingness to participate in all events. As a result of our participation we came **first** overall which

is a huge achievement. Our boys team were the overall winners and our girls team came second.

We also had five age champions on the day. They were:

- 13 year girls- Alyssa Parks
- 16 year girls- Payton Williams
- 17+year girls – Teghan Barklay
- 13 year boys – Max Schilder
- 15 year boys- Jayden Smileski

Congratulations to Natasha Hynoski who broke the record in the 14 year girls javelin throwing a distance of 21.67m (old record 21.34m).



Our relay teams were fantastic on the day. Out of twelve relay teams, eleven of those teams progress through to the regional carnival.

The regional carnival will be held in Canberra at the AIS Athletics Track on Friday 5

August 2016. We are sending a large team from Figtree High School and we wish all those competitors the best of luck.



Young People Research

To all Parent and Carers:

Survey about 'What Young People Need' in Term 3

Figtree High School has been invited to participate in the study being conducted by researchers at the University of New South Wales. The New South Wales Department of Education, The Smith Family and the Advocate for Children and Young People are partners on the project.

Students in selected **Years 7 and 8** classes have been invited to participate. Students in selected classes will be sent home with a Parent/Guardian Information Statement two weeks before the survey takes place. Students will complete the survey in Term 3, in **Week 4 or 5**.

The survey will take 25-30 minutes during class time and will ask about the types of items and activities that all young people should have. It will ask young people about their overall well-being and life satisfaction, including asking about some basic information about themselves, their family and their friends and social networks.

Participation is voluntary, so your child can decide on the day whether they would like to participate. If you are happy for your child to participate you do not need to do anything.

If you would NOT like your child to participate, please sign and return the 'Withdrawal of Participation Form' that will be sent home with your child, or let **Mrs Jemma Lawson** know that you do not want them to participate.

If you have any concerns and are unsure whether this study applies to your child, please contact **Mrs Jemma Lawson**.

For more information about the study please visit:

www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/deyp/



Mount Kembla Public School in conjunction with the Mount Kembla Mining Heritage Festival will be hosting 'A day on the Lawn' on Sunday 31 July 2016 from 10am till 4pm. The day is also the anniversary of the Mount Kembla mining disaster which occurred at 2pm on 31 July 1902 where 96 men and boys were killed.

Our fete is being held in conjunction with the Greenacres M2M challenge. The finish line of the run is Kembla Heights and Greenacres will be providing a shuttle bus back to Mt Keira with a stop at our school where there will be food and market stalls.

It will be a day filled with family fun and excitement including live entertainment, food and market stalls, show bags, jumping castles, face painting, heritage photo booth and lots more! Please visit our Facebook page **A day on the Lawn by Mount Kembla Public School** for more information.

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au



Young Carer

BURSARY PROGRAMME

APPLY NOW!



Are you an eligible Young Carer?

- ✓ Do you provide care and support to a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health illness, is frail aged or has an alcohol or other drug problem?
- ✓ Will you be aged 12-25 years in 2017?
- ✓ Are you currently studying or wishing to return to study or training?
- ✓ Not in receipt of another bursary or scholarship
- ✓ A permanent resident or Australian citizen

You may be eligible to apply for a young carer bursary

About the Bursaries

- > 333 bursaries will be granted in 2017.
- > Each bursary is \$3,000.
- > The money can be spent on whatever helps you with your education or training.

How do you apply for a 2017 bursary?

- > Applications open on 2 August and close on 14 September 2016.
- > Go to bursaries.youngcarers.net.au to find out more and apply online.

Further information

For further information contact
ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au
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