



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT BULLETIN

Term 4 Week 10 , 15 December 2017

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T1 Week 1	Week Starting 29 January
Monday 29/1/2018	School Development Day
Tuesday 30/1/2018	Years 7, 11 and 12 return
Wednesday 31/1/2018	Years 8, 9 and 10 return
Thursday 1/2/2018	
Friday 2/2/2018	
T1 Week 2	Week Starting 5 February
Monday 5/2/2018	Year 11 - Camp
Tuesday 6/2/2018	Year 11 - Camp
Wednesday 7/2/2018	Year 11 - Camp Year 7 - Swim test
Thursday 8/2/2018	UOW Discovery Day
Friday 9/2/2018	Year 10 - Drama. On Stage Year 9 - Drama. On Stage
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange	



Thoughts from the Principal

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Another action-packed year of learning has been recognised at our Sports Assembly, Merit Assemblies and Celebration of Student Excellence evening. I am incredibly proud of the students at our school and their many and varied achievements of 2017. They have represented themselves and the school well.

We have many wonderful staff at our school who have worked throughout the year to ensure your child has success in their learning and are cared for on a daily basis. Like any dynamic high school, staff move onto new schools and new chapters. We sincerely thank and wish well the follow staff teachers:

Mrs Trish Dive for over 35 years of service to the Languages curriculum area. Mrs Dive has been a Year Adviser three times over, has raised the profile of Languages in the school with her teaching partner Mr Simmonds and is a highly-valued member of the staff. We wish her all the best in her retirement and travels.

Mrs Robyn Christofides, Head Teacher Special Education is also retiring. Mrs Christofides pioneered the development of our offsite Special Education campus – Flametree, caring for our students and leading a team of 14 staff. She will be greatly missed.

Mr Paul Linnett is also leaving us and moving onto a new chapter of his life. We thank him for his work with students in the Mathematics area and in sport.

Mr Brendan Langley, Mrs Terri Wale and Mr Tom Vatovec are also moving on as they have, through Merit Selection, been successful in securing permanent employment. They have been wonderful assets to our school in the classroom, sport and wellbeing. We also thank our wonderful part-time General Assistants, Mr Ian Whittington and Mr Graeme Jenkins who have kept our grounds looking good all year around.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday with your families. We look forward to partnering with you in 2018.

Mrs Karen Burke
Principal

PBL Core Values

WEEK 1:	Safety Walk sensibly in the corridors and the stairwells and keep to the left
WEEK 2:	Learning Stay on task and do your best

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Sign your child/children up to a Wollongong City Library these school holidays. Our library is partnering with the Wollongong City Library to provide our students with exclusive access to all services such as loaning items from their collections, access to all online resources and collections and the NSW State Library (including databases, journals, and magazines – a must for senior students) as well as use of equipment and technologies within the library. Another benefit of joining the library is the ability to borrow a physical item (books, DVD, CD, etc) and select your local library branch for pick-up.

To join, simply follow the link

<http://mylibrary.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/JOIN> or you can fill out a membership form at your local library.

Please note: If joining online, you will need to bring your proof of address ID to your nearest library to complete your membership.

If joining at your local library, you will need to bring proof of address to join - either a Driver's licence or some other form of official photo ID which lists your current address. Alternatively, you can provide two forms of other ID with one of them listing your current residential address.

If you are under 16 years of age you will need a parent or guardian with appropriate identification to join.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

Mrs Natalie Crouch
Librarian

PD/H/PE NEWS

What a fantastic year we have had in Sport at Figtree High School in 2017. We have had numerous students represent Figtree High School at a School, Zone, Regional and State level. Students were recognised at our annual Sports Presentation on the 6 December.

This year we had two of our elite sportsmen recognised at the NSWCHSSA Blues presentation. The presentation afternoon recognised 54 students from across the State for their outstanding effort in their chosen sport. Ian Thorpe was the guest speaker and provided some inspirational words to all athletes. Jarrod Buick was

recognised for his outstanding performance in Gymnastics and Zac Lomax was recognised for his achievements in Rugby League. Zac was also awarded with the "Val Lembit Award". This award is for the Most Outstanding NSW Sportsman of 2017. An amazing achievement from both students.





These same two students were also recognised at the South Coast Blues Presentation at Kembla Grange. Jarrod and Zac both received a Major Sporting Award. Jarrod received the "Ron Smith Trophy" for the Most Outstanding Individual Secondary Performance. He also received a \$500 scholarship from the Premiers Sporting Challenge.



Zac received the "Laurie Constantine Trophy" for the Most Outstanding Representative in Secondary School Sport.

Congratulations to Jarrod and Zac on receiving these prestigious Sporting Awards. We wish them all the best for their sporting endeavours in 2018.

Mrs Tanya Markham
Sports Organiser

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Every Thursday evening Lighthouse Community Kitchen provides dinner and dessert for lonely and underprivileged people in the Illawarra. Volunteers set up the pop-up restaurant, prepare the meal, serve and clean up after those who visit.

Last week Year 10 Food Technology and Year 8 TAS students partnered with this initiative by making hamburger patties at school for over 100 disadvantaged people from our local community. Students also assisted with the preparation of the ANZAC crumble ice cream. The items were then delivered to the church where their team of volunteers cooked and served the food.

It was an excellent opportunity for students to experience industry style food preparation, work as a team and build character as they served the local community in a practical way. Students were fully engaged in this positive learning experience, demonstrating a keen interest toward the purpose of the project, high level collaboration skills in preparing the food and compassion for the plight of those that they were serving.

For our year 10 students, this initiative also facilitated a real-life example supporting their study of the "Food For Special Needs" unit of work.

Cooking for the disadvantaged presents unique challenges. A balance must be found in the meals provided. The following considerations are addressed: the nutritional value of the meal; the size and setup of the kitchen facilities; the appetite of the recipients and the cost of the meal.

In this weeks meal the nutrient and fibre content was bolstered by: dicing up onion, garlic, zucchini and carrots to be incorporated into the patties; leaving the skins on the potato wedges and making ANZAC crumble ice cream to add oats to the dessert.

It was a rewarding experience to see the students eagerly apply themselves to the task and give their time and skills to such a worthy cause.

Well done students, your efforts are appreciated.

Ms Abbi Kelly







SOMETHING TO DO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

16 DECEMBER – 27 JANUARY 2018

FREE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-24 YEARS OLD (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

MOVIE NIGHT	Chill out and watch a movie with pizza, popcorn and milkshakes.	FRIDAY 15 DEC 4.30 – 7.30PM @ Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
OUT & ABOUT	The Youth Services team will be onsite cooking a BBQ, serving snow cones, and running circus activities.	11- 2PM WEDNESDAY 10 JAN @ Dapto Town Square WEDNESDAY 17 JAN @ Bellambi Rock Pool WEDNESDAY 24 JAN @ Port Kembla Pool
ON STAGE	Live performances by local musicians. Get along & support the local music scene!	THURSDAYS 6-7.30PM @ Wollongong Youth Centre
SCREAMER WATER SLIDE	Get the adrenaline pumping as you scream down the 9m high & 20m long water slide. Bring your towel! (12-18 year olds only)	FRIDAY 12 JAN 11-2PM @ Wollongong Youth Centre
SUMMER SOUNDS	Outdoor music festival featuring live bands, skating and food.	FRIDAY 19 JAN 1-5PM @ Wollongong Youth Centre
KICK IT	Whether you've played soccer before or want to learn, come and join us for a fun soccer clinic run by experienced coaches from Football South Coast. Hang around for a BBQ lunch. (12-18 year olds only)	10.30 – 12PM TUESDAY 23 JAN @ MacCabe Park next to Wollongong Youth Centre
HANG OUT	Basketball, pool, table tennis, air hockey, TV, foosball, chill out room & more... (12-18 year olds only)	TUESDAYS 1-4PM THURSDAYS 3-8PM SATURDAYS 1-4PM @ Wollongong Youth Centre

NOTE: The Youth Centre will be closed on Friday 22 December 2017 until Tuesday 2 January 2018.



To make a booking or to find out more information
CONTACT THE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM
P: 4227 8222 E: youthservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au





Join our team in 2018!

In 2018, be part of the inaugural AFL South Coast Women's Competition!

- Females 15 years and older
- 16-a-side
- Registrations open November
- Full Season, matches played on Saturday

Figtree Australian Football Club

Contact: Michelle Cook or Sarah Nalder

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or [leave an enquiry on our Facebook page](#)

