



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

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T1 Week 3	Week Starting 6 February
Monday 6/2/17	Year 11 Camp – Stanwell Tops
Tuesday 7/2/17	Year 11 Camp – Stanwell Tops Year 12 Onstage – Drama Excursion Year 10 Onstage – Drama Excursion Year 9 Onstage – Drama Excursion
Wednesday 8/2/17	Year 11 Camp – Stanwell Tops Year 7 Surf Awareness - Sport
Thursday 9/2/17	Year 12 UOW Discovery Day Excursion
Friday 10/2/17	School Swimming Carnival - Western Suburbs Pool
T1 Week 4	Week Starting 13 February
Monday 13/2/17	
Tuesday 14/2/17	HSC High Achievers' Assembly – 9.30am-11.30am
Wednesday 15/2/17	Year 7 Surf Awareness - Sport
Thursday 16/2/17	Year 9 Expect Respect Presentation
Friday 17/2/17	Year 12 Modern History Task
T1 Week 5	Week Starting 20 February
Monday 20/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement - Hospitality
Tuesday 21/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 11 Biology Excursion - Minnamurra
Wednesday 22/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 7 Surf Awareness – Sport P & C Meeting – 6.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday 23/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality School Photos Zone Swimming Carnival – Corrimal Pool
Friday 24/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality School Photos
T1 Week 6	Week Starting 27 February
Monday 27/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 12 Work Placement – Metals Year 7 Vaccinations

Tuesday 28/2/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 12 Work Placement - Metals
Wednesday 1/3/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 12 Work Placement – Metals Year 7 Surf Awareness – Sport Year 6 Expo Night - 5.30pm-7.30pm South Coast Futsal Championships – U14 Boys & Girls
Thursday 2/3/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 12 Work Placement – Metals South Coast Futsal Championships – Open & U16 Girls
Friday 3/3/17	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction Year 12 Work Placement - Entertainment Year 12 Work Placement – Hospitality Year 12 Work Placement – Metals South Coast Futsal Championships – U16 & Open Boys
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange	

### Thoughts from the Principal



Welcome to the 2017 school year at Figtree High School.

The staff and student leaders of our school welcome all students back to school and we particularly welcome the students and families of our Year 7 students. We have been extremely impressed with this cohort of students who have demonstrated respect and a positive attitude from day one. I can see great things ahead for these students in the next six years.

We also welcome new staff members to our school at this stage of the year and I am delighted to introduce our new Music Teacher, Ms Jill Murphy. Ms Murphy was merit selected late last year from Engadine High School. She comes with a great deal of expertise, experience

and energy. She is also a leader of the Public Schools Millennium Marching Band and we are excited about what she will bring to our already fantastic Creative and Performing Arts team.

As you would have noticed by now, the front of the school refurbishment is complete and we are very much enjoying serving our community in the new facilities. We are grateful to the company who built these new 'digs' but I would like to personally acknowledge the incredible amount of time and energy Ms Trish Morgan, Deputy Principal, put into the project. She donned her hard hat and managed communication with the company over the five months of construction. She has been on a steep learning curve but ensured the highest quality of work was upheld at all times. Thank you Ms Morgan.

Highlights in the coming weeks include Year 11 Camp at The Tops Conference Centre, Discovery Day for Year 12 at UOW, and our annual Swimming Carnival at which we look forward to your patronage. We also have our first HSC High Achievers Assembly, recognising our 2016 students who received either a Band 5 or Band 6 in their courses studied and on 1 March 2017 is our Expo Night.

I wish each and every child a rewarding year at Figtree High School and hope you enjoy the first of three newsletters we will publish this term.

Mrs Karen Burke  
Principal

## PBL Core Values

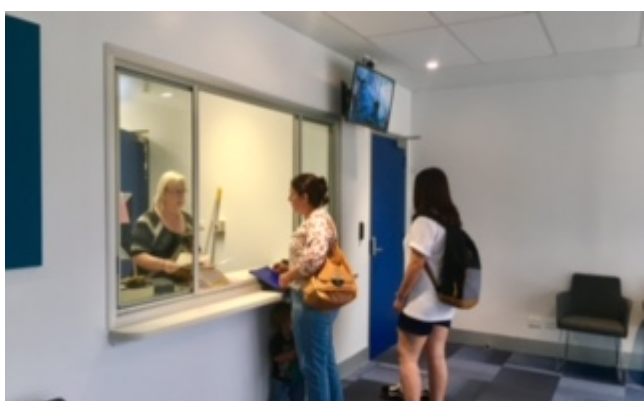
<b>WEEK 3:</b>	<b>Respect</b> When entering and leaving the school, obey community rules and laws
<b>WEEK 4:</b>	<b>Learning</b> Be an active listener during assembly
<b>WEEK 5:</b>	<b>Respect</b> Walk quietly in the corridors so that others can continue learning
<b>WEEK 6:</b>	<b>Learning</b> Be on time for your next class

## Deputy Principal Report

Figtree High School is looking fantastic! It has been a pleasure to watch our school over the last six months change with the Secondary Schools Renewal Program coming to fruition. The entrance to our school is stunning with new bus shelters, pathway, seating and administration area designed to assist our community to better access Figtree High School. The official signing off for the project took place on Friday 3 February with representatives from the Department of Education and the contract company – St Hilliers. We appreciate that the community including students have been inconvenienced over the last six months and we thank everyone for their patience. The new design features highlight the past as well as the future. Increased safety for the community has been a consideration with CCTV installed in the area. There is also a seating area for students to use for educational purposes – I am sure that our Music and Visual Arts teachers and students in particular will love this area. All community members need to enter the school via the new gates and bus shelter and proceed straight ahead to new entrance – it is well sign posted. It is important that the community do not use the staff car park area but rather park out the front of the school. There is also a new student reception area for students to make payments. This area in the next few weeks will have a new door located nearby to enable better access.

Trish Morgan  
Deputy Principal






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## SRC

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### **Student Representative Council – Annual Report** **2016**

The SRC Committee enjoyed a very busy and rewarding year for 2016. Students within the Committee were offered a variety of valuable team building and leadership activities as well as planning and organising many fundraising events.

These leadership events and activities included:

- A planning and team building day held at Revolution Laser Arena.
- A visit to Wollongong City Council to meet with Lord Mayor and other School Captains from our local community to discuss Wollongong City Councils Community Strategic Plan (2016)
- The Grip Student Leadership Conference held at WIN Entertainment Centre.
- The Elevate Young Leaders' Forum held at Wollongong University.
- The Halogen Leadership Conference held at Olympic Park, Sydney.
- The SRC "You're the Voice" 3 day (overnight) Conference held at Murrumbateman.
- The Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program held at the NSW Parliament House.
- Wollongong North Network Secondary Schools Student Leadership Forum held at Keira High School.
- Remembrance Day Service at McCabe Park.
- White Ribbon Day events held at the school.
- SRC members were appointed as ushers for a variety of events held at our School and include the Principals Conference, the Victor Chang Awards, the Delegates for Principal/Head Teacher Meeting and the Figtree High School Presentation Night.

During 2016, the SRC hosted a variety of fundraising activities and made various donations to organisations outside the school.

These include:

- White Ribbon Day - \$241.30 donated to Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra.
- Ongoing sponsorship of a child via the Christian Childrens Fund - \$43.00/mth
- Ongoing financial support towards the Waterlogic Programme within the school - \$588.00
- Donation of \$453.00 to the Muscle Dystrophy Foundation.
- Valentine's Day school fundraiser - \$409.95
- Bar-B-Q events held at both the Athletics Carnival and the School Cross Country - \$729.00
- Wollongong Homeless Hub - donation of food and clothing items.

The student members and Coordinators of the SRC would like to thank the school Executive, Teachers, students and the school community for their ongoing support during 2016.

Coordinators – Tanya Bennett, Susan Clifford and Maxine Lapham





## Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

### **Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)**

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Interested in playing Rugby Union with your local club?



**Wollongong Tech Waratahs Rugby Club**  
invites players of all ages to join us for season 2017

**Saunders Oval (TAFE grounds) Gwynneville**

**Juniors:**

**Registration: Sunday 12 February**

**Saunders Oval, Gwynneville**

**10:00 am to 12:00pm**

**or Thursdays 5:30pm.**

Training: Thursdays 5:30pm

Games: Sundays

Cost: **Free Registration for all juniors**

Contact: Daniel Read (Jnr President) 0478714897

***Benefits of playing rugby:***

- \* Fun
- \* Fitness
- \* Discipline
- \* Teamwork
- \* Develop Communication Skills

***Rugby is a game for all shapes and sizes.***

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