



# FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 3, 14 February 2018

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| T1 Week 3  | Week Starting 12 February   |
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| Monday 12/02/18  | School Swimming Carnival  |
| Tuesday 13/02/18   | AIME Mentoring Interviews   |
| Wednesday 14/02/18   | Year 7 - Camp   |
| Thursday 15/02/18  | Year 12 2017 High Achievers Assembly<br>Year 7 - Camp   |
| Friday 16/02/18  | Year 10 – Science Research Proposal due<br>Year 7 - Camp  |
| T1 Week 4  | Week Starting 19 February   |
| Monday 19/02/18  | Year 7 – 11 Meeting<br>Year 7 – Vaccinations  |
| Tuesday 20/02/18   | Year 12 – Wellbeing Day<br>Year 10 – Marine Studies Excursion<br>Year 8 – Into Uni Program Excursion  |
| Wednesday 21/02/18   | Year 9 - YAM  |
| Thursday 22/02/18  |   |
| Friday 23/02/18  | School Photos   |
| T1 Week 5  | Week Starting 26 February   |
| Monday 26/02/18  | Year 12 – Construction Workplacement<br>Year 12 – Geology Excursion   |
| Tuesday 27/02/18   | Year 12 – Construction Workplacement<br>Year 10 – Marine Studies Excursion<br>Year 9 – Marine Studies Excursion<br>Year 8 – Into Uni Parent Evening – UOW<br>Zone Swimming Carnival |
| Wednesday 28/02/18   | Year 12 – Construction Workplacement<br>Year 12 – Modern History Task<br>Year 10 – History - Research Task<br>Year 9 - YAM  |
| Thursday 01/03/18  | Year 12 – Construction Workplacement  |
| Friday 02/03/18  | Year 12 – Construction Workplacement<br>Year 10 – Science – Research Project pe-report due<br>Year 9 – History – Research Task<br>School Photos                                     |
| Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red<br>Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange |   |



### Thoughts from the Principal

Welcome to the 2018 school year. Our focus is success for every student through high expectations and personalised learning. We look forward to partnering with you and your child through the school year to ensure they have a positive learning experience at Figtree High School.

**Year 7:** Things are well underway and the new Year 7 cohort have settled in beautifully. They are off to camp this week and we know they will have a fabulous time at Teen Ranch.

**Year 11:** Students enjoyed time bonding at their camp last week and had a balance of study skills sessions and challenges with the Stanwell Tops site activities. We believe this early concentrated time together will establish opportunity for goal setting and cohesion as a year group.

**Swimming Carnival:** Our annual Swimming Carnival was held yesterday and we were blown out of the water by the efforts of a number of students. Two, in particular, broke records and I would like to congratulate Jason Vugrek of Year 11 and Jessica Buffett of Year 9 for their individual achievements.

**New Staff:** We welcome two new permanent teachers to our school – Mrs Kristen Smith is our new Languages teacher and Mrs Linda Shepherd is our new History/Geography teacher. Both highly experienced teachers whose expertise will be an asset to our school.

**Deputy Principals:** Ms Jemma Lawson has been relieving for Ms Johanna Clifford looking after Years 7, 9 and 11 and Mr Glyn Trethewy continues this year looking after Years 8, 10 and 12. Alongside our Year Advisers, the Deputy Principals are your point of contact to support your child.

Finally, our first **P&C meeting** will be held on 21 February 2018 at 6.00pm in the Bistro and all interested parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Karen Burke  
Principal

## PBL Core Values

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

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## Deputy Principal Report

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Welcome back to the school year for 2018. This year I am looking forward to working with students and families as together we deliver many exciting opportunities for your child.

### Bell Times

Please refer to the bell times listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Sport is the same duration for both summer and winter. Participation in weekly sport for students is a Department of Education requirement. Please try and avoid sport time to organise appointments for your child. If you require your child to leave early on any day they will need to provide a signed permission note to a Deputy Principal prior to the start of the day. Students will then be issued with a pass out from the office.

### Year 12 Students

Year 12 students have entered the final three terms of their schooling and they have an exciting and important year ahead of them. During the first few weeks of term it is important that they establish homework and study routines for the year.

In weeks 10 and 11 of Term One, Year 12 will be sitting their mid course examinations. Preparation throughout the school term is an important part of ensuring success in these examinations. Careful time management is also required to ensure assessment tasks are completed to a high standard and by their due date.

At the end of last year all Year 12 completed a HSC Success Plan. These plans provided detailed learning goals and areas of strength and improvement. We plan on revisiting these plans with students after the mid course examinations, using their performance in these examinations and targeted feedback to from their teachers to provide advice and assistance towards the HSC Trials and final examinations.

We have also moved the senior study from the Library to B Block where Learning and Support was and it is currently being furnished. Computers are available for students to use and teacher assistance will also be available. At the moment, Ms Berriman is available to assist students during sport time each Wednesday and we hope to provide further teacher assistance to students as it becomes available.

### Year 12 student drivers and gate passes

It is the preference of the Department of Education that students use public transport when it is provided for travel to and from school. We understand that some senior students prefer to drive to school and that senior students have the possibility to sign out of school with a gate pass when there are no lessons.

It is a school requirement that any student who wishes to drive to and from school or to a school activity needs to complete a student driving agreement. We will use this information to form a record of registration and cars that we would expect to park in the Figtree Anglican Church car park during the day. If student drivers are planning on taking other students as

passengers we also require parental authority. Student driving agreements will be issued early this term.

Year 12 are required to be at school for roll call each morning. Their roll call is held in the Auditorium. This is an important meeting time where we get to pass on information to students and also ensure we manage Year 12 student wellbeing. If students have an afternoon where they have no timetabled lessons they may apply for a gate pass. These forms will be issued during week 3 as well and parental permission is required before any gate passes will be issued.

### **Year 10 Students**

This year is an important time for Year 10 students as they work towards their first external school qualification, the Record of School Achievement (RoSA). This year, all course work will be used to award grades to students in each subject they study. These grades will be recorded by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). It is an important time for students to ensure they meet course requirements and complete all course work as required. Failure to meet course requirements will mean that a student is ineligible to receive their RoSA.

Well done to Year 10 student who completed Peer Support training. We have selected an outstanding group of Year 10 student leaders to conduct the peer support program and ensure Year 7 students are provided with the best possible start to their schooling at Figtree.

Mr Glen Trethewy  
Deputy Principal

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## ***Relieving Deputy Principal Report***

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Welcome back to a new school year. I am currently relieving as Deputy Principal while Mrs Johanna Clifford is on leave.

### **Safety**

On assembly this week I spoke about entering and leaving the school safely. Figtree High School is very fortunate to have traffic lights at the front entrance to ensure student safety for road crossings. Gibsons Road is very busy with buses, cars and pedestrians, particularly at the end of the school day. Students who have to cross Gibsons Road need to use the traffic lights at the front of the school. This ensures their own safety and the safety of other members of the school community. Parents are asked to remind their children about using this crossing and the risks involved in crossing the road by stepping out between parked cars and buses.

### **Learning**

It is great to see students returning to school, arriving on time ready for the new school year.

Thank you for the efforts that you have put into making this happen. Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. These children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to happy and successful future

At Figtree High School, we value good attendance from all students. Regular attendance is important. The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school

regularly, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open.

While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable many are not. These could be unexplained or unauthorised absences.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school as soon as possible to explain the reason for their absence.

Deputy Principal and Home School Liaison Officer may interview students with identified concerns in their attendance at various times throughout the year.

Concerns with attendance may include:

- An attendance rate lower than 85%
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences.
- Extended periods of illness.

Please contact the school if there are problems in getting your children to school or if there are concerns you have about them at school. A positive partnership between home and school in this area is of great value to the school but most importantly to the success and quality of your child's education.

## Year 11

I have had the pleasure to attend Year 11 camp at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Park. The students were extremely well behaved and positive ambassadors of Figtree High School. Students were involved in a number of challenging activities, such as giant swing, abseiling and Leap of Faith. They also participated in some time management, leadership, study skills and goal setting activities. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Lloyd who organised the camp and Mr Herbert and Mrs Munro who attended the camp over the three days. Also to Mrs Burke, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Markham who came to visit the Year 11 students in the evening.



Mrs Jemma Lawson  
Rel. Deputy Principal Year 7, 9 and 11



## Wellbeing Report

Welcome back students, parents and community members to the 2018 school year. As Head Teacher Wellbeing my role is assisting students within the school to maintain healthy levels of wellbeing as well as supporting them to fulfil the schools values of RESPECT, SAFETY and LEARNING.

The Welfare team are extremely hard working people who should be your first port of call if you are worried about the wellbeing of your child. If you are concerned with how your child is traveling in a specific subject area, please contact their classroom teacher or relevant Head Teacher of that Faculty.

### Figtree High School – Student Wellbeing Team

**Principal:** Mrs Karen Burke

The **Deputy Principals** supervise specific year groups:

Ms Johanna Clifford – Years 7, 9 and 11 students

Mr Glyn Trethewy - Years 8, 10 and 12 students

### Head Teacher Wellbeing:

Mrs Jemma Lawson (Monday- Thursday) and

Mrs Jill Murphy (Friday)

### Year Advisers:

Year 7: Ms K. Hunt and Mr A. Brooks

Year 8: Mrs N. Young and Mr A. Herbert

Year 9 : Ms M. Cook and Mrs S. Basham

Year 10 : Mrs M. Parr and Mrs J. McCarthy

Year 11: Mr G. Smith and Ms A. Lloyd

Year 12: Ms K. Harlor and Ms L. Berriman

### Counsellors:

Ms M. Idziak and Mr G. Rosser

### Senior Psychologist:

Mr J. Wilson

### Supervisor of Girls:

Ms Kirsten Borst - Science staffroom

### Boys Supervisor:

Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson - Careers Office

### School Uniform

The school has two suppliers for our school uniform, Lowes at Figtree Grove and Poppets Direct, who have a warehouse outlet in Montague Street, Fairy Meadow. Girls have the option to wear the school skirt or our approved school shorts during the summer months. The school uniform shorts for girls are mid-thigh length (longer than findertips when the arms are extended by your sides), plain navy. Our uniform suppliers have our girl's shorts in stock. We seek our parents support in ensuring that girls are wearing the approved school uniform shorts.

### Footwear

Our school uniform includes ALL BLACK fully enclosed leather shoes. This is to ensure that students meet the appropriate Work Health and Safety requirements while they are at school.

If you require assistance with uniforms, please contact Mrs Borst at the school.

Mrs Jemma Lawson

Head Teacher Wellbeing

## Canteen News

The canteen is trialling Sushi as an inclusion as a weekly special on Wednesday's starting on 21 February, stock will be limited. If this is successful we will add the option of being able to pre order on a Tuesday.



### Our Range + Delicious Favours

#### BIG CRUNCH SUSHI ROLLS

- **TUNA** Cucumber (White or Brown Rice)
- **SPICY TUNA** Cucumber
- **SMOKED SALMON** Avocado + Cucumber (White or Brown Rice)
- **CRAB-CALIFORNIA** Cucumber
- **TERIYAKI CHICKEN** Cucumber (White or Brown Rice)
- **BEEF TERIYAKI** Cucumber
- **CHICKEN SCHNITZEL** Cucumber
- **VEGETARIAN (V)** Tofu+Carrot+Cucumber (White or Brown Rice)

**\$4.00**



#### SUSHI MUNCH BOXES (large or medium size)

- **TERIYAKI CHICKEN**
- **TUNA**
- **SALMON**
- **CRAB-CALIFORNIA**
- **CHICKEN SCHNITZEL**
- **TERIYAKI BEEF**
- **COMBO: TERIYAKI CHICKEN AND TUNA**
- **VEGETARIAN (V)**
- **AVOCADO (V)** (medium)
- **CUCUMBER (V)** (medium)
- **INARI (V)** (medium)

**\$5.50**



#### RICE PAPER ROLLS

includes mild sweet chilli dipping sauce

- **CHICKEN**  
Rice Paper, Vermicelli, Lettuce, Mushrooms, Carrots, Cucumber, Coriander
- **PRAWN**  
Rice Paper, Vermicelli, Lettuce, Cucumber, Mint
- **VEGGIE**  
Rice Paper, Vermicelli, Lettuce, Carrots, Cucumber, Coriander
- **BEEF**  
Rice Paper, Vermicelli, Lettuce, Mushrooms, Carrots, Cucumber, Coriander

**\$8.00**

## Figtree High School Bell Times 2018

### Summer Bells - Terms 1 and 4

| Monday, Tuesday, Friday |       | Wednesday    |       | Thursday     |       |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Warning Bell            | 8:38  | Warning Bell | 8:38  | Warning Bell | 8:38  |
| Roll Call               | 8:40  | Roll Call    | 8:40  | Roll Call    | 8:40  |
| Period 1                | 8:46  | Period 1     | 8:46  | Assembly     | 8:46  |
| Period 2                | 9:38  | Period 2     | 9:35  | Period 1     | 8:58  |
| Period 3                | 10:30 | Period 3     | 10:24 | Period 2     | 9:50  |
| Lunch 1                 | 11:22 | Lunch 1      | 11:13 | Period 3     | 10:42 |
| Period 4                | 11:52 | Period 4     | 11:43 | Lunch 1      | 11:34 |
| Period 5                | 12:44 | Lunch 2      | 12:31 | Period 4     | 12:04 |
| Lunch 2                 | 1:36  | Sport        | 1:01  | Lunch 2      | 12:56 |
| Period 6                | 2:06  | End of Day   | 2:45  | Period 5     | 1:26  |
| End of Day              | 2:58  |              |       | End of Day   | 2:18  |

### Winter Bells - Terms 2 and 3

| Monday, Tuesday, Friday |       | Wed          |       | Thursday     |       |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Warning Bell            | 8:38  | Warning Bell | 8:38  | Warning Bell | 8:38  |
| Roll Call               | 8:40  | Roll Call    | 8:40  | Roll Call    | 8:40  |
| Period 1                | 8:46  | Period 1     | 8:46  | Period 1     | 8:46  |
| Period 2                | 9:38  | Period 2     | 9:35  | Period 2     | 9:38  |
| Period 3                | 10:30 | Period 3     | 10:24 | Period 3     | 10:30 |
| Lunch 1                 | 11:22 | Lunch 1      | 11:13 | Lunch 1      | 11:22 |
| Period 4                | 11:52 | Period 4     | 11:43 | Assembly     | 11:52 |
| Period 5                | 12:44 | Lunch 2      | 12:31 | Period 4     | 12:04 |
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## How to apply for and redeem vouchers

There are four simple steps:

1

Visit **[sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)**.  
Read the **Guidelines** and **Fact Sheets**  
to learn about the program.

2

Visit **[service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au)** and create or  
login to your **MyServiceNSW Account**

3

Complete an **Active Kids application** through your **MyServiceNSW Account**.  
You will receive a voucher with a unique ID number for each  
child you register (available to download, print and email).

4

### Redeem your voucher

Take your child's voucher to a registered activity provider; or log onto your  
**provider's website** to enrol and enter the voucher **ID number**.

When your child commences their chosen sport or activity, your online account  
will show the status of the voucher change from 'Active' to 'Redeemed'.





## South Coast School Sports Association


South Coast School Sports Association would like to invite parents and students to 'like' and 'follow' their Facebook page in order to stay updated on forthcoming trials, championships and regional carnivals.

Click on the 'like us on facebook' icon below which will take you to their Facebook page or on the website link below.



<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/SouthCoast>

FREE workshops for Learner Drivers and Supervisors. Save the date and book in early.



## LEARN SAFE

### FREE 2 hour workshop

for parents and supervisors of Learner Drivers

Practical advice about:


- Supervising Learner Drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Learner and Provisional Licence Laws

Accompanied Learner Drivers are encouraged to attend this workshop, held from 6pm to 8pm at Council's Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong.

**Tuesday 6 March 2018**

Bookings are essential and light refreshments are provided.

For further information or bookings, please contact  
Council's Road Safety Officer on 4227 7111 or  
email: [rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)



## THE ULTIMATE LEARNER LOG BOOK RUN EXPERIENCE

**Sunday 25 March 2018**



An opportunity for learner drivers and their supervisors to experience a series of practical and powerful demonstrations whilst gaining log book hours on a planned route.

Including:

- ⊗ Planned route through a variety of driving conditions
- ⊗ Roadside RBT and RDT information from police
- ⊗ Driver reviver
- ⊗ Fire rescue
- ⊗ Road safety personal experience
- ⊗ Crash Investigation Unit
- ⊗ Reverse parking tuition

**ALL LEARNER DRIVERS MUST HAVE 40 OR MORE LOG BOOK HOURS**

**8.45am arrival for a 9.00am start**  
**Finishes at 1.30pm**  
Starts and finishes at the Lake Illawarra PCYC.  
Morning tea and lunch provided

**Bookings essential:**  
Shellharbour 4221 6111  
Kiama 4232 0444  
Wollongong 4227 7111

Join us for a morning of fun with your local road safety experts and win some great prizes

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## Club

Southlake Illawarra BMX Club  
 email: [southlakebmx@gmail.com](mailto:southlakebmx@gmail.com)  
<http://bmxaustralia.com.au/ride-in-2-bmx/>  
[www.facebook.com/southlakeillawarrabmxclub](http://www.facebook.com/southlakeillawarrabmxclub)

## Date

25th February 2018  
 11am - 1pm  
 Free sausage sizzle & showbag  
 for participants

## Location

Southlake Illawarra BMX  
 Croom Rd Sporting Complex  
 Croome Rd, Albion Park Rail

