



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6, 7 March 2018

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T1 Week 6	Week 6 Starting 5 March
Monday 05/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 - Construction Workplacement Year 12 - English Standard & Advanced task Year 10 - Top Blokes Program Year 10 - History research task due Year 10 - Geography task due Year 9 - Commerce Excursion Year 7 - Science Communications Task
Tuesday 06/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 - Construction Workplacement Year 12 - Economics Task Year 11 - Economics Assessment Task Year 11 - Biology Fieldtrip Minnamurra Year 10 - Marine Studies Excursion Year 9 - IST Excursion – selected students Year 7 – Mathematics – in class test
Wednesday 07/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 - Construction Workplacement Year 12 – Group Photo Year 10 - History Elective Skills test Year 9 - YAM Women in defence High Tea – selected students School Photos – student catch-up, SRC, Sports Captains Year 6 into 7 Expo Night
Thursday 08/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 - Construction Workplacement Year 8 – Mathematics – in class test
Friday 09/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 - Construction Workplacement Year 12 - Mathematics Class Task Year 12 – Legal Studies – Assessment Task Year 11 - SLR Year 8 - Science Research Task due Year 7 - SRE
T1 Week 7	Week 7 Starting 12 March
Monday 12/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 – Geography Assessment Task Year 11 – Physics Assessment Task Rugby League U15 and Open U16 Girls Tag Country Cup
Tuesday 13/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 – Business Studies Test Year 10 - Marine Studies Excursion – water safety Year 9 – Marine Studies swimming test Year 9 – Commerce Excursion Regional Swimming
Wednesday 14/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement
Thursday 15/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 12 – PDHPE Assessment Task Year 7 – Meet and Greet BBQ Boys open Basketball Knockout

Friday 16/03/18	Year 12 - Hospitality Workplacement Year 11 – Standard Maths Assessment Task Year 11 – SLR Year 9 – English Assessment Task Year 7 - SRE Premiers Sporting Challenge – selected students 7 - 10
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange	



Thoughts from the Principal

Welcome to Week 6 – half way through Term 1 already.

Another jam-packed couple of weeks have gone by.

I am extremely proud of the way most of our students are focusing on their learning and that most arrive on time and in full school uniform. I would, however, like to ask your assistance in a couple of areas that we are experiencing some concerns with:

- ATTENDANCE:** Ensuring your child is at school prior to the bell every day possible (8.30am). Research is clear that students with excellent attendance have better learning achievement and progress. We often have a long line of latecomers each day and have asked Year Advisers to work with families to support your child arriving on time.
- UNIFORM:** Whilst we are underway on our uniform consultation, we require all students to be in our current uniform. Black leather shoes with no white markings, white socks, plain navy shorts – longer than fingertips for girls and the school jumper are all components of our uniform. We are able to support students who need assistance with uniform. Please contact Mrs Murphy, R/Head Teacher Wellbeing to discuss.

We thank you for addressing these expectations to support optimal teaching and learning at our school.

SCHOOL PLAN: Executive and staff committed extra time after school last week to develop the new school plan. We will bring you more about our new strategic directions in the next newsletter.

EXPO NIGHT: We look forward to seeing many parents and carers of future Figtree High School students at our annual EXPO evening on Wednesday this week from 5.30pm. Please feel free to share the date and time with your friends whose children will be coming to our school.

YEAR 7 MEET AND GREET: We also have our Year 7 Parents/Students Meet and Greet evening coming up soon. See the calendar for details.

Mrs Karen Burke
Principal

PBL Core Values

WEEK 6:	Learning Be on time for your next class
WEEK 7:	Safety Play approved games only in the playground

Deputy Principal Report

Expect Respect: Last Thursday I attended Year group meetings with Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 students and distributed a copy of Building Positive Relationships – Advice to Students Brochure. The focus of this brochure is building a culture of success at Figtree High School for

every student through positive relationships and a strong sense of wellbeing. Expect Respect is explained clearly in this brochure and is a program, which supports students to respond appropriately if they feel disrespected.

Please take the opportunity to discuss this brochure with your child.

As part of the “Expect Respect Program”, students at Figtree High School are taught five core skills.

1. To understand the difference between respectful and disrespectful behaviour.
2. To clearly tell disrespectful students the word “enough” in a polite but firm way.
3. If the word “enough” has been said to them, they are to stop what you are doing.
4. If a student witnessed disrespectful behaviour, they also use the word “enough” and model kindness, thoughtfulness and respect.
5. To seek assistance from a classroom teacher or Year Adviser.

Year 7 Meet and Greet Afternoon:

All Parents/Carers and Year 7 students are invited to attend our Year 7 Meet and Greet Afternoon on Thursday 15 March at 3.15pm – 4.30pm. This is a great opportunity for Year 7 students and Parents/Carers to meet teachers and other staff in a friendly environment. This informal afternoon will include a BBQ, soft drinks, tea, and coffee. Please complete and return the RSVP to the front office to assist with catering.

Mrs Johanna Clifford
Deputy Principal Year 7, 9 and 11

Mathematics Report

This year the Mathematics faculty are excited to have five collaborative classrooms where students have the opportunity to work with others to solve problems and learn through investigation. In these rooms, the students complete the work on whiteboards to show their development of their answer through collaboration and guidance from the teacher. This is a visible workspace where the teacher can quickly see and then help groups of student requiring assistance. These classrooms are the result of university research to foster engagement and in creating a thinking classroom.



Australian Mathematics Competition 2018

Thursday 9 August 2018. All students are encouraged to enter and there are three sections, Junior (Years 7 & 8), Intermediate (Years 9 & 10) and Senior (Years 11 & 12). The cost is \$6.50 per student. Payment of the entry fee is to be made at the office. All classes will be told more of this competition at during term two.

Stage 4 Mathematics Enrichment class 2018

This will be the fourth year we have run this enrichment class. The selected students enter an enrichment competition that runs for 16 weeks in terms 2 and 3 where they work through set problems independently. During term four they work in a collaborative environment to solve challenging problems. The students selected are from years 7 and 8. Eight high achieving students from each year will be invited to join this class. The students will be selected on their class results, NAPLAN results and teacher recommendation. Invitations to join this class will be sent out early in term two.

All years are working on their program of study and formal assessments will start to occur. Students should know when their assessment task is on and have completed independent home study. Any student unsure of how to study at home should talk to their teacher for guidance. Students are reminded that they need to be equipped for their lessons by bringing their correct books and pens to school. Years 8-12 need to have their calculator with them for every Mathematics lesson. Year 7 need to have a calculator for their NAPLAN test, however, they will start using them in class in Year 8. We have calculators for sale (Casio fx-82AU PLUS II) at the school for \$22, payment and collection is at the office.

Ms Sharon Kachovich
Head Teacher Mathematics (Relieving)

SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

The school swimming carnival was held at Western Suburbs Pool on the 12 February 2018. We had a large number of students who participated on the day.

Congratulations to the winning House – BURU – Black House

Congratulations to the following students who were age champions:

12 years – Kai Lovegrove and Ava Parry

13 years – Samuel Buffett and Emma Hubert

14 years – Reagan Smith and Audrey Napper

15 years – Joshua Mikhail and Jessica Buffett

16 years – Joshua Mckinnon and Nadine Kellermann

17 years – Jason Vugrek and Meg Fox

Congratulations to Jason Vugrek who broke the 50m and 100m freestyle record and to Jessica Buffett who broke the 50m butterfly record.



ZONE SWIMMING

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Corrimal Pool on the 27 February. Our girls team came 4th and our boys team came 2nd. Overall we came 4th. Congratulations to Jessica Buffett who broke the 15 girls 100m butterfly. The old record had stood since 1989. We have a large number of relay teams and individuals who will participate in the Regional Carnival. The Regional Carnival will be held at Dapto Pool on the 13 March.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

Attention All Schools

This is to inform you that Transport for NSW have notified us that the moratorium period for students without an opal card, expired on Friday 23rd February 2018.

Could you please advise your students that if they do not have a working opal card then they are required to pay a fare to travel to and from school on our buses. Students can also apply for a Child/Youth opal card so if their school opal card does not work or they have misplaced it they can use this card to pay their fare or they can pay cash. Students that are not eligible for the free travel can apply for a student term card (current cost is \$53) or use a Child/Youth opal card or pay cash.

Students without a working school opal card, term card, Child/Youth card or cash money will not be given travel and will be told to go to the school office for the school to organise contact of their parents for them to get home.

Could you also inform students that the School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on school days and doesn't cover travel to After School Care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school.

If students or parents have any questions regarding Opal cards and travel to/from school, they can contact Opal on 13OPAL (136725) or at www.opal.com.au

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A photograph of three aerialists performing on silks in a circus-themed setting. The performers are in various poses, suspended by long, flowing fabric ribbons. The background features a large, stylized sign that reads "Circus Monoxide". The lighting is dramatic, with purple and blue hues. The text "Inspired by the Greatest Showman? Try the real thing." is overlaid in white on a dark background at the top.

**Inspired by the Greatest Showman?
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Circus Monoxide term classes start 3rd February.

A huge variety of classes - something for everyone

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/TBSC>

Ring 4285 0066

3/3 Prince Hwy Fairy Meadow

Community Moonlight Movies

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Saturday 17 March
Roy Johanson Park Figtree

FAMILY FRIENDLY & ALCOHOL-FREE

STARTS 5.30PM

MOVIE SCREENS AT 7.30PM

**FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARK**



Headphones and / or hearing loops are available for use for people with hearing impairments and can be booked via the Events Team on 4227 7111.

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GREATER SYDNEY
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GREATER SYDNEY CHS GIRLS AFL **TRIAL**

Who: Trial is for U/15 Girls (Girls can be 15 and not turning 16 this year)

Where: Blacktown International Sports Park - Eastern Road Rooty Hill

When: April 11th from 10.30am to 2pm

Students will play a scratch match to determine selection. AFL appropriate gear, boots and mouth guards are required for all girls trialling.

Students are asked to fill in the attached form and return their registration via the details on the sheet (email or fax) by April 4th 2018.

Selected players will play in the NSW All Schools Australian Football Girls Championship to be held in Blacktown in June.

For further information, contact Michael Strappazzon via email at michael.strappazzon@det.nsw.edu.au



ACTIVE KIDS REBATE GET YOUR \$100 VOUCHER PER SCHOOL AGED CHILD

Participation in sport is extremely valuable to our community. However, parents and families can at times find it difficult to meet the costs associated with their kid's participation sport.

That is why the NSW Government has announced the Active Kids Program designed to help parents with the financial costs of their kids participation. We want to make sport and fitness activities more affordable and get kids off the couch and active.

Parents can now **claim up to \$100 per school enrolled child per calendar year** as a voucher to reduce the cost of eligible sport and fitness activities.

These activities could include traditional sport such as netball, football or cricket; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as swimming classes or dance.

The rebate is not means tested so every family has access to this initiative. Parents are now able to register for the voucher online or through their local Service NSW Centre.

This is all part of the NSW Government's goal to make having a family and being active more affordable. The Active Kids Program is also a key tool in the battle against childhood obesity and supports the Premier's priority to reduce childhood obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years.

Following is also a flyer outlining how to apply and further information about the Active Kids Program can be found at

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

GARETH WARD MP
Member for Kiama
Parliamentary Secretary for Education



How to apply for and redeem vouchers

There are four simple steps:

1

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids.
Read the **Guidelines** and **Fact Sheets**
to learn about the program.

2

Visit 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'.



RIDE IN 2 BMX

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Club

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

Date

Sat 10th March 2018
 11am - 1pm
 Free sausage sizzle & showbag
 for participants

Location

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



US ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP AND GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

23 February 2018

News story

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Education USA have two information sessions in March on US college athletics scholarships and programs.

Interested teachers, students, parents, careers, advisors, and counsellors are invited to attend. The sessions will cover core course requirements, amateurism, and advice and support on the application process.

Thursday 15 March

6pm – 7.30pm

Meriden School

Lecture Theatre

Entry on Margaret Street

Strathfield, NSW 2135

[Register now](#)

Friday 16 March

5pm – 6.30 pm

Freshwater Senior Campus,

Northern Beaches Secondary College

153 Harbord Road

Freshwater, NSW 2096

[Register now](#)

For more information, contact:

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