



FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11, 13 April 2018

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T2 Week 1	Week 1 Starting 30 April 2018
Monday 30/04/18	School Development Day
Tuesday 01/05/18	Year 9 – Links to Learning General Stuff
Wednesday 02/05/18	Year 10 – Elective History – Assessment Task Careers Expo Presentation
Thursday 03/05/18	Year 11 – Society and Culture Assessment
Friday 04/05/18	Year 12 – Geography – Fieldwork Excursion Open Boys Soccer
T2 Week 2	Week 2 Starting 7 May 2018
Monday 07/04/18	Year 12 – PIP Oral presentations Year 9 – Science – Practical Task Year 7 – Science – Practical Task Northern Illawarra Zone Knockout
Tuesday 08/05/18	Year 9 – Links to Learning Year 7 – Science – Practical Task General Stuff
Wednesday 09/05/18	Year 7 – Science – Practical Task Careers Expo
Thursday 10/05/18	Year 7 – Science – Practical Task Careers Expo
Friday 11/05/18	Year 12 – HSC Success Plan Interviews Year 7 – Science – Practical Task Year 7 - Scripture AIME – Selected students South Coast Table Tennis Zone Cross Country
Year 12 Purple Year 11 Olive Year 10 Blue Year 9 Red Year 8 Green Year 7 Orange	

I have often used the phrase ‘Success for every student through high expectations and personalised learning.’ It is a big statement for a school to claim but I believe that it is being achieved and we will continue to make it our core focus. We want our students to have a strong sense of belonging, so they can maximise their learning opportunities throughout their high school journey. Our school is well-placed to support your child in this with dedicated teaching and admin staff and a strong leadership team.

As I conveyed in my letter earlier this week, I have been merit selected as Director, Educational Leadership for the West Wyalong Network, looking after 20 schools in Central NSW, commencing Term 2. I will very much miss leading our magnificent school. It has been a privileged, rewarding chapter in my career and I am proud of what we have achieved together in this time. I have greatly appreciated partnering with a caring community of families through celebrations of success, and some sad and challenging times as well.

I thank you for your ongoing support of our school and know you will warmly welcome Mr Glyn Trethewy as Acting Principal, until the position is advertised in the near future. Mr Trethewy has a wealth of experience in leadership and a genuine care for our students and their learning. Mrs Jemma Lawson will relieve Mr Trethewy as Deputy Principal Years 8, 10 and 12. Ms Johanna Clifford continues as the Deputy Principal looking after Years 7, 9 and 11. The quality teaching and support of 100 staff will continue, as our staff are committed to ensuring the best outcomes for your child.

Have a safe and happy holiday time with your families and I wish you and your child well in their learning journey at Figtree High School.

Mrs Karen Burke
Principal



Thoughts from the Principal

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 1.

Eleven solid weeks of commitment in all aspects of our school – teaching and learning, sport, the arts, leadership and so much more. Our students and staff have worked tenaciously throughout the term to achieve success, and our new school plan 2018-2020 is in place.

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

SRC Faculty Report

Elections

Term 1 has seen the successful election of the 2018 Student Leadership Team. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7

Tasharna Adlington, Ana Castrissios, Kaylen Craft and Dakota Daniela.

Year 8

Alice Coleman, Mikaela Kokkin, Caitlin Rodrigues and Regan Smith.

Year 9

Tessa Baldock, Bailey Craft, George Gee and Nina Graovac.

Year 10

Maria Ljuboja, Maxine McEwan, Ellie Rada and Nikola Rodic.

Year 11 (Prefects)

Hannah Bryant, Abby Cole, Takirah Coulson, Tazmin Fulcher, Daniel Jaques, Callum Kirby-Hayes, Marija Knezevic, Sara Ljuboja, Lianna McKinnon, Jessica Nagy, Taylor O'Connor, Reydan Sinbandhit, Georgia Sturman and Zoe Williams.

These students now join our School Captains (Meghan Fox and Joshua Panayiotou) and Vice Captains (Campbell Fulcher, Jayden Smileski, Payton Williams and Georgia Wilson) as the 2018 Student Leadership Team.

UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy

Congratulations to Georgia Sturman, Year 11, on her successful application to attend the 2018 UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy. Since 2005 in the April school holidays, UBS has offered a leadership program for young women in Year 11 attending public high schools. The program is residential and participants live in at Women's College at the University of Sydney. We wish Georgia a great time at the academy and look forward to hearing about her experience!

SRC Assistant Coordinator

We are excited to announce that Miss Tasker will now be joining Mrs Murphy (SRC Coordinator) as the SRC Assistant Coordinator. Welcome Miss Tasker!

Mrs Jill Murphy
SRC Coordinator

2018 International Student Visit 12 June - 23 June

We are delighted to announce that 18 students from Vietnam will be visiting our school for two weeks (12-23 June). We are calling on our school community to open up their homes to host students offering them the opportunity to immerse themselves in our vibrant community.

The students will range in age from 14 - 17 years. They will attend school during the week. During the weekend, the students will spend Saturday and Sunday with your family participating in your usual weekend activities.

This is an exciting opportunity for you and your family to be part of this program. You will be remunerated to assist in covering costs.

Information packs are available from the library. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Verdejo or Salma Alhindi on 02 4271 2787.

NEWS FROM PD/H/PE

Sydney Football Club

Alex Masciovecchio (Year 11) was involved in Sydney Football Clubs 2018 Future Cup Run (click link below). Unbelievable experience for a Figtree High School student to be able to experience all things that went with this tournament. Every young footballer in Australia would have loved to have been playing here! Can't wait to talk to Alex and hear about his experiences.

https://www.sydneyfc.com/news/our-2018-future-cup-run?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTIRCbFl6QTJaR1JsT1RkbCIsInQiOiJMRzJhbVwvWUM2SUt2dFhyaHRQcmIIRFpuTkFENUVNZ3pjUWpVYlpyeXY3Q2NLY25cL3hXZG9OR0YrbWNKbjF3Y09VT201VVZLcVwvbUVQcnhoZ0sweU1cL0pweng2ait5cWhVQXVIZTUreJCU2JUcTRYZTNWbVwvb09ybUs0endpa05qIn0%3D

Mr Stephen Smart
Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Bill Turner Football

On 5 April we had a double header of Football at Figtree High School. The boys played against Dapto High School first and won convincingly. They will now progress to round 2.

The girls played against Woonona and had a very tough game. Unfortunately they lost in a close match.

Thanks to Mr Braithwaite (girls) and Mr Thomas (boys) who coached the teams.



CHS Swimming Championships

Well done to all our swimmers who competed at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships at Homebush on the 8, 9 and 10 April. The following students represented Figtree High School:

- Meghan Fox
- Jade Gray
- Molly McNair
- Jessica Buffet
- Regan Smith
- Oliver Chadwick
- Hamish Weine
- Joshua McKinnon
- Jason Vugrek
- Jayden Brown
- Jarrod Buick
- Daniel Gray

Congratulations to Jessica Buffett who was a silver medallist in 100 butterfly, which is an awesome

achievement. She was also a finalist in the 100m breaststroke, backstroke, 400IM and 200IM. She also won the encouragement award at the Championships. Well done Jessica.



School Cross Country

What a fantastic afternoon was had by all our students in our annual Cross Country Carnival. It was great to see so many students participating. Congratulations to **Warrigal** the winning house.

The following students were our age champions:

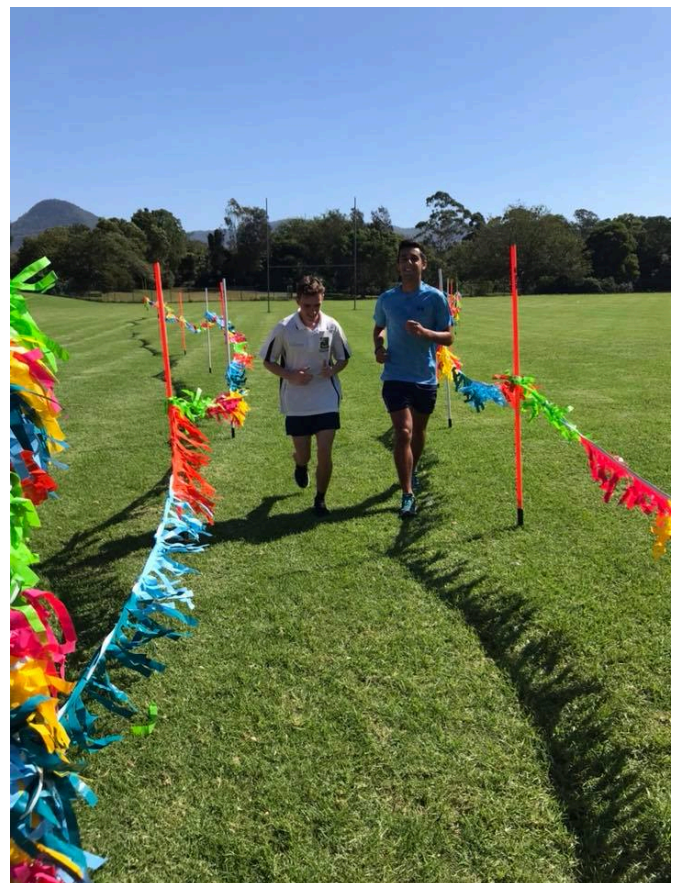
- 17+ Jayden Smileski and Cameron Lodge
Tazmin Fulcher
- 16 Ben Plumb and Eden Smith
- 15 Logan Mathie and Jessica Buffett
- 14 Klay Halsey and Hannah Sheridan
- 13 Thomas Panayiotou and Zali O'Brien
- 12 Luis Vaughan and Caley Tallon- Henniker

We also had the draw for participation and congratulations to those students who won a \$5.00 canteen voucher.

A special mention to Mr Smith and Mrs Lloyd who ran with the seniors and donated money for each student that crossed the line in front of them.

The Zone Cross Country Carnival is on the 11 May at Nicholson Park Woonona.







News from P & C

And in breaking news, we have been offered a slot at Bunnings to have a fundraiser BBQ on Sunday 13th May (Mother 's Day) as someone else has pulled out. If you are available to assist please reply and provide times you are available. Any time will be helpful, from 1 hour to the full day.

Jackie Brown
P & C President

The Earth and Environmental Class 2018.

The Year 11 Earth and environmental team went on an excursion across multiple sites around Illawarra to collect soil samples for later in depth analysis. Here is a student's take on the day;

The Year 11 Earth and Environmental class departed from Figtree High School on the 19th of March 2018. Mr M^cGavock coasted up Mt Keira and then gave us an in-depth lesson about the mountain ranges and the soil within. Mr Thomas guided us through the bush to the site and helped us begin our experiment, sampling soil, recording soil pH, rocks, plant coverage, and temperature. We had about 30 minutes left over, so we decided to have lunch, I wish I brought sausages so I

could cook them on the BBQ but that would have to be for next time. Next, we drove half way down the escarpment and then bush walked for about 3 minutes to find a nice spot to get our soil samples. Afterwards we headed to Puckey's Estate right next to the inlet at Stuart Park to get our last sample before heading home, to complete our 'exciting' analysis of dirt... yay. We did learn a lot on this excursion, about the history of our community and shared laughs.





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Respect, Safety, Learning

3 April 2018

2018 – ILLAWARRA SCHOOLS CAREERS EXPO

**Do you really know what to do when you leave school?
Have you considered alternatives?
Are you prepared?**

To help you answer these and other questions, the **Illawarra Schools Careers Expo** has been organised at the Illawarra Credit Union Sports Stadium, Waples Road, Unanderra on **Wednesday 9 May, 2018**.

The **Illawarra Schools Careers Expo** will benefit students who attend by providing:

- Career and Study guidance
- Access to over 90 exhibitors
- Many private training providers
- Universities advice and HSC resources
- Opportunities to hear about a wide variety of jobs
- Apprenticeship, Traineeship and Cadetship Information
- Various help agencies

The Careers Expo is organised for the benefit of students in Year 9 to 12. All Figtree High Year 10 and 12 students should attend to find out about tertiary study options as well as work pathways. When applications are due later in the year, you may be too busy with your studies to do the research required, so now is the time to research these options.

Figtree High students will visit the expo on Wednesday 9 May from 9.00am – 10.00am and will need to bring \$10.00 to the front office to cover entry fee and bussing.

Mr A. Sargent-Wilson
Careers Adviser

Mrs K. Burke
Principal

Illawarra Schools Careers Expo Permission Note

I give permission for my son / daughter _____
of roll class _____ to attend the *Illawarra Schools Careers Expo* on :

Wednesday 9 May 2018

COST: \$10.00

Signed: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

NB Year 12 students **CANNOT** drive to the Expo as no parking is available.



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2018 ILLAWARRA SCHOOLS CAREERS EXPO

**FIND YOUR
PASSION**

**KEEP ON
LEARNING**

**PLAN FOR
THE FUTURE**

**KNOW YOUR
OPTIONS**

**FIND YOUR PATHWAY TO A
WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES**

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SCHOOL SESSIONS
TUESDAY MAY 8TH
8.45AM TO 3.00PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH
8.45AM TO 1.00PM

PUBLIC SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 8TH
3.00PM TO 5.00PM
ENTRY \$5

Illawarra Hockey Stadium - Waples Road, Unanderra

Find out all the info & friendly advice you need to inspire your future career decisions. The Careers Expo provides local & national representatives from Unis, TAFE NSW, Defence, Training Organisations, Employers, HSC, Apprenticeship & Disability support. www.facebook.com/IllawarraSchoolsCareersExpo/

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CHALLENGE OPENS: Monday March 5, 2018

CLOSES FOR STUDENTS: Friday September 14, 2018

FEATURE FILM

Casting Call:

Hollywood is coming to Wollongong again – a production company with previous success in the region loves The Gong so much that they want to come back!

We are calling for volunteer background extras from Wollongong. We are currently looking for:

- Female & male students aged 15 years & over (ability to play soccer a bonus)
- Adults of all ages and ethnicities

Come and register to be an EXTRA - no experience required.

Casting Call Date: **Wednesday 11th April, 2018**

Time: **2-6pm** (arrive anytime, it will only take around 20 minutes. Latest arrival 5:40pm).

Location: **The Phoenix Theatre, 24 Bridge Street Coniston, 2500**

We will take your photo and ask you to fill in a registration form, you don't need to bring anything, just come along and say hello.

We are also casting a couple of featured/speaking roles – we will be in touch after the casting call if we are considering you for these roles.

Filming in Wollongong and Kiama, 16th April – 14th May 2018, just let us know your available dates at the casting call.

We look forward to meeting you there! To confirm your attendance please contact Ange, Extras Casting Coordinator: botn.extras@gmail.com

