COMING EVENTS

13.6.13 - SRC Fundraising Mufti Day
13.6.13 - Parent/Teacher online booking forms distributed Yrs7, 9 & 10
13.6.13 - Bill Turner Cup U15 Boys Soccer game @ Dapto
14.6.13 - Year 7 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium
14.6.13 - Trivia Night - fundraiser for Rhys Kilian
17.6.13 and 18.6.13 - Zone Athletics
17.6.13 - Stan Jones Tennis Knock-out game
17.6.13 - Year 10 SCUBA Initiative
17.6.13 - ICAS Writing Test
18.6.13 - Yr 8 Girls Empowerment Workshop - Nan Tien Temple
18.6.13 - ICAS Spelling Test
19.6.13 - Year 11 SCUBA Initiative
21.6.13 - Year 7 and 9 Half Yearly reports issued
24.6.13 - Premiers Sporting Challenge - Community of Schools Day
25.6.13 - Year 10 Half Yearly reports issued
26.6.13 - P&C meeting - School Library @ 7.30pm
27.6.13 - Years 7, 9 and 10 Parent Teacher night
27.6.13 – 28.6.13 Years 11/12: RSA and RSG Courses

Principal’s Report

Touring the Region

Congratulations to Erika Peterson who has been touring the region as a member of the Illawarra and South East Regional Ensemble. She is a wonderful role model for the value of the arts in education. Erika contributes many hours of her time to rehearsals and home practice.

Thank you to the vocalists who sing the National Anthem on assembly; Abbey Blackmore, Victoria Liddle, Kaella Pearson, Mikaela Frame, Jessica Trudgett, Tasmine Lown and Olivia Williams.

Read All About It ….

http://www.globalenterprisechallenge.com/2013/participating-teams/australia/item/figtree-high-school.html

The Global Enterprise Challenge will take place on 15 June 2013. Log on to find out more information about our Figtree High School Team

Team Members:
Jodie Feld
Ivana Zaric
Rhys Kilian
Taylor Johnson
Jason Huang
Bradley Heino
Emily Colbeck
Savannah Reali
Amy Kilian
Jelena Zaric
Mentors:
Robert Joseph
Thomas Vatovec

A Short Stay in Shellharbour

From Week 7 to the end of the term I will be relieving as the School Education Director for Shellharbour. David Deitz our Deputy Principal will be relieving as Principal and Achim Linnenluke will be relieving as Deputy Principal.

Regards
Carol Marshman
Principal

PBS - Expectation of the Week

This week: SAFETY

Play approved games only in the playground

Next week: LEARNING

Move quickly back to the classroom at the end of the break
Figtree High School Core Values: Safety

During the assembly and after school last week, I reminded students about the importance of safe travel, to and from school, including when students are traveling to and from Sport on Wednesday afternoon. The following key messages were given to students:

- Cross roads at the designated crossings and follow traffic light signals where available
- Helmets should be worn when riding bikes to and from school
- Use footpaths when walking to and from school
- Line up on the footpath and wait in an orderly manner for bus to arrive and
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the bus to board.

Students are expected to be at school every day that the school is open. If a student is late to school, they MUST report to the front office, so that they can be marked present for the school day. Students should provide a note, explaining their lateness. If this is not possible when the student arrives at school, students need to take their late slip home, have a parent/carer provide an explanation on the late slip and then students return this slip to school the following day. This ensures that any late arrivals are explained by parents/carers.

On occasion, students may need to leave school prior to the end of the school day. When this occurs, students are required to bring a note to the Deputy Principal, requesting permission to be granted leave. This process ensures that any student who needs to leave before the end of the school day has the necessary documentation completed. Students are not allowed to leave the school during the school day without the school’s authority. Students should see their Deputy Principal if a problem arises during the day.

All communication regarding whole day or partial absences, needs to occur between parents and the school. If it becomes necessary for a student to be collected from school during the school day, parents are asked to contact the school directly, not their child, and the school will arrange for students to attend the office. If a student becomes sick or injured during the school day, the school will contact parents/carers to organise for the collection of the student.

Following these procedures ensures that accurate attendance records are maintained, which enables to school to ensure student safety throughout the day.

Ellie Donovan
Deputy Principal
Trivia Night 14 June

There will be a Trivia Night in the Figtree High School Auditorium 14 June to support our school captain, Rhys Kilian. Rhys has been selected to attend the International Youth Science Week in Pretoria, South Africa.

In January, Rhys was chosen by Rotary as one of 432 students from around Australia to attend the National Youth Science Forum. From here he has been selected to represent Australia in South Africa. We believe Rhys will make an excellent ambassador for Australia at this prestigious event.

Of course, the experience comes at a cost and Rhys needs some financial assistance. While Rotary have provided some support, Rhys still needs at least another $8000 to enable him to attend the International Youth Science Week.

Any parent that can provide sponsorship or prizes for the trivia night, please contact Jenny English at school on 4271 2787. Any sponsorship will be acknowledged on the night.

We are wanting our parent community to support this event and put a team together to enjoy a fun night out and assist Rhys in the process. Tickets are $10 and there will be tables of 8 to 10. Smaller groups can be accommodated. Tickets went on sale at the office, on Friday, 31 May.

Jenny English
Head Teacher Science

TWO FIGTREE HIGH BOYS REPRESENT THE NSW ‘BLUES’

Nathan Leatigaga in Year 12 has been selected in the NSWCHS U/18 Rugby League team for the Australian Championships in Cairns during the July holidays. This is an amazing feat by Nathan who has played through zone, greater zone, regional and state trials to make the team. He has been selected from 1000s of young men who trialled for the team. At the State trials in Toronto he was easily the best and fairest player from Southern NSW and thoroughly deserved his selection in the team. I am sure Nathan will wear the sky blue of NSW with pride and determination and not only represent Figtree High and his family with distinction but the whole of NSW. We wish him every success at the championships and hope he returns satisfied and with the green and gold of an Australian jersey.

Ryan King from Year 10 has also been a busy young man in sport. Ryan recently played in the preliminary match before the State of Origin in Sydney last week leading his team to a 30-0 victory over Queensland. Ryan had an exceptional season for the Illawarra Steelers in the Harold Matthews Cup competition this year and earned the opportunity to trial for the NSW U/16 team a month ago. At those trials he again dominated his opposition and was chosen to play in the curtain raiser to State of Origin 1. Ryan was a dominant force in the game and contributed to a very successful match for NSW.

Figtree High should feel very lucky to have such elite sportsmen within their ranks. We look forward to hearing more great things from these boys over the coming years.

Mr Sargent-Wilson

Cross Country News

After our successful day at our school cross country, we had a group of runners who attended Nicholson Park to run the Zone Cross Country. It was a very cold and windy day but Figtree HS were excellent in their participation and behaviour.

The results from the students were outstanding and FIGTREE HS came 2nd overall. This is a great achievement from all runners.

We had some very impressive individual results also. They are as follows

12 Years Boys — Jayden Smileski 1st and Zone Age Champion

- Cameron Lodge 2nd
- Callum Dodds 9th
- Aiden Imber 10th

This team came 1st overall

12 Years Girls — Ellie May Wilson 2nd

- Pip McHenry 3rd
- Taylor Theobald 7th
- Brittany Teuma 10th

This team came 1st overall

14 Year Boys — Joshua Head 2nd

- Sam Oyston 6th
- Jarrod Beckford 8th
- Travis Elliot 10th

This team came 1st overall

14 Year Girls — Ashleigh Matthews 8th

15 Year Boys — Adam Bassuni 2nd

16 Year Boys — Banious Dumbuya 4th

- Thomas Miotto 5th
- Mason Davey 9th

17 Year Boys — Tim Tschentscher 1st and Zone Age Champion

- Kevin Anderson 4th

18 Year Boys — Jonathon Liddle 4th
These students all then competed at Nowra in the South Coast Cross Country. Once again we had some excellent results and the following students will now compete in the NSW CHS Cross Country at Eastern Creek.

The 12 Year Boys were the winning team and this is a fantastic achievement. The team consisted of

– Jayden Smileski 1st and South Coast Age Champion
– Cameron Lodge 2nd
– Callum Dodds 9th
– Aiden Imber 10th
12 Years Girls - Pip McHenry 5th
14 Year Boys – Joshua Head 3rd
15 Year Boys – Adam Bassuni 8th
17 Year Boys - Tim Tschentscher 5th

Congratulations to all runners.

Athletics Carnival

We had our Athletics Carnival on Friday 7th June. This was a very successful day. We had maximum participation on the day and all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This carnival however would not have been successful without the help and support from all staff members. I would personally like to THANK all the wonderful staff here at Figtree HS.

We had a number of records that were broken on the day. They were

Jarrod Twigg – 100m 14 year boys
Opeti Taufaheme – shot put 13yr boys
Chris Twigg – 100 17yr boys
Cameron Lodge – 400m and 1500m 12yr boys
Sam Oyston – 400m 14yr boys
Demi Lea Westwood – 400m 13yr girls
Banious Dumbuya – 1500m 16yr boys
Joshua Head – 1500m 14yr boys

Our Age champions will be announced at our next assembly and will be in the next newsletter.

Mrs Markham

Sentral SMS and Email Notifications

The school has almost finalised updating parent contact details, including email addresses so that we can implement SMS/Email notifications for student absences and other important school activities. This process will enable us to notify parents and carers on the day their child is absent from school. We are requesting that you respond as soon as possible to our message using SMS, email or telephone. For parents without a mobile or email access we will continue to send absentee notification letters home in the mail. Please contact the front office if you change your mobile phone number and/or email address. We welcome any feedback or suggestions regarding the effectiveness of this new process.

Johanna Clifford

HT Administration

Are you receiving the School Bulletin via email?

This year, the School Bulletin is being distributed electronically, via an email. If you are not receiving the newsletter via email, and would like to, please email figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and request to be added, so that you can receive the Bulletin in this way. The School Bulletin is also on our school website www.figtree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au located in the ‘Newsletters’ section, under the 2013 link.

TAFE Outreach Unit

The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study.

Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate I Access to Work and Training (computing skills) Course No 10443
2. Certificate I Access to Work and Training (Café and Hospitality Skills) Course No 10443
3. Certificate II Skills for Work & Training (Painting & Decorating for Women) Course No 10697

These courses have no TAFE administration fee.

Courses commence July 2013.

Please contact Jennie on 4229 0149 for further information

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion

This promotion has now ended. Could you please send in any stickers that you may have to the front office.

Thanks for your support