**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The Student Representative Council and Sports Captains Induction Ceremony was conducted on Tuesday 4th March. The Lord Mayor of Wollongong Gordon Bradbery, DEC Director Wollongong North Network Ms Debbie Lowe and Illawarra and South East SRC Coordinator Mr Murray Walpole attended the ceremony and addressed the students and visitors. The recurring themes of the occasional addresses were; the importance of communication, collaboration, active participation and citizenship.

Thank you to our SRC coordinator, Mr Adam Sargent-Wilson for the organisation of the very successful ceremony.

I had the pleasure of attending the ZONTA International awards for Young Woman in Public Affairs. The Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Congratulations to our Year 12 students Cassandra Kelly and Marina Borovickic who were finalist and represented Figtree High School extremely well.

Thank you to Ms Jemma Lawson who also attended the event that celebrates International Women’s Day on Saturday 15th March. The keynote speaker, Jessica Sparks, spoke about the importance of the gift of organ donation. Jessica has received a double lung transplant. She has founded a non-profit organisation Sparking Life that is dedicated to advocating active organ, tissue and blood donation.

Marina Borovickic and Cassandra Kelly
Ms Jemma Lawson and Jessica Sparks

The Illawarra Partners In Education (iPie) Steering Committee met to discuss ongoing professional learning and development for aspiring school leaders. A series of workshop sessions will occur for aspiring leaders across the Illawarra area throughout 2014.

The Year 7 Peer Support Sessions are continuing throughout Term 1 and recent sessions were conducted on 7th and 14th March. Thank you to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders for their contribution to this important program.

Motivational Media once again produced a thought provoking session for our students on Friday 7th March.

The Figtree High School executive met for an extended afternoon meeting on Monday 10th March. The results of the 2013 school situational analysis were discussed. The purpose of the three strategic directions; Teaching and Learning, Student and Staff Wellbeing and Community Participation were developed. These purposeful directions will form the basis of the Figtree High School 2015-2017 School Plan. The school executive will continue to work on this crucial document and consultation with the school community throughout 2014 will occur, for implementation of the new plan in 2015.

Module 3 Our Kids, Our classroom, Our Communities of the No Gap: No /Excuse – Professional Learning for Aboriginal Education will occur for all staff on Thursday 27th March from 2.30 to 4.30pm. This important professional learning module has three main outcomes for participants to be able to; demonstrate behaviours and attitudes that engage, build and maintain relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; reflect on pedagogy that may be most appropriate in key areas of teaching and learning; critically reflect on practices as educators. This comprehensive 5 Module Program seeks to encourage staff to embark on a journey of learning that will enhance understandings and build relationships that will lead to the improvement of educational, social and economic outcomes for Aboriginal students.

On 13th March there was a meeting for the Principals of the Wollongong North Network. DEC Director, Ms Debbie Lowe spoke about; staff working at their professional best, leadership and management in a school, student driven curriculum, community participation, how to drive teaching and learning in a school, the NSW Teacher Accreditation Authority and the GROWTH coaching model. The meeting was hosted by Mr Peter Holmes, Principal Mt Ousley Public School.

I would like to remind parents that the Parents and Citizens Meeting is on Wednesday 26th March in the school library. All are welcome to this informative and productive meeting.

Thank you.

Mrs Carol Marshman
Principal

**PBS VALUES**

**Week 9  Respect:**
Be at the Canteen only to buy for yourself

**Week 10  Respect:**
Put rubbish in the bins
The ‘Take a Stand Together’ app is a useful ‘free’ tool for students and it is available as both an iphone or android application, to provide young people and parents with helpful advice regarding bullying.

Celebrating Student Success

Nanga Mai Awards 2014

Our school recently nominated four of our students for Nanga Mai Awards; Sienna McDonald (Year 12 2013), Rebecca Neal (Year 12), Amy Livermore (Year 12) and Brittney Angus (Year 9). Nanga Mai Awards recognise the achievements of Aboriginal students each year. Our school nominations were considered by a regional based panel and this panel put forward nominations to the state panel. Amy Livermore has won a state wide Nanga Mai – Encouragement Award. There were only two awards given in this category in NSW, so this is certainly a fantastic achievement. Amy will be presented with her award at a Nanga Mai Awards Ceremony on 9th April in Sydney. Congratulations Amy on your achievements!

Bangarra Rekindling Youth dance program

Brittney Angus from Year 9 recently auditioned for the Bangarra Rekindling Youth dance program. Brittney is one of only 7 students from our region who have been successful in being selected into this program.

Brittney will participate in a range of Gatherings with local Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander elders and community members. The Gatherings in April and May will also enable Brittney to work with Bangarra artists who have performed and taught all over the world. Congratulations Brittney on your selection!

Ms Ellie Donovan
Deputy Principal
Match Report – Open Boys Cricket, 6th March 2014

FHS vs Keira HS, - 40 over match played at Figtree no.2 Oval

Figtree HS: 7 for 159 (40 overs) defeated Keira HS: all out 90.

A strong performance from our bowlers and fielders led a victorious Figtree High First Eleven at Figtree Oval.

Figtree won the toss and batted with Aaron Llatse and Brad Simon (on debut) opening up with some punishing shots. Simon belted a massive six off his first ball but was given out LBW in the next over after being struck on the pad failing to play. Llatse fell soon after in an attempt to push the scoring along and things looked a little shaky.

Brandon Redman (35) and Nick Armstrong (28) consolidated for our middle order with some thoughtful batting. The overcast conditions combined with a slightly damp and soggy outfield made scoring difficult so Luke Galea (batting at 5) decided that more runs were to be made in the air and quickly proceeded to 34. This innings, combined with a solid contribution from Jye Phillips (15), who demonstrated that backing up and running hard between the wickets creates partnerships, helped Figtree to reach 159 from 40 overs.

A great effort from our team. Credit to Brandon Redman (Year 8), Josh Yeaman (Year 9), Jye Phillips (Year 9) for carrying themselves so well amongst the older players.

Also worthy of note is the excellent spirit and behaviour that the boys displayed during the day.

Mr M Malouf

Match Summary:

Figtree HS

Defeated

Keira HS
On Thursday, 6\textsuperscript{th} March, 2014 Year 11 and 12 Textiles and Design students visited the \textbf{2013 HSC Texstyle Exhibition} at the Stitches and Craft Show, Rosehill, Sydney. Here students were able to view a range of beautifully crafted Major Textiles Projects, showcasing stunning, unique fabric based projects.

Students were able to view documentation accompanying each project to gain an insight into the scope and depth of detail required for their projects, covering Inspiration, Design Development, Manufacturing Specifications, Investigation, Experimentation and Evaluation. Folios are limited to 12 x A3 pages and are presented with the Project for marking in Term 3.

Students were inspired by the amazing display - especially the tribute to the Combi - and students are ready to develop their textile skills in fabric manipulation and decoration! It was great to see local schools represented in the display. Special thanks to Mrs Bailey who assisted with transport on the day.

Mrs Cathy Smith – Head Teacher TAS/ Textiles Teacher
South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival

Helpers – Thank you

On the 6th March the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival was held at Dapto Pool. We had a number of swimmers participate in this day and we had a number of students help with the running of the carnival. I would like to congratulate all those helpers and pass on the “Thanks” from the Organisers. Marg Sims a teacher at Woonona High School had this to say

“Just wanted you to pass on to T. Markham and your Principal how great all the workers from Figtree High were on the carnival date. I was on timekeeper lane 1 and 2 and the student helpers were terrific - they worked without a break from 8 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon with enthusiasm and diligence. Well done to all the helpers.”

Marg Sims

The helpers were Stephanie Black, Emily Imber, Kiara Grover, Georgina Pertolo, Myah Howard, Alexandra Nelson, Amy Soper, Beatrice Roberts, Abby Hawes, Jessica Hickey, Tayla Chambers and Pim Polhill.

Swimming Results

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed in the Regional Swimming Carnival on the 6th March at Dapto Pool. It was a fantastic day and we had some wonderful results. Overall Figtree High School came 4th out of 23 schools – what a fantastic effort!

A special mention to the following students in regards to the age championship results.

* Jade Gray equal 3rd  * Meghan Fox equal 7th
* Caitlin Smith 2nd  * Jason Vugrek 2nd
* Wesley Roberts 2nd

The individual results are as follows

- **Molly McNair** – 50 Freestyle 6th, 200 Freestyle 8th
- **Wesley Roberts** – 400 Freestyle 1st, 100 Butterfly – 3rd, 100 Freestyle 2nd, 200 IM – 2nd, 100 Breaststroke – 3rd, 50 Freestyle – 4th, 100 Backstroke – 2nd, 200 Freestyle 2nd
- **Caitlin Smith** - 400 Freestyle 1st, 100 Butterfly – 2nd, 100 Freestyle 2nd, 200 IM – 5th, 50 Freestyle – 2nd, 100 Backstroke – 2nd, 200 Freestyle 1st.
- **Caitlin broke the 400m Freestyle record**
- **Jason Vugrek** - 100 Butterfly – 3rd, 100 Freestyle 2nd, 100 Breaststroke – 5th, 50 Freestyle – 1st, 100 Backstroke – 3rd, 200 Freestyle 2nd

Our relay teams also need to be congratulated for their great team performances. The following relays will compete at NSW State Swimming.

- **Girls 6 x 50m Relay** 2nd – Natasha Hynoski, Molly McNair, Jade Gray, Bryanne Sloom, Caitlin Smith and Rebecca Soper
- **Girls 12 Years** 3rd – Natasha Hynoski, Madeline Noronha, Zoe Williams and Alissa Neden
- **Boys 13 Years** 3rd – Jason Vugrek, Jack Rudd, Jeremy Jones and Daniel Gray
- **Boys 17 Years** 3rd – Scott Mills, Mitchell Acev, Joshua Burlay and Wesley Roberts.

We would like to extend a thankyou to the large number of our parents who came along to support our students at the carnival.

The NSW CHS Swimming will be held on Sunday 6th, Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th April. The top 3 students from the Regional carnival will compete in this meet. We wish all our swimmers from Figtree High the best of luck.

Natasha Hynoski after her 50m Freestyle 3rd placing
All smiles for Caitlin Smith with a Regional record in the 400m Freestyle

6 x 50 All Age Freestyle Relay: Caitlin Smith, Natasha Hynoski, Jade Gray, Bryanne Sloot, Molly McNair and Rebecca Soper

Boys 13 years relay: Jason Vugrek, Jeremy Jones Jack Rudd, and Daniel Gray

12 years Girls relay: Zoe Williams, Madeline Noronha, Natasha Hynoski, and Alissa Neden

SMS and Email Absence Notifications

Over the past week, we have been sending SMS and email messages to a parent/carer of every student who has a full day absence, as recorded during morning roll call.

If you receive one of these messages, please respond by either ringing our school mobile on 0418486866 or by replying via email. Please clearly state your child’s full name, roll call class and reason for the absence.

Please note that if your child is late to school, they MUST see a Deputy Principal and be signed in at the Office. Students should not go straight to class. Teachers are marking their class rolls electronically every period in the school day, so if you believe an error has been made with your child’s attendance record, please contact the school so that this can be investigated.

If you have changed your mobile number or email address please contact us so we can update our records.

Thank you very much to all parents who have been using this system. Thank you for the positive feedback we have also received to date.

Mrs Johanna Clifford
Head Teacher Administration
FIGTREE HIGH CROSS COUNTRY
This is a normal school day and ALL students are to attend and participate.

WHEN: Thursday 10th April 2014

WHERE: School – races start on the Netball courts and finish on the bottom oval underneath the football posts, running through neighbouring paddocks and crossing the creek (approximately 3km).

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY
Periods 1 – 3 normal lessons
Lunch 1 – 11.34am until 12.04pm
Assembly 12.04pm until approximately 12.15

RACE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY
- Seniors & 16 years – 12.30pm
- 12 & 13 Years – 12.45pm
- 14 Years – 1.00pm
- 15 Years – 1.15pm

If time permits there will be an assembly in the Quad at approx. 2.10pm where rolls will be marked and raffle tickets will also be drawn with prizes given.

INFORMATION
- School uniform MUST be worn for Periods 1 – 3 then students may change into appropriate clothes to run in (they don’t have to run in their PE shirt)
- The students WILL get their feet wet crossing the creek so it is advisable to wear old joggers and not expensive shoes.
- Students who have a history of asthma need to ensure that they bring their blue reliever medication with them on the day and carry it on the course with them
- Seniors and 16 years should not eat a great deal at Lunch 1 but wait until after their race.
- 12, 13, 14 and 15 years should eat their lunch at Lunch 1 before their race.
- It is advisable to wear a hat and sunscreen for the race.
- Water will not be available on the course. If you think you will need it you will have to carry a water bottle with you.

TEACHER SUPERVISION
Teachers are stationed at regular intervals around the course (within site of each checkpoint) – each with a mobile phone and small first aid kit. A Risk Assessment has been completed for this event.

All students are encouraged to participate whether to qualify for the Zone Cross Country Championships or just to have fun. If your son/daughter has a medical condition that may prevent him/her from participating in this event, please supply a note on the day detailing the condition so an exemption may be arranged.

FUNDRAISING
On the afternoon of the Cross Country the SRC are running some stalls to raise money for the school (eg, sausage sizzle, cakes & drinks). We ask you to bring some money to support these ventures.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s participation in the Cross Country carnival, please contact Mrs Markham at the school.

Mrs Tanya Markham
Sports Coordinator

OVERSEAS VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL
On Wednesday the 5th of March, I had the pleasure of taking a number of guests on a tour of Figtree High School. The ten guests had come from China, where they were employed in the Chinese Public Sector, to study a Masters of Public Management at Wollongong University. After viewing a number of classes and speaking with students and staff, the guests made a number of interesting comparisons between the education system in China and at Figtree High School.

All were impressed by the wide variety of choices offered to our students, and could see the benefit in students pursuing subjects that matched their abilities and interests. Comments were made in relation to the range of assessment tasks offered, that “a variety of assessment tasks means that everyone has the chance to excel.”

The guests observed teachers involved in their lessons and stated that, “the teachers work so hard to make classes fun and engaging. The students seem happy and included in the lessons.” One of the most moving comments made by the guests was after a tour of the Physical Disability Unit (PDU) and Learning Support Unit, “It is amazing to see how much effort the school goes to, to ensure every student is included. It shows equity and respect for all students.”

The guests also commented on the beautiful school grounds, the excellent use of technology to improve learning in the school, and the friendly and mature nature of the students they spoke to. The observation was made that although our education systems are very different, there was a lot that could be learnt from a public education system that includes all students, focuses on the holistic needs of the student and is student centred in its approach to learning. Thank you to all the staff and students who assisted in making the day a success.

Mrs Jessica Williams
English Teacher
World’s Greatest Shave – Support for the Fundraising Event

Late last year Ashleigh Duncan, a Year 12 student in 2013, was diagnosed with cancer and has undergone Chemotherapy and Radiation therapy. Figtree High School was approached by her good friend Dianne Moore who asked for support for the World’s Greatest Shave Event to raise money for the cause. Dianne who had waist length hair, has shaved her head and is aiming, to raise as much money as she can, to support her good friend Ashleigh. Ashleigh has since announced the wonderful news that she is cancer free. To support this cause Figtree High School will be having a Mufti Day with a gold coin donation request for being out of uniform on Friday 28th March. We encourage our school community to please support this cause.

Industry Visit for our Senior Hospitality Classes

On Monday 17th March 2014 Year 11 and Year 12 students were fortunate to have an industry visit and demonstration from Chifley Hotel Apprentice Chef **Billy Fox**. Billy demonstrated French cutting techniques such as brunoise, julienne and paysanne and encouraged students to attempt these skills. Industry professional visits are an exciting opportunity for students to learn from professionals and validate their learning.

Students were also shown how to turn a potato, how to clarify butter and how to make hollandaise sauce. Students also had the opportunity to discuss current hospitality industry issues with Billy.

Billy completed his Year 10 ROSA in 2012 at Figtree High School student and we hope to have him back in the future to work with our Hospitality students.
MERIT REWARD DAY:
ROYAL EASTER SHOW

On the last day of Term 1 a special reward day excursion has been organised to the Royal Easter Show at the Sydney Showground – Homebush. All students who have reached Silver level in the school’s merit system, as well as students who have been awarded Bronze in 2013 or 2014 are eligible to attend. Numbers will be limited so there will be a first in - first pay/permission note basis.

Date:  Friday 11th April, 2014. (last day of Term 1)
Transport: by coach
Cost:  $35 – covers the cost of the bus and entry into the show.

Times: Students need to be at school by 8.30am. The bus will leave at 8.40am. The bus will return to school by 5pm.

Gear: Students must wear a Figtree High shirt or Tshirt but may wear comfortable, appropriate casual gear with suitable footwear for walking. Students should also remember to wear a hat and use sunscreen. In case of rain the excursion will still go ahead and students should take protective rain gear.

Supervision: Students will be organised into groups beforehand. They may then venture freely at the show but must stay with their group at all times. Students will have at least one mobile phone per group and will be provided with a teachers mobile number for easy contact at any time.

Permission Note and Payment: The last day for notes and payment will be Friday 4th April. Tickets need to be ordered so final numbers are needed by this date. Payment must be made at the front office. Cheques are to be made payable to Figtree High School.

Permission notes are available from Year Advisors or Ms Dive in Languages staffroom.

Organising teacher: Ms Dive (Merit System Coordinator)

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED – This year we have not had any new year 7 parents volunteer to help at our canteen. This is the first time since the school opened, that we’ve not had new volunteers.

All we need is 1 hour of your time once or twice per month. Please come along to have a look around the canteen and meet our lovely staff members. Don’t think that someone else can do it, we really do need YOU to help us serve your child/children. We do not want to reduce canteen days as this will impact on ALL the students. This canteen is our main fundraiser for this school. Come along and be a part of our friendly school community!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Please phone Narelle or Julie in the Canteen a.s.a.p. on 4271 2787.

The Canteen Committee

Newsletter - Email Distribution List

Are you receiving the newsletter via email? If not, we can include you onto our email distribution list to receive our newsletter if you provide us with your current email address. Please email our school email address: figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and put “Request to be added to Newsletter email list” in the subject of your email. Please also indicate the name and school year/s of your child/children, so that we can ensure that our school records are updated with your current email address as well.
News from the Administration Office

Making payments online – Coming in Term 2!

It will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’, this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students full name, class and reference number OR
- the students full name, and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office. We will notify you when this new payment system is up and running.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

SALE OF COFFEE MACHINE BY TENDER
Futuremat Espresso Coffee Machine
– 2 group head, 2 wand. Stainless Steel in good condition. In good operating order with 3 group handles.

All enquiries: email the school attention: Cathy Smith HT TAS  figtree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

STAFF CARPARK

Just a friendly reminder to all students and parents the staff car park is not to be used as a “drop off zone” for parents/carers during school hours. This is a safety issue for all staff and students. The staff carpark is for staff usage, deliveries and emergency vehicles only. Please take note of sign posted parking bays, these are reserved and used everyday. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

PAYMENTS FROM STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO OFFICE

Just a friendly reminder that if you are paying for school fees, uniforms, calculators, excursions etc., payments can be made at the Front Office before school (8.00 - 8.38am) or at Lunch 1 and Lunch 2.

In Term 1 2014, Parents/Carers can pay at the front office until 2.00pm.

Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque (made out to Figtree High School) and EFTPOS. Credit Card payments may also be accepted by phone.

Any questions, please phone the friendly staff in the front office on 4271 2787.
EOI - HOMESTAY 2014 – JE JU, KOREA

Dear Parents and Students

Thank you for your interest in our Homestay program with Je-Ju National University Middle School, Republic of Korea. With our Homestay visit just completed, we are planning our return travel to Korea during the Spring holidays, 2014.

All students who hosted a Korean student or acted as a day billet, will be receiving this letter to invite them to participate in the return visit. Parents are also invited to participate in this trip.

Details:
Travel Dates: 23 September 2014 – 02 October 2014.
Duration: 10 days
Staff: Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Liddle.
Cost: $2200.00 students. Parents/staff – hotel surcharge TBA.

Students will be staying with Homestay hosts and it is hoped that in most cases they will be with the same student that stayed with you.

Payment plan:
We need an indication of your interest in participating and this is to be in the form of:
- a deposit of $200.00 paid to the school office by Friday, 28 March 2014
- a further part-payment of $400.00 by Friday, 02 May 2014
- the balance paid in two instalments – late Term 2, mid Term 3 or by 01 September 2014.

Part payments can be made at any time to the school office and we imagine many families will decide to part-pay each fortnight.
Fundraising to offset costs for students is an option.

Passports and Travel Insurance at own expense. Prompt organisation of passports is essential. All documentation must be to Regional Office by early April 2014.

Students interested in participating need to return the lower part of the form to Mrs Smith within the week.

Yours faithfully

Cathy Smith
Head Teacher TAS
Homestay Co-ordinator

Carol Marshman
Principal

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………………………….. (Student name) of Year …… 2014 is interested in participating in the return trip to Korea in September, 2014.

Signed …………………………….       Parent       Date ………………

Name ………………………………….. Parent (☐ I am also interested in attending)
SAVE THE DATE

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Mathematics

Competition

Date of competition: 7 August 2014

This competition is open to all students in Years 7 to 12.

If your child would like to enter in to this competition, it will cost $6. This entry fee needs to be paid to their maths teacher no later than 2 May 2012. No late entries accepted.

ADD TO YOUR SUCCESS

Australian Mathematics Competition
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See your Maths teacher to enter

Thursday 7 August 2014
Counselling Services

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LIFT
A group for men and women who may be feeling overwhelmed or experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety. Participants are able to explore feelings in a safe and friendly environment, challenging negative thinking patterns and discover how to build and improve relationships.
CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
5 Wednesday Evenings 8pm - 8:30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 May & 4 June 2014
Workshop Fee: $20 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children.
CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
5 Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm - 9pm
20, 27 May, 3, 10 & 17 June 2014
or
Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong
5 Thursday Mornings 10am -12:30pm
29 May, 5, 12 & 26 June 2014
Workshop Fee: $20 per session

SEASONS FOR GROWTH (Adults)
This program provides the opportunity for participants to understand and cope with grief and loss and changes that occur throughout life. It educates people about the grief process and assists them to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making. The program also builds a peer support network and helps restore self confidence.
Community Room, Stockland Shopping Centre
Lake Entrance Road, Shellharbour City Council
2 Tuesdays 10am - 4pm
3 & 10 June 2014
Workshop Fee: $20 per day *Light lunch provided

MY KIDS AND ME
A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources and to develop relationships with their children.
Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Rotbery & Cawley Streets, Bellambi
7 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10 & 17 June 2014
Workshop Fee: $10 per session

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Do you want to learn how to assist people, developing, or experiencing mental health problems or crises?
CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm
11 & 12 June 2014
Workshop Fee: $180

ROLLEROASTERS 8-12 years
An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered. Rolleroaster helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management and problem solving; and understand a whole range of feelings and emotions.
CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn Street, Wollongong
5 Tuesday Afternoons 4pm - 5pm
6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10, 17 & 24 June
Workshop Fee: $10 per session/family
Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.
St Joseph’s Primary School, 48 Park Road, Bulli
3 Thursday Mornings 9:30am -12noon
8, 15 & 22 May 2014
Workshop Fee: $10 per session

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Other workshops may be available on request.
Limited childcare may be available for some workshops
The Wollongong Academically Gifted Program is a Gifted Education initiative operated and funded by the Illawarra Community of Public Schools.

- Eligible students are drawn from years five and six at Public Schools between Helensburgh and Gerringong.
- Any Public School student from Year 5 or Year 6 is eligible to apply.
- The Academically Gifted Class can operate from any Public School, within the drawing area, where a vacant classroom is available and consent has been obtained from the Principal.
- **A.G.** Students retain their home school identity and attend the **A.G.** class one day per week.
- Overall responsibility for the Academically Gifted Program resides with the Directorate.
- Numerous Public Schools have acted as host school, over the past 22 years. Various operations have been staged at Albion Park High School, Koonawarra Public School, Gwynneville Public School, Kanahooka High School, Corrimal Public School, Tarrawanna Public School, Wollongong Public School, West Wollongong Public School and Farmborough Road Public School.
- The **A.G.** Program operates as an independent financial entity, is self funding and operates towards financial neutrality.
- Supplementation is available from Program funds to ensure disadvantaged students’ needs and admissions are fully covered.