From the Principal

It’s wonderful to see so many students demonstrating the school value of Respect. Students have been studying the values of our school in class and establishing an understanding of each of the school values. It would be great if parents could talk to their children about the school value Tolerance. Students have the responsibility to: treat others with understanding and accept that individuals are different. The student slogans for the value of tolerance are:

- Treat others fairly and display a fair go for all.
- Patience, Fairness and respect for all.

Moving Into Year 7 in a Government school

Year 6 students received their information guide and expression of interest form for High School application in 2013 last week. Figtree High School is our local feeder high school. It offers innovative and exciting opportunities for all students. There are also other local high schools which students with identified talents and interests may consider making application to attend in 2013.

Please ensure that your child’s form is completed and returned to school prior to 22 March.

Picking Up Children at the End of the School Day

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could meet their children at the front of the school at 3pm. Waiting outside classrooms can be distracting for both children and teachers. In the case of inclement weather the seats in the COLA (covered area next to our Library) can also be used as a waiting area.

School Car Park

To ensure the safety of all, the staff car park is out of bounds for both students and parents. Please remind your children that they are to enter and leave the school grounds via the entrance just north of the staff car park.

Gardening Club

The school gardening club has been working extremely hard to maintain our gardens with the support of Mr Fell, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Relf. They are an enthusiastic and hard working group of students. Please note that school gardens are also out of bounds. Please do not let children walk through or on the school gardens.

Mrs Giselle Coltman

Principal
**Getting Off to a Great Start**

Check out the new School A to Z webcast which features an expert panel answering the most common questions parents have about how they can best support their children at school. Four video chapters cover doing well in class, social life, behaviour and technology. Watch the videos and contribute questions:


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**Best Start - Feedback to Parents**

This week Kindergarten parents will receive the results of their child’s Best Start Assessment. The Feedback to Parent’s Report outlines the things your child can do in literacy and numeracy and offers suggestions as to activities that parents can do with their children at home.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten, to inform the development of quality teaching and learning programs. The link below will take you to the Best Start Parents website:


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**Assemblies**

This week’s assembly 3/4JM will present their item commencing at 2.15 p.m.

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**Need to Know**

**Wollongong High of the Performing Arts School Auditions**

Current Year 6 students who wish to audition for entry to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts for the start of 2014 should contact Mrs Rickersey at the front office for an application form. Applications close 8 March 2013.

**Figtree High EXPO Night**

Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7 2014 are invited to the annual FHS EXPO night. School tours, Classroom displays, Games, Technology and Student guides.

Figtree High School Auditorium on Wednesday February 27th at 6 p.m. For further information phone: 42 712787
Community Notices

Come and Try Rugby with Vikings Rugby Club on 22nd February
edYoutopia - Interactive Parent Booster fun-shop seminars in March, also
School Holidays in the School Holidays
Therapeutic Group for mean and women experiencing anxiety and/or depression

Scholastic Bookclub

The brochures will given out to students last week (if your child missed out—the teachers should have spares - or come to the office). The last day for payment will be Thursday 21 February.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 20 February  Rachel Kendon, Alison Giobbi, Leone Paiola, Juliana Stanojevic
Thursday 21 February  Karmen Bond, Alison Darlow, Janine Lukasiak, Cheree Beattie, Bridget Newman