

What's New with the Sports High Guru



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Principals Message

Welcome to our first edition of a fortnightly school newsletter. We have had a lot of different versions of a school newsletter over the years (fortnightly, monthly and once a term) and have started to use other mediums to communicate with our community such as our school app, Facebook page, website and text messaging.

The aim of **this newsletter** is to keep parents informed of upcoming events in the next two weeks, celebrate some of the great recent things that have happened at our school and most importantly give the students themselves an opportunity to have a voice in the student voice section.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and welcome your feedback

What's On

March

- 9th Welcome to Yr. 7 BBQ
- 9th Yr. 11 & 12 Interim Report meeting
- 14th Year 7 Camp
- 15th March Primary School Happy Snap Photography Challenge at ISHS
- 16th Parents and Helpers Meeting 9.30am
- 21st Yr. 11 Archaeology in the Rocks Excursion

Year 12 Earth & Environmental Excursion

During Week 6, Mr Murada's Year 12 Earth and Environmental students went on an excursion to Jervis Bay. The students had a wonderful time dolphin watching and looking for fossils. The amazing weather only enhanced the experience for our students.



Debating Challenge

Ms Heino has been training our new team of debaters to participate in the Premiers Debating Challenge. We are very excited to have a student from our Elouera classrooms, join the debating team this year. Can't wait for the first debate against other schools





Duke of Ed International Award Program



Illawarra Sports High School is offering the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award to students aged 14 years or older. Participation in the program is totally voluntary. The Duke of Edinburgh International Award is a non-competitive self-development program available to all young people which encourages them to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs and aspirations.

The program encompasses four sections including Community Service, Skills, Adventurous, and Physical Recreation activities. These provide an opportunity for students to acquire and develop skills, initiative and self-esteem which may help them to become more confident and capable members of the community. Participation in the program is highly regarded by employers. More information about the Duke of Ed can be found by visiting www.dukeofed.com.au. Frequently asked questions for Parents and Guardians can also be found at www.dukeofed.com.au/resources/faqs/parents-guardians/.

Although there are three levels of Awards, Illawarra Sports High School will only be offering the Bronze Award in 2016. Upon successful completion of the Bronze Award students will be offered the opportunity to participate in the other Award levels.

Successful participants are required to participate in two overnight camps in tents as part of their adventurous journey section of the award. This is a mandatory part of the program with camps scheduled for May and October 2016.

We hope that students who are genuinely interested in participating in the ISHS Duke of Edinburgh's International Award will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to join this internationally recognized program. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Simon King, ISHS Duke of Ed. Co-ordinator.





Parents and Helpers Meeting
Wednesday 16th March @ 9.30am



Student Voice

We would like to welcome Stephanie Ball and Darcy Hill who will be our student voice. Both Stephanie and Darcy are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

We look forward to hearing from our students about topics important to them and the student community in our school.



Year 12 Industrial Technology: Timber & Furniture

Our year 12 students are working hard on their major projects. Keep up the good work!



Elouera Open Class Day

On the 25th February, Elouera (Autism Support Unit) opened the doors to its four classrooms and welcomed family and friends of the students.

It was a great success with students introducing their family to their teachers, teacher's aides and fellow students.

Students took the opportunity to show their families around their classrooms, already decorated with impressive work.

Thank you to the families that came to share the experience.

Elouera Staff



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Community News



FIGTREE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL (AFL) CLUB FAMILY FUN & FOOTY

Figtree AFC invites you to come play Aussie Rules (AFL) with them. Junior teams range in age from Under 11's through to Under 17's.

The club has experienced coaches & we cater for all players, those who are new to the game to those who have played for many years.



Our home ground is at Figtree Oval near Westfield Grove (previously Westfield Figtree), and training for the 2016 season commences shortly.

We welcome players of all ages and are particularly keen to recruit players for our Under 17's team (15-17 years of age).

For more details regarding registration, training times etc. contact

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Avondale Hockey Club

WE WANT YOU TO PLAY HOCKEY!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 12-15 TO COME AND TRY HOCKEY

COMPETITION STARTS MONDAY 21ST MARCH

GAMES TO BE HELD AT UNANDERRA AND CROOME ROAD HOCKEY TURFS

NOT SURE IF YOU WILL LIKE IT?

COME AND GIVE IT A TRY AT ONE OF OUR TRAINING SESSIONS HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHTS FROM 7:30PM-8:30PM

MORE INFO? CONTACT LEANNE 0423498574 OR EMAIL ADMIN@AVONDALEHOCKEYCLUB.COM.AU

NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEMS



ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME - FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS. UNIFORMS ARE PROVIDED AND STICKS CAN BE LOANED FROM THE CLUB ON REQUEST.