

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Senior Chess commences

- Monday, 11 February

Library Borrowing

- Mondays-K/1/2
- Tuesdays-2/3/4 and 5/6

StarLab Education K-6

- Tuesday, 12 February

Intensive Swim Program Yrs K,1,2

- 12,14, 18,19 and 21 February

P & C Meeting

- Wednesday, 13 Feb at 3pm

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- Wednesday, 20 February

Deadly Australians Visit

- Friday, 1 March

Clean Up Australia Day

- Friday, 1 March

High School Expression of Interest forms due—Year 7 2019

- Tuesday, 19 March

Life Education Visit

- Monday, 1 April

School Photos

- Wednesday, 3 April

Last Day of Term 1

- Friday, 12 April

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Shek, Sabelo, Indi, Asia and Israel!

They represented the school and participated at the Small School Swimming carnival held last week at Murwillumbah. *They put in a fantastic effort!*

Asia was selected based on her times to be included as a member of the Small Schools Swimming Team. **Well Done Asia!**

We will receive confirmation this week of the team member of the Small Schools Relay Team. If any of our students qualified for the team they will receive carnival information as soon as we receive it.

The Small Schools Team will compete at the Murwillumbah District Carnival on Wednesday, 20 February.

School Volunteers.....Thank you

Celia will be joining us again this year in the K/1/2 class assisting Miss Kirk with the Creative Arts. *Many thanks Celia!*

Intensive Swimming..Years K,1 and 2

Our Years K, 1 and 2 children will participate in an Intensive Swimming Program this Term. The program commenced today, will run tomorrow and Thursday and next week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Venue	Casuarina Recreation Club
Dates	12, 14, 18, 19 and 21 February.
Leave from School	11.00pm
Swim Program	11.30pm to 12.15pm
Leave to return to school	12.20pm
Transport	Parents
Cost	\$20
Bring/Wear	Swimmers, Goggles, Towel, Swim Cap, Sunscreen, Water Bottle -all in a small carry bag please.

The school has part subsidised this program, there-

fore the cost to families will only be \$20.00 per child. Please send this in to the school as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Many thanks to our parents drivers and Mary and Joel for the use of the Juraki Bus for Transport!

StarLab Education-Astronomers of the Future

Tomorrow, Tuesday, 12 February the whole school will be going to Tumbulgun Community Hall for the StarLab Education Program:

Years K/1/2 Students

Transport for the K/1/2 students will be by parents and the Juraki bus.

Venue	Tumbulgun Hall
Leave School	9.30pm
Program	10.00pm-11.00am
Leave Tumbulgun	11.05am
Transport to Intensive Swim Casuarina -	Parents and Bus.

Years 3/4/5/6 Students

Transport for the Year 3/4/5/6 students will be by parents.

Venue	Tumbulgun Hall
Leave School	11.10am
Program	11.40pm to 12.40pm
Leave-return to school	12.45pm
Transport	Parents

Please complete and return the attached con-

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sent form to the school tomorrow if you have not already done so.

Apology to the Stolen Generation

This Wednesday, 13 February marks the 11th Anniversary of the Australian Parliament's formal apology to members of the stolen generation.

The form of the apology was as follows: *'Today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing culture in human history.....We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.'*

To recognise the anniversary of the occasion and in national recognition of Indigenous Australians our flags will be raised. This is common practice at Fingal School. The teachers will also speak to the children about the stolen generations.

Year 7, 2020..High School Expression of Interest

Our Years 6 students have been given their Expression of Interest Form for moving into Year 7 in 2020.

Could parents please complete and return these forms to the school by the 19 March.

Story Dog

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for the junior children. Our Story Dog, Kya and her handler Meg will come to the school each week commencing Wednesday, 20 February for a 2 hour session.

The children involved in the program will receive a consent form to be completed and returned to the school prior to their participation in the program. Children without signed consent **WILL NOT** be included in the program. This is Story Dog requirements.

If you do not receive a form and would like your child included in the program please contact the school.

Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts.....Speech and Drama

The Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts (Speech and Drama section only) will be held at Murwillumbah Civic Centre from Friday, 21 June to Tuesday, 16 July.

If you would like your child to enter the competition please call the school and we will send home entry forms. Entry forms **MUST** be completed and return

to the school prior to **15 March**. We will only be entering children in the Speech and Drama sections so please disregard any additional information on the forms that does not relate to Speech and Drama.

You will need to provide your child's transport to and from the Murwillumbah Civic Centre and supervision for the appropriate days.

We would like parents to assist their child in choosing a suitable poem/prose for the competition. This does not have to be finalised by the 15 March but the entry form must be in. If you are having difficulties finding a suitable poem as it nears the competition, we can help with some suggestions.

We will listen to the children's poems and give some suggestions as it nears the competition date, but primarily it is parents responsibility to prepare their child for the competition.

If you require further information please contact the school. **Please note:** Late entries cannot be accepted as they must reach the convenor by the closing date. Thank you.

Clean Up Australia Day

The school will be participating in Clean-Up Australia Day on Friday, 1 March. The day's activities will be included in next week's Newsletter.

We have disposable gloves available for the children to use or they can bring their own if they wish. Please send your child with a water bottle, hat and wearing suitable enclosed shoes.

Could you please complete the attached General Permission Note form and return it to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Reminders.....

School Website

A reminder....to check our school website for updates. You will find our weekly Newsletter on this also.

Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students or classes and may be included on our School Website. If you DO NOT wish your child's photo to appear on the Website please notify the school.

Work books

Our student work book order has been placed and in some cases received. The children will receive either subject books and/or booklet/worksheets throughout the year depending on their class and

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level. The cost will be \$30 in total.

Please reimburse the school for the cost of these work books as soon as possible.

General School Contribution

(Voluntary School Fees)

The School Fees for 2019 school year for Years Kindergarten to 6 has been set at \$40 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third child.

Kibera Education Sponsorship

In 2016 we were visited by Tracey and Francis, representative of the Amani Kibera in Kenya. Miss Fairley introduced them to the school and the students presented them with funds raised the previous year by selling ice blocks.

The children fundraised again last year raising \$500 required to pay this year's tuition, uniforms and boarding school fees.

These funds will be used to help Irene Namale attend the Olympic Secondary School as a boarding school student. Miss Fairley is sponsoring a young girl of the same age. Without sponsorship many of the young girls in Kenya would not be able to attend school.

Milan and Shylee have been selling ice blocks to raise funds for Irene's 2020 fees. The students can purchase Quelch Fruit Juice Ice blocks for \$1.00 at lunch time each day.

Senior Sport

This Term our Years 3/4/5/6 sports program will be delivered at the school by School Staff.

School staff will be running different sporting activities each week using the vast array of equipment we have acquired through the Coles Sporting Schools Program.

Chess Program

Ms Belbin will be coordinating our Chess program once again this year.

Many thanks Rhonda!

Students from Years 3,4,5 and 6 who would like to participate in the Chess will commence on Monday, 12 February.

Sushi and Juice Popper Orders

We will continue our Sushi and popper lunches through 2019, commencing next Monday.

Please complete the attached Sushi order form., and return to the school with payment prior to Friday. Sushi are all \$2.50 each and poppers are \$1.00.

Profits from the Sushi lunches will go towards the student's Friday breakfasts.

Many thanks to Crystal, Shan and Fran for organising the Sushi Lunches again this year.

Friday Breakfast

All students and families are invited to breakfast at the school each Friday morning from 8.15am to 8.50am.

Many thanks John for organising the Friday breakfasts once again this year!

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons with Jenny will commence on Wednesday, 13 February for students continuing lessons and new students. If you would like your child to learn the piano please complete the attached form and return it to the school. Jenny will contact you to discuss your child's lessons.

These lessons are independent of the school and are held at school in class time. Fees for the lessons go directly to Jenny—\$12.00 each week to be paid to Jenny. Please put this in an envelope marked for Piano lessons.

School Travel

Applications for 2019 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required if you are applying for a travel pass for the first time; enrolling in Kindergarten or requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

An Updated application is require if the student has a current school travel pass and is progressing from Year 2 to year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7. It is also required if you change address or school.

Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School

The Department implemented a new policy in 2008

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regarding student's exemption from attendance for periods in excess of 10 days.

Parent can apply for an exemption from attendance at school or the child under the following conditions.

- ◆ Domestic Necessary
- ◆ Health of a Child

Forms are available from the school. An exemption should be applied for prior to leave of absence. If this is not possible an application must be completed on return.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Due to our new roll marking program all students arriving late or leaving early MUST present at the office to be marked in the roll.

We have received a directive from the Department that absences such as sleeping in, traffic conditions etc must be marked as unjustified in the roll. For other reasons such as sickness, family concerns and appointments, please present a note marked with the date and reason for lateness or early leaving.

If your child presents at the office without a parent or a note we must mark the absence as unjustified. Thank you.

Working with Children Check

We greatly value our parent and community volunteers who assist with classroom activities, fundraising events and transporting children to sports carnivals etc.

To ensure a safe environment for the children we require our volunteers to apply for a Working with Children Check and present the school with their clearance number.

A Working with Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in paid or voluntary child-related work in NSW.

Previously, school volunteers were required to complete multiple forms and present 100 points identification to the school. This process has now been simplified.

Fill in an online application form, at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.

Take this application number and proof of identity (drivers licence) to the NSW Motor registry. If you are helping at school on a volunteer basis there is no fee to pay.

Once approved you will receive a Working with Children Check number (WWC) by email or post.

Please present this certificate (WWC) to the school for registration with the NSW Education Department.

There is a brochure attached to this Newsletter for further information. Thank you.

Online Payments

Parents can 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, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone.

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. 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 name, and class and reference number

OR

- ◆ the students 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 OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

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.

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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.

Term Dates and Staff Development Days

The last day of Term 1 will be 12 April for students and staff.

Staff Development Days—The first day of Term for Terms 2, and 3 and the last 2 days of Term 4. Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days.

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 18 February.

Form & payment to be returned to school by Friday, 15 February.

Please enter the amount of sushi's you would like in the box next to the sushi & complete the details below

\$2.50 per roll

Chicken Teriyaki Roll

Chicken & Avocado Roll

Tuna Roll G/F

Tuna & Avocado Roll G/F

Salmon & Avocado Roll G/F

Avocado Roll G/F

Popper **\$1 per popper**

Name of Child: -- _____

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):-- _____

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StarLab Education Program Consent Form

I give my consent for my child _____ to participate in the StarLab Program being held at Tumbulgum Community Hall on Tuesday, 12 February 2019. I understand that supervision will be by Fingal School Staff.

Years 3/4/5/6 Students—I understand I am to organise transport for my child to and from the venue at Tumbulgum.

I will be transporting my child. ☐

Or

I have organised for my _____ to transport my child. ☐

Years K/1/2 Students—I give my consent for my child to be transported on the Juraki Bus driven by school staff and continue on to Casuarina Pools for the Intensive Swimming Program. ☐

Signed _____

Parent/Carer

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for the year will be held at the school on Wednesday, 13 February at 3.00pm. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3.00pm. (2 meetings per Term).

We must have 5 members attending each meeting for the quorum or it is not a legal meeting, so please attend even if you can only make the occasional meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly \$1.00 membership fee.

Items for P & C Agenda

Name _____

I would like the following item/s included on the Agenda for the P & C Meeting to be held on _____ at the school.

Agenda items/s _____

(Please submit Monday morning prior to Wednesday's P & C Meeting)

Signed _____ Date _____

General Permission Note 2019–2025

Please complete, date and sign these permission notes to enable your child/children to participate in the following activities throughout 2019-2025.

I give permission for my child/children _____ to
(First Name/s) (Last Name)

- ◆ Participate in school activities supervised by staff, in an area in close proximity to the school grounds but beyond the normal confines of the school enclosure.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

- ◆ Be named, photographed or filmed for publication in the School Newsletter, Local Media, School or DE Website or social media. (Please cross/delete any media you do not want your child's name or photograph to be seen on.)

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

- ◆ Use the Internet under teacher supervision for activities with their own username and password, that is set by the Department of Education.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

- ◆ Watch PG rated Movies that have been carefully assessed by staff for suitability for student viewing.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date