

## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Dates to remember...

#### Senior Chess

- Monday for 3/4/5/6

#### Library Borrowing

- Monday-K/1/2
- Tuesday-2/3/4 and 5/6

#### Jenny's Piano students

- Wednesday

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#### P & C Meeting & AGM

- Wednesday, 13 March at 3pm

#### Harmony & Anti-Bullying Day

- Friday, 15 March

#### Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts Entries Due

- Friday, 15 March

#### High School Expression of Interest forms due—Year 7 2019

- Tuesday, 19 March

#### Life Education Visit

- Monday, 1 April

#### School Photos

- Tuesday, 2 April

#### Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, 11 April

#### Amazing Race to Happy day

- Friday, 12 April

#### Last Day of Term 1

- Friday, 12 April

#### TERM 2...

#### First Day of Term 2 for Students

- Tuesday, 30 April

#### FHPS Cross Country (whole school)

- Friday, 3 May

### Clean Up Day .....Thank you

Thank you to Kay from Fingal Coast Care for helping the children with Clean Up Day activities. Your support is very much appreciated!

### AGM and General P & C Meeting

Just a friendly reminder, that our P & C General Meeting and AGM will take place this Wednesday, 13 March at 3.00pm.

Please come along, and help support the school! No contribution is too small!

### Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and Anti-bullying Day this Friday, 15 March.

Harmony Day is about sharing our cultural heritage and promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

**The children can dress/decorate themselves in orange on this day as this is the colour for Harmony Day.**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Anti Bullying day is about promoting friendship; being there for your friends and taking care of each other.

The teachers and children will discuss this in their class groups.

### Cross Country Training

The children will begin Cross Country training over the coming weeks. This will be in preparation for our School Carnival which will be held on Friday, 3 May at Marine Parade Park, Fingal Beachfront.

Students will need to wear suitable jogging shoes for both training and the Cross Country day.

**The Cross Country Distances are as follows:**

- 5-7 Years – 800m
- 8-9 Years – 2km

- 10 Years – 2 km
- 11 Years – 3km
- 12-13 Years—3km

**Please note:** The age group the children will be running in relates to the age they will turn this year.

### Trivia Night.....

**Time to book your table or seat** for our major fundraiser for the year. Our Trivia Night..... to be held at the school on Saturday, 18 May.

*The Theme of the night is "Musos", for all the aspiring musicians and groupies!*

This is our Major fundraiser for the year so, please mark this date on your calendar and start inviting friends to make up a table.

This year we have decided to have a Parent Table. So if you are interested in joining the table, please contact the school to reserve your seat.

We will need prizes and vouchers for the nights activities and raffles. If you can help in anyway that would be fantastic!

Please call the school and we can organise a letter of introduction to help you approach businesses.

Thank you.

### Stewart House High Bounce Balls

We have High Bounce Handballs available for purchase from the office.

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The High Bounce Handballs are \$3.00 each, The much needed funds from the purchase of these balls, goes directly to Stewart House.

### 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.

### Reminders.....

### 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.

### Story Dog

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for the junior children. Our Story Dog, Kya and her handler Meg will be coming to the school each week for a 2

hour session.

The children involved in the program have received 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.

### 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 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

Milan and Shylee are 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.

### 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!*

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### Piano Lessons

Piano lessons with Jenny have commenced 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](http://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 required 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 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.

### 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](http://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

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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.

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.

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## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 18 March February.

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

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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## P & C Meeting

**Our next P & C will be held at the school on Wednesday, 13 March. This will be a general meeting and our Annual General Meeting.**

P&C meetings are held at the school 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*