

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

Easter Hat Parade-1.00pm

- 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 and Anzac Assembly

- Tuesday, 30 April

FHPS Cross Country (whole school)

- Friday, 3 May

P & C Meeting

- Wednesday, 8 May

Dental Check K-2

- Thursday, 9 May

Grip Leadership Conference for 4/5/6 Class

- Friday, 10 May

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

- 14,15,16 May

Easter Hat Parade

The children will be having an Easter Hat Parade this Thursday, 11 April at 1.00pm. Parents are invited to come along to the parade and view the fabulous hats the students have decorated.

Kuppamurri Lunch

Due to unforeseen circumstance we have postponed our Kuppamurri until Term 2.

If you have prepaid for the Kuppamurri it will be returned to you this week.

Amazing Race to Happy

The Solid Mob Health will be coming to the school this Friday for an interactive day with the Senior Class. The children will participate in games which will deliver important health messages. Please see the attached information sheets for program details.

Grip Leadership Conference

The Grip Leadership Conference for our Senior students will be held in Term 2 at the Twin Towns Service.

Please mark Friday, 10 May on your calendar. Parents are asked to transport their child to and from the venue, meeting at 8.30am and pickup at 2.30pm.

An information note and consent form will be sent home with the Senior students.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We have once again registered for the Earn and Learn program.

The program commences on 1 May and concludes on 25 June. If you shop in Woolworths and collect the Earn and Learn stickers, please send these into the school and we will redeem them for school resources.

Reminders.....

Cross Country Training

The children are now training for our Cross Country. Training is in preparation for our School Carnival which will be held on Friday, 3 May at Marine Parade Park, Fingal Beachfront. **This is the first Friday of week 1, Term 2.**

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.

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We will need prizes and vouchers for the night's activities. 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.

Violin & Cello Lessons—Expression of Interest

Barry Singh, accomplished violinist and conductor is seeking expressions of interest for violin and cello lessons, to be held at the school or privately.

Please see the attached information, complete and return the attached form to the school to register your interest.

Stewart House High Bounce Balls

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

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

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!

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 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.

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- ◆ 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

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.

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.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

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P & C Meeting

Our next P & C will be held at the school on Wednesday, 8 May.

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 _____
