

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Senior Chess

- Monday for 3/4/5/6

Library Borrowing

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

Jenny's Piano students

- Wednesday

Tennis commences

- Friday, 16 August

Book Day

- Tuesday, 20 August

Carrara Chess Tournament

- Wednesday, 28 August

FHPS Public Speaking

- 3, 4 and 5 September

P & C Meeting

- 11 September at 3.00pm

FNC Public Speaking

- Thursday, 19 September

Tennis...last day

- Friday, 20 September

NAIDOC

- Wednesday, 25 September

Last Day of Term 3

- Friday, 27 September

Murwillumbah District Athletics

Carnival

Congratulations to Charli, Iesha and Ezra!

They represented the school and competed as members of the Small Schools Team at the Murwillumbah District Athletic Carnival held last week at Murwillumbah.

Iesha 12 yrs girl—placed 1st in the 100m and 1st in the 200m.

Charli 9 yrs girls—placed 1st in the 100m.

Iesha and Charli have qualified to compete at the Far North Coast District Carnival.

Our School Relay Team; Iesha, Shek, Kayden and Beau placed 1st at the Small Schools Carnival and have qualified to progress to the FNC District Carnival being held at Byron Bay on Friday, 23 August also.

All the best in the competition!

Religious Education Participation

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

A parent/carers may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carers has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), please visit:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

Shirley Cornwell, from SRE Tweed Heads Presbyterian will be bringing a Christian based Scripture to the School each Tuesday commencing tomorrow. The students will be divided into 2 groups. Students not attending SRE will be given super-

vised alternative meaningful activities.

Scripture times:

Junior students 1200-12.30pm
Senior students 12.30-1.00pm

2019 Book Week.....Book Day

Book Day and Grandfriends Day at Fingal will be next Tuesday, 20 August from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Come in and share a book with our students in their classrooms and ignite their secret power of reading.

The students have been asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters and classes will present items on the day. Morning Tea will be at 11.am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

(Please see the flyer attached for further information.)

Term 3 Sport.....Tennis

We have booked AB Tennis Academy for our Term 3 Sporting Schools activity. These coaches are qualified and approved Tennis Coaches and are registered with the Sporting Schools.

AB Tennis will be coming to the school each Friday for 6 weeks commencing this Friday, 16 August and concluding on Friday, 20 September.

Alberto our coach will bring a tennis kit with him.

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Gardiner Chess Tournament

Ms Belbin will be organising the Chess team next week and entering the names of the students nominating to participate in the Tournament. Students wishing to participate **MUST** let Ms Belbin know **next week** as once the team names are entered this can not be altered.

The team will be travelling to Carrara Basketball Stadium on Wednesday, 28 August to compete in the largest interschool chess tournaments in Australia.

A staff member will be supervising the students at the tournament and transporting them on the Jura-ki Bus. We will also need the help of a couple of parents who would be available to help with transport.

Many thanks to Joel and Mary for the use of the Juraki bus!

Thank you to Ms Belbin for coordinating the Chess program once again this year.....the children thoroughly enjoy Chess days!

Proposed Times :

7.45am Bus to leave from School
8.45am Tournament Registration
9.30am Tournament starts
2.30pm Leave from Carrara Stadium
3.15pm Arrive back at Fingal School (approx.)

Cost—

There is a cost of \$25 per student for this day. Please send this to the school and we will forward the fee on to the convenors.

A full information note will be sent home with the children entering the Chess Tournament.

Ambulance Cover-

The school subscribes to the New South Wales Ambulance Scheme, which covers our student who does not have alternative cover when they are on school activities in New South Wales. We have been advised by the department that there are no reciprocal arrangements in place for school cover for excursions in other states.

We have been advised that in the unfortunate event that an ambulance is required for a child whilst we are in Queensland, parents must be aware that they are to access their Private Health to cover expenses or their Common-wealth Government Health Care Card if they qualify. It is up to the individual to look into this to see if they are covered. If you do not have ambulance cover then you will be responsible for the cost of an Ambulance in the event that one is required for your child when

entering another State. As this excursion takes us into Queensland we are required to make you aware of this situation.

Our P & C does have ambulance cover Australia Wide for our students also.

Reminders.....

Fingal Head School Public Speaking

As part of our school's literacy program, we are once again entering the Far North Coast Department of Education and Training Public Speaking Awards. All children will participate at the school level.

Thank you to Mrs Malcolm, Mrs Leader, Ms Fairley and Mrs Houghton for offering to adjudicate our in-school competition.

Details following:

Tuesday, 3 September from 9.00am
– Years 5 and 6

Wednesday, 4 September from 9.00am
– Years 3 and 4

Thursday, 5 September from 9.00am
– Years Kinder, 1, 2

One school representative from each section of our School Public Speaking Finals will be chosen to compete at the Far North Coast Public Speaking Awards. The Finals will be held at on Thursday, 19 September at Tweed Heads South Public School.

Sections and Time Limits-

The students in all sections must begin their speech by acknowledging the chairperson and the members of the audience, and conclude with 'Chairperson'.

Section 1(Students in years Kinder, 1 and 2.)

Students will speak for 1 to 1½ minutes on a topic of their choice. This could be about their pet, favourite toy etc. It is similar to a news item they may give in class.

Section 2(Students in years 3 and 4.)

Students will speak for 2 minutes on a topic of their choice.

Section 3(Students in years 5 and 6.)

Students will speak for 3

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minutes on a topic of their choice. A bell will sound when time is up.

Judgement Criteria-

The following criteria will be used to adjudicate the students:

Appearance - To include general grooming and wearing of full school uniform by the student.

Presentation - To include the general delivery of the speech e.g. use of appropriate gestures, facial expression and mannerisms etc.

Voice - To include voice control, intonation, expression etc.

Content - To include interest level, audience appeal etc.

Topic-

The Seniors (Yrs 5/6) will be writing their speeches in class, our Yrs K-4 are asked to write their speeches at home. If the children are excited about the topic, it comes across in their presentation. If you help your child to choose a topic, please keep in mind: It is preferable to choose a topic which is familiar to the child and one which he/she is passionate about. Don't grab an encyclopaedia to find a topic, just think about family history, relatives, holidays, interesting hobbies, special times, funny things which have happened, places you have been or things you may have witnessed.

Sushi Lunch

Don't forget to put your Sushi order in this Thursday for **Monday**.

An order form is attached to this Newsletter. Please send in 1 order form per child with correct money.

Orders **MUST** be returned in an envelope with payment to school by Thursday each week for your child to receive their order the following week.

Les Peterkin Portrait Prize for Children

The Les Peterkin Portrait Prize is held annually by the Tweed River Art Gallery. Each year the Gallery receives more than 3,000 artworks from 31 schools.

This year's theme is 'Myself at My Favourite Place'. The children have now completed their entries for submission and they look great!

Prizes are awarded, and a selection of artwork will be exhibited from 27 September to 17 November at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

2020 Enrolments

If you know of any parents considering enrolling their children in 2020, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Out of Zone Enrolment Forms are available from the school and applications for next year will be considered by 18 September and parents contacted soon after.

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.

Kibera Education Sponsorship

The students can purchase Quelch Fruit Juice Ice blocks for \$1.00 at lunch time each day. All Proceeds go towards Irene's school fees for 2020.

School Travel

Applications for 2019 school travel are available 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 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.

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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

Staff Development Days—The last 2 days of Term 4. Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days.

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P & C Meeting

Our next P & C meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday, 11 September 2019.

P& C meetings are held at the school, on the second Wednesday of each month at 3.00pm, unless re-scheduled. (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 _____

Carrara Chess Tournament Consent Form

I give my consent for my child _____ to participate in the Gardiner Chess Tournament being held at Carrara Basketball Stadium on Wednesday, 28 August 2019. I understand that supervision will be by school staff and that transport will be by bus.

Signed _____

Parent/Carer

*** CONSENT FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TEAM.**

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FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 19 August.

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 15 August.

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

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Chicken & Avocado Roll

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Tuna Roll G/F

☐

Tuna & Avocado Roll G/F

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Salmon & Avocado Roll G/F

☐

Avocado Roll G/F

☐

Popper **\$1 per popper**

☐

Name of Child: --

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):--