

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Library borrowing—Fridays

- ♦ Commence Fri, 7 Feb.

Piano and Guitar/Ukulele

Lessons—Wednesdays

- ♦ Commence Wed, 12 Feb.

Religious Education—Tuesdays

- ♦ Commence Tues, 18 Feb

Story Dog Prog.—Meg and Kyah

- ♦ TBA

Chess Yrs 3-6 students

- ♦ TBA

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Wednesday, 5 February

P & C Meeting

- ♦ Wednesday, 12 Feb

Intensive Swim Program commences .Yrs K,1,2

- ♦ 13,20,27 Feb and
5,12,19 March

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 21 Feb

Clean up Australia Day and Anti Bullying Day

- ♦ Friday, 28 Feb

Life Education Visit

- ♦ Wednesday, 4 March

Ride to School Day

- ♦ Friday, 13 March

Student Photo

- ♦ Wednesday, 3 April

Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 9 April

Welcome back to the new School Year!

We wish a warm welcome to our new students and their families!

Our Kindergarten children will commence classes Thursday. Ms Reynolds will meet with the children individually once they are settled into the school routine to assess their background knowledge on starting school.

This is part of the Best Start Program.

Best wishes for a happy and successful year!

2020 Information Booklet

Our School Information Booklet will be sent home with the children this week. If you would like further information please feel free to speak to your child's classroom teacher or call Tanya or Fran in the office.

2020 Chess

John (Mr Dent) will be coordinating our Chess program this year. *Many thanks Mr Dent!*

John will be talking to the children about joining the Chess group. A day and time for the Chess program is yet to be confirmed.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held next Wednesday, 5 February at Murwillumbah Pools. We are asking students to nominate for events they would like to compete in at this Carnival.

The carnival is open to children turning 8 years and older in 2020. The children who are interested in participating in the carnival will be given a Consent Form and an Order of Events Form. The students are to nominate the events they wish to compete in by marking this on their Order of Events sheet and returning this to the school with their Consent Form.

This form MUST be completed and returned to the school by this Friday, 31 January.

Carnival Information-

Date Wednesday, 5 February

Venue Murwillumbah Pools

Times 9.30am to 12.30pm (Please ensure you arrive earlier as parking is limited.)

Transport Parents are asked to organise transport for their child to and from the pools.

Cost There will be a \$3.00 admission charge to be paid at the gate for both competitors and spectators.

Supervision The children are to report to Mrs Marshall upon arrival at the pool.

Things to bring. Please ensure your child has a towel, sunscreen, hat, water bottle and morning tea.

The children will be selected based on their times to be included as members of the Small Schools Swimming Team. The Small Schools Team will compete at the Murwillumbah District Carnival on Friday, 21 February. Successful swimmers will be given a note with details concerning their participation in the District Carnival.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

It is Department Policy that 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.

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

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 will commence on Thursday, 13 February and run each Thursday for 6 weeks.

Venue	Casuarina Recreation Club
Dates	13, 20, 27 Feb and 5, 12, 19 March.
Leave from School	1.00pm
Swim Program	1.30pm to 2.15pm
Leave to return to school	2.20pm
Transport	Parents
Cost	Funding through the Sporting Schools program has allowed us to deliver the Intensive Swimming Program free of charge.

Bring/Wear Swimmers, Towel, Swim Cap, Sunscreen, Water Bottle -all in a small carry bag please.

Fully qualified swimming instructors will be in the water with the students in order to give them maximum tuition in learn to swim, stroke correction and squad training techniques.

Swimming is a vital component of the PDHPE Syllabus. It has been proven that being able to swim competently in relaxed style has saved lives.

We hope all of our children take advantage of this opportunity.

Parents are asked to help with transport to and from the Casuarina Pools.

Please complete and return the attached consent form to the school .

Athletics - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Funding through the Sporting Schools program has allowed us to run Athletics Coaching workshops for our senior students this Term. A fully qualified coach, authorised by Athletics Australia will be coming to the school each Friday from the 7 February to the 20 March, (excluding 21 February).

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.

Friday Breakfast

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

Many thanks to John for cooking Breakfast each Friday!

Religious Instruction Class

Shirley will commence Scripture classes on Tuesday, 18 February. Classes will be held each Tuesday from 12.00pm to 1.00pm. The children will be divided into 2 age appropriate groups for a 30 minute lesson each week.

If you **do not** wish your child to participate in Scripture, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Guitar, Ukulele and Piano Lessons

Piano lessons with Jenny and Guitar or Ukulele lessons with Jon will commence on Wednesday, 12 February for students continuing lessons and new students.

If you would like your child to learn the piano, guitar or Ukulele please complete the attached form and return it to the school. Jenny and Jon will contact you to discuss your child's lessons.

Piano—\$12 per lesson each week to be paid to Guitar/Ukulele—\$20 per lesson each week.

Please put payment in an envelope marked with Jenny or Jon's name and indicating details of payment.

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.

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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 2020 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.

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.

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Term Dates and Staff Development Days

The last day of Term 1 will be Thursday, 9 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.

P & C News

Our first P & C Meeting for the year will be Wednesday, 12 February at 3.00pm.
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 _____

Intensive Swimming Program...K/1/2

I give my consent for my child _____ to participate in the Intensive Swimming Lessons, Term 1, 2020.

I understand I am to organise transport for my child to and from the venue at the Casuarina Recreation Centre.

I understand that supervision will be by Ms Reynolds, school staff and the swimming coaches.

I understand the cost will be \$20 for the program (6 sessions).

Signed _____
Parent/Carer

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General Permission Note—2020

Please complete, date and sign these permission notes to enable your child/children to participate in the following activities throughout 2020.

I give permission for my child/children _____

(First Name/s)

(Last Name)

(First Name/s)

(Last Name)

(First Name/s)

(Last Name)

- ◆ 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

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Piano Lessons with Jenny

Child's Name _____

Do you have a piano or keyboard to practice on? YES/NO

Have you had piano lessons before? YES/NO

If so, for how long and to what level? _____

Please print name of parent/carer _____

Telephone number _____

I would like my child to learn Piano. YES/NO

or

I would like more information. YES/NO

Information required: _____

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons with Jon

I am excited about returning to Fingal School. Individual lessons are \$20 per 30 minutes. I have been teaching guitar for over 20 years and plays professionally around the Coast. In 2020 lessons will be at school every Wednesday starting February 12. Contact Jon Callandar on 0448743600.

Please include your details below.

Child's Name _____

Do you have a Guitar or Ukulele to practice on? YES/NO

Have you had Guitar or Ukulele lessons before? YES/NO

If so, for how long and to what level? _____

Please print name of parent/carer _____

Telephone number _____

I would like my child to learn Guitar or Ukulele. YES/NO

(please circle)

or

I would like more information. YES/NO

Information required: _____

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FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 3 February

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 30 January

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

☐

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):--