

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Piano and Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

- ♦ Wednesday

Religious Education—Tuesdays

- ♦ Commence Tues, 18 Feb

Piano & Guitar/Ukulele

- ♦ Wednesday

Story Dog Prog.—Meg and Kyah

- ♦ Wednesday

Chess Yrs 3-6 students

- ♦ Wednesday afternoons

Library borrowing

- ♦ Friday

Intensive Swim Program commences .Yrs K,1,2

- ♦ 20,27 Feb and 5,12,19 March

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 21 Feb

Athletics Program .Yrs 3,4,5,6

- ♦ 28 Feb and 6, 13, 20 March

Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 21 Feb

Life Education Visit

- ♦ Wednesday, 4 March

P & C Annual General Meeting

- ♦ Wednesday, 11 March

Ride to School Day

- ♦ Friday, 13 March

Lots of Socks Day

- ♦ Friday, 20 March

Quest Leadership Training Yrs 5 & 6

- ♦ Thursday, 26 March

Trivia Night

- ♦ Saturday, 28 March

Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 9 April

School Volunteers.....Thank you

Celia will be joining us once again this year in the K/1/2 Class.

Many thanks Celia!

Healthy Lunch Box

At school we have been talking to the children about healthy lunches. We ask that parents encourage their child to pack a healthy lunch each day. We have found that a number of children are only eating sweets at school and ask that parents please monitor and remove unhealthy foods from lunch boxes and replace them with a piece of fruit or sandwich.

Thank you.

Sharing Lunches and Food Allergies

The teachers have spoken with the children also about sharing their lunches with friends at school.

The children have been told that sharing lunches is not permitted due to some children having food allergies and anaphylaxis. Could you please reiterate this at home also. Thank you.

Year 7, 2021..High School Expression of Interest

Our Years 6 students have been given their Expression of Interest Form for moving into Year 7 in 2021.

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

Clean Up Australia Day

The school will be participating in Clean-Up Australia Day on Friday, 21 February.

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 and return it to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Trivia Night

Time to book your seat or table for our major fundraiser for the year. Our Trivia Night...to be held at the school on Saturday, 28 March at 6.30pm.

The Theme of the night is "Fingal Head". When you book your table you will be allocated a letter from the words Fingal Head and you can dress up or dress your table to this Theme.

This is one of our major fundraiser for the year so, please mark this date on your calendar and start inviting friends to make up a table for a fun night!

We will need prizes/vouchers to make this a fun night of 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.

Lots of Sock....Down Syndrome Day fundraiser

Down Syndrome NSW have invited us to take part in the "Lots of Socks" day. The aim of Lots of Socks Day is to raise awareness of Down Syndrome whilst raising funds for the organisation.

Our day will be on Friday, 20 March when the students can wear brightly coloured socks and bring a gold coin donation for Down Syndrome.

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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, 19 June to Wednesday, 24 June.

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.

Religious Instruction Class

Shirley will commence Scripture class tomorrow. Classes will be held each Tuesday from 11.30am to 12.00pm. All years will combine for the 30 minute Scripture lesson.

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

Reminders.....

Intensive Swimming—Years K,1, and 2

Our Intensive Swimming Program will commence this Thursday, 13 February and run each Thursday for 6 weeks.

Venue	Casuarina Recreation Club
Dates	20, 27 Feb and 5, 12, 19, 26 March.

Leave from School	1.00pm
Swim Program	1.30pm to 2.15pm
Leave to return to school	2.20pm
Transport	Parents and Juraki Bus

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. Many thanks to Mary and Joel for the use of their 10 seater Juraki bus.

Please complete and return the attached consent form to the school, if you have not already done so.

Guitar, Ukulele and Piano Lessons

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 Jenny.

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

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

Story Dog

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for children in Years 2 and 3. Our Story Dog, Kya and her handler Meg will come 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 did not receive a form and would like your child included in the program please contact the school.

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Sushi Lunch

Don't forget to put your Sushi order in this Thursday for next **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!

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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Fingal P & C

Our next P & C Meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday, 11 March at 3.00pm.

This will be our Annual General Meeting and will be followed by a General Meeting.

We must have a quorum of at least 5 for these meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. So please come along and share your ideas. 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 _____

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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

Date

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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, 24 February

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 20 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

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Chicken & Avocado Roll

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Tuna Roll G/F

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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):--