

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Postponed activities—

- ♦ Religious Education
- ♦ Piano & Guitar
- ♦ Story Dog Program
- ♦ Intensive Swim
- ♦ Athletics
- ♦ Quest Leadership
- ♦ S6 Fun Day
- ♦ Trivia Night

Chess Yrs. 3-6 students

- ♦ Wednesday afternoons

Library borrowing

- ♦ Friday

Harmony Day

- ♦ Friday, 20 March

Easter Hat Parade

- ♦ Thursday, 9 April

Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 9 April

TERM 2.....

Students commence Term 2

- ♦ Tuesday, 28 April

FHPS Cross Country

- ♦ Friday, 1 May

District Cross Country

- ♦ Thursday, 7 May

NAPLAN Yrs. 3 and 5

- ♦ 12,13 AND 14 May

Our School P & C

Thank you to our parents who nominated for P & C Executive positions at our AGM last Wednesday.

All positions have been filled and our positions are as follows:

Presidents—Sheree and Mandy

Vice President - Fran

Secretary—Crystal

Treasurer—Samantha

Many thanks for taking up these voluntary positions!

Harmony Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day this Friday, 20 March. Harmony Day is about sharing our cultural heritage and promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

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

Cross Country Training

The children will commence Cross Country training this week in preparation for our School Carnival to be held on Friday, 1 May at Marine Parade Park, Fingal Beachfront.

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.

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

COVID-19 Virus.....Safety and Wellbeing

The NSW Education Department is working closely with NSW Health to ensure we have access to the latest advice on how to keep our students and school community safe. We are following their guidance and will keep you informed of any changes.

For the health and safety of our students and staff we ask that if your child is sick or just feeling a little unwell, please keep him/her at home and seek medical advice.

We have received a directive from the Education Department to phase in a social distancing strategy and postpone all excursion, sporting events and non essential visitors to the school until further notice.

Unfortunately, this means the activities listed below have been either postponed or cancelled, depending on the activity.

- ♦ Independent Therapists
- ♦ Intensive Swimming
- ♦ Athletics Training
- ♦ Quest Leadership day
- ♦ S6 Fun Day
- ♦ Story Dog Program
- ♦ Scripture
- ♦ Piano Lessons
- ♦ Guitar Lessons
- ♦ Trivia Night

I have attached an information sheet for parents/Carers to assist in supporting children if they have questions in regards to the virus.

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Easter Hat Parade

The children will be having an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 9 April at 11.30am.

We would like all students to bring to school a cardboard hat (already made and sized for their head) that they can decorate in class. The cardboard hat can take the form of a band, crown, bunny ears, cone, thick paper plate.....they can use their imagination.

They will need to bring some craft materials for decorating their hat. If everyone brings a few items they can be combined and shared among their classmates, e.g. stickers, coloured paper, Easter pictures, streamers, ribbons, trinkets, feathers, cotton wool.

As the children will be decorating their hats prior to the day, we would like all children to bring their hats and materials to school in a marked bag by Monday 6 April. .

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, 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.

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 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!

General School Contribution and Work Book fees

The Voluntary School Fees for 2020 school year for Years K to 6 has been set at \$40 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third child. These can be paid when convenient.

Student workbooks and IT programs fees are \$30 in total for the year. Please reimburse the school for the cost of student work books and IT program cost as soon as possible.

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.

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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. To apply—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, 13 May at 3.00pm.**

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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FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 23 March

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 19 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

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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

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Avocado Roll G/F

☐

Popper \$1 per popper

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Name of Child: --

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):--