

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Sushi orders

- ♦ Mondays (orders in Thursday)

Religious Education commences

- ♦ Tuesdays

Library borrowing-K/1/2

- ♦ Tuesday

Ukulele & Guitar lessons

- ♦ Wednesdays

Story Dog Program

- ♦ Commencing Week 6, Wednesdays

Chess Program

- ♦ Thursday Afternoons

Library borrowing-3/4/5/6

- ♦ Fridays

Tennis

- ♦ Each Friday

Friday Breakfast

- ♦ Friday, 28 August (fortnightly at 8.30am)

Term 4 commences

- ♦ Monday, 12 October

Junior Sport -Intensive Swim Prog. (subject to relaxed restrictions)

- ♦ Thursdays, Weeks 1-6

Senior Sport -AFL

- ♦ Thursdays, Weeks 1-6

Student Photos

- ♦ Friday, 16 October

Covid 19

Important Information

Please read the update from the Department of Education attached.

Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge

The Science Teachers' Association of NSW have invited our senior students to enter the Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge. This event is open to students from around the world and will be held totally online due to this year's restrictions.

To be eligible to enter the challenge, students must better an age-based qualifying distance for the Distance Event or better the qualifying time for the Airtime Event. A video of the throw is submitted as part of the student entry.

All details can be found on the website:
www.paperplanes.youngscientist.com.au

All students in our senior class will participate in the Challenge. If you do not want your child's video submitted in the Challenge please contact the school this week.

Term 3 Sport.....Tennis

The students had a fantastic time last Friday, with the start of our Tennis Program.

Alberto from AB Tennis will run the program each Friday until, 18 September. Alberto is a qualified, approved Tennis Coach and is registered with the Sporting Schools program.

Student Photos

The students were given their Photo envelopes to

take home last week. Included on the envelope is your child's name and order identification barcode. Our photo day is scheduled for Friday, 16 October (Week 1, Term 4).

If you would like to order student photos, please return your envelope with the correct money enclosed **prior to the end of the Term.**

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Jon apologies for the delay in starting student lessons. He will be giving a free introductory lesson this week for any child interested in learning to play the Ukulele. Please bring a Ukulele if you have one or are able to borrow one.

Lessons will be in the afternoon between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. The students participating in lessons will be grouped in pairs. The cost is \$20 per 30-40 minute lesson.

Payments are to be made to Jon in an envelope indicating details of payment.

If you would like your child to continue or start lessons please complete the attached form and return it to the school.

Reminders.....

Story Dog Program

Our Story Dog program with Meg and Kya will recommence on Wednesday, 26 August. Meg apologises for the delay in recommencing the program.

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for the junior children. Our Story Dog, Kya and

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her handler Meg will be coming to the school each Wednesday for a 2 hour session.

The children involved in the program earlier in the year have parental consent forms that are still valid for the year. If your child has not signed up for the program and you would like your child included, please contact the school.

Children without signed consent **WILL NOT** be included in the program. This is Story Dog requirements.

Fingal Head School Public Speaking

We will be holding our FHPS Public Speaking competition this Term. In previous years we have entered the Department of Education and Training Public Speaking Awards but due to restrictions we have decided to only participate at the school level.

Our school staff will be adjudicating our in-school competition. All students will participate and awards will be given for the first 3 places getters in each section. All students will receive participation certificates.

Topics—

The students will be able to choose a topic of their choice. All students will be writing their speeches in class as part of their Literacy program and will be able to practice their presentation at home.

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 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.

2021 Enrolments

If you know of any parents considering enrolling their children in 2021, 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.

Religious Education

The Religious Education class has commenced. Shirley is a representative from the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW) and will be coming to the school each Tuesday from 11.30am to 12.00pm. Students with previous parental consent will continue their Religious Education.

If you would like your child to participate and you have not given your consent previously, please complete and return the attached form prior tomorrow.

If you would like to withdraw your child from Religious Education, please contact the school and we will organise this.

Personalised Learning Pathway

Student PLP questionnaires have been sent home with participating students. If this relates to your child please complete your questionnaire and return it to the school this week.

Thank you

Monday Sushi Lunch

The children can order a Sushi Lunch for Mondays each week. A Sushi order form is included at the end of this Newsletter. Orders must be returned in an envelope with payment **by Thursday** for your child to receive their order on the following **Monday**.

Friday Breakfast each fortnight

Our Friday Breakfast for the students will be next week on Friday, 28 August and each fortnight thereafter.

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Thank you John for cooking the breakfast for the students!

Please note the change of time for Breakfast. **Breakfast will be from 8.30am to 9.00am.** Please do not send your child before 8.30am.

Unfortunately at this stage parents will not be able to join us for breakfast.

Friday Lunch Orders

The children can purchase a Friday lunch order from our local Fingal Store each Friday.

Orders must be in by 9.00am each Friday morning for the students to receive their lunch order at 11.00am. Please enclose your order in an envelope with the correct money.

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.

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.

School Travel

Applications for 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.

Parents can apply for an exemption from attendance at school or the child under the following conditions.

- ◆ Domestic Necessary
- ◆ Health of a Child

Forms are available from the school and a Certificate of Exemption is supplied on approval of leave. An exemption should be applied for prior to leave of absence. If this is not possible an application must be completed on return.

Work books

The children have received either subject books and/or booklet/worksheets to work in throughout the year. This will depend on their class and level. The cost is \$30 per students in total. We ask parents to reimburse the school for the cost of these work books, if you have not already done so. Thank you

General School Contribution

(Voluntary School Fees)

The School Fees for the 2020 school year for Years Kindergarten to 6 was set at \$40 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third child.

Voluntary Fees can be paid when convenient.

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

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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 3 is Friday, 25 September and the first day of Term 4 is Monday, 12 October for both students and staff.

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 date is yet to be confirmed. We envisage this meeting to be via Zoom. Details will be in the Newsletter as soon as they are finalised.

Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly \$1.00 membership fee.

Thank you

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 _____

Guitar/Ukulele Lessons with Jon

I am excited about returning to Fingal School. I have been teaching guitar for over 20 years and play professionally around the Coast. Lessons will be at school every Wednesday starting this week.

The students will be taught in pairs \$20 per 30-40 minutes.

I would like to do a free introductory lesson for any children interested in learning to play the Ukulele. To do this I will need about 6 Ukuleles for the lesson. Please indicate on the attached form if you would like your child to have a free lesson.

Contact Jon on 0448743600 for further information. Please include your details below.

Child's Name _____

Would you like to have a free introductory Ukulele lesson. YES/NO

I can bring a Ukulele for the lesson. YES/NO

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

Do you have a Guitar or Ukulele to practice on? 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

or

♦ I would like more information. YES/NO

Information required: _____

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FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 24 August

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

☐

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):-- _____



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/carer 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/carer has requested a change in writing.

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

Shirley, from SRE Tweed Heads Presbyterian will be bringing a Christian based Scripture to the School each Tuesday commencing, Tuesday 11 August 2020. Students not attending SRE will be given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

Thank you

Scripture Consent Form

Please enter your child's details below and return this notice to the school if you would like your child to attend SRE.

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

Please read this update from the Department of Education.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW

Check the [Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW](#)[External link](#) and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the [NSW COVID-19 website](#)[External link](#).

School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#)[External link](#).

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

All students and staff who reside in or have visited Victoria must have a [permit to enter NSW](#)^{External link} and are required to comply with health restrictions relevant to their permit which may include the need to complete the 14 day self-isolation period commencing the last day they were in Victoria.

School activities/school site usage

Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3.

The following principles underpin these measures:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
Interschool activities must remain within the local community or zone. This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school. Schools must not travel outside of their local community area. Metropolitan schools cannot travel outside their local area or to regional areas. Regional areas cannot travel into metropolitan areas or other regional areas. Find your school's [sport zone](#).
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.
- All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. Special arrangements are in place for HSC students.
Year 11 and 12 students completing HSC subjects may continue to attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses. All other students including Year 11 students not

- completing an HSC subject are not to attend other campuses for the remainder of Term 3. TAFE and other Vet programs may continue.
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted. Schools may hold a Year 12 assembly at school without parents to recognise the completion of school. Schools may consider delaying events until later in the year.

Activities/site usage that can take place

- Use the school library
 - Engage in sporting activities within restrictions
 - Canteens and uniform shops can open at the principal's discretion
- All VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement, appropriate risk assessments, and a COVID-19 Safety Plan must be in place. For any that can't proceed, refer to [the NESA website](#)[External link](#).
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation and a COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place.
 - Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place
 - School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
 - Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
 - Hydrotherapy pools can be used
 - Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold)
 - Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to the local river to collect water samples)
 - Face-to-face TAFE attendance (see TAFE website for further information)
 - School photos
 - Department of Community and Justice services and programs
 - Community use agreements involving adult attendance must have a COVID Safe Plan in place
 - SRE/SEE lessons within restrictions
 - Work experience for students with a COVID Safe Plan in place
 - P&C meetings and events must be on-line only
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

Activities on hold for Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 orientation has been delayed until Term 4
- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Interstate excursions
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- All students (except year 12 students) attending classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses
- School or community-run playgroups

Face-to-face professional learning for staff. Refer to the [Physical distancing guidelines](#).

- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events
- Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community or zone including gala days and regional sporting carnivals.

Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed. Many large-scale arts events and sports tournaments rely upon feeder activities and have long-lead-time organisational arrangements. As a consequence, a number of annual activities are planned to be delayed or cancelled ([refer to Impacts on arts and sports events programs](#))

Activities that are cancelled

- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long lead time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.
- International excursions are cancelled until further notice.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

Essential hygiene supplies

To support NSW schools during COVID-19 and help keep them safe, we've secured and dispatched a range of products including soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.

Standard packs of hygiene products continue to be dispatched to schools. The packs include liquid soap, hand sanitiser, paper towels, surface spray, disinfectant wipes. Quantities are calculated on the number of habitable spaces at each school. Schools can continue to request supplies through the School Supplies email address.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation arises. Read more about our [Response protocols for COVID-19 cases](#).

Transport

Bus services to and from schools are scheduled to run as normal. For travel advice to and from school, refer to [Transport for NSW](#)[External link](#).

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