

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

- ♦ Wednesdays

Chess Program

- ♦ Thursday Afternoons

Library borrowing-3/4/5/6

- ♦ Fridays

Tennis

- ♦ Each Friday

Friday Breakfast

- ♦ Friday, 11 September
(fortnightly at 8.30am)

FHPS Public Speaking Competition

- ♦ Week 9, commencing 14 September

Student Photo Envelopes Due

- ♦ Friday, 25 September

Last Day of Term 3

- ♦ Friday, 25 September

Term 4 commences

- ♦ Monday, 12 October

Kindergarten Transition Days

- ♦ To be DE approved and confirmed.

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

- ♦ Thursdays, T/4 Wks 1-6

Senior Sport -AFL

- ♦ Thursdays, T/4 Wks 1-6

Student Photos

- ♦ Friday, 16 October

Book Week

- ♦ 19 October to 23 October

Tell Them From Me Survey

Our Partners in Learning parent survey is now open for all parents/carers to complete. By completing this survey you will be helping our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experiences at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted online. Although participation is voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. All data is de-identified.

To complete the survey, please use the link below. The survey will be open until the end of the term.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fingalparents>

Power Outage

There will be a Power Outage at school this Thursday, 3 September from 11.00am onwards. The technicians will carry out retrofit works to replace safety switches and circuit breakers.

There will be no power or technology in the classrooms over this period and our landline phone will be diverted to our school mobile phone.

If you need to contact the school regarding change in pickup times or bus changes, please contact the school early in the day to avoid confusion at 3.00pm as our phone coverage may be unstable.

Father's Day

The students will be busy this Wednesday afternoon making a small gift for Father's Day! They will take these home on Friday.

Toys at School

There has been an increase in students bringing toys from home to school. We recommend that students leave their toys at home to reduce the risk of them being damaged or misplaced.



Reminders.....

Term 3 Sport.....Tennis

The students have been enjoying their Tennis Coaching each Friday. Alberto from AB Tennis will run the program until Friday, 18 September. He is a qualified, approved Tennis Coach and is registered with the Sporting Schools program.

Story Dog Program

Our Story Dog program with Meg and Kya will recommence this Wednesday. Meg apologises for the delay and is pleased to be returning to Fingal.

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for the junior children. Our Story Dog, Kya and her handler Meg will come to the school each Wednesday for a 2 hour session.

The children, previously involved in the program this year have valid parental consent forms for this year. If your child has not participated in the program and you would like your child included, please contact the school.

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

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

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will be considered by 18 September and parents contacted soon after.

Student Photos

The students have been given their Photo envelopes to take home. 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

Lessons with Jon are each Wednesday between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

The cost each week for the students participating in lessons in pairs is \$20 per child for a 30 minute lesson. Lessons in groups of 4 or more students are \$10 per child.

The lesson group sizes will depend on the number of students interested. Jon will have some indication of numbers this week.

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.

Fingal Head School Public Speaking

We will be holding our FHPS Public Speaking competition this Term, early Week 9. 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.

The students have started working on their speeches in class and will be able to 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 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-school uniform, presentation, voice and content.

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 contact the school for a consent form.

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

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 on Friday, 11 September at 8.30am and each fortnight thereafter. Please do not send your child before 8.30am.

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

Thank you John for cooking the breakfast for the students!

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Friday Lunch Orders

The children can purchase a 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.

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.

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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

Lessons with Jon in groups of 2 are \$20 per child for 30 minutes. Lessons in groups of 4 or more are \$10 per child. Lesson group sizes will depend on the number of students interested.

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

Child's Name _____

Do you have a Guitar or Ukulele bring to your lesson? YES/NO

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

Do you have a Guitar or Ukulele at home to practise 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
(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, 7 September.

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 3 September.

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**

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Name of Child: -- _____

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):-- _____

20 August 2020

Dear Principal

COVID-19 TESTING: UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, I thought it may be helpful to provide you with details of COVID-19 testing clinics in Mid North Coast and Northern NSW communities.

I would appreciate you passing this information on to students and their parents or carers if you think it will be useful.

As announced earlier this week, the NSW Government now requires any student who is unwell or who has flu-like symptoms to be tested for COVID-19. A return to school is dependent upon a negative test result being reported.

Anyone with any of the following symptoms should present for testing:

** Fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains.*

The NSW and Australian governments have established COVID-19 testing clinics and GP respiratory clinics throughout the region for people with mild to moderate respiratory symptoms. There is no charge to attend these clinics for assessment and testing.

NSW Health COVID-19 clinics are currently located at Tweed Heads, Byron Bay, Lismore, Grafton, Woolgoolga, Coffs Harbour, Macksville, South West Rocks, Kempsey, Port Macquarie and Wauchope.

GP-led respiratory clinics are located at Murwillumbah, Ballina, Casino, Yamba, Nambucca Heads, Kempsey and Port Macquarie.

COVID-19 testing is also available through private pathology providers on the North Coast with a GP referral.

For full details of North Coast COVID-19 testing sites, please visit the [Healthy North Coast website](https://hnc.org.au/north-coast-covid-19-testing) (hnc.org.au/north-coast-covid-19-testing). There is an interactive regional map with the location, opening hours and contact details of public testing clinics across the region.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information or assistance.

Yours sincerely

Julie Sturgess

Chief Executive