

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dates to remember...

Sushi orders

- Monday (orders in Thursday)

Religious Education

- Tuesday

Library borrowing-K/1/2

- Tuesday

Ukulele & Guitar lessons

- Wednesday

Story Dog Program

- Wednesday

Chess Program

- Thursday

Library borrowing-3/4/5/6

- Friday

Tennis

- Concludes this Friday

Friday Breakfast and Mufti Day

- Friday, 25 September
(fortnightly at 8.30am)

Student Photo Envelopes Due

- Friday, 25 September

Last Day of Term 3

- Friday, 25 September

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Term 4 commences

- Monday, 12 October

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

- Tuesdays, T/4 Wks 3-5
- Thursdays, T/4 Wks 1-6

Student Photos

- Friday, 16 October

Book Week...Book Day at Fingal

- 23 October

Kindergarten Transition Days

- To be DoE approved and confirmed.

Senior Sport -AFL Program

- Thursdays, T/4 Wks 1-6

Fingal Head School Public Speaking

Congratulations to our students who participated in our Public Speaking Competition today.

Every child at school today presented their speech and can be proud of their presentations.

Thank you to the adjudicators; and a special thank you Linda C. for giving her time today and to our parents for helping the children prepare for their speeches.

The children's results are as follows:

Years K/1/2

- 1st Vio
- Runner Up Bella

Encouragement Awards.....Derayne and Miles

Years 3/4

- 1st Jaidyn
- Runner Up Asher

Encouragement Awards.....Cai and Ezra

Years 5/6

- 1st Asia
- Runners Up Thomas

Encouragement Awards.....Janggalay and Amba

Congratulations to Asia, Jaidyn and Vio!

A recording of their speeches will be submitted for participation in the Far North Coast Public Speaking Competition.

Invitation for Community Consultation

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been working on our school situational analysis – looking at past school plans and school excellence framework self-assessment surveys in order to put together the school strategic directions for the next 4 years.

The Department has set the first strategic direction for all schools in NSW as “Student Growth and Attainment”.



I would like to offer you the opportunity to join in on a zoom meeting so I can share with you my findings and discuss the possible options for the other strategic direction for our school.

Topic: FHPS Strategic Directions

Time: Wednesday Sep 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting.....

Meeting ID: 374 408 0844

Passcode: 625399

Thank you.....Linda

Sports News

The student sports afternoon held last week was a fun day for all. Thank you Mr Clarke for organising this!

The last day of tennis for our students will be this Friday, 18 September. The students have enjoyed their Tennis Coaching with Alberto each week. This program is funded through the Sporting Schools program.

Mural Painting

Painting will begin in the holiday break on our hand ball court wall. When you return we envisage our wall will be almost complete and the students will be able to put their own personal stamp on the Mural. The Mural will depict local land and water landscapes and will incorporate the Fingal Headland, Booning the Echidna, Mount Warning and Razor Back.

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AFL Program, Term 4 Sport...Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have booked Australian Football League's qualified coaches for our senior class for Term 4 Sport. This is a Learn AFL Program teaching basic AFL skills and modified game sense activities.

We have applied for a Sporting Schools grant to support this program and will be advised by the end of the Term if we have been successful.

Intensive Swimming, Term 4 Sport Years K, 1 and 2

A reminder We would like to offer our junior students in Years K, 1 and 2 the opportunity to participate in an Intensive Swimming Program next Term.

The Billabong Swim School employ fully qualified swimming instructors that 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. We hope all of our children take advantage of this opportunity.

However, we will need the help of parents for transport to allow us to offer this program to our students. At this stage, we are unsure if the Juraki bus will be available, so we must assume that our transport will be by teachers and parents.

Parents are asked to help with transport to and from the Casuarina Pools. Please complete and return the attached consent form **by Monday, 21 September** indicating your commitment to assist with transport.

Details following:

Venue: Casuarina Recreation Club
Transport: Parents and Staff

- ◆ Leave from the School..... 12.50pm
- ◆ Swim Program..... 1.30pm to 2.15pm
- ◆ Leave to return to School.....2.20pm

Cost : We have applied for a Sporting Schools Grant to subsidise this program and will be advised by the end of Term if we have been successful.

Things to Bring/Wear: Swimmers, Goggles, Towel, Swim Cap, Sunscreen, Water Bottle -all in a small carry bag marked with your child's name please.

2020 Book Week.....Book Day

Friday, 23 October is Book Day at Fingal—Week 2, Term 4. On book day the students will be able to share a book with their fellow class mates and come to school dressed as their favourite characters.

More information will be sent next Term.

Student Photos

The students have been given their Photo envelopes to take home. Envelopes are due back by the last Friday of Term. If you would like to order students photos please return your envelopes with the correct money enclosed. Orders and payments can be processed online also.

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).

Fundraising Raffle

Our fundraising has been very limited this year with the restrictions. It would be fantastic if everyone could support our Christmas Raffle by selling their book of Tickets.

One book per family went home last week with the children. If you sell your book and would like another please contact the office.

Reminders.....

Tell Them From Me Survey

A reminder that our Partners in Learning parent survey is 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.

Thank you to our parents who have completed the survey to date. If you would like to participate you can do so by using the link below. The survey will be open until the end of the term.

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

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

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

Jon has divided the children into 2 guitar groups and 1 ukulele group. The cost each week is \$10 per student. This can be paid weekly or in advance. Please put payments to Jon in an envelope indicating details of payment.

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

Story Dog Program

Welcome back Meg and Kyah! The children have missed their visits and enjoy the Story Dog program.

The Story Day Program details:

The Story Dog Program is a reading program for the junior children. Our Story Dog, Kyah and her handler Meg 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 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 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 next week on Friday, 25 September at 8.30am. 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!

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

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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.

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.

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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Intensive Swimming Program Consent Form...K/1/2

I give my consent for my child _____ to participate in the Intensive Swimming Lessons, Term 4, 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 Fingal Head School staff and the swimming coaches at Casuarina Billabong Swim School.

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I am able to transport _____ child/ren including my own child.

I will transport _____ and have organised this with _____, their parent,

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I am able to transport _____ child/ren including my own child.

Please assist with allocating child/ren.

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I am not able to transport any children but have organised for my child/ren _____ to travel with _____.

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I am not able to transport any children and need assistance to arrange transport for my child/ren _____.

I am available to transport on the following dates. (Please indicate YES/NO.)

Swim Date	To the Pools	Return to School
Thursday, 15 October		
Thursday, 22 October		
Tuesday, 27 October		
Thursday, 29 October		
Tuesday, 3 November		
Thursday, 5 November		
Tuesday, 10 November		
Thursday, 12 November		
Thursday, 19 November		

Signed _____
Parent/Carer

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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 3 or more are \$10 per child per week.

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, 21 September.

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 17 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):-- _____