

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Story Dog with Meg and Kyah

- ♦ Wednesday, 3 February

Religious Education—Tuesdays

- ♦ Commence Tues, 23 Feb

Library borrowing

- ♦ TBA

P & C Meeting

- ♦ TBA

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Monday, 1 February

Tennis Program each Thursday

- ♦ 4 to 25 February

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 19 Feb

Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 12 March

AFL Program each Thursday

- ♦ 4 to 25 March

Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 1 April

Welcome back to the new School Year!

We wish a warm welcome to our new students and their families!

We would like to welcome Mrs Cassie Williams who will be joining us as our K,1, 2 teacher this year.

Our Kindergarten children will commence class this Monday, 1 February. More information regarding the Best Start Program will be sent to our Kindergarten parents.

Staff have been busy over the past 2 days preparing for the year. We are planning to conduct parent teacher interviews in weeks 5 and 6 this term. Details to follow.

Best wishes for a happy and successful year!

2021 Information Booklet

Our School Information Booklet will be sent home with the children next week. School fees details will be included in this booklet. If you would like further information please call Tanya or Fran in the office.

Back to School Packs

We have been sponsored by a local person who has sponsored our students by funding their Back to School packs.

We have purchased these over the holiday break and the children will receive them this week. The packs include all their basic classroom requirements in a pencil case.

Many thanks to our sponsor!

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held this Monday, 1 February at Murwillumbah Pools. The students nominated for their events in Term 4 last year.

The carnival is open to children turning 8 years and older in 2021.

Carnival Information-

Date	Monday, 1 February
Venue	Murwillumbah Pools
Times	9.30am to 2.15pm
Transport	We have booked a bus to transport the children to and from the pools.
Cost	\$10.00 to cover pool admission and bus.
Supervision	Will be by our school staff.
Things to bring.	Please ensure your child has a towel, sunscreen, hat, water bottle and morning tea and lunch.
Recommended:	goggles and cap.

The children will be selected based on their times to be included as members of the Small Schools Swimming Team. The Small Schools Team will compete at the Murwillumbah District Carnival on Friday, 19 February. Successful swimmers will be given a note with details concerning their participation in the District Carnival.

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.

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Story Dog Program

The Story Dog Program is a reading program focusing on children in Year 2, although Meg is happy for all of our K to 2 students to have the opportunity to be included in the program.

Our Story Dog, Kyah and her handler Meg will come to the school each week for a 2 hour session.

The children involved in the program will receive 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.

Many thanks to Meg and Kyah for bringing this program to the school once again this year!

ICT Agreement

The classroom teachers will be talking to the students about the safe use of technology. The students will be given an ICT agreement to take home to be signed by both the students and parent.

(There is a copy the agreement attached to this Newsletter.)

Term 1 Sports - Years K to 6

Funding through the Sporting Schools program has allowed us to run Tennis Coaching and AFL programs for our students this Term. Fully qualified coaches, authorised by Tennis Australia will be coming to the school each Thursday from 4 February to 25 February. AFL Australia's qualified coaches will commence their program on Thursday, 4 March through to the 25 March.

Religious Instruction Class

Shirley will commence Scripture classes on Tuesday, 23 February. Classes will be held each Tuesday from 11.30.00pm to 12.00pm. The children will be in 1 group for a 30 minute lesson each week.

If you would like your child to participate in Scripture, please complete and return the consent form attached.

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Unfortunately, Jon will not be able to continue with lessons this year due to work prospects.

Some tuition fees are outstanding from 2020. Details will be sent home with the children when Jon forwards details.

Music Program

We will be introducing a whole school Music program this year. The teachers will be discussing ways to include this in their whole school curriculum.

Sushi Lunch

Don't forget to put your Sushi order in each Thursday for the following **Monday's** lunch. An order form is attached to this Newsletter.

Please send in 1 order form per child with the 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

Friday morning breakfast for the students will commence on 12 February from 8.30am to 8.50am. Breakfast will be each Friday with a rotating menu.

Many thanks to our local sponsor.....we will be able to provided breakfast each Friday for the students!

Please do not send your child to school before 8.30am.

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 2021 school travel are available via www.transportnsw.info/school-students
A new application is required if you are applying for

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a travel pass for the first time; enrolling in Kindergarten or requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

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 1 will be Thursday, 1 April for students and staff.

Staff Development Days—The first day of Term for Terms 2, and 3 and the last day of Term 4. Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days.

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Small Schools Swimming Carnival Consent Form
(Students 8 Years and older, 2021 only)

I give my consent for my son/daughter _____ to travel by bus to the Murwillumbah Swimming Pools and participate in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Monday, 1 February 2021. I understand supervision will be by school staff.

- ♦ My child can swim 50m ☐
- ♦ My child cannot swim 50m ☐

I have enclosed \$10 for bus fare and pool entry fee.

Signed _____
Parent/Caregiver

General Permission Note—2021

Please complete, date and sign these permission notes to enable your child/children to participate in the following activities throughout 2021.

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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FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 8 February

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 4 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

☐

Tuna Roll G/F

☐

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):--

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Religious Education

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

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 23 February 2021. 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: _____

