

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dates to remember...

Story Dog with Meg and Kyah

- ♦ Wednesday

Sports.....Tennis

- ♦ Thursday

Library borrowing

- ♦ TBA

P & C Meeting

- ♦ TBA

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 19 Feb

Religious Education with Shirley—Tuesdays

- ♦ Commences Tues, 23 Feb

Parent/Teacher Interviews

- ♦ 23 and 24 February

Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 12 March

AFL Program each Thursday

- ♦ 4 to 25 March

Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 1 April

Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Charli, Asia, Cai, Olivia and Milan!

They have been chosen based on their qualifying times to compete as members of the Small Schools Swimming Team at the Murwillumbah District Carnival to be held on Friday, 19 February.

Congratulations and all the best for a great day!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our parent/teacher interviews will be conducted in Week 5, on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February from 3.30pm.

Our teachers will be calling parents to schedule an interview time.

Year 7, 2021..High School Expression of Interest

Our Years 6 students have been given their Expression of Interest form for moving into Year 7 in 2022.

Parents are asked to please complete and return these forms to the school before 19 March.

Clean Up Australia Day

The school will be participating in Clean-Up Australia Day on Friday, 12 March.

Our K to 2 students will be cleaning the school ground and the 3 to 6 students will be going to the Fingal beach and dunes for the clean up.

We have disposable gloves available for the children to use or they can bring their own if they wish. Please send your child with a water bottle, hat and wearing suitable enclosed shoes.

Please complete the attached General Permission Note and return it to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Cement Mixer

Many thanks to Reggie's family for the loan of their cement mixer! Franc will be able to complete some minor works at school!

Story Dog Reading Program

Meg and Kyah came to the school last week for their first 2 hour Story Dog session. The program focuses 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.

The children involved in the program have received 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!

Term 1 Sports - Years K to 6

Our in-school Tennis program commenced last week with Alberto coaching from 1.30pm to 3.00pm on Thursdays. The students are being coached within their class groups.

Funding through the Sporting Schools program has allowed us to run Tennis Coaching free of charge to the students. All equipment is supplied.

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Friday Breakfast

Friday morning breakfast for the students will commence this week on 12 February. There will be a 4 week rotating menu. *Breakfast will be from 8.30am to 8.50am.* Please do not send your child to school before 8.30am.

Many thanks to our local sponsor for funding this program!

Reminder.....

Religious Instruction Class

Shirley will commence Scripture classes on Tuesday, 23 February. Classes will be held each Tuesday from 11.30pm 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.

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 was a copy of the agreement attached to last week's Newsletter.

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.

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.

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

New bus passes will be mailed to the school within the next 2 weeks.

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**

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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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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, 15 February

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 11 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: _____

