

## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Dates to remember...

#### Story Dog with Meg and Kyah

- ♦ Wednesday

#### Sports.....Tennis

- ♦ Thursday

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

- ♦ 23 and 24 February

#### Religious Education –Tuesdays

- ♦ Commence Tues, 23 Feb

#### Library borrowing

- ♦ TBA

#### P & C Meeting

- ♦ TBA

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#### Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 19 Feb

#### Story Board Program

- ♦ Thursday, 25 Feb

#### Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 12 March

#### Harmony Day

- ♦ Friday, 19 March

#### AFL Program each Thursday

- ♦ 4 to 25 March

Last Day of Term 1

### Story Board Program

Lucas P is a multi-platform storyteller, sharing stories through his music, books, live performances and television appearances. Lucas would like to inspire and educate as many children across the nation as possible.

Lucas will be bringing the free Story Board travelling creative writing workshop to the school on Thursday, 25 February.

The whole school will participate in a music and book show. Years 3 to 6 will follow with a creative writing workshop.

Please complete and return the attached consent form to the school prior to the day.

### Beep Fitness Test

*The senior class are participating in the "beep fitness test".*

The class will do the activity each Term to allow the students to track improvements in fitness.

### Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre....Term 3

Our senior class (Years 3 to 6) will be going to the Dorroughby Education Centre in Term 4, from Wednesday, 20 to Friday, 22 October. This is a 3 day , 2 night camp with dormitory like accommodation, meals catered for and supervised educational activities.

We will be busing the students to and from Dorroughby.

The cost will be approximately \$150.

**Fundraising.....**Our student leaders will be discussing fundraising options to reduce this cost. You will be able to opt in or out of the fundraising. This will give parents and students the opportunity to reduce their camp cost if they wish.

More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

### Tweed/Murwillumbah District Sports Trials

Mr Clarke has been talking to the students about

trials in various sports that will be taking place this Term for students turning 8 years and older 2021.

The trials on offer to date are tennis, basketball, football and AFL. The organisers have asked that only students with skills having played the relevant sport and who are familiar with the rules attended the trials.

Consent forms have gone home with the students who have nominate and interest to attend the trials. These must be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Please contact the school if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

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

### General School Contribution and Work Book fees

The voluntary school fees for 2021 school year for Years K to 6 has been set at \$40 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for the third child. These can be paid when convenient.

Student workbooks and IT program fees are \$30 in total for the year. Please reimburse the school for the cost of student work books and IT program cost as soon as possible. These can be paid by cash to the office or by card on our school website. Thank you

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## Art Smock/Shirt

We would like all students to have an art smock or old shirt to wear when they are working on their art works and projects.

Please mark your child's name on the smock /shirt. We prefer these to be left at school ready for art days.  
*Thank you*

## Reminder.....

### 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.

### 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 has commenced 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.

### Friday Breakfast

The students enjoyed a croissant breakfast last Friday. This Friday will be pancakes and maple syrup with banana and strawberries.

We will alternate this menu each week (even and odd weeks) and on the last Friday of Term we will be serving bacon and egg muffins.

Breakfast is from 8.30am to 8.50am each Friday. Please do not send your child to school before 8.30am.

*Many thanks to our local sponsor for funding this program!*

### Religious Instruction Class

Scripture classes will commence 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.

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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](http://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 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)

- ◆ To participate in school activities supervised by staff, in an area in close proximity to the school grounds but beyond the normal confines of the school enclosure. I understand supervision will be by school staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

- ◆ 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, 22 February**

**Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 18 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

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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>

A member of 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

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent/Guardian permission

### ***StoryBoard is coming to our school!***

*StoryBoard is a free travelling creative writing workshop fostering the next generation of readers and writers in the Northern Rivers. It brings acclaimed authors and illustrators directly to schools to work with students in all forms of creative writing.*



*I give permission for my child to participate in the StoryBoard workshop at our school. Yes ☐ No ☐*

*I give permission for my child's image and/or name to be included in StoryBoard and/or Byron Writers Festival publicity.*

**Yes ☐**

**No ☐**

*This signed permission remains effective until I advise the organisation otherwise.*

*Child's name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent/ Guardian Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Book Orders*

*If you would like to purchase a book for your child, please allow enough time for your order to arrive ahead of the StoryBoard visit so they may have it signed by the author on the day. (Please note: StoryBoard does not facilitate the ordering of books).*

*Lucas's books may be ordered online at your own convenience from: **<https://www.teaching.com.au/search?action=search&q=proudfoot&type>***

*StoryBoard is an initiative of Byron Writers Festival. If you would like to help keep StoryBoard workshops free for all children in the Northern Rivers, please make a donation today:  
[www.givenow.com.au/byronwritersfestivalkids](http://www.givenow.com.au/byronwritersfestivalkids)*