

## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Dates to remember...

#### Story Dog with Meg and Kaya

- ◆ Wednesday's postponed

#### Religious Education

- ◆ Tuesday

#### Library borrowing

- ◆ Thursday

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#### FHPS Cross Country

- ◆ Tuesday, 30 March

#### State Swimming Championships

- ◆ Thursday 1 April

#### Fancy Hat Parade

- ◆ Wednesday, 31 March

#### Tennis catch-up day

- ◆ Thursday, 1 April

#### Breakfast at 8.30am

- ◆ Thursday, 1 April

#### Last Day of Term 1

- ◆ Thursday, 1 April

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### TERM 2

#### First Day of Term 2

- ◆ Tuesday, 20 April

#### P & C AGM Meeting

- ◆ Tuesday, 27 April

#### Sports Term 2—Athletics

- ◆ Commencing, Thursday 13 May

### State Swimming Championship

Our Relay Team are off to Sydney this week for the State Swimming Championship being held at Homebush on Thursday. If you would like to watch the race live log on to the NSW School Sport Unit YouTube Channel at midday.

*We wish Cai, Charli, Olivia and Asia a fantastic time!*

### Our School Cross Country

Parents are welcome to join us at our Cross Country Carnival being held tomorrow at **10.00am** at the Fingal Foreshore Park (on Marine Parade).

The focus of the carnival is for every child to participate and give it their best. This might mean that some children will walk part of the course.

We will need help from a few parents to monitor the marker points around the circuit. Please see Cameron at the park if you would like to help out.

The age group the children will be running in relates to the age they will turn this year.

#### The cross country distances are as follows:

- ◆ 5-7 years, 800m
- ◆ 8-9 years, 2 km
- ◆ 10 years, 2km
- ◆ 11 years, 3km
- ◆ 12-13 years, 3km

**Students will need to wear suitable jogging shoes for the cross country carnival.**

The students will be chosen based on time to progress to the District Cross Country being held on Monday, 3 May at Bilambil.

### Fancy Hat Parade

Our students have been invited to participate in the B & J Foundation fundraiser for schools. Our school could win \$1,000, \$750 \$500 or \$250. The students can make a Fancy hat, Easter hat or bonnet at home and bring them to school on Wednesday for our parade judging.

A small group of students and parents are invited to represent the school in the Hat Parade at the B & J Foundation Schools fundraiser being held this Saturday at Seagulls commencing at 10.00am on the Seagulls Club foreshore area. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, only 1 parent will be able to accompany their child. **Lunch will be provided by the Seagulls Club.**

Please complete the attached response form indicating if you would be available to represent the school.

### Alpha Company visit

On Thursday, 22 April association members of the Alpha Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, will be visiting the school to talk to the students about ANZAC.

Alpha company are visiting the Tweed for a reunion to commemorate the 51st Anniversary of their departure from Vietnam.

The company have donated a Lone Pine Tree for the students to plant on the day. This tree is a symbol for remembering all Australian lives lost in all wars.



The 'Loansome Pine' was the only tree left standing on a ridge above the beaches of Gallipoli during World War 1.

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## Bunnings Art Competition

Our K/1/2 class have entered the creative arts competition being held by Bunnings, Tweed Heads. The criteria for the competition was to create a nature collage using a base of corflute board provided by Bunnings.

Our students chose an aerial view of Fingal and Cook Island as their inspiration.

The entry will be submitted this week and judging will be over the holiday break.



*K/1/2 Collage of Fingal Head.....*

## Thursday Breakfast

On the last day of term 1, (this Thursday, 1 April) we will be serving bacon and egg muffins for breakfast.

Breakfast is from 8.30am this Thursday. Please do not send your child to school before 8.30am.

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

## Reminder.....

## Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre....Term 3

Our senior class (Years 3 to 6) will be going to the Dorrroughby Education Centre in Term 4, from **Wednesday, 27 to Friday, 29 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 Dorrroughby.

**The cost will be approximately \$150.**

Please complete the expression of interest form attached and return to the school.

**Fundraising.....**Our student leaders will be distributing raffle books **this week** to reduce the cost of the camp.

Selling raffle tickets is optional. However, it will give parents and students the opportunity to reduce their camp cost if they wish.

## AGM and General P & C Meeting

Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday, 27 April.

We must have a quorum of at least 5 for these meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. So please come along and support your school and share ideas. *No contribution is too small! Please mark this date on your calendar.*

## Student Extended Leave Applications

A reminder.....With the holidays drawing near that it is a Department requirement for parents to complete a leave form for their child if they will be taking extended leave.

If your child will be absent for an extended length of time for illness, family reasons, holiday etc, please notify the school prior to leaving or as soon as possible. Forms need to be completed by parents and held on record at the school with details of the extended leave. These are required for audit purposes.

## 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

## Late Arrivals and Early Departures

It is a 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

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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 2 weeks of applying.

### 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

This Thursday, 1 April is the last day of Term 1 for students and staff.

Staff Development Days are: 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.

***We wish you all a safe and happy holiday!***

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# P & C News

Our next P & C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting followed by our General Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 April at 3.15pm

Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly \$1.00 membership fee.

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 Thursday morning prior to Monday's P & C Meeting)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## B & J Foundation.....Easter Hat or Fancy Hat Parade

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ We will be able to attend the Hat being held at Seagulls on Saturday, 3 April at 10.00am if chosen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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