

## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Dates to remember...

#### Story Dog with Meg and Kaya

- ♦ Wednesday's postponed

#### Religious Education

- ♦ Tuesday

#### Sports.....AFL

- ♦ Commencing Thursday

#### Library borrowing

- ♦ Thursday

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#### Cricket Program

- ♦ Tuesday, 9 March

#### Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 12 March

#### Story Board Program

- ♦ Friday, 19 March

#### Harmony Day & Anti Bullying Day

- ♦ Friday, 19 March

#### FHPS Cross Country

- ♦ Tuesday, 23 March

#### AFL Program each Thursday

- ♦ concluding 25 March

#### Last Day of Term 1

- ♦ Thursday, 1 April

### Far North Coast Swim Championships

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

They once again represented our school as members of the Small Schools Team. Last Wednesday they travelled to Ballina to compete at the Far North Coast Swimming Championships.

#### Results following:

***Our Relay Team; Asia, Charli, Olivia, Cai and Milan (reserve), placed 1st with a 7 second lead.***

The team have qualified to compete in the North Coast PSSA Championships to be held at Coffs Harbour this Wednesday, 3 March.

***We wish them all the best in the Competition!***

### Story Board Program

Unfortunately, our Story Board Program had to be rescheduled due to illness. Lucas will now be coming to the school for the Story Board program on Friday, 19 March for the program.

### Term 1 Sports - Years K to 6

Our in-school AFL program will commence this Thursday with Kate from AFL Australia. Kate will be coaching from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. The students are being coached within their class groups.

We have one catch up day for Tennis. This was due to a rainy day cancellation. We will catch up before the end of term on a day to be confirmed.

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

### Cricket Program

Cricket NSW has contacted the school and offered our students a free cricket workshop. A coach from Cricket NSW will be coming to the school on Tuesday, 9 March from 1.45pm to 2.55pm. The students will participate in their class groups.



### Sun and the Solar System

This term the senior class is learning about the sun and the solar system. Last week the students built their very own solar oven made from a pizza box where they were able to test its capability by melting marshmallows.

### Clean Up Australia Day

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

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.

Supervision will be by school staff. Kay and Peter from Fingal Coast Care will be joining the senior class.

*Many thanks Kay and Peter!*

**Things to bring/wear:** water bottle, hat and suitable enclosed shoes. We have disposable **gloves** available for the children to use or they can bring their own if they wish.

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

### FHPS Cross Country

Our school cross country will be held on Tuesday, 23 March at the Fingal Foreshore Park on Marine Parade.

The students have started training at school in preparation for the carnival.

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**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

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

Students will need to wear suitable jogging shoes for both training and 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.

**Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day**

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and Anti-bullying Day on Friday, 19 March.

**Harmony Day** is about sharing our cultural respect for all and promoting inclusiveness, and a sense of belonging for everyone. The ongoing theme of Harmony day is 'everyone belongs'.

The children can dress or decorate themselves in orange on this day, as this is the recognised colour for Harmony Day.

**The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** is an important day to mark Australian school communities standing together against bullying and violence. Anti Bullying day is about promoting friendship; being there for your friends and taking care of each other.

The teachers and children will discuss Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day in their class groups.

**Reminder.....**

**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, 27 to Friday, 29 October. (Please note the date change)**. 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.

**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.

**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

**Story Dog Reading Program**

Unfortunate, Kaya and Meg will be away for 2 to 4 weeks as Kaya is sick and will need to recover before returning as our Story Dog.

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

**Friday Breakfast**

This Friday breakfast will be pancakes, maple syrup and fruit.

The last day of term 1 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!*

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### ICT Agreement

The classroom teachers have been talking to the students about the safe use of technology. The students have been given an ICT agreement to take home to be signed by both the students and parent. Please return your signed consent form to the school if you have not already done so.

### 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](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.

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**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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**P & C News**

We have a P & C Meeting this afternoon. Our next meeting will be advised in next week's newsletter.

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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## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

**Order for Monday, 8 March**

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

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

☐

Name of Child: --

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):--