Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7

8 March 2021

FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dates to remember...

Story Dog with Meg and Kaya
- Wednesday's postponed

Religious Education
- Tuesday

AFL Sports.....1.30pm-3.00pm
- 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 Thursday
- Concludes 25 March

Hat Parade
- Wednesday, 31 March

Tennis catch-up day
- Thursday, 1 April

Last Day of Term 1
- Thursday, 1 April

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P & C AGM Meeting
- Tuesday, 27th April

North Coast Swim Championships

Congratulations to Cai, Charli, Olivia and Asia!

They travelled with their families to Coffs Harbour last week to participate in the North Coast Swimming Championships as members of our Small Schools' Team. They had an exciting time and enjoyed working together as a team.....there was lots of cheering and excitement!

The team placed 3rd qualifying them to compete at the NSW State Swimming Championships to be held in Sydney on Thursday, 1 April.

Many thanks to the B & J Foundation for sponsoring the team to go to Sydney!

Great team work..... wish you a fantastic time !

B & J Foundation

Steve, the director of the B & J Foundation has invited us to participate in a fundraising venture he has been organising for Easter Saturday for our local schools.

To take part in this fundraiser our children have been asked to make a Fancy hat, Easter hat or bonnet. The children, who would like to participate, will be able to make their hats at home and bring them to school on Wednesday, 31 March at 10.00 am for our Hat Parade judging.

The Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade is being held at Seagulls Club foreshore area. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, only 1 parent will be able to accompany their child.

A small group of students and parents are invited to represent the school and be given the opportunity to raise funds for the school. These funds can be used to purchase school resources of our choice. The students will parade their hats and prizes will be awarded to the participating schools.

Lunch will be provided by the Seagull Club.

Please complete the attached response form indicating if you would be available to represent the school at Seagulls Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade.

Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews

Thank you to everyone who attended their interview over the past 2 weeks. We know it is sometimes difficult to make it to meetings.

An interview feedback sheet was given to parents at these meetings, but unfortunately some parents missed out on receiving their feedback sheet.

We have attached a feedback form to this newsletter if you would like to participate in the survey. All survey responses are anonymous and are only for the purpose of improving procedures.

PDHPE

In the K-2 room this week we will be commencing our child protection unit.

The first unit is 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

If you would like any information regarding this unit, please contact the school.

Regular Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. We are here to help you do that!

The department have set out specific rules that we must following in recording absence.

Please read the attached letter to parents that includes the Every Minute Counts guide.

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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 tomorrow from 1.45pm to 2.55pm. The students will participate in their class groups.

Term 1 Sports - Years K to 6

Our in-school AFL Australia program commenced last Thursday afternoon. Conor and Trent are our coaches for this term. The students are being coached within their class groups.

Funding through the Sporting Schools program has allowed us to run AFL coaching free of charge to the students.

Clean Up Australia Day

This 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.

Reminder.....

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 croissants with cheese.
The last day of term 1, (Thursday, 1 April) 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!

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.

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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 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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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, 27th 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 Tuesday, 27th April at the school.

Agenda items/s _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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B & J Foundation.....Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade

Parent's Name _____

Child's Name _____

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

Signed _____

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Order for Monday, 15 March

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 11 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 ☐

Chicken & Avocado Roll ☐

Tuna Roll G/F ☐

Tuna & Avocado Roll G/F ☐

Salmon & Avocado Roll G/F ☐

Avocado Roll G/F ☐

Popper **$1 per popper** ☐

Name of Child: --_____

Amount Enclosed (CASH ONLY):---_____

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be late or absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday

exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

One of our school goals on our new School Improvement Plan is to increase the proportion of students attending >90% of the time. To support this goal this year, termly letters will be sent to all parents/carers reporting on the attendance of their child/ren over the previous term.

Please feel free to contact the school to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Linda Dawson

R/Principal FHPS

NSW Education & Communities
Public Schools NSW

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!

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February 2021 Parent/Student/Teacher interviews feedback

Thank you from the Fingal Head staff

Please answer the following questions using a scale of 1-5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is definitely

Circle your answer

Did you find the interview helpful?	1	2	3	4	5
Were staff able to answer your questions?	1	2	3	4	5
Would you be interested in attending another interview later in the year?		YES		NO	

If you have more questions and would like us to call you to arrange another meeting this term, please fill in your details and a staff member will be in touch to organise a suitable time.

Name: _____

Any other comments