

## 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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#### 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

#### Fancy Hat Parade

- ◆ Wednesday, 31 March

#### Tennis catch-up day

- ◆ 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

Dear parents

*It has been a long wait, but parents are now permitted to join us at school functions and sporting events.*

*Guidelines have also been relaxed and you are welcome to enter the school grounds but must sign in at the office using the Covid safe check in and sign in book.*

*Please contact the office if you would like to organise any formal meetings with the teachers.*

### North Coast Swim Team

Steve from B & J Foundation visited the school last Wednesday to assist staff in finalising details for the team to go to Sydney.

The students presented Mr Rust with a small gift and thanked him for the very generous donation.

*Many thanks to the B & J Foundation for their sponsorship!*

### Clean Up Australia Day

Thank you to Kay, Peter and Anna from Fingal Coast care for helping the children with the Clean Up Day activities.

*Your support is very much appreciated!*

### 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.

### Year 7, 2021..High School

#### Expression of Interest

Our Years 6 students have been given their Express-

sion of Interest form for moving into Year 7 in 2022. Parents are asked to please complete and return these forms to the school **before this Friday, 19 March.**

### STEM Day

On Friday, Mr Wiggins from Kingscliff High School came to FHPS as part of the STEM program. The students were set the task of designing building a toy or game for a "Kindy student" with limited resources. There were some fantastic designs *Well done senior class!*

### Story Board Program

Lucas will be bringing the free Story Board travelling creative writing workshop to the school this Friday, **19 March.** The whole school will participate in a music and book show. Years 3 to 6 will follow with a creative writing workshop.

### Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and Anti-bullying Day this 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

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your friends and taking care of each other.

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

### **FHPS Cross Country**

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

Parents are invited to join us for the morning with the cross country starting at 10.00am.

We will need the help of a few parents to monitor the marker points along the cross country circuit. Please contact the school or return the attached response form if you would be available to help out.

Our P & C will be organising fruit and water for the students for when they have completed the run. *Many thanks!*

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.

### **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.*

### **Reminder.....**

#### **PDHPE**

In the K,1,2 classroom this week we will be continuing our "Keeping Myself Safe" child protection unit. If you would like information about this unit please contact the school.

#### **B & J Foundation**

We have been invited by Steve, the director of the B & J Foundation 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 if you have not already done so.

### **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 distributing raffle books early term 2 to reduce the cost of the camp. Selling raffle tickets to assist with fundraising is optional. This will give parents and students the opportunity to reduce their camp cost if they wish.

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## 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

Unfortunately, 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, (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.

## 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.

## 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 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

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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, 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/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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## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

Order for Monday, 22 March

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 18 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):-- \_\_\_\_\_

