

## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Dates to remember...

#### Library borrowing

- ♦ K/1/2/3-Tuesday
- ♦ 3/4/5/6-Thursday

#### Monday Sushi Orders Due

- ♦ Thursday

#### Student Breakfast

- ♦ Friday

#### Story Dog Program with Meg and Kyah

- ♦ Wednesdays, commencing Week 5

#### Religious Education

- ♦ Tuesday, commencing Week 5

#### P & C Meeting

- ♦ TBA

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#### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Tuesday, 7 February

#### Athletics- Sport

- ♦ Thursdays, commencing 9 February

#### Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival

- ♦ Friday, 17 February

#### Nature's Bee Workshop, Yrs 3/4/5/6

- ♦ Thursday, 2 March

#### Clean up Australia Day

- ♦ Friday, 3 March

#### Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

- ♦ Saturday, 11 March

#### Trivia Night

- ♦ Saturday, 18 March

#### Harmony Day

- ♦ Tuesday, 21 March

#### Nature's Bee Workshop, Yrs K/1/2

- ♦ Thursday, 30 March

#### Anzac Day

- ♦ Thursday, 6 April
- ♦ Easter Hat Parade
- ♦ Thursday, 6 April

### \*Welcome back to the new School Year!\*

We wish a warm welcome to our new students and their families!

Our Kindergarten children will commence classes tomorrow with Miss Chantelle Kidd. Miss Kidd will meet with the children individually once they have settled into the school routine to assess their background knowledge on starting school. This is part of the Best Start Program.

*Best wishes for a happy and successful year!*

### COVID-19

Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms. Any student with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- ♦ they have negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free
- ♦ they have obtained a medical certificate stating their condition.

### School Newsletters

Newsletters are printed and sent home with the children fortnightly. They are also sent out via School Stream and uploaded on to our Website. I have attached the School Stream App information to this Newsletter.

### School Website

Please check our school website for updates. You will find our 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.

### 2023 Information Booklet

Our Information Booklet will be sent home with the children this week. If you would like further information please feel free to speak to your child's classroom teacher or call Fran or Tanya in the office.

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held next week, on Tuesday 7 February at the Murwillumbah Pool. The carnival is open to children turning **8 years and older, 2023.**

#### Carnival Information-

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 7 February
<b>Venue</b>	Murwillumbah Pools
<b>Transport</b>	Bus
<b>Leave Fingal</b>	9.00am
<b>Carnival</b>	10.00am to approx. 1.30pm
<b>Return to school</b>	2.15pm
<b>Cost</b>	Bus Fare and Pool entry \$10 Please pay this to the school. Parents attending - please pay on entry to the pool.
<b>Supervision</b>	Supervision will be by School staff.
<b>Things to bring.</b>	Swimmers, towel, sun screen, hat, water bottle, morning tea and lunch.
<b>Recommended:</b>	goggles and cap.

The children will be selected to be members of the Small Schools Swimming Team, based on their times at this carnival. The Small Schools Team will compete at the Murwillumbah District Carnival. Successful swimmers will be given a note with details concerning their participation in the District Carnival.

### Term 1, Sports

Sport for Term 1 will be Athletics. We have applied for funding through the Sporting Schools program to allowed us to offer this program.

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Dave, will once again be running this program. Dave is a qualified coach, authorised by Athletics Australia and Sporting Schools. He will be coming to the school each Thursday, commencing 9 February.

### Sushi Lunch

The students will be able to order a Sushi lunch once again this year. If you would like to order the Sushi lunch for Monday, please complete and return your order and payment by this Thursday, (see the attached order form or order via the School Stream App.)

Orders MUST be returned in an envelope with payment to school by Thursday.

### Friday Breakfast

Many thanks to our local sponsor, B & J Foundation for funding our breakfast program once again this year. Breakfast each Friday morning will be from 8.30am. No early arrivals please.

### Trivia Night

Our Trivia Night flyer is attached to this Newsletter....please spread the news and save the date, 18 March, for a fun night!

### Bunnings Barbeque

We have been successful in the Bunnings Barbeque draw for 11 March, 2023. Please save the date and complete the attached response form and forward it to the school if you are available to help out in anyway.

### 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.

### School Travel

Applications for 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 within the 2 weeks following application.

### 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 main page menu on 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 payment details

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

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 enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office.

### Term 2, 2023

The last day of Term 1 will be Thursday, 6 April 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.

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### Premier's Back to School NSW Program

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50 vouchers) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery

Every primary and secondary school student in NSW is eligible for the vouchers.

You can apply for and access your vouchers in your MyServiceNSW account, in the Service NSW app, by calling Service NSW on 137788 or by [visiting your local Service Centre](#)[External link](#).

To be eligible, your child needs to be a NSW resident and enrolled in a NSW primary or secondary school in 2023.

For more information and to access all vouchers, visit the [Service NSW website](#)[External link](#).

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### Religious Education Participation

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.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

Gwen, from SRE Tweed Heads Presbyterian will be bringing a Christian based Scripture to the School each Tuesday commencing, 21 February, (11.30am to 12.00pm). Years K/1/2 and 3/4/5/6 students will participate in their class groups on alternate weeks. Students not attending SRE will be given supervised alternative meaningful activities on the Scripture week.

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### Scripture Consent Form, 2023

Please enter your child's details below and return this notice to the school if you **would like** your child to attend SRE each fortnight.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Small Schools Carnival Consent Form

I give my consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to and from the Murwillumbah Pools and participate in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 7 February 2023. I understand supervision will be by school staff.

My child **can** swim 50m

or

My child **cannot** swim 50m

Events my child would be interested in competing in are:

50m Freestyle

50m Breaststroke

50 Backstroke

50 Butterfly

100m Freestyle (all ages)

Individual Medley (50m of each stroke)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver

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## Bunnings Barbeque Fundraiser

Our school has been drawn out of the 'Bunnings Barbeque Fundraiser Draw' once again this year and have secured a date for Saturday, 11 March from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Unfortunately, last year we had to relinquish our spot due to parent volunteers being unavailable on the day.

Bunnings at South Tweed Heads support community non-profit organisations by allowing non-profit groups to hold barbeques with the sole purpose of fundraising. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our school, as fundraising has been very restricted.

For this fundraiser to go head, we will need volunteers. We are setting a roster and ideally 2-hour time slots are preferred. If you are not available for a 2-hours timeslot and you can spare any time to pick up, setup or pack up that would be fantastic. We will need at least 4 people at a time, repairing/cleaning, cooking, and serving on the barbeque.

Please indicate your availability on the response sheet below and return it to the school as soon as possible.

*Many thanks.*

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### Bunnings Barbeque Helpers.....Saturday, 11 March

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Set Up from 7.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.00am to 10.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.00am to 12.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.00pm to 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.00pm to 4.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean up 4.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## FINGAL HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL – SUSHI ORDER

### Order for Monday, 6 February

Form & payment to be returned to school by Thursday, 2 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

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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