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### Newsletter

**Fingal Head Public School**

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**Dates to remember......**

- **Stewart House Rehearsal and Concert**
  - Wednesday, 19 August
- **Premiers Spelling Bee**
  - Thursday, 27 August
- **Carrara Chess Tournament**
  - Wednesday, 2 September
- **FNC Public Speaking Finals**
  - Thursday, 3 September
- **School Photographer**
  - Friday, 4 September
- **NAIDOC Celebrations**
  - 8 and 9 September
- **Jump Rope for Heart**
  - Thursday, 17 September

**Last day of Term 3**
- Friday, 18 September

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**Fingal Head School Public Speaking**

Congratulations to all the children who participated in our Public Speaking Competition last week. We thoroughly enjoyed your presentations!

A special thank you to our adjudicators: Beverley, Marilyn, Lurleen and Suzanne and to our parents for helping the children prepare.

**The children’s results are as follows:**

**Years K/1/2**
- 1st Indiana
- Runners Up Bronte
- Adjudicators Encouragement Awards... Jada, Asia and Tyler

**Years 3/4**
- 1st Hester
- Runners Up Georgie
- Adjudicators Encouragement Awards... Macey and Lochlan

**Years 5/6**
- 1st Monty
- Runners Up Tulasi
- Adjudicators Encouragement Awards... Vanessa and Ashi

**Congratulations to Monty, Hester and Indiana!**

They will represent the school at the Far North Coast Competition being held on Thursday, 3 September at Banora Point School.

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**Far North Coast Athletics**

Ashi, Urias Jason, Finn and Julung represented the district and school at the Far North Coast Athletics held last Friday at Byron Bay.

Our PP5 Relay Team; Urias, Jason, Finn and Julung ran well and placed 3rd on the day! **Congratulations....Great Team Work!**

**Congratulations to Ashi! Ashi placed 5th in Junior High Jump!**

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**Our Relay Team will progress to compete at the North Coast Athletic Championships being held at Coffs Harbour on 28 August. Have a great day!**

**Stewart House Concert...this Wednesday**

The whole school will be performing in the Senior and Junior Choirs and a Dance item at the Stewart House Concert this Wednesday eventing at Murwillumbah High School.

The concert runs over 2 nights but we will only be performing on **Wednesday, 19 August, 7.00pm to 9.00pm**. There will be a day rehearsal at Murwillumbah on Wednesday also.

**Dress Rehearsal at school tomorrow - Oompa Loompa’s—We would like Oompa Loompas to wear 2 different coloured socks and comfortable joggers. These can be colourful also but if you only have black that would be fine.**

The children are to bring their costumes to school tomorrow. Please mark clothing items with your child’s name and place all in a bag marked with your child’s name also. An information note went home last week. If you are unsure of anything please just give the school a ring.

**Bus Transport to Rehearsal......students at school by 9.00am**

We have booked a bus to transport the children to and from rehearsal. The bus will leave from the school at **9.05am**. The cost will be $5 per child.

The children are to wear their school uniform to rehearsal.

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Please send your child with their fruit, a packed recess, lunch and a water bottle.

**Uniforms/Costumes for Night Concert**—The children are to wear their costumes to the concert night with their school jumper over the top. This way when they sing in the choir they will be in school uniform as required and only need to remove the jumper and put on the balance of their costumes when it is time for their dance item.

**Transport and organisation for the Night Concert** - Parents will be required to transport their child to the night performance.

Our Fingal staff will be waiting at the entrance to the Murwillumbah High School Elliott Centre. Please deliver your child to a staff member at 6.30pm and collect your child from the same spot at the end of the night. Please do not take your child home without letting a Fingal staff member know.

Concert Tickets -
Tickets were only available to purchase through the school. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door and seating is unallocated, so first in the door gets their choice of seat.

If you have not purchased a ticket please contact the school as we saved a ticket for each family. Students performing do not require a ticket. (A program is attached to this Newsletter.)

**AFL Sports**

The children will be participating in AFL sports each Friday for 6 weeks, commencing this Friday. (This will take us in to Term 4).

Mark, from AFL Tweed will be dividing the children into 2 groups for 1 hour sessions each Friday afternoon. The cost of this program is $25 per child and each child will receive a AFL Football.

Please complete and return the attached consent form along with the fee prior to Friday.

**Carrara Chess Tournament**

On Wednesday, 2 September our chess students will be travelling to the Carrara Basketball Stadium to compete in one of the largest interschool chess tournaments in Australia.

We will be hiring a small bus for the day which will seat approximately 11 children. Mrs Marshall is licensed to drive the bus. We need to transport 22 children to the chess day and therefore will require transport for the remaining 11 children.

Please mark this day on your calendar. Any assistance with transport would be much appreciated. Further information will be sent home when we receive full details but it is anticipated we will leave from Fingal at approximately 7.45am and return to Fingal at approximately 3.15pm.

Many thanks to Ms Belbin for coaching once again this year. The children look forward to these days.

**Premier Spelling Bee**

The Premier’s Spelling Bee is an opportunity for students to increase their literacy skills while engaging in an educational and enjoyable activity. There is a Junior division for students in Years 3 and 4 and a Senior division for Years 5 and 6.

Word lists created by the Macquarie Dictionary and published on the Arts Unit website have now been printed and distributed to the children.

Our in-school Spelling Bee competition will take place on Thursday, 27 August.

**Times:**
- ♦ 9.00am Years 5 and 6
- ♦ 11.30am Years 3 and 4

Parents are welcome to come along.

Two representatives will be chosen from each group to compete in the Regional Finals, which will be held on Monday, 7 September at Fingal.

**Reminders........**

**Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

Each year Lions Clubs around the world sponsor the Lions Club Peace poster contest in local schools to encourage young people, ages 11 to 13 years, to artistically express their visions of peace.

The Theme for 2015—2016 is: “Share Peace, Bringing Peace to the World, through one child at a time”. This opens up an opportunity to discuss with children the true importance of peace.

Our children will complete their entries at school. One entry from each school will be selected to progress to the next level of competition. International finalists are selected from these entrants.
**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on Friday, 4 September. Photo envelopes will be sent home as soon as we receive them. They will be marked with your child’s name and corresponding barcode. MSP take photos on a pre-paid basis only.

Please mark this day on your calendar. Full details will be sent home when we receive our photo envelopes.

**Head Lice**

Head Lice is an ongoing concern in all schools. We have had a few cases reported over the last week. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat when necessary.

If you do not like to use hair treatments too regularly you can drench hair with conditioner, and cover with a shower cap. You leave the cap on for about an hour to smother the lice. Comb the conditioner through with a Head Lice Comb removing the lice and eggs.

A diluted solution of water and a couple of drops of tea tree oil and lavender sprayed on and combed through hair each morning is a great deterrent for head lice also. Any hair treatment such as Mouse or Hair Spray helps also.

**NAIDOC Celebrations**

Our new dates for NAIDOC Celebrations at the School are Tuesday 8 and Wednesday, 9 September. The sleepover night for the children will be on Tuesday, 8 September.

A detailed note will be sent home as it nears these days.

**Les Peterkin Portrait Prize for Children**

Prizes are awarded, and a selection of artwork will be displayed from 2 October to the 15 November at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

**Scholar Dollars...Tweed City**

Our school is participating in the Scholar Dollars promotion being held by Tweed City Shopping Centre. If you shop at Tweed City you can earn points for the school by allocating your shopping docket points to our school tally.

You can either present your docket at the Service Desk at Tweed City and they will add your docket to our tally or send them in to us at school and we will take them in bulk to the Service Desk. If you send them in to us, please indicate if you require the docket returned to you, otherwise we will dispose of them after they have been included in our tally.

Bonus points are given at some shops and throughout the promotion. There is also an additional weekly competition for anyone interested.

Small Schools will be taken into consideration at the final tally. The campaign is now open and closes on Thursday, 3 September.

1st Prize: $10,000 of Technology
2nd Prize: $3,000 of Prizes & Gift Vouchers
3rd Prize: $2,000 of Prizes and Gift Vouchers

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program closes on Tuesday, 8 September. We have registered our school in the community program as we received a great selection of books when we last entered.

You can collect Earn & Learn Points from the Woolworths checkout operators and place them on a Points Sheet. There will be 1 point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, you can place your Points Sheet in the collection box at school. We are also hoping to secure at place for a collection box at Woolworths Kingscliff and Tweed City. We then collate our sticker cards and send them back to claim resources from Modern Teaching Aid.

If you shop at Woolworths or you have friends who shop at Woolworths and won’t be using their stickers please ask them to but them in our school box at Woolworths Tweed City or Kingscliff Shopping Centres or send them into the school.

**2016 Enrolments**

If you know of any parents considering enrolling their children in 2016, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Out of Zone Enrolment Forms are available from the school and application for next year will be considered by 18 September and parents contacted soon after.

**Term Dates**

The last day of Term 3 will be Friday, 18 September. Student return to school in Term 4 on Tuesday, 6 October.
P & C Meeting—Date to included in next week’s Newsletter.

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 item/s _________________________________________________________

(Please submit Monday morning prior to Wednesday’s P & C Meeting)

Signed _____________________________ Date ________________
Stewart House Rehearsal Consent Form

I give my consent for my child ______________________ to travel by bus to and from Murwillumbah Public School on Wednesday, 19 August 2015 for Stewart House Rehearsals. I understand supervision will be by school staff and the bus fare is $5.00.

Signed ___________________________
Parent/Carer

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AFL Sport Consent Form

I give my consent for my child ______________________ to participate in the AFL Sports Program each Friday for 6 weeks. I understand supervision will be by school staff and the sports fee is $25.00.

Signed ___________________________
Parent/Carer