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 this Thursday, 27 August.

Times:
- 9.00am Years 5 and 6
- 11.30am Years 5 and 6

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. We are hosting one of the Premier Spelling Finals this year and therefore the finals will be held in our MPU building also.

AFL Sports

The children participated in their first AFL session last Friday at school and will continue each Friday for 6 weeks, excluding 11 September. (This will take us in to Term 4).

Mark, from AFL QLD who is based at the Byron Regional Sports Complex has divided the children into 2 groups for 1 hour sessions,

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K/1/2/3 from 12.00 to 1.00pm and 4/5/6 from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

The program is the Auskick program which is an introduction to AFL. It is a non-contact modified program focusing on skill, confidence and character building. Mark will be including some non AFL converted games in the program also.

The full cost of the program is $25 per child and each child will receive an AFL Football.

Please complete and return the attached AFL Consent Form along with the fee prior to Friday if you have not already done so.

**Carrara Chess Tournament**

Next week, on Wednesday, 2 September our chess students in Years 4/5/6 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 16 children to the chess day and therefore will require transport for the remaining 5 children.

Any assistance with transport would be much appreciated. Further information will be sent home in a separate note this week 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.

**School Photos**

Student photos will be taken on Friday, 4 September. Photo envelopes have been sent home today and are marked with your child’s name and corresponding barcode. Please check your envelope to make sure it has your child’s name on the top. Package and ordering information can be found on your envelope. If you did not receive an envelope or you would like an additional one, please contact the school as soon as possible.

MSP take photos on a pre-paid basis only. Please enclose the correct money in your photo envelope as these are handed unopened to MSP photography. If you do not have the correct change in the envelope they will issue you your change via a cheque after the photo day.

The children will be photographed early on the day, starting at 9.00am. Please send your child in full school uniform on this day.

Please ensure that if you require a new uniform, change for your photo envelope or a Family Photo Envelope please organise this prior to photo day.

Family Photo envelopes are available from the school office. The photographers stress that these are for the children attending Fingal School only.

**Scholar Dollars...Tweed City**

We were placed 13th of 48 registered school in the Scholar Dollar, Tweed City program. (Tally Sheet attached.) Small Schools will be taken into consideration at the final tally. The campaign is closes next week on Thursday, 3 September.

You can either present your dockets at the Service Desk at Tweed City and they will add your dockets 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 dockets 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.

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

**Kindergarten Orientation Morning and 2016 Enrolments**

Kindergarten Orientation morning will be held at the school on Wednesday, 4 November. If you know of any parents considering enrolling their child next year, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Out of Zone Enrolment Forms are available from the school, applications will be considered by 18 September and parents contacted soon after.

**Banaam Indigenous Surf Titles**

The Banaam Indigenous Surf Titles will be held at Fingal from 10 to 13 September. (Flyer attached and some additional information below.)

Our students have been invited to attend on Friday, 11 September. More information when it nears this day.

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Dear Friends and Family,
The countdown begins for this years Banaam Indigenous Surf Title Festival (BIST) held at Fingal...
Don’t forget to look at our Website!
http://www.fingalhead-p.school.nsw.edu.au

*   Celebrating Achievement since 1895

Beach from 11th - 13th of September.

But BIST is much more than a Surfing Competition....
Its about the celebration of the Indigenous and Surfing culture of Australia.
Indigenous people (Salt Water Mobs) have had a special relationship with the ocean for over 40,000 years. The Gold Coast and its beaches have provided hundreds of tribes with a sanctuary to hunt, gather, live and socialise (including surfing) for centuries and in exchange we retain a strong connection to the country, actively caring for and not only reconnecting our people to this place, but also sharing our knowledge of the ocean and its beauty and dangers with the wider community.

This will be the first Indigenous Surf comp in over 16 years in the Gold Coast and Tweed Area and only 1 of 3 in the whole of Australia. The BIST event will primarily promote Indigenous Surfing, giving the athletes the exposure necessary to attract sponsors and gain recognition in the industry.
We will be working with other community groups, surfing organisations and sponsors to implement “Closing the Gap” initiatives and to create opportunities to encourage further Indigenous Surfing on the Gold Coast and within Australia.

With your help we would like to raise funds to help put on this amazing event successfully, and specifically get the funding to pay for production, surfing equipment and mentor workshops for those up and coming young Indigenous surfers in Australia.
For Donations please visit http://www.gofundme.com/Banaamsurf

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Term Dates
The last day of Term 3 will be Friday, 18 September. Student return to school in Term 4 on Tuesday, 6 October.
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P & C News

P & C Meeting—Wednesday, 14 October at 1.30pm at the school. All Welcome

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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 Monday morning prior to Wednesday's P & C Meeting)

Signed _____________________________ Date ________________