This is the last week of lessons:

**Trivia Night**

We will be holding a Trivia Night at the school on Saturday, 2 April. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so please gather a group of 10 and book a table or alternatively, we can place you on a table. More information will be forwarded when all details have been finalised.

**Please join us for the official opening and morning tea.**

**Walkin’ on Water Surf Program**

The children are enjoying their weekly surfing and surf safety lessons. Many thanks to our parents who have been driving the children to and from the pools over the past 2 weeks. It’s fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children are to improve their swimming skills.

**Intensive Swimming Program**

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**Fingal Head Public School**

**Term 1 Week 5**

22 February 2016

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We have disposable gloves available for the children to use or they can bring their own if they wish. Please send your child with a water bottle, hat and wearing suitable enclosed shoes.

Could you please complete the attached ‘Blanket Permission Form for Local Excursions’ and return it to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Fingal Coast Care have also organised for a Community Clean Up Skip Bin to the placed opposite the old boat harbour in the quarry area.

**Daily News Kindergarten Photo**

On Thursday, 10 March at 9.15am the Daily News will be coming to the school to take a photo of our Kindergarten children for inclusion in their ‘Starting School’ section of the Daily News. Please mark this day on you calendar.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the photo, please contact the school prior to the day.

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

**Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts........Speech and Drama**

The Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts (Speech and Drama section only) will be held at Murwillumbah Civic Centre from Thursday, 16 June to Tuesday, 21 June. Forms have been sent home. If you would like your child to enter the competition please complete and return your child’s entry form to the school prior to **6 March**. We will only be entering children in the Speech and Drama sections so please disregard any information on the attached information sheet and form that does not relate to Speech and Drama.

Please note: Late entries cannot be accepted as they must reach the convener by the closing date.

You will need to provide your child’s transport to and from the Murwillumbah Civic Centre and supervision for the appropriate days. **The competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday also.**

We would like parents to assist their child in choosing a suitable poem/prose for the competition. This does not have to be finalised by the 6 March but the entry form must be in. If you are having difficulties finding a suitable poem as it nears the competition, we can help with some suggestions.

Katie (Hester’s mum) will listen to the children’s poems and give some suggestions as it nears the competition date, but primarily it is parents responsibility to prepare their child for the competition.

Thank you Katie for helping the children once again this year!

**Work books**

Our student work book order has been placed and in some cases received. The children will receive either subject books and/or booklet/worksheets throughout the year depending on their class and level. The cost will be $30 in total.

Please reimburse the school for the cost of these work books as soon as possible.

**General School Contribution**

(Voluntary School Fees)

The School Fees for 2016 school year for Years Kindergarten to 6 has been set at $40 for the first child, $40 for the second and $35 for the third child.

**URGENT........Personal Information Declaration**

Permission to Publish and Online Access Forms are attached to this Newsletters. Some parents completed the sections when enrolling their child. Some parents either did not tick 1 or both boxes on the form.

If you have not returned a completed form or you have ticked no, your child will not be able to be included in various activities. If you are hesitant to tick a box please give the school a ring for clarification. If you do not place a tick in the box it is classified as NO consent and it will not be possible for your child to continue participating in existing online curriculum programs or be included in a photo opportunity. If you would like further information or clarification please contact the school or speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you.

**Scripture Class**

There will be no scripture classes for 2 weeks as Mary is waiting on the children’s work books. Classes will be held each Thursday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. The children are divided into 2 age appropriate groups for a 30 minute lesson each week.

If you do not wish your child to participate in Scripture, please contact the school.
Term Dates and Staff Development Days

The last day of Term 1 is Friday, 8 April for students and staff.

Staff Development Days – The first day of term for Terms 2, and 3 and last 2 days of Term 4. Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days.

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Blanket Permission Form for Local Excursions

I give permission for my child/children __________________ to participate in any local excursions in the Fingal Head area throughout the 2016 school year. I understand supervision will be by school staff and the children may be walking to and from activities/venues.

Signed __________________
Parent/Carer

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P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 March at 1.30pm.

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

Signed _____________________________ Date ________________
URGENT ..............Organised Excursion Out of School

We endeavour to book a bus for most of our out of school excursions throughout the year but sometimes this is not possible due to the cost. This is mainly when we are doing an intensive program such as the surfing lessons starting this Friday and Swimming next Monday.

Departmental Policy insisted that we acquire the following documentation in relation to excursions:

- Parental Consent Form
- Special Water Activity Form
  - Where parents are involved in transporting students other than their own - a photocopy is required of the following documents:
    - A current Drivers License is held.
    - The vehicle is registered and fitted with approved seat belts.

To make it easier for those parents who will be offering their services in driving students to and from venues at any future time, the school would like you to fill in the attached form and we can then keep this on file from this point in time.

Vehicle and Policy Details

Name of Parent/Caregiver ____________________________

Details of Private Motor Vehicle ____________________________

Make/Year/Model ____________________________

Registration Number ____________________________

Seating Capacity with approved Seat Belts ____________

Do you have comprehensive insurance? Yes/No

If yes please complete details below.

Comprehensive Insurance Policy

Company ____________________________

Number ____________________________

Signature of Parent/ Caregiver ____________________________

Date ____________________________