Meet and Greet Parent Morning Tea

The children enjoyed entertaining their parents last week at the Meet and Greet Morning Tea. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to come along, we understand with work commitments it can be difficult to fit everything in your day but the children do enjoy having their family come to the school.

Intensive Swimming Program

I have spoken with Kaylene at the Kingscliff Swimming Pools and she has advised that individual student results will not be sent out to parents. If you are interested extending your child’s lessons you can contact Kaylene at the pools after 3.00pm on 02 6674 903 and talk to her about your child’s level.

Clean Up Australia Day

Thank you to Kay and Peter and Fingal Head Coast Care volunteers for once again helping the children with Clean Up Australia Day activities. Your support is very much appreciated!

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.

We have not received any student entries to date. If you have misplaced your entry form and would like another please contact the school tomorrow or if you have completed and not returned your form please send it in tomorrow also.

Juraki Surf and Culture Surfing Competition

Juraki Surf Culture, a local Fingal Indigenous organisation has been engaged by the World Surfing League to hold a cultural day on the day prior to the commencement of the Quicksilver Pro competition.

Our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend this Wednesday, 9 March at Snapper Rocks, Coolangatta with the Opening Ceremony set to start at 8.30am. The cultural event will include traditional opening and closing ceremonies as well as meet and greet with surfers and VIP seating to catch some of the trials action.

For the event, Juraki has been responsible for allocating 4 male and 4 female indigenous surfers to compete in a teams’ event with prominent pro-surfers including Joel P. and potentially other world famous surfers such as Mick F, Sally F. (availability to be confirmed).

Proposed Schedule:
8.00am Cars leave from Fingal School
8.30am Welcome to Country and Opening Ceremony
9.00am Local teams and Indigenous and pro surfer competition
10.00am VIP Seating open with children to meet pro surfers
12.00pm Presentation and Closing Ceremony
1.00pm Leave from Snapper Rocks to return to School. (approx. time—Please confirm time with Ms Kirk on Wednesday.)

Supervision and Transport: Miss Kirk will be supervising the children on this day and we ask that parents help with transport.

The children are to wear/bring: Wear School Shirt and board shorts if they wish. Please send your child in shoes and socks. The children are to bring a towel (or something to sit on), hat, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch including snacks all in a small bag.

Please complete and return your signed consent form indicating transport arrangements and return it to the school tomorrow, if you have not already done so.
Celebrate Kindergarten Photo

This 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.

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

Chess Tuition

Ms Belbin has once again offered to tutor our students in chess. Students from Years 2 to 6 are eligible to join the Chess program with Years 4/5/6 starting next Monday. (Children, please note that the classes will run into the first half of the morning recess break.)

Thank you to Ms Belbin for offering this program to the children once again this year!

Launch into Life

Our Year 6 students will be attending the Launch into Life careers event being held on 7 April and hosted by the Griffith University at the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences Southport.

The children received a consent form last week. Could parents please sign and return this to the school tomorrow as numbers are required by the convenor.

Trivia Night........Book a seat or table of 10

We will be holding a Trivia Night at the school on Saturday, 2 April. The Theme on the night is “Wear a Hat”.

This is our major fundraiser for the year, so please gather a group of 10 and book a table or alternatively just book a seat and we can place you on a table.

We are now taking table and seat bookings......so please ring a few friends, and book your table! Tickets are $10 per person and can be paid to the school when collecting your ticket.

More information will be forwarded when all details have been finalised.

Please mark this date on your calendar and book your seat!

Library on Wednesday...day change

The children will be able to borrow from our School Library each Wednesday. Please encourage your child to borrow and return regularly on a Wednesday. Thank you.

Reminders..............

Scripture Class

The Student Work Books have now arrived and Scripture will continue again this week. Classes will be held each Thursday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm by Mary. 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.

Walkin’ on Water Surf Program

Dates

Friday, 11, 18 March and 1 April.

Leave from School

Surf Program

Leave to return to school

Transport

Parents

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.

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.
Juraki Surf and Culture Day Consent Form

I give my consent for my child _____________________ to travel to Snapper Rocks Coolangatta for the Juraki Surf and Culture Day on Wednesday, 9 March 2016. I understand that Fingal Head School staff will supervise the children on this day.

I understand I am to organise transport for my child to and from the venue at Snapper Rocks, Coolangatta.

♦ My child will be travelling with _____________________ to and from Coolangatta.

Signed _____________________
Parent/Carer

P & C Meeting

AGM...........Our next P & C Meeting is the Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for Wednesday, 16 March at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly $1.00 membership fee. The can be paid at any meeting or to the school office at any time.

Please come along even if you can only make it to the occasional meeting... it is good to keep in touch with the school and it can be fun to be actively involved with your child’s education.

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 _____________________________