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Fingal Head School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers that took part in our school swimming carnival.

A special congratulation to Victoria for breaking Fingal Head School Swimming Records!

- Junior Open Freestyle, 100m—Victoria broke her own 2013 record.
- 11 years Freestyle, 50m—Victoria broke Melody C, 2005 record.
- 11 years Breast Stroke, 50m—Victoria broke Melody C, 2005 record.
- Individual Medley, 200m—Victoria broke Poppy L, 2013 record.

Well done Victoria.....a fantastic effort!

The children’s results are as follows:

ALL AGE FREESTYLE 100m BOYS
1st Place Gus
2nd Place Dioayn

ALL AGE FREESTYLE 100m GIRLS
1st Place Tori
2nd Place Vanessa
3rd Place Ruby-Lee

8 YEARS BOYS 50m
1st Place Max

8 YEARS GIRLS 50m
1st Place Georgie

9 YEARS BOYS 50m
1st Place Joel

9 YEARS GIRLS 50m
1st Place Hester
2nd Place Ashi
3rd Place Macey

10 YEARS BOYS 50m
1st Place Birren

10 YEARS GIRLS 50m
1st Place Isabella
2nd Place Monty
3rd Place Tulasi

11 YEARS GIRLS 50m
1st Place Tori
2nd Place Vanessa
3rd Place Ruby-Lee

12 YEARS BOYS 50m
1st Place Gus
2nd Place Dioayn
3rd Place Budjerah

12 YEARS GIRLS 50m
1st Place Ashleigh

JUNIOR BOYS BREASTSTROKE 50m
1st Place Birren
2nd Place Max
3rd Place Joel

JUNIOR GIRLS BREASTSTROKE 50m
1st Place Hester
2nd Place Isabella
3rd Place Tulasi

11 YEARS GIRLS BREASTSTROKE 50m
1st Place Vanessa
2nd Place Tori
3rd Place Ruby-Lee

SENIOR BOYS BREASTSTROKE 50m
1st Place Gus

SENIOR GIRLS BREASTSTROKE 50m
1st Place Ashleigh

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**Junior Boys Backstroke 50m**

1st Place Max

**Junior Girls Backstroke 50m**

1st Place Isabella  
2nd Place Hester  
3rd Place Jalaan

**11 Years Girls Backstroke 50m**

1st Place Tori  
2nd Place Ruby-Lee

**Senior Boys Backstroke 50m**

1st Place Gus

**Junior Girls Butterfly 50m**

1st Place Hester

**11 Years Girls Butterfly 50m**

1st Place Tori  
2nd Place Vanessa

**Senior Boys Butterfly 50m**

1st Place Gus

**Senior Boys IM 200m**

1st Place Gus

**Senior Girls IM 200m**

1st Place Tori

Congratulations to Hester, Isabella, Monty, Gus,  
Tori, Vanessa and Ruby-Lee who achieved competitive times at our school carnival and represented the school at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival today at Murwillumbah.

The children’s results for the Small Schools’ Carnival will be included in next week’s Newsletter.

**Apology to the Stolen Generations**

Thursday, 13 February marks the 6th Anniversary of the Australian Parliament’s formal apology to members of the stolen generation. The form of the apology was as follows: Today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing culture in human history. We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.

To recognise the anniversary of the occasion and in national recognition of Indigenous Australians our flags will be flown on the day. This is common practice at Fingal School. The teachers will also speak to the children about the stolen generations.

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**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, 12 June to Tuesday, 17 June.

If you would like your child to enter the competition please complete and return to the school the attached entry form prior to **10 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.

The attached entry form has section/category details and entry fees. If you require further information please contact the school. **Please note:** Late entries cannot be accepted as they must reach the convenor by the closing date.

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

Katie (Hester’s Mum) has very generously offered to coordinate the children once again this year. Thank you Katie! Katie would like another volunteer to help, especially when it nears the competition date. If you would like to help, please see Katie or contact the school.

Katie 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 10 March but the entry form must be in. If you are having difficulties finding a suitable poem as it nears the competition, Katie can help with some suggestions.

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**Reminders…..**

**Community Health Visit and Assessment**

Judy Murray, our school nurse from Community Health will be visiting the school on Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21 February.

Children will only be seen on a referral basis from parents, carers or teachers who have a major health concern with a child, e.g. vision, hearing, speech.

Forms will be sent home with children who have been nominate by either the Health Nurse for ongoing assessment or as a new enrolment or for
referral by a parent or class teacher. (The forms will be delivered 1 week prior to the visit.)

If you have a concern and do not receive a form, please contact the school. Children cannot be seen by the nurse without parental consent.

**Future Enrolments**

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from families seeking to enrol their children in Kindergarten over the next 3 years. They must be turning 5 by 30 June in their respective school year. Again, this information is extremely important to our school and allows us to plan for the future. Please direct any enquiries to the school.

**School Website**

A reminder…..to check our school website for updates. You will find our weekly 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.

**Library Borrowing**

Library day with Ms Fairley is **Wednesday** each week. We would like to encourage the children to borrow each week and establish good borrowing habits. We have many wonderful books in the Library and would like them to be seen by the children. Please remind your child to return their Library books each Wednesday.

**Work Books**

The majority of our students workbooks have been delivered and the students have started to use these. The children will receive a Numeracy book and Handwriting Book and/or booklets/worksheets throughout the year depending on their class and level. The cost is $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 2014 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.

Details were included in the information booklet sent home last week. School fees can be paid at your earliest convenience.

**Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School**

The Department implemented a new policy in 2008 regarding student’s exemption from attendance for periods in excess of 10 days.

Parents can apply for an exemption from attendance at school for their child under the following conditions.

- Domestic Necessary
- Health of a Child

Forms are available from the school. An exemption should be applied for prior to their leave of absence. If this is not possible an application must be completed on their return to school.

**Student Canteen**

In past years the P & C has outsourced the student canteen to our local Fingal Trading. This will happen once again this year. Fingal Trading offer the children a set menu on Thursday and Friday each week at the big lunch only.

There has been a price raise for a couple of items. Please see the attached Menu.

Parents enclose their child’s lunch order and money in an envelope with full details written on the front i.e.

- Child’s name
- Grade
- Items ordered
- Total of order
- Total money enclosed in the envelope

Beverley (Ashi’s Mum) has once again volunteer to deliver the lunch orders to the shop each week.

Thank you, Beverley!

Please ensure orders are in the canteen boxes outside the classrooms by 9.00am on Thursday and Friday mornings. Lunch orders will be delivered to the school at 1.00pm.
P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meetings for the year will be held this Wednesday, 12 February at 6.30 pm at the school.

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 __________________

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