P&C AGM

This Wednesday night is our P&C’s Annual General Meeting. At this point I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work and dedication of the current committee: Jacqui (President), Tamara (Vice President), Caron (Secretary) and Katie (Treasurer). I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and have valued and appreciated your commitment to the students of Fingal School.

I would like to strongly encourage all members of our parent community to come along to this meeting consider nominating for a position for 2014.

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Debbie Flaherty, who will be working in our office for the next few weeks while Tanya is on leave. Please pop in and say hello, I know she is looking forward to meeting you and working with us here at Fingal school.

Chair Bags

A big thank you to Beverley for her kind and generous donation of chair bags for the senior classroom.

Kids Fun Night

Our pyjama party last Friday proved to be a great success, with lots of fun, friends and popcorn. Thank you to all the children who came along to make it a great night.

Well done to Katie and Caron, their organisation, as always, was second to none. Thanks also to those who came along and helped on the night: Leanne Moore, Miss Brewer, Miss Kirk, Mrs Badger and Harry, and Charlie Clark.

Finally thank you to the lovely mums who helped clean up the millions of little pieces of popcorn on the library floor.

Enjoy your week
Christine Marshall
Principal

Far North Coast Swimming 😊

Congratulations to Tori! Tori participated in the Far North Coast Swimming Championship held last week at Ballina. She placed 4th in the 11 Years Girls Backstroke and will progress to represent the district at the North Coast Swimming Championship being held on 12 March at Lismore.

We wish you all the best in the competition Tori!

Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts

Entry forms and fees were due in today and will be mailed to reach convenors by 14 March.

Thank you Katie (Hester’s Mum) for offering to coordinate the children once again this year. Katie would like parents to assist their child in choosing a suitable poem/prose for the competition. If you are having difficulties with this, Katie can help with some suggestions.

Student Banking

There will be no Dolomite Banking for the students for the next 2 weeks as Tanya will be away on leave. Debbie will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Fran on Tuesday.

Cross Country Training

Students will need to bring suitable jogging shoes to school each day for Cross Country training as we will be training each day leading up to our School Carnival.
**Our School Cross Country**

Our School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 26 March at Fingal Beach Park. (Please mark this day on your calendar.) Parents are invited to join us with the Cross Country commencing at 9.30am and concluding at approximately 11.30am.

We will need the help of a few parents to stand at markers on the Cross Country track. Please give the school a ring or see Christine if you are able to help out.

**The Cross Country Distances are as follows:**

- 5-7 Years – 800m
- 8-9 Years – 2km
- 10 Years – 2 km
- 11 Years – 3km
- 12-13 Years-3km

**Please note:** The age group the children will be running in relates to the age they will turn this year.

The children who make qualifying times at our school carnival will progress to compete at the Murwillumbah District Cross Country on Thursday, 8 May (Week 2, Term 2).

Students are to wear suitable jogging shoes, their sports uniform and a hat.

Fruit will be organised fruit for the children for after their run. The children will eat their morning tea when they return to school but please send your child with a water bottle to take to the park.

**Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day**

We will be celebrating Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Day on Friday, 21 March as these two events coincide this year.

The children can wear orange to school on this day. More information will be in next week’s Newsletter.

**Head Lice**

We have had 3 cases of head lice reported this week. Please remember to check your child’s hair regularly and treat when necessary.

If everyone is vigilant than the spread will be minimal. Thank you.

**Reminders…..**

**Working with Children Check**

In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children Act) the safety welfare and well being of children is the paramount consideration for the changes to the Working with Children Check Procedures at schools.

On various occasions parents volunteer to transport students to sporting events, assist with reading programs or art activities etc. The ‘check’ is required for all volunteers who have direct contact with children.

I have attached the relevant forms required by the school to fulfil this requirement. Once a volunteer has completed and provided this declaration, along with Proof of Identity, that meets the 100-point check, the person can commence engagement as a volunteer. The completed declaration and Proof of Identity are to be filed in a secure storage area at the school.

It is envisaged that by 2017 these requirements will change whereby all volunteers in schools will be required to apply for a WWC-V Card. At present this requirement only applies to volunteers who assist with personal care to children with disabilities involving contact with those children such as; assistance with toileting, bathing or dressing. They will be required to for a WWC-V Card. There is no fee for this card.

**FNC Winter Sports Trials**

Winter Sports Trials will be held at various venues on the Far North Coast on the following dates. Schools are asked to only send outstanding players who play at a high standard in each respective sport.

**Friday, 21 March**

* Open Rugby League  
* Boys Football  
* Girls Football (Soccer)  
* Boys Hockey  
* Girls Hockey  
* Netball

If your child is interested in the Sports Trials, forms available from the office. Parents are to organise transport to and from the Trials.
**Annual General Meeting**

Our next P & C Meetings is our AGM and will be held this Wednesday, 12 March at 6.30 pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly $1.00 membership fee.

**Advancelife Photography**

Advancelife Photography will be coming to the school on Saturday, 29 March and offer our families a special; 3 items for $15.00. If you would like to take advantage of the offer please contact the school and leave your details. You will then be contacted by a P & C member to schedule your booking time.

Please note: you are under no obligation to purchase additional photos at your sitting.

**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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**Blanket Permission Form for Local Excursions**

I give my permission for my child/children ______________________ to participate in local excursions in the Fingal Head area throughout the 2014 school year. I understand that supervisions will by school staff and that my child will be required to walk in a school group to various locations.

Signed _____________________________ Date ________________
Parent/Carer signature
Community Notices

Friends of the Pound (Tweed) Inc
Friends of the Pound Tweed will be holding an Adult Cat Adopt-a-thon over the weekend of 22 & 23 March, 10am—3pm. It will be held at their Rehoming Booth inside 100% Pets Shop, Harvey Norman Homemakers Centre, Greenway Drive, South Tweed Heads. Please bring your cat carrier with you.

Also “Patch” the cat that was lost at Fingal Heads has been caught and is now back in foster care (he was very hungry). Friends of the Pound would like to thank all those that contacted them each time he was sighted which helped immensely in locating him.

Don’t forget to look at our Website!
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2014
School Canteen Lunches
Fingal Trading Store
(Dai and Linda)

Available Thursday and Friday
Big Lunch ONLY
Must pre-order at school by 9.00am

HOT FOODS

PLAIN PIES .................................................. 3.50
SAUSAGE ROLL .......................................... 3.50
CHEESE/SPINACH ROLL .................. 3.50
JUNIOR BURGERS ................................. 4.50
(meat / lettuce / tomato / tomato sauce)

DRINKS

FLAVOURED MILK ........................................ 2.70
POPPERS ................................................... 2.50

SANDWICHES / ROLLS ...extra 50c

VEGEMITE .................................................. 2.50
SALAD ....................................................... 4.00
CHEESE .................................................... 3.50
HAM ........................................................ 4.50
CHICKEN .................................................. 4.50
SALAD extra 1.50

ORDERS THURSDAY – FRIDAY ONLY…Thank You

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