INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER
The ancient Greek philosopher, Plato, said, ‘When people speak ill of you, live so nobody may believe them’. Our own integrity and character are the best defence against hurtful and annoying people. Nobody can make us angry without our permission and we do not have to accept the opinions of others about ourselves as the truth, even though our attitudes are shaped and influenced by the people we mix with. Our character is developed through self-control, the ability to judge whether that irritating grain of sand will turn into a pearl or just be washed away leaving no trace. Our self-control gives us true power, to be able to keep our temper even when provoked, to hear an insult without returning it or even brooding over it, to turn away anger with a smile. Self-control gives our character dignity and strength, supporting us in our everyday conduct. It is important to remind ourselves that:

- If we want people to be kind to us – we should be kind.
- If we want people to be generous to us – we should be generous.
- If we want people to care for our feelings – we should think about how they feel.

We should use our integrity and character to help make our world a better place. Although life may not always be easy for us, we can always choose to make it easier for others.

43.5% of Victorians were either born overseas or have at least one parent born overseas. Victorians come from 233 countries, speak 180 different languages and practice 116 different faiths. At Findon Primary School, we recognise and value all the different cultures that exist within our school community. Last week our Foundation and year 1 students celebrated our different cultures and the special members within their unique families by hosting a Grandparents/Special Persons Day.

Friday 21st March is Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world (reference DEECD). It is fitting to acknowledge our Indigenous Australians who have been the traditional owners of the Australian continent for 60,000 years. For more information about multiculturalism visit www.culturaldiversity.vic.gov.au

2014 VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE: Inspiring children and young people to read more books!
Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. We are encouraging all Findon students to read the set number of books and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get students talking about reading with friends and family and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. Students who complete the Premiers’ Reading Challenge will go into the draw to win an awesome ipad! You have until September to complete the challenge, so GOOD LUCK!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of School Council will be held this Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 5.45 pm in the Staffroom. The Annual Report for 2013 will be presented and all positions will be declared vacant. All members of the school community are welcome to attend the AGM. New School Council committees will be formed at this meeting.
At Findon Primary School, our vision is that our children will become life-long learners with positive feelings of self-worth. As young adults they must be confident, tolerant, adaptable and resilient. They will be effective team members who understand their rights and responsibilities within the global community.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK cont’d

HATS & SUNNIES
We are a Sun Smart school and therefore, are required by policy to wear hats and sunglasses from October to April. Students are required to wear a hat and sunglasses at school for the duration of this time. Please ensure your child has a hat and sunglasses with their name clearly written on both items. Parents are able to purchase both of these from the Office.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE - Every day counts!!!
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

INTRODUCING OUR WONDERFUL OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
Each week we will be featuring one of our learning teams here at Findon, as a way of getting to know everyone in our Findon Community and be able to put a name to each face. This week we introduce our awesome Admin team, Debbie, Jacky, Leanne.

Hi everyone! My name is Jacky and I have worked in the office here for over 20 years. It seems such a long time when written down but I still love coming to work. My husband Noel and I have two wonderful sons and five beautiful grandchildren. I am here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday I do ‘Nanna Duty’ at my grandchildren’s school. The very best part of my working day is when your children smile at me or say hello. Thanks for sharing them with me!

Hi, My name is Debbie Franksen and I work in the Office. I started at Findon Primary School in 2005 and have loved every minute (well nearly every minute) of my time here. When I’m not working I love to spend time with my three grandchildren Blake, Cody and Tyson. The other thing that I love to do when I’m not working is to go to Cohuna where I have a caravan and just relax and read a book.

Hi, my names Leanne and I work in the office every day except for Wednesdays. I have worked at Findon for more than 7 years! I have a pretty big family who I love very much. There’s Christy, Cooper, Fabio, Ruby, George (the cat) and Napoleon (the rabbit). Every Saturday I enjoy watching Coop play basketball and on Sunday’s we try to relax a little. But most of all I love when all the Findon kids come in to feed the Findon fish.

I leave you with the following words to ponder from Nelson Mandela....

‘No one is born hates another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.’

Paula Cosgrave
Acting Principal

FROM THE JSC Newsletter Team:
The JSC have attended a leadership conference that was held in the city on the 6th of March. All of the children had a great time and learnt so much.

The Mayor of Whittlesea was invited by the JSC to our afternoon tea party. The JSC and school captains were presented with their badges. Parents were invited too.

Math Tip of the week
Remember to always go on Spellodrome and practice maths and other subjects to collect weekly points and prizes.

Student of the Week
LS - Ciara Burns
TC - Mike Pikos
MZ - Angie Songsungkhan
SM - Thomas Planta
FH - Nellie Swaine
JD - Jade Opasinis
AL - Shandelle Charles
EM - Jordan Ellery
SB - Nishana Krishnamoorthy
KG - Angela Dzajkovska

Family Maths Night
Count Me In!
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday, 6th May, 2014
Free sausage sizzle from 6.00—6:30pm
Free raffle tickets—door prize to be won
Free take home Maths activity packets.
Congratulations to the following 38 students who entered the ‘Maths Problem of the Week’ in Week 7 of Term 1. Cuthbert won the week with 75 points. A great effort!

**Name** | **HG** | **Level** | **House** | **Name** | **HG** | **Level** | **House**
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George Lambroglou | DF | Middle | Cuthbert | Crystal Pham | HP | Middle | Freeman
Felix Pike | MJ | Junior | Cuthbert | Rachael Carbis | HP | Middle | Freeman
Timam Abazovic | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Zach Carbis | MZ | Junior | Freeman
Sam Abazovic | MJ | Junior | Cuthbert | Kayla Nikoloski | JD | Middle | Roycroft
Sharleen Prakash | AD | Upper | Cuthbert | Riley Giosis | MZ | Junior | Roycroft
Kamila Hisyam | KG | Upper | Cuthbert | Alexandra Baker-Murphy | HP | Middle | Roycroft
Kamil Hisyam | DF | Middle | Cuthbert | Cooper Baker-Murphy | TC | Junior | Roycroft
Nathan McCarthy | AL | Upper | Cuthbert | Monica DiBenedetto | KG | Upper | Roycroft
Eveleen Prakash | TC | Upper | Cuthbert | Lucia Tetzner | SM | Junior | Roycroft
Rylee Mountney | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Shantelle Parsonage | SM | Junior | Roycroft
Doressa Yang | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Nikita Augelli | TC | Junior | Roycroft
Riley Davies | HP | Middle | Cuthbert | Liam Augelli | MJ | Junior | Roycroft
Angie Songsungkhan | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Alex Busuttil | JD | Upper | Roycroft
Frensi Rustem | SM | Junior | Cuthbert | Jessica Busuttil | AD | Upper | Roycroft
Ali Ibrahim | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Alexia Coulloupas | LS | Junior | Strickland
Jessica Olive | SM | Junior | Freeman | Declan Flexeder | EM | Upper | Strickland
Rachael McDevitt | TC | Junior | Freeman | Zyrille De Leon | TD | Upper | Strickland
Annmaria Quagliarella | KG | Upper | Freeman | Ben Stojanov | HP | Upper | Strickland
Tom McDevitt | AL | Upper | Freeman | Evelyn Calvert | SM | Middle | Strickland
Amani Ali | JD | Middle | Strickland | Haydar Ali | SM | Junior | Strickland
Paul Vavlitis | EM | Middle | Freeman

**House Points**

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**THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS**

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**Upper (4 to 6)**

Bananas cost $5.70 a Kg. Imagine you buy 3Kg of bananas and pay for this with a twenty dollar note. What change do you get?

**Answer:**

If you receive 6 coins in change, what coins do you get (there is more than one answer)?

**Draw them here:**

**Middle (2 to 4)**

If you are being picked up by mum from the cinema at 7:30pm, what movie can you see so that you will be out on time?

**Answer:**

**Junior (P to 2)**

Circle the odd one out:

- 23, 41, 50, 62, 32, 14
- 43, 61, 52, 28, 70, 16
- 54, 72, 27, 84, 90, 45

**Movie** | **Star** | **Running**
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Frozen | 6:10 | 95 mins
LEGO Movie | 5:40 | 105 mins
Cloudy with a | 6:05 | 90 mins

**Hint:** You need to add up the digits in each number (eg 23 is 2 + 3 = 5)

Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

**MATHLETICS**

39 certificates have been earned on Mathletics over the last two weeks. Congratulations to Sachin Icewin (FH) for earning 25,000 points in one week and making it on to the Mathletics Honour Board.

**GOLD CERTIFICATE:** Well done to Kayla Nikoloski (JD) for reaching the milestone!

**LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT:** [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)
On Friday 21st March at assembly all Findon students will be retaking their pledge to “Lend a hand and make a stand against bullying”. In promoting this important day during this current week all classes from Foundation to Year 6 will have participated in a lesson to address the anti-bullying message and, in particular, the role of being a positive bystander and a responsible citizen of our school.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary’s class (MZ) for having 100% attendance for the week. Awesome effort!!!

ON TIME AWARDS!
Well done to 4SB for having 100% of students who attended school ‘ON TIME’ for week 7. 4SB will receive 2 points towards their total points for the term. Keep up the great effort with your punctuality!!

For more information on the National Day Against Bullying and Violence and parent support material please go to: http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Value for the week: Honesty

Honesty means always telling the truth and being able to be true to yourself and others. Using words at home that your child can understand will help explain what honesty means in your family. Continue to remind your child: “If we have done something dishonest, we own up to it, I might not like what you have to tell me, and there might be a consequence, but I will respect you for telling the truth.”

Thanks for taking the time to read our Student Wellbeing page—Mary Zaikis
Reminder!

To help your children stay safe online, Findon Primary is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA). The Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identify theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online

The special ACMA presentation for parents is **free of charge** and will be held on **Tuesday 18th March from 6.00pm - 7.30pm in the 4,5,6 BER Building**. Students are not required to attend this session, but we do have the option of supervision in one of the BER classrooms during the session if required.

To register your attendance, please complete the form below as soon as possible to allow is to correctly cater for your attendance. Enrolements will also be accepted on the night.

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**The Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation**

Student’s name: ………………………….         Number of adults attending:……………………………………………
Student’s teacher: …………………..

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

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Easter is fast approaching and the Easter Bunny is looking to drop off some yummy treats!! Findon will once again have an Easter raffle this year, but we need the Findon community to help out with our Easter baskets. We ask for an Easter donation, whether it is a chocolate Easter egg, hot cross buns, vouchers etc. You can drop off your goodies at the office with the lovely office staff.

Tickets have gone home with students.
Prices of tickets are:
$5 for 5 tickets. (If you need more, you can get them from the school office)
Prizes: 3 baskets full of Easter treats. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term 1 at assembly.

Jenny & Silvana
Community Links

THE LEGO EDUCATION CENTRE

On Wednesday the 12th of March the 2/3s went on an excursion to the Docklands Lego Education Centre. We had exciting fun and built lots of simple machines. We got to build with huge gigantic big Lego blocks too.

On the trip there I sat next to Emelia on the bus. We had a little talk then had a little quiet time. I felt a little sick but I think I managed that fast, bumpy ride.

When we got to the Docklands it was so cool how the boats sailed through the thick, blue water. The big Melbourne Star wheel was so cool and high. The statues were big like a mountain.

At lunch we were at a place with green grass. We had a play. I played with Anthony, Ben and Brad. We did some racing and Anthony came first. I came second but I tried my best and it was fun.

When we got into the Lego Centre the first thing we did was build some carnival rides and while we were building I found some simple machines.

For our second Lego activity we were building inventions. I built a playground and a slide. Alexandra was teaming up with me. She built the rest of the playground while I was building the slide.

I learnt that building with Lego is hard and it’s responsibility to take care of your Lego and be careful of not destroying other people’s Lego.

After the long ride back to school I was exhausted.

It was home time so I was so happy to go home. I had dinner and went straight to sleep. I wish I could go to the Lego Education Centre again.

By Brodie Flannery 2/3HP

The Melbourne Star had lots of simple machines.

If you use heaps of Lego blocks you can make a huge Lego boat. Noah
If you use Lego pieces, you make a slide. Bailey
You can do lots of stuff with Lego pieces. Felix
When there is a pulley and you spin a handle the pulley moves. Jermaine
When you put paper through gears it goes all crinkly. Rhianna
When we went to Legoland we imagined a big slide and made it out of little Lego pieces. Bailey
You can do lots of stuff with Lego pieces. Felix
The Melbourne Star had lots of simple machines.

I learnt how to make the dropper by following the instructions. Natalia
I learnt how to make a lever, pulley, gear, wheel and axle by looking at the information. Sachin
I learnt how to make a big chair out of Lego. Brodie Yr 2
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Learning Team 2’s Excursion to the Lego Education Centre
National Ride to School Day: Wednesday the 19th of March

All students have the opportunity to participate in the National Ride to School Day on Wednesday the 19th of March. The most active class will receive 50 house points each and a small prize.

Being a “Go for your life” active school, we encourage students to take part in active transportation, whether it be walking or riding to school. All students will have access to safely lock up their bikes/ scooters once students have arrived at Findon.

Students are required to wear a helmet if they are riding to school. If you live quite a distance away from Findon, you may choose to park a block or two away and ride from there.

House Cross Country: Wednesday the 2nd of April:

All 4/5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in the annual Findon House Cross Country Carnival at the Findon Reserve on the 2nd of April (last Wednesday of term one). The top 10 students will automatically go through to the Bundoora District Carnival, with 11th and 12th as emergency.

Students are encouraged to wear house colours, to bring a snack, a water bottle, appropriate running gear and their house Spirit!!

LEAP Week update: Beginning week nine Term One.

Next week beginning on the 24th of March, we begin our first LEAP week for 2014. All students have a learning enrichment opportunity in and out of the Findon environment.

**All students are required to be in their full school uniform and are to bring a small bag on excursions, their snack, lunch a water bottle and their hats and sunglasses.**

**Monday the 24th of March Foundation/1 Students:** All foundation/year one students will be participating in a number of activities with their specialist teachers at Findon. Activities include Art, Performing Arts and P.E activities as well as a special disco and movie. Students are required to bring their lunch, water bottles and hats/sunglasses as normal.

**Tuesday the 25th of March: 4/5 students**

All 4/5 students are participating in a variety of special activities organised by the specialist team at Findon. Students are required to bring their lunch, hats and sunglasses as normal.

**Thursday the 27th of March: Year 2/3 Students:**

All 2/3 students are participating in a variety of special activities organised by the specialist team at Findon. Students are required to bring their lunch, hats and sunglasses as normal.

**Friday the 28th of March Year 6 students:** All Year 6 students are attending an excursion to Pit Gymnastics in Mill Park. Students are all required to bring a water bottle as it is a physically active day with various gymnastic activities. Lunch, hats and sunglasses are also required as per normal.

Specialist Team

JSC Announcements

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are asking for donations:

- Groovy sunglasses
- Scarves/feather boas
- Hats

Or any other funny/sparkly accessories for a JSC photo booth. Watch this Space!!!! Please bring them to the office ASAP!
Welcome Back To OSHC

Hello everyone,

Last week we continued our art theme week as we still had so much more to create. We made beautiful jewellery holders out of clay and painted them. We also made beautiful drawings and paintings. These will be getting sent home this week.

Children have been making their own buildings and towns out of Lego.

This week our theme for OSHC is going to be focusing on the Grand Prix. We will make our own race cars and we will learn about this special event that takes place in Melbourne.

Friendly reminder: If any families at the school have any toys they would like to donate to OSHC that would be great :)

This week’s Legend of the week is: Cooper Baker-Murphy for always using his beautiful manners in BSC . Well done Cooper!

Parents and guardians I would like to encourage you to make casual bookings or permanent bookings for your child/children and take into consideration that you can save 50% or more on booking with the CCB (child care rebate). If you would like any information on the CCB, bookings or enrolling your child please come and see me in the OSHC room.

To register with Camp Australia go to www.campaustralia.com.au and follow the easy steps!!

So come and join the fun in OSHC

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents