Welcome back everyone!

A hearty welcome back to all our families! What a year 2017 holds for us all. I hope you all had a restful break with family and friends and are feeling recharged and ready to get back into the school year. I look forward to a rewarding and productive term of learning, socialising and developing at Findon. Linda and I look forward to working together for the good of every student here at Findon. To our dedicated staff, it is great to see you all back refreshed and rested after the summer holidays. I trust that together we will continue building a dynamic school where we aim to provide the best education possible for each and every child and continue to improve student outcomes for all. After many weeks of holidays, it is important for families to establish good routines to enable children to be at school on time and to undertake their homework tasks. Good routines certainly help reduce stressful and upsetting situations.

Our five values at Findon Primary School

Rights and Responsibilities:
Everyone has the right to **Learn**, the right to be **Safe** and the right to be **Respected**

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<td>• Having confidence in your ability and persevering when there are challenges, not being afraid to make mistakes</td>
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<td>• Being inclusive and getting along with others, by being sensitive and respectful to others</td>
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Staffing news

We welcome the following new staff members who will be teaching at Findon in 2017:

- Elizabeth Higham Foundation
- Chloe Gerada Year 1/2
- Hana Sabbagh Year 1/2
- Elissa Hunter Year 3/4
- Christella Paschelis P.E.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE cont’d

MEET and GREET INTERVIEWS: WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2017 11am to 7pm
It is important at the start of the school year to provide the opportunity for parents and class teachers to meet to discuss how students are settling into school and to highlight their strengths and learning needs and share their goals and targets for semester 1. Students, along with their parents, will be allocated a 15 minute time slot through the day to attend the interview. The interviews will be conducted from 11am till 7pm. Notices regarding appointments will be sent home shortly.

DIGITAL PARENTING & NETBOOK PRESENTATION EVENING: Educate, Protect, Empower
We invite ALL parents to our digital parenting evening on Thursday 16th February from 5.30 – 7pm where we will have an expert presenter from e SMART
- discussing cyber safety in the home
- parenting in the digital age
- overview of resources available to parents
- process for reporting cyber bullying and/or inappropriate online content
This promises to be a highly informative night and we especially encourage our parents with children in year 3-6 to attend, however all parents are most welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Look forward to seeing you there.

LAUNCHING WRITE TO READ SPELLING in 2017
Part of our two curriculum days last week were spent rolling out new ‘Write to Read’ spelling component as part of our daily writing block. Teaching staff across the school from F-6 are very excited about this new initiative which will complement the work we have been doing in learning the 70 phonograms, codes and now spelling rules. Part of the mechanics and success of the philosophy requires that we do 15 minutes spelling, daily and that we have a clear ‘working pencil case’ consisting of 15cm ruler, sharpener, eraser, 2 grey lead pencils and red and black pen. Children’s work space is decluttered and they have all they need at their fingertips to remained focused, work swiftly and without distraction. Sarah’s pencil case is an example of this and these came in the book box you collected last week, for your child. Whilst we set up this daily routine throughout term 1, there will not be any spelling words homework being home, however this will change in term 2. Encourage your child to tell you all about their daily ‘Write to Read’ Bootcamp!

WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT Friday 24th February
We would like to welcome all our current families along with all our new families to Findon for the first time in 2017 to celebrate our WHOLE SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC NIGHT on Friday 24th February. This is a wonderful opportunity to mix and mingle with our fabulous Findon Community and make new friends throughout the night. We encourage you to bring a picnic basket and rug and we will provide the sausages. Please save this date in your diary.

KITCHEN GARDEN WORKING BEE Friday 17TH February 4pm – 7pm
Our amazing grounds are in need of some TLC. We are calling on the whole school community to come together to invigorate our garden beds and play areas.
Our gardens are a place of learning, appreciation, wonder, beauty and exploring across all year levels. A sign-up sheet will be at your child’s classroom for you to put your name and family down. We will finish the night with a delicious picnic catered by the Kitchen garden students. Please RSVP the note going home if you wish to attend. Hope to see you there, Kath Jones.
BREAKFAST CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNING at FINDON

We are delighted to be continuing our successful breakfast program and our partnership here at Findon with ENCOMPASS CARE and our students. Our magnificent volunteers from ENCOMPASS CARE (Jonathon, Susan and the team) will be back on Wednesday February 8th 2017 and every Wednesday from then on, at 8.45 to provide every student with a cheese toasty for breakfast and drink of milk. Then on Friday mornings, our year 5/6 breakfast club, comprising of our year 5/6 students along with Lorraine, will be serving breakfast consisting of cereal, fruit and baked beans to all who choose. So why don’t you come and join us either Wednesday or Friday morning, or both, for a healthy breakfast?

FINDON UNIFORM POLICY

Findon Primary School Uniform and Sun Smart policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

FOOTWEAR:
- Standard black school shoes are appropriate footwear for school.
- Runners should be worn for physical education and sport sessions.
- For safety reasons sandals, dress shoes, thongs, high heels or platform shoes must not be worn.
- White, dark green or black socks should be worn. Socks must be worn at all times.

Finally, the beginning of the school year brings with it a sense of optimism. Opportunities are plentiful for each student to improve their learning and I encourage each person to do their best. If this is happening, irrespective of individual abilities, each child will have the best chance of a purposeful education.

In the words of Nelson Mandela...

‘Children are the most vulnerable citizens in any society and the greatest of our treasures’

Have a terrific week

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

NEWSLETTER REQUEST

The Newsletter will only be available on the school website www.findonps.vic.edu.au and the tiqbiz app starting from next week unless requested.

If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter please fill in and return the slip to the office asap.

NAME: ..............................................................

CLASS: ..............................................................
Hello fellow mathletes. Here is the first official ‘Maths problem of the Week’ for 2017. This year students will continue to earn 10 house points with each entry (doesn’t have to be perfectly correct, as long as you have a go). Students who enter will also have their names published in the school newsletter. Some weeks, students will be announced at assembly. Good luck!

**THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS**

Students who enter this week will earn 10 House Points for their House and be announced at assembly. They will also be published in the newsletter.

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An equilateral triangle sits square on top of a rectangle. One side of the triangle is 5cm long. The perimeter of the rectangle is 30cm on its own.

What is the perimeter (distance around the outside) of the two shapes stuck together?

Draw the shape with all sides labelled with their lengths.

The predicted maximum temperatures for Australia’s capital cities on February 4th were:
- Sydney: 31 degrees
- Melbourne: 34 degrees
- Brisbane: 33 degrees
- Perth: 28 degrees
- Adelaide: 31 degrees
- Hobart: 27 degrees
- Canberra: 35 degrees
- Darwin: 30 degrees

What is the difference between the lowest and highest temperatures?

Who has the 3rd highest temperature?

How many temperatures are odd numbers?

Which is the **odd** one out:
- $12 + 3 + 5 =
- $9 + 11 + 0 =
- $3 + 6 + 11 =
- $7 + 12 + 2 =

Can you think of another way to make the answer that came up three times?

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

**MATHLETICS**

Mathletics continues at Findon in 2017. For most continuing students your log in details remains the same. This week teachers will be given access to their class lists and they will be able to assist you with your log in if you need it. If you still need help to log in or have any other questions about Mathletics, you can visit me (Daniel Fromm) in my room opposite the library.

**How do students earn certificates on Mathletics?**

A certificate is awarded to a student for earning 1000 points on Mathletics. Students can earn points by playing Live Mathletics or by completing course work. If students complete a course activity, they receive 10 points for every correct question. Points are tallied from Monday to Sunday. If a student earns 1000 points in this time frame they will earn a certificate. When you earn your 5th certificate, students are awarded a Silver Certificate and when students earn their 20th certificate, they receive a Gold Certificate (Note: you can only earn one certificate per week). Gold Certificates are traditionally presented at assembly.

**LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT:** [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)