Hello Everyone, we wish all our year 3 & 5 students the best of luck this week as they complete **NAPLAN** testing over Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

**LOCAL LEADER GRANT AWARD for FINDON SEED FARE SHARE**

Kath and I were thrilled to be guests at the awards last Wednesday where we won the Whittlesea Local Leader Grant for our Seed Share project. What this means is that Findon can build and develop garden beds to grow vegetables for Food Fare, a non for profit organisation, who produce and share meals for the needy on a daily basis. Thank you to all our Findon Community who voted for us! It worked!

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Findon Primary School will celebrate Education Week from Monday 16th to Friday 20th May 2016. I invite all families to come along and participate in our **OPEN MORNING** and join in the events. An invitation will be sent home to all families outlining all the activities on offer including a High Tea in the kitchen prepared by the 3/4s, Robo club, Science experiments, ‘hands on’ maths lessons and Better Buddies activities. We encourage you to come up and spend some time in your child’s classroom and experience the excitement of learning. A quality education is one of the greatest gifts we can give future generations. I hope to see many parents and visitors at our Open morning on Wednesday 18th May.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

Huge **THANKS** to our merry band of mums below, led by Janine Slater, who worked on the Mother’s Day stall last week. The children loved the opportunity to browse, reflect on their mothers’ likes and dislikes, and to make their final decision. It was wonderful seeing them with their gifts and proudly sharing what they had bought. I hope our mothers, grandmothers and carers had a wonderful day and were treated in a special way.

**FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**

We are taking enrolments for our 2017 Foundation classes. Please inform family, friends and neighbours that if they have a child starting school next year and would like them to come to our school to enrol them soon. It is important that children are enrolled by the end of Term 2, so that they can participate in our excellent ‘Flying into Foundation’ Program in Term 3 & 4. School tours are conducted by appointment.
UNIFORM POLICY/BLACK SHOES

Congratulations on the number of students here at Findon PS who are wearing black shoes to school. As we approach winter, with cold and wet weather well and truly upon us, it is a good time to remind everyone of the advantages of wearing black solid shoes to school, to keep students’ feet nice and dry and avoid those coughs and colds! This is also true for the wearing of warm coats and jumpers. The expectation is that students will be in black school shoes each day and wear runners on P.E days. Thank you to our parents for supporting our school uniform policy.

CYBERSMART

The internet offers the chance to explore a virtually limitless world without the constraints of the ‘real’ world. Content on the internet is not broken into age or developmentally appropriate areas. Without supervision and guidance, a young child can either unintentionally or purposely find content that is disturbing, explicit or inappropriate. Just as you would ensure that the books you read to your child are age appropriate and the TV shows they watch are suitably rated, you should monitor what your child is doing, and where they are going, online. Most internet users will at some stage come across confronting content online and in the majority of cases this will not cause long-term harm. Problems can arise when this exposure is constant and is not discussed with a parent who can provide a balanced view. Many disturbing websites are not ‘illegal’ which means that it is up to a parent to monitor and manage. You would not feel safe allowing your child to wander aimlessly through a large city, alone and in the middle of the night. The internet is like a large city, full of good and bad and a place that a child needs to be supervised. The issues of curiosity and exploration are the same for every generation, but the internet means there is far more information which is far more easily accessible. Parents may once have looked up a ‘rude’ word in a dictionary—children today will Google the word instead. Rather than looking up pictures of nude bodies in a biology textbook at the library, today kids can get videos rolling online very quickly. What can parents do to protect their child online? The most important thing you can do is engage in open and honest communication. Use the internet together and make it part of your family’s activities. You do many other activities with your child: walking the dog, going to the movies, and playing in the park—so spend some time online as well. The more you explore together, the more you will learn about their online behaviours and interests. More options include:

- Have a home-based ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’.
- You have rules in the real world about what your expectations are, you can have similar rules and consequences for the internet.
- Use an internet filter.
  These can be downloaded for free, or purchased from an IT retailer. Remember that sometimes filters fail, and they can be bypassed—for example, by using the neighbour’s unsecured Wi-Fi.
- Use parental controls.
  You may not be aware that most computers, net browsers, tablets, smartphones and gaming consoles have some level of parental control—for example, the ability to block access to certain categories of websites. These are not the default settings, so you must activate them yourself.
- Talk with your child
  Ensure that you regularly talk with your children about their online experiences. Ask them what they have seen or done, and if they have had any problems. If you hear about a site which concerns you, have a look for yourself. Make sure that you continually reinforce to your children that nothing is so bad that they can’t talk to you about it. Let them know that they should come and tell you when they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them. Children often fear telling a parent about an online issue as they think this will result in blocking their access to the computer and internet. Don’t threaten to disconnect your child—this will only cause them to keep online problems hidden from you.

I leave you with the following words to ponder…..

‘What you achieve through the journey of life is not as important as who you become’  unknown

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

2016 NETBOOK PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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Congratulations to the following 18 students who entered a solution to the maths problem of the week in the fourth week of Term 2. Each of these students earned 10 house points for their respective houses. Cuthbert, Roycroft and Freeman won the week with 60 points each.

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THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS

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House: ____________

Home Group: ____________

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Please submit your entry to the office by the end of school on Thursday.

MATHLETICS

Only 17 certificates have been awarded over the last two weeks. I would like to see this increase over the coming week. Mathletics recommends 3 sessions of 20 minutes per week.

The class with the highest number of certificates is 1II with 23, followed by 2FH and 1NJ with 19.

GOLD CERTIFICATE: Congratulations to Nathan I. (2NJ) on achieving his Gold Certificate.

A reminder that the student app for Mathletics is available for the iphone, ipad, tablets and smart phones. Most of the course work (but not all) and Live Mathletics is available via this platform.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT: www.mathletics.com.au
Its Book Fair time again.  
May 17th – May 20th  
Findon Library before and after school  
8.45-9am and 3.30 – 4pm  
The Book Fair is an opportunity for students and families to purchase books, to encourage a love of books and reading. Scholastic provides us with new books for sale and funds raised from the sales go towards resources for Findon students.  
Classes will be given an opportunity to visit the book & make wishlists.  Parents and families are invited to make purchases before or after school in Education Week.
Supported Playgroup

*small*talk

(parenting program)

Day: Thursday (School Terms Only)
Time: 9.15am – 11.15am
Location: Findon Primary School
Cuthbert Drive
Mill Park 3082

Criteria applies
For further information please contact:
Email: michelle.cfen@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Tel: 03 9404 8863
Email: findon.ps@edmail.vic.gov.au
Tel: 03 9404 1762

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ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016**

Until they’re ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

[Flyer / advertisement]

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BENEFITS OF JUDO

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Call us TODAY
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[Website: www.judo.com.au]
EDUCATION WEEK TOURS 2016

Join us for personalised tours of our Middle Years Campus and morning tea with members of the Principal Team. Tours will be conducted from 9:15am on the 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th May 2016. A Senior Campus tour will be held on the 18th May 2016. Please register for a tour by contacting the General Office on 9407 9700.

SEAL, STEM and ACCELERATED ENGLISH PROGRAMS INFORMATION EVENING

Testing will occur on Friday 13th May 2016. Application forms are available from the General Office. Please contact Leesa Mereos for more information.

Early Childhood Education and Care Courses beginning 23 May.
The following courses are now being offered at PRACE – Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir in partnership with Education Institute (TOID: 21707).

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (CHC50113)
LOCATION: Merrilands Community Centre
DURATION: 30 Sessions over 12 months
PLACEMENT: 6 weeks

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (CHC30113)
LOCATION: Merrilands Community Centre
DURATION: 17 Sessions over 6 months
PLACEMENT: 3 weeks

Contact PRACE 9462 6077 for more information

Volunteer Host Families Needed!

World Education Program (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation approved by the regulatory authorities in VIC. We are urgently looking for volunteer host families for exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year.

Imagine knowing someone who:
- runs around in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student's home country,
- takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different,
- is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country.

How does it work?
You can choose a student who you think will fit best into your family. WEP host families are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and a welcoming family environment. In return, you will gain a new family member and friend for life. All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

Arriving Soon:
Alice (Italy) “I love cooking! I especially love to bake bread, cakes and biscuits! I am part of a youth group which I help organise weekly activities for 130 children! When I'm older I'd like to study medicine. I am really excited to meet my host family!”

Louis (France) “I'm a very active and open minded person who loves to move and see the world! Although I am Belgian I actually live in France. I enjoy skiing, surfing, swimming but especially playing golf.”

Find out more!
Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack including student profiles, Sylvia Kelly – Inbound Program Manager
World Education Program
For the cost of a local call: 1300 084 733
Email: info@wep.org.au Web: www.wep.org.au

WE WOULD LOVE IF YOU COULD SHARE THIS WITH ALL YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN US ON THE 27TH OF MAY FOR OUR PJ PARTY!

OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR WEEKDAY SPECIAL PARTY PACKAGE & BOOK YOUR PARTY ON THE NIGHT!!

Pyjama Party
FRIDAY, 27TH OF MAY
OPEN UNTIL 7:30PM
Come along dressed up in your PJ’s for a fun filled night with our special guest...
LOLLIPOPS THE CAT
ONLY $8 ENTRY FROM 4PM ONWARDS

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