Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3. I have very recently returned from my amazing trip to Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro. Very beautiful parts of the world that I feel very blessed to have visited. The weather was wonderful, the people fabulous and the food amazing! Whilst it’s quite chilly here, I am happy to be home and missed family, friends and everyone here in the Findon community. We also have welcomed back Daniel Fromm after his holiday with his family in Europe. Some other staff enjoyed a little getaway and others relaxed at home. Ask your teacher how their holiday was...I’m sure they would love to tell you!

Just a few staffing notes...As you may know, Paula and Michael have made their way to London to visit their daughter. They are visiting a number of other countries in Europe of which I am sure we will get some photos of soon. The last photo I saw was in Budapest, Hungary. They looked very relaxed! Whilst Paula is absent, I am taking on the role of Acting Principal, and Prue Pisani will continue in the role of Acting Assistant Principal. Paula will return to Findon on Monday August 8th. Kate Strickland has moved into her new role at the Royal Children’s Hospital. We wish Kate all the very best. Pablo Kastner will be working two days a week (Monday, Tuesday) in 3/4 PK, whilst Denise Nicholls continues to work with the class from Wednesday to Friday in Prue’s absence.

Helen Pool has taken on a new role at the school in Literacy intervention Years 3-6, working on Monday and Tuesday. Peter Dunstan will teach 3/4HP and work closely with Daniel in the shared space. We welcome both Pablo and Peter to Findon. Please do say hello and help them to feel very welcome.

TEACHING & LEARNING

All teaching teams had a highly successful planning day at the end of term 2. The inquiry units that have been developed for this term are in line with the National Curriculum and include:

LT 1 ‘Down on the Farm’ Students will be investigating farm animals and life cycles. Students will develop their understanding of habitats, the role of a farmer, food produce and animal and plant life cycles. Exploration of this topic will include an excursion to Bundoora Farm and hatching chicks within the classroom.

LT 2 ‘Up, down and all around!’ Students learn to observe details of landscapes using their senses. They discuss and identify features and events and record these through weather observation charts and drawings. They make connections between the Earth, sky and their daily lives. Through observation and discussion students realise that the environment does change and that in some cases the changes occur in repeated patterns that can be predicted, including night and day and the seasons. Students explore natural, made and managed features that undergo change. Through outdoor observations and photographic records, students will investigate the daily, weekly and seasonal changes in their local environment.

LT 3 ‘Around the World in 50 days’ Students will expand their geographical knowledge of their city, state and country. They will investigate the key features of maps and the different information that can be gathered from sources such as atlases and google maps. Students will investigate how the geography of their country and surrounding neighbours compare with those that are found on the African and South American continents.

LT 4 ‘Extreme Weather‘ Students develop the view of Earth as a dynamic system, in which changes to one aspect of the system impact on other aspects. They explore sudden geological changes and extreme weather conditions that can affect the Earth’s surface and investigate ways in which scientific understanding can assist in early detection of natural disasters and in minimising their impact. They recognise that science can inform choices about where people live and how they manage natural disasters.
Learning Team newsletters will be distributed at the end of week 2.

PRODUCTION
The preparation for our production ‘Neverland’ is well underway, ably led by the talented Nicole. Casting has occurred and there is definitely a buzz about town! T shirt orders are due by Friday July 15, 2016.

WINTER
We are now well in truly into our coldest season. Students should be dressed warmly, with sensible black shoes to keep warm and dry. Please ensure that everyone in the family is familiar with the Findon Primary School Uniform Policy. A number of the school policies can be located on the Findon website. Students should also avoid arriving at school prior to 8.45am, as there is no yard teacher on duty before this time. It is also extremely cold in the mornings. Again we thank you for your support with this.

FLYING into FOUNDATION
The Flying into Foundation program for 2017 Foundation students begins here at Findon Primary School on Friday July 22nd from 1.00-2.30pm and will be run by Kendra Penn.

KISS AND DROP & NO RIGHT TURN
I would like to remind the Findon Community about our Findon Kiss and Drop. This space is designed to be a safe, quick and easy drop off point for our students and families. We ask that people respect the process of kiss and drop by ensuring that the students are let out of the car only at the point where the path is (leading to the bike shed) and do so in an efficient manner. Please do not park in the carpark as this is unsafe for our students and community. The disabled parking spot is clearly marked and reserved for those who require it.

We also remind our Findon community that there is NO RIGHT TURN into the Kiss and Drop. This causes major congestion and is not ok. To avoid congestion, it might be wise to arrive earlier, so that your child is not late to school. Please, we must follow the correct process and stay safe.

I wish everyone a wonderful week. Have a great week learning.

Linda Dimos
Acting Principal

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **THURSDAY JULY 21**
  - LT2 Excursion to Botanical Gardens - please return your permission form.

- **THURSDAY JULY 21**
  - LT1 Excursion to Bundoora Farm - please return your permission form.

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**2016 NETBOOK PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

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A big thank you to Ashleigh and the JSC for continuing to publish the ‘Maths Problem of the Week’ whilst I was on long service leave and travelling through Europe with my family. Thanks also to those students who continued to submit their answers. Points earned will go towards the overall House Cup at the end of the year.

**THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS**

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<td>Serena Williams just won her 22nd Grand Slam tournament. She won the Wimbledon final in 1 hour and 23 minutes. If the score was 7-5, 6-3 approximately what was the average length of each game?</td>
<td>10 students decide to dip into their pocket money and sponsor a child in Africa who desperately needs clean water and shelter. This is what they give: $4.50, $8.20, $18.00, $3.45, $22.20, $1.80, $6.55, $42.00, $12.80, $5.50</td>
<td>A boy looks at the coins in his piggy bank and finds he has 6 coins. If the amount of money in his piggy bank is $5.30, what coins did he find? How much money did they donate altogether (hint: can you find pairs of donations that add together to make whole dollar amounts)?</td>
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Please submit your entry to the office by the end of school on Thursday.

**MATHLETICS**

Over the first half of the year, students at Findon have earned an impressive 357 certificates. Remember to earn a certificate, you must achieve 1000 points from Monday to Sunday. You can do by completing course work or by playing Live Mathletics. The class with the highest number of certificates is 2FH with 44, followed by 2II with 39.

Congratulations to Timmi A. (PK), Akbarr A. (EM) and Hanu P. (DF) for achieving their Gold Certificates. These will be presented at this week’s assembly.

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](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

Congratulations to the following students who entered a solution to the maths problem of the week.

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Findon Primary School’s 2016 Production of...

Neverland

Production T-Shirts Are On Sale

Kids Tees (sizes 4-14) $22.00
Adults Tees (sizes S-5XL) $25.00

Fill in your order form and return it to your classroom/or office by Friday 15th July 2016

FINDON PRESENTS
The 2016 Production

Neverland
Hello Findon Science Enthusiasts!

Welcome to the SCIENCE PAGE @ Findon!
The newsletter features Science Quiz Questions and fun science facts every week.
All you have to do is answer one or all of the questions – it’s that easy! Students will earn 10 house points for every question that is answered. Students who enter will also have their names published in the school newsletter.

SOMETHING NEW!!!
Each week students will be announced at assembly and one of you will be drawn out to win a small prize. Good luck!

THIS WEEK’S TOPIC: Planets

DID YOU KNOW?
> Mars is nicknamed the red planet because it is covered with rust-like dust. Even the atmosphere is a pinkish red, coloured by tiny particles of dust thrown up from the surface.
> Saturn is the second largest planet in our solar system and is another gas giant.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTIONS:
Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by THURSDAY!

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Thank you
Jenny W & Mrs J

FINDON PRIMARY learning for life

TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN? Friday 19th Aug
TIME? 7:00pm
WHERE? Findon Primary BER Building

COST? $10 per person
Tables of 8 - 10
BYO Snacks and Drinks
Gold Coins for Games

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office
TERM 3 2016 CLASSES AT MILL PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE

Computer Courses: Introduction to computers, Word, Excel, All are Learn Local courses.

Accounting: Bookkeeping (basic and advanced), MYOB, All are Learn Local courses.

Medical: Medical Reception, Medical Terminology, Medical Accounts.

Recreation: Yoga, Meditation, Dressmaking, Embroidery, Patchwork, Cake Decorating, Teensew, Kids Craft,

Occasional Childcare: On-site childcare to support courses and Occasional care.

Art Courses: Adults Painting, Kids Painting

Call Lynne or Sandra on 9404 4565 – Mill Park Community House
68 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park.
www.millparkcommunityhouse.com