Term 3 is moving along at a fast pace as we head towards the end of term and planning for 2017 continues. It’s great to see the sun trying to peak through and our days are getting longer as we move out of the long, cold winter and into wonderful spring! Hopefully the weather will be lovely for the school holidays? This week’s newsletter is full of exciting activities that have happened at Findon to enhance the learning experiences of each of our students. Enjoy and I look forward to seeing many of you at our 30th Birthday Celebrations on Wednesday 7th September at 12.30.

FINDON’S 30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS and 80’S DISCO
Invitations have gone out to all our families, inviting you to join our school community on Wednesday 7th September at 12.30 for our whole school assembly celebration and sausage sizzle lunch. I encourage you all to join us for the festivities.

STAFFING NEWS
We extend a very warm welcome to Christella who will be teaching Physical Education Foundation to Year 6 here at Findon PS for the remainder of 2016.

TIQBIZ APP
A reminder to our parent community that we have the TIQBIZ app, available to you, if you would like to stay ahead of all school communication, by being sent prompts and reminders regarding school events, excursions or incursions. Pop into the office to see Debbie if you would like to access this free app.

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK: BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
BOOK LAUNCH in YEAR 3 & 4
Last Friday saw a hive of activity and many parents gathered round year 3 & 4 classrooms to listen to the critically acclaimed authors in Year 3 and 4. What fabulous stories the students had written and were sharing with friends and family! Special thanks to Daniel, Peter, Mary and Natasha for an excellent showcase of talent and stories amongst the students. We have some budding writers in the group.
THANK YOU COMMUNITY LINKS PARENT REPS
BIG THANKS to our Parent Reps, in particular Janine Slater for organising our Fathers’ Day Stall to give students the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Dads and Grandads. This is a most considerate gesture from the Parent Reps and I thank them sincerely for their hard work in organising the Stall. The excitement as children debated over which gift was the ‘right one’ was priceless.

SUNSMART - SCHOOL HATS
A reminder that 1st September marks the beginning of Spring and time to start wearing hats at school for all outdoor activities. We are a Sun Smart school and our dress code policy states that hats must be worn from 1st September to 30th April. It would be appreciated if parents could remind and encourage their children to wear their hats during lunchtimes, recesses and outdoor activities. Harmful UV rays can damage skin cells even on cloudy days. For further information please visit: sunsmart.com.au

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
We continue to take enrolments for our 2017 Year Foundation students. 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 3 so that they can participate in our excellent Beginning Schools Program commencing in November 2016.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY & FOOTY CANTEEN LUNCH
Our annual Footy Colours Day will be held on Tuesday 13th September. Everyone is invited to wear their football code/ club jumper, scarves and beanies on the day and purchase a Footy Day lunch from the canteen. Please remember to bring a Gold Coin donation if you are dressed in footy colours.

END OF TERM 3
Friday 16th September is the final day of Term 3. School assembly will be at 12.40 and students will be dismissed at 1.30pm following assembly.
I leave you with the following words to ponder…

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Paula Cosgrave
Principal

Student of the Week
MATHS PROBLEM

Congratulations to the following 11 students who entered a solution to the maths problem of the week in the eighth week of Term 3. Each of these students earnt 10 house points for their respective houses. Cuthbert won the week with 50 points.

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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 19 certificates were earnt on Mathletics over the last two weeks. We need to pick this up leading into the Term 3 holidays. The class with the most certificates is 2FH (56), followed by 1II (53). Don’t forget to download the Mathletics apps for access on smartphones and tablets.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT: www.mathletics.com.au

Year 6 Canberra Tour, 2017

A reminder that expressions of interest and an accompanying deposit is due within the next fortnight. Please ensure that forms are sent into the school office so as to lock in a place for your child. If a form is required contact your child’s classroom teacher or contact the office.
YEAR 4 CAMP TO PHILLIP ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 14 to 16, 2015

The Year 4 camp takes place from next Wednesday to Friday! Don’t forget to review the ‘What you need to bring’ list carefully to ensure you have everything you need.

The third and final instalment of $70 is now overdue. Students must be fully paid ($280) to attend camp. Please check in with the office staff to see if you need to make your final payment.

You can view the facilities on offer at the CYC campsite in Cowes, Phillip Island by visiting the following website: http://theisland.cyc.org.au/

All students have been shown the ‘Code of Cooperation’ that they must agree to. Please read through this document with your child and return it signed by yourself and your child by the end of this week.

On the day of departure, students should wear casual clothes and arrive at school at 8:45. Students will need to sign in, drop off any medicines and hand in their spending money in named envelope or plastic bag. The bus will aim to leave by 9:15am.

**Essential things students need to pack:**
- Sleeping bag
- Torch
- Toilet gear (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, face washer)
- Sunglasses and hat (Findon hat ok)
- Warm coat/jacket
- Pillow slip

**Highlights of the camp itinerary**
**Wednesday:** Walk along the boardwalk at the Nobbies, Penguin Parade
**Thursday:** Walk around Cowes, sand sculpting on the beach, onsite activities (archery, mechanical wall, giant swing, flying fox), games night
**Friday:** Wildlife Park, return home around 2pm

If you have any questions about the camp, please come and see me in Room 2.

DANIEL FROMM
Year 4 Camp Coordinator.

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**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK BOOK PARADE WINNERS**

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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: General**

**DID YOU KNOW?**
- The largest living structure on Earth is the Great Barrier Reef. Found in Australia, it is over 2000 kilometres long.
- Some types of bamboo can grow nearly a metre a day!
- Diamonds are the hardest known substance.

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

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**SCIENCE PROBLEM OF THE WEEK**
Congratulations to the following students who entered the Science Problem in ‘Week 8’. Don’t forget to add which house you belong to so that you can earn points! **PRIZE WINNER – Brandon 1 II**

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**HOUSE POINTS TOTAL**

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Thank you
Jenny W & Mrs J
Findon Primary School

30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

80’s Themed Disco
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9

$2 entry
Prepayment only prior to evening
Prizes awarded

FOUNDATION TO YEAR 2 - 4.30pm to 5.30pm
YEAR 3 TO 6 - 5.45pm to 7.15pm

IMPORTANT NOTE
All students must be signed in by an adult on the evening.

TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Come dressed in your favourite Football Team colours!
Gold Coin Donation.

Special Footy Day lunch is also available. Please make sure you fill in the special lunch form and return it to the office, along with payment by Wednesday 7th September.
No other lunch orders available on this day.

Please return all money and any unsold chocolates to the office.
Thank you
BDSSA Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 24th August 2016

Fifty-six students represented Findon Primary School at the 2016 BDSSA Athletics Carnival in a range of events, including 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m runs, 4x100m relay, shot put, discus, hurdles, long jump, triple jump and high jump at Meadowglen International Athletic Stadium.

It was a successful day as all the students proudly stepped up and performed at their very best. They were all very enthusiastic and supportive of one another. The team work and genuine passion for athletics was demonstrated and it was amazing to see the excitement and willingness of our Findon students.

We have a few students moving to the next level and representing Findon at Divisional Athletics Carnival, held on Tuesday 13th September. We wish Julia L in High Jump; Aden M in 100m Sprint, and our 4x100m Relay team Aden M, Daniel L, Finn Pilli and Akbarr, all the very best.

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support our students. It was fantastic to see you cheering our Findonites to the finish line.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. YOU ARE ALL WINNERS.

Christella Paschalis
Physical Education Teacher

Story Writing Competition 2016
Seed: Elephant on Tightrope

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REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION

A–L Cast: Tuesday 11th October 2016
M–Z Cast: Wednesday 12th October 2016

Time: 7:00pm
Tickets: $25.00 each
UNLIMITED TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets to be purchased at: https://www.trybooking.com/MJPK or the OFFICE

All you need is a little bit of Pixie dust...

FINDON’S 30TH BIRTHDAY 1986 - 2016

On September 7th we are celebrating Findon’s 30th birthday with a range of events and activities planned. We are producing a school book and welcome comments/reflections/anecdotes/memories etc. from current and past families of Findon. Feel free to join us on the day.

Florence Haining
On behalf of the 30th Birthday Committee

SPECIAL CANTEEN 30TH BIRTHDAY MENU

Frogs in the Pond - $1.50
Cupcakes $1.00
Fairy Bread - .50c
Honey Joys - $1.00

Many other goodies available.

NO lunch orders on this day. Counter sales open for both recess and lunch times.
Narrative Writing Competition Winners
The elephant
Fatemeh Zahiri 4PK

I woke up to see a place as hot as lava as clear as snow. I don’t remember how I got here but I guess this is my new home. I looked around to see dead plants old tree trunks. this place looks abounded there wasn’t a drop of water. then I started to get flashbacks then I remembered I was summoned to come to this place because I lost the walking on a rope competition, elghuvar challenged me to walk on a rope looser comes to this desert I guess I’m the looser. I should of known why did I accept the challenge. you know what I’m going to prove to them that I’m fabulous at walking on ropes. I search the desert until I find a really old rope then I find a broken boat. I looked for some animals soon I found a lizard and a spider we fixed the bout we sailed away to any land we could find so we went to Australia I tied the rope to a really high hill the other side to a further hill I searched for elghuars cage when I found it I asked for a rematch he accepted first I went. As I stepped on the rope I felt like I made a horrible mistake I was now in the middle of the rope I was about to fall I held on tight while I flipped I’m not going to give up I’m going to finish what I started I climbed backwards I reached the end then elguar went he fell off when he got to the middle then he was summoned to go to the old desert I could stay soon the peperotzi was following me everywhere I went people asked me to go to the curcuis soon I was called THE AMAZING ELAGHANT.
Lucy Christiansen 5/6 MS

PEANUTS

Why would elephants walk on tight ropes?
For a birds eye view of course!

Once in a magical land called Lucia, where elephants would walk on tight ropes, there was Monica the lover of all elephants who taught elephants to walk on tight ropes. This was not always the case, before the elephants asked Monica to teach them tight rope walking they were happy with their four feet firmly planted on the luscious land of Lucia. They would spend their days wandering among the sparkling pink and purple peanut trees. Whenever they had the desire to nibble nice nuts came upon them, they gracefully raised their trunks and indulged in the deliciousness of pink and purple peanuts.

One Day the malicious mice were jealous of the elephants living in Lucia, so during the night when the peanuts glow brightest they gathered, plotted and planned.

The next morning when the elephants went searching for their scrumptious breakfast they found NOTHING!!!! All the trees were empty, only the plain green leaves could be seen. What were they going to do?

"Of course Monica always knows best" one elephant thought so he wandered over to Monica and the others followed.

When the elephants told Monica the terrible news, Monica was shocked and had to do something. Nope, nope, nope Monica had nothing until at last it came to her mind. The mice had done it, it was obvious. The elephants needed to frighten them, but how? Flying, nah, driving a bus like Slimer in ghostbusters, nah, tight rope walking, yes.

All the elephants gathered round for the plan.
The next day all the elephants looked like hilarious clowns ready for a circus act. Every single horrendously heavy elephant began walking on tight ropes. How often do you see that every day?

Finally, they were out of sight over the wall onto the land of mice. You could hear the feverish yells of frightened mice.

The elephants cautiously tight roped their way back into sight, with a bag of peanuts and dozens of frozen dead mice. It had worked, Monica’s plan had worked. The elephants had captured all the pink and purple peanuts that were taken and for extra points the mice.

Now every day just for fun, to get a birds eye view, elevated elephants energetically walk the tight ropes. Monica is particularly proud that her favourite animals can eat pink and purple peanuts all day without malicious mice stealing them.
The escaped Elephant

I was walking along a high rope above a large city. I am a baby and grey elephant with a long trunk. So, you would be wondering how I got here well. I was at a zoo when I noticed there was a huge lion next to my cage. I jumped over the fence and trampled 60 people. The prime minister ordered 60 people to put me or a helicopter. They struggled to get me on because I was kicking.

Nearby was a child. He was watching them put me onto the helicopter. He knew where they were going to drop me because the minister organised where it. He organised it because he wanted to make sure that they didn’t drop me in water.

I went to the shops and brought a super thick rope and tied it between 2 tall buildings. Finally, they got me on the helicopter and dropped me. Luckily I fell onto
One day at the circus there was a elephant. The elephant was on a tight rope. A person do not know you can do it. When the elephant was nearly going off the rope, the crowd said you can do it. He shouted, "The elephant was going to fall off the rope."

Then a person called Buster got dizzy and fell over. The person behind him said, "Watch! Where you are going!"

The person behind him said, "Woo! Who are you?"

The person behind him said, "I am watching you!"

The person behind him said, "You are going!"
he got angry he had a red face and steam came out of his ears!

Before Busterts is could believe his eyes

The elephant was standing on one leg with a medal around his neck and had his arm in the air!

The end

Poppy F. TC