From the Principal’s desk...

WELCOME BACK
The sun is shining, the days are warmer and longer and Spring is in the air! Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all our families had a wonderful break and spent some quality time together in the great outdoors. With the warmer weather upon us now, it is timely to remind everyone of our Sunsmart Policy and the importance of wearing our hats and sunglasses throughout Term 4. If your child has misplaced or lost his/her hat or glasses, you are able to purchase new ones from the office.

As it is a very busy Term 4, I ask that you keep an on eye on all upcoming events, via our website and newsletter which has gone digital this term, as well as our TIQBIZ ‘app’, where you are able to be reminded of all upcoming events through your Smart phone. I don’t know what I did without TIQBIZ! If unsure about downloading the ‘app’ please come and see us in the office and we can assist.

‘FINDON’S ENCHANTED JOURNEY’
What an electric feeling in the air! Excitement is at fever pitch as we get closer to our production. Tickets are selling fast running for both nights, so I do urge you to get in soon as I would hate for you to miss out on purchasing your tickets and be disappointed.

PORTABLES and TOILET BLOCK:
As you may be aware and may even have seen the crane and semi trailers in our school over the holidays removing asbestos and then dismantling the portables and toilet block, to be removed and relocated to another growing school out at Yarrambat PS. We have in the past been over allocated rooms for our enrolment numbers and therefore the reason why we had the relocatable removed from our school. However we are now an asbestos free school, which is terrific. I am opening up a competition throughout Term 4, inviting our students and any of our parent community to enter their thoughts and ideas regarding how we can best utilised this space. If you have any creative ideas to suggest, I would be more than happy to hear from you. Let’s watch this space and see what happens!

Now taking Enrolments for 2015
Enrolment forms and Information packs available

School Council Meetings 2014
• 21 October
• 18 November
• 16 December

Parent Representative Meetings 2014
• 27 October
• 24 November
STAFFING: We extend a very warm welcome to SARAH LORD who will be joining the Findon staff as an Education Support Officer for Term 4, replacing Joanne McDonald. Sarah will be working with some of our integration students as well as running small literacy intervention groups. Welcome aboard Sarah.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Each year, some secondary schools offer scholarships to incoming year seven students. The students usually sit a test and/or attend an interview. Congratulations to Anamika Sudhi Nair who has been awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship at Marymede Catholic College for 2015. A great effort Anamika.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: In 2014, Mental Health Week will run from Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th October. World Mental Health Day is marked every year on the same date: 10th of October. Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health through a week of interactive events across the state. Findon PS will be holding a ‘Happy Hat Day’ on Friday 10th October. Students are encouraged to wear a Happy Hat to school to promote the importance of mental health and recognise Mental Health Week. We will collect gold coin donations which will be donated to Kids Help Line.

WORKFORCE PLANNING for 2015
To assist with our planning for 2015, all families of students in Years Foundation (Prep) to 5 are being asked to indicate if their child will be attending our school next year. It is important for us to have accurate enrolment numbers for children attending our school so that the best possible class structures and class sizes can be organised. As always, our students, their learning and development, will remain our top priorities. Please complete and return the 2015 attendance information slip at the bottom of this article and by Thursday 16th October 2014. Alternatively could you please contact us and let us know if you will be leaving in 2015. Thank you.

It is our policy to ensure all students are placed in grades with children they both relate to and work well with. Our teachers are highly professional and spend an enormous amount of time thinking about and discussing this, in their endeavour to create balanced, harmonious grades. If you have any serious concerns regarding your child’s placement in relation to other class members, NOT in relation to teachers, please put those concerns in writing to me. Please do not assume that because you have made a request before that you don’t need to do it again. Circumstances change, so we need you to do this every year if you have a concern. They MUST be to me by the end of the second week of term 4 – FRIDAY 17th October. You are more than welcome to email me your concerns to cosgrave.paula.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance from 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage. The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms. The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

I leave you with the following words to ponder…

 ‘For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate.’ Margaret Heffernan

Have a great first week back everyone

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

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WEDNESDAY IS OUR NEW BANKING DAY!!
Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into the school office first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

**Maths Problem**

Here is a table of certificates earnt on Mathletics by all the home groups. It’s time to lift your game and build your numbers before the end of the year. Every student can earn one certificate in Term 4.

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**THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS**

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Kylie has $200 in her purse in $5, $10 and $20 notes. She has exactly 20 notes altogether. She has more $20 notes than $10 notes. She also has 6 times as many $5 notes as she has $10 notes. How many of each note does she have to make the $200.

$20 notes =
$10 notes =
$5 notes =

On weekends, Fred earns money by washing cars and mowing lawns. He receives $5 for a mow and $8 for a car wash. Last weekend he earned $54. How did he earn this money?

a) 3 mows and 4 car washes  
b) 5 mows and 4 car washes  
c) 7 mows and 2 car washes  
d) 6 mows and 2 car washes  
e) 6 mows and 3 car washes

John has collected $20 in his piggy bank.
He starts to take the money out of his piggy bank.
This is what he finds:
10 x $1 coins  
4 x $2 coins  
2 x 50 cent pieces  
The rest is made up of 20 cent pieces.  
How many 20 cent pieces are there?

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

**MATHLETICS**

10 certificates have been awarded to Findon students over the last two weeks. Well done to the students at Findon who keep using Mathletics to improve their skills.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS (and Spelldrome) AT: www.mathletics.com.au
Footwear, Hats and Sunglasses in Physical Education

Just a reminder that it is an expectation for students to be in full school uniform, including protective and supportive shoes for Physical Education/sport.

This also includes wearing hats and sunglasses particularly in Terms One and Four, however our policy begins from the 1st of September to the end of April.

It is expected that by Week Two of Term Four that all students are equipped with appropriate footwear/ hat and glasses.

It is important that all footwear with laces or velcro should be tied firmly for maximum support. Not enough firmness in the lace area can potentially cause ankle damage. Also footwear should have a firm heel for support to the rear of the shoe, as it stabilizes the ankle joint.

Shoes that are inappropiate as they do not provide enough support include:
- Dunlop Volleys
- Ballet Flats
- Flat boat type shoes
- Vans
- Converse flat sole shoes

Remember you do NOT need to pay a lot for suitable runners. Appropriate footwear is readily available at Brand Junction Plenty Road, Kmart, Target, and Big W.

Regional Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to the following students who represented the Bundoora district competing in the Division athletics Carnival and were successful in their event progressing on to the Regional Athletics Carnival.

An excellent achievement and a great representation of Findon Primary! Well done!
The following students are heading to the next round which is the Northern Metropolitan Regional Championships on the 14th of October. Best of luck!!!

11 year old 4x100m boys relay team
Brad P
Nem S
Ben F
Finn P

Looking forward to a fantastic term 4!

Lucy O'Reilly
Physical Education

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2015

Please complete the information below

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT RETURNING TO FINDON IN 2015.

STUDENT/S NAME: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

2015 YEAR LEVEL: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

REASON FOR TRANSFER: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please return to the school office by FRIDAY OCTOBER 17. Thank you.
EVERY DAY AND EVERY MINUTE COUNTS IN CHILDRENS’ EDUCATION!

This week is Mental Health Week and we are recognising the importance of mental health and wellbeing by raising awareness with a Happy Hat Day on Friday 10th October! Gold coin donations will go to Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800

Value of the week is Integrity
To have Integrity means to be transparent, honest, true to yourself and your word, and sticking to it.

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

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.
Production Updates...

Findon Enchanted Journey
Tuesday 14th October A-L Cast
Wednesday 15th October M-Z Cast
@ Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre – South Morang

TICKET SALES: NOW OPEN!!!
2nd Round Ticket Sales opened on Monday 15th September 2014 – You can now purchase AS MANY TICKETS AS YOU LIKE – If you have not already got your tickets please make sure you purchase ASAP, as tickets are going fast!
Go to http://www.trybooking.com/FOCL Tickets are $25.00 each.

VIDEO SALES
Video Essentials will be shooting both Production evenings, with a professional finish that will capture this amazing memory for your children. They have done a great deal for us, with all customers receiving both nights of the production for the price of one. DVD’s are $25.00 each – please fill out your order form and return with monies in an envelope to the office by Friday 17th October 2014.

BUS & ATTENDANCE NOTICES
Attendance & bus notices are due back ASAP. Please indicate which night your child is attending, according to the A-L/M-Z Cast process AND also give permission for your child to go on the bus for the Theatre dress rehearsal.

SEWING CLUB & SEWERS NEEDED!!!!!!!
For any parents who are wanting to assist with costume making for the production – Sewing Club is on Mondays at 2:00pm-3:30pm (room 9) Please ensure you sign in at the office. (Parents are also welcome to take sewing home if they are unable to attend) Please contact Nicole Creek for more information. THANKYOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE SO FAR – THERE ARE A FEW COSTUMES STILL NEEDED TO BE MADE.

COSTUME REQUIREMENTS
Costume Requirement forms have gone out – if you have any questions or have lost your form please see your classroom teacher or the office.... Alternatively you can speak to Nicole Creek. Please send your costume requirements to your classroom teacher in a labelled bag.

FINDON’S ENCHANTED JOURNEY PRODUCTION TICKETS
You can now purchase your production tickets at

http://www.trybooking.com/FOCL

Second round sales have now opened up as of September 15th in which families are able to purchase additional tickets.

Tickets are $25.00 each.

Please note that children aged 2 years and over will require their own ticket.

This is a venue policy and will be strictly adhered to on both evenings.
CLASSROOM COSTUME REQUIREMENTS

PREP NP & LS – BOYS (Puppets) = Yellow PLAIN T-Shirt
GIRLS (Puppets) = Yellow PLAIN T-Shirt & Black Tight Shorts HAIR: High Pigtails (Hair can be curled)

1 MZ & SM – BOYS (Foxes) = White/Yellow/or Orange Buttoned Shirt
GIRLS (Cats) = White/Yellow/or Orange Buttoned Shirt Hair: Low Pigtails (Hair can be curled)

PREP/1 TC – BOYS (Crickets) = Black PLAIN Pants & Black PLAIN T-Shirt
GIRLS (Crickets) = Black PLAIN Tight t-shirt with short sleeve & Black tight shorts
HAIR: High Pigtails (Hair can be curled) & tied with green hair ties.

2 MJ & FH – BOYS (Kung Fu Fighters) = White or Black Pants
GIRLS (Fan Dancers) = Red Leggings or Stockings HAIR: Parted in the middle and pulled into a LOW plait at the centre back (slicked with hair spray or gel)

2/3 HP & DF – BOYS (Kung Fu Fighters) = White or Black Pants
GIRLS (Fan Dancers) = Red Leggings or Stockings HAIR: Parted in the middle and pulled into a LOW plait at the centre back (slicked with hair spray or gel)

4/5 TD & AL – BOYS (Bears) = White PLAIN T-shirt or Long Sleeved Top, shorts to wear under costume
GIRLS (Bumble Bees) = Black stockings or Leggings (footless) and black singlet to wear under costume
HAIR: High Pigtails

4/5 JD & EM – BOYS (Capuchin Monkeys) = White PLAIN T-shirt Or Long Sleeved Top, shorts to wear under costume.
GIRLS (Tamarin Monkeys) = Orange or White PLAIN Tight T-shirt or Long Sleeve Top, small shorts to wear under costume. HAIR: low pony tail or bun

YEAR 6 SB, AD & KG – BOYS (ARABIAN GAURDS) = Black Jeans/Black Pants/ or Black Track Pants, White PLAIN T-Shirt & Sneakers
GIRLS (ARABIAN GIRLS) = Black leggings or Black Tights, White PLAIN Tight Singlet or White PLAIN Tight T-Shirt HAIR: Extra High Pony Tail (hair can be curled)

- FINDON PS. Provides the main part of your child’s costume all you need is the basics!
- Please ensure all ‘BASICS’ have your child’s name clearly labelled
- Please ensure that you follow the ‘BASICS’ exactly (this is important so the costumes will all look the same on stage).
- Please feel free to ask Nicole any questions in regards to the costume requirements
- KMART, TARGET, BIG W, SAVERS or BEST & LESS are cheap places to shop for your ‘basics’ if you don’t already have them at home
DRUMSET LESSONS

Experienced drum teacher is available for one to one tuition in drum set techniques. My comfortable teaching studio is located in the Northern Suburbs of Melbourne or I can come to your home. I provide a relaxed and fun teaching environment to help you learn to play drums.

Tuition fee: $35 for half hour lesson. $50 for 1 hour lesson

Contact Paul on 0418 511 290 or email me at musicman777@bigpond.com