I trust that every parent thoroughly enjoyed watching their child perform in our 2014 Production ‘FINDON’S ENCHANTED JOURNEY?’ What a spectacular event over the two nights! We had record crowds attend and the theatre was at almost full capacity both nights. It all began with the creative genius of Nicole Creek, our Performing Arts teacher who tossed ideas around in her head and began to formulate a seed of an idea for our Production and then set about writing the story line. This took many, many months of work, until she finally arrived with a script and the potential to bring to life, a highly creative and magical production! Nicole developed the character of ‘Findon’ and some of the most loved Disney stories of all time, such as Pinocchio, Kung Fu Panda, Jungle Book and Aladdin to thread together a wonderful and enchanting story full of values such as the importance of telling the truth, hard work, only needing the bare necessities of life and being yourself: these sound very much like our own FINDON Values don’t you think?

The benefits to performing for students are enormous and provide opportunities for personal growth, interpersonal growth and enhanced confidence. It is essential in life that students learn to live and work with others, this being recognised as a core requirement in the workplace and community. Our Production develops students’ capacity to work co-operatively and collaboratively as part of a team, be supportive and empathetic to others and deal more effectively with their own emotions.

A Production of this magnitude takes many hours of commitment, energy and hard work! I would like to sincerely thank Nicole Creek for bringing this production to life! Her energy, persistence and creativity have been sensational, and she has been totally committed to making this production a success. A big thank you also to the many parents and teachers who have worked tirelessly, in partnership, assisting with rehearsals, making and crafting sets, props and costumes and organising the many other details for this wonderful performance. An event such as this is remembered and treasured for a lifetime. Photos from both nights have been displayed in the office foyer and are able to purchased either singularly for $5 or in a group of 3 for $12. Be sure to have a look and make your selection.

CHILDREN’S WEEK 2014
This week is Children’s Week and a time to celebrate children’s rights, talents and abilities and to encourage their active participation in community life. In 2014 Children’s Week in Australia shines a light on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and focuses on the right of every child to speak and be heard.
STUDENT VOICE
Student Voice allows students to share who they are, what they believe, and why they believe what they do, with their peers, parents, teachers, and their entire school. At Findon Primary School Student Voice is engaged in dozens of ways, including:
- Classroom lessons
- Class meetings
- Self, class and teacher evaluation
- Class feedback on issues and events
- Junior School Council
- Interview process for School Captains
- Election of House Captains
- Organisation of whole school events.

Why is it important for students to have a voice at school? Children spend a lot of time at school. After the family, school has the most significant influence on child development, so making students’ time at school enjoyable and worthwhile supports their mental health and wellbeing. Part of this process involves supporting students to be active contributors to their own learning. The sense of belonging, positive relationships and improved self-esteem achieved when students are active contributors in their school community are significant protective factors that support their mental health and wellbeing now and in the future.

FINDON’S MOBILE PHONE POLICY
Our aim is to provide a policy that respects the school’s right to manage mobile phones so that the school’s teaching and learning program and duty of care are not negatively affected.

The school recognises that parents/students may need to communicate by mobile phone. This can be done before school commences at 9am and after school finishes at 3.30pm but not in the school grounds. Between 9am and 3.30pm the school will contact parents if, and when necessary and parents can contact the office when an important message has to be passed on to their child.

For these reasons, we encourage students to leave their mobile phones at home, however if they do choose to bring their mobile phone to school, they will be required to sign it in at the office before school and collect it at the end of the day.

I thank parents for their support on this matter.

FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are finalising enrolments for our 2015 Foundation Year. 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 as soon as possible so that they are able to participate in our excellent Beginning School Program beginning on Wednesday 5th November and extending for 10 sessions throughout term 4.

Please remember to inform your child's teacher or the office, if you do not intend returning to FINDON PS in 2015. Thank you.

I leave you with the following words to ponder…
‘Ability is what you’re capable of doing, Motivation determines what you do, Attitude determines how well you do it.’
Raymond Chandler

Have a great week everyone

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

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.
Kayla N. was the only entrant during ‘Production’ week. Please remember that you don’t have to print off this page to enter the maths problem. All you need to do is submit your answer on a piece of paper with your name, home group and house included.

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

**MATHLETICS**

20 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. Let’s try and increase the number of certificates earned this week.

Congratulations to Sharleen P. (AD) Tom M. (AL) for earning their GOLD certificates on Mathletics. These certificates will be presented at assembly in Week 3.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS (and Spellodrome) AT: www.mathletics.com.au

**LEARNING TEAM 2 EXCURSION**

**MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE**

Students in Learning Team 2 will be going on a guided bus tour of the City of Melbourne and surrounding areas. They will visit many places of historic, cultural, architectural and artistic significance. Some places include the Shrine of Remembrance, Luna Park, Victorian Arts Centre, Parliament House, Melbourne Town Hall, Polly Woodside and the Queen Victoria Market.

OCTOBER 29TH - MJ and FH
OCTOBER 30TH - HP and DF

**TERM 4 NETBOOK PAYMENT**

Term 4 Netbook payments are now overdue! Please make your payment at the office ASAP.
Wow! What an amazing journey for all involved!

At the beginning of the year, when I began writing the script for Findon’s Enchanted Journey, I had extremely high hopes and expectations, that in reality, I never thought would be possible to achieve... however, with an amazing cast of all our Findon students, and the support of Findon staff, parents and the overall community, this year’s production has turned out to be one amazing success, which I am extremely proud of!

I would like to firstly congratulate the main cast on all of their hard work and achievements throughout the production. With countless hours of rehearsals at school and at home, they have truly blown me away with their commitment, work ethic and talent. Watching their growth from their first audition to the first time they stepped out on stage is a very special thing to watch. It’s like watching a seed being planted and transforming into a blossoming flower. They became stars of the stage, gracing everyone with their dance, singing and acting skills.

I would like to also congratulate all of the students of Findon, their dedication and persistence during class rehearsals, was noted and shown by their impeccable lines, timing and pizazz on stage! They all worked so hard and made me so proud of their performance on the nights. I honestly couldn’t have asked for anything more!

The greatest thing about the whole production experience, was seeing how happy all the students were and then seeing how proud parents and families were of their children. I felt there was a buzz of happiness, and the positive feedback from everyone involved or who watched the show has been amazing!

I would like to sincerely thank the backstage crew and all the staff involved over the 2 long days and nights of the show. Whether it was getting students dressed, doing hair and makeup, projection, lights, taking photos, supervising, getting students ready for their performance, helping with quick changes or being side of stage, tickets, no job was ever too much to ask. Without their support and efforts, this show could not have gone on and I am extremely grateful.

Finally I would like to thank the parents, grand-parents, family, staff and friends that assisted with costumes, props, sets or anything else. I have had many comments that the costumes were a stand out and the best they have ever been! I cannot thank you all enough, this is a big part of any show and without your help and support, I would have been lost!

The journey has come to an end... and what an amazing journey it was!

Thank-you

Nicole Creek
Performing & Visual Arts Teacher
PRODUCTION PHOTOS

We have a number of photos available for you to view and order in the office.
6x8 inch photos
All photos are $5 each or three for $12
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.

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**NETBOOK PAYMENTS**

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**CLASS OF 2015 Commmemorative Garments**

'2015' Windcheater and/or Polo Shirt are made available to our Graduating students each year.

PLEASE NOTE: Styles available will be Bomber Jacket, Rugby Jumper and Polo Shirt (fabric the same as the basketball singlets).

If you wish to purchase one (or more) of these garments, please complete the order form and return to the school WITH PAYMENT IN FULL OR A DEPOSIT OF 50% BY NOVEMBER 14th.

Samples will be available at the office from October 13th for students to try on.

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Please note there will be NO second orders placed.

Order forms have been sent home.
Walk to School October 2014.
Vic Health has initiated a walk to school program for the month of October, aimed to encourage active transportation to school.

Students who participate will receive house points. The top two most active students will win a small prize and the most active class will also win a prize.

To participate, students can list their name on their class chart in their classrooms and tick when they have walked to or from school on the appropriate date. If they haven’t walked to or from school they simply leave it blank.

If parents/students can attempt to estimate the distance that they walk, it will help calculate the final distances walked to a school.

If you live too far away to walk, you can simply drive and park slightly further away from the school. Even 200m before and after school adds up over the month!

Let’s get active and walk to school this October.

Lucy O’Reilly
Physical Education

SAKG RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Visit www.fionainglis.com for more quick and easy recipe ideas the kids will love!

MANUKA HONEY MADELEINE’S

Manuka honey is made in New Zealand and has a distinctive dark colour and rich flavour, which comes from the bees visiting the manuka bush. It is said to have antibacterial properties, making it a healthy honey to use. If you can’t find manuka honey you could easily use normal honey for these biscuits.

60g unsalted butter plus a little extra for greasing tins
2 large free-range egg
80g caster sugar
90g plain flour
1 tablespoon Manuka honey or regular honey is also delicious
1 teaspoon salt
Icing sugar for dusting

Makes 20

In a small saucepan melt butter, remove from heat and set aside. Use an electric mixer to beat egg, caster sugar and salt for at least 6 minutes until light and thick like a mayonnaise.

Add sifted flour and fold in using a spatular. Add butter and manuka honey and mix well to combine. Place the mixture into the refrigerator to rest for 45 minutes.

Remove the mixture from the fridge and leave at room temperature for 30 minutes. In the meantime you can preheat the oven to Preheat oven to 220ºC and grease your madeleine tray with melted butter; I find a pastry brush work well.

Place a tablespoon of mixture into each madeleine mold and bake for 6-7 minutes. This time can vary according to different ovens so it is best to check the madeleine after 4 minutes. You want them to be just firm to touch and a little golden around edges. Allow Madeline’s to cool for a few minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack. Dust with icing sugar and serve.
Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a fantastic couple of weeks.

These past few weeks we have been doing Halloween activities! We made green slime, spooky jelly, mini frankenstines, bats and ghosts. We decided to make eating a little spooky so we made green cheese dipping sauce and carrots as fingers! Children had to guess what it was and parents thought it was a cool idea!

This week’s OSHC of the week is Vivian for always being polite and thoughtful towards others!

I would like to introduce our permanent staff members: SARAH PANNELL, SAFYIE YURTSEVER, ROSE CONSTANZO and CHRISTIAN CASSAR. Please feel free to come in to OSHC and meet our friendly staff and coordinator Luisa Piastrino!