Student Recognition Program

Each year schools in the City of Whittlesea are invited to nominate a student for their annual Student Recognition Program. Our school nominated Year 6 student, Kamila Hisyam for her work in the area of Sustainability and as a leader of FINDON PLANET SAVERS. I had the pleasure of attending the official Student Recognition Ceremony with Kamila and her family at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre on Wednesday, 22nd October 2014 where the Mayor presented Kamila with the award. We are very proud of your achievement and hope you continue your great work in the community.

Florence’s Significant Milestone

Congratulations to Florence Haining Year 2 class teacher and Team Leader on reaching a significant milestone in your career and dedicating 35 years of service to the teaching profession. A mammoth effort! How many of those years have been at Findon PS I wonder?

Findon Noticeboard & Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Sign

I would like to extend a BIG THANKYOU to Stuart Lord for his generous work in advertising our school by creating two banners for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program to be placed on our school fence and our new advertising board on wheels which is located at the front entrance to our school. Keeping our school community well informed of up and coming events and excursions.

No Dogs

A reminder to all our Findon Parents and wider Community that we are a DOG FREE ZONE. This means that you are not permitted to bring your dog onto the school premises at any time, to ensure the safety of our students at all times.

Parent Opinion Survey 2015

Our Parent Opinion Survey results are in for 2015 and look most favourably on Findon PS as an educational setting for students. We are in the 4th Quartile which is the highest for:

- Reporting, Learning Focus, Transitions, Homework, Classroom Behaviour, Student Engagement in Connectedness to peers and Social Skills
- Areas for us to work on include Student Motivation and Extra Curricula

I have published below, a few comments which some of our parents have written in the survey, to reflect how they feel about Findon PS….

‘Teachers are dedicated and professional. I’m pleased that my daughter has established positive relationships with her grade and teacher.’

‘I could not have chosen a better primary school for my child. The teachers, staff and Principal are amazing. Fantastic school that would be recommended to friends and family.’

‘Since this is our first year at Findon Primary, it has been very welcoming. The office staff were very accepting upon my first visit and it was this initial experience which made my final decision. I felt that if staff were this friendly, then this showed me what was on offer. My son’s teacher is bright, bubbly and clearly loves her job. The Principal is just gorgeous too!’

Tips for Preparing for Transition from Primary to Secondary School:

It’s that time of the year when our year 6 students are beginning to contemplate the move from primary to secondary school. It is an exciting time for our young people and their parents, but also a
bit daunting as well. The more informed and involved you are in your child’s preparation, the more likely the transition will be positive. From day one your child will experience many changes, each of which brings questions and new things to do:

- More subjects
- More homework
- More challenging school work
- The responsibility to get to classes in different rooms, on time
- The need to manage themselves, their learning and equipment
- Using lockers and carrying books between classes
- Adapting to different teaching styles
- Having no ‘home’ classroom although many schools have a base for year 7 students.

With the help of family and school staff, students usually adapt quickly to their new environment. Most secondary schools work with primary schools to make transition easier. A school’s transition program may include:

- Secondary students visiting their former primary school to talk about their experiences
- A buddy system where students new to the school are paired up with older students already at the school. These older students can answer questions and help the new students adjust to secondary school life
- Secondary school teachers visiting primary schools to talk about what to expect at secondary school
- Year 6 visit to secondary school on Orientation Day


FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Enrolments are being finalised 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 Foundation Beginning Schools Program beginning on Wednesday 5th November, running for 10 sessions each Wednesday and Friday through to December.

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 Friday 31st October 2014. Alternatively you could email me and let us know if you will be leaving in 2015. Many thanks.

cosgrave.paula.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

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

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.
Anamika S. was the only entrant in Week 3.
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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House Points

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THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS – Find the Finishing Number

Name and Home Group:

House: ________________

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<th>Divide by 45</th>
<th>That number to the power of 3</th>
<th>Add another 50%</th>
<th>Multiply by 3/4 of 8</th>
<th>Times by 3</th>
<th>Add 1/5 of 80 Finish?</th>
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<td>Start</td>
<td>324 - 125</td>
<td>Add ½ of 102</td>
<td>Divide by 50</td>
<td>Times by 15</td>
<td>Add 995</td>
<td>Round to nearest 100</td>
<td>Add 24 ÷ 3 Finish?</td>
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<td>Junior P to 2</td>
<td>Start</td>
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<td>Take-away 12</td>
<td>Halve that</td>
<td>Add 16</td>
<td>What is the next odd number?</td>
<td>Minus 9</td>
<td>Double Finish?</td>
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Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

MATHLETICS
17 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 earnt this week. Home Group DF leads the class certificate count with 64. They are followed by Home Group FH who have earnt 53, thanks mainly to Sachin I. who has earnt 33 on his own. An incredible effort!

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

Printed copies of the Maths Problem are available from the office.

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 place 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.
Student Absences and Late Arrivals

Here are the student absences for week 3, Term 4. These statistics cover the dates from 20/10/2014 to 24/10/2014.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tenielle’s class for having the best attendance of the week. Keep up the fantastic effort! Our runners up were Tosca’s class and Jess’ class. TC get to enjoy the sports bag for the week.

EVERY DAY OF SCHOOL COUNTS!!

Findon’s Values

Our 9 school values are based on the National Goals for Schooling in Australia in the Twenty-First Century. These values were chosen after much consultation with school communities. Here at Findon we would like to survey our community; students, parents, teachers and school staff regarding which values they believe are most important with the intention of reducing our values from 9 to 5 or 6. An online survey has been developed and we invite our whole school community to take part in the survey and rank our school values from 1 being most important to 9 being least important. We will collate the results from our survey and present the results. We value your input as the values aim to represent our community and strongly encourage you to take part and have a say. The link to the online survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GVYD8JM

This link will be on Tiqbiz and the school website also.

Value of the week is FREEDOM

Everyone has the right to learn, be happy and feel safe. We all have the right to have our own beliefs as long as we are respectful to other people’s safety and beliefs also.

Care and Compassion

Respect
Responsibility
Honesty
Doing your best
Understanding Tolerance and Inclusion
Integrity
Fair Go
Freedom

‘On Time’ Award

Congratulations to JD for having no late passes for week 3! Great effort!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

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

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

Orders must be placed with payment by Friday 31st October
### Student of the Week

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<th>NP</th>
<th>Harley</th>
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<td>LS</td>
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<td>Logan</td>
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<td>For improving in reading</td>
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<td>MZ</td>
<td>Brock</td>
<td>AL</td>
<td>Liam</td>
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<td>For being a great sharer and role model in MZ.</td>
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<td>For letting all children join him in work and play</td>
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<td>Evelyn</td>
<td>EM</td>
<td>Katelyn</td>
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<td>For always trying your best with your work and for having a go.</td>
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<td>For letting others have a fair go in games</td>
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<td>Tarnee</td>
<td>KG</td>
<td>India</td>
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<td>Giving your friends a fair go</td>
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<td>Eloise</td>
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<td></td>
<td>For putting others first</td>
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<td>For giving everyone a fair go in soccer.</td>
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### Class Leaders - Term 4

**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*
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.

CLASS OF 2015
Commemorative 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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE—TERM 4
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

Volunteers are required on the day – 11.30am start. If you could spare a couple of hours it would be appreciated. Please leave your name at the Office.

Sausages (Halal) purchased from Provincial Meats.
Vegetarian Burgers cooked separately.

Thank you very much,
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.
Hi everyone!

Hope everyone's had a great weekend!
In OSHC we have been celebrating children's week. On Monday the children and staff made coconut banana balls. The children loved them and the smell of the coconut balls in the oven made the OSHC area smell so nice! During the week we had some hot weather so we decided to have a picnic outside. We took some blankets and pillows and had some fruit and sandwiches, the children liked being outside and enjoying the weather. We also played musical chairs, had a soccer match with our staff members, held a reading day with the children and also made friendship bracelets. The OSHC family have made a banner with all the children that come to OSHC handprints in all different colours. The children are very proud of it and it can be found right when you walk into our OSHC area!

This weeks OSHC of the week is Jaykob for being very helpful!

Reminders:

As 2015 approaches us, parents get online now at the Camp Australia website and enrol your child now for 2015!
Save 50% or more on before and after school care. We want to help family's receive any benefits They're entitled to. To receive any benefits/childcare rebate follow 2 simple steps: contact the family assistance office 136150, and request an individual customer reference number for yourself and children.

Contact our friendly customer service team on 1300106343 and provide CRN/date of birth of yourself and children.

OSHCh times 7.00am - 8.45am and 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Bookings/cancellations
These can be managed online through our parent portal and can be accessed 24/7.

Permanent staff members: SARAH PANNELL, SAFYIE YURTSEVER, ROSE CONSTANZO and CHRISTIAN CASSAR. Feel free to come in to OSHC and meet our friendly staff and coordinator Luisa Piastrino!

How to get started
Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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Save on care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

We make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au
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

Penny the Pirate - the book that screens your child’s vision

Poor vision can greatly affect a child’s ability to learn. OPSM have created a story book “Penny the Pirate” which can help parents screen their child’s vision. After reading the story and completing some simple tasks, parents enter the responses online and then determine if their child would benefit from a full eye test at any optometrist. We have received a copy of this book which will be kept in the library for teaching staff to access.
If you would like your own copy you simply go into any OPSM store and ask for “Penny the Pirate” or visit their website: opsm.com.au/penny or call 132020 or download the free app from Google Play or the Apple Store (register for the kit to use with the app).
Having read the story and used the kit, I found it quite simple and fun to use. It tests for distance vision, colour vision and depth perception in children ages 3 -10 yrs.
Please note this book is in addition to the visiting school nurse program that come to our school annually and who are fantastic at picking up vision, hearing and other issues students may have. If you have any concerns with your child’s vision there are many optometry services in the Mill Park area and eye screening is free with a valid Medicare card.

PRIVATE LESSONS

$25

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Mill Park

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10:00am Saturdays

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2014
AT 2.30PM AT ASSEMBLY

PRESENTS

MUSIC RECITAL
AT FINDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Students learning an instrument will be performing to parents and students on the above date.
All school Staff, Students and Parents are invited to attend.