We are having a welcome picnic and BBQ for all our new Foundation parents as well as families and students in other year levels, new to Findon in 2015. This event will occur on Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February between 5.30 and 7.30. Please bring your picnic basket, drinks and picnic rug.

MEET AND GREET INTERVIEWS

It was great to see so many parents attend last Wednesday at our Meet and Greet Interviews. Thank you for showing such interest in your child’s education. The children do know when you demonstrate this and they respond accordingly by being focussed and valuing their own learning. Participating in your child’s education does pay off. Research shows that when parents engage in their children’s education it leads to improved achievement. One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Linda and I would like to congratulate and commend the staff on their efforts in working with you, as parents, to foster and develop this important partnership.

SAFE & SECURE @ FINDON

It is timely to revisit our security processes implemented to guarantee the safety and wellbeing of all our students. The pedestrian gates at Tonelli Drive and Roycroft Ave are locked at 9.05 am and re-opened at 3.25pm to ensure that our students remain in the school and unwanted strangers remain out of our school. This is a DET requirement in order to ensure a safe and secure school environment. It is our expectation that visitors to our school sign in at the office. Parents and carers are also reminded that the ‘Kiss and Drop’ is a safe zone for dropping off your children in the morning. Please note the No Right Turn coming out of the car park. I thank you for abiding by these regulations.

RESPECT AND TOLERANCE

An inclusive school is one that understands, respects, welcomes, celebrates and honours the diversity of children, families and staff. Diversity comes in many different forms, for example culture, language, religion, lifestyle, family arrangements and circumstances, abilities and disabilities. Respecting diversity is important in creating a sense of belonging. The different backgrounds of the children, families and staff enrich a school’s character and identity.

All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging has been found to help protect children against a low self-esteem, mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners. This means that children today will form friendships, learn with and interact with people from many cultures different to their own. When children grow up to understand, appreciate and respect the cultural, racial and ethnic diversity around them, this builds a positive and accepting community. A community such as this supports children to develop skills and attitudes that will assist them in their relationships and contribute to their social and emotional wellbeing. Everybody needs to feel accepted, respected and included. Feeling welcome and at home at Findon Primary School is important for positive mental health. Children learn from and with each other. They bring their parents’ opinions, prejudices, behaviours and words with them. It is important that, as adults and significant people in their lives, we are kind, caring, respectful and tolerant role models for our children. Let’s remember that ‘children learn what they live’.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The 2014/15 School Council will meet this Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} February at 5.45pm in the staff room for the last time. You are welcome to attend if you would like to see how School Council works. The 2015/16 School Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} March 2015. Nominations have now closed for School Council Elections. New School Councillors will be announced next week.
INTRODUCING LEARNING TEAM 3

Hi there, I’m Mr. Fromm and on the left is a picture of my family and I about to depart Melbourne for our 2014 overseas holiday…probably why I look happy and relaxed! It was a great trip and we all learnt many things about history, art and food. But you also learn many things as a teacher and I really enjoy learning with the students all about science, mathematics, potions, spells, dark arts (oops…there I go daydreaming again about my life at Hogwarts Castle). When I’m not taking a class with Severus Snape you’ll find me in Room 10 teaching with Miss T and hanging out with the Year 4s. This year, Dumbledore, I mean Paula, has given me the honour of leading Learning Team 3 and that’s a great privilege.

At Findon I continue to have a monopoly among the staff on being vertically challenged. That’s because I am Miss Pool. Sometimes I move very slowly around the school and that’s because I like snails as well as cats. At home I live with my family of two snuggly cats. A good thing about them is that they never nag me for KFC or Nike shoes!

This year I am having fun team teaching Year 3 students together with Briony and Gabby. They are getting used to coping with the meowing cat clock and the barking dog clock while I am learning many new things from my teaching partners. The students in our double room are eager to learn and impress us with their willingness to put in effort and the respect they show to one another.

When I am not at school I have good times with my friends and my dad, sing in a choir, go out exploring and read nonfiction and novels. I have decided that most of the best things in life begin with “C”: children, cats, chocolate, carrots (with dips) and companionship.

Hi everyone, My name is Gabby and this year I am working with Briony in 3GB. I have a wonderful husband and two great sons; Jonas who is in Year 6 and Noah who is in Year 4. My boys love to play football for the Thomastown Bears and the whole family is a little Lego crazy! We also love to travel and explore new countries. Last year we had a great time exploring Samoa and this year we have another overseas adventure planned. I love working with Miss Pool and Briony and I am really looking forward to all our fun learning.

Hi, my name is Briony Kellett and I have been teaching since 2001! This is well before all of the current students at Findon Primary were even born. I’m currently loving my time working in the Year 3 area with Gabby and Miss Pool. The students of Year 3 are excited by learning! We have great fun together and I look forward to my time in the classroom on a Thursday and Friday. I work on a part time basis as I have a beautiful, but very cheeky daughter, Zoe. My partner, Darren and I love to go on adventures with Zoe. We mostly do what she wants to do as she is a determined little soul! Here’s a photo of the three of us!

Hello Findon Primary, My name is Laura Tregoning or Miss. T; I am new to Findon Primary and am so excited to meet everyone! This year I am so delighted to be teaching Grade 4 for the first time. I have just finished my Bachelor of Teaching and am so pleased to be working with Mr. Fromm, we make an excellent team and together we create great learning opportunities for our students.

I grew up in the country on a big farm with cows, horses, 2 dogs and 2 cats. I now live in the city which is a big change and I miss all my pets a lot. In my free time I like to read books, watch movies and watch the V8 car races. During summer I enjoy spending time in the sun at Lake Mulwala with my family on our pontoon boat. In winter I love spending my weekends and holidays skiing in the snow with my family, each year I get a little bit better.

Looking forward to meeting you all, come up and say hi!

Miss. T
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK cont’d

SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 2nd MARCH

Photo day is fast approaching and your child/children have been given an envelope at Meet and Greet last Wednesday. Please read the relevant information on the payment envelope. Family pack envelopes are available at the office upon request. Each child will need to bring their envelope on photo day. If you have any enquiries please call the office on 94041362.

No kids in Hot Cars

The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes, and within minutes it can be double the temperature outside. So if it is 30 degrees outside, it can be more than 60 degrees inside a car in just a few minutes. With smaller bodies and under-developed nervous systems, young children are at much greater risk of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. While the summer holidays may be over, the warm weather continues throughout term one. Leaving children unattended in a car, even for a short period of time, can be fatal.

No Exceptions No Excuses

I leave you with the following to ponder……

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. - Henry Ford

Have a great week everyone

Paula Cosgrave
Principal
Congratulations to the following 22 students who entered the ‘Maths Problem of the Week’ in Week 5 of Term 1. Freeman won the week with 9 student entries and 45 House Points.

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**THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS**

Students who enter this week will earn 5 House Points for their House and be announced at assembly. They will also be published in the newsletter.

**Upper (4 to 6)**

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House: 

Home Group: 

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I have five coins in my pocket. Four of these coins are the same. The fifth coin is different. If I use three of my coins to pay the exact amount for a candy costing 25 cents, what coins do I have left in my pocket?

Draw the coins here:

**Middle (2 to 4)**

Name: 

House: 

Home Group: 

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What 1 coin do I need to make $3

Draw it here:

**Junior (P to 2)**

Name: 

House: 

Home Group: 

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 Can you work out the total of these coins?
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Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

**MATHLETICS and SPELLDROME**

Mathletics and Spellodrome continue at Findon in 2015 and hopefully by now all Findon students have logged on to see if their log in details work.

In the last two weeks, 47 certificates have been earnt by Findon students. The home groups with the most certificates so far this year are HP (17) and KK (11).

**LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT:** [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

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**Download the tiqbiz app to keep up to date with the latest Findon news**

Student absences for week 5. These statistics cover the five day period from 16/2/2015 to 20/2/2105.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Murray’s class (SEM) and Kate and Mrs Williamson’s class (SKK) for having the best attendance for the week. Only one absence each all week! Fantastic effort!!

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES FOR CHILDREN

Here at Findon PS, we are a ‘Go for your Life’ school which means we strongly encourage healthy eating which is best for students overall development and learning needs. As our lunch time is later in the day we encourage students to eat half (or one) sandwich or healthy meal at recess time and the remainder of their lunch at lunch time. This ensures students have adequate nutrition to support their brain during learning time. We also incorporate 10 o’clock brain food time earlier in the day for the same purpose.

Important lunch box tips

Best choices
• Vegetables
• Fresh fruit
• Dairy food – cheese or yoghurt
• Protein food – slice of lean meat, hard-boiled egg or beans
• Starchy foods – bread, rice or pasta
• Water.

Foods best left out
• Muesli and chocolate bars
• Potato crisps and oven baked savoury biscuits
• Sweet drinks
• Donuts and cakes
• Lollies, honey and jams
• Fatty meats such as salami and Strasbourg.

‘ON TIME’ AWARDS!

Well done to Tosca’s class (STD) for having no late passes for week 4.

They will receive 2 points towards their total points for the term as well as keep the GOLD trophy in their room for the week! AWESOME EFFORT!!

Value for the week: Respect

Respect means having consideration and admiration for yourself and others, respect for fellow students, teachers and staff. It means to value the school rules that have been put in place for our comfort and safety. Being considerate of others, and using those magic words – “please”, “thank you”, “you’re welcome” and “I am sorry”.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Student Wellbeing and Engagement page! Mary Zaikis
Student of the Week

FTC  Wafa
For settling well into school and showing respect to others

4LT  Anthony
For speaking politely and offering assistance to those who need it

FSM  Josh
For making good choices and being respectful to others

5KK  Nathan
For always showing respect to class mates and teachers and being a role model to others

FJW  Zane
For always following the class rules and being a great example

5TD  Kyan
For showing respect in reading and circle time.

1LS  Simone
For a positive start to the class

5EM  Aria
For always respecting others no matter what

1MZ  Damon
For trying his best to show the values

6AD  Erfan
For showing respect to others during class time and in interschool sport

2FH  Lucia
For having a really positive week and has demonstrated respect by listening

6SM  Angeleen
For consistently showing respect to herself and others

2NJ  Jack
For always showing respect to class mates and teachers

Visual Arts

3HP  Brodie
For always showing respect and using his manners

Performing Arts

David AD
For participating with great enthusiasm

3GB  Mia
For respecting class rules

P.E.

Ruby KK
For showing respect to peers, teachers and equipment in PE

4DF  Jessica
For always being ready to learn and being considerate to others

Kitchen Garden

Felix
Displaying consideration for others (safe handling of knives) and helpfulness

Premier’s Active April

Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

As a participant, you can log your daily activity with the [Active April app](https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/) and chart your progress throughout the month. You can also create and join teams, track the progress of team members and discover events that are taking place in your local area.

In 2015, every Premier’s Active April participant will receive:

- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- a chance to win some great prizes including our major registration prizes of four tickets to the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final (GFAFL15/12), a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro camera
- a chance for your school to win sporting equipment and visits from high-profile sporting personalities
- weekly email tips on being active and healthy eating

If you’re under 12, ask a parent or guardian to help you sign up. Just go to this website. [https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/](https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/)

Or check the newsletter for more information.
**Sports News....**

**District Swimming 2015**

As a result of the swimming try outs last Tuesday, the following students have made it through to the District Swimming Carnival.

The competition is on this Wednesday the 25th of February at Watermarc in Greensborough against district schools.

Best of luck and go Findon!!

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**Lucy O'Reilly**  
**Physical Education**

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**2015 NETBOOK PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

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Did you know we offer a three year old rostered playgroup at Findon Primary School?

Monday 9:30 – 12noon
and
Friday 9:30 – 12noon

Learning opportunities include visiting the library to borrow books, arts & crafts, and a play program that suits the needs of each child.

Please visit the school’s office to obtain an enrolment package or phone 94041362 for more information.

Computers for Seniors—Term1, 2015

Entry Requirements: Age 55+
Not confident in using a computer? This supportive beginners’ course will teach you all the basics so that you can start using computers to meet your everyday needs.

Location: Merrilands Community Centre
Days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Time: 12.45—3.15pm
Duration: 10 sessions
Cost: $27 plus Service and Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-concession
Fee for Service: (not eligible for subsidised training) $207 plus Service & Amenities $10 Conc./$25 non conc.

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au