From the Principal’s desk...

100 DAYS of LEARNING
A wonderful milestone took place in the Foundation and Year One classrooms last week. Students celebrated One hundred days of learning with a breakfast and pyjama day followed by activities based on 100. Congratulations on this important milestone!

FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We continue to take enrolments for our 2015 Year Foundation (Prep) 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 in Term 4.

BARBIE with the BOSS
2FH are yet again winners of the highest class attendance for term 2 and therefore were rewarded with a sausage sizzle lunch last Tuesday. What great role models 2FH are for the rest of Findon PS. Keep up the great attendance rate.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Thank you to those families who received the parent opinion survey and have taken the time to complete and return it. Please remember that the surveys need to be returned by Wednesday August 13th. We value your opinions and appreciate the time and effort involved.

TEACHING CHILDREN TO BE ORGANISED
Some children seem fated to always have a schoolbag of dog eared scraps of paper, overdue library books, outdated school notices, stale remnants of lunch. It is no coincidence that these children often underachieve at school and find it almost impossible to meet deadlines. They lack the organisational skills we all need to get through our busy, complex days. Many children never develop these skills during their school days and struggle in their first year at university or in a job. One of the best things we can do for children is give them ways they can organise their paperwork, get started on time on tasks, keep track of books and homework, concentrate on what needs to be done, plan for deadlines and keep all their school stuff in designed spaces, an impossible task? Not with modern technology, colour-coded folders, a desk and shelves at home and a weekly plan for what lies ahead. Here are some ideas:

- Make use of cell phone and technology programs to organise a calendar, send reminders and sound the alarm. They are likely to go into jobs where they are expected to use sophisticated message and calendar systems which are well within their capabilities at school.
- Keep a large, clear family calendar in a visible place like the kitchen and use different coloured pens for each member of the family.
- Keep a filing shelf with a coloured folder for each child. File all notices and important material for that child’s activities. Children can also keep coloured folders for their school and leisure activities.
- Establish daily routines for mealtimes, screen time, homework, leisure and bedtimes so your children already have a structure to their day.
- Discuss classroom routines with your child and the classroom teacher so you can follow and reinforce them at home.
- Share your own planning and organisation
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK cont’d

tips. What applies to work usually works with school as well.
□ Model tidiness, a place for important things like bills and keys and a routine to get your own tasks done.
□ Show your children ways to make a start on a task, how to break it up into manageable chunks, how to prepare a mind-map to plan each step.
□ Share how in your own life you take big tasks one step at a time. This will help save your child from being overwhelmed by what seems an impossible set of demands and build confidence in their own capacity to get things done. As with all aspects of learning, organisational skills needs to be modelled, taught and reinforced. Some children will pick up on advice quickly whilst others will need additional reminders. In today’s world, being organised is a skill which enhances people’s efficiency and effectiveness.

PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL
I remind parents that personal goods, not required for school programs, that are brought to school are at the owner’s risk. Personal items brought to school by students and/or parents are not insured and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. This includes mobile phones, calculators, games, toys and sporting equipment.

National Literacy & Numeracy Week will be held from 25th-29th August 2014 at Findon Primary School. The week is a celebration of Literacy and Numeracy which are the core skills that help students succeed at school and later in life.

I leave you with the following words to ponder…..
‘Choose always the way that seems best, however rough it may be’ Pythagoras

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

HEAD LICE
Even though it’s winter, head lice is still around. Please be vigilant, check and if needed treat your child’s hair. Please report any cases to school so we can check the whole class. Thank you

Student Medication
All student medication is to be signed in at the office. Please note that it is your responsibility to collect the medication from the office at the end of the day.

FITNESS-A-THON UPDATE
Thank you to everyone who supported the Findon Fitness-a-thon. Everyone looked fantastic and was a fun day for all!

Congratulations to our highest sponsored children:

RILEY G. with $117.90
ALEX B. $95.00

Both of these students will receive a $50 Coles/Myer Voucher.

A grand total of $4073.90

Download the tiqbiz app now to keep up to date with what is happening with your child at Findon.

NETBOOK PAYMENTS

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At Findon Primary School, our vision is that our children will become life-long learners with positive feelings of self-worth. As young adults they must be confident, tolerant, adaptable and resilient. They will be effective team members who understand their rights and responsibilities within the global community.
Congratulations to the following 27 students who entered the ‘Maths Problem of the Week’ in Week 4 of Term 3. Cuthbert House won the week with 12 student entries earning 60 points.

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THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS

**Upper (4 to 6)**

Name: Ali I.

House: Cuthbert

Home Group: MZ

What number am I?

I am a 4 digit number
I am less than half of 9400
I am more than 600 x 50
I am an odd number
My hundreds digit is 180 ÷ 20
My digits add up to 17
My first and last digit are the same
My tens digit is even and the lowest

NUMBER: ______ ______ ______

**Middle (2 to 4)**

Name: Angeleen P.

House: Cuthbert

Home Group: AL

What number am I?

I am a 3 digit number
I am less than half of 1200
I am more than 242 + 248
My middle digit is 18 ÷ 3
If you skip count by 5 or 10 you will say my number
My three digits add up to 11

NUMBER: ______ ______

**Junior (P to 2)**

Name: Angie S

House: Cuthbert

Home Group: MZ

What number am I?

I am a two digit number
I am between 25 and 50
I am an odd number
My first digit is also odd
My two digits add up to the perfect 10
I am 1 more than double 18

NUMBER: ______

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

**MATHLETICS**

38 certificates have been awarded to Findon students over the last two weeks, 23 in the last week and that is an increase on the previous week.

The class with the most certificates earnt this year is 3DF with 58, followed by 1SM with 42. KG is the best Year 6 class with 40 certificates.

On a personal note, I’m off on a family holiday for the next few weeks, so the JSC will continue to monitor the ‘Problem of the Week’ entries and will write interesting problems for students to solve.

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

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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.
2014 Foundation-Year Three Swimming Program

Students in Foundation-Three have the opportunity to participate in an 8 day intensive swimming program at the Epping Leisure Centre during the last 2 weeks of term three. There is a limit of 120 students in the 2014 program so please ensure your child is enrolled!

Well done to parents and students who have kindly returned their forms to the office.

4/5/6 District Athletics Carnival: 27th of August

Well done to all 4/5/6 students who have made the Findon Athletics team as a result of the house athletics carnival. Students will receive permission forms this week and will begin training for the carnival against district schools on the 27th of August at the Meadowglen Athletics track (Epping).

Foundation/1 Physical Education Term 3

During Physical Education in term three, students will explore soccer skills including passing and dribbling and the extended long kick. Students will focus on tapping the ball, stepping next to the ball and kicking with the inside of their foot when passing, with little taps keeping the ball close to their body when dribbling. Students will also explore AFL skills including handballing and the punt kick. Students will have the opportunity to participate in weekly PMP sessions where various fundamental motor skills will be reinforced and developed.

The swimming program in the last two weeks aims to enhance a number of survival skills, swimming strokes and skills.

Looking forward to an energetic, positive term three guys!

2014 Swimming Program (Years Foundation to Year 3)

COST $75 for the entire 8 day program!

This covers swimming instruction and bus/travel to and from the pool the entire eight day intensive swimming program with the instructors ratio 1:10 students.

The program will be held at Leisure City, Epping, however numbers are limited to 120 students, so please reply early to ensure your child is registered and included.

The swimming program will run from Monday the 8th of September to Thursday 11th (week 9) and continue on Monday the 15th to Thursday the 18th of September. These are the last two weeks of term 3, 2014.

The Program:

The students will be taught water safety, survival and swimming strokes/ techniques. Towards the end of the program, students will be tested for certificate and assessment purposes. The students will travel to and from the Swim Centre by bus, which is all organised by the school.

Year 2/3 Physical Education Term 3

During Physical Education in term three, students will explore AFL skills including handballing and AFL punt kick, with an additional focus on dodging and minor game tactics. Students will also explore soccer skills including dribbling, passing the extended long kick and game tactics specifically related to the sport of soccer.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the swimming program in the last two weeks which aims to enhance a number of survival skills, swimming strokes and skills.

Looking forward to an energetic, positive term three guys!

Physical Education 4/5 Term 3 2014

During Physical Education in term three, students will explore striking skills in the sport of Hockey. Students will focus on the push pass, dribbling and shooting skills. 4/5 and Year 6 students in the Findon Athletics team as a result from the house athletics carnival, will compete against district schools on the 27th of August.

Students will also complete a unit on soccer where dribbling, passing and the extended kick will be explored and developed. Students will continue to have discussions on making connections with their health and physical activity including ways to improve fitness and healthy eating.

Looking forward to an energetic, positive term three guys!

Physical Education Year 6 Term 3 2014

During Physical Education in term three, students will complete and perform their hard work for the fitness-a-thon and explore non- traditional sports where throwing and catching skills are of key emphasis. Students will learn and play the sport of Lacrosse early in term three. There will be a focus on the scoop technique and side, step, throw and shooting skills.

5/6 students involved in the Hoop Time Basketball Tournament will compete on the 7th of August at the Mill Park Basketball Stadium.

4/5 and Year 6 students in the Findon Athletics team as a result from the house athletics carnival, will compete against district schools on the 27th of August.

Students will also relate fundamental throwing and catching skills to sports specific skills in European Handball in addition to Lacrosse being non traditional sports.
No safe level of missing school, study finds

Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found. And school attendance patterns established as early as year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right throughout high school, according to the research.

Australia is alarmingly slack when it comes to school attendance, with high school students skipping more days of school than almost any other developed country.

On Monday, the harmful effects of that absenteeism will be detailed by the results of a study to be presented at the Australian Council for Educational Research’s annual conference.

An analysis of the attendance records and NAPLAN results of more than 400,000 students from Western Australia found any absence of school leads to a slip in academic performance. The study dispels the common belief there is a safe level of absence students can get away with before their grades will suffer.

“We were able to show that actually every day counts and days that you’re missing in year 3 and year 5, we can detect that all the way through to year 9,” the report’s co-author Professor Stephen Zubrick from the University of Western Australia said.

“A 10 day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing.” The most startling finding, he said, was that students arrive in year 1 “with their school attendance careers already in their pockets”. “For most children, year 1 sets the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future,” Dr Zubrick said.

“You’re learning more than reading and writing. You’re learning to show up.”

In a major international survey of 15-year-olds, conducted by the OECD in 2012, almost one third of Australian students said they had skipped at least one day of school in the previous two weeks. That means Australian students skip school more frequently than any other developed country except Turkey and Italy. In high-performing countries such as Japan and Korea that figure was less than 2 per cent.
Literacy and Numeracy Week lunchtime activities

MONDAY 25th
Pocket Full of Poems (Library)

TUESDAY 26th
Maths Origami and Tangrams (Library)

WEDNESDAY 27th
Maths Story Time (Library)

THURSDAY 28th
Bookmarks (Library)

FRIDAY 30th
Fitness Bingo (in the Hall)
Findon’s Fabulous Fairytales
Dress Up Day

Thursday 28th August 2014
Parade will begin at 9:30am in the BER building – everyone welcome!!!

Dress Up As Your Favourite Fairytale or Production Character
New BEST DRESS PARENT CATEGORY
So make you sure you join in the Parade!!!

Literacy & Numeracy Week 2014
LOADS OF PRIZES FOR ALL LEARNING TEAMS!

Please bring a GOLD COIN donation. All monies received will go towards our school Production.
On Friday, the 8th of August, 28 Findon students made their way to the Mill Park Basketball Stadium to compete in the annual ‘Hoop Time’ tournament. This year, the decision was made to bring the big and small schools together and so Findon competed against Plenty Parklands, St Francis of Assisi, St Damians, Mill Park, Mill Park Heights and Mernda Primary.

All of our students performed with great skill and application and show that they were worthy representatives for Findon Primary School.

Our A Girls team, led by the determined and skilful Zoe S and the defensive presence of Amber C., battled hard all day for three wins and three losses to come third in their pool. Unfortunately, the team was without Kellie N., who had to miss out due the tournament due to personal reasons, but Olivia T. did a great job stepping up.

Our B Girls team played every game with enthusiasm and in the spirit of fair play. Emily B-H showed plenty of leadership and she was ably supported by strong contributions from Katelyn L. and Cody W. They also finished with three wins and three losses, and were unlucky to miss a spot in the Grand Final after falling behind in a pool game in the last 30 seconds of the match.

Our B Boys team showed fantastic team work and discipline as they went through their six pool games undefeated. There were stand out performances from Tom S. and Troy S., and they were strongly supported by the rebounding of Zeke D. and the ball handling skills of Aden M. Unfortunately, in the Grand Final they fell at the last hurdle, losing to St Francis of Assisi 7-6.

Our A Boys team played strongly in all their pool games and combined well for a 5-1 record. They recorded a brilliant win over Plenty Parklands and progressed to the Grand Final against St Francis of Assisi. There was long range shooting from Griffin R. and Matt K., strong rebounding from Luka P. and Ben F. and Zac S. was excellent with his decision making. The Grand Final saw the controversial moment of the day. Down 7 points to 2 with about 90 seconds left, Daniel S. made two free throws. Then, with about 15 seconds remaining, Findon regained the ball, needing a 3 pointer to force a tie. Daniel S. clearly stepped behind the blue three point line and duly sunk the shot. However, the referee called it a two pointer, believing that the white three point line (slightly further back) was the correct three point line. The game ended with a 1 point loss to Findon. In the end, the referee agreed it should have been a 3 pointer, and Findon should have gone to extra-time. The A Boys, after finishing in the top two, still progress to the next stage of inter-school basketball.

Overall, Findon finished an admirable third. A fantastic effort by our students and a real credit to their training over the last four weeks. A big thank you to all the parents and family members that attended the day and a special thanks to our super mums that helped with the scoring of every match.

FINDON PLANET SAVERS

Last week at our Findon Planet Savers meeting we talked about putting compost bins in every classroom and making signs for composting. The signs show what goes in the compost and what doesn’t go in the compost. The winners from our ‘finding the longest weed root’ competition were Kaitlyn from EM and Jai from AL. Remember to make sure you put your rubbish in the right bin and compost your fruit!

Thanks from the Findon Planet Savers.
The NEW Canteen Menu is now available on the website www.findonps.vic.edu.au

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**SWIMMING PROGRAM** Foundation—YR3  Please return form with a $20 deposit

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  AUGUST 20th - forms have been sent out!

**LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK** - Fairy Tale Dress Up Day, August 28

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**Student of the Week**

NP - Joshua  DF - Lilyann  Specialist Awards
LS - Kamal  TD - Jack
TC - Mia  EM - Erfan  Performing Arts
MZ - P.J  JD - Hollie  Jai
SM - Raybin  AL - Angeleen  Physical Education
FH - Jai  KG - Ivana  Kiara
MJ - Ryan  SB - Jacinta
HP - Julian  AD - Lakshan

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**Findon Primary TRIVIA NIGHT**

School Fundraiser

Friday 5 Sept 2014 - 7:00pm
Findon Primary BER Building
$10 per person  Tables of 8-10

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
Welcome Back To OSHC

Favourites week!

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a fantastic week last week.

Last week we continued our Commonwealth game theme by having a final medal tally. We also had heaps of fun doing lots of cooking! We cooked some old favourites and some new things too. We made yum balls, scones and some delicious snowball cookies.

This week we will be doing some old favourites, from games to cooking. Let's get ready to have some fun.

This week's legend of the week is Jaykob for being responsible for his own action by treating others with respect.

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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

PRODUCTION COSTUMES start this term!!
A Costume Committee is being formed in the upcoming weeks. If you leave your name and contact number at the office you will be notified of the first meeting. All help is greatly appreciated and the more helpers the better the show!

SEWERS WANTED!

Special Introductory Programme
ONLY $35.00
Includes
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Morang Drive
Mill Park

5:30 pm Every Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am Saturdays

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Would you like to learn to sing?

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Then come and join experienced singer, performer and teacher Bryone for private or group singing lessons.

Great for kids, adults and parents. Builds confidence in a safe, easy and supportive environment.

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Little Athletics Club
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“Family, Fun & Fitness”       “Be Your Best”

CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} August, 2014: 11.00am - 1.00pm
McDonald’s - Cnr High Street & Childs Road, Epping

and

Saturday, 30\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
The Groove Train, Westfield Plenty Valley

The 2014-2015 Little Athletics Season is starting soon. We welcome girls & boys from 5 years to 15 years to join our Club and participate in a healthy outdoor sport in a fun and family friendly environment.

- The Little Athletics Season commences on Saturday, 4\textsuperscript{th} October, 2014
- at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium
- Weekly competition is normally on Saturday mornings or Friday nights
- Structured weekly training sessions with individual coaches for each age group
- Club Training is on Tuesday nights, commencing 2\textsuperscript{nd} September, 2014 from 5pm-6pm
- Birth Certificate is required for new Athlete Registrations

Contacts: Tony Newstead, President - 0431 665 350
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