Hello Everyone,
We begin the week with great news! We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Charlie John Van Ballegooy, weighing 7 lb 2 ounces, a beautiful baby boy born on 10th Nov to Lucy and Mick. Everyone is doing really well.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
We are now more than halfway through the term and our thoughts are already turning to Christmas and acknowledging the wonderful work done in our school by our volunteers. Throughout the year there are many parents and community members who give of their time and contribute to the life of the school enriching the programs and environment available to our students. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to all those who have assisted in so many ways this year. We are holding a Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea on Thursday 10th December 2015 from 11.00 – 11.30 to express our thanks. We hope all volunteers will be able to join us at our thank you Morning Tea? Please put the date in your diaries.

RECOGNISING TALENT & ACHIEVEMENT AT FINDON
The following Year 6 Findon students have been awarded various scholarships for year 7 at a number of Secondary Colleges. We congratulate these students and commend them on their effort and outstanding achievement.

- Aimee E: Greensborough Secondary College Leadership Scholarship, High Achievers Program
- Jack C: Epping Secondary College – ACE English Program
- Katelyn L: Epping Secondary College – Academic Scholarship, ACE Maths Program
- Zoe S: Epping Secondary College – Sport Scholarship
- Matthew L: Mill Park Secondary College – Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program
- Prushoth J: Mill Park Secondary College – Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program
- Alex B - Mill Park Secondary College – Extension Program
- Zahia A - Epping Secondary College - Sport Scholarship

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
It’s that time of the year when our school is conducting interviews and elections for student leadership positions for 2016. Often a great deal of emotion and consideration is given to the interview/election process itself. Our school is constantly reviewing and improving the student leadership positions and processes to get them just right. However, one aspect that is easy to neglect is the preparation and education of prospective leaders for the interview/election process, but more importantly, for their future roles. In order to be effective School Captains or House Captains our future student leaders need to:

- Understand the requirements of the leadership positions they are considering
- Feel that they are ready to fill the position
- Are able to undertake the interview or election process with confidence
- Be willing to continue learning and developing their leadership skills.

Educator Michael Grose identifies five student leadership styles:

- **Charismatic student leaders:** who gain support through their personality and ability to communicate. They often appeal to followers on an emotional level.
- **Democratic student leaders:** include all team members in decisions. They allow the majority to rule, however, if a final decision can’t be made, they will decide.
- **Dictatorial student leaders:** who make all the decisions without considering the views of others and therefore they tend to be non-consultative.
- **Laissez Faire (‘laid back’) student leaders:** go with the flow and allow the team to make decisions. They have a vision, but let others decide how to get there.
- **Action student leaders:** who show the way for those to follow. They communicate a goal and show others how to get there. They lead by example and model the behaviours that they want to encourage.
Teachers are supporting and encouraging students in Year 5 to think about taking up leadership positions within the school. Expressions of Interest will be sought and nominations for the position of School Captain will occur. A selection panel comprised of the Principal and year 6 teachers will conduct interviews over the coming weeks. Once School Captains for 2016 have been chosen, the process for electing House Captains will begin.

ROBO CLUB Starting at the beginning of Term 2, Findon's Robo club has made a splash at lunchtimes. Senior school students have eagerly created exciting robots that draw, transport goods, can be moved using a remote control and by creating programs. With the Australian government encouraging science and technology as future directions for our knowledge economy, Findon is leading the way in developing skills that will teach students to thinking logically, creatively and work collaboratively. The club is open for all students in Learning Team 4 and the application process for new members will begin early 2016.

BOOKLISTS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES 2016 & CHANGES to L.E.A.P We intend to forward our 2016 Booklist in the coming weeks to help you plan and space your financial commitments prior to the end of the year. Costs will be kept to a minimum for books, requisites and a letter explaining our new excursions levy will be sent to all families. In 2016 we will see the replacement of the old L.E.A.P. levy with an Excursion Levy of $80. An excursion levy will mean that parents will no longer have to pay for excursions/incursions throughout the year. This one off $80 levy paid at the start of the year, will cover all excursions or incursions planned for the entire year, linked to our Inquiry units of work. As parents you will not have to pay each term, as you have done in the past. This is only for excursions/ incursions and does not include School Camps. At the end of the 2016 year if any funds have not been allocated they will carry forward to the following year. All school Camps will be invoiced separately. We will include a payment plan and anyone experiencing genuine financial hardship may speak to me. It is expected all book lists will be paid by the end of January. While payment is not required until the start of the 2016 school year we would greatly appreciate payment by December 2015. A school stationery pack will only be received upon payment.

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2016 The formation of classes for next year is almost complete, and like Santa, teachers will be checking them twice before they are finalised. The class structure for next year consists of:

EARLY YEARS:
3 Foundation classes
3 Year 1 classes
2 Year 2 classes

MIDDLE YEARS:
5 Year 3/4 classes
4 Year 5/6 classes

Teachers will be allocated to classes once the student lists are finalised.

FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 Enrolments are been finalised for our 2016 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 running for 10 sessions each Wednesday and Friday through to December.

LAST DAY OF TERM – 1.00pm FINISHING TIME Please note that the finishing time for the last day of term, Friday 18th December 2015, is at 1.00pm. Parents are being given plenty of notice to make arrangements for their child to be collected at 1.00pm on the last day.

I leave you with the following words to ponder…
‘No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.’ AESOP

Have a great week everyone

Paula Cosgrave
Principal
The STAFF CARPARK is for STAFF ONLY. Parents can use the Kiss and Drop in the morning but are not to park within the carpark. Please be aware that Council regularly monitors the parking around the school.

Maths Problem

Congratulations to the following 6 students who submitted an entry for last week’s Maths problem. Cuthbert and Strickland both had 2 entrants. Hopefully we can get some more students entering this week.

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THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS

Upper (4 to 6) | Middle (2 to 4) | Junior (P to 2)

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I bake 60 cookies in the oven. On the first day, I eat 1/3 of the cookies. On the second day, I eat ¼ of the 2/3 that are left. On the third day, I eat 1/3 of what is left. How many cookies have I eaten altogether? What fraction of the original 60 cookies are left?

In John’s pocket he has 2 money notes (of different value) and 3 coins (2 may have same value). Show how the following amounts may be possible with drawings?

- $17.80
- $20.00
- $33.50
- $70.50
- $55.20

Donna made 5 posters. Elizabeth made twice as many posters as Donna. They hung up 7 posters. How many posters do they have left?

Working out:

Answer: ____________

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

MATHLETICS

A reminder that the student app for Mathletics is available for the iphone, ipad, tablets and smart phones. Most of the course work (but not all) and Live Mathletics is available via this platform.

Over the last two weeks 21 certificates have been earnt by Findon student. Congratulations to Lucy C. from DF for earning her Gold certificate on Mathletics.

These three students from KK: Julia L., Kayla N. and Tom M. were awarded their Gold certificates at last week’s assembly.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT: www.mathletics.com.au
All students attending the Canberra Tour in 2016 are reminded that the final payment is due Friday 11th December.

Thanks
Simon White
ARTS FESTIVAL DONATIONS:

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In order to secure a netbook for your child, a $30 deposit is due by Friday 20th November.

Lost your form? Copies are available at the office.
Termly payments will commence Term 1, 2016
Questions? Please contact Prue Pisanli or Paula Cosgrave

Grade 6 Students:

Don’t forget to buyout your netbook for high school next year!

Only $30!
Due Friday 20th November.

Forms at the office.
Which Is The Odd One Out? Why?

During our Mathematics sessions students in Year 2 have been working on problem solving strategies and have been encouraged to share their thinking on a range of tasks. These included tasks such as:

39  37  79  or  39  37  79  or  39  37  79

Their responses show a range of thinking strategies:

- 79 - It is in the 70s and the others are in the 30s – Ali
- 79 - It is the biggest and it has 7 tens and is the closest to 100 – Riley
- 79 - It is the only one with a 7 in front of it – Gaige
- 37 - 39 and 79 have a 9 at the end – Dante
- 37 - It is the only one with a 7 at the end – Holly
- 79 – It is the only one that has a 7 and a 9 where the other two have 3s in them - Jake
- 37 - It has a 7 in it and is an odd number – Nabil
- 37 - It does not have a 9 in the ones column – Maya
- 79 - At the first starting number it is a 7 and the two other numbers have a 3 at the start – Haydar
- 37 – It is the only one that has a 7 in the ones column – Jack
- 37 - 39 and 79 have a 9 in the ones column and 37 doesn’t – Timmi
- 37 – It is the littlest number and the only one that has a 7 at the end – Matthew
- 37 - 39 and 79 both have 9s – Samir
- 79 – It is not in the 30s – Mia S.
- 37 – It doesn’t have a circle – Ali K.
- 37 – Both have the 3 in the tens column and the 7 is the only one in the ones column – Jarome
• a - because it is the only vowel and it is shorter than d – Thomas
• l – because a and d are close together in the alphabet and l is further away – Evelyn
• d – because it is the only letter with a circle and a line put together and looks like it has both the a and l squished together – Lucia
• a – it is the smallest letter – Jessica
• d – if you put a and l together it would look like d - Shantelle
• l – because it is the only one that doesn’t have a circle in front – Martha
• l – because it is a stick letter – Fetalaiga
• a – a doesn’t have a line and a tail but d and l do – Frensi
• a – because it can be in ‘secret agent’ words – Hayden
• l – it doesn’t have a circle on it - Troy
• a – because is an odd letter because when you count them d and l are even letters - Raybin
• a – because it is the shortest letter and has the shortest line as well – Ali I.
• l – when you look at d and a they have a circle at the beginning and l doesn’t – Rylee
• a – it has a circle and a line just like an i – Layla

Which figure so you think is the odd one out? Share your ideas with your family.
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