From the Principal’s desk...

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

4 Yr 5/6 Boys Baseball
Yr 5/6 Girls Soccer
5 Better Buddies Celebration
8 Learning Team 3 LEAP - Williamstown Ferry
9 Learning Team 2 LEAP - Puffing Billy
10 Christmas Family Night
10 Meet the teacher
11 Learning Team 1 LEAP - Movies & Bowling
12 Learning Team 4 LEAP - Specialist Rotations
12 Booklists due today
15 Year 6 Farewell Evening
17 Learning Team 1 End of Year Celebration
17 Learning Team 2 Redleap Reserve
17 Learning Team 3 TRAC
17 Learning Team 4 Funfields
19 Term 4 finishes 1:30pm dismissal

ELECTION DAY BBQ
Thank you to the many people who volunteered and gave of their time on Friday night preparing and Saturday to cook and sell sausages and drinks for Findon PS. We appreciate all your efforts! Honourable mentions to: Florence, Lorraine, Michelle G, Jodie, Katelyn, Paula, Clare, Silvana, Jenny, Jo, Michael & Shelley, Gabby, Lona, Helena, Gail, Leanne, Jacky A, Kirrian, Michelle S, Wendy, Linda, Tegan, Niina, Helen and Bianca.

STARTING SCHOOL
‘The beginning of something is always very important, especially when it’s young and needs time to grow.’ Plato’s words are particularly relevant to young children and their parents as they begin the enrolment process into Foundation. Starting school is a significant event in a child’s life. Children’s emotional maturity and social competence should be at the core of decision making about school readiness. Social skills include knowing how to behave in particular situations, how to relate to the needs of others and how to follow the rules and routines that apply in families, places like school, within friendship groups and the community. Children learn social skills through positive communication with family members, good role models and gentle advice from trusted people. Keep in mind that we cannot ‘fast forward’ children’s emotional maturity and social competence. Learning to manage feelings and to relate well with other children and adults is the foundation of doing well at school and later, working life. Children do better in all aspects of their school life, including learning, if they are able to:

- be friendly without always giving in or being too bossy
- think about how others feel and also to be able to stand up for themselves when they need to follow instructions and ask for help when they need it
- be willing to have another go when things go wrong or are difficult
- express how they feel in ways that doesn’t upset others e.g. using words, not hitting or biting
- persist with tasks until they are finished
- wait for turns to talk and not interrupt others
- share and take turns in games.

Above all, it is important to keep in mind that although academic learning is highly valued in a school, social skills, communication, the ability to make friends and cope with conflict are critical factors in learning and living with others.

BEGINNING SCHOOL PROGRAM: PARENT SESSION TWO
It was fabulous to see so many of our brand new Foundation parents stay for our second parent information session last Friday morning. Below are some of the parent reflections that were shared in the group, regarding the values and qualities they would like to see fostered and nurtured in their child at the completion of their seven year Findon journey……

Community minded, open minded, driven, strong sense of self, resilience, team player, educated, confident, love of learning, feeling part of the community, strong sense of identity, problem solver, inclusive, determined, focused, considerate, environmentally aware, giving, cooperative, friendly, respectful, adaptive.

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, 4th December 2014 from 11.00am – 11.30am 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!

I leave you with the following words to ponder…

**A Little Poem to reinforce the Home School Partnership**

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned her with care.

One was a teacher, the tools she used
Were books and music and art;
One was a parent with guiding hands
And a gentle loving heart

Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured by her side
And polished and smothered it o’er

And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home

Paula Cosgrave
Principal

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**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 ASAP. Thank you.*
Congratulations to the following 14 students for entering a solution. Cuthbert and Roycroft tied this week on 25 points each. 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.

Name | HG | Level | House  | Name  | HG | Level | House
-----|----|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|--------
Danyon B. | EM | Middle | Cuthbert | Annabelle | LS | Junior | Roycroft
Angeleen P | AL | Middle | Cuthbert | Jess B | AD | Upper | Roycroft
Felix P. | MJ | Middle | Cuthbert | Alex B | JD | Upper | Roycroft
Timan A. | MZ | Junior | Cuthbert | Kayla N | JD | Middle | Roycroft
Sami A. | MJ | Junior | Cuthbert | Anamika S. | KG | Upper | Roycroft
Gaige Z | SM | Junior | Freeman | Jayvonte | EM | Upper | Strickland
Matt L. | TD | Upper | Freeman | Declan F. | EM | Upper | Strickland

House Points

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THIS WEEK’S PROBLEMS – FIND THE FINISHING NUMBER

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

MATHLETICS

19 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.
Home Group DF still leads the class certificate count on 70 certificates. FH is second on 59 and SM is third on 53.

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

Printed copies of the Maths Problem are available from the office.
Well it's that time of year again! Our Findon Carols Night is just around the corner. Wednesday the 10th of December to be exact. We anticipate it will be a fabulous end of year celebration with our Findon community. At this stage we are in the process of getting things in place and we need your Findon spirit with the raffle. We would appreciate any donations for our hampers this year. Items such as:

- Toys
- Vouchers
- Confectionary
- Non perishable food items
- Perfume, soaps, pamper packs
- BBQ items
- Anything that you think would go great in a raffle!

If you have any family or friends that own businesses that may want to donate, that would be fantastic and really appreciated. Please drop off your items to the lovely ladies in the office. This year there will be a $5.00 entry fee for immediate family. Any extra guests will be a gold coin donation. This money will go towards the hiring of the stage and sound equipment.

Many thanks
Community Links

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**LEAP Term Four 2014**

All excursions will require students to be in their full school uniform, with hats, sunglasses, their morning tea, lunch and a water bottle. Please do not bring any lunch orders or money on excursions.

**Foundation/ One: Movies and Bowling- Thursday the 11th of December**
Foundation/ One students will play one game of 10 pin Bowling at Oz 10 in Epping. Students will then walk to Reading Cinemas in Epping to watch Penguins of Madagascar. Just a reminder to all students to please return their forms for PG permission.

**Two/ Three: Puffing Billy Excursion: Tuesday 9th of December**
Two/ Three students will travel to Belgrave to a park where they will have sporting and play equipment to play with before boarding the Puffing Billy Train!

**Four/Five: Williamstown Ferry: Monday the 8th of December**
Students will travel into the city to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and have the opportunity to play with some sports and play equipment. Students will then board the ferry from Southbank to Williamstown where they will have a number of activities.

**Year Six: Incursion/ specialist rotations: Friday 12th of December**
Students will participate in sporting and specialist rotations and preparation for their farewell evening.
Sports News....

Year 6 Boys Baseball and Girls Soccer Tournaments:
Congratulations to the following students who will represent Findon Primary at the Bundoora District Schools Baseball and soccer tournaments on Thursday the 4\textsuperscript{th} of December.
Best of luck boys and girls! Go Findon!

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Lucy O'Reilly
Physical Education

Student of the Week
21/11/14

Better Buddies Celebration Teddy Bear Picnic

Dear Parents and Caregivers of LT1 and LT2,

On **Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} December, from 11.30pm to 1.30pm**, the Year 2/3 buddies and their Foundation/Year 1 buddies will be walking to Findon Recreation Reserve for a Teddy Bear Picnic and games afternoon to celebrate the Better Buddies Program in 2014. Students are invited to bring a teddy bear, a packed healthy lunch and a water bottle for this day. Please do not organise a lunch order on this day.

Kind Regards LT1 and LT2 teachers
Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

Here are the student absences for week 8, Term 4. These statistics cover the dates from 24/11/2014 to 28/11/2014.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alyson’s class for having the best attendance for the week. Keep up the spectacular effort! AL get to enjoy the sports bag for the week.

EVERY DAY OF SCHOOL COUNTS!!

How can Parents and Carers Help Teach Values

Parents and carers can use a range of strategies to help children learn about social values. The following ideas can help.

Teach by example

Children often learn more from what you do than what you say. Your own behaviour is important for showing children how you would like them to behave. Talking about the reasons for your behaviour can help to make your values and expectations clear.

Read and discuss stories that demonstrate positive values

Choose children’s stories that reflect the kinds of values you want children to learn. Talk about the story and what can be learnt. You might ask questions like: “How do you think that person feels? Why do you think he/she did that? Was it a good idea? How could he/she have done it better?”

Check what children are watching on TV

Make sure that the programs children watch and the electronic games they play are suitable for their age and reflect positive values. Watching violence on television and playing violent video games can lead to aggressive behaviour.

Teach children to learn from mistakes

Mistakes provide opportunities for teaching and reinforcing positive values. Support and acknowledge children when they admit mistakes and help them find ways to make up for them. Ask them to suggest ways of repairing any damage they have caused to relationships, people or property.

Help children to think about values

Talk with children about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Teaching children to question and think about social values helps them to be clear about their own values and strengthens their ability to resist pressure from peers, advertising and other media. Teaching children about values supports their social development. It helps them develop the knowledge and skills they need to play a positive role in society.

‘On Time’ Award

Congratulations to Jess’ class for having the best ‘On Time’ results for week 8! Great effort!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

The Value for the week is:

Care and Compassion

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

THURSDAY 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.
Findon Primary School Presents...

2014 CAROLS NIGHT

Wednesday 10th December

Gates Open at 4:30pm
(Performances begin at 6:30pm)
$5.00 Entry Per Family

Christmas Family Night

Thursday 4th December 6pm – 8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
• Santa's little helper workshops
• Gift wrapping service
• Meet Santa in store
• Light refreshments will be provided

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

Holiday Clubs
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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

**CANTERBERRY 2015**

Total cost for Canberra 2015 is $680

Please finalise all payments by December 19th 2014

**Certificate III in Education Support—February 2015**

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| Course Description:| Graduates work as:  
|                    | • education assistants  
|                    | • support workers (working with children with disabilities)  
|                    | • teacher aides/assistants  |
| Pathway:           | Classroom, off-site tasks/research, Practical Placement + Assessment Workshops (TBA) |
| Locations:         | Merrilands Community Centre |
| Days:              | Monday & Wednesday |
| Time:              | 9.15am to 3.15pm (Tentative) |
| Dates:             | 9th Feb to 18th May – Classroom  
|                    | 19th May to 26th June – Practical Placement (Excludes: Wed 11th Feb 2015 & School Holidays) |
| Duration:          | 23 sessions plus 100 hour practical placement |
| Statement of Fees: | Concession: $160, Full: $800, Fee For Service: $2,540 (limited places)  
|                    | + Service & Amenities Fee: $10 Conc., $25 Full |
| Enrolment:         | Please ring early to arrange a pre-enrolment interview. Ph. 9462 6077. |

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**Registration Day!**

**Bundoora Junior Football Club**

Under 8’s to Colts

**Sunday 8th February 2015**

10am – 2pm

Telfer Reserve, Bundoora

Free sausage sizzle

All boys and girls most welcome

www.bundoorajfc.com.au

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Mill Park

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10:00am Saturdays

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists