

# FINDON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning for life*



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST 2019**

#### AUGUST

- 28 Fathers Day Stall
- 29 LT3 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

#### SEPTEMBER

- 10 District Athletics
- 18 Phillip Island Campers
- 19 Phillip Island Camp
- 20 Phillip Island Campers Return
- 20 Last Day Term 3

#### OCTOBER

- 7 First Day Term 4
- 15 LT4 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- 16 Regional Athletics Carnival
- 22 Year 5 Taster Day M.P.S.C
- 23 Arts Festival

#### NOVEMBER

- 4 Curriculum Day
- 5 Melbourne Cup Day

#### DECEMBER

- 10 Year 6 Orientation Day
- 16 Graduation Practice
- 20 Last Day Term 4

**Father's Day Stall**  
**tomorrow,**  
**Wednesday**  
**28th August.**  
**Gifts between**  
**\$2.00 and \$5.00**

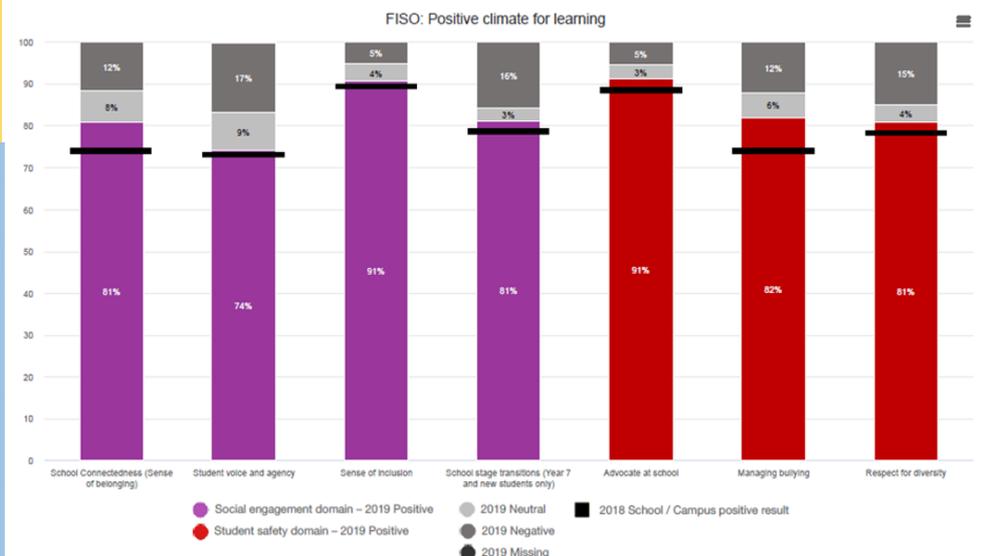
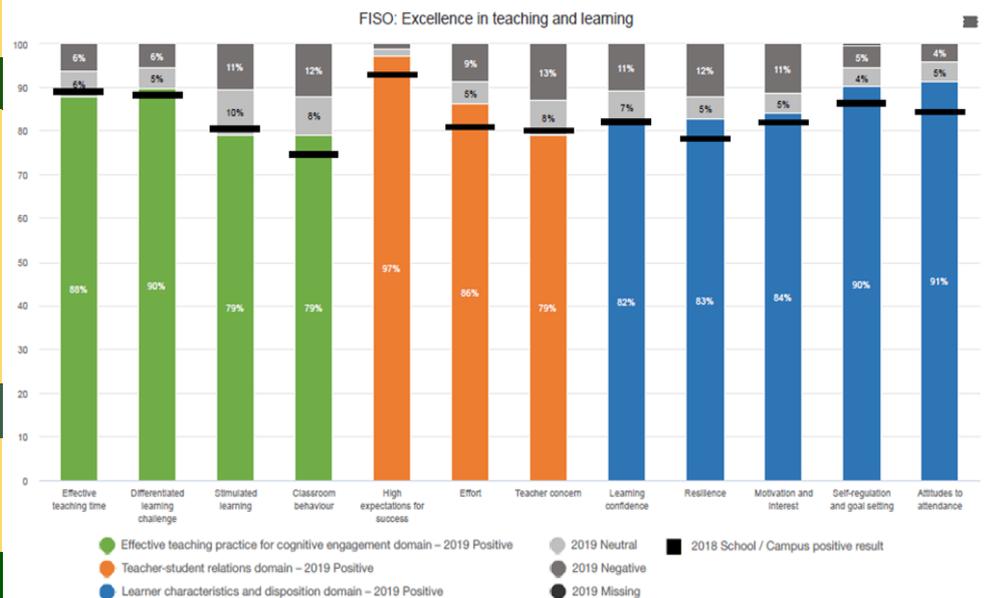
#### Hello Everyone.....

Our 2019 Attitudes to School Survey results have recently been released and are below for you to view. Whilst we have achieved positive results and high scores in all areas, we will be looking to 'unpack' these results with our Year 4,5,6 students, to seek their ideas, feedback and opinions, to glean where we can further grow and improve as a school, especially in the domains of **Stimulating Learning (79%), Classroom Behaviour (79%)** and **Student Voice & Agency (74%)**

2019 Student Attitudes to School Survey  
 Preliminary Summary School Report for:  
 Findon Primary School

Total number of student responses: 157  
 Overall response rate: 98%  
 Please note: Overall response rate is based on headcount information provided by schools on the portal (n=160)

#### Primary School Report



## BULLYING

Bullying is defined as 'ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence

It's important that students are aware of the difference between bullying or an incident that is a one off. Bullying can be destructive for children's self-esteem and confidence so encouraging your child to let their teacher know is an important first step. If they are unable to do so then it is the parent that needs to inform the school so we can help. Talk to the school because we take bullying very seriously at Findon and we will actively put strategies into place to follow up incidences and prevent further bullying from occurring. At school we will assess the situation, collect evidence and discuss the matter with relevant students to make all parties aware of their actions and then look for ways to solve the situation and ensure that the negative behaviours stop. You can:

- Tell your child you will talk to the school.
- Discuss the problem with the classroom teacher or team Leader
- Ask for the teacher's views.
- Be calm and voice your concerns
- End the meeting with a plan for how the situation will be managed.
- Keep in touch with the school.

### If the bullying doesn't stop

- Remember to work through the school and NOT to take matters into your own hands.
- Inform the school of any further bullying incidents.
- Speak to the classroom teacher again.

It takes time to change behaviour, so you might not see overnight results. Do let the school know, though, if your child continues to tell you about incidents of bullying.

### Supporting your child at home

Give your child as much support and love as you can at home. Continue to offer support at home while you, the teacher and your child come up with a plan for fixing the bullying. Let your child know that the situation is not his or her fault, and that it can be fixed. You can give support by listening and talking. You can also give your child ideas for coping with the bullying.

### Ideas for coping with bullying

- Talk to your child about some of the different ways of dealing with bullying behaviour and why these work. This will help your child feel more confident and less powerless about being bullied.
- Ignore it, and move away. You physically remove yourself from children who are teasing or bullying.
- Tell the bully to stop. Standing up to bullies in a calm way lets them know that what they are trying to do is not working.
- Stay around other people. It can help to have others around.
- Ask other children for support. Other children probably understand what you are going through and are likely to help you if needed. Bullies are less likely to strike if they can see that you have backup.
- Tell the teacher. Your teacher will be able to help you deal with the problem, and will come up with a plan. The bully might not even know that what they are doing is upsetting you.

## ATTENDANCE

At Findon Primary School, we are always searching for ways to increase student learning opportunities and improve academic outcomes. Regular school attendance, without unnecessary absences is vital. Learning is linked from one session to another. Absences often mean children miss important stages in the development of a topic, which means they are placed at a disadvantage compared to those children who regularly attend school. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps them to build and maintain friendships with other children. ***It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child regularly attends school.*** If a child is absent a note should be forwarded to the class teacher informing the school of the reason. This is a legal requirement. Regular absences will be followed up by the class teacher, the Assistant Principal or the Principal, and absences are recorded on student reports. Children learn best when they attend school every day. This gives them the best chance of achieving success, making friends, and experiencing the wide range of school programs and activities we offer at Findon. If you have any issue with your child being reluctant to come to school please make an appointment with the classroom teacher so the issue can be addressed promptly.

**LITERACY & NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY: A Guide for parents of children aged 0-12.** This resource is designed to support students at all ages and stages to get the skills they need to succeed at learning and in life. Research shows that parents are a very significant influence on a child's learning and development. This resource provides parents with fun, inexpensive, accessible and practical activities they can do to help develop their child's literacy and numeracy skills. The tips may also help parents to foster an appreciation of curiosity and learning, keep their children engaged and ultimately support educational outcomes. Parents can access an online version of the tips from the Department of Education and Training website by searching for "Supporting your child's learning".

## **Swimming Program 2019 Foundation, Year 1 & 2**

***The Department of Education and Training has set a state target that every primary school student must be able to swim at least 50 metres.***

### **PROGRAM**

Students are taught water safety, survival skills and refining swimming stroke technique. Towards the end of the program students are tested for certificate and assessment purposes. Students will travel to and from the swim centre by bus. The eight-day intensive swimming program delivered by qualified instructors with a ratio of 1:10 students, is in week 9 & 10 Monday 9th Sept -Thursday 19th Sept at YMCA Leisure City Epping.



### **PLANNING 2020....FAMILIES RETURNING TO FINDON IN 2020**

To assist with our planning process for 2020, parents of all of students in Foundation to year 5 who will ***NOT be attending*** Findon PS, next year, are asked to pass this information onto the office. 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 and improving student outcomes, will remain our top priorities.

### **UNIFORM and SUNSMART POLICY: SCHOOL HATS & SUNGLASSES**

A reminder that 1st September marks the beginning of spring therefore time to start wearing hats and sunglasses at school for all outdoor activities. We are a Sun Smart school and our Uniform policy states that hats must be worn from 1st September to 30<sup>th</sup> April. It would be appreciated if parents could remind and encourage their children to wear their hats during lunchtimes, recesses and outdoor activities. Harmful UV rays can damage skin cells even on cloudy days.

We are also noticing more and more girls wearing leggings as pants, with a polo shirt over the leggings. This clothing item is not part of the acceptable Uniform Policy. Girls are required to wear either black tracksuit pants or long black pants, or winter skirt. ***NOT leggings***. Our Uniform Policy and dress code expectations are approved by School Council.

### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

The Father's Day Stall will be held in the Oral Language room. Please mark this on your calendar so that your children do not miss out on buying something for their father, grandfather or special friend.

I leave you with the following words to ponder...

***"There is a positive side to everything.....it just takes a positive mind to see it"***

Paula Cosgrave

*Principal*

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# MATHS PROBLEM



Congratulations to the following 14 students who entered the 'Maths Problem of the Week' in week 6 of Term 3. Freeman won the week with 7 entries and 35 house points. Don't forget to add your name, house and home group to your entry.

Name	HG	Level	House	Name	HG	Level	House
Alex B.	JB	Junior	Cuthbert	Brandon S.	LS	Middle	Freeman
Indy G.	NL	Junior	Cuthbert	Nathan S.	HS	Middle	Freeman
Hugo	TC	Junior	Cuthbert	Noah B.	TC	Junior	Freeman
Sydney S.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Carter G.	TC	Junior	Roycroft
Harrison C.	HS	Middle	Freeman	Logan G.	MN	Middle	Roycroft
Arissa C.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Eddy C.	MN	Middle	Roycroft
Lucy S.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Aaron B.	NL	Upper	Strickland
				Dev A.	FH	Middle	Strickland

## House Points

Cuthbert	Freeman - WIN	Roycroft	Strickland
15	35	15	10

Upper (4 to 6)	Middle (2 to 4)	Junior (P to 2)																
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>																
<b>House:</b>	<b>House:</b>	<b>House:</b>																
<b>Home Group:</b>	<b>Home Group:</b>	<b>Home Group:</b>																
<p>A car park has 3 levels. On each level there are 240 spaces. On one particular day when the car park is full, the owner counts all the cars and finds that 35% are white cars.</p> <p>The only other colour which has more than 100 cars is blue. Blue accounts for 15%.</p> <p>How many cars are blue and silver?</p> <p><b><u>WORKING OUT</u></b></p>	<p>Circle or colour the odd one out in each <u>row</u></p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>6 x 3</td> <td>½ of 36</td> <td>20 - 2</td> <td>19 - 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100 - 19</td> <td>9 x 9</td> <td>60 + 21</td> <td>44 + 47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101 - 98</td> <td>9 ÷ 3</td> <td>1.4 + 1.6</td> <td>¼ of 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 + 17</td> <td>Double 21</td> <td>61 - 20</td> <td>Half of 84</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	6 x 3	½ of 36	20 - 2	19 - 2	100 - 19	9 x 9	60 + 21	44 + 47	101 - 98	9 ÷ 3	1.4 + 1.6	¼ of 16	25 + 17	Double 21	61 - 20	Half of 84	<p>On a bus there are 30 passengers.</p> <p>At the first stop, 5 passengers get on and nobody gets off.</p> <p>At the next stop, 13 passengers get on and 12 get off.</p> <p>At the next stop, 5 passengers get on and 15 get off.</p> <p>The bus arrives at its final stop. Everyone must get off.</p> <p>How many passengers leave the bus?</p>
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Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

## MATHLETICS

46 certificates were awarded to Findon students over the last two weeks.

Don't forget, to earn a certificate on Mathletics, you need to earn 1000 points between Monday and Sunday. You earn a Gold Certificate (which is presented to you at assembly) after you have earned 20 certificates.

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

# Arts Festival

## RAFFLE DONATIONS:



Dear parent, students and friends,

The Arts Festival is fast approaching and we would love your support and participation in this event.

The Arts Department have been busily contacting and approaching many local businesses to donate items for our raffle. Whilst we have had some luck in receiving donations, many organisations support their own charities and therefore are unable to donate as much. So... we are asking our Findon community to help our fundraising event by donating any items that you may have at home that are unopened, packaging is in good condition, for example; a box of glasses, kettle or kitchen goods, beauty products, vouchers, jams, confectionary etc. Or any one

with a family business that are willing to donate their products or services, such as hairdressing vouchers, gardening services, vouchers, products etc. If you have anything you wish to give to the school for our Arts Festival raffle can you please drop it off at the office. Your generosity is very much appreciated and you never know you may be the lucky winner!!



**All donations must be dropped off by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Once again we thank you and look forward to seeing you at the event, which is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 5:00pm-8:00pm (Week 3 Term 4).**



### Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz

## NEWSLETTER REQUEST

The Newsletter will now only be available on the school website

[www.findonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.findonps.vic.edu.au)

and the **flexibuzz** app unless requested.

- STEP 01** Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login  
Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store. Go to [web.flexibuzz.com](http://web.flexibuzz.com) and click "Sign Up".
- STEP 02** Connect to us  
Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.
- STEP 03** Select your communication groups  
Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.
- STEP 04** Get started  
Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website [www.flexibuzz.com](http://www.flexibuzz.com) or email us via [support@flexibuzz.com](mailto:support@flexibuzz.com).



Wednesday 23rd October  
5:00pm - 8:00pm

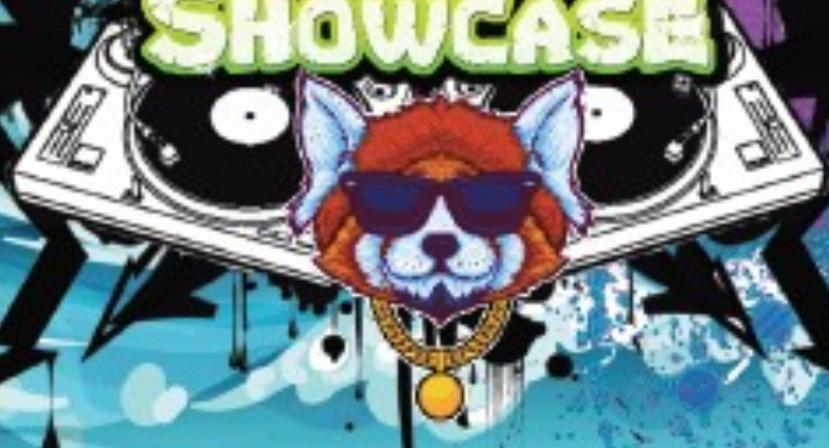
ART GALLERY  
PERFORMANCES  
& MORE!

2019

FUN  
ART  
DANCE  
FESTIVAL

MUSIC

HIP HOP  
SHOWCASE



# Ewaste, Recycling Phase 2

Hi again from the Green Team. This term, we have organised another eWaste skip for the Findon Community to make use of. It is in the front carpark (near the bike shed) and will be accessible during school times between 26 August and 13 September. So, if you have any electrical items that need to be recycled, bring them in and place them in the skip.

Thank you to Whittlesea Council for making this possible.

Thanks from the Green Team



## Barista Basics

*Introduction to the world of espresso coffee making. Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine.*

Days & Dates: 10 October - 28 November,

Thursdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Duration: 8 sessions

Location: Thomastown Neighbourhood House 52 Main Street, Thomastown

Cost: Concession & Full: \$50 + Service & Amenities Fee Student to supply own apron.

Ring **PRACE** on **9462 6077** or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

## 2019 Netbook Payment Schedule

	Dates	Year 4 (2019)	Year 5 (2020)	Year 6 (2021)
<b>Start date</b>		Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2021
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Payment</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Payment</b>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65

Term 3 Netbook payment is now overdue.

Please pay at the office as soon as possible or your child's netbook will be repossessed, during the week.

# FATHER'S DAY STALL



# Wednesday 28th August

## Learning Team 3

## Zoo Excursion

## Thursday 29th August



Please make sure you have returned your permission form and payment if required.

## Thank You for Supporting Findon's Trivia Night 2019

