

# FINDON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning for life*



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**TUESDAY, 21st MAY 2019**

#### MAY

- 22 District Cross Country
- 22 Book Fair
- 23 Book Fair
- 23 LT2 Community Speakers
- 24 Book Fair
- 24 Year 1 Dinner & Year 2
- 31 F - 4 Australian Girls Choir

#### JUNE

- 4 Senior Choir Recording
- 10 Queens Birthday
- 12 Sausage Sizzle
- 26 Student Led Conferences
- 28 Last Day Term 2

#### JULY

- 15 **First Day Term 3**

#### AUGUST

- 2 5/6 Hooptime
- 23 Curriculum Day

#### 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
- 16 Regional Athletics Carnival
- 23 Arts Festival

Hello Everyone,  
**EDUCATION WEEK 2019....CELEBRATING CAREERS**



Findon Primary School will celebrate Education Week from 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. I invite all families to come along and participate in our OPEN MORNING CLASSROOMS from 9-11.00 on Tuesday 21st May and join us at Friday's Assembly from 2.55pm. We encourage you to come and spend some time in your child's classroom and experience the excitement of learning. A quality education is one of the greatest gifts we can give future generations. I will be conducting a school tour and hope to see many parents and visitors on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

#### ELECTION DAY DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to the small, but highly effective band of Community Links parents & partners, who gave so generously of their time on Saturday to cook and sell sausages for Findon PS. Special THANKS to Steve & Jodie who stayed all day; Margie, Kirsty, Reece, Noah & Lilly, Lauren, Karen, Michelle, Evan, Riley, Carter, Logan, Andrew, Florence and Jenny T.



#### CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

As a school we have made a conscious effort to improve our literacy skills by focusing on Reading! Now as you walk into any classroom you'll see that classroom libraries are set up in a way to encourage and entice students to become eager readers. Reading is now trending and good vibes are happening as students have ownership of what books they'd like to read on a daily basis. Our goal is to build their reading stamina, develop their fluency and comprehension skills, but most importantly to instil in them, a love of literature. So we'd like this energy to transfer to the home environment. Here's a few tips you that can help you set the scene.

#### Creating Your Home Library

- A home library can help you encourage your child to discover the pleasures of reading and build a strong foundation in literacy. It requires two things: space and reading materials.

#### Space

- Find a space for the library, even if it's in a corner of a room i.e. kid's bedroom, living area
- Create a book storage area. Books can be stored on shelves, in baskets, crates and cubes.
- Add cushions, bean bags, a good lamp and even fairy lights if that'll do the trick! Make the area cosy and inviting.

- Display books with covers facing out.
- Group books together by topic or interest areas or arrange by genres.

### Reading Materials

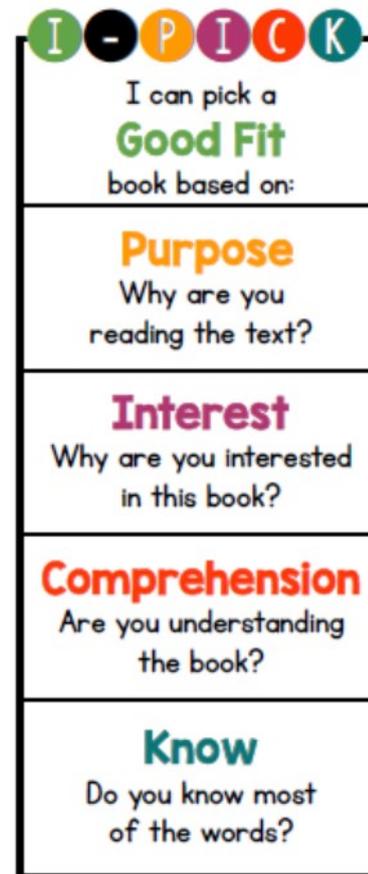
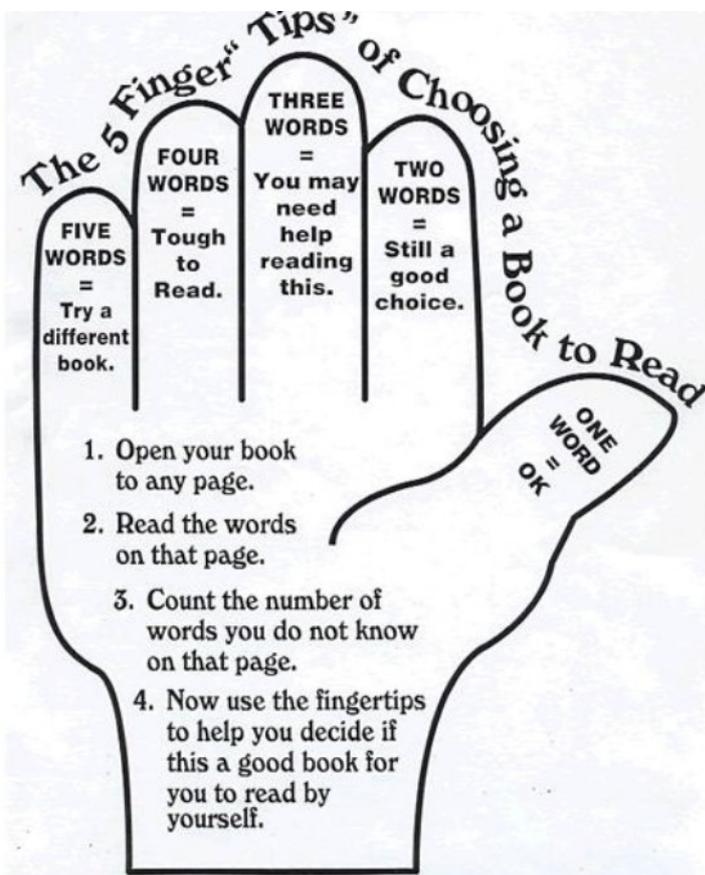
- Like chocolate, it's always best to have an assortment. We all have our favourite classics but change it up a bit with a range of picture story books, novels and both fiction and non-fiction titles.
- Keep a look out for the School Book Fair, Garage/yard sales and even places like Savers where you can get a bargain on a stack of books.
- Organise book swaps with family and friends.
- It doesn't just have to be books. Expose them to other reading materials for example the local newspaper, magazines, comics, brochures, pamphlets even the old Melways.
- There's heaps of digital resources you can download.
- Another great idea is for your child/children to make their own books. Trust me they have plenty of imagination and are quite the budding authors. Have your child demonstrate pride in his or her book by creating a decorative book plate with the message "From the library of \_\_\_\_\_".

### 'Good Fit' books

Ensuring your child has the right book that is targeted at their level is important. Firstly, they need to be interested in the book, then it needs to be easy enough for them to read yet challenging enough to extend them.

Below are some quick and easy strategies to help you with this process. If you require any assistance with supporting your child with their literacy skills, please make an appointment to see your classroom teacher.

*"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."*



### STUDENT WELFARE

At Findon Primary School, we believe that the maintenance of good order within the school directly contributes to the achievement of students' learning. We have a coordinated, consistent and positive approach to welfare and discipline and promote a school climate where personal responsibility and self-discipline are strongly encouraged. All students are encouraged to adopt a code of behaviour consistent with

- developing self-discipline, self-esteem and principles of fairness and honesty
- respecting the rights of others; for school property and the property of others
- developing positive emotional and social intelligence
- Findon's resilience and values programs

Parents are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication with the school particularly when significant events occur in a family; events that may impact on children's learning, socialising or behaviour?

## BOOK FAIR WEEK

The Book Fair is a fantastic opportunity for students to purchase age appropriate books, encourage a love of reading and raise money to purchase more resources for our school. The Book Fair will operate from Wednesday May 21st - Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, opening times are 8.45 -9 am and 3.30-4 pm, each day before and after school for you to purchase. I hope to see you visit the library during Book Fair Week, browse the displays and make a wish list of books you would like to purchase, to take home. Parents can purchase with cash or eftpos/credit card. School bags need to be left at the door and prams parked outside or in the class reading area as space is limited. Hope to see you at the BOOK FAIR.

## FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

We are taking enrolments for our 2020 Foundation classes. 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 2, so that they can participate in our excellent 'Flying into Foundation' Program in Term 3. School tours are conducted by appointment.

## UNIFORM POLICY/BLACK SHOES

Congratulations on the number of students here at Findon PS who are wearing black shoes to school. As we approach winter, with cold and wet weather well and truly upon us, it is a good time to remind everyone of the advantages of wearing black solid shoes to school, to keep students' feet nice and dry and avoid those coughs and colds! This is also true for the wearing of warm coats and jumpers. The expectation is that students will be in black school shoes each day and wear runners on P.E days. Thank you to our parents for supporting our school uniform policy.

## RIDING OR CYCLING TO SCHOOL

It's wonderful to see more of our students being active travellers, walking and using scooters and bikes to get to and from school. I encourage all riders to demonstrate safe behaviours, whilst on wheels. I am seeking support from parents whose children ride to and/or from school. Please:

- ensure your child is wearing a helmet
- make sure your child understands road safety rules and behaves accordingly
- encourage your child to be aware of pedestrians, particularly those with limited mobility
- remind them that riding bikes, scooters or skateboards in the school grounds is not permitted due to safety concerns. I thank you for your support with this matter.

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

*'What you achieve through the journey of life is not as important as who you become' unknown*

Paula Cosgrave

Principal

## Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz

**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).



## 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.

# RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN LEARNING TEAM 2

## Personal Strengths

Students described how they used personal strengths to be a good friend or family member.



### Forgiving

You can say sorry and move on.

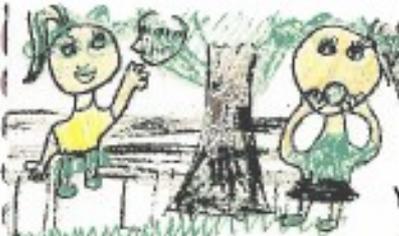
I am **forgiving** when....  
Someone says they are sorry I say it is alright.  
Kobi



### Patient

You are good at waiting for your turn.

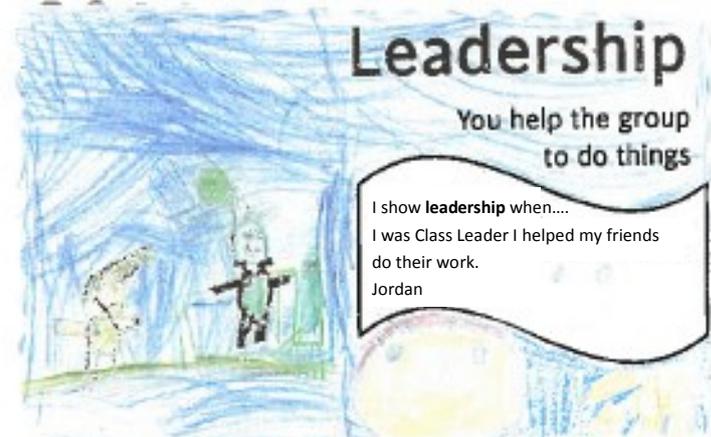
I am **patient** because....  
I wait my turn to go in the cubby house.  
Malena



### Kind

You help other people.

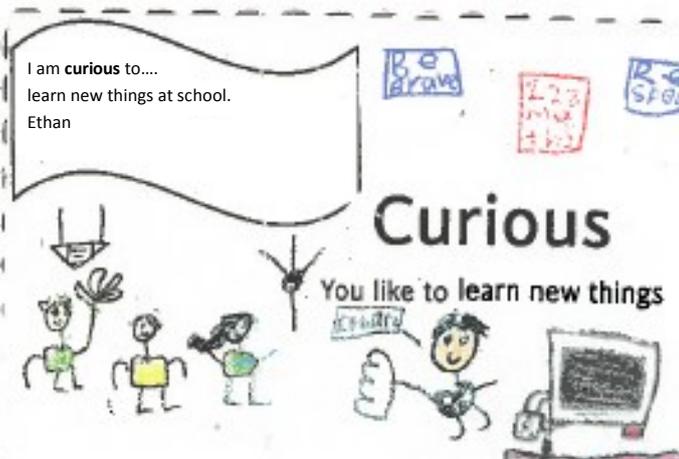
I am **kind** when....  
I invite others to join in games so they are not lonely.



### Leadership

You help the group to do things.

I show **leadership** when....  
I was Class Leader I helped my friends do their work.  
Jordan



### Curious

You like to learn new things.

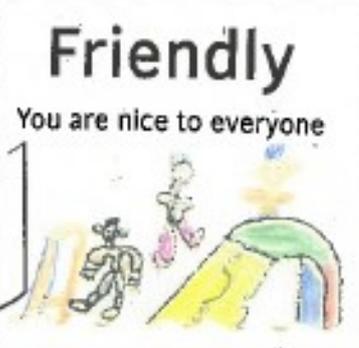
I am **curious** to....  
learn new things at school.  
Ethan



### Fair

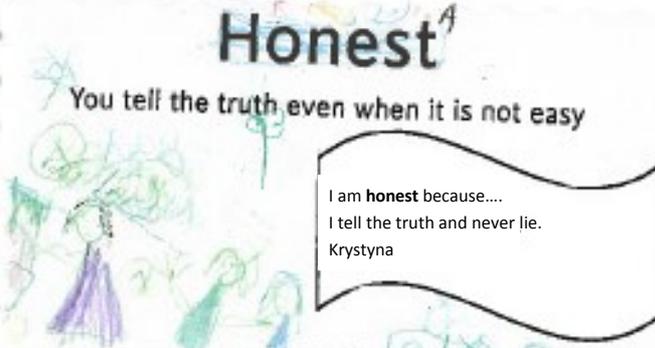
You let everyone play and you keep to the rules.

I am **fair** when....  
I will let my friends join in my games.  
Charlotte



### Friendly

You are nice to everyone.



### Honest

You tell the truth even when it is not easy.

I am **honest** because....  
I tell the truth and never lie.  
Krystyna



### Brave

You try new things even when it is scary.

I feel **brave** when....  
I go to the shops, get lost but stay where I am and remain calm.  
Justice



# MATHS PROBLEM



Congratulations to the following 22 students who entered the 'Maths Problem of the Week' in the week 4 of Term 2. Strickland had the most entries with 8, earning 80 House Points. Don't forget to add your name, house and home group to your entry.

Name	HG	Level	House	Name	HG	Level	House
Kartik S.	NL	Middle	Cuthbert	Lena F.	NL	Junior	Freeman
Indy G.	NL	Junior	Cuthbert	Joseph D.	NL	Junior	Roycroft
Matthew P.	JB	Middle	Cuthbert	Zak A.	FH	Junior	Roycroft
Isaac P.	FNS	Junior	Cuthbert	Dev A.	FH	Junior	Strickland
Raghav K.	EM	Upper	Cuthbert	Bethany J.	DF	Middle	Strickland
Daksh K.	MN	Middle	Cuthbert	Jeremy J.	TC	Junior	Strickland
Harrison C.	HS	Middle	Freeman	Maya I.	AS	Upper	Strickland
Ethen W-R	CG	Middle	Freeman	Julie I.	MZ	Middle	Strickland
Noah W-R	MN	Upper	Freeman	Valerie K.	DF	Middle	Strickland
Holly B.	FAT	Junior	Freeman	Emma K.	CG	Junior	Strickland
Lucy S.	TC	Middle	Freeman	Aaron B.	NL	Junior	Strickland

## House Points

Cuthbert	Freeman	Roycroft	Strickland - WIN
60	60	20	80

## THIS WEEK'S PROBLEM – FIND THE FINISHING NUMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

House: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Upper</b>	<b>Start</b> 24 x 12.5	Divide by 15	Find 3/5	Square that	What is 75%	Subtract 59	<b>Square root</b> <b>Finish?</b>
<b>Middle</b>	<b>Start</b> 7 x 5	Plus 85	Divide by 12	Triple	Subtract 18	Find one third	Times by twenty <b>Finish?</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Start</b> 13 - 7	Double	Add 8	Take 5	Double	Take 1 ten away	Take away 5 - 3 <b>Finish?</b>

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)

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



<b>F AT</b>	KC – Well done kc ! For being more focused during learning time	<b>3/4 DF</b>	Siarna – For having a great attitude to NAPLAN.
<b>F NS</b>	Leana – For coming to school with a happy smile and engaging in all learning tasks with enthusiasm	<b>5/6 MS</b>	Jack – Taking responsibility for his learning and persisting until he completes his best
<b>F EH</b>	Adhya – As she takes care of her classmates and respects those around her	<b>5/6 EM</b>	Gaige – Showing initiative as a class leader
<b>1/2 TC</b>	Carter – For trying hard to take responsibility for how your words make other people feel	<b>5/6 IK</b>	Mia – Being responsible with her words and actions in the classroom.
<b>1/2 FH</b>	Isla – Isla increasing responsibility to improve the standard of her work	<b>5/6 JW</b>	Zoe – For being an amazing school captain by standing up for your classmates
<b>1/2 CG</b>	Benard – For making better choices on the floor and taking more responsibility of your learning	<b>5/6 AS</b>	Tayissa – For showing responsibility in the yard
<b>1/2 JB</b>	Masih – Congratulations for being responsible for your learning and belongings		
<b>1/2 NL</b>	Seth – Seth has shown huge improvement in making good choices in hi learning	<b>Specialist Awards</b>	
<b>3/4 MN</b>	Eli – Eli is responsible with his own belongings and helps take care of shared classroom belongings	<b>VA</b>	Annie – For looking after her work and classmates. Ali – For doing a good inspirational quote and digital skateboard design
<b>3/4 HS</b>	Jordan – For taking responsibility for your work, making sure you complete your work	<b>PA</b>	Olive M – For trying her best in this session
<b>3/4 LS</b>	Jaimee – You are someone your classmates can depend on, you are true to your word	<b>PE</b>	Tyler S - for showing the Findon values and following instructions
<b>3/4 MZ</b>	William- For completing tasks with a good attitude	<b>KG</b>	Daksh – For doing a great job in the kitchen

# Colour Athon 2019

## What a success!



We would like to congratulate and thank our two highest fundraisers; Lucy and Ethan both raising amazing amounts for our school! Lucy and Ethan received a certificate and Westfield gift voucher for their unbelievable efforts.

A big congratulations goes out to our Athon medal winners, Aden F-AT, Ava F-NS, Kavin 1/2CG, Esta 1/2JB, Daemyn 1/2TC, Lana 1/2NL, Logan 3/4MN, Sienna 3/4LS, Aisha 3/4MZ, Mack 3/4HS, Tayissa 5/6AS, Deziah 5/6MS, Jacopo 5/6EM and Jigme 5/6IK – well done on showing our Findon Values and great sportsmanship on the day!

We would also like to sincerely thank all of our Findon students, parents and community for their amazing fundraising efforts! This year's Athon has raised over \$5,500.00 for our school!

Well done Findonites, every bit raised makes a big difference for our school and our learning! Looking forward to the next Athon!



### SENIOR CHOIR RECORDING EXCURSION

Findon's Senior Choir has been offered an amazing opportunity to participate in a professional recording session at Lalor North Secondary College. Students will travel to Lalor North Secondary College and record a list of songs that they have been learning during their Senior Choir sessions. Students will be able to purchase their recorded CD after the event, capturing some precious primary school memories.

**DATE:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Week 7 Term 2)  
**TIME:** During school hours  
**COST:** \$0 (all expenses are covered)  
**TRAVEL:** Students will travel via bus, which is driven and operated by LNSC staff  
**WHO CAN ATTEND?** Only Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are currently participating in Senior Choir can attend this event

Please note, notices will be going out to Senior Choir students this week, students must bring back their signed notices to attend the excursion.

## 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>End date</b>		Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021
<b>Once off deposit</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	\$30		
<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



**When:** Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Before school 8.45-9am & after 3.30-4pm

**Where:** Findon Primary Library

**What:** New books from Scholastic, a variety of age appropriate fiction and nonfiction books, something for everyone!

Funds raised go back into our library.

*We accept cash, credit card or eftpos*

## COLOURING COMPETITION

Open to all Findon students, with prizes for every year level.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize** - \$10 voucher to spend at the book fair.

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize** - a selection of stationary and a poster

Collect your entry form from the library or office

Put your name, grade and classroom on the entry

Drop your entry into the library by Thursday, no late entries will be accepted.

Competition closes 4pm Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Note: Voucher cannot be exchanged for cash and must be spent in full before the fair closes 4pm Friday.



Look out for our special visitor



## Exclusive foundation member offer!

Join Melbourne's newest Pilates Reformer and Small Group Training studio and save.

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\*Hurry – only available until 15th June 2019

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