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DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, 5th MARCH 2019

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA TOUR 2019

I was privileged to be able to attend Year 5/6 Canberra Tour with 50 students and teachers last week. As parents you should be very proud of your children, as I was, as their Principal. Our students were impeccably behaved, displaying our Findon values at all times. They were wonderful ambassadors and were regularly complimented by the public, for their respectful behaviour and their thirst for knowledge and learning! A camp like this, takes many months of work, organisation and preparation. I would like to congratulate and thank Evelyne Murray (Camp Organiser and 5/6 teacher) Andrew Stocker (5/6 class teacher) Tegan and Bill (ES) who attended, along with myself, for their enormous effort in teaching and taking care of our students, during our time in Canberra. I would also like to acknowledge the great work of Monica Scuderi, Jenny Wheatcroft and Igor Koval for their organisation of the Canberra Camp and the educational program on Civics & Citizenship, delivered back at school. The Staff are on call 24 hours a day, for the entire time they are away, as well as being away from their own families for the entire week. I thank them for their care and dedication towards our students. Our Findon web site has an array of photos which capture the essences of our time in Canberra, Thankyou Michael for your work with this. Below are a few memorable photos of visits to the Governor General's House, War Memorial, and Parliament House.....until next time in 2021!



PACER REBATE - Fifty of our Year 5/6 students participated, last week, in an exciting and educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program (**PACER**) towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

EARLY ARRIVALS:

The start of a new school year, is a good time to remind parents about not sending students to school too early! We have had a few students arriving at school before 8am. Teacher supervision in the yard before school does not begin till 8.45am. This is an ideal time to have students begin to arrive at school. It is also a safe time as we can guarantee student supervision, by the yard duty teachers. You are also very welcome to enrol your child into CAMP AUSTRALIA OHSC (Out of Hours School Care) before school, which operates from 6.45am each morning.

MARCH

- 6 LT1 Special Visitors Day
- 8 5/6 Interschool Sports
- 11 Labour Day Holiday
- 13 GRIP Leadership Conference
- 15 5/6 Interschool Sports
- 21 LT2 Harmony Day
- 22 School Photos
- 22 5/6 Interschool Sports
- 27 Sausage Sizzle
- 28 House Athletics Carnival
- 29 Interschool Sports

APRIL

- 5 5/6 Interschool Sports
- 5 **Last Day Term 1**
- 22 **First Day Term 1**
- 22 Easter Monday
- 25 ANZAC DAY

MAY

- 2 A-thon
- 8 Mother's Day Stall
- 17 Year 1 Dinner
Year 2 Sleepover
- 22 District Cross Country

JUNE

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

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS and a SENSE of BELONGING

An inclusive school is one that understands, respects, welcomes, celebrates and honours the diversity of children, families and staff. Diversity comes in many different forms, for example culture, language, religion, lifestyle, family arrangements and circumstances, abilities and disabilities. Respecting diversity is important in creating a sense of belonging. The different backgrounds of the children, families and staff enrich a school's character and identity. All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging has been found to help protect children against low self-esteem, mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners. This means that children today will form friendships, learn with and interact with people from many cultures different to their own. When children grow up to understand, appreciate and respect the cultural, racial and ethnic diversity around them, this builds a positive and accepting community. A community such as this supports children to develop skills and attitudes that will assist them in their relationships and contribute to their social and emotional wellbeing. Everybody needs to feel accepted, respected and included. Feeling welcome and at home and at Findon is important for positive mental health. Children learn from and with each other. They bring their parents' opinions, prejudices, behaviours and words with them. It is important that, as adults and significant people in their lives, we are kind, caring, respectful and tolerant role models for our children. Let's remember that *'children learn what they live'*.

MAKING APPOINTMENTS

Our school tries very hard to establish positive communication links between parents and teachers, and all staff members endeavour to accommodate parent requests as much as possible. Most teachers have commitments either before and/or after school, such as attendance at meetings, professional development, etc. Parents are asked to please understand when a teacher is unable to hold an impromptu meeting with them before or after school, particularly when issues require a long time to discuss. Making an appointment with the teacher will alleviate disappointment and ensure adequate time is allowed to address the issue.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SCHOOLCOUNCIL 2019

The Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held on Tuesday 19th March from 6pm in the staff room. Parents are invited to attend this. Please notify the office if you would like to attend. New School Council members and sub committees will be formed at this meeting.



Community Links Fundraising News The Community Links team would like to welcome the Findon Community back for 2019. We are looking forward to supporting our school with exciting fundraising events for 2019. If you have not already put your name down to be on this marvellous committee, it is not too late. In order to be eligible as the parent representative, a commitment to attend two Community Links meetings per term, is required.

BAKER'S DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER & EASTER RAFFLE

With Easter just around the corner, what better way to contribute to raising money for our school than order a pack of Hot Cross Buns? Order Forms and money are due to be returned by Friday 15th March. Distribution of buns will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. For every pack of Hot Cross Buns sold, \$ 2:00 goes directly to the school to buy much needed resources for our students, so get your orders in quickly! Remember to get your HOT CROSS BUNS order into school as soon as possible.

INTRODUCING LEARNING TEAM 2



My name is Tenielle and I am the Instructional Leader of Learning Team Two. I am also the Learning Specialist here at Findon PS where I will have the opportunity to coach and mentor my fellow teachers. When I am not at work, I enjoy going out for dinner and coffee with friends and am keen to continue traveling the world. I absolutely love Harry Potter, as well as many TV shows, and have a beautiful puppy named Albus, inspired by my obsession with Harry Potter. Come and visit my beautiful munchkins and myself in room 5!

Hello my name is Florence Haining and this year I am again teaching Year 1/2. This year I am the Team Manager. I have been a teacher at Findon since 1990 and really love teaching and working with the Findon community. I have one daughter, Brodie, who is a nurse at the Mercy hospital in the NICU. We have travelled to many places together including South America, Italy, Germany, Vietnam, Bali, Thailand, New Zealand, Fiji and Singapore. This year we will add North America to our holiday destinations. I enjoy seeing live shows, having dinner and coffee with friends. I love animals and have two dogs, two cats and four fish. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and teaching your precious children.





Hi everyone! I'm Chloe, Classroom Teacher and Data Manager for LT2. I'm thrilled to spend another year working with the energetic, curious bunch of Year 1/2 students for a third year in a row. My hobbies include riding my bike along the beach and travelling to as many different places as I can. This year, I've taken on a new challenge to learn Auslan which I'm really enjoying. On the weekends, I like spending time with my family and friends, and of course my kitten, Ed, who is very cheeky and incredibly cute! Come and say hello in Room 3 – but be sure to wear your sunnies, the red door is very bright!

Hi everyone, my name is Silvana Jancevski (Mrs J) and I am lucky enough to be teaching the clever, funny and energetic 1/2 JB with Briony Kellett. 2019 will be my 20th year teaching at Findon!!!. My favourite drink is coffee and I love eating all sorts of cuisines (especially Asian). When I am not at school, I love cooking, walking, listening to music, going out for coffee, shopping & spending time with my husband Tony and my two very grown up children Dean & Alana. We love travelling, eating out and watching sport, especially soccer and football. We are MAD Richmond and Melbourne Victory supporters. Come and say hello, we are in room 11. Looking forward to a spectacular 2019!



My name is Briony Kellett. I work part time in 1/2JB, with Silvana Jancevski working in 1/2 JB the rest of the week. I really enjoy my Thursday and Fridays at Findon because I always have great fun with the students in the classroom and out in the yard!

My partner, Darren, and I have two children, Zoe and Jett. Zoe turned 6 in January and is in Year 1 and Jett just turned 3...on Monday! Here is a photo of my family taken at Dreamworld. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday and Friday and hearing all about how your week has been!

Hello! My name is Natasha Lazorov and I am new to Findon Primary School this year. I am 25 years old and am Macedonian. My hobbies include reading, spending time with family and friends and walking my dog, Lulu and I am getting married on the 11th of May. I teach grade 1/2NL.



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

'The illiterate of the 21st century won't be those who can't read and write, but those who can't learn, unlearn and relearn'. Alvin Toffler

Have a great week everyone

Paula Cosgrave

Principal

We are now recruiting

Community Links Representatives for 2019

Findon Primary School prides itself on the involvement and support of our families for fundraising and whole school special events.

We would love you to join our Community Links group who meet twice a term on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.30-3.30pm. If you can commit to this time, please let your child's teacher know or better still, join us at our next meeting on : 20th March

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



F AT	Aden – For making good choices and, being kind.	3/4 MZ	Julie – For showing great responsibility with your things.
F EH	Hannah – for taking care of her things and has helped her friends settle in.	3/4 DF	Alexx – For being responsible with “ROGER”.
F NS	Ava – For always being kind and thoughtful.	3/4 HS	Claire – For showing great leadership skills this week.
1/2 TC	Lucy – For always displaying responsibility.	3/4 MN	Eddy – For being super responsible at looking after your belongings.
1/2 FH	Charlotte – For completing inquiry homework and helping others.	5/6 MS	Shweta – For working hard in her group in inquiry this week.
1/2 NL	Harmony – Taking responsibility for her learning in every subject and doing the right thing to benefit herself.	5/6 IK	Kareem – You are always on task, accountable and ready to learn, awesome work this year!
1/2 CG	Bitya – For being a responsible member of our class and always looking out for your friends.	5/6 EM	George – A great week of learning, and always making good choices in your learning.
1/2 JB	Beni - For being responsible with your learning and belongings.	5/6 JW	Nabil – For amazing work in inquiry this week.
3/4 LS	Neil – For being a great role model to your peers.	5/6 AS	Raybin – For stepping up to run assembly in absence of the JSC’S.

Specialist Awards

PA	<p>Brandon (LS) – Well done on a very fun PA session, great positive energy and attitude.</p> <p>Raidyn (NS)- For a fantastic performing arts lesson.</p>	VA	<p>Jigme (IK) – Well done on your amazing effort in VA this week. Fantastic job on your name, researching pop art. From Nicole.</p> <p>Sobhan (MZ) – Congratulations on showing responsibility in VA, and completing all your work during class time. From Ms. T.</p> <p>Adam (LS) – For displaying responsibility for his art work. From Ms. T</p> <p>Kareem – For an awesome visual arts session. From Nicole.</p>
PE	Theo (NS) For being such a responsible student in P.E this week.	KG	Aiden (MZ) - For being so amazing in Kitchen Garden.

NEWSLETTER REQUEST

The Newsletter will now only be available on the school website www.findonps.vic.edu.au and the **flexibuzz** app unless requested.



Easter Raffle

To help Findon Primary's Easter Raffle, we asking each family if they would donate an egg, an Easter item or make a gold coin donation to our hampers.

All donations are due by Friday 22nd March and can be dropped off at the school office.

We thank you for your support.

Community Links

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 and click "Sign Up".

STEP 02

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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



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Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money* and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong - the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



Polar Savers Rewards:

- Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slagband Ruler
- Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by FiftyFive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.





MATHS PROBLEM



Congratulations to the following 18 students who entered the 'Maths Problem of the Week' in Week 5 of Term 1. Freeman won the week with 9 student entries and 90 House Points. Don't forget to add your name, house and home group to your entry.

Name	HG	Level	House	Name	HG	Level	House
Indyana G.	NL	Junior	Cuthbert	Harrison C.	HS	Upper	Freeman
Logan G.	DF	Middle	Cuthbert	Arissa C.	TC	Junior	Freeman
Lochan V.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Samuel C	TC	Middle	Roycroft
Lena F.	NL	Junior	Freeman	Carter G.	TC	Middle	Roycroft
Sydney S.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Zak A.	FH	Junior	Roycroft
Nathan S.	HS	Middle	Freeman	Bethany J.	DF	Middle	Strickland
Brandon S.	LS	Middle	Freeman	Jeremy J.	TC	Junior	Strickland
Lilian B.	LS	Middle	Freeman	Dev A.	FH	Junior	Strickland
Noah B.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Aaron B.	NL	Junior	Strickland

House Points

Cuthbert	Freeman - WIN	Roycroft	Strickland
20	90	30	40

THIS WEEK'S PROBLEMS

Upper (4 to 6)	Middle (2 to 4)	Junior (P to 2)																																				
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Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

MATHLETICS

An amazing 78 certificates (again) have been earned over the last two weeks.

It's great to see students using Mathletics to support their learning.

Don't forget, to earn a certificate on Mathletics you need to earn 1000 points between Monday and Sunday.

LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT: www.mathletics.com.au

Transition

Upcoming Information Nights and Open Days:

Gibson College Mernda Campus – Public Information Night and school tour Tuesday 5th March 7pm Register on 9717 7300

Aitken College P – 12: 6th March 10:00 – 12 noon 1010 Mickleham Road, Greenvale

Northside Christian College – Open Day Thursday 7th March. Principal Tours Thursday 21st March Register on 9467 2499

CLC – Catholic Ladies' College Open Day Saturday 16th March 10am – 2pm

Loyola College Tours: including morning tea with principal. Monday 18th March, Monday 29th April 9:15 – 11:00am <https://www.trybooking.com/452507> Ph: 9434 4466

Mill Park Secondary College: Monday 18th March 6-8pm, Middle Years Campus

St Helena Secondary College Eltham North: 19th March Information sessions 5pm, 6pm 7pm Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAQMB>

The Kilmore International School: Wednesday 20th March. Ph: 5782 2211

Hume Anglican Grammar P-12: Saturday 23rd March 10am – 1pm. Register at hume.grammar.vic.edu.au - Donnybrook Campus, Eucalyptus Parade, Donnybrook

Marymede Catholic College: Sunday 31st March 11:00am – 2:00 pm 60 Williamsons Road, South Morang

Montmorency Secondary College: Tuesday 30th April 9422 1500

St Monica's College, Epping: Information Evening, 400 Dalton Rd, Epping. Tuesday 28th May with tours at 6:30pm

Please keep a lookout in your local paper for open days and scholarship opportunities.

Evelyne Murray

Transition Coordinator

Bakers Delight



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Yummy Hot Cross Buns order forms will be coming your way next week. Be sure to order your delicious buns in time for Easter. Fill out your form and return it to the office by **FRIDAY 15TH MARCH**.

Delivery of hot cross buns will be Wednesday 3rd April.

2019 Netbook Payment Schedule

	Dates	Year 4 (2019)	Year 5 (2020)	Year 6 (2021)
Start date		Feb 2019	Feb 2020	Feb 2021
End date		Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Dec 2021
Once off deposit	Friday 30 th Nov 2018	\$30		
1 st Payment	Friday 1 st Feb 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
2 nd Payment	Friday 26 th Apr 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
3 rd Payment	Friday 19 th Jul 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65
4 th Payment	Friday 11 th Oct 2019	\$65	\$65	\$65



MILL PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE INVITES
GRADE 5 AND 6 PARENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR

Showcase Evening

Monday 18 March 2019
Middle Years Campus 6.00 - 8.00pm

6.00pm **Principal's Welcome** followed by a tour of the school

7.30pm **Accelerated Learning Programs
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- Available Monday to Friday
- Sessions available from 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Pricing includes facilitators
- Choose from 2 packages available /or we can tailor a package to suit you
- 2 hour sessions
- \$20 for groups - under 20 children
- \$15 for groups - over 20 children



Children will gain the benefits both physically and socially. We can also add new or modify sessions to suit your group's needs and are age appropriate to support their fitness levels and abilities.

The program is based around obstacle courses, fitness games, partner activities, body weight exercises, resistance bands, circuits and more! Children will be challenged both physically and mentally.

Children will feel a sense of achievement whilst having fun!

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