

FINDON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, 26th November 2019

NOVEMBER

26 Pyjama Onesie Day Fundraiser for Beyond Blue

DECEMBER

10 Year 6 Orientation Day
 11 Thank You Afternoon Tea
 11 Family Carols Night
 16 Year 6 Graduation Practice
 16 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
 18 LT1 Rabbit Hole
 18 LT2 Norris Bank Reserve
 18 LT3 La Trobe Sports Centre
 18 LT4 Funfields
 20 Last Day Term 4

ADVANCED NOTICE: CURRICULUM DAYS 2020:

School Council has approved the following Curriculum Days and variation to school days for 2020. I encourage you to pop these dates into your calendar for advanced planning.

CURRICULUM DAYS 2020:

- Term 1 January 28th & 29th **Curriculum days** (Year 1-6 return on **30th January**)
- Foundation students begin Thursday 6th February
- **MEET and GREET INTERVIEWS:** Wed 26th Feb Variation to school day 11- 7pm
- **YR 3/4 NETBOOK PRESENTATION EVENING** Thurs 14th February 5.30- 7pm
- **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:** Term 2 24th June Variation to school day 11-7pm
- Term 3 Curriculum Day Friday 7th August
- Term 4 Curriculum Day Monday 2nd November (day before Melbourne Cup)
- Term 4 CUST (Koorie Cultural Understanding Training) extra curriculum day
- **DIGITAL PARENTING & NETBOOK PRESENTATION EVENING: Year 3/4** Thursday 13th February from 5.30 – 7pm



THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

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 our Helpers and Volunteers' Morning Tea on Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 11.00am to express our thanks. Invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks.

FINAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR 2019



BEGINNING SCHOOLS PROGRAM WEDNESDAY A-L GROUP



TRANSITION

Starting primary school is a major milestone for children and their parents, marking the start of a new phase of life for both. The transition to school is an experience that starts well before, and extends far beyond, your child's first day. Your child may start school after going to kindergarten or childcare or they may not have attended any formal service before going to school. All children will have developed a range of skills and abilities that will form the basis of their positive school experiences. As well as transition into Foundation, we acknowledge the challenge our students face when entering the next year level of their schooling, and as such provide **Meet the Teacher Day** on Thursday 19th December, between 9.15- 10.50, where students in year 1 – 6 will be with their teacher and class mates for 2020.

STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers have been working over many weeks to complete the end of year reports for their students. These will be a reflection of your child's achievements and efforts over the second semester and an overall summary of the year. Student reports will be on Compass in December. A school report can often mark a turning point in a child's life with an encouraging remark from a teacher setting a course for future learning. Equally, a negative comment can put a child completely off learning, or even school itself. I encourage parents to read the school reports about their children and to take on board suggestions that are being made about learning attitudes, efforts and general behaviour. Children should be informed of their strengths and also of areas in which they need to improve. The most important aspect of the reporting process however is to celebrate children's learning and look to anticipated future achievements with optimism. Children need to know that the adults in their lives believe in them and their capabilities. Students will meet their new teacher for 2019 on Thursday 19th December where they will spend from 9.15-11.00 transitioning into their new classes.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2020

At Findon we are continually trying to improve and develop our student leadership program, and as such we have a number of exciting changes to the structure and process of electing our student leadership team. The changes for 2020 will include:

- The Junior School Council Representatives will not be representing their individual 5/6 classes, but instead will represent a collaborative and dynamic team which will have representation across all aspects of school life, including: sustainability, performing arts, visual arts, student voice forums and fundraising.
- The Junior School Council Representatives will be Year Six students.
- The Junior School Council Representatives will be interviewed in the same way as House and School Captains.
- 2020 School, House Captains and Junior School Council Representatives will be announced and presented at assembly before the end of year.

STATE WIDE YEAR 6 -7 ORIENTATION DAY

All Year 6 students will participate in a state-wide transition day that enables them to attend their 2020 Secondary School and experience a day as a secondary student. This year's Orientation Day is to be held on Tuesday 10th December 2019



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN at FINDON

The Government is committed to ensuring that all schools are as ready as possible for dealing with emergencies including natural disasters. The safety of children and staff is paramount. Every school has an emergency management plan that outlines responsibilities, procedures and actions in the event of an emergency. Parents are advised to ensure that their contact details, including mobile phone number, are always up to date. Over the year we have been planning various evacuations, practising and reviewing our school processes and policies in emergency situations. Our designated offsite evacuation space is Findon Reserve. I would like to extend enormous **THANKS to Evelyne Murray** for her management of the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and her commitment to ensuring all processes are completed with the highest level of care and consideration, for our students' safety.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS COMMUNITY NIGHT WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2019

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



One of my favourite nights of the year, our Christmas Carols will be held on 11th December.

Please put the date into your calendars to ensure you can join us. Our students will be selecting their Christmas song shortly and then get busy practicing their items for the night. It's always a wonderful event for everyone; I'm hoping to see you all then!

The Christmas Raffle will also be drawn! All families will receive their tickets in the next few weeks. There are a number of fantastic prizes to be won!

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

'Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire' William Butler Yeats

Paula Cosgrave

Principal



**Findon Primary
School Presents...**

2019 CAROLS NIGHT

Class & Guest
Performances
Raffle
Sausage Sizzle
Santa & more!

**Wednesday
11th
December**

5:00PM

-8:00PM

Festivities & Food

5:00pm-6:30pm

Class Performances

6:30pm-7:30pm

Santa & Raffle from 7:30pm

**\$5.00 Entry
Per Family**

Final Graduation Reminder for Year 6 Students

Just a reminder to organise your graduation package this week before the closing date of November 28th. Orders will be placed on that day for the signature products (bears, soccer balls, footballs) so that we can organise delivery on time. Any questions can be answered at the office or directed to myself.

Evelyne Murray

Transition Coordinator



BOOKLISTS 2020

Please return your child/children's 2020 Booklist to the office by Friday 6th December.

Parents/caregivers who hold a current, eligible concession card please read below regarding the CSEF fund. The CSEF program closes on 30 June each year. Schools cannot accept or process CSEF applications on the web system after this date.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



F AT	Suheyf-For being a great role model.	3/4 HS	Nathan-For being honest with your words.
F NS	Jesse- For being honest and a good friend.	3/4 LS	Massimo-For being a great friend to others.
F EH	Brooke-For For being honest with herself.	3/4 MZ	Nina-For being a responsible student.
1/2 TC	Lucas-For being brave and displaying honesty.	3/4 DF	Ebony-For being prepared to speak up and give your honest feedback.
1/2 FH	Maira-For making an honest effort to work.	5/6 MS	Chris-For focusing on being honest with yourself.
1/2 CG	Jeffrey-For making positive choices.	5/6 EM	Michaela-For being a responsible student.
1/2 JB	Nicholas-For being honest and always	5/6 IK	Vivian-For always being honest to your classmates.
1/2 NL	Bailey-For always telling the truth.	5/6 JW	Rhylee-For working hard in maths.
3/4 MN	Chase-For having an outstanding attitude towards learning.	5/6 AS	PJ-For being honest with your friends.

Specialist Awards

VA	Selman-For working really hard during VA. Mackenzie-For displaying your best work ethic.	PE	William S-For always being honest.
PA	Uale-For working so hard during PA.	KG	William W-For being enthusiastic and positive.

Term 4 Netbook Payment is now over due

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



MATHS PROBLEM



Congratulations to the following 14 students who entered the 'Maths Problem of the Week' in week 7 of Term 4. 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
Hugo P.	TC	Junior	Cuthbert	Sydney S.	TC	Junior	Freeman
Indy G.	NL	Junior	Cuthbert	Lilian B.	LS	Middle	Freeman
Phoenix S.	LS	Upper	Cuthbert	Noah B.	TC	Junior	Freeman
Harrison C.	HS	Middle	Freeman	Joseph D.	NL	Middle	Roycroft
Arissa C.	TC	Junior	Freeman	Eddy C.	MN	Middle	Roycroft
Nathan S.	HS	Middle	Freeman	Aaron B.	NL	Middle	Strickland
Brandon S.	LS	Middle	Freeman	Dev A.	FH	Junior	Strickland

House Points

Cuthbert	Freeman - WIN	Roycroft	Strickland
15	35	10	10

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

54 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.

5/6 IK and 5/6 EM have earned an incredible 466 certificates between the two classes. The next highest class is 1/2CG with 118 certificates.

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