

FINDON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning for life



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DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, 04th February 2020

FEBRUARY

- 6 Foundation Students Start
- 7 Term 1 Netbook Payment Due
- 10 LT3 Scienceworks Excursion
- 13 Netbook Presentation Evening
5.30 - 7pm
- 14 Community Working Bee
- 14 Interschool Sports
- 18 3/4 & 5/6 House Cross Country
- 19 LT2 Toys Over Time Incursion
- 21 Interschool Sports
- 26 Meet and Greet
- 28 Interschool Sports

MARCH

- 6 Interschool Sports
- 9 Labour Day
- 13 Interschool Sports
- 17 GRIP Leadership Conference
- 20 Interschool Sports
- 26 4/5/6 House Athletics Carnival
- 27 Interschool Sports
- 27 Last Day Term 1

AUGUST

- 7 Curriculum Day

NOVEMBER

- 2 Curriculum Day
- 3 Melbourne Cup Day



A NEW DECADE BEGINS...

The beginning of a New Year is an exciting time for us all, as we settle back into our routines and set our goals for the coming months. The first day back at school is always a big one in the school calendar. For some children it is their first day at our school, and what a momentous occasion that is. We have several children transferring into the school at various year levels and to these children and families a special welcome also. We feel honoured to have you with us. To the parents and staff – it is great to see you all again. I trust that together we can continue building a wonderful and dynamic school where we aim to provide the best education possible for each and every child and continue to improve student outcomes for all. After many weeks of summer holidays, it is important for families to re-establish good routines to enable children to be at school on time and to undertake their homework tasks. Good routines certainly help reduce stressful and upsetting situations **5 Simple Tips to get back into Routine...**

1. Set a good bed routine and stick to it
2. Have a balanced and healthy diet to increase energy throughout the day
3. Hydration is key- especially in these warmer months. Make sure your child is drinking plenty of water throughout the day
4. Have your child pack their school bag the night before- this simple act of organisation helps reduce the stress of the morning rush
5. Have fun, with daylight savings still in place, do something fun outdoors with your kids before bed and remember here at Findon Primary school....

Everyone has the right to **LEARN**, the right to be **SAFE** and the right to be **RESPECTED**

Cumulative Effect of Missing School

If a student misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 year
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

FINDON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIVACY INFORMATION for PARENTS & CARERS

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us. School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school.

STAFFING NEWS



- Congratulations to Angela and Joe who welcomed baby Cooper into the world on Australia Day 26th January. Baby Cooper couldn't wait to come into this world and so he decided to come at 37 weeks and 3 days, weighing 2.65kg and 45cm - he is teeny tiny! Mum and bub are doing well.
- Kath And Anta await the arrival of their baby Jones in March
- Congratulations to Nicole and Finn who are expecting their first child in August

We welcome the following new staff and returning staff, teaching at Findon in 2020

Learning Specialists: Tenielle Curtiss, Laura Sansonetti, Monica McHugh

Lina Lioulos 1/2 LL

Louise Preece 3/4 LP

Isabelle Illiopoulos 3/4 II

Annie Nainan LOTE Indonesian F-2

Molly Cook 3/4 OC (Mon/Tues)

Michelle Giosis as SAKG Specialist for 12 months

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Parents and friends are always most welcome to attend our Friday assemblies each week, commencing at 3pm in the BER. Our assemblies give us the opportunity to come together as a whole school community, each week and to celebrate our students' achievements, in *'The Week That Was'*, to gather reports and to share information. We hope to see you at our weekly assemblies.

1:1 NETBOOK PRESENTATION EVENING for Year 3/4 Educate, Protect, Empower

We invite parents of Year 3 & 4 students to our evening on Thursday 13th February from 5.30 – 7.00pm

- discussing **cyber safety** in the home
- parenting in the digital age
- overview of resources available to parents
- process for reporting cyber bullying and/or inappropriate online content

This promises to be a highly informative night and we encourage our parents with children in year 3& 4 to attend, however all parents are most welcome.

Community Working Bee Friday 14th February 4pm-6.30pm & Picnic

We are inviting the whole school community to come together for some good times in our gardens. Our kitchen gardens will be the focus with a full range of tasks and activities for gardeners big and small, such as, invigorating the chicken coup, planting herbs & garnishes on the kitchen deck; building bamboo wigwams and tee pees for climbers, planting Autumn seedlings in three main plots, setting up watering systems and re giggering composting systems ready for whole school use. Then, in kitchen garden style there will of course be a feast, a picnic with panache to thank all of our workers and get the community together.

Please wear clothes and shoes appropriate for gardening and your own gardening gloves.

A sign-up sheet will be at your child's classroom for you to put your name and family down.

Please RSVP if you wish to lend a hand and join us for a lovely alfresco dinner prepared by the talented kitchen garden students. Hope to see you there. Kath Jones

SCHOOL PAYMENTS: ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

We have a number of families who have not yet paid for their child's Essential Resources. Book packs may be collected upon payment.

Finally, the beginning of the school year brings with it a sense of optimism. Opportunities are plentiful for each student to improve their learning and I encourage each person to do their best. If this is happening, irrespective of individual abilities, each child will have the best chance of a purposeful education.

I leave you with these words to ponder...

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals" – Melody Beattie.

Have a terrific week

Paula Cosgrave

Principal

NEWSLETTER REQUEST

The Newsletter will only be available on the school website www.findonps.vic.edu.au and the **flexibuzz** app. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter please fill in and return the slip to the office asap.

NAME:.....

CLASS:.....



MATHS PROBLEM



Hello fellow mathletes. Here is the first official 'Maths problem of the Week' for 2020. This year students will continue to earn 5 house points with each entry (doesn't have to be perfectly correct, as long as you have a go). Students who enter will also have their names published in the school newsletter. Some weeks, students will be announced at assembly. Good luck!

THIS WEEK'S PROBLEMS

Students who enter this week will earn 10 House Points for their House and be announced at assembly. They will also be published in the newsletter.

Upper (4 to 6)	Middle (2 to 4)	Junior (P to 2)
Name:	Name:	Name:
House:	House:	House:
Home Group:	Home Group:	Home Group:
<p>An equilateral triangle sits square on top of a rectangle. One side of the triangle is 5cm long. The perimeter of the rectangle is 30cm on its own.</p>  <p>What is the perimeter (distance around the outside) of the two shapes stuck together?</p> <p>Draw the shape with all sides labelled with their lengths.</p>	<p>The predicted maximum temperatures for Australia's capital cities on February 1st were:</p> <p>Sydney: 35 degrees Melbourne: 32 degrees Brisbane: 32 degrees Perth: 29 degrees Adelaide: 25 degrees Hobart: 22 degrees Canberra: 41 degrees Darwin: 33 degrees</p> <p>What is difference between the lowest and highest temperatures?</p> <p>Who has the 3rd highest temperature?</p> <p>How many temperatures are odd numbers?</p>	<p>Which is the odd one out:</p> <p>$2 + 3 + 5 =$</p> <p>$4 + 5 + 1 =$</p> <p>$3 + 6 + 0 =$</p> <p>$7 + 1 + 2 =$</p> <p>Can you think of another way to make the answer that came up three times?</p>

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

MATHLETICS

Mathletics continues at Findon in 2020. For most continuing students, your log in details remain the same. All teachers have access to their class lists and they will be able to assist you with your log in if you need it. If you still need help to log in or have any other questions about Mathletics, you can visit me (Daniel Fromm) in Room 16.

How do students earn certificates on Mathletics?

A certificate is awarded to a student for earning 1000 points in a week on Mathletics. Students can earn points by playing Live Mathletics or by completing course work. If students complete a course activity, they receive 10 points for every correct question. Points are tallied from Monday to Sunday. If a student earns 1000 points in this time frame they will earn a certificate. When you earn your 5th certificate, students are awarded a Silver Certificate and when students earn their 20th certificate, they receive a Gold Certificate (Note: you can only earn one certificate per week). Gold Certificates are traditionally presented at assembly.

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