

# FINDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning for life*



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Tuesday 15th December, 2020

## DECEMBER

- 16 LT1 - Farm Incursion
- 16 LT2 - Picnic at Redleap
- 16 LT3 - TRAC Excursion
- 16 LT4 - Splash Excursion
- 17 LT3 Movie -  
Because of Winn Dixie
- 18 Last Day Term 4  
1.30pm dismissal

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well the 2020 school year is nearly done and this is our final newsletter for the year. All I can say is "It has been a year like no other!" I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful and dedicated staff of our school... for their dedication to your children's remote and onsite learning and the collaborative way they work together to create a safe, positive and supportive working and learning environment for every student. It is a pleasure for Linda and I to lead Findon Primary School, in partnership with our teachers and support staff.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our incredible Assistant Principal. Linda's strategic, motivating and untiring work contributes enormously to the standards we set for our great school and motivates us all to be the very best we can be!

Following our recent School Review, we are looking forward to mapping out our next four years of work, through our goal setting, in our School

Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024.

I would like to wish all our families well for the festive season and hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones and look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

## STAFF LEAVING FINDON PS

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Miss Lina Liouzas (2020) and Mr Igor Koval (2018 -2020) who are both leaving us at the end of this week, to take up new endeavours in 2021. The contribution they have made to Findon over their time here, has been extraordinary, as has their commitment and dedication to their teaching and their students. We wish you every success in your new roles.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Michelle Giosis, who has lead the ***Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program*** throughout most of 2020. She has excelled in her initiatives, creativity, commitment and passion to food preparation, recipes, cooking demonstrations with Bill and all things sustainability!

We also bid farewell to Evelyne Murray and Molly Cook, but only for a short time, as they will both be taking 12 months leave throughout 2021. We look forward to welcoming them both back for the start of 2022.

## REMINDER: SEMESTER 2 2020 REPORTS on COMPASS from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

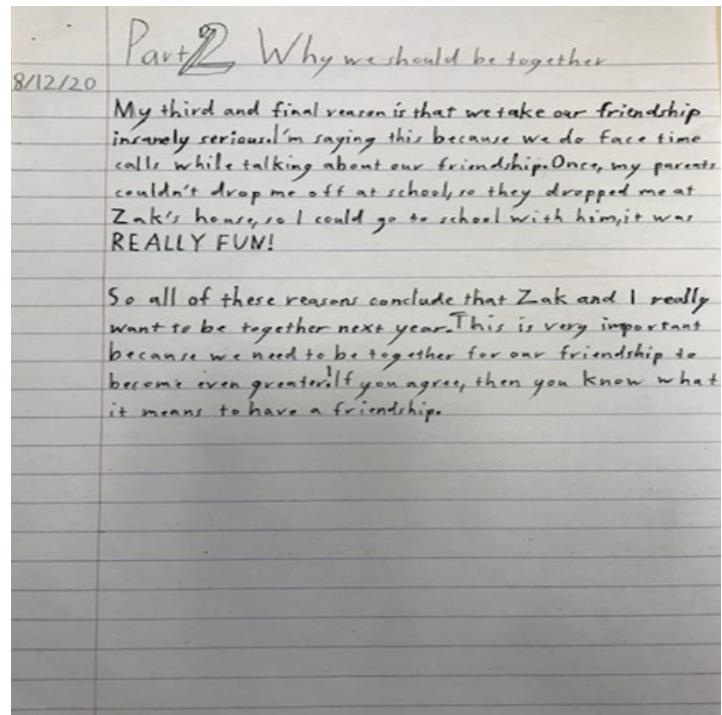
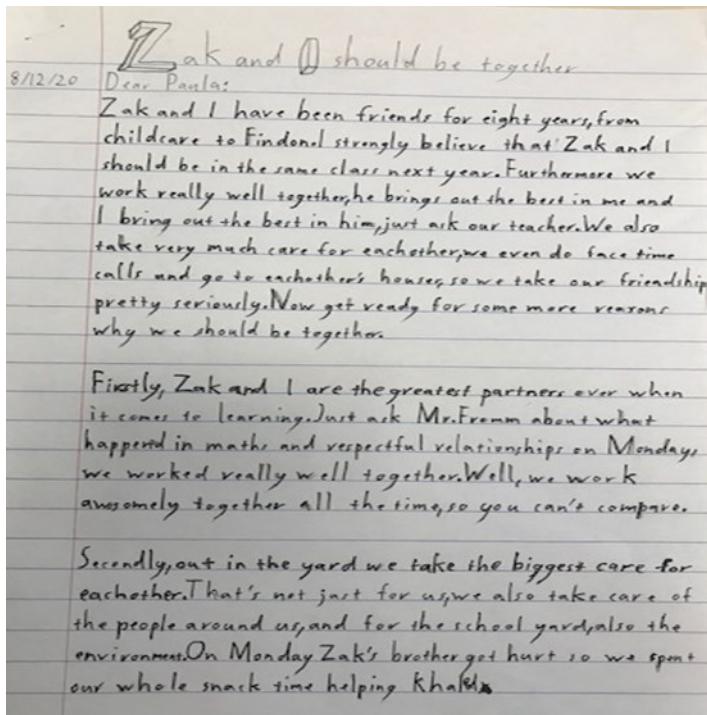
## PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE 2020

Thank you to all the students at Findon PS who participated in and supported the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. We have received a ***Certificate of Achievement*** for every student who completed this year's challenge. Findon students were among 3 million young Victorians who have participated in the Challenge since it began in 2005, altogether reading more than 50 million books! What an incredible effort. Supporting our children's reading is one of the most important things we can do to encourage their love of learning - opening a gateway for our kids to find out more about the world around them. Thank you to all involved, for your passion, and commitment that underpins the success of our learners. Students will receive their Certificate of Achievement with their class, at Friday's end of year assembly.



## Year 3/ 4 PERSUASIVE WRITING

I was very pleased to receive the following piece of writing from Dev 3/ 4 DF titled: 'Why Zak and I should be together in 2021'. Dev put together three very convincing arguments about why this should be the case, and they should be in the same class in 2021. It was a highly convincing and well written piece of work....and may I say, did convince me of the importance of Zak and Dev being a great influence on each other, the need to be together next year and just how important strong friendships are! Congratulations on an excellent, persuasive and meaningful piece of writing boys.

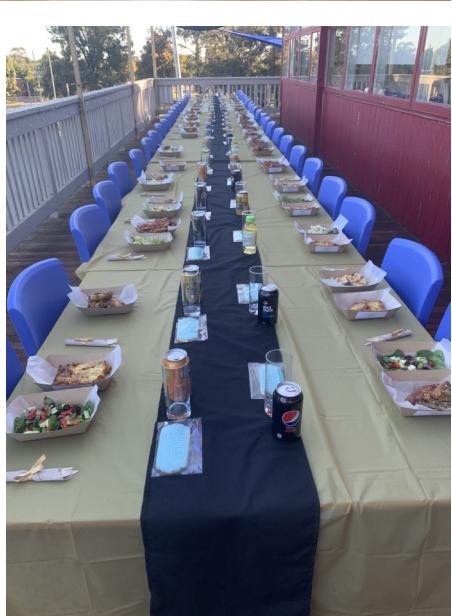


## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We farewelled our Year 6 Class of 2020 graduates on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, in a year like no other! It was an extraordinary event, with Dinner on the Deck, red carpet grand entrance, photo booth, awards presentation, graduation dance, disco, and live video streaming to parents, all happening onsite at Findon. Huge thanks to Andrew and the year 6 teachers Laura, Monica, Evelyn, Igor, Jenny N, and Yulia, for making this night such a memorable one for our year 6s. This is an auspicious occasion and a true celebration of seven years of learning and primary school journey for these students. Congratulations and best wishes from everyone here at Findon as you move onto the next chapter of your secondary school life. Remember that you don't have to follow the crowd. Just do the right thing, even if no one is looking. Study hard and remember that you're investing in yourself with every test you take and every book you read...and remember... **'Be Yourself... everyone else is taken!'**











## **BOOKBOX COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2021 between 9am -4pm**

Thank you to those families who have already returned their booklists and essential resources forms for 2021. Just a reminder that in order for the children to have their requisites on the first day of term 2021, this needs to be paid on January 28<sup>th</sup>

## **2021 Term 1: FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

Year 1 – 6 Students commence on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Foundation students commence fulltime on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## **FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER END OF YEAR – 1.30 pm FINISHING TIME**

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

*Paula Cosgrave*

*Principal*

# **CELEBRATION DAY 2020**



***Wednesday 16th December***



**LT1 - Mobile Farm Incursion**

**LT2 - Picnic at Redleap Reserve**

**TRAC**  
Thomastown Recreation  
& Aquatic Centre

**LT3 - TRAC**

**LT4 - Splash**

**SPLASH**  
AQUA PARK AND LEISURE CENTRE

Please log onto to Compass to mark your child attending and make payment if required.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



F NS	Adam – For being a good friend and finding the yard duty teacher when his friend was hurt.	3/4 DF	Siarna – For a positive and responsible attitude towards learning
F MZ	Claudia – For doing a great job with home reading. Ali – For trying hard to be a good helper.	5/6 MM	Arjun – For being a wonderful helper and doing your jobs. The Year 6 Girls – For constantly staying in to attend graduation meetings.
F SJ	Will – For always being responsible with your learning and your belongings.	5/6 EM	Rhylee – For helping others in the classroom and in the yard.
1/2 TN	Aaron – For being responsible and engaged with your learning.	5/6 IK	Alyssa – For showing responsibility throughout the whole year.
1/2 FH	Byron – For showing responsibility by taking care of his work space.	5/6 LS	Nina – For always independently managing your learning.
1/2 CG	Nathan – For taking responsibility for your actions.	5/6 AS	Isabel – For demonstrating responsibility in classroom jobs.
1/2 LL	Sydney – For always having the correct materials for each class.	<b>Specialist Awards</b>	
1/2 NL	Ali – For taking on extra responsibilities as a class leader in term 4.	VA	Erik – For always taking responsibility for his artwork and equipment during Visual Arts.
3/4 OC	Silman – For being organised and helpful to each other	PA	Joel – For being responsible and helping Mrs McGibbon with PA games.
3/4 II	Seth – For being accountable for your learning and trying hard	PE	Harry – For taking responsibility for your learning and behaviour in PE.
3/4 LP	Cameron – For making some excellent and positive choices this week	KG	Marcus – For making good choices over the past 2 weeks. (Michelle) Logan – For always being responsible in the kitchen. (Bill)
3/4 EH	Ryan – For being a champion in doing the right thing and putting in 100% effort in your learning.		

# Program Term 4



Service Name	Date	Theme
Findon Primary School	14 <sup>th</sup> December-18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Activities

## INTENTIONAL EXPERIENCES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC Planned activity 1	Paper Bag Angel Craft  Let's get creative with paper plates	Santa Advent Calendar  Count down the days for Christmas	Jingle Bell Swag  Thread the bells on the ribbon while you tie the bow	DIY Christmas Balloon Wreath  Add a pop of colour and fun	Sparkly Snowflake Ornament Craft  Decorate popsicle stick with glitters and sequins
ASC Planned activity 1	Nature Christmas Wreath Use leaves to create a wreath	Swirling Paper plate Christmas Tree What can we make with paper plate?	Bubble Wrap Christmas Tree Paint a Christmas tree with bubble wrap	Christmas Handprint Cards Leave your fingerprint on the adorable Christmas cards	Bottle lid printed Christmas lights Create Christmas lights with water bottle lid
ASC Planned activity 2	Indoor bowling It's a strike! Knock down all ten pins	Assorted Tiggys Lava game Octopus Line Tuggy	Kinetic Sand Let's create an imaginary world and stories with sand	Giant Twister Game Be the last player standing to win	Mega Chess Challenge your skills
Yarning Circle	My Christmas Wish List?				
Weekly Specials	Make an icy pole Milk icy poles	Beading Hama Beads	Cooking Muffins CA Cookbook recipe	Cooking French toast CA Cookbook recipe	Cooking Making Pancakes CA Cookbook recipe

## ZONES

Chill out Zone  Cushions Rugs Books Blankets	Cosplay  Dress ups Puppets Kitchen play	Home work Club  Do you have homework to complete? Pencils, textas, rulers, paper, calculators	Crafty Collection  Loom Beads Hama Beads
Games Central  Monopoly UNO Jenga	Nature's Way  Dried leaves and flowers Twigs	Sports Box  Basketball Tennis Hula Hoops	Construction City  Lego Connectors Straw Blocks Zoobs