

FINDON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning for life



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DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, 23rd February 2021

MARCH

- 2 LT2 History Box Incursion
- 12 LT3 History Box Incursion
- 18 F-4 Celebrate Harmony Day
- 19 School Photos
- 23 House Athletics Carnival

APRIL

- 1 Last Day Term 1
- 19 First Day Term 2
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 29 Hero-A-Thon

Hello Everyone

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

In 2012 the Victorian Government initiated an inquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and other non-government agencies. The inquiry's final report 'Betrayal of Trust', made a number of recommendations that have been acted on by the Victorian government. The introduction of Child Safe Standards across all schools, form part of the Victorian Government's response to the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust Report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse.

The Child Safe Standards set out to create safe places for children to fully and actively participate in the life of the community benefiting everyone.

Findon Primary School will ensure that the children in its care are protected to the best of its ability and in line with the compulsory Child Safe Standards. School Council has endorsed a range of policies and procedures that comply with the Child Safe Standards requirements

The **7 Child Safe Standards** that have been implemented are:

1. Strategies to embed a culture of child safety, through effective leadership measures
2. A Child Safe Policy
3. A Code of Conduct establishing clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
4. Screening, supervision, training and other resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
5. Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

Our **Child Safe** Policy can be found on our Findon website, for your information.

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. Remember Wednesday is Morning Muster day and Breakfast Club...a good time to say hello to the teachers who are out and about in the yard.

INTRODUCING LEARNING TEAM ONE & TWO

Hi everyone, my name is Silvana Jancevski (Mrs J) and I am lucky enough to be teaching the clever, funny and energetic FSJ. Looking forward to many amazing experiences with 18 little munchkins. 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 CRAZY Richmond and Melbourne Victory supporters. Come and say hello, I am in room 8. Looking forward to a fabulous 2021!



Hi, my name is Maddy and this year I will be teaching the amazing FMC. So far it has been a fabulous year and I have really enjoyed meeting the students, teachers and families of Findon. I live with my partner Brad, 2 cheeky cats and a big fluffy dog. My favourite things to do at home are playing games, painting, gardening and cooking. I am looking forward to an awesome rest of the year.

Hello everyone, my name is Nicole and I teach the superstars students in 1/2 MN. I work on Mondays and Tuesdays and I'm lucky enough to share the superstars in MN, with the delightful Mel. When I'm not teaching, my husband Michael and I are busy with our three children Jack 11, Isobelle 7 and Elise 3. I enjoy reading, cooking, shopping, and spending time away, down at our beach house with my beautiful family. This year you'll find me behind the bright green door, so pop on in and say hello!



Hello my name is Mel O'Reilly and I am very excited to be back teaching Year 1/2. I share MN with Nicole and I'm very happy to be sharing a class with her as we are a great team. I have been a teacher at Findon PS for over ten years. I have two boys, Harvey who is 8 and in Year 2 and Darcy who is 3. I love to spend time in the bush with my family and explore natural spaces. I have a passion for reading and have a large collection of children's books that I enjoy sharing with both my own children and my students. I look forward to teaching your children.

Hello Families of Findon, my name is Angela Truong and I am 1/6 of Learning Team 2. This year will be my third year at Findon PS and whilst I love and use to teach Foundation students, I am super happy to be teaching Year 1/2 in 2021! Last year I became a mama to baby Cooper. Although it was a challenging year for us all, I am blessed to have spent every minute getting to know Cooper and watching him grow. He is now 13 months old and loves to read books. His favourite book now is 'Willy the Wimp' by Anthony Browne. I love going for brunch and taking Cooper to see his Porpor, Gong Gong and Tai Por on the weekends. We have some great things planned for this school year and I am looking forward to make new memories with every student!



Hello my name is Florence Haining and this year I am once again teaching Year 1/2. I am the Team Manager. I have been a teacher at Findon since 1990 and really love teaching and working with the Findon community. In June I will celebrate 40 years as a teacher. I have one daughter, Brodie, who is a NICU nurse at the Mercy hospital. We have travelled to many places together including North and South America, Italy, Germany, Vietnam, Bali, Thailand, New Zealand, Fiji and Singapore. This year we will holiday in Victorian regional destinations. I enjoy seeing live shows, having dinner and coffee with friends. I love animals and have a dog and two cats. I am looking forward to teaching your children.



Hello!

My name is Natasha and I am super excited to be teaching Year 1/2NH this year in the yellow room (my favourite colour, what a bonus!). When I am not teaching I am usually spending time with my Labradoodle, Bentley. We like to go for lots of walks, get breakfast and go for swims at the beach together in the hot sun. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and if you see me around the school don't forget to say hi!

Hello my name is Celeste Macri and this year I am teaching 1/2. This is my first year at Findon Primary School and I am so excited to be part of the Findon community. I have had an incredible 4 weeks so far in 2CM and loving every minute of being their teacher. When I'm not teaching I love to spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy travelling, trying new restaurants and online shopping. I also cannot live without my morning coffee. I am really looking forward to the year ahead...



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION: 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 a 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'**.

EARLY ARRIVALS:

The start of a new school year, is a good time to remind parents about not sending students to school too early! 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.



Community Links Fundraising News

The Community Links team would like to welcome the Findon Community back for 2021. We are looking forward to supporting our school with exciting fundraising events for 2021. 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.

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

EASTER RAFFLE

To help with our Easter Raffle, we are asking each family if they would kindly donate an Easter egg, and Easter item or make a gold coin donation to our hampers.

All donations are due by Wednesday 24th March and can be dropped off at the school

We thank you for your support.



Foundation to Year 4 students will be celebrating Harmony Day with a focus on Indonesian culture on Thursday March 18th. More information will be distributed through Compass.




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School Photo Day

FRIDAY 19th MARCH

Students are required to wear full school uniform.

Bakers Delight

We're for real.

HOT CROSS BUN ORDERING 2021

Bakers Delight Rivergum would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for our school/club. The more buns purchased the more profit we make.

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns ordered, Bakers Delight Rivergum will give \$2.00 to our school.

Simply order your Hot Cross Buns at

www.rivergumbdschool.com.au

by Wednesday 24th March 2021

and your Hot Cross Buns will be sent home on

Wednesday 31st March, 2021



When ordering online, please make sure you select Findon Primary School.

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

Let's get
fundraising!

Community Links Representatives for 2021

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 lunch time from 1.45 -2.25 pm.

If you can commit to this time, please let your child's teacher or office staff know.

Our first meeting date to be advised.

This Week's Program

Your
OSHC.

Service Name	Date	Theme
Findon Primary School	8th Feb- 12 th Feb	OSHC Activities

Intentional Experiences

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Planned Activity	Stress Balls How to make supercool squishy stress balls	Exploding Colours in the milk experiment Watch as shades of colours appear	Painting with Marble Get creative and make awesome effect on anything	Jungle Animals What wild animals did you see on your jungle journey?	Talent Show Do you dance, sing, tell jokes? Build an act around your talent
Planned Activity	Limbo How low can you go?	Indoor Obstacle Course	Have a quiz with age appropriate questions	Build a house of cards	Guess the movie/ videogame from a song challenge
Yarning Circle	What are some fun after school activities ?				
Weekly Specials	Making icy poles with crushed fruits	Hama Beading Social chat to get to know each other	Cooking banana bread CA Cookbook recipe	Cooking Coconut cookies CA Cookbook recipe	Making honey joys

Zones

Chillout Zone	Imagination Station	Homework Club	Crafty Collection
Cushions Rugs Books	Dress ups Restaurant Play	Join our homework zone Pencils, textas, rulers, paper, calculators	Hama Beads Beading and threading
Games Central	Nature's Way	Sports Box	Construction City
UNO, Monopoly Guess Who	Bark, flowers leaves, grass	Basketball, Tennis Hula Hoops	Lego, Jenga, Zoobs Blocks

