Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1, 2013. Only a short week as we break for Easter during the term this year. The last day of school this week will be Thursday and the first day back next week will be Tuesday. Our last day of Term 1 will be Friday 12 April and our first day back for Term 2 will be Wednesday 1 May. Please put these dates on your calendar.

SERVER UPGRADE
So many things happen behind the scenes in a school that it is sometimes difficult to keep our school community informed. Last week our entire school server received an upgrade which involved quite considerable disruption to our classes in the manner in which they accessed technology. The upgrade is now complete and three of our staff will be attending training this afternoon in Berrigan on how to best use this new system. By all accounts from staff, the upgrade appears to be working. We still have some wireless issues and we are working through them. On a positive note, the Tech Officers in charge of the upgrade were quite impressed with our ratio of computers to students and felt that we were well and truly on track with our purchase policy and technology development.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Don’t forget the P&C AGM tonight. It will be held at 6:30pm sharp in the staff room and will be followed by a general meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to be informed on many of the issues that are important to our school and your kids. You do not have to take on a role. Just by attending you will be helping to support your child’s education.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
One of our school goals over the past few years has been to ensure that our teachers are as highly skilled as possible. This year has a real Literacy focus with all staff being trained in Literacy techniques that support the individual learner and focus on how students learn. K-2 teachers are involved in a course known as L3. This course is quite intense and marries in nicely with our focus on Literacy as a whole school. Staff will be attending training and development throughout the year on an ongoing basis and tutors will be attending our school to monitor our teachers’ progress. Our Kinder teachers had their first tutor visit last week. Our years 3-6 teachers will be working on a program known as Focus on Reading. Mrs Taig and Mrs Taylor are working through Phase Two and all other teachers will be working through Phase One. Again, this professional development involves several sessions throughout the year.

TENNIS
Congratulations to Luke Bramley and Duncan Clarke on their efforts at the Riverina tennis trials last week. Luke was successful in gaining selection at the next level and we look forward to hearing how he goes.

DIARY DATES

**MARCH**
Thursday 28
*District footy carnival in Barooga
*Easter Parade and drawing of the raffle 2:00pm
Friday 29
*Good Friday

**APRIL**
Monday 1
*Easter Monday Public holiday
Friday 5
*2-1S assembly
Friday 12
*2-1M assembly
*Last day Term 1
Mon 29 & Tues 30
*School development day

**MAY**
Wednesday 1
*Students return for Term 2
Thursday 2
*Debating team training in Deniliquin
Friday 24
*2-1A assembly
DISTRICT FOOTY
Our District footy trials were held last Monday. There will be training this afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm and then a carnival in Barooga on Thursday. Congratulations to Nick Gray, Jai Taylor, Luke Bramley, Nik Burns, Zec Cuppens, Dylan Sibraa, Ben Ashley-Cooper, Duncan Clarke, Dan O’Bryan, Bailey Coombs and Corey Laver who were successful in making the team. Well done to all of the boys who tried their very best.

LITTLE ATHLETICS STATE CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all of our students, past and present, who competed at the State carnival in Sydney on the weekend. Can’t wait to hear all about it!

NEW CANTEEN
Glenda has taken over her new palace and the canteen is running as it should! The upgrade has certainly made a huge difference to the quality of this building and I know that Glenda is more than happy in her new surrounds. I would like to publicly thank Glenda for all of her flexibility over the first eight weeks of term. Glenda had to shift the entire canteen three times during the renovations and she had to work in quite tricky conditions. She made the best of every situation and always maintained the drive needed to ensure that the improvements were made with a minimum of fuss, often doing many hours work in her own time. Well done, Glenda! We are very lucky to have you!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/teacher notes are included in this week's newsletter. Please choose a time and return the note to school as soon as possible. Interview times will be available from 3:15pm on the afternoon of Monday 8 April. Whilst these sessions are short they are a great opportunity for you to touch base with your child’s teacher and gain just a little insight into how they have settled in to 2013. Should you require more than ten minutes then I would encourage you to make a time with the teacher for an extended meeting on another day.

Have a great week.

Todd Potter
Principal

Jacob Smith  2-1A  27 March
Josie Coombs  2-1S  30 March
Will Doolan    KL    1 April
Izabelle Mumford  4-3C  1 April

Birthday calls are announced each morning, during school terms, at 7.45am on Deniliquen Radio 1521QN and on Classic Rock 102.5 at 6.55 am and 8.25am.

Canteen
Thursday 28  Sue Morgan
Friday 29   Good Friday (no school)
Wednesday 3 April Rebecca Matheson
Thursday 4    Denise McLean
Friday 5    Renee Burke

Wednesday Meal Deal
Pizza  Juice  Moosie  $5.00

Please remind your child to order their lunch at recess on Monday and Tuesday and BEFORE SCHOOL on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Glenda Rogers
Canteen Supervisor

SRC Easter Parade
2:00pm, Thursday 28 March
Under the COLA
Come dressed in an Easter costume or wear an Easter hat.
Prizes for best dressed and most original.
The P&C raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of our parade.
Achievement Awards
Week 8, Term 1

KC
William McManus
Jack Smithers
Kate Purtill

KL
Tyrelle Taylor
Kade Pyle
Chelsea Singleton

2-1A
Joc Brain
Lexie McGrath
Chase Lee
Dekota Shumack

KL
Kade Pyle
Chelsea Singleton

2-1S
Nick Taylor
Stephanie Bramley
Kaden Singsam

2-1T
Johnothan Barker
Amalie Armstrong
Elizabeth Lee

2-1M
Kade Pyle
Chelsea Singleton

Bianca Davis
Jacob Smith

2-1S
Nick Taylor
Stephanie Bramley
Kaden Singsam

2-1T
Johnothan Barker
Amalie Armstrong
Elizabeth Lee

4-3C
Jade Selwood
Levi Webster
Jacob Doohan

4-3S
Decian Peacock
Byron Bevan
Chelsea Alexander

4-3T
Charlie Mason
Lachlan Simpson
Lachy Twemlow

4-5E
Dylan Sibraa
Johannah Tessier
Tayla Adams

5-5H
Corey Laver

Joe Gray
Tayla Watson
Kattarina White

LIBRARY AWARDS for Week 8
100% award goes to...2-1A
The 'nearly knocked 2-1A off' award goes to...2-1M!

Finley Public School P & C Egg-stravaganza Easter Raffle for 2013

This year we aim to make the raffle prizes _eggs-tra_ special with lots of _egg-cellent_ prizes. Chocolates are _egg-stremely_ yummy, _egg-specially_ Easter egg chocolate.

For those who are new to the school it is a raffle where each child brings in _one_ easter egg to donate as a prize for a raffle. There will be a great first prize to win and it doesn’t matter how big or small the donation is. **All are very much appreciated.** There are usually heaps of eggs – and heaps of prizes drawn, last year approximately 40 winners!!

Please return your raffle tickets, $1.00 per ticket and raffle money as there are prizes drawn at the Easter Parade at school on Thursday the 28th of March.

P&C AGM

When: Tonight! 25th March, 2013
Time: 6:30pm
Where: FPS Staffroom

Everyone is welcome to come and join our P&C. We have several members leaving this year as their child moves into high school so come along and nominate yourself, or others, for executive positions. Hope to see many parents, carers and interested community members there!
This Tocumwal event involves two distances, a 4km walk or 8km run. Alternatively you can come along and support all walkers and runners and join in the entertainment and activity taking place around the course.
Where: Tocumwal Recreation Reserve Football Oval
When: Sunday 12 May 2013
- Registrations on the day start from 9.00am
- Walk and run starts at 10.00am

Online registrations - opening late March
- Adults - $20
- Students/Health card holders - $12
- Child - $10
- Family (2 adults & up to 4 children) - $30

The circuit track follows the foreshore track along the picturesque banks of the Murray River. The 8km course crosses the river into the State Park, making it an interstate event!
- Prizes for event winners, spot prizes for participation and for those dressed in PINK for Breast Cancer
- Entertainment, activities and BBQ available throughout the day
- Please note dogs are not allowed at this event
For more information contact Anita Hunter on 0419 550 096.
Dear Parents,

Each year, at the end of term 1, we hold parent teacher communication nights. This is a chance for you to meet your child’s teacher, have a look at some of their work samples and a quick chat about how they have settled in to their new class. These sessions are only 10 minutes, so it is not a lot of time. Should you still have questions after the 10 minute session you are encouraged to make another appointment with your child’s teacher for a later date.

This year our parent/teacher evening will be held on Monday 8th March. Time slots are available on the quarter hour from 3:15pm until 7:30pm. Please indicate your first 3 time preferences on the slip below. Return this slip to school by the end of week 9.

Our teachers are looking forward to showing you the great things that your child has been doing in class throughout the term.

Todd.

Student: _______________________

Choice 1; ______________ Choice 2; _______________ Choice 3; _______________

Student: _______________________

Choice 1; ______________ Choice 2; _______________ Choice 3; _______________

Student: _______________________

Choice 1; ______________ Choice 2; _______________ Choice 3; _______________
The first eight weeks of school have been very busy for our little KC class members. Students have been extremely busy learning how to be a good learner at Finley Public School. Students have also made lots of new friends within our KC class group.

KC started participating in our new L3 program last week with several independent Literacy activities being on offer.

On Friday the 8th of March KC got to visit Happy Healthy Harold in his Life Education Van. The students learnt about healthy eating, safe environments and people. They also got to meet the famous Harold.

In Numeracy last week KC made life size human numbers 1-10. Students have also been learning about tall and short.