Welcome to Week 4.

I hope you all had a lovely weekend, particularly all the grandparents. This week is National Gonski Week. We have a big week ahead of us with final preparations for our production, ‘Cinderella and Rockerfella’.

Cinderella and Rockerfella – some changes to routines
This Thursday we present our production of Cinderella and Rockerfella. We have rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday before the big day on Thursday. Students will have classes as normal from 9 – 11am on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will then eat their lunch at 11am and have a playtime break. After this break, all students and teachers will head over to the High School hall for a full length practise. When we return from the practise the students will have their Recess break. The Canteen will have the Meal Deal lunch ready for students at 11am on Wednesday. It will be vitally important that Lunch Orders are put in before school starts on Wednesday. Students won’t be able to order their lunch at Recess on this day. The Canteen will not be opening at lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week due to the students’ involvement in practises. Our Matinee is at 11:30am on Thursday. Students will have a short break in the morning before heading to the Hall at 10am. We have invited students from Biralee Preschool, St Joseph’s, Finley High School as well as residents from Caradon Lodge and Ulupna Lodge to come along to the Matinee. Our students will have their lunch break after the Matinee performance on Thursday.

The Thursday night performance starts at 6:30pm. We have set this earlier start time so that it won’t be too late of a night for the students. We ask parents and carers to please have students to the High School Hall at 5:30pm to allow for costumes to be put on and hair and makeup to be done.

Entry to the performance is by gold coin donation. The money raised from this donation assists with the costs of supplies associated with creating the backdrop, props and staging for the performance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kindergarten Orientation
Our Kindergarten Orientation Program started last Friday. Miss Lewis and Mrs McLean (nee Edwards) report a wonderful first session. They were super
excited to get to know the children. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back again for Session 2 this Friday.

Our Gonski Story
This week is National Gonski Week. Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. The funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level. Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. Gonski funding has enabled us to have a special program running in Science, build collaborative time into our weekly timetable to upskill staff and enhance classroom programs, support students in class who don’t attract funding but need support and to facilitate the purchase of new equipment through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program for use in the playground. These are just a few of the ways Gonski funding has benefitted students across our school.

Aspire Me School Spectacular
Congratulations to Year 5 student, Lucy A who has been selected to attend the 2015 School Spectacular in Sydney from the 25th November to the 27th November.

Aspire Me Art Exhibition
In late Term 3, two of our talented students, Jaxson and Jessika attended the Aspire Me Art Camp. Next Wednesday, 4th November, the opening of the Aspire Me Art Exhibition will be held at 6pm at the Peppin Heritage Centre, Deniliquin. The exhibition showcases the achievements of Year 5 and 6 students of Riverina South West from the 2015 Visual Arts Camp attended in Term 3. Jaxson and Jessika will have their work on display in this exhibition.

P&C Meeting
The October P&C meeting is on tonight at 8pm. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom. New members may join at any meeting. Membership is a gold coin donation.

Finally, many thanks to Frank, Carolyn, Patrick and Lynn from Caradon Lodge, for their assistance on Friday and again on Saturday. Sadly we had some uninvited visitors in our school over the weekend. Thankfully they didn’t cause any damage, but they did make a lot of mess which has already been dealt with by our wonderful cleaner Anne.

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Mon 26th Oct  Tessa McNamara
Wed 28th Oct   Kelly Cole
Fri 30th Oct    Kelly Taylor
Mon 2nd Nov    Sara McLeod

Meal Deal Wednesday 28th October
1 Sausage Roll
Flavoured Milk
Sun Faces
$5.50

Major Merit Awards
Jordan S, Addison C, Hugh B, Sophie G,
Jenna M, Charlotte R, Bethany L, Elijah F,
Cherish J, Thomas M, Jennah M, Mickeely C,
Charlotte H, Jeremy D, Ben R, Amy V,
Riley W, Lucy D, Grace B, Stevie B, Mitchell G,
Rosie S, Katie J, Jessika L, Yoomee M,
Emily M, Genevieve B.

MKG Awards
Sophie O, Alanna S, Jessika L, Mitchell G,
Ashley H.

Library Awards
Jacob S, Lucy A, Chelsea A, Lucy D, Imogen N,
Lexie A, Colton R, Sonny S, Angus B,
Dakota P, Hayley K.

Science Awards
Jordan M, Genevieve B, Hayden K, Santos Q,
Courtney C, Allison M, Josie C, Iraia H,
Jeremy D, Jai S, Roselyn S, Ben R.

Playground Awards
Lindsay M, Larshya M, Alana S, Eloise W,
Logan S.
Happy Birthday

Elsie F
Brianna D
Stephanie B
Billie M
Karla N

27th October
28th October
31st October
30th October
30th October


Applications for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017 are now open. If you would like any information about applying for placement for your child at a Selective High School in Year 7 in 2017, please contact us at school. Applications close on November 16th.

School Contributions

A reminder that School Contributions are due now please. $30.00 for one student. $60.00 for two or more students.

P & C News

FINLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C RAFFLE

The P&C are holding a Raffle as part of our Term 4 fundraising efforts.

THERE ARE MANY GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON.

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON SCHOOL PRODUCTION NIGHT 29TH OCTOBER 2015

$2.00 PER TICKET

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE GOING HOME TO EACH FAMILY IN THE SCHOOL

1ST PRIZE : BIG 4 Deniliquin Holiday Park - Kids Party Voucher (use of park’s attractions) $480 Value
3RD PRIZE: $100 Landmark Mills gift voucher & Kids Super Play Set $60 value.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SELL TICKETS IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

TICKETS ARE TO BE WRITTEN ON BOTH SIDES, SO THERE ARE 10 TICKETS THAT CAN BE SOLD.

ALL TICKETS ARE TO BE WRITTEN WITH NAME & PHONE NUMBER.

MORE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL MONEY, TICKETS AND ANY UNSOLD TICKETS ARE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN THE SEALED BAG PROVIDED, BY WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER.
P & C News
Our next meeting is Monday 26th October at 8pm.
The meeting will be held in the School Staffroom.
Please note the new Spring start time.
All Welcome.

P & C Raffle tickets are due back this Wednesday the 28th October. Tickets will also be sold at the door at both performances on Thursday. The raffle tickets will be drawn on Thursday night at the Performance.

Book Club
A reminder that Book Club orders are due in on the 3rd of November.
Thankyou.

School Banking
Wow a record number of rewards ordered last week.

Students are reminded that they need 10 tokens before a reward can be ordered. There have been some requests over the last couple of weeks that I cannot order yet because you don't have enough tokens.

If you are new to the school and would like to set up school banking for your child, there are orientation packs available from the girls in the office.

Debbie.
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As part of our ongoing PBL transition, we will be implementing the next stage of our Playground Sports Equipment expectations.

We have recently been able to purchase some new sports equipment and a trolley on wheels.

This trolley will be wheeled out to the playground for each playground session. A senior student will have the responsibility of distributing the equipment to the students and the students will then have the responsibility of returning it to the trolley at the end of play.

In addition to this new routine, students will no longer be able to bring their own sports equipment from home. Please assist us with this expectation.

A detailed note will be sent home to families this week with further information, however, if you would like to discuss this further please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

We are looking forward to implementing this program on Monday of Week Five.

PBL Team.

MKG News

"It is so exciting to see how far My Kitchen Garden has progressed this year. Right now we have potatoes growing in bags, cauliflowers, cabbage, beautiful snow peas, strawberries, broad beans, beetroot, cucumber, a large variety of lettuce, beans, tomatoes and herbs....too many more things to name.

We would love some help with watering on weekends until we get an irrigation system put in. If your family would like to be involved or you know someone who may be keen to help out, please contact the school to find out how you can lend a hand.

The students will be learning about Fruit Flies and what we as a community need to do to try to help eradicate fruit fly in our community. Stay tuned for information on how to make your own fruit fly traps and how we can all become "Fruit Fly Fighters"."
Boys Soccer
Four students from Finley Public School, Jai A, Jacob O, Kohan J, and Toby W, represented Cobram Junior Soccer Association over the weekend in the Australian Football Skool International Tournament.

The boys played most games against Academy teams from places such as Sydney, Melbourne and New Zealand.

The Finley boys were pushed to their limits against highly trained teams. The boys played exceptionally well with 4 wins and 1 draw.

I am sure the boys gained a wealth of knowledge in what was a fantastic experience.

Well done boys!!

(Report courtesy of Mick Wane)

Community Announcements

Trunk or Treat
Is on Saturday 31st October
6pm at the Finley Lake

Dress up in your favourite Halloween costumes

This event is being organised by members of The Church Of Latter-Day Saints
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Finley Public School

Presents

Cinderella & Rockerfella

A modern day twist on the classic fairy tale

When: Thursday 29th October, 2015
Time: 11:30am - Matinee
6:30pm - Main Performance
Where: Finley High School Hall

Come and see the
‘Greatest Show in Town’