Welcome to Week 5.
Wow, what a stormy weekend it was! I hope that nobody experienced any damage or problems due to the weather.

Cinderella and Rockerfella
From the many comments we’ve heard, everyone really enjoyed this year’s Production. Putting together a Production like ‘Cinderella and Rockerfella’ takes many hands and a LOT of time outside of classroom, but all that work resulted in a fantastic show last Thursday night! We are so proud of all of our students, they all put in outstanding efforts.

All of our teachers and students put a lot of time into practising routines and a cast of helpers ensured the show’s success, but Tamara Ackers and Kellie Umback were the main driving force with assistance from Kylie McLean and Ally Rourke, involved in every step of coordinating preparations for this year’s Production - from holding meetings and coordinating our teams of parent helpers, to giving rehearsal practise at lunchtimes and organising costumes for students with acting parts, to spending many hours after school and on the weekend creating props and finishing the backdrop.

To the many parents who helped out we again say a very big thankyou. Thankyou to Sara McLeod, Marcia Pyle, Wendy Daniel and Mel McGrath for their assistance with hair and makeup. Thankyou to Gemma Brockie for the amazing face painting. Thankyou to Jessima Munro, Jodi Bateman, the McGrath family, Kirsty Marshall, Lonni Grimwood and Marcia Pyle for their assistance with props. Thankyou to Brian O’Hora for his efforts in getting the lights going on the Stage at the Hall and to Darren Pyle, Matt Daniel and Roger Sutton for the use of their light stands on the night. Thankyou to Catherine Flack for videoing the main performance. We really are grateful for your help in making FPS’ Production of ‘Cinderella and Rockerfella’ the fantastic production it was!

P&C Raffle
Thankyou to the P&C for their work in organising the fabulous prizes for the Raffle. Congratulations to the winners.
**Working Bee**
At last week’s P&C meeting, in a follow up discussion from the August meeting, it was decided that a Working Bee would be held on Sunday 1st November to get started on Stage 1 of planned garden projects in the school. So yesterday, with a small group of hardworking helpers, Mrs Taig and I got this project underway. A huge thank you to Katy & Roree, Marcia & Piper, Troy, Kirsty, Meg & Demi, Deb, Tracie, Roger and Mr Taig for giving several hours of their time to help at the Working Bee. In yesterday’s efforts we planted some ornamental pears, started our rose beds at the front entrance and some tidying up was undertaken at the back entrance in preparation for another stage in the plan. We planted 2 standard Iceberg roses at the front gates and are waiting for the rest of these which are on order. When they arrive we will hold another Working Bee to finish planting out the rose gardens and to get work on Stage 2 of the project underway. We will let you know through the newsletter when the next Working Bee will be held.

**PBL Equipment Trolley**
Today sees the introduction of our new equipment trolley at playtimes. The trolley is filled with a variety of balls, skipping ropes, other equipment and games for students to use during playtimes. There was information about this in last week’s newsletter and separate a letter detailing this new system was sent home to families last week. With the introduction of this new system we ask you to please remind your children that they are not to bring their own equipment from home anymore.

**Leadership Speeches**
Now that the Production is finished, it is time to start focusing on some end of year preparations and functions. One very important area that we need to get underway is our Leadership Speeches. Miss Seco will be working with the Year 5s over the next couple of weeks as they complete our Leadership Program. This program will give students a better understanding of what leadership means and the expectations and responsibilities of student leaders. As Year 5 students move into Year 6 next year they will become our student leaders and role models for the rest of the school. There are many opportunities for Year 6 students to take on leadership roles within the school including the student leadership team, sporting house captains and many more. At the end of the program it is up to each student to decide if they feel a leadership role is suitable for them. Those Year 5 students wanting to stand for a position on the student leadership team will be required to write a short speech and present this to students in Years 2-6 who will then vote. This is an exciting time for our Year 5 students as they work towards their final year of primary school.

**Transition to High School**
This is now also the time of year when our Year 6 students start preparing for their move into High School. As part of the transition program for our Year 6 students, their Year Adviser, Miss Brittany Scott, organised for them to go over to the High School today and become a little more familiar with the school’s layout and to ask any questions they have about next year. This opportunity, which
was confirmed late last week, was a wonderful chance for our students to head over to the High School for an informal visit which enabled them to become more familiar and comfortable with the new surroundings they will be in next year.

**Grandparent’s Day**
On Friday next week, November 13th, we will be holding a Grandparent’s Day. On this day Grandparents will be invited to come and see what their grandchildren are working on in their classrooms and to spend some time with them for lunch. We have set our Grandparent’s Day on this date as it coincides with the Starting Big School’s Teddy Bear’s Picnic, which means grandparents who have Pre-schoolers here on that day will have an opportunity to spend some time with them too. The Canteen will be offering a Meal Deal for grandparents. This is just a bit of notice for families. There will be more information and an order form for the Meal Deal in next week’s newsletter.

**Chicken Pox**
Near the end of last week we had a student diagnosed with Chicken Pox. This a viral infection that typically begins with cold-like symptoms, a runny nose and slight fever, followed by a rash that starts as raised pink spots that blister and then scab. Children who have been diagnosed by a doctor as having Chicken Pox need to stay at home for a minimum of 5 days or until all blisters have dried.

I hope everyone has a very super week.

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

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Meal Deal Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} November
Quiche and Salad
Fruit Juice
Icy Twist
$5.50

Playground Awards
Cooper B, Charlotte F, Abbey S, Allison M, Arabelle T.

Happy Birthday
Jessica A 3\textsuperscript{rd} Nov
Rebecca L 6\textsuperscript{th} Nov
Applications for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017
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.

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

School Banking
Another good week of rewards ordered. Students are reminded that we only have 6 banking’s left for this year with the last one being on December 9th. Anyone that banks that day will be in the running for a prize pack.

Some of you will notice that I have handed out some new wallets over the past couple of weeks. With the constant use, the plastic seems to be tearing and therefore it is not as secure as it should be.

It’s really good to see some students learning to fill out their deposit slips themselves.

With only a few banking’s left don’t forget to redeem your tokens for your chosen rewards.
**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.

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**P & C News**

Thank you to everyone that purchased Raffle Tickets and to those who donated our wonderful prizes.

The Raffle winners were:
- 1st prize Robbie H
- 2nd prize Vanessa Bush
- 3rd prize Rose Tilley

**Thankyou**

Thank you to those Wonderful Parents & Teachers who helped out yesterday at the P & C Working Bee.

This is the first stage of the Garden Beautification Project.
Did you know you could get free children’s dental treatment in Finley?

We only get one shot once our adult teeth come through from the age of usually 6 or 7, and learning how to look after them early could save your children significant problems in the future!

Did you know that at Riverina Smiles in Finley, we participate in the Child Dental Benefit Scheme?

Eligible patients between the ages of 2 and 17 will receive up to $1000 over a 2 year period for basic general dentistry. To find out if your children are eligible, grab your Medicare number and give our office a call. Provided your limit is not reached, there will be no “Out of Pocket” expenses incurred.

The scheme will reset at the end of the year and any benefit left unused by the end of the year will be lost! Don’t waste it!

Give us a call on (03) 5883 4832 to check your eligibility and make your appointment today!
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.
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WOMEN IN WATER

Night Out

Do you want to learn more about “How water works in our catchment” over a glass of bubbles?

Join us for an informal and relaxed session with guest speakers from the MDBA, Dept of Primary Industries, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder & Murray Irrigation to learn the nuts and bolts of water.

Free entry includes sparkling wine & canapes followed by dinner.

Details (Women only event):
Canapes from 5.30pm @ Blightly Hall
Wednesday 11th November 2015

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