Term 4 Week 6

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Remembrance Day
This Wednesday is Remembrance Day. We will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:50 under the COLA. Everybody is welcome to attend this ceremony.

Grandparent’s Day
This Friday, November 13th, we will be holding our Grandparent’s Day. Grandparents and special guests are invited to come into classrooms from 11:30 on Friday to see what students are working on in their classrooms. We will have a slightly earlier lunch break at about 12:30 for students and their grandparents or a special guest to share lunch together. The Canteen is offering a Meal Deal for grandparents and special visitors. There is an order form in this newsletter. If grandparents are wanting to buy a Meal Deal on Friday can you please fill in the order form and return to school by Wednesday this week to assist with catering. The regular Canteen menu is available as normal for students on Friday.

Relieving Principal’s Report
Welcome to Week 6.

Not a great end to last week when I arrived at school on Friday morning to discover that our 2 newly planted roses had been stolen. They lifted the entrance to our school and smelled wonderful. We are all quite sad they’re gone but will continue with our beautification project! The rest of the roses we ordered are now in stock at the nursery which means we can plant out the rest of this garden soon. We will have a date for this soon.

Bronze Awards
How exciting it was to have our first 2 recipients of a Bronze Award at last Friday’s Assembly. Congratulations to Meg and Erica on reaching this level in our PBL Classroom Awards System.

Starting Big School Teddy Bear’s Picnic
The annual Teddy Bear’s Picnic for our pre-schoolers is on this Friday! Miss Lewis and Mrs McLean are looking forward to sharing this fun event with the pre-schoolers. Grandparents are invited to join the pre-schoolers for the picnic. The
Teddy Bear’s Picnic will be held on the grassed area behind the Kindergarten room. The girls and boys have been thoroughly enjoying their Friday sessions and we are very excited to have such a lovely and enthusiastic bunch of little learners starting at Finley Public School next year.

Leadership Speeches
Our Year 5 students have been working through the Leadership Program and considering the roles they may like to undertake as Year 6 leaders for 2016. Next Tuesday 17th November, the candidates for the 2016 student leadership positions will be delivering their speeches to students in Years 1-6 and staff. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of peers and deliver a speech. I wish all candidates the best of luck and look forward to hearing their speeches. The successful candidates will be announced at Presentation Day on Monday 14th December.

Change to home time pick-up
We ask that you please let us know in writing or by phone call when there is a change to your child’s usual home-time routine. We understand that there will be occasions when you need to organise other arrangements but without notification we will be expecting to send children to their usual pick-up place or bus lines.

Not receiving email?
We have had a few people report that they have not been receiving their email copy of the newsletter. We have had a few incidents where people are included on our distribution list but, recently, have not received the newsletter. If you have experienced this or know of a family not getting their emails from the school please let us know. We can quickly rectify this but don’t know there’s an issue if you don’t let us know.

End of Year Organisation
Teachers have been very busy writing students’ Semester 2 reports which will go home on Monday 14th December. Shortly, we will begin the process to form classes for 2016. If you have any requests for your child that you would like us to consider, please notify me in writing no later than Friday 20th November. We cannot guarantee that all requests will be accommodated but will take them into consideration when placing students in classes for 2016. Please do not request a specific teacher. The classes which teachers will teach next year has not been decided upon. This does not happen until much later in the Term.

As you can see things are really starting to gear up as we head towards to the end of another great year. We’ve got some exciting and busy weeks ahead of us!

Regards
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal)
Canteen News

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Mon 9th Nov    Sarah Sutton
Wed 11th Nov   Kim Sneddon
Fri 13th Nov   Emma Warenycia
Mon 16th Nov   Judy Carmichael

Meal Deal Wednesday 11th November
Hot Dog
Fruit Juice
Paddle Pop
$5.50

Grandparents Day Meal Deal Option 1
Quiche, Salad, Slice and cup of Tea/Coffee
$6

I would like to order ______ Meal Deal(s)

Name(s) ____________________________

Grandparents Day Meal Deal Option 2
Assorted sandwiches (6 points), Slice and cup of Tea/Coffee
$6

I would like to order ______ Meal Deal(s)

Name(s) ____________________________

Bronze Student Award
Erica N, Meg M.

Major Merit Awards

Library Awards

MKG Awards
Roree W, Talon S, Jacob S, Courtney C, Cooper B, Rebecca L, Cooper S, Imogen N, Bianca G, Evie W, Marco M.

Science Awards

Playground Awards
Will S, Cooper S, Jai S, Liam R, Nick K.
Happy Birthday

Lilly-May R  10th Nov
Kingsley FJ  14th Nov

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

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.

P & C News
Disappointing to see that our beautiful freshly planted Iceberg Standard Roses have been stolen from our new Stage 1 Garden Project, after our fantastic working bee.

As this project is funded by our P&C, it would be nice to think that our money can be spent on beautifying our school, and that the plants be left alone to grow.

On a happier note, our recent P&C Raffle raised $1280.00, thank you again to everyone who purchased a ticket.

November P&C Meeting
Monday 23rd November at 7pm at Hong Loch Restaurant.
Please RSVP to office by 20th November.

Past Student visiting January 2016
We’ve had a request from a past student James Olsen (Jimmy) who is planning a visit back to the area in early January next year. He is hoping to maybe get back in contact with some old school friends. James Olsen (Jimmy) attended FPS in 1967 to 1970 with a short break in 1968. This will be Mr Olsen’s first trip back to Finley. Mr Olsen was a student in 1B in 1967. If you have a family member who might remember Mr Olsen and like to see him when he is in Finley, please contact the office for his email contact details.
School Banking
We only have 5 bankings left for this year. There will be a special draw for a prize pack for all those that bank on December 9.

Keep sending in your reward requests. We had another big week of rewards. There were no orders handed out last week as there was a delay in them arriving. They have now arrived and will be handed out on Thursday morning.

I have been notified that the swim bag is now no longer available. The Lunar light band is also no longer available.

Please refer to the slip that was put in the wallets recently to make sure what you order is available. If you need a new one, they are available from the girls in the office or put a note in your child's wallet on Wednesday.

Another reminder to please complete the deposit slip if your child sends in money in their wallets. This ensures the right amount gets deposited.

Thanks,
Debbie

Community Announcements

Parent Transition Night
Wednesday 18th November 6pm

Come along to speak with teachers and support staff about any concerns you may have regarding your child starting high school. Students are also encouraged to come to get to know their peers and become more familiar with the school.

Year 6 Orientation Day
Thursday 3rd December 8.50am-3.15pm

Students will spend the day at school becoming familiar with the facilities, their new teachers and different subjects through a range of activities. Students are to come in their current sports uniform. There will be a complimentary BBQ lunch. Please remember to return Excursion permission notes with a $50 deposit before or on the day. Book packs will also be available for purchase from the canteen on the day for $50.
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.
Inaugural

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 @ Blighty Hall
Wednesday 11th November 2015

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