Welcome to Week 9!

We really are getting close to the end of the year now.

**Proud & Deadly Awards**

Congratulations to Bree K, John H, Courtney C and Amiliah M who will be receiving awards at the 2015 Riverina Proud & Deadly Awards Ceremony tomorrow. The awards ceremony will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club.

**High School Orientation**

On Thursday our Year 6 students will head over to Finley High School for their Orientation Day. Students will not come to school here on Thursday, instead making their way to the High School for the whole day. I am sure that our Year 6s will have a great day!

**Intensive Swimming Program**

Our annual intensive learn to swim program starts on Friday. It will run for 5 days. This program is strictly targeted for students who are not confident in water and cannot competently swim 25 metres. Mr Haley is coordinating our program this year.

**Whole School Assembly**

This Friday will be our last Whole School Assembly for the year. The will be a few students receiving their Bronze Award at the Assembly. All welcome to attend. The Assembly starts at 12:30pm. Any students who achieve their Bronze award after Friday will receive their award at the end of the term.

**After School Care**

Biralee Preschool is looking to get an After School Care Program established and operating in 2016. On Tuesday I will be meeting with the preschool’s new Director and the President of the Preschool Committee to discuss their plans to implement an After School Care Program in 2016. The program will be available to children needing after school care. I am looking forward to discussing this with Jess and Mel and being able to share more details about this program next week. If you are interested, and haven’t already done so, can you please complete and return the Preschool’s survey which is included in today’s newsletter.
2016
We are currently very close to being able to run an additional class next year. In order to help us in confirming our numbers for 2016 and to assist us in planning classes for next year, can you please advise the ladies in our office if your child/ren will not be returning to Finley Public School in 2016. Could you please advise the girls by Friday.

Save the Date
With the end of the year approaching we have many traditional school events including Presentation Day on Monday 14th December, the Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday 15th December and Carols Under the COLA on Wednesday 16th December, just to name a few. However, we will be holding an extra function this year.

On Monday 14th December, following our Presentation Day celebrations, we will be having a BBQ lunch. This lunch is being held to give our families an opportunity to say farewell to Kellie Umback, Jess Seco, Gemma Brockie and Cathy Close who are leaving us at the end of this year. There will be more details and an RSVP for the BBQ in next week’s newsletter.

P&C November Meeting
The November Meeting of P&C will be held tonight at 7pm at the Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant. All welcome. If you haven’t already notified the office or a member of P&C that you are planning to attend, can you please notify the girls in the office before 3pm today to assist the P&C with making a reservation.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal)

Canteen News
Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Wed 2nd Dec      Kelly Nicholls
Fri 4th Dec      Emma Hurlston

Parents, as we are getting closer to the end of year, stock is getting low. If students ask for something that is out of stock we will be offering a similar alternative.

Xmas treats will be available Week 10 and Week 11, prices from $1.

Meal Deal Wednesday 2nd December
Pie
Fruit juice
Moosie
$5.50
Playground Awards
William M, Taymyn J, Colton R, Chloe A, Rebecca L.

P & C News
A reminder that tonight’s P&C Meeting will be held at the Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant in Finley, the 30th November at 7pm. Please contact the school with reservations details if you are attending.

Happy Birthday
Angus B 1st Dec
Jai A 1st Dec
Marlon W 2nd Dec
Harry T 7th Dec
Charlotte R 8th Dec

Book Club
A reminder that Book Club orders are due in this week. Thankyou.
School Banking

WOW!! Only 2 bankings left for this year.

For those that still have rewards to claim, please note that the Invisible Ink Martian Pens and the Shark Keyring are, like the Swim bag, no longer available.

Unfortunately, any rewards that are ordered this week or next are not guaranteed to arrive before school finishes. They should, however be here when school returns. Should you be a Yr 6 student with a reward due, we will get it to you.

Should you not wish to claim your reward this year, you will be able to claim it with the new 2016 rewards that will be available when we return to school next year.

Those parents of preschoolers that wish to take part in the school banking program next year can return their application forms to the local branch or to the girls in the office.

Don't forget the last banking day will be December 9. Anyone that banks that day will be entered into a lucky draw for a fantastic prize pack.

Thanks, Debbie.

Community Announcements

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.

Year 7 Book Packs

The book packs for 2016 Year 7 students are now available at Finley High School canteen for $50.

Year 6 students can purchase these packs anytime from now until the end of the year.
**Community Announcements**

Santa is on his way to the Finley Farmers’ Market next Saturday 5th December. While he is at the market there will be a candy cane scramble, lots of activities for the young ones including Christmas craft activities. Fairy floss and slushies are on sale too, as well as specially flavoured milk! Lots of Christmas gifts and decorations will be available at the market on the shores of Finley Lake 8am to 12noon.

**Decorated Christmas Cake Raffle**

Many thanks to Marj Maxwell for the donation of this beautiful decorated Christmas cake! Tickets are available with the girls in the office for $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day. All money raised will go towards the purchase of plants for the next stage in our School Beautification Project.
Biralee Preschool Survey to Establish the Need For Outside of School Hours Care

Dear Families,

Biralee Preschool has established a working party to determine whether there is a need in our Finley community for Outside School Hours Care for primary school aged children.

If you think that your family would use outside of school hours care service on a casual, part time or permanent basis, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the following survey and return to the school office by >>>>>>>>>>

1. Name of the school that your child/ren currently attend

2. Number of children in your family in the following age group:
   - 5 to 9 years: __________
   - 10 to 12 years: __________

3. Are you currently using any childcare arrangements for your children? If so, what type? For example: family daycare, friend, grandparent etc.

4. What hours would you expect the centre to open:
   - From: _________________ to _________________ for before preschool care
   - From: _________________ to _________________ for after school care
   - From: _________________ to _________________ pm for after preschool care

5. Which sessions of Outside of school care do you anticipate you will need (please circle):
   - Before School Care: Yes/No
   - After School Care: Yes/No
   - Vacation Care: Yes/No
6. Which days would you anticipate you would use care?
   - Before preschool
     | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
   - After School Care
     | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
   - Vacation Care
     | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |

7. If you have a child with special needs that would use the service, please provide brief details of the child's needs

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8. Are there any suggestions or specific questions you have relating to the proposed service? If yes, please list them below with your contact details, so that we can discuss them with you:

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Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

We will stay in touch and let you know the outcomes of the survey and whether or not the proposed Outside School Hours Care service will become a reality. If you have any questions please ring the preschool on 0358831609 or email finleypreschool@bigpond.com