Welcome to Week 10!

How nice it was to walk out to do Crossing Duty last Thursday afternoon and have a clear view of both crossings before I was out of the gate. The guys from Border Tree Care have done a wonderful job tidying up the trees along the east and south fencelines and in the south-western corner of our school.

**Intensive Swimming Program**
Our annual intensive learn to swim program continues this week. Students involved will be walking down to the Finley Pool with Mr Haley and Mrs Murrowood after Recess Monday to Thursday. We ask parents and carers to ensure students bring their bathers, a towel, swim shirt (rashie), hat, a drink bottle and lunch each day. Mr Haley and Mrs Murrowood will make sure the students apply lots of sunscreen regularly.

**Picnic Tables**
A note should have come home last Friday about our plan to paint the picnic tables. We are fortunate to have a fantastic set of picnic tables for our students to sit on at various times throughout the day or to sit with family or friends at special events and days during the year. In order to maintain this wonderful resource we have decided to paint them. Classes will be involved in painting the tables on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. We are also inviting parents and carers who would like to be a part of this project to join their child/ren’s classes. There is a timetable included in this newsletter to help you know when your child/ren will be involved in this painting project. If you did not receive the note we sent out on Friday there are more available at the office. If you do not want your child to be involved in this project please complete the form on the bottom of the note and send it in to the office. Students who do not participate in the painting project will have work to do with a teacher supervising them while their class is painting.

**Presentation Day Practise**
On Friday we will all be heading over to the FHS hall after recess, for a run through of our Presentation Day proceedings. This is a very exciting time as we prepare to acknowledge the incredible efforts of some of our wonderful students. As with any presentation ceremony, and school leadership team elections, we only have a certain number of awards so of course some very deserving students will miss out. However, ALL of our students bring something
special to our school and we work very hard all year to ensure we acknowledge their individual efforts. Presentation Day is about celebrating just a few of our wonderful students and is by no means comprehensive in covering everyone. Those students who do receive awards should take great pride in their achievements.

**Presentation Day**
Next Monday is the big day! The proceedings will begin at 10.00am at the FHS Hall. We look forward to seeing many parents and extended family members there to help celebrate our students’ successes and wonderful achievements.

**Farewell BBQ Lunch**
Next 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. All four staff have made a real difference to our school and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Kellie Umback has worked at Finley Public School for 10 years and, as we learned earlier in the year, will make the move over to Tathra to take up a position at Tathra Public School in 2016. Kellie has been a dedicated and highly valued member of our staff and will be greatly missed but we are excited for Kellie to be able to make this move to be closer to her family.

Jess Seco has worked at our school for 3 years. Earlier this year Jess was successful in her application for a permanent position at Warrawee Public School. Jess has been an enthusiastic teacher and great asset to our school. She will also be missed but we congratulate Jess on her success and wish her all the very best in her new school. Warrawee Public are fortunate to be welcoming Jess to their team.

Sadly Gemma Brockie will leave us to take on a position elsewhere. Gemma joined us at the beginning of the year has done a wonderful job in establishing our school’s Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We thank Gemma for her enthusiasm and efforts in getting the program established and wish her well in her new position.

It is also with sadness that we will farewell Cathy Close. Cathy has worked as an SLSO at FPS for many, many years. She has been a most dedicated and compassionate SLSO and has made a huge difference to many students’ lives and learning over her time here. While Cathy won’t be a familiar face around our school each week, she will make herself available for casual relief SLSO work as needed.

**Year 6 Farewell and Disco**
Next Tuesday 15th December, we will hold our Year 6 farewell. Miss Seco and Mr Brooks have been busy organising the venue, decorations, invitations and assistance form Year 5 parents. The Farewell is being held at the Finley Apex Recreation Reserve rooms, starting at 5pm. This year’s theme is ‘Brownlow’. The Farewell will be followed by a disco. Students in Years 3 and 4 are invited to come along to the disco to help celebrate with Year 6. The disco is from 7:15pm to 8:30pm

**After School Care**
It was great to meet with Biralee Preschool’s new Director Jess and the President of the Preschool Committee Mel to discuss their plans to implement an After School Care Program in 2016. The preschool is hoping to get their After School Care Program established and operating very soon. The After School Care Program will cater for children aged 3 – 12. There is still some fine tuning to be done but the implementation of this program will be wonderful for our community. We will continue to pass information on as we receive it.

Our students have a busy time ahead of them in their last 8 school days as they work towards the end of the year.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Rel. Principal)
Canteen News

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Wed 9\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Tracie Doohan
Fri 11\textsuperscript{th} Dec  Jill Orro

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.

\textbf{Xmas treats will be available Week 10 and Week 11, prices from $1.}

Meal Deal for Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December:
3 Dim Sims
Moosie
Water
\$5.00

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Happy Birthday

Harry T  7\textsuperscript{th} Dec
Sonny S  10\textsuperscript{th} Dec
Jeremy D  10\textsuperscript{th} Dec

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.

Table Painting Timetable

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Library News
As we are getting close to the holidays there will be no borrowing this week from the library. Could everyone please return all library books this week so our library is full for 2016! Thankyou.
**Year 6 Farewell**
A reminder to the Year 5 parents that we would appreciate assistance at the Year 6 Farewell. The Farewell is on Tuesday the 15th December, assistance will be needed from 4.30pm til 8.30pm. Thankyou.

**Decorated Christmas Cake Raffle**
Many thanks to Marj Maxwell for the donation of this beautiful decorated Christmas cake! Raffle tickets were sent home to families last week. Can you please return any money or unsold tickets by Friday 11th December. Extra tickets are available with the girls in the office. Tickets are $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.

**Expressions of Interest**
Finley Public School is calling for Expressions of Interest for a temporary, part-time position as Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Teacher/Coordinator for 2016. This position is for a minimum of 3 days per week, with possible extension.

For EOI application & more details:

Email: finley-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Ph: 03 58831135
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WATERING ROSTER & RECIPES
Our school garden has grown from strength to strength throughout the year. With the holidays coming up and irrigation not yet in place it is essential that the garden be watered. On hotter days it really needs watering morning and evening. We are asking that families volunteer to water so that we can set up a watering roster before the end of term. If you can volunteer ideally for 3-7 consecutive days this will help sustain our garden over the holidays. Any produce that is ready to be picked over the holidays can be taken home by willing volunteers as it is unlikely to last until Term 1 2016.
Please write your name down below and colour/circle the dates that you are available to water. We will send a roster home once we have most dates covered. If you are able to do more days please feel free to write your name next to as many dates as possible (ideally 3-7 days)

Even if you are only able to commit one day that will help MKG.

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RECIPES
Throughout the year we have made some wonderful recipes in MKG. If you would like copies of these to make over the holidays please call into the office to get a copy.
Some of the most popular recipes have included:
- Roti
- Aloo Gobi
- Christmas Bread
- Rice Paper Rolls
- Raw Beetroot and Cabbage Slaw
- Leafy Green Ravioli...