Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with conflicted emotions I write to inform you that I have made an unexpected decision to take leave.

Many of you are aware that my mother has been unwell for some time and unfortunately she is deteriorating quickly. My mother has fought a difficult battle against cancer for the past 15 years. At Christmas time, last year, Mum was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer which had already spread to her brain. This was a completely different cancer to the one she fought the first time.

My love of teaching has always been my world and I have achieved many things with an incredibly supportive family behind me, however, the time has come for me to give back and I have chosen to not live with regret and be by my mother’s side.

I have found comfort in knowing you are left in familiar and capable hands with Mrs Lyons. I thank you in advance for your understanding and support of this very difficult and heartbreaking situation.

Warm Regards,
Melinda.

Relieving Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 8! I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend.

We start this week with the news that Ms Williams has unexpectedly taken leave. In Ms Williams’ absence I will be in the office as Relieving Principal. Whilst I am relieving, Mrs Nikki Wane will be teaching 2/1L. Mrs Wane moved to Finley, with her family, at the beginning of the year and has worked as a relief teacher in most classrooms in our school on various days during this year. Mrs Wane has a wealth of experience having taught in schools around Sydney for the last 11 years. I know that 2/1L are in very capable hands.

Riverina Regional Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday, 11th June, Lucy B, Jasmine B, Sienna B, Harry B, Alana S, Michael L and Jemma C will all be travelling to Gundagai to compete in the Riverina Regional Cross Country Carnival. They will be striving for a position in the Riverina Team that will compete at the NSW State Cross-Country Championships at Eastern Creek, Sydney, early next term. We wish all of our runners all the very best at Gundagai.

Athletics Trials

Students in Years 2 – 6 have begun trials in preparation for our Athletics Carnival which is set for July 31st. Over the next few weeks, students will all be given the opportunity to trial in long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.
Work Experience students
Next week we will be welcoming Work Experience students from Finley High School. We have a couple of past students, Rachel Orro and Luke Moore, as well as Rhiannon Murphy Riddell, coming into classrooms to develop their understanding about what a teacher's day/week involves. We hope that their week here will help them with their decision about what path they want to follow in their future.

Student Reports
Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will bring their student reports home on Thursday 24th June 2015. Your child’s achievement and progress in class is assessed by their teacher(s). Teachers use a variety of ways to assess their students including observing their work in class and looking closely at the work they produce. They make assessments of their students’ progress throughout the year.

Twice a year, teachers prepare student reports about each student’s achievement compared with the expectations described in each of the six syllabuses. In Years 1-6 judgements are made on a 5 point achievement scale, using A-E or with the word descriptors Outstanding, High, Sound, Limited and Basic. Kindergarten are assessed as being Above Expected Level, At Expected Level or Below Expected Level.

This year we have made some changes to the format of our school’s student reports. This new format was introduced at our last P&C meeting. We anticipate parents will find the new format more informative in regard to their children’s achievement in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and programs across the school.

If you require additional copies of your children’s report to pass on to another parent, could you please notify the girls in the office so that teachers can prepare additional copies.

Taking photos of students
We understand how important it is to celebrate your children’s achievements and involvement in school activities and that you will naturally want to capture these moments, such as receiving an award at assembly or being part of a school team, with a photo. However, we must request that you please take photos of your own children, particularly at Assembly.

If you are taking photos of groups of students at a school sporting event we must insist that you do not post these to personal social media accounts. We have a number of students in our school whose photo is not to be published on social media or, in some cases, in any publication. If you do have photos from such events you can email them to the school email account. We can then check if students’ pictures are permitted to be published and include them in the newsletter or upload them to the school’s Facebook page. The school email address is at the top of the newsletter. We thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope everyone has a terrific week.

Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News

Volunteers for this week:
Helpers are required from 10am – 2pm
Wed 10th June Norma Gowans
Fri 12th June Kelly Nicholls

Wednesday Meal Deal

10th June
Honey Soy Beef Stir fry
Flavoured Milk
Packet of chips

$5.50

Achievement Awards

KE
Mitchell G
Tiana L
Charlotte F

K-1L
Remi P
Abbey L
Emily M

2-1H
Jeremy D
Toby W
Abbey S

2-1L
Chelsea S
Becc L
Archie E

4-3T
Jacob A
Amalie A
Cody C

4-3A

4-3UR
Dekota S
Jacob O
Tristan O

6-5F
Cate T
Mickeely C
Yoomee M
Sophie G

6-5S
Anneliesse F
Lilly K
Bree K
Emily B

Science Awards
Chelsea A, Erica N, Addison C, Amalie A, Lexie A, Yoomee M.

Library Awards
Roree W, Jacob D, Jennah M, Jai S, Thomas M, Harry D.

Playground Awards
Hailey M, Erica N, Cassidy R, Amiliah M, Samantha S.
Happy Birthday

Tiana C  8\textsuperscript{th} June
Cooper S  10\textsuperscript{th} June

A reminder to parents and carers

If any contact details have been changed recently please let the office staff know so that all student contact details are kept up to date. Thankyou.

Year 7 Enrolments

A reminder from the Finley High School to parents and carers of children enrolling at Finley High School - all year seven enrolment forms must include a birth certificate. Thankyou.

Thank you

A big thank you to the Finley Men’s Shed for donating a telescope to our School. It will be very useful in the science class. Thankyou.

Kitchen Garden News

Parents who would prefer their child’s school shoes to stay clean and dry during the cold, wet weather are asked to send in gumboots labelled with your child’s name for use in the kitchen garden. Thankyou.

Seedlings for Sale

On Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} June, Mrs Brockie will be selling home (school) grown seedlings for $1 each. She has turnip, cauliflower, brussel sprouts and cabbage to sell. Mrs Brockie will be selling these from 3pm til 3.30pm.
P & C News

The new Canteen days are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

These new opening days will commence Monday 15th June 2015.

Hours of opening are the same:

10am til 2pm.

Canteen Volunteers

To Parents, Carers, and Grandparents:
If you are interested in volunteering your valuable time and helping out in our canteen throughout Term 3, 2015, could you please contact Kelly on 0437175173 with what day/s suit you best.
Monday, Wednesday or Friday (being the only three days the Canteen operates from 15th Jun2015)
This is so that a roster can be created and given out prior to the end of Term 2.
We thank you for your consideration & time given.

Next P & C Meeting:
Monday 22nd June
at 7.00pm
In Staffroom
All Welcome

School Banking

Congratulations to Elliott, Reece, Josie and Billie as stage winners of the colouring activity. We will run another one later in the year.

Don't forget to check out the Commonwealth Bank for all the entries. We now have over 100 registered bankers. There will be a small surprise for the lucky banker that was number 100.

Have a great week.
Debbie.