During the holidays, the Department of Education changed over to a new email system. There have been some technical glitches are we are currently unable to send any emails to our school distribution lists. Until this issue is rectified we will send paper copies of the newsletter home to families.

**Winter Round Robin**

Despite the very cold weather conditions, students in Years 3 – 6 enjoyed their day at Mulwala last Friday for the Winter Round Robin. All teams did our school proud, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during their games and all students had a fun day.

**Lions Club Public Speaking Competition**

The annual Lions Club Public Speaking Competition is being held this coming Sunday 26th July. On Thursday, students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be having final selections. Two students from each Stage will be selected to participate in the competition. We wish our participants all the best for Sunday.

**SRC Hot Chocolate Day**

The SRC’s Winter Woollies and Hot Chocolate day at the end of last term was a huge success. SRC members and Miss Dring sought donations for this event which was very generously supported by Finley’s IGA store and also K&A Foods. The donations were so generous that the SRC has enough supplies to offer hot chocolates again. Therefore, this coming Thursday they will again be selling hot chocolates at Recess. A hot chocolate with a marshmallow will cost $2. What a terrific way to warm up on a cold Winter’s day.
Assembly
With the introduction of the new Merit System as part of PBL, we will see some changes to the awards presented at Whole School Assembly. The traditional weekly awards are now replaced by the new awards system which will, over time, see students being awarded a ‘Major Merit’ when they have received 10 Mini Merits in class. When students have received 3 Major Merits they will move through the award levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold and lastly, Platinum. We will continue to have Achievement awards from Library with Mrs Almond, Science with Miss Dring and also MKG with Mrs Brockie. While Assembly items have not been scheduled this year, there is always the opportunity for classes to present an item or work at Assemblies and this week will see 2/1L presenting a musical item that they have been working on. Assembly starts at 12:30pm and all are most welcome to attend.

School Photos
School photos will be taken next week on Wednesday 29th July. Students are to wear their Winter uniform please.

K-2 Homework
The K-2 team are trialling some changes to Homework this term. An information letter was sent home at the end of last week detailing how homework will operate for K-2 this term. There will be an information session for parents and carers next Wednesday 29th July at 7pm in the 2/1L classroom. This will be an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about the details of this trial and to ask any questions you have about Homework.

TOMs
Our TOMs team are preparing for their participation in competition. Tournament of the Minds (TOMs) is a problem solving program for teams of students in primary and secondary school. With Mrs Ruth Haynes’ support and guidance, our TOMs team are working on developing diverse skills, time management and the discipline needed to work collaboratively within a competitive environment. The TOMs team meet each Tuesday and Friday as well as during lunchtime on a number of days. The team will head to Shepparton on August 22nd to compete in the Victorian state competition.

Are your contact details up-to-date?
At the end of last term we sent home a copy of the contact details we have on file for your child/ren. We ask that, if you have not already done so, you please return the form so that we can ensure our records are up-to-date.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News

New menu coming out Week 3

Helpers are required from 10am – 2pm

**Meal Deal Wednesday 22\(^{\text{nd}}\) July**
- Hot Dog
- Flavoured Milk
- Jelly Cup
- $5.50

**The new Canteen days are:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

These new opening days commenced on Monday 15\(^{\text{th}}\) June 2015.

Hours of opening are the same:

**10am til 2pm.**

Happy Birthday

Chloe A  22\(^{\text{nd}}\) July
Archie E  22\(^{\text{nd}}\) July
Kade P    22\(^{\text{nd}}\) July
Lucy-Jayne B  22\(^{\text{nd}}\) July

Playground Awards

Bailey M, Erica N, Morgan E, Imogen M, Tarliah D.

**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner**

Beginning in Term Three, we will be implementing our new Student Achievement Awards System. Please be sure to read the information letter and the awards processes which will be sent home this week.

PBL information packets are also available at the office if you require further information.

We are looking forward to this exciting change and the benefits that instant, positive feedback (Mini Merits) will have on our wonderful students.

Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any questions regarding the Student Achievement Award System.
Stage 3 Excursion Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that deposits are overdue. To secure our bookings all payments will need to be finalised before 12th August. Your child’s deposit must be paid in order to confirm their place on the excursion.
Stage 3 Team.

Athletics Carnival

If there are any parents/carers who would be able to volunteer their time to help with timing etc at next week’s athletics carnival it would be greatly appreciated.

School Banking

A great week of banking for the first week back. We have seen the return of a few bankers that haven't banked for a little while. Congratulations to Tiana and Katie on being drawn out as the two lucky bankers from last week.

I hope you all received your prize portal flyer for a great competition for this term. To enter, you must bank at least 3 times for this term to be in the running for some great prizes. There is also a mission that can be done to double your chances.

Rewards for this term are a Glow in the Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch. All other rewards are still available.

Remember, once you reach 10 tokens you can send in your reward request.
Thanks.

SRC News

The SRC Winter Woolies and Hot Chocolate Day was a HUGE success!

We raised $300 and sold 150 Hot Chocolates!

All the students said the Hot Chocolate was delicious and some even came back for seconds!

A Special thank you to Jemma and Deklon from 6/5S, Makenzie from 6/5F, IGA Finley and K & A Foods.

We have enough hot chocolate left over to sell more this week.

Hot Chocolates will be available this Thursday 23rd July.

The SRC will be selling Hot Chocolate with marsh mallows at Recess time.

Hot Chocolates will be $2.

Thanks for your support.

Athletics Carnival

If there are any parents/carers who would be able to volunteer their time to help with timing etc at next week’s carnival it would be greatly appreciated.
Thankyou

The SRC would like to say a huge THANK YOU to IGA Finley and K & A Foods for sponsoring our Hot Chocolate Day. Trevor and Robyn kindly donated all the milk, hot chocolate, marshmallows and cups for our fund raising event! THANK YOU!!

Book Club

Book Club orders are due in on Wednesday 5th August. Thankyou.

P & C News

Finley Public School P&C will be catering for a clearing sale on Saturday 25th July. We will need helpers and also some muffins and slices made. If you can assist in any way please call Katy on 0458 108492. All money raised will go towards our school.

If anyone would like to submit items for the next meetings agenda please contact the P & C Secretary Mardi Baker, 0400 044 184.

P & C Meeting, 7pm, School Staffroom, hope to see you there.

MKG News

Lions Firewood Raffle for MKG
Thank you to Finley Lions Club who are donating the proceeds of the next firewood raffle to MKG. Mrs Brockie will be joining The Lions Club members who will be selling tickets from 8am-12pm on Saturday the 25th July outside Finley Newsagency. Please show your appreciation and support by buying some tickets.

Beads, Ribbons and Mosaic Items
The next phase of the garden is going ahead and will include decorative items created by students. If you have any tiles, exterior paints, beads, ribbons or mosaic materials and tools at home not being used we would love them for MKG.

Clothing
Please ensure your child is dressed warmly for working in the garden. The wind can be quite cold. A pair of gumboots sent in on MKG days will also help their feet stay dry.

Volunteer Letter
This week a letter is going home requesting volunteers for the new timetable for MKG. Thank you to our highly valued current and future volunteers and for those contributing "behind the scenes". There is no doubt that the more volunteers we have the more students are able to benefit from MKG lessons as they can work in small groups to complete various tasks in the kitchen and garden under the guidance of volunteers. Anyone can volunteer, the only requirement is enthusiasm and a current Working With Children Check.
Woolworths Earn & Learn
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. We are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Woolworth’s Earn & Learn sticker sheets will be issued to each family. Please place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto the Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at Cobram Woolworths.

Community Announcements
“Ignite the Spark” with Julie Cross
Date: Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 2015
Venue: Finley RSC
Time: 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Cost: $35
Tickets available from Lindy at Essential Hair or Finley HQ Gym.
All profits go to the Finley Hospital.
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPads mini Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo² Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win
To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning).

Win books for your school library
We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Things to know before you Can
- Commbank waives all Butwist service fees up to $5 until the end of 2013
- Earn 1.25% p.a. on balances up to $2000
- Earn 0.25% p.a. on balances over $2000
- Account closed after 12 months
- Account open to students from 13 years of age
- No ATM fees
- Access to thousands of ATM's
- Cash withdrawals up to $2000 per month
- Cheque book available
- Online banking
- Mobile banking
- 24/7 customer service


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5:30 7/9 YRS JAZZ/TAP
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6:50 10/13 YRS BALLET
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