Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Week 4.
We had a wonderful week celebrating Education Week last week. We welcomed parents, family and visitors into our school throughout the week. It was fantastic to see many parents and extended family members last Tuesday for our Open Day. The students really enjoyed sharing time with their families in their classrooms and at lunch.

Our captains, vice captains, prefects and I enjoyed attending the School Leaders Luncheon last Wednesday. It was a most inspiring event for our school’s leaders and an excellent opportunity to meet with and get to know leaders from nearby schools.

Last Thursday, the youngest students at our school had a wonderful time meeting the children and staff from Biralee Preschool during our first ‘Sneak Peek to Starting Big School’ session.

Athletics Carnival
We had a fantastic day for our Athletics Carnival last Friday! The weather was beautiful and there were many successes with several records being broken!
Josie broke the 9 yrs 100m 16.53 seconds previously held by Rhiannan Maxwell (2002) 17.19 seconds. Lenny broke the 9yrs 100m 15.53 seconds previously held by Joshua Pyle (2002) 16.53 seconds.
Isabella broke the 11yrs girls 200m 33.48 seconds previously held by Kate Henderson (1992) 33.92 seconds. She also broke the 11 Years girls discuss 16.9m previously held by Emily Brooks (2000) 14.81m.

Jasmine broke the Junior Girls discuss 18.03m previously held by Monique Peters (2000) 14.61m. Cooper broke the 12/13 yrs boys high jump 1.44m previously held by Rob Jewel (2002) 1.43m.

We are very proud of our students and the excellent efforts and sportsmanship they demonstrated throughout the day. Murray were the winning House on points on the day, followed by Finley, Coree and Tuppal. A huge thankyou to everyone that helped out on Friday from timing and recording results to helping keep our athletes fuelled up with lunch and snacks from the Canteen.

Students will be informed this week if they will be competing in the District Athletics Carnival which is on August 14th.

**Kitchen Garden Timetable**

There has been a lot of progress made recently on the new garden bed with straw bales placed to create a border, mulch and bark chips have been spread and the inclusion of a scarecrow in there. With the change to fortnightly lessons, Mrs Brockie has found the students are able to gain a much more enriching experience in both gardening and cooking lessons. The 2 hour sessions are timetabled on a fortnightly basis which is based around the weeks in the school term. This week is ‘Week 4’ of the term which means classes timetabled for ‘Even Weeks’ will attend MKG. Next week is an ‘Odd Week’ as it is Week 5 of the term.

**Bookfair**

Next week we have our annual Bookfair. Mrs Almond has been busy organising the array of beautiful books ready for students to look at and make their wish-list for parents and carers. Books will be available to purchase during Lunchtime and after school throughout the week. As part of the Bookfair we will hold our annual Book Character Parade on Thursday. Students can come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. We will hold our parade after lunch on Thursday. There will be a prize for the best dressed character from each class.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
**Canteen News**

A big thank you to Sara Macleod for helping all day on Friday at the Athletics Carnival, also thanks to Kirsty Marshall and the Year 5/6 Girls who helped on the day.

A reminder to parents/carers to check that when students are writing out their own lunch orders, to please make sure they are written neatly and clearly with class, name, lunch and price, thankyou.

The new menu has been sent home, if you didn’t receive one there are copies at the front office.

**Meal Deal Wednesday 5th August**
- Baked Potato
- Juice
- Icy Bite
- $5.50

**Happy Birthday**

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**Playground Awards**

Jaxson B, Harry B, Cherish J, Elijah F, Nick K.

**Bring your own device (BYOD)**

**Survey and Information**

As a part of our 2015-2017 school plan we are hoping to implement a policy for students to bring their own device to school. In short, this means that we would be asking students to bring a device to school that connects to the internet such as a laptop, tablet, iPad etc. To help us assess the viability of a BYOD policy at Finley Public School and the most appropriate option for our school community could all parents please complete the survey sent home today or via the link online by the 7th of August.


Your feedback is very valuable to our school and will support us in moving forward with this program.

Thank you for your time,

Kylie Edwards.
**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.

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**Book Club**

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

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**Book Fair and Parade**

The Book Fair is here again. It will start Monday 10th August, Week 5.

Mrs Almond will be selling books at lunchtime on Monday 10th until 4pm, Tuesday 11th at lunchtime, and Thursday from 11.30am-4pm. We encourage parents/carers to come and have a look at the books at these times.

Thursday will be the book parade from 2pm -3pm. Please come dressed as your favourite book character and be in the running to receive a $10 voucher for the best dressed in each class.

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**School Banking**

Wow, what a great week last week. We had over 60 bankers and over $400. There will be lots of rewards to hand out this week.

Great effort everyone.

Thanks, Debbie.
School Assembly

A reminder to parents and carers that SRC badges will be presented to this semester’s SRC Representatives at this week’s school assembly.

P&C News

The recent Clearing Sale was catered for by our P & C.
A BIG Thankyou to our co-ordinator, our cook on the day, also our Pumpkin soup that was made, our volunteers that braved the cold & the mud, also our Bakers that had baked delicious Muffins & Slices for us to sell.
We have made approximately $1000.00 profit.

*These funds raised go back to our school for our students.*

Our next P & C Meeting is Monday 20th August 2015 at 7.00pm

School Football Raffle

School Football Jumpers

The school is holding a raffle to raise money for the purchase of a new set of school football jumpers, which will be used by our girls and boys students for many years to come. The prize is a **Richmond jumper signed by Tigers captain Trent Cotchin**! The jumper was kindly donated by AFL NSW/ACT. Tickets can be purchased at the office for $2 each or 3 for $5. Tickets will also be sold at FFNC training sessions on Thursday nights for the next couple of weeks. The raffle will be drawn at our whole school assembly on Friday the 18th of September.
Woolworths Earn & Learn
This year we are 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).
Woolworths sticker sheets are available at the checkout when you shop at one of their stores.
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.

Thank you to IGA, our sponsor for the hot chocolate day.
Piglet City at FPS this week! Thank you Simon Lucas!
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- Kickboxing
- Boot Camps
- Self Defence Course
- Personal Training
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- Improved Self Confidence
- Improved Self Discipline
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- Reduced stress & anxiety
- Body fat loss / weight loss

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