Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Week 6
This week sees us at the half-way mark of the term.

**Calendar – What’s On?**

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**Relieving Principal's Report**

**District Athletics Carnival**
Our athletes had a very successful day on Friday at the District Athletics Carnival. Finley Public School were successful, for the third year in a row, in being the Carnival Champions. Congratulations to Sienna - Junior Girls Carnival Champion, Lenny - Junior Boys Carnival Champion, Isabella - 11Yrs Girl Carnival Champion, Karla - Senior Girls Carnival Champion and Cooper - Senior Boys Carnival Champion. What an outstanding achievement from our athletes who were competing against 9 other schools! They, along with our junior boys, junior girls and senior girls relay teams, will head to Albury on Monday August 31st to compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival.

**District Public Speaking**
A huge congratulations to Larshya on her success in winning the Zone Final of the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition! Larshya did an outstanding job in representing herself and our school. We are very proud of Larshya and her excellent success. Larshya will now compete in the next level of competition at Strathmerton on August 30th.

**Book Fair & Book Character Parade**
The Library was a hive of activity during our Book Fair last week. Congratulations to the winners of the ‘Best Dressed Book Character’ from each class. It was fantastic to see so many creative and varied costumes around the school last Thursday. Mrs Almond will be ordering copies of books today. We hope that everyone has many hours of pleasure reading their beautiful new books.
**Sneak Peek to Starting Big School**
Tomorrow we have the second of our ‘Sneak Peek to Starting Big School’ sessions. All children starting school in 2016 are invited to come along from 1:45 – 2:40pm. Tomorrow the children will have a sneak peek at the MKG program in action and will join in some arts, crafts and music activities. If you have any questions about this program please contact Jacinta Lewis, Kylie Edwards or myself to discuss these.

**Tournament of the Minds (TOMS)**
Our TOMs teams are busy with preparations for their participation in the Regional Tournament of the Minds Competition. Tomorrow they will go to the High School with Mrs Haynes, to work with the FHS TOMs teams as a final step before going to Shepparton on Saturday to compete. We wish Abbey, Anneliesse, Billie, Bree, Cate, Emily, Iraia, Izabelle, Jemma, Larshya, Lucy B, Lucy-Jayne, Olivia H and Ruby all the very best on Saturday.

**Stage 3 Excursion**
The Stage 3 excursion to Sydney is only one week away. All notes and money should be in by now. The students, along with Miss Seco, Mr Brooks, Mrs Haynes and Georgina (SLSO), have a very busy week ahead of them filled with many exciting and informative educational experiences. Our excursions form an integral part in extending our students’ learning and enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of topics and concepts being addressed in the classroom. Looking at the itinerary, I am sure they will have a terrific excursion!

**Finley Bowling Club August End of Month Draw**
A reminder to please send in any donations for prizes for the Finley Bowling Club August ‘End of the Month’ Friday Raffle, which our school will benefit from. We ask that you please send any donations into the office by next Wednesday 26th August. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

We hope that Mrs Taig enjoys her Long Service Leave over the next 2 weeks. Whilst Mrs Taig is away, Mrs Jade Balden is teaching 4/3T.

Don’t forget our information meeting tonight at 7pm for any parents or carers or extended family who can help with costumes, props and sets for our performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella.

Have a terrific week everyone.

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

**Volunteers**
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Mon 17\(^{th}\) Aug    Jade Armstrong  
Wed 19\(^{th}\) Aug    Anne Lee  
Fri 21\(^{st}\) Aug    Emma Simpson  
                      Kelly Nicholls

A reminder to parents/carers to check that when students are writing out their own lunch orders, 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 19\(^{th}\) August**
Dim Sim & Fried Rice  
Muffin  
Warm Milo  
$5.50

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**Playground Awards**
Paige D, Katie J, Ben R, Abbey S, Sophia F.

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**Happy Birthday**
Riley S    15\(^{th}\) August  
Anneliesse F    18\(^{th}\) August  
Yoomee M    18\(^{th}\) August  
Taymyn J    20\(^{th}\) August  
Daisy D    23\(^{rd}\) August

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Happy Birthday!
School Debating Team

The Finley Public School Debating Squad has successfully completed their 2015 competition. Squad members began the program with a gala information and practice day in Deniliquin earlier in the year. During Term 2 and Term 3 they participated in 4 debates with schools in the Deniliquin District, rotating through the positions of 1st Speaker, 2nd Speaker, 3rd Speaker and Team Advisor. All four debates were won which resulted in a tie-breaker debate being held with Deniliquin North Public School. The teams debated via video conference from the FPS Connected Classroom and although closely contested, Deniliquin North presented a stronger case on the day.

Congratulations to the squad for their hard work in their lunchtimes. Their practise and commitment resulted in all members improving their skills. Good luck to the Year 6 Students who can continue their debating in high school and we look forward to our Year 5 students leading the squad next year.

Mrs Haynes.

Jemma C, Abbey M, Ruby R, Billie M, Lucy-Jayne B.

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.
**Thankyou**
A huge thankyou to the Lions Club of Finley for their generous donation of $400, the proceeds from a recent wood raffle. This donation goes towards our MKG program.

![Karla and Henare pictured with Lions Club President Chris Horne](image)

**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.

**Missing**
Last Thursday a student in Year 1 had a banking reward go missing from their bag. If your child has brought home a ‘CBA Invisible Pen’ that is not theirs can you please return it to the office.
Community News
Finley Cricket Club
Finley Cricket Club are looking for boys and girls interested in playing cricket this coming season, commencing in October. The club requires names now so that the appropriate teams can be entered into the MVCA Competition. Please contact Terri-Lea Anderson on 0418 503259 or Russell Stockdale on 0457 404522.

Finley Little Athletics
The Finley Little Athletics Club are holding their Registration night this Friday 21st August.

Where: Finley Recreation Reserve
Time: 5pm
Cost: $60 per child

Please contact Pat Kelly if in need of more details on 0418 834380, or Facebook.

Packing Healthy Lunch Boxes
“Packing Healthy Lunch Boxes for your Kids”
Presented by: Daniel Thomson, Dietician
Come and get some great ideas and taste food that you can easily put in your child’s lunchbox!

Where: Finley Preschool
When: Tuesday 8th September
Time: 6.30pm
Winners of the Book Fair Parade
Finley Bowling Club
End of Month Raffles

The Finley Bowling Club’s August ‘End of Month Raffle’ is set to benefit Finley Public School. At these monthly raffles, the Bowling Club donates 100% of the proceeds of the raffle to local schools, clubs and charities and identified causes. Over the last 3 years Finley Public School has received over $3000 in donations!

As part of the raffle, the recipients of the proceeds are asked to organise prizes to add to the regular meat and vegie trays and voucher prizes that the Bowling Club raffles each Friday.

We are asking our families for donations of suitable items that could be used as prizes. These could include vouchers, lollies, home cooking, a bottle of wine, children’s toys, scented candles, crockery, chocolates, hand creams bathroom accessories etc. that can be used to make prize packs. All donations will be very gratefully appreciated.

Can you please send your donations into the office by Wednesday 26th August, to allow us time to put the prize packs together.

The Bowling Club will have meals available from 6pm on August 28th. It would be great to see lots of families at the Bowling Club on this night, to support both our school and the Finley Bowling Club.

If you have any questions please contact Amanda Lyons.
It’s Performance time!

In Term 4, we will be performing the play

Cinderella & Rockersella

This year’s performance is different to how we have previously displayed the amazing talent from Finley Public School. Cinderella and Rockersella is a play. Students from 6/5 have been trying out for the cast and 4/3 will have an opportunity to also try out this week. Each class will be responsible for a song that is directly linked to the play. Some classes will be singing, others dancing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

On Monday 17th August, we will be holding a short parent meeting at 7pm in Mrs Umbach/ Mrs Rourke’s room. We are seeking assistance with costume making, set and prop design as well as back drop painting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would love to help, please contact the front office.

We can’t wait to display the amazing talent we have here at Finley public School!
On Friday, Finley Public School competed in the District Athletics Carnival. The team spirit was well and truly alive as 43 of our students participated against the 9 other schools in our District. Finley were unstoppable on the day with great results coming from all over the track and field. For the Third year in a row, Finley took home the carnival championship trophy! Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day. We’re very proud of the sportsmanship you demonstrated and the effort you put in.

15 of our athletes have now qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival in Albury on Monday 31st August. Permission notes with details of the carnival have been sent home.

**Carnival Champions**

- Junior Girls – Sienna Burke
- Junior Boys – Lenny Dattoli
- 11 Yrs Girls – Isabella Kelly
- Senior Girls – Karla Nicholls
- Senior Boys – Cooper Burke

**A big thank you to all who helped make our carnival a success!**
Finley Public School would like to invite parents and carers of children starting Kindergarten in 2016 to our

Kindergarten Information Session
(including information on 'Starting Big School')

Date: Tuesday 1st September 2015
Time: 4pm or 7pm
Venue: Finley Public School’s Kindergarten Classroom

Pre-School Transition Program 2015
'Starting Big School'

This meeting provides an opportunity for you to meet staff and to become acquainted with what Finley Public School can offer your child academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

The 'Starting Big School' program runs for 6 weeks during Term 4 and aims to provide a smooth and happy transition to Kindergarten. Children develop confidence and a positive attitude towards their first year at school.

Our staff will be able to advise any parents or carers of a child's readiness for school after they have completed the program.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting please contact Finley Public School on

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