Relieving Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 8.
What a busy weekend it has been for families, friends and staff with Stage 3 returning from their excursion on Friday evening, the start of the Little Aths season, the Bowling Club raffles and then Finley Football and Netball Club’s involvement in finals on Saturday and Sunday. I hope everyone had some time to relax.

Finley Bowling Club August End of Month Draw
A huge thank you to the families in our school who supported us with donations for raffle prizes and to those families and members of the wider community who came along to the raffle draw on Friday night. The Finley Bowling Club generously donated the proceeds of their August ‘End of the Month’ Friday Raffle to our school. It was a great night and we were presented with a very generous cheque for $847. We are very grateful for this donation which will go towards a trolley and equipment for the playground as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program.

District Lions Club Junior Public Speaking
Larshya did a sensational job representing herself and our school at the District Final of the Year 3 and 4 Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition at Strathmerton yesterday. She competed against 4 other zone winners and won! It can be very daunting speaking in front of an audience filled with people you know let alone a group of people you have never met before. Larshya has approached each level of this competition with outstanding confidence and competence. We are incredibly proud of Larshya and her excellent achievements. Congratulations Larshya!
Riverina Athletics Carnival
We have several students competing at the Riverina Athletics Carnival today. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transporting students to Albury. We are very proud of our students and their achievement in reaching this level of competition! Good Luck to all of our athletes today.

Kindergarten 2016 Information Meeting
Tomorrow, Tuesday 1st September we have our Kindergarten Information Meetings. We invite all parents and carers of children who will begin Kindergarten in 2016 to come along and find out about our Kindergarten Orientation Program and what Finley Public School can offer students. We are holding two meetings to cater for those people that can’t make an earlier meeting or can’t get to the evening session. The meetings are set for 4pm and 7pm in the 1KL classroom. The same information will be presented at both meetings. If you, or someone you know, is unable to make either of the meetings but would like an information pack please, contact the office and we will get one to you.

Aspire Me Visual Arts Camp
On Thursday and Friday we have two students from Stage 3 who were nominated to attend the 2 day Aspire Me Visual Arts Camp at Moulamien. This Visual Arts Camp includes art workshops and an overnight stay. The workshops aim to tap into students’ creativity and provide them with guidance to develop their artistic talent. I am sure Jaxson and Jessika will have a wonderful time and gain a lot from this fantastic opportunity.

Father’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Friday this week. A variety of gift items ranging from $2 – $7 are available for students to select from to purchase. All students will have an opportunity to purchase something from the stall during the morning session on Friday. Then, if there are any gifts remaining, students will be able to go and make further purchases at Recess if they would like.

Finley Show time
The Finley Show is on this Sunday 6th September. Classes have been busy finalising their entries for judging and gathering items for our school’s display.

School related communication
We know that it can be confusing to know who to speak with when you have an issue or concern about your child at school or you are seeking information. To help you with this, some guidelines for approaching the school are included in this week’s newsletter. We have included this leaflet in previous newsletters but we’ve included it again as a general reminder.
Please understand that the most effective and appropriate school related communication parents can have is through the school office. Staff’s personal social media accounts are not, at any time, an appropriate avenue for school related communication. Please do not be offended when a staff member does not respond to a message you
have sent to them in this manner. Please respect our staff members’ right to privacy on their personal social media accounts. Please do take the time to read through the attached ‘Approaching Your School’ leaflet.

**SAS Staff**
This week I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful job all of our SAS staff do and thank them for the many ways they support our students, teachers and the whole school community every day.
Thank you to Sasha, Jane and Lonni who do a wonderful job keeping everything running in the office.
Thank you to our cleaners Anne and Karen who work hard to keep our classrooms and grounds clean and tidy.
Thank you to our General Assistant Ken who not only maintains the grounds and classrooms but also gets students’ footys, bouncy balls and other items out of trees or off roofs and also assists with our Athletics training and carnivals.
Thank you to our fantastic SLSOs – Student Learning Support Officers (teacher’s aides) – Matt, Julie, Janene, Cathy, Tanya, Ann, Lonni and Georgina who support students and staff in so many ways in classrooms each day.
We are very lucky to have this wonderful, dedicated team of people working in our school. They are most valuable and important in the smooth running of the school on a daily basis.

Have a good week. Enjoy, appreciate and make the most of every day with your loved ones and we hope that all of our students’ dads and grandfathers have a wonderful Father’s Day next Sunday.

Regards,
Amanda Lyons (Relieving Principal).
Canteen News

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm

Mon 31st Aug  Sara Macleod
Wed 2nd Sept   Kelly Cole
Fri 4th Sept   Emma Warenycia
              Kelly Taylor (Olivia)

Meal Deal Wednesday 2nd Sept
Pie
Fruit Juice
Icy Bite
$5.50

Playground Awards
Harrison K, Charlotte R, Angus B, Reese S, Evie W.

Happy Birthday
1st September   Ashley H
1st Sept        Imogen M
3rd September   Samantha S
4th September   Abbey L
5th Sept        Melina T
5th Sept        Eli S

Happy Birthday!
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.
School Banking
Thanks to those parents of Stage 3 that sent in their child's bank books last week. Even with so many away we had a near record banking.

Could I just remind you that when you send in the books that the deposit slips are filled in to ensure the correct amount of money is deposited.

Parents of Preschoolers will receive an orientation pack with an introduction to school banking at your information meetings tomorrow.

Thanks
Debbie.

Community News

Finley Show Society
Due to the vast number of student entries, some manpower is required to hang the student’s entries for display on show day.

The Show Society committee is hoping that parents will be able to assist with this duty.

Four or five helpers would make the task so much easier and would be greatly appreciated.

If you are available to assist with this on Friday September 4th at 12noon, please let the school office know.

Thankyou.

Music Trivia Night
The Finley Golf Club will be holding a Music Trivia Night on Saturday 19th September 7 for 7.30pm start. BYO nibbles.
Tables 8-10 people. For table bookings please phone the Club on 5883 1360 between 5-7pm
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.

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
HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM/ GAMES & ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

FINLEY

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd of October

Program includes Hot Shots, Technique, Tactics, Match & Game Play & FUN!

Spaces are limited! Ages are a guide only.

RED BALL 4 - 8yrs
45min class - $30 for the 2 days

ORANGE BALL 8-10yrs
1hr class - $40 for the 2 days

GREEN / YELLOW BALL 11yrs & above
1hr class $40 for the 2 days

#Private lessons available upon request & availability
Clinic will be run from 9am.

GAMES & ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

This is for anyone who would like to play some fun games & get active! Modified tennis games and other sports.
1pm to 3pm $40 for the 2 days

#Discount for those who participate in both programs

FOR BOOKINGS PHONE OR EMAIL JAMIE
P: 0439 778 860 E: jhtennis@outlook.com
Or
Send a msg via the Jamie Haynes Tennis facebook page
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 1\(^{st}\) 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  

**5883 1135**
Finley Public School
Approaching Your School

A parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:
- Discuss the progress or welfare of their child
- Express concern about the actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about the actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to arrange a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

**NB: No parent should directly approach another person’s child.**

We ask that you respect teachers’ privacy and do not contact them on their personal mobile phones or social media accounts at any time regarding school matters. This is greatly appreciated.

These guidelines aim to:
- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner;
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld;
- support sensitivity and confidentiality;
- help reach an agreed solution

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| The welfare of your child | * For minor issues, contact your child’s teacher directly to clarify information.  
* For more serious concerns, contact the office, state nature of the concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with the class teacher or appropriate staff member.  
* To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office. |
| Absences or late arrival at school | * For absence due to illness, please send in a note or call the school explaining your child’s absence  
* For late arrival, please sign your child in at the office upon arrival |
| Actions of other students | * Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.  
* Contact the Stage supervisor for playground problems. |
| School policy or practice | * Contact the office, state nature of the concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or an appropriate member of staff. |
| Actions of a staff member | * Contact the office and state your concerns to the Principal  
* Arrange to meet directly with the Principal and staff member concerned. |

In very rare cases, where people are wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the ‘Inclosed Lands Act’ to:
- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the Principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling.
Finley Farmers’ Market at the Finley Lake
This Saturday 5 September
Demonstrations on how to make a scarecrow will
feature at this market (10 and 11.30am).

While you are at the market don’t forget to register for our scarecrow
making competition which is being held at our October market.

Entry fee of $15 applies.

4 prizes valued at $100 each

The first 20 people to register for the competition will receive a
jump-start kit for their scarecrow.

Your can also register online by messaging us on facebook or emailing
ingrid.archibald@gmail.com

YOUR SCARECROW MUST HAVE A LOCAL THEME
Local themes can include anything deemed to be local to this area.
Examples of themes are farming, school, business, sporting or community themes – let
your imagination run wild)

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