R/Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 3! I hope our students and families had an enjoyable weekend and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather.

Last Tuesday we welcomed our new Kindergarten students to school. Starting school is an exciting time and it has been wonderful to see our newest students settle into school life quickly. We are also very proud of our senior students who have taken on their role as ‘Buddies’ to the Kindergarten students with excellent commitment and responsibility, helping them and getting to know their Kinder buddy during recess and lunch times. Sophie from the SRN was at school last week to take each Kinder student’s photo. They will soon feature in the Kinder lift-out in our local paper.

Sports House Captains

Last Thursday Sports House Captain voting took place during House meetings. The results were - Morgan E and Lenny D Coree Captains, Cassidy R and Declan P Coree Vice Captains; Olivia C and Michael L Finley Captains, Dakota P and Harrison K Finley Vice Captains; Alanna S and Lachy T Murray Captains, Izabelle M and Jacob O Murray Vice Captains; Isabella K and Jacob D Tuppal Captains, Stephanie B and Talon S Tuppal Vice Captains. Congratulations to all of these students! Our newest Leaders will be presented with their Captain or Vice-Captain badge at this week’s Whole School Assembly.

SRC

This week classes will be electing their SRC Representatives. Teachers will conduct a class meeting to elect the class SRC representative. Students may nominate classmates for the position. One member from each class will be elected to represent their class for Semester 1.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Shortly you should receive information from your child/ren’s teacher advising you of the date for Meet the Teacher Meetings. You will also be advised of class routines, when Homework will start and any items that teachers would like your child to bring to class.

Scripture

A Special Religious Education program (SRE) is available for students at our school. SRE (Scripture) lessons are taught by authorised volunteers from our local churches. Scripture
groups are developed using the information parents provided at enrolment. Students will attend Scripture lessons unless a parent or caregiver requests a change in writing. Parents have the right to change their child/ren’s SRE nomination or to withdraw their child/ren from SRE lessons at any time. A written note to the principal is required if you would like to request a change.

Scripture lessons begin this Thursday 11th February with our Scripture teachers being Kelly Taylor, Betty Price, Val Head, Trish Weller, Ben Everingham, Rev Steve Davies and Doug and Ally Miller. I am meeting with a representative from the Latter Day Saints Church to finalise who will be teaching Scripture to these students. Students who are not participating in Scripture lessons will be supervised by a teacher from their Stage and participate in meaningful activities during Scripture time.

Whole School Assembly
We have a Whole School Assembly this Friday starting at 12.30pm, all welcome. Assembly will continue fortnightly as was the format last year. This term Assembly will held be on odd weeks. Presentations made at fortnightly assemblies include awards achieved through our PBL awards system, Library Awards and MKG Awards. On occasions we will present special awards achieved by students.

Uniform and Personal Belongings
Last week we had a couple of students with misplaced uniform items. We ask that you please ensure your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name (even just their surname). This assists with keeping track of students’ belongings and, if an item is misplaced, helps us to ensure lost items are returned to their owners. A list of uniform options for boys and girls is included in the school’s Prospectus. Please note that make-up, nail polish and earrings other than sleepers or studs are not part of school uniform.

Changes to home time routine.
If there is a change to your child/ren’s regular home time routine we ask that you please let us know in writing or with a call to the office. Without notification, students will be expected to follow their usual home time routine. If you are unexpectedly late collecting your child/ren they will be asked to wait at the COLA near the office to ensure their safety until collected from school.

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Our Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 18th February. Students who are turning 8 years or older, are eligible to compete in races. Races will start at approximately 2:30pm. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with time-keeping and other organisational duties at the carnival. If you can help out in any way please let your child’s teacher or the girls in the office know. Students under 8 years will participate in water novelty events which will start at approximately 3pm. A note with more information about the carnival and a permission slip will come home this week.

Basketball Competition
Mr Aaron Taylor is looking to start a Basketball Competition for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, and also a High School aged competition. He had a quick chat to students at our morning assembly today. If you have a child who is interested in playing basketball there are details about how to contact Aaron in today’s newsletter.

Finally, we have included the library and MKG timetables in this week’s newsletter to assist with your weekly organisation at home.

Have a terrific week.

Amanda Lyons (R. Principal)
**FPS Leadership Group for 2016**

Front row: Lucy A (VC), Lucy B (C), Lachlan S (C), Eli S (VC)

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**Library & MKG Timetables**

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**Canteen News**

Our Canteen operates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm.

Wed 10th Feb       Kelly Nicholls
Fri 12th Feb       Bianca Cardwell

Notes are being sent home for parents or carers who are interested in volunteering as a helper in the canteen. Please complete these forms and return to the office if you are interested. Thank you.

**Product Replacement**

Discontinued: Harvey Fresh Moolish Flavoured Milk 250ml
Replacement: Devondale Moo Flavoured Milk 200ml
Milks will still be $2 each and available in chocolate and strawberry

**Meal Deal Week 3, 10th Feb**

Salad Tub with Ham or Chicken
Icy Twist
Bottled water
$5.50
Happy Birthday

James Mc  8th Feb
Tarlia D  9th Feb
Elijah F  10th Feb
Faith V  12th Feb

School Banking
Great start to the banking year with 6 new bankers. These bankers were given a fridge magnet to remind them that Wednesday is banking day.

New rewards envelopes went out to all bankers last week. This included the new rewards that are available this term – A Flying Snake Tail and a Wildlife Writer Set. You can also track your deposit on the poster. Each time you make a deposit, colour in number so you can see how close you are to a reward.

Some rewards are still available from last year - ET DVD, Galaxy Glider, Intergalactic Rocket and the Outer Space Saver Moneybox.

Playground Awards
Addison C, Ella C, Patrick H, Remi P, Sophia F.

P & C News
Welcome back to Term 1, 2016. We hope that your children are settling in well with their new teachers! The next P & C meeting is on next Monday the 22nd Feb at 8pm.

The School Fete date for 2016 is 1st April. Watch this space for more details. Have a great week!!
**Community Announcements**

**Basketball**

Expressions of Interest - Competition basketball

Local basketballers are keen, willing and committed to bringing back organised basketball in Finley.

We are hoping to have support for 4 competitions (years 3-4, years 5-6, High school and a mixed adult competition). The 3 competitions for school aged participant’s would be played after school during the week and the mixed adult competition on a week night.

Register your interest (or your child's interest) by texting or calling 0428 768 652 or e-mailing finleybasketball@gmail.com. Please provide us with the participants full name, age and best contact number and e-mail address.

We look forward to hearing from you!
**Aaron Taylor**

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**Community Announcements**

**Finley Football Netball Club**

**Attention All Netballers**

With the first game of the 2016 Season fast approaching, it is time to start pre-season Finley Netball Club training!

When: Tuesday 9th February 2016
Where: Finley Apex Sport and Community Centre
Netball Courts
Time: Juniors at 5pm
Seniors at 6pm
For all enquiries please contact Sasha on 0427 391 824

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**Attention Footballers!**

Finley Fourths will begin training next Thursday the 18th Feb at 4.30pm at the Finley Football grounds.
Looking forward to seeing you there.