Term 1, Week 4

Calendar – What’s On?

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R/Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 4!

I hope you all had a great weekend. This week is a shorter week with a pupil free day on Friday due to our Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival on Thursday.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Our Meet the Teacher Meetings are on today and Wednesday. These introductory meetings offer an excellent opportunity to put a face to the name and quickly meet with the teachers who are teaching your child this year. Miss Tiffany Hughes (MKG) and Mrs Ruth Haynes (LaST) will also be at the meetings this week. Today the teachers of Years 3 – 6 will be holding their meeting at 7:15 pm in 4/3T’s classroom. The K – 2 Meet the Teacher Meeting is on Wednesday starting at 5:30pm in 1/KL’s classroom. We look forward to welcoming many parents to these meetings.

Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival

Miss Ackers & Mrs Rourke have been busy organising our Twilight Swimming Carnival which is scheduled for this Thursday 18th February. Students may come to school dressed in their Sports House colours on Thursday. Classes will operate as usual until Lunchtime. At the end of Lunch, Years 2 – 6 will walk to the Finley pool and be ready for a 2:30pm start. Students in K – 1 will leave school at approximately 2:30pm to walk to the pool and be ready for a 3 pm start for their water novelty events.

We are 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.

There is an important letter of advice from NSW Health regarding students who have been ill attending the swimming carnival included in this newsletter. Please be sure to take the time to read this.

There will be a BBQ tea at the carnival. A menu is included in today’s newsletter. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if families could complete the order slip and return it to the office by Wednesday morning. Payment is not due until purchasing your meals at the carnival on Thursday evening.

Please note: there will be NO BUSES picking students up from school on Thursday afternoon, nor from the pool. Parents and carers will need to
pick their child/ren up from the pool or make arrangements for a relative or friend to collect them by the conclusion of the carnival. Students will need to bring a note detailing arrangements made if a parent or carer is not collecting them from the pool. K -1 activities will conclude at approximately 6pm. Years 2 – 6 events will conclude by 7:30pm at the latest.

Please remember - as students will have effectively stayed at school until after 7pm, there will be no school on Friday 19th February.

Melbourne City Soccer
Next Friday 26th February our Years 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in soccer clinics with staff from the Melbourne City Soccer Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 4- 6 students! Mick Wane has been a driving force in organising this visit which will coincide with clinics that will run on Saturday 27th February for interested children aged 4-14 (see the flyer included in this newsletter)

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for the year is on next Monday 22nd February at 8pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.

Finally, we end today’s newsletter by saying farewell to Lonni Grimwood. Lonni has worked at our school for the last 5 years as an SLSO and in the office as Relieving School Administration Officer (SAO) for the past 2 years. Lonni has been offered a wonderful opportunity to further her career in office administration. While we are sad to see Lonni go we understand that this is too good an opportunity for her to let slip. We wish Lonni all the very best in her new job!

Have a wonderful week everyone. See you at the pool on Thursday.

Amanda Lyons (R. Principal)

 SRC Reps for Semester 1 2016

Back row – Jessika L, William H, Eloise W, Reece S, Jacob A,
Front row – Lexi A, Ashley H, Maggie B, Madelynn P

A couple of reminders:

Attendance at school - School attendance is compulsory. Student attendance is closely monitored by the Department of Education, with regular checks made by the Deniliquin District Home School Liaison Officer. When a student has been absent, a note is required documenting the date of the absence and explaining the reason for the absence. You can notify us by calling the office if you prefer and the girls will document these details. The department is very vigilant on student attendance and prosecutions have been conducted by them in certain situations.

Communication with your school - We know that it can be confusing to know who to go to when you have a question or an issue about your child at school. Generally our newsletter contains the information you may need and is always available on the school website. We also have a Facebook page where we post reminders as well as photos from events happening at school. However, if you do have a school related concern, issue or question then the best and most reliable manner of communication is through the office. The ladies can quickly answer your question, take a message for a staff member to contact you, or
make a time for you to see me so we can discuss and resolve the issue. To further help you, we have included some guidelines for approaching your school in this week’s newsletter. Please do take the time to read through this leaflet. Also a reminder that each student is entitled to their privacy and all staff, volunteers and parents need to work inside the Department’s confidentiality expectations. This means conversations about school activities and students’ progress stay at school. Finley is a small town which can make this challenging. However, everyone is entitled to their privacy and the Department of Education confidentiality guidelines are very clear.

**Bus Parking Zone** - The bus zone at the front of the school is a NO STOPPING Zone on school days, Monday to Friday 8.30 to 9.30am and 3pm to 4 pm. Please be aware that you can be fined if a police officer is passing and you are stopped in this zone.

**School Crossing** – We ask that you please reinforce with your children the importance of using the school crossing when walking to or from school. The crossings offer the safest place for students to cross during the busy times of road use before and after school.

**Volunteers Working with Children Check**
NSW Department of Education policy states that all people who work in our schools as volunteers must complete a Volunteers Working with Children Check (WWCC). The WWCC application can be completed online. It only takes a couple of minutes. Once your application is completed you take your application number and 100 points of identification to the RMS to lodge this application. There is no fee for volunteers. Your WWCC clearance number will be emailed to you in a confirmation email from The Office of Children’s Guardian. The girls in the office are happy to assist you if you need any help.

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**Library & MKG Timetables**

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**Happy Birthday**

Phoebe K  17\textsuperscript{th} Feb
Marco M   19\textsuperscript{th} Feb
Cooper S  21\textsuperscript{st} Feb
Bronze Star Award
Lucy D, Bethany L.

Major Merit Awards

Library Awards

MKG Awards

Playground Awards
Patrick K, Lexi A, Declan P, Abbey S, Charlotte D.

Canteen News
Our Canteen operates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm.

Wed 17th Feb Sharon McLean
Mon 22nd Feb Mary Alexander

Notes have 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.

Meal Deal, Week 4, Wed 17th Feb
Baked Potato
5 Yogurt frogs
Cold Milo
$5.50

P & C News
The next P & C meeting is on next Monday the 22nd Feb at 8pm in the Staffroom. All Welcome.

The School Fete date for 2016 is 1st April. Watch this space for more details. Have a great week!!
School Banking
More new reward packs went out this week with over 40 bankers and another two new ones. Three new rewards were ordered.

The school has raised in excess of $1000 since we began the program and we are well on our way to the next thousand. This money will be used for specific projects like School beautification and My Kitchen Garden.

Book Club
A reminder that the Scholastic Book Club is due Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} Feb. Thankyou.
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

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 & Thursday
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

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.
Starting School: The first few weeks

As your child settles in to school:

- they may be tired at the end of the day. Don't plan too many after-school activities; make sure they have time to rest and for free play.
- they may be 'starving' after school. Take a healthy snack when you pick them up. Try giving them an early dinner as they may be too tired to eat later.
- they may want to tell you all about their day as soon as they see you. Be available to listen. Some children may want to relax first.
- encourage them to talk about good things that happen at school.
- make reading with them part of your daily routine. Bedtime stories are a great way to end the day.
- Some children may wet their pants at school, which can embarrass them. Reassure them that it often happens and is nothing to worry about. Encourage them to tell the teacher. Pack spare clothing in the bottom of their bag.
- Ensure they go to bed at an appropriate time; try to stick to a bed time routine. This will make mornings easier if they are getting adequate sleep.
Interested in playing SOCCER?

SOCcer preseason activities coming to FINLEY

**Melbourne City Soccer Clinic**
Melbourne City will be running a Free Soccer clinic on Sat 27th Feb at the Finley High School Oval. Ages (4-9) : 9am-10:30am Ages (10-14) 11am-12:30pm. If your child would like to take part in the clinic please send an email with the following details:
Name, DOB, contact no, and if any medical issues to: mwane31@gmail.com

**MiniRoos Kick-Off**
MiniRoos Kick-Off is a 6 wk program for boys and girls aged 4-9*. It uses short, game-based sessions to introduce newcomers to soccer in a fun and inclusive way, whilst also providing good preseason preparation for those who have already played before.  
**Starting:** Saturday 5th March (9am-10am)  
**Venue:** Finley High School  
**Cost:** $50 – This covers 6 sessions and a participant pack (including a ball)  

*Note: Children aged 10-14 interested in the program email expressions of interest to mwane31@gmail.com

**Grassroots Soccer Certificate**
Parents - Would you like to help? (Yes...but I’m not confident and don’t know how.) Come and learn the basic rules and how to organise FUN soccer exercises to help our kids build a love for the game. This will be run for free by the Football Federation of Victoria at Cobram on Thursday 25th Feb @ 6:30pm. To register go to:  
[https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?id=13470&EIDMC=9101251](https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?id=13470&EIDMC=9101251)

**Cobram Junior Soccer Association**
Do you want to play soccer for the 2016 season? CJSA provides a fun and safe environment for boys and girls ages U6-U14 to enjoy playing the world game each Saturday. The season begins Sat 30 April. Registrations will begin shortly online.

**Don’t miss out!**
For updates on any of the above activities go to the Cobram Junior Soccer Association Facebook page or the CJSA website:  

Contacts:
Mick Wane: mob: 0421 468 010  
email: mwane31@gmail.com  
Nathan Everingham: 0458 831 100  
email: everinghamn@gmail.com
1st February 2016

To All School Principals

Swimming lessons and swimming carnivals

As the new school year has begun and swimming carnivals or swimming lessons will start shortly, I would like to remind you it is recommended that children who have had diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks should avoid swimming pools.

Late in 2015 there was a sharp increase in cryptosporidiosis cases in NSW.

Many things can cause diarrhoeal illness and those who have been infected can still shed the causative agent, even after their diarrhoea has stopped. Parasites such as giardia and cryptosporidium are common and have been associated with outbreaks linked to public pools.

Please ensure parents and carers of your students are advised that if their child has had diarrhoea, they are to avoid swimming pools for 2 weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. Feel free to distribute information via the link below:


If you have any questions or concerns please call the public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Yours sincerely

TRACEY OAKMAN
Director Public Health

Public Health Unit
Southern NSW and Murrumbidgee Local Health Districts
Locked bag 11, Goulburn NSW 2580
Tel 02 48241840 Fax 02 48225038
## 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 organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

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

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

The best and most effective way to communicate with your school is by contacting the school office.

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

### CONCERN | ACTION
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**The academic progress of own child** | * Directly contact your child’s teacher either by note, by phoning the school office or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.*
**The welfare of your child** | * For minor issues, contact your child’s teacher at school 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 explaining absence with your child when they return to school.*  
* For late arrival, please sign your child in at the office upon arrival.*
**Actions of other students** | * Contact the class teacher at school for a classroom problem.*  
* Contact the Stage supervisor at school 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, does so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the ‘Enclosed 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.

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Teachers, parents and community working together for successful schooling.
Finley Public School Twilight Swimming Carnival Menu 2016

- Hamburger - $3.00
- Hamburger & Coleslaw $3.50
- Sausage in bread $2.00
- Sausage in bread with Coleslaw $2.50
- Chicken Kebabs $4.00
- Various Sauces will be available also
- Muffins will be for sale too

*Cold drinks, lollies, Chips & ice blocks available at the pool kiosk*

Order Form  (Please indicate quantity required)

Family Surname........................................ Grandparents/Carer Surname ........................................

☐ Hamburger @ $3.00 = $ __________
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