Monday, 22nd February 2016

Welcome to Week 5!

It’s going to be a hot few days ahead, please be sure to check that your children have a drink bottle and a hat packed in their bag every day.

**Whole School Twilight Swimming Carnival**

What a terrific Twilight Swimming Carnival we had last Thursday! We couldn’t have asked for better weather. It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers, family and friends make it down to the pool to help cheer the competitors on! Miss Ackers & Mrs Rourke did an excellent job organising the main part Carnival which ran very smoothly. Miss Lewis’ organisation of the Infants’ Water Play activities saw all of our Under 8s enjoying a variety of games, all of which involved them getting very wet!

A HUGE thank you to all of our staff, parents, carers and friends who helped out in so many ways at the carnival from supporting our students, to marshalling and time keeping, to cooking the BBQ. Everyone’s support was greatly appreciated.

Well done to all of our students on their excellent participation in the carnival. Congratulations to our champions and runners-up champions. The overall winning house was Murray on 835 points, in second place was Coree on 562 points, third place went to Finley on 380 points and fourth place went to Tuppal on 305 points.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 26th February at the Cobram Pool. Miss Ackers will attend the carnival with our swimmers. Congratulations to Jacob O, Lenny D, Riley W, Cooper S, Sam H, Toby W, Reece S, Harrison K, Hugh B, Lachy T, Jack O, Eli S, Michael L, Mason M, Morgan E, Dakota P, Imogen N, Evie W, Eloise W, Mikayla S, Jasmine B, Sienna B, Lexie Mc, Ruby R, Alanna S, Makayla C, Lilly O, Lucy-Jayne B, Josie C, Lucy B, Chelsea A and Isabella K who have all qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival. A note will be sent home with these students today. We ask that permission notes be returned to school as soon as possible. Travel to and from this event is a parent/carer responsibility.

**Melbourne City Soccer**

This Friday, students in Years 3 - 6 will participate in soccer clinics with staff from the Melbourne City
soccer club. Students in Year 3 and 4 will participate in clinics from 11:30 – 12:30 and Years 5 and 6 will participate in clinics from 1:45 – 2:45. This is an exciting opportunity and we thank Mick Wane for his efforts in making this opportunity available to our students and to all Finley kids interested in soccer.

**Second Hand Shop Donation**
A big thank you to the Finley Second Hand Shop for the very generous donation we received from them last week. Their donation of $2000 will go towards subsidising this year’s excursions across all Stages.

**MKG**
Miss Hughes, along with Rose and our students, have been busy clearing out garden beds and preparing them for new planting projects. They’ve also been able to collect and plant many strawberry runners in the straw bale gardens. It’s been very exciting for our students to see how new strawberry plants grow. Miss Hughes will attend a SAKG training day on Thursday to further enhance her knowledge and skills in teaching the MKG program.
Barry Wilson and his band of helpers from Rotary have been busy getting our greenhouse constructed. They will complete this project in the next couple of weeks.

**SASS Staff**
You will notice there are a few new faces in our SASS team this year. In line with department process, at the end of last year we called for Expressions of Interest from people to join our SASS team. This year Rose Tilley, Jeannette Wakefield and Chelsea McDonald have joined our team of SLSOs. We also welcome Wendy Daniel who is working in the office on Wednesdays. Wendy takes over this role from Lonni and is relieving in the position while Jane Coombs is on part-time Maternity leave.

**P&C Meeting**
Our first P&C meeting for the year is on tonight at 8pm, in the staffroom. New members are always welcome. Tonight’s meeting is your last opportunity to become a financial member before the P&C AGM which will be held in March. Financial members are able to vote at the AGM and may also stand for a position on the P&C executive.

Finally, congratulations to our GA Ken on receiving the Distinguished Long Service Award at the NSW Sports Awards last Friday. Ken received this award for his enormous contribution to Little Athletics over the past 43 years. Ken’s commitment in supporting kids in athletics extends to each of our schools in Finley. He is very generous in giving his time to help prepare students for their school carnivals and then supporting those students who go on to compete at district, zone and state level. Congratulations Ken on the very much deserved recognition of your dedication and commitment!

Have a great week everyone!

Amanda Lyons (R. Principal)
Library & MKG Timetables

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Happy Birthday

Lenny D 23rd Feb
Niru S 25th Feb
Patrick H 25th Feb

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

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm.

Mon 22nd Feb Mary Alexander
Wed 24th Feb Ann Lee

Meal Deal, Week 5, Wed 24th Feb
Sausage Roll
Flavoured Milk
Icy Bite
$5.50

Swimming Carnival Results

MURRAY: 835
COREE: 562
FINLEY: 380
TUPPAL: 305
Junior Girls
Junior Girl Champion: Dakota P
Junior Girl Runner Up: Josie C
3rd Place: Jasmine B

Junior Boys
Junior Boy Champion: Jacob O
Junior Boy Runner Up: Lenny D
3rd Place: Toby W

11Yrs Girls
11yrs Champion: Morgan E
11yrs Runner Up: Lily O
3rd Place: Jordan G, Lexie M

11Yrs Boys
11yrs Champion: Riley W
11yrs Runner Up: Harrison K
3rd Place: Tristin O

Senior Girls
Senior Girl Champion: Lucy-Jayne B
Senior Girl Runner Up: Ruby R
3rd Place: Lucy B

Senior Boys
Senior Boy Champion: Hugh B
Senior Boy Runner Up: Jack O
3rd Place: Eli S
**P & C News**

P & C Meeting Tonight, at 8pm in the Staff Room, all welcome.
AGM Date to be confirmed.
Dates to remember:
P & C Easter raffle - drawn Thursday 24th March.
Fete - April 1st 2016.
Watch this space for more details on Raffle & Fete theme.
Have a great week.

**School Banking**

Lots of rewards ordered this week. Hope you enjoy them.

As this is a new year, anyone with certificate awarded will start again from the Bronze level. Tokens from last year have rolled over to this year so you won't lose them.

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**Community Announcements**

**Finley Football Netball Club**

**Attention All Netballers**

**Netball News**

All training cancelled this Tuesday 23rd Feb, due to forecast of extreme heat.
Training will resume on Thursday 25th Feb.
Under 11’s and 12’s at 4pm, 13’s, 14’s, 15’s and 17’s at 5pm, Seniors at 6pm.
For all enquiries please contact Sasha on 0427 391 824.

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**Community Announcements**

Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend the Finley Community Health Centre on Tuesday 8th March and Tuesday 26th April 2016.

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s hearing please phone the Tocumwal Hospital for an appointment for a hearing test with Shane. Thankyou.
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

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:
http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-9375-0-0-0

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What an awesome afternoon we had for our Twilight Swimming Carnival!

What a day! Thank you for making our Twilight Swimming Carnival a success.

2016 Twilight Swimming Carnival