Finley Public School

Monday, 29 February 2016

Term 1, Week 6

Calendar – What’s On?

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R/Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 6!

Zone Swimming Carnival
Our swimmers did themselves and our school proud on Friday at the Zone Swimming in Cobram. We have 9 students who have qualified for the Riverina Swimming Carnival which is being held next Monday 7\(^{th}\) March at Albury. A note will be sent home with these students this week. We ask that permission notes be returned to school as soon as possible please.

Melbourne City Soccer
Our students in Years 3 - 6 had a great time participating in the soccer clinics with staff from the Melbourne City soccer club last Friday. Some students learned some new skills while others refined existing skills. We thank Mick Wane for his efforts in making this opportunity a possibility for our students and look forward to the Melbourne City Soccer staff returning to run clinics again next year.

Home Learning
Home Learning programs have now commenced for the year. Our teachers set home learning tasks and activities for your child/ren to build on and reinforce the learning and skills they are developing in class. We know that families are busy throughout the week with a variety of commitments be they work based, sporting or regular appointments but home learning tasks are designed to be easily completed before they are due back at school. Reading every night is expected for all students.

AFL Trials
Mr Haley is busy organising the District AFL Trials. They were scheduled for last Wednesday afternoon but due to the extreme heat were postponed. The trials need to be within the next week. With high temperatures forecast again this week, Mr Haley is consulting with nearby schools to hold the trials at a suitable, cooler time in the day. We will have Olivia C, Lenny D, Jack O, Lachlan S and Levi W trying out for the District AFL team. Mr Haley will inform these students and their parents when the trials will be held, as soon as he has confirmed this with our neighbouring schools.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The
focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Years 4 – 6 to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with our Year 4 – 6 students this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Wednesday 9th March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

School Fees
Families will receive their General Contribution invoice this week. The school’s General Contribution remains at a very reasonable $30 for one child and $60 per family this year. Your General Contribution goes towards classroom supplies such as exercise books and other general stationary, photocopying to compliment existing Programs and to provide additional resources for students to use as well as contributing towards subscriptions to online learning programs such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics. We ask that payment please be made promptly and thank you in advance for your contribution.

EFTPOS is now available.
There was much excitement in the office last week with the installation of our new EFTPOS machine! The introduction of this facility means families can now pay excursion fees, School Contributions and bus costs to Round Robins quickly, easily and without needing to have cash. Parents / carers can alternatively pay by phone using their credit card. This would mean a phone call to the school and the girls in the office can easily assist you with your payment. We hope this helps our families with the various payments that are due throughout the year.

Return of Spotlight
Did you notice that Spotlight is back? Last week saw the return of Spotlight to our newsletters. Spotlight aims to give you a glimpse of what learning activities are happening in classes. A class or program will feature each week. Last week 1/KL were the feature. We hope you enjoy seeing what’s happening in our classrooms during the year.

Stay cool during what is forecast to be another week of high temperatures.
I hope you all have a wonderful week!

Amanda Lyons (R. Principal)
Happy Birthday

Imogen N  3rd March
Maggie B  4th March
Holly B   5th March

Stage 2 Excursion
This year Stage 2 will be travelling to the Phillip Island Adventure Resort for 2 nights, leaving Wednesday May 25th and returning Friday May 27th. An information letter will be sent home soon with more details. A $50 non refundable deposit will need to be paid. For any further information please contact Cherilyn Taig at school.

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

Volunteers
Volunteers are needed from 10am til 2pm.

Wed 2nd March   Nellie Johnson
Friday 4th Feb    Kelly Cole

Meal Deal, Week 6, Wed 2nd March
Quiche and Salad
5 Yogurt Frogs
Fruit Juice Drink
$5.50
Bronze Star Award
Amiliah M.

Major Merit Awards

MKG Awards

Library awards

Playground Awards

P & C News
Thank you very much to our helpers at the Twilight Swimming Carnival. Thankyou also to Jodi Brown, Emma Simpson & Rose Tilley for the delicious muffins that were made. Our P & C raised approx. $300.00 for the evening.

Annual General Meeting on TUESDAY 29th March 2016 at 7pm
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO EASTER MONDAY)
General Meeting at 8pm (straight after AGM)

Fete News
Finley Public School Barnyard Fete:
Date: Friday 1st April, 2016
Time: 4pm.
Yes, Barnyard is our theme this year.... Please watch this space for more details.
School Banking
Lots of rewards handed out today. The Wildlife Writer Set is proving to be quite popular.

The Space Saver Moneybox, Intergalactic Rocket, ET DVD and Galaxy Glider are also still available from last year.

Please remember to complete your deposit slips when putting your money into your wallets.

Library News
We currently have many overdue library books. These books are popular books that are wanted by other students and teachers in our school. Could you please check your house to see if you have any of our wonderful books and return them ASAP. Thankyou.

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.

Community Announcements
Finley Football Netball Club

Attention All Netballers

Netball News
Under 11’s and 12’s at 4pm, Thursday only.

13’s, 14’s, 15’s and 17’s at 5pm, Tuesday and Thursdays.

Seniors at 6pm.

For all enquiries please contact Sasha on 0427 391 824.

Finley Farmer’s Market
This Saturday 5th March the Finley Farmers’ Market will be held on the shores of Finley Lake. 8am to 12noon. If you’d like to catch up with friends and family in a community environment, have a coffee and bacon and egg roll, stroll around the stalls laden with locally grown fresh produce, then this is the place to be.
Soccer 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.

When: Saturday 5th March (9am-10am)
Venue: Finley High School
Cost: $50 – This covers 6 sessions and a participant pack (including a ball).

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 Saturday 30th April. Registrations will begin shortly online.
Spotlight 4/3T

We are learning about Australia, the states, territories, capital cities, man-made and natural landmarks. In Science, we are growing bean seeds and recording the growth of our beans. 4/3T made some fantastic Pro Art paintings based on the Australian artist's work. It was lots of fun flicking paint but it was tricky. Our class novel is Toad Rage which looks at life from the toad's perspective. Each day we have Literacy and Numeracy groups. We had fun at the soccer clinics!