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From The Principal
Welcome to the 2015 school year. Much has happened in the last three weeks. We have welcomed our new Year 8 students and a few in other year levels and they have settled in very quickly. Findon High School also welcomes Mr. Andrew Wooden, our new Information and Communication Coordinator. Mr. Tim Jobling, teacher. Mrs. Kate Gow our newly appointed Personal Assistant to the Leadership Team and Front Office Manager and Mr. Craig Palmon, our ICT Manager.

Staff and students have commenced this year with setting goals and targets for improved teaching and learning. We are in the process of embedding this in our teaching and learning teams and in all classes and across all year levels. It is providing an opportunity to reflect, learn and strengthen—so please make sure your child is also able to be the best they can be.

School Council AGM
The Findon High School Council is an important body within the school community. The FHS School Council AGM will be held on Monday March 16th 2015 at 7pm. This is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of what has been happening at school in the previous year and where we are heading. It is also an opportunity for new Council members to be elected for the coming year. As a Council member you have an opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of our school.

Connecting Spirits—WWI Trip
Findon High is pleased to have seven students, two staff and two parents taking part in the 2015 Connecting Spirits WWI Trip. Our students, staff and parents will join with twenty other students, staff, parents and community members from three SA Area Schools, travelling to France, Belgium and England to commemorate and celebrate the lives of forgotten soldiers in WWI from our local area, with connection to our families and history. It will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime including a tour of Australia House with Alexander Downer and commemorating Anzac Day at Westminster Abbey. The group is getting a little excited as their departure date creeps closer.

The tour departs Adelaide on Tuesday April 7, but there are many things still to be organised. Mrs Deb Pedersen our School Council Chairperson, has been tirelessly coordinating the measuring, sizing and ordering of the commemorative uniform. Deb has also managed to procure Hot Weather Policy
Due to our school being able to provide sufficient air-conditioned spaces for our students to work in, there will now be “NO EARLY DISMISSALS ON HOT DAYS”. This will minimise disruption to student learning in the warmer months.

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Parent/Student/Staff Survey
Findon High is currently conducting a Parent/Student/Staff Survey. Within the next week a random selection of Parents will be receiving an email inviting them to participate and complete this survey. Please ensure you give us your feedback to help us improve the services we provide for you and your child.

Senior Report

Survey

Principals Report

Acquaintance Morning
On the very first morning of school for our new Year 8s I hosted an acquittance morning for their parents and caregivers. It is a wonderful morning which gave parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet each other and discuss any concerns, raise any questions, or just have a chat over cakes and coffee. It is an annual event, and a nice way to ease the new parents into the newness of high school life.

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A big part of our focus at Findon High School has been curriculum and facilitating learning and be prepared to ensure quality teaching is maintained and refined strategies at home.

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An Introduction To Our Japanese Student

Hi, my name is Rikako Konishi and I am from Machihi, Tokyo. I go to school at Machida High School, which has 900 students approximately attending. Basically triple the size of Findon. My favourite subject in Japan is PE. I have many hobbies, like sports in particular running, soccer, baseball and swimming. I also love music, modern Japanese pop is my favourite and I am currently learning guitar in Japan. After school and on weekends, I go shopping at the mall with my friends. I like animals, which is lucky because Taylah’s family has 4 rabbits and they adore me! The cats often help with my homework. I have 2 sisters, their names are Yuriko who is 21 and the oldest sister and Yukiko who is 14, the youngest, and I’m the middle child aged 16. Australia is the first time I have gone overseas, and I am the only one from my school to be involved in the International Education Services Program and I had to wait 2 years before I could come out. I had to be 16 before I could apply for the program. I am staying in Australia until the end of November. I chose to come to Australia so I can learn the language as I want to be an English teacher as well as after I graduate from high school. I want to go to university to study English and I am considering studying in the future employment, study or travel. In a safe place as they may be required for future employment, study or travel. I am the only one from my school to be involved in the International Education Services Program and I had to wait 2 years before I could come out. I had to be 16 before I could apply for the program. I am staying in Australia until the end of November. I chose to come to Australia so I can learn the language as I want to be an English teacher as well as after I graduate from high school. I want to go to university to study English and I am considering studying in the future employment, study or travel.