We are already halfway through our school year and course counselling processes are commencing for 2016. I encourage you to participate in these processes in partnership with us and your children as they plan their futures.

I would like to congratulate three staff members on their recent achievements. Mr Matthew Spencer has been appointed to the position of Senior Leader SACE/Student Futures, Miss Alice Gee to the position of Teacher/Student Counsellor for the remainder of the year, and Mrs Kathy Pivetta was awarded a Schools Ministry Group ‘2015 Impacting Project Award’ for Innovative projects in relation to her organisation on the ROAR Mental health Campaign.

The Findon Outreach program is now being implemented in Seaton, Allenby Gardens and Flinders Park Primary Schools and soon to be introduced to Kilkenny Primary School. Our aim is to promote our school and to improve transitions and continuity of learning between Findon High School and our feeder schools.

The Inner West Partnerships Review was held for the first time in the last week of Term 2. We received very positive feedback from DECD Senior Executive members on the day with more formal feedback to follow.

Recently all Principals received a letter form the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. The office has also absorbed the Australian Communications and Media Authority’s Cyber Smart program and associated educator materials, professional development resources and information for children and their families. The resources can be found on The Office’s website www.esafety.gov.au I encourage you to familiarise yourselves with this information for children and families.

Planning for The Findon High School ‘60th Anniversary’ celebration for ‘old scholars’ is well under way with tickets for a ‘60th Anniversary Cocktail Party’ going on sale. Friday, October 30, 2015 at the Festival Centre, Findon Road, Findon, 7pm—11pm, tickets $55 p/p available through the Findon High Finance Office.

Year 12 and Students from the Unit collaborative task.

The Findon High School Disability Unit has been working in conjunction with a Year 12 English class for a vital assessment. Students from Mr. Dawson’s class have been visiting the unit and learning about the student’s communication methods and what they do in relation to Conductive Education. The Year 12 students have to prepare and deliver a learning task to the students in the unit as part of their major assessment. Each of the students in the unit communicate in different ways, this has been mutually rewarding for all involved. The students from the unit have enjoyed “teaching” the year 12 students how they communicate and move their bodies.
## Zone Sport Football

Congratulations to the Year 8-10 Boys Zone Sport Football Team. Our boys were very successful throughout the term winning the majority of their games and taking out the premiership against Seaton in a blockbuster game at Findon High School.

In front a huge crowd, the boys came to play outscoring their opposition convincingly to win the game by six goals. Our captain, Luke M was everywhere, proving a difficult match up for Seaton. Syd S was running all day and his superior fitness allowed him to work his opponent into the ground. Josh R, Luke C and goal sneak Rocky A worked hard in the forward half, making it a tough day at the office for Seaton’s defenders.

Findon’s defence was rock solid all day with the likes of Kyle B, Adrian A and Eli P all shutting down Seaton’s key forwards making it extremely hard for them to score. Liam H was outstanding in the ruck, giving his fellow midfielders first use of the ball where Daniel N and Lachlan D thrived. The Norm Smith Medal was shared between Luke who had the ball on a string and Josh, finishing the game with seven majors.

Well done boys.

Mr Vallance

## Senior School Report

Senior student are currently in the process of Subject Selection for 2016. Students have been briefed in regards to what is expected of them and the school also hosted a Parent Course Information Evening on Monday 27th July at 6.30pm. Information has been delivered about the expectations of students when it comes to their selections and how it is important to not only look at the next year but beyond. The school has also invited our school based apprenticeship broker Mr Chris Houltby, to present to students and parents about alternative pathways for students to achieve their SACE. During the subject selection process both Year 10 and 11 lessons are cancelled for the day that the selections occur.

Key dates for the Subject Selection Process are as follows;

- Wednesday, 19th August Subject Selection Day for Year 11 students (has occurred)

If there are any concerns about student’s subject selections, then the school strongly recommends that parents contact the appropriate Year Level Coordinator to discuss their concerns.

Mr Atsalas
Assistant Principal
and Senior School Coordinator

## ICT Report

The continued improvement of new technology at Findon is ramping up and we are pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of preparation for the rollout of Findon’s Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. This will involve the development of a purchasing portal, followed by information for parents/caregivers and students.

In addition to the BYOD program we will be enabling students to access school resources and their files 24/7 through our online secure cloud access. This will ensure that students will always have easy access to resources to support learning and find out about work which they may have missed due to absences.

Dr Richard Leach
Assistant Principal

## Term 3 Our Empathy and Safety Term

Over the last couple of years, during Term 3 Findon has supported R U Ok? Day and Revolution Red Day as part of our big ‘whole school event term’ and this year is no different. We started the term off on the first day, during Life Long Learning, refreshing what we have learnt about empathy and then each Home Group was given a set task – ‘The Multiplication Challenge.’ This challenge is where each Home Group will need to show initiative, problem solving, creativity and cooperation to turn $5 into as much as they can. They will have several weeks to complete this challenge and raise money for a good and worthwhile cause. Some of the activities sound like they will be lots of fun.

This year’s Empathy and Safety Term will be supporting The Hutt Street Centre for the homeless and the vulnerable.

As well as the Multiplication Challenge the whole school community will be taking part in a walkathon. The Hutt Street Centre holds their own annual event called ‘Walk a Mile in My Boots’ and we will be holding our own version on Friday afternoon August 28, where we, as a whole school, will be walking with the students to Glenelg Reserve at Seaton and then back again. Students and staff will pay a gold coin to participate but will have opportunity to raise money through sponsorship if they would like to.

At the end of the term we will be holding a whole school assembly. This will be a time to reflect on each Home Group’s Multiplication Challenge activity, empathy, and we will also have a representative from the Hutt Street Centre to receive our donation.

If you would like to support this worthwhile cause you make a donation through our Front Office.
Western Zone 2015 Rock Climbing Carnival

On the July 30, 2015, 15 students from years 8 - 12 attended the Western Zone Rock Climbing Carnival at Vertical Reality Holden Hill. After a safety introduction we jumped straight into the day’s events. Before the competition officially started we were given the chance to practice on lots of different climbing walls. Every student was to complete four timed walls and their average was calculated. At 2:00pm the results were in and after a final race the winners were announced: Congratulations to:

Girls
1st Kelsey Wurfel
2nd Emily Wurfel

Boys
2nd Stephen Willett
3rd Fabio Leal Alves
5th Kelsey Marshall

We all thoroughly enjoyed the day and are eagerly awaiting next year’s competition.

Hana and Matilda

Music News

Our Year 12 Music students are busily preparing for this prestigious event. Our school has been invited to provide pre-conference entertainment for the South Australian Secondary Principals’ Association Conference, being held at the Adelaide Oval Conference rooms on Tuesday, September 1. It will be an early start for us as we need to be at Adelaide Oval by 7.00am to set up and be ready to perform by 8.15am! It is a wonderful opportunity and students will gain a lot of confidence performing at such an important event. A big thank you to our Principal Sue Burtenshaw for having the belief in our students and volunteering us for this gig!

Underdale Music Concert

Our Year 11 Music class will be performing at Underdale High School’s Annual Music Concert on Thursday, September 10 at 7.30pm. This came about through our Year 11 Music Class having a student from Underdale attend lessons at our school. Other students from our school were already involved in this concert through their participation in a saxophone ensemble made up of players from both schools. Other students from our school were already involved in this concert through their participation in a saxophone ensemble made up of players from both schools. It is a good thing more opportunities for collaborative work in performing arts are being developed in our two schools. Again, this will be an excellent opportunity for our students and I look forward to our school hosting some Underdale music students when they perform at our Twilight Concert at the end of the year.

SASPA Conference Performance

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Principal’s Tours 2015

Findon High School will be holding Principal’s Tours on the following dates.

October 23 Term 4 wk 2
December 4 Term 4 wk 8
9:15am - 10:30am

Please phone Ms Kate Gow on 84445 7944 for bookings or further information.

Communication Update

At Findon High School we strive to keep our parent/caregiver community as up to date as possible. With this in mind in 2015 we will be moving towards “Electronic Communication”. This means we will be forwarding updates, letters and communication via email where possible. To help us in this transition we ask that you advise us of or update your email address with the Front Office. In the interim you will still receive a paper copy as well as email. Thank you for your assistance in this transition period.

Year 12 Music Night

Wednesday 9th September, the Year 12 Music class will be performing both solo and ensemble items as part of their second major assessment this year, worth 40% of their overall grade. The small concert will be in our Music Suite, commencing at 7.00pm followed by supper for both performers and audience. Please let me know if you would like to attend the performance.

Natalie Stanci
Music teacher
Magistrate Courts Excursion

On the 5th of August 2015, Mr. Vallance’s Year 10 HASS class had the chance to go to the Adelaide Magistrate’s Court. We had the opportunity to learn about the trials first hand whilst they were going on; I believe that this was a very good chance for everyone in our class to know what happens in a courtroom. The reason we went was to gain more knowledge about the Civics and Citizenship course that we are studying this term.

The first case that we saw was a man from New Zealand facing multiple assault charges. I believe that watching this was eye opening because the man seemed really apologetic for what happened, but the Magistrate showed him no mercy threatening to send him to jail. At the end of the trial the magistrate asked him to come back for a retrial at a future date. The reason he got his court set for a future date was so that he can find a lawyer to help him reduce the final conviction.

Another case we observed was a man who is from Sydney, New South Wales. This guy was in trouble for going 20km over the speed limit. He wasn’t living in Adelaide so he drove all the way from Sydney to find out what options he had with this charge. When he arrived at court he asked for a dismissal but the magistrate denied his request. He received a punishment of $709 for going 20km over a speed limit. After seeing many cases, the magistrate allowed us to have a question and answer session. I found this really beneficial because the magistrate wasn’t as mean as what he was whilst being on the job but actually a nice guy behind closed doors. He told us a very funny story about a man in Clare who asked for a girl’s number and ended up getting sour cream thrown at him and then he stole her phone and tried to find out who she was for compensation for his pants that she ruined, something that was very funny. After that we got to enjoy ourselves inside of an empty court room where a few of us got to dress up and read scripts, participating in a mock hearing.

At the end of the day I really did enjoy this excursion. To be honest I didn’t want to attend, but after sitting through those trials and having some fun in the court room I actually really enjoyed myself and would definitely do it again if I had the chance. Also this excursion made me excited to do Legal Studies next year as that is what most of it is about. Overall, I would like to thank Mr. Vallance and Mrs. Campbell for making this excursion happen.

Luke, Year 10, HASS

GREAT BOOK SWAP!

Date – Wednesday September 2nd
Location – Resource Centre

To celebrate Literacy Week, promote reading and to raise money for the ‘Indigenous Literacy Foundation’, Findon High School is holding a ‘Great Book Swap’.

Students are encouraged to bring along a book to contribute to the swap as well as a gold coin donation which will enable them to select another book to replace the one they have donated.

Students will be reflecting on the value of reading, as well as their favourite books, in English classes leading up to the event and they will be encouraged to write a ‘book plate’, describing why the book they are contributing is one of their favourites.

Parents are encouraged to come along between 12:30pm – 1pm (lunch) on the day with a book to contribute to the swap event and to read about the insights into reading Findon High Students have had.

Should you wish to attend please come to the Front Office for directions.

For more information go to: https://www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au/the-great-book-swap.html

Thanks for your ongoing support.
Karla Huffa – Teaching and Learning Senior Leader
I am passionate about Drama and performance, and this year I, along with two classmates, have had the opportunity to develop our skills in this area and gain 20 SACE credits, planning and implementing a Drama program at Seaton Park Primary, which culminated in a magnificent performance. Every Friday, Hana, Emily and I headed over for fun and games with the Junior Primary children at our Partnership school.

Before the very first lesson with the Year 1/2/3s we were nervous, to say the least. Thankfully though, the students picked up on our enthusiasm and passion and followed our instructions. They were very responsive to the Drama games we played and the lesson ended in hugs and smiles. The next week we worked with our Reception class which started out great as well, with the children having a lot of fun. I was quick to realise that my lesson planning might need some drastic changes to cater for this younger group’s extra levels of energy. The experience taught me that teaching is a profession where flexibility and strong interpersonal skills are critical!

During the workshops we worked on basic Drama skills such as projection and stage levels through games and activities, preparing the students well for a final performance to showcase their skills. The older group would perform the Aboriginal Dreaming story ‘How the Birds Got Their Colours’, which was a good way to explore Indigenous Perspectives, while the receptions would show off their rendition of ‘Rock-A-Bye Your Bear’, a famous Wiggles number.

After a few weeks of rehearsal and a very successful joint class dress rehearsal we were ready. Parents of the Junior Primary students, as well as the Year 3-7 Seaton Park Students filled the gym, eagerly awaiting the presentation and our students didn’t disappoint. The performance was entertaining and it all went off without a hitch. The Junior Primary students were ecstatic! We were so proud of the kids and were sad to say goodbye. This was an amazing experience and we would absolutely love to do it all over again. It has inspired me to consider pursuing Drama teaching into the future.

A big thank you must go to the staff from Findon High School, who made this opportunity possible, and to the staff at Seaton Park Primary for their support.

Matilda – Year 10
FINDON HIGH SCHOOL
Uniform Washing Instructions

Washing instructions for school garments for maroon and white

Colours should be washed separately eg. Do not wash white garments with maroon garments and visa versa, also wash in cold water.

Warm water makes dyes move more quickly.

To remove any excess dye you put a handful of salt in with the wash and it will remove any excess dye.

Absent from school?

Parents are advised that if their child will be absent or late for school for any reason, they are asked to contact the school by 9.30 am.

Phone: 8445 7944.

Student Records

To ensure that all student records are accurate and up to date, could you please ensure that the school is notified of any changes to address, phone number, emergency contact, etc.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Managing Anger in Children

Wednesday 19 August, 7.30pm

Effective Living Centre,
26 King William Rd, Wayville

Presenter - Donna Broadhurst

It’s not easy living with our own emotions, let alone our child’s ups and downs. Yet parents can help their children to safely express their feelings and manage strong emotions. It is a gift that will serve them well for a lifetime.

Bookings can be easily made online at www.effectiveliving.org/positive-parenting

Festival Function Centre

292 Findon Road,
Findon SA 5023

Friday, October 30
2015
7pm—11pm

Tickets $55
Includes cocktail/finger food, beer/wine/soft drinks

Tickets available from Findon High School, by phone on 8445 7944 or email d10805_info@schools.sa.edu.au
Ticket sales close Friday October 16, 2015

Tickets will not be available at the door.