From The Principal

At our recent Professional Development Day the Findon High School Leadership team presented information to staff about the experience of being "Student for a Day". This was followed by collective work and discussion about the design of our "dream task sheet" - a common approach and format to setting out task requirements for students. More information about this will become available to you next year.

During Year 7 transition visits last week a visiting student was heard to say "I can't wait to start school [at Findon High School] next year.”

This is testament to the highly professional and hardworking teachers at Findon High School and the learning environment they, and our students, create.

We are all looking forward to 2016 and the privilege of working with your children.

On behalf of the Findon High School Community I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and holiday.

Kind regards

Sue Burtenshaw

Year 7/8 Transition

The transition process is well under way. Over the last three weeks, staff have visited all Year 7 students and teachers. This process is, as always, a valuable experience for all involved.

A parent evening was also held, where a small but enthusiastic group of parents attended. There was positive discussion, particularly surrounding our vision of uniform changes and the Bring Your Own Device program we are undertaking as of 2016. A number of staff addressed the audience and two Year 8 students spoke to parents about their experiences this year.

An excited group of Year 7 students attended Findon last Thursday. Throughout the day, they experienced three subject sessions and had a tour of the school.

All had a good day, which is supported through their comments.

Abi and others are looking forward to sports day.
A number of students are excited about meeting new friends.
Ali is interested in Tech Studies.
Ryan is looking forward to PE and Home Ec.
Jena thinks she will enjoy music.
Tailer thinks that the new adventure will be great.

School starts Monday 1st February. Year 8 students are to meet in the Gym.
We look forward to working with our new students, starting the next stage of their education journey.

Lyn Meynell
Junior School Coordinator
Hutt Street Visit

On November 16 2015, representatives from Years 8 - 11 visited the Hutt Street Centre in the city. We went so that we could gain an understanding of how the money we raised and donated to the Hutt Street Centre would be beneficial to them.

On arrival we had an exclusive tour with the Events and Fundraising Coordinator, Nicole. Nicole showed us:

- **Storage Room** – where they store food, toiletries, clothes, blankets and Christmas bon-bons. Christmas isn’t as fun for them.
- **Laundry Room** – they can wash their clothes and have clean clothes.
- **Op-shop** – people donate clothes which are then affordable to buy from $1 - $5.
- **Recreational Centre** – where you can enjoy a cup of tea (affordable), watch a movie, have access to facilities and where they can have a shower free of charge.
- **Dining** – access to meals such as breakfast and lunch at a very low cost as they may not be able to access meals any other way.
- **Lockers** – storage areas. They can leave their belongings in a locker for three or four days.

We learnt about homelessness. We also learnt that it can happen to anyone.

If you would like to support this worthy cause, you can donate to the Hutt Street Centre, you can be part of the ‘Angel for a Day’ campaign where you donate money for the meals or you can volunteer at the centre.

Ayse and Danielle Year 8

ICT Report

This year was a year of major changes to the ICT landscape at Findon High School. Not too much was visible to students initially, however a lot of effort was devoted behind the scenes to ensure the school network was ready for the introduction of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program which started late in Term 3. This allows students to use their own laptops at school. So far we have had a steady flow of student computers certified for use on the school network which has been great to see.

A pool of 45 laptops was created for students to borrow as a trial of the BYOD program. The trial proved almost too successful with a much higher than anticipated demand for the laptops!

We purchased two new colour copier/printers and have linked them to the student ID cards, which has allowed much more use of colour printing by students.

We also upgraded/expanded the school WiFi network and improved the internet access to the school by increasing the connection speed by approximately five times, making a huge increase to the usability of the Internet. In the Term 1 holidays all PCs were upgraded to Windows 7 and Office 2013, (using a standard image or virtual desktop).

Term 3 saw the six year old design suite computers replaced with 20 new desktop computers allowing the students to work on much more complex creations, with potential for much more advanced use of the room in the coming years. Also in Term 3 we went live with the new school website.

The most visible change has been the refurbishment of the area outside the ICT Office with the addition of a support window – bringing new life to a previously underused space.

We have many more upgrades planned for the summer break, including updating all computers to Windows 10 and Office 2016, setting up external access to the Virtual Desktop and classroom resources and preparation for Parent Portal access (DayMap).

As you can see it’s been a busy year for the ICT Team and 2016 looks to be as busy.

Craig Palamountain| ICT Coordinator

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Ice Factor - Findon Falcons Term 4 Tournament

On Monday 30 November, the Findon Falcons went to their Ice Hockey tournament as part of the Ice Factor Program. The Falcons competed in a series of matches before they were involved in a presentation and then in some knock out matches which decided the winner of the tournament. The first match the Falcons played was against Lightning Karndo from Le Fevre High School. The Falcons were down 2-0 with five minutes left on the clock, but luckily Mike scored our first goal of the day. The goal was followed closely by our second goal of the day, scored by Kelsey. Then with 30 seconds left on the clock, the Falcons swooped again with Mr Vallance scoring our third and final goal of the match with help by a nice pass from Kelsey. Match two was the Falcons versus the Outlawz from Para Hills High. With eight minutes down our first and only goal of the match was scored by Mike. Then unluckily the Outlawz scored, levelling our scores and making the match fair game. Sadly with two minutes to go the Outlawz scored again, making it an unlucky loss for the Falcons.

The third match was played against Purple Reign from Bowden Brompton School. Five minutes into the match Purple Reign scored. With less than 40 seconds left on the clock Fabio scored, leaving the scores tied 1-1. Sadly within another 10 seconds Purple Reign scored again thus winning the match and leaving the Falcons with another unlucky loss. After the presentation of a Leadership Award to Billie and an Encouragement Award to Lakeisha, it was time for the knock out games to decide the winner. Game four of the tournament for the Findon Falcons was against The Predators from Pasadena High School. Eight minutes in and Mr Vallance scored the first goal of the match therefore putting The Falcons in the lead. But with two minutes and 50 seconds left, the Predators had pounced twice and were in the lead with a score of 2-1. The Predators scored another goal making the score 3-1. The Falcons sadly lost which meant that they had been eliminated from the competition.

The day drew to a close after the Falcons final match. The Falcons were exhausted but the team had tried their hardest and played some mean ice hockey. Jess and I really enjoyed ourselves, we loved watching and cheering for our team from the sideline with Mrs Dutschke. We also loved being able to experience something we wouldn't have been able to before. I think the team should be very proud of their efforts. They all played fantastically and worked their hardest to get up to this point. Well Done Team! 1, 2, 3 FALCONS!

By Maddison and Jessica, Year 10, spectators/team cheer squad for the day

Ceremonial puck drop with the Governor of South Australia
Ice Factor Tournament, November 2015

Hutt Street Centre
Community Service

As part of the Ice Factor program, students volunteered their time for the Hutt Street Centre on Tuesday 1 December. The team helped support and show their appreciation of The Hutt Street Centre and the work they do by gift wrapping at Castle Plaza shopping centre for donations. All money raised went towards supporting the homeless in Adelaide by supplying food, clothing and shelter. Hutt Street Centre's Vision is for a society where everyone is respected and encouraged to reach and sustain their full potential in a healthy, safe and inclusive community. We are very proud of the Findon Falcons team and their enthusiastic support of this wonderful organisation.

By Maddison and Jessica, Year 10, spectators/team cheer squad for the day

Student Information Update

Have you changed your address or phone number recently? Do you need to change emergency contact details? Maybe you have changed jobs? Do you need to advise us of your most current email address?

If so please contact the school Front Office on 8445 7944 or email our helpful staff to update your student’s records.

Thank you
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school-aged and all preschool children at the Hendon School Dental Clinic.

The clinic is located at:
Hendon Primary School
North Parade
ROYAL PARK SA 5014

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.

First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

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. Please call 8268 1712 to make an appointment.

Date:……………………………………
Time:……………………………………

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.

Dear South Australian Road Users

Please find attached the link for current Talkin’ Road Safety School Edition, Issue 17, November 2015:-

This newsletter is published on the South Australia Police Internet page under Road Safety.

The edition discusses:-
- New rules for safer cycling have started in October
- What can we expect for the future in regards to using our roads?
- East, Proven ways to make cities better for pedestrians
- One year since the Graduated Licensing Scheme changes
- On the right track
- Man killed in two-car crash when not wearing a seat-belt.


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

Netball SA is running an intensive
ANZ NetSetGO on 15th, 16th and 17th Dec
From: 9:30-11:30am
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA

Netball SA is also running:
School Holiday Clinics
On 19th & 20th January
At: Priceline Stadium 155 Railway Tce, Mile End SA
Time and date vary dependant upon the participants age