On Monday I returned to work after three weeks of leave which included my participation in an International Conference for Principals in Helsinki, Finland. The conference was attended by over 1200 principals 35 of whom were from Victoria. I felt very privileged to be amongst so many highly credentialed people. Finland is world renowned for the student achievement results it achieves and for a number of years now the Finnish education system has been acknowledged as the number one performer in world education. There are many differences between the Finnish system and the Australian system which may help to explain their success. The following provides a brief snapshot of some features of the Finnish System:

- Only 2% of schools are private and almost all families send their children to their local government school.
- Children start school at the age of seven and only 2% of children attend pre-school.
- Education is one of the Finland government’s highest priorities regardless of which political party is governing.
- All teachers in Finland have a Master’s Degree.
- There is a strong emphasis on digital learning and every child takes part in one hour of Physical Education each day.
- After Year 10 students elect to go into either Matriculation or a Vocational Training. But both can lead to higher education i.e. University.

The Finnish education system is underpinned by an understanding of what equity really means. That is: All people must have access to services of equal quality.

Finland is a country that encourages people to continuously learn something new.

The photo below shows the large contingent of African principals in attendance.

The keynote speaker who I found most inspirational was a former professional free skier, Pekka Hyysalo, who suffered serious head injuries while performing ski tricks. He told his story about how he fought back from life-threatening head injuries to lead a fulfilling and productive life despite the serious after effects of his injury. In 2014 Pekka was voted Finland’s most positive person and I think there is a lot to learn from his courage and determination. If you would like to know more about his story go to [http://www.teamfightback.com/](http://www.teamfightback.com/)

2016 ENROLMENTS

If for any reason your child will not be returning to Rollins in 2016 please call the office to advise us. It is vitally important that we have accurate numbers of children attending next year so that we can start planning our classes and school organisation.

Steve McGarrigle
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Lylah McNamara</td>
<td>For having such a great attitude to her work this term and being a fantastic concert practice helper!</td>
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<td>Prep K</td>
<td>Kobi Chiang</td>
<td>For trying hard with his addition sums. Keep up the great work Kobi!</td>
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<td>Tiana Kovac</td>
<td>For giving great retells about her story in guided reading.</td>
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<td>1T</td>
<td>Tiah Frederic</td>
<td>For making more of an effort &amp; showing enthusiasm with her reading and writing. Keep it up Tiah!</td>
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<td>Taj Grinter</td>
<td>For always trying his best with all of his work. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Hollie Jacobs</td>
<td>For her great acrostic poem!</td>
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<td>Alira Bianco</td>
<td>For demonstrating lots of enthusiasm during concert practice.</td>
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<td>Ruby Bausch</td>
<td>For her outstanding cinquains.</td>
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<td>Jaicquin Elliott</td>
<td>For persistence and fantastic maths work this week. Keep it up Jaicquin!</td>
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<td>Gurfrand Singh</td>
<td>For his outstanding manners on the phone. Awesome job Gurfy!</td>
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<td>Mili Nikolic</td>
<td>Working extremely hard on her ‘transformers’ maths project. Keep up the good work Mili!</td>
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<td>Mia Jankovski</td>
<td>For a great effort in money maths! You balanced!</td>
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<td>56C</td>
<td>Max Wilson</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm during concert practice</td>
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<td>56D</td>
<td>Dylan Callick</td>
<td>For an excellent and creative parody poem in writing.</td>
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<td>56S</td>
<td>Lachlan Heyes</td>
<td>For some great poetry writing over the past two weeks.</td>
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<td>ART</td>
<td>Oliver Kacprzacz</td>
<td>For putting a lot of effort in to his art work.</td>
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<td>IT</td>
<td>Meryem Aydin</td>
<td>For consistently working hard in ICT.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Zavier Marshall</td>
<td>For displaying very good golf skills.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Tyrese Limb</td>
<td>Great singing in his class and assembly performance.</td>
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**Cardboard Tubes**

Our prep department are desperately seeking cardboard tubes for their concert props. If you have rolls from glad wrap, foil or similar please bring them in to the prep area. Thankyou!

**Father’s Day Stall**

Our Father’s Day stall is fast approaching. A reminder that donations for this can be left at the office at any time. Our hope is that each child will be able to purchase a gift for that special some one. Thank you for your support.

**School Concert**

Don’t Forget to order and pay for your concert tickets. Our School concert will be held on Thursday 3rd September at The Arena. Early bird prices: Adults $15 Children $5 Pay before Friday 28th August (No charge for Rollins students)

**LOST PROPERTY**

Parents, there are a few items in lost property that have not been claimed throughout the Term. This is located in the main corridor in the store room next to Jenny Hassett’s office.

*Please come and find your missing clothes.*
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
President: Darrin McKiernan Vice President: John McKenzie Secretary: Liana Calder Treasurer: Mary Drzazgowski
Parent Members: Leanne Mulroyan, Simone Volkman, Erin McGill, Kerrie Lancaster and Tracey Marshall Community Member: David Law DEECD Members: Steve McGarrigle and Jenny Hassett

Dogs
Furry, friendly
Playing, fetching, running
Always there for you
Pets

Basketball
Shoot, Win
Running, Bouncing, Scoring
Win or lose basketball
Sport
By Ali

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MONEY
HELPFUL, GREAT
BUYING, SHOPPING, GETTING
I REALLY LOVE IT
DOUGH
BY JESSE

Patch
Furry, Fluffy
Hopping, Jumping, Sleeping
She is so cute
Rabbit
By Zoe K

BY AASHTIN AND ELLA