



**FINNWAY**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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**WEEKLY**

**Newsletter**

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**END OF TERM 1**

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Dear School Community,

As the acting Head of School, I am delighted to share my gratitude and pride in witnessing positive changes within our school during this first term. I extend my appreciation to all our dedicated teachers, staff, and the management team for their commitment during the bustling and hectic first term. It's been inspiring to see our students foster their creativity, coming up with innovative ideas, and build connections across different grades. Falling into school routines with a focus on ensuring steady academic skills while maintaining a joyful learning environment, reflects everyone's hard work.

I also express my gratitude to our parents. I value the open, collaborative, and constructive mindset that many of you bring, allowing us to work together in finding the best solutions to support the growth and development of our school and, most importantly, to enhance the well-being and learning of our children. A special thanks to the newly founded PTA - I look forward to building an even stronger sense of community through honest and respectful collaboration with you.

In appreciation of the gifts generously given by parents to the Christmas Tree Collection, I want to express gratitude and greetings from SOS Village. Some of our students had the opportunity to take the gifts to the children there and they were well received. This collective effort showcases the great things that can be achieved when we come together. With these thoughts I am wishing everyone a truly relaxing holiday season.



Warm regards,  
**Anniina Chiboma**

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

-African proverb





## Message from the Head of Primary

As we conclude Term 1, it's worth acknowledging the learning experiences that have shaped our school environment. This term has highlighted the dedication and enthusiasm of our students, parents, and staff.

Finnway's first Open Classroom Day showcased a collaborative atmosphere that was an important aspect of the success of the strong partnership between home and school. Observing students from grades 1 to 5 confidently sharing their learning journeys was genuinely heartening. The substantial support from our parents emphasized our shared commitment to providing the best education for our students.

Another standout highlight has been working closely with our student leadership groups. Collaborating with these groups to organize Friday assemblies and empowering the School Representative Committee has allowed us to strengthen the student voice in our school.

It's been great to see learning extend beyond the classroom, with students actively engaging in various activities like a game of soccer at lunchtime, chess matches in the foyer, and enjoying a good book in the library.

As we celebrate the achievements, big and small, of each student, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and our incredible students for their hard work and commitment throughout this term.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we anticipate more exciting learning adventures, collaborative initiatives, and opportunities for our students to shine.

Wishing everyone a restful break and looking forward to continuing our journey of learning and growth in Term 2.

Warm regards,  
Daniel Poulter  
Head of Primary School



## Message from the Head of Kindergarten

As we wrap up the first term of the academic year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Finnway family – our dedicated students, supportive parents, exceptional teachers, and committed staff. Together, we have made this term a journey of growth, learning, and success.

At Finnway, we believe in holistic education, and this term has been dedicated to the foundational aspects of our students' development. We have placed a significant focus on goal setting, ensuring that our students solidify their fundamental social and emotional skills in preparation for the future challenges of primary school.

The introduction of the FGES literacy and numeracy package has sparked excitement among both students and teachers across K2 and K3. The emphasis on early literacy and numeracy skills has laid a strong foundation for our young learners, setting the stage for their future academic success. We are delighted to witness the enthusiasm and curiosity that has been inspired by this innovative approach to education.

As we reflect on the achievements and growth of this first term, we are filled with pride and optimism for the future. Together, as a united Finnway family, we will continue to inspire a love for learning, foster a sense of community, and prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I hope you all have a wonderful December break and eagerly anticipate your return in term 2.

Warm regards,

Danielle Watson  
Head of Kindergarten



## Message from the Head of Extra-Curricular

Term 1 has been an extremely positive start to the academic year for our after school programme. All of the students have represented themselves and the school well across all ages and activities. It has been a joy to see all of the children excited to be attending our programmes and learning and developing throughout the term. I look forward to increasing our offerings for next term the children have even more opportunities to explore new things and unlock their potential.

For our school events, none of them would be possible without the support of our fantastic teachers, support staff and parents and guardians at home. Your support ensures that we can create magical moments in each event that capture the true essence of school life. Everyone working together to improve and deliver so the children have these memories for life. A special mention to the Loy Krathong event where so many parents attended to help their children make krathongs. It created a vibrant atmosphere and showed how special our school community can be.

I look forward to continuing this in term 2

Kind Regards,

Karl Reid  
Head of Extra-Curricular



# DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2

More details to follow, but please save the dates

**8 January:** Staff First Aid Training

**\*9 January\*:** Students return to school - Term 2

**22 January:** After-school Activities Begin

**9 February:** Chinese New Year Activities

**12 - 16 February:** Half Term Break - School closed

**19 February:** Students return to school

**8 March:** Sports Day

**18 - 22 March:** Book Week

**4 April:** Songkran Activities  
Last Day of Student Attendance

**5 April:** Parent / Teacher Conferences  
Primary - Student-Led Presentations  
Kindergarten - Stay & Play Activities

**6 - 22 April:** Term 2 Holiday

**23 April:** Students return to school - Term 3