

FINNWAY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



End of Year Event

Reminder

A kind Reminder of our 'End of Year Event', taking place this **Friday 28th June between 9:00am – 13:00pm**. Please check with your class teacher on arrangements for your child and the schedule of performances in a separate file.

We look forward to welcoming you to the show!



Thank You for This Year

2023 - 24

Thank you, parents, for being a part of our community this year. It has been a remarkable year at Finnway, marked by growth and unity. From our adventures at Aquaria to the projects at Mini Market, beach clean-ups to gardening, from Kindergarten to Primary, learning numbers and letters, and exploring the magical world of languages, arts, technology, and science, we are incredibly proud of our students' achievements. They have learned how to collaborate and interact, and how to appreciate themselves and others around them.

We are deeply grateful for your trust in us to provide your child's education. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for their support this year. We look forward to strengthening our relationship next year and finding the best ways to collaborate for the benefit of our school and families. We praise our wonderful teachers, office, and support staff for their diligence and hard work. We congratulate and thank our wonderful students for their brave, curious minds!

We look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and success.





Finnway Experience from Our Parents

"Our child has been in K3 for one year. In that time our child's social, emotional and educational development has been absolutely incredible. We really could not be more proud.

He is so settled with Class Teacher, Teaching Assistant and all his friends in this class. Everyday he runs into school excited to find out what the day ahead will bring. As a parents there is no better feeling than witnessing this. It's so comforting...

This is 100% down to the teaching methods of Class Teacher, Teaching Assistant and all the Finnway school staff. I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone when I say. We are all so lucky to have Finnway Teacher in our children's lives. Our child's teacher has too many great attributes to mention but we love how every child's individual needs are looked after.

There is absolutely no "cookie cutter" approach when it comes to both the Finnish teaching and looking after the children they are all treated as individual human beings that are truly all heard. The thought and care that goes into what and when the children learn certain subjects and projects are truly exceptional.

We are sometimes left dumbfounded as I am sure you all are with the information that our children learn in class, retains and then enjoy passing onto us as a family at home. If ever there was someone in life who is doing what they were born to do it's Finnway Teacher!

In life some of us are lucky enough to find that "one" teacher who makes a real lasting impression on us and who we remember for the rest of our lives. I think we will all agree that our children have been blessed to have found that so early in life with Finnway Teachers. They have been given core tools to use throughout their lives.

Thank you Finnway from the bottom of our hearts for giving all our children such an incredible start in their education and life."



IMPORTANT UPDATES 2024 - 25



Learning Space Updates

After careful consideration, we have decided to move our Pre-K and K1 students to the old Rainbow Trout Building. This long-term solution utilises Rainbow Trout's unique setting, providing a great environment for our little ones.

Additionally, K2 and K3 classes will remain on the primary campus but will eat and play on the kindergarten campus. Our kindergarten wing will house our language and creative departments, where students will enjoy learning P.E., art, music, technology, Thai, and Chinese.

New Learning Departments

This year, we have started the development of two new programs:

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Program:

Students with beginner English levels are integrated into regular classes and receive support from our EAL teachers to enhance their English skills. This program has been highly successful in helping students quickly pick up English and integrate well with their peers.

Learning Support Department:

We have established a three-tier support system based on the Finnish model, offering academic and social-emotional learning support for our students in need. This support may involve our learning support teacher assisting students in the classroom or taking small groups (sometimes mixed grades) for targeted support outside the classroom. It might also include meetings with parents and teachers to collaboratively create strategies and plans of how best to support the student. Parents will always be involved if their child receives this support.



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In assessing and creating pedagogical plans for the students, the students themselves, the parents, the main classroom teacher, and the learning support teachers all work together. This program supports our holistic view on education, enhancing the well-being of our students, families, and staff. It aims to provide individual support for any student in need, whether short-term or long-term. The feedback from this program has been positive, and we see a significant difference in the classroom when our learning support team, teachers, and parents collaborate. Students eagerly participate in small group learning sessions with our learning support teacher, and everyone would have wanted to take part – this is a great start for us!

Additionally, next year we are excited to start our third program for prospective students, the launch of an Intensive English program (IEP) in the Rainbow building.



Have a wonderful summer break and we will see you back on 19 August 2024 for Parent Orientation Day! More information regarding the schedule will be announce on Finnway Line Officials, kindly scan QR Code below to follow our Line Officials.

SEE YOU NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR!

Term Dates | **Term 1 2024 - 25**

- 13 - 16 August 2024** | Staff Induction
- 19 August 2024** | Parent Orientation
- 21 August 2024** | School Start (Students Return)
- 14 - 18 October 2024** | Term 1 Mid - Term Holiday
- 16 Dec - 7 January 2025** | Term 1 Holiday
- 8 January 2025** | Start of Term 2 (Students Return)