



Finley High School hosted a Forensics Day for the Year Six students from our local Primary Schools, we had lots of fun experiments!

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Key Dates Term 1 - Term 2

Newsletter Term 1, Week 11 2024

Date:	Event:
Wednesday 10 th April	P & C meeting, Finley High School staff common room at 7pm
Thursday 11 th April	Formal Assembly
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term One
Monday 29 th April	First day of Term Two - Staff return to school
Tuesday 30 th April	Students return to school
Wednesday 1 st May – Friday 3 rd May	Combined High Schools Girls AFL
Monday 6 th May	15's Boys and Girls Basketball
Tuesday 7 th May – Thursday 9 th May	Combined High Schools Boys AFL
Wednesday 8 th May	Careers Day Out - Year Ten

A word from Mr Ward

After a refreshing Easter break, back-to-back four-day weeks, we count down to the end of Term One. I'm immensely proud of what we have achieved this term, the opportunities we provide for our students are endless and if we don't provide an opportunity please reach out and we will see what we can do. Prior to the Easter break a group of staff came together one evening to discuss how the school is going and what can do to continually improve. This was an open invitation, and anyone could attend. Some of the points raised include:

- The school is very balanced, high expectations are evident especially in uniform and behaviour.
- There are many opportunities available for students.
- There is a need to continually drive academic excellence.
- We need to continually look to improve student leadership opportunities and recognising students who reach their senior years of studies.

As with anything I always welcome parent feedback on what we are doing well and how we can improve our school.

Forensics Day

We recently welcomed our Year Seven cohort for 2025 with the annual Forensics Day. Special thanks to Mr O'Leary, Mr Webb and Mr Maslen who coordinated and led groups with the assistance of our Year Nine students. Some of the many elements of science were introduced including electricity, rockets, chemistry, microscopes, and bacteria. The whole experience of coming to the high school for the day was one to remember. Special thanks to Mrs Fenaughty who did a lot of the organisation for the event.

Riverina Netball

Congratulations to Sienna and Jasmine Burke who were selected in the Riverina Combined High Schools (CHS) netball team. Chelsea Winn was selected as an umpire. The girls will compete in the NSW Championships in Griffith.

MADDD

MADDD rehearsals and preparations are now underway. MADDD represents music, art, dance, drama and design, and is a great way for our creative and performing students to showcase their wonderful talents. Thank you to all those students and staff who dedicate so many hours to MADDD.

Parent/Teacher/Carer Night

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers turn out to meet with teachers at our recent parent teacher evening. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and work towards solutions to any academic or behavioural problems. If you missed the evening and still want to discuss your child's progress, please contact the school to discuss how we can share this information either through a scheduled meeting or email/letter.

ANZAC Day

Each year I am very proud to march with the staff and students at Finley High School, not only as your principal but as an ex-service member of the Royal Australian Navy. This year ANZAC day falls in the middle of the school holidays. Finley High School always has a fantastic turn out at local dawn and ANZAC services. If you are home, please turn out in full school uniform at the following towns:

Berrigan at 8:45am outside the Post office.

Jerilderie at 9:45am in front of IGA.

Finley at 10:30am outside the police station.

Tocumwal at 10:30am at the big fish.

I attend all services except for Tocumwal as it is on at the

same time as Finley and I MC the Finley ANZAC service as the president of the sub branch.



Hailey Mclean

One of our very talented Year Twelve students Hailey McLean has been invited to sing at the Western Plains Cultural Center, for the National Art Exhibition at Dubbo on the 12th of April. I have congratulated Hailey and expressed my disappointment that I cannot make the event. Please congratulate Hailey and if for some reason you are travelling through Dubbo at that time be sure to drop in. We wish her the best of luck.

Term Two 2024

Staff return on Monday the 29th of April to a School Development Day. Staff will have a professional learning day, focused on curriculum implementation. All students return on Tuesday the 30th of April. Our last day is Friday 12th of April, have a wonderful, relaxing and safe break.

Jeff Ward — Principal

Principal's Award Recipients



Back row: Jordan Sykes, Finlay Laing and Sam O'Hora

Front row: Jackson Cleve, Remi Pyle, Bethany Loughridge, Katelyn Tilley and Darcy Sutton. Aiden Hopkins, Lilly McNamara and Gemma Wise also received an award but were not pictured.

Harmony Day Volunteers Awards

Congratulations to our Harmony Day volunteers for running such a successful day.



Jerilderie Dog Auction Volunteers



Charlie Momont, James McNamara and Cheyenne Tucker, Erica Hammond and Lilly McNamara not pictured.

Forensics Day

On Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th of March, Finley High School was visited by Year Six students from Barooga, Berrigan, Blighty, Finley, Jerilderie and Tocumwal.

The students participated in three workshops that were run by Mr Webb's Year Nine Science class. This day is designed to tap into our young students' interest in science and to act as an introduction to the High School. Workshop one was focused on fingerprinting and using chemistry to identify a mystery powder. In workshop two, students used microscopes to identify fibers from a variety of sources. Workshop three explored the wonderful world of electricity and rockets.

We were blessed with superb weather and an exceptionally focused and engaged group of Year Six students. Year Nine are to be commended for their professionalism and leadership. They did a fantastic job.

Mr O'Leary

Head Teacher Science and Agriculture



Benalla Street Art Festival

On Tuesday 26th of March, Years Nine and Ten Visual Arts elective students attended the Benalla Street Art Festival that showcases a blend of Australian contemporary talents and international artists. Students were able to experience firsthand the processes that professional street artists go through to design and execute large scale wall murals. Year Ten students will be able to apply the knowledge, skills and inspiration gathered from the excursion in their upcoming wall mural painting at the Finley Men's Shed.

Miss Perry

Visual Arts Teacher



Years Seven and Nine NAPLAN 2024



Students in Years Seven and Nine recently sat the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests which is an ongoing part of Australia's National Assessment Program.

Testing commenced on Wednesday 13th of March and concluded on Monday 18th of March 2024.

Each student was required to complete an online test incorporating Writing, Reading, Language and Numeracy.

The data gained from these tests assists Literacy and Numeracy learning and assessment application by:

1. Providing information about how children and adolescents are progressing in school and how they compare to their peers across the country.
2. Pinpointing priority areas for resourcing, so that funds can be directed to where they are needed most.
3. Informing teachers by giving access to student results for each question, which teachers can use to develop appropriate intervention strategies to improve outcomes.
4. Demonstrating to each student the specific content that they have learned between testing intervals.

I would like to thank Wendy Coates for being the NAPLAN Coordinator and acknowledge Gayle Ferguson, Sharree Goesch, Sophia Ingram and Brett Murphy for assisting with test supervision and technical troubleshooting. I would also like to give appreciation to teachers who assisted with general supervision and transition from this event.

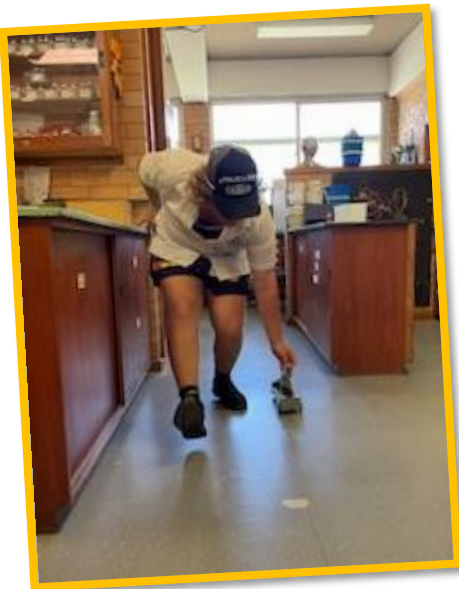
Mr King

NAPLAN Supervisor

PDHPE Teacher

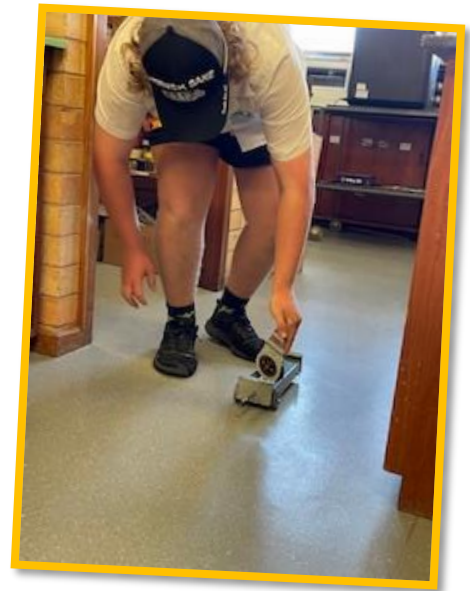


Year Ten Science



Recently Year Ten have been completing their Individual Student Research Projects for science. Students have investigated a diverse range of problems. Justin Milne, pictured, has researched the effect of different trucks on the effort required to move the trailers. It has been great to be able to work with students on their individual interests for their assessments.

*Mrs Coates
Science Teacher*



Riverina Netball Trials

On Thursday the 28th of March Sienna Burke, Daisy Daniel, Chelsea Winn, Erica Nicholls and Jasmine Burke, pictured right, travelled to Albury for the Riverina Netball Trials. All the girls did exceptionally well and were very competitive. Congratulations to Sienna and Jasmine who were selected in the Riverina team and to Chelsea who was selected as an umpire. Well done girls, we wish you good luck at the NSW Championships in Griffith.



Easter Colouring Competition

1st Prize went to Olivia Campbell.



2nd Prize went to Josh Singleton.



A big thank you to Mrs Congram for presenting the awards.

Finley Fourth's support Tom Hawkins for his 350th Game

A number of Finley High School students were lucky enough to celebrate Geelong player and former Finley local Tom Hawkins for his 350th AFL game, by forming a guard of honor on the MCG before the Geelong v Hawthorn game on Easter Monday. What an experience!



P & C Mother's Day Fundraiser

After the success of last year's Fragrance Flower Drive, the P & C are thrilled to again team up with Southern Riverina Scents - Independent Scentsy Director, to bring more beautiful fragrance flowers for Mother's Day!

This scentsational fundraiser will again aim to bring much needed funds for our school.

So be sure to spoil the special women in your life this Mother's Day, and support our school.

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**Fragrance Flowers
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**Finley High School
P & C Meeting
Wednesday 10th April at 7pm
in the Finley High School staff common room.**

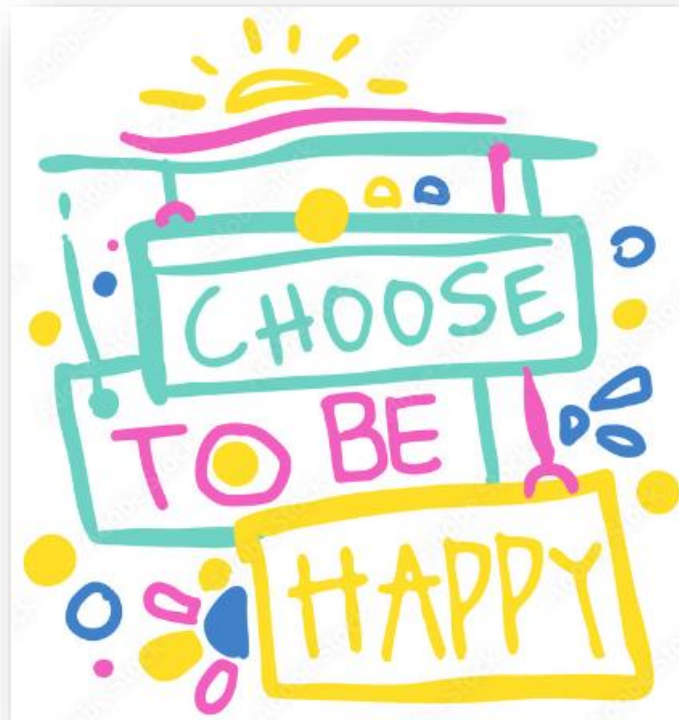
CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Contact - 0473 946 683

Volunteers are asked to be at the canteen by 10am sharp. If you are unable to attend, please change with someone else.

2024

April 9 th	K Dawe
May 1 st	R Groutsch
May 3 rd	C Tanner
May 6 th	S Arthur
May 9 th	A Lee
May 10 th	A Williams
May 14 th	M Close



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

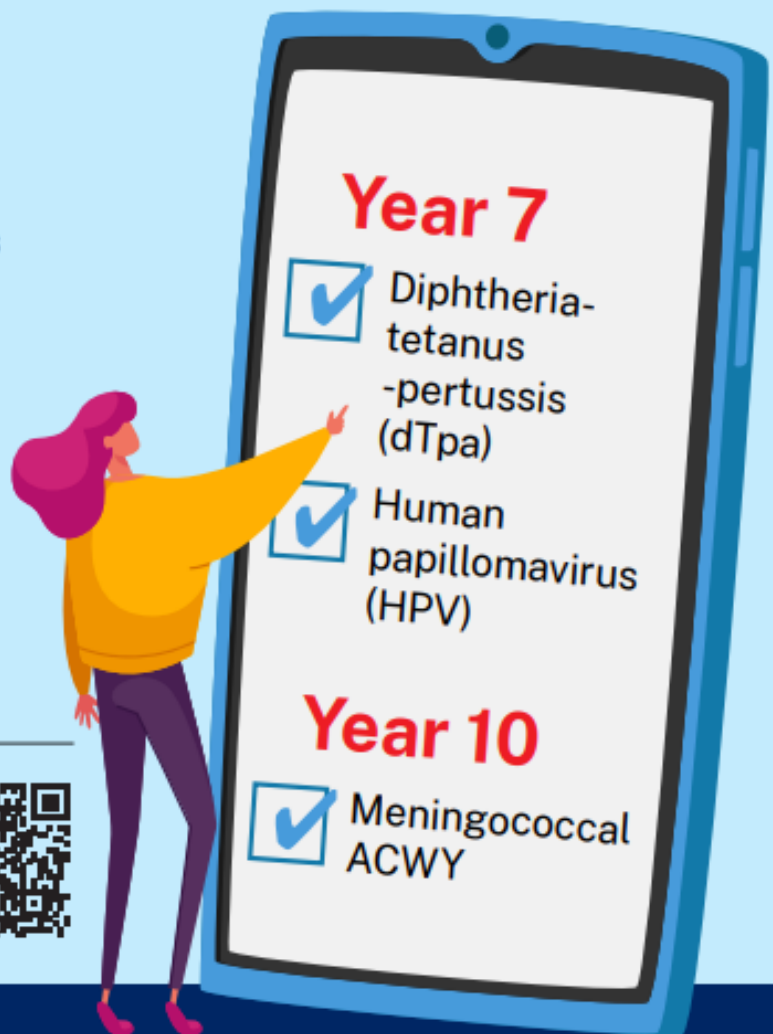
Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

To provide online consent, you will need:

- to visit: <https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare card details for you and your child – the name of the high school your child is attending in 2024.

If you or your child do not have a medicare card, you can provide consent using a paper-based consent form at your child's school.

Scan the QR code to give your consent now



For more information on vaccination visit: health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination