

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Teaching, learning and achieving in a safe and caring community



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Better Ways To Receive And View The School Newsletter

Sometimes the newsletter gets 'lost' and doesn't make it home. Sometimes it gets squashed under the old sandwiches and banana. Want a better a better way to receive it??

Problem solved.

You can view the newsletter on our website in full colour (see address above) or, we can email it to you –simply let Roslyn Braine at the school office know your email address and it will be there safe and secure.
(phone number and email address located above)

October

15 Year 7 Immunisations

November

1 Formal Assembly 10.10 am

4 P & C Meeting 7.30pm

5 VET Subjects information Afternoon 2.15 pm

8 -9 & 11

Year Ten School Certificate Exams

December

2 P & C Meeting 7.30pm

3 Orientation Day Year 7 2011

9 Presentation Night

10 Year 10 Presentation 9.10 am

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Principal's Message

A warm welcome back to everyone in the school community for the last weeks of the school year.

Year Twelve News

Our senior students commence their HSC exams this week and we wish all of our Year Twelve students the very best for what is a very challenging part of their school life. The last Thursday of Term 3 we had our formal assembly at school for the Year Twelve students followed by the graduation dinner that night. Can I firstly congratulate all of our students on the way they conducted themselves and presented themselves –they were outstanding and we are very proud of them.

Secondly a huge thank you to the many members of staff who contributed in many different ways to the organisation of those events, and finally a very big thanks to the mums and dads and other family members who were there to support the students.

This was a great example of what happens when we set the bar high –I make excuses for saying that we expect all of our young people to conduct themselves with credit at

all times and in this regard I once again congratulate the Year Twelve class of 2010.

School Leaders 2011

Part of the Year Twelve final assembly was the announcement of the school leaders for 2011. We had an outstanding field of candidates this year in the current Year Eleven class and I thank and congratulate all the students who put themselves forward for consideration for leadership roles in the school as this is not an easy thing to do. The election was very close and the following students have been elected to the leadership positions for 2011.

School captains –Brad Fyffe and Emily Raleigh
Vice captains –Stephany Burton and Liam Robertson
Year 12 SRC members –Rhys Portbury and Alex Wooden

Melbourne Show

Huge congratulations to the very large number of students that were involved in a whole range of different events at the Melbourne Show at the end of last term. We had close to sixty students involved and they worked very hard prior to the show and during the show period on preparing and showing the animals. We had plenty of success stories but from my perspective the fact that so many are prepared to put in long hours is a major success all of its own. Special thanks to staff members Gary Webb, Robyn and Mike O’Leary, Gordon and Nicole Close and Brian and Jenny O’Hora for all the time and effort that they put in to make this happen. Special thanks also to the many parents and community members who contribute to this program in so many different ways.

Shoes

Can I please continue to have a bit of a ‘nag’ about this matter. All students are required to wear black leather shoes that cover the whole of the foot to school. This matter will be rigidly enforced from the beginning of 2011. Shoes that are made of canvas, that do not cover the whole of the foot, that have holes on the top of them, or are synthetic are not acceptable. This is to ensure that students feet are protected at all times and it allows all students to access all areas of the school curriculum. We have very strict guidelines under OHS now and they must be adhered to by all students.

Mobile phones, Electronic Devices, Facebook and other social networking sites

Can I urge once again all parents to be vigilant about their sons/ daughters use of social networking sites such as Facebook. Used correctly and sensibly it can be a good way of communication. Unfortunately we are increasingly dealing with matters where it is being misused . We need to emphasise once again that students who use the sites to bully, harass, abuse, belittle or spread malicious rumours are in breach of the school’s rules and may in fact be breaking the law. Students who are involved in such behaviours will be subject to the school’s discipline code, including suspension, and we have no hesitation in referring serious matters to the police and this has already happened.

Bernie Roebuck
Principal

Year Ten to Eleven VET Subjects Information Afternoon.

On Friday November 5th at 2.15pm in the school hall we will conduct an information afternoon for Year Ten students electing to study VET (Vocational Education & Training) subjects in 2011. These subjects are Hospitality, Metals &Engineering and Primary Industries and Automotive (TAFE delivered).

Year Ten VET students will bring home an information letter and invitation to parents/carers to attend this session. All students are expected to attend this **mandatory** meeting. The meeting will finish at 3.10pm.

Information on the courses will be provided by Phyllis Ball re student Traineeships and Apprenticeships and Marg Bull re student workplacements in 2011. It is mandatory for all VET students to work 70 hours in their chosen industry area. Tanya Thompson TAFE Liaison Officer will also be present to talk about the TVET courses.

At this meeting we will give out information to the students re course requirements. Should parents/carers not be able to attend please ask your child for the information from the meeting or contact me at the school for such.

We look forward to meeting with you on this day.
Marg Rowe
VET/TVET Coordinator.

**Finley High School
50th Anniversary Reunion
8th and 9th October 2011**

Reunion Meetings -
Last Monday of each month at 7.30 pm
in the school library

Check FHS website for details
www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Please come along

Where they are now?
Wanted
Names and addresses of past students, staff and
families from 1938 – 2010.
Contact : Email – finley50reunion@yahoo.com
Or Karen Peacock
64 Headford St, Finley 2713

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105
....LADIES, Please note 10am start....

October

- 15** J Congdon
- 18** W Cleve, A Lee
- 19** J Knight, B Agosta
- 20** D Dalglish, S Robertson
- 21** J Chellew, H Harris
- 22** J Walliss, K Babington
- 25** K Lee, A Bergmans
- 26** S Thompson, D Sexton
- 27** J Petzke, P Van Beek
- 28** V Boshier, J McAllister
- 29** C Kennedy, T Clarke

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

| Year | Class | Assessment Task | Teacher | Due Date |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Nine | PASS | Nutrition and Physical Activity Test | Miss Burgess Miss Downey | 25/10/10 |

Community Announcements

Finley Tennis Club

Registration Thursday October 14th, 3.30pm – Juniors and those interested in coaching with Peter Morgan, bring along your tennis racquets and sign up.

Adult night competition, registration 7.30pm Thursday October 14th and a game of social tennis on the night.

Anyone interested in going to the Australian Open on 17th or 18th Jan 2011 with the option of a Rod Laver Arena seat or bus & day pass, please contact Cherilyn Taig as soon as possible to secure seats & bus.

Any enquires contact Tanya Clarke 5883 1686 or Cherilyn Taig 5883 2010.

SOUTH WEST MUSIC PRESENTS

MAL WEBB

Vocal adventurer, multi-instrumentalist and looping beatboxing songwriter

Saturday, October 16th 2010 at 7.30 pm
Tocumwal Bowls Club.

Adults \$10, School Aged Children – Free

Hearing Tests for Children under 4 years at Finley Community Health Centre
Wednesday 3rd November 2010.

Bookings can be made at Tocumwal Hospital on 58742166.

FREE

TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM GROUP COURSE

Parents have the important role of raising healthy well adjusted children who have the skills and confidence to succeed at school and in their relationships with others.

Triple P parenting program provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

This 8 week course is designed to assist you in your parenting role.

Course: Triple P – Positive Parenting Program Group

When: Every Wednesday for 4 weeks commencing October 20th: 3 follow up telephone sessions.
A final group session on December 1st at Centacare office.

Time: 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Where: Centacare, 241 Murray Street, Finley (next door to the Canoe Tree Park)

Bookings are essential – Please book in by Friday October 15th

For more information or bookings please contact :

Pauline Parr – Phone number: 03 5883 1133

Wendy Toole – Phone number: 03 5883 4870

