

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 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.
(telephone number and email address located above)

November

27 - 3/12 Year 10 Excursion

December

2 P & C Meeting 7.30pm

3 Orientation Day Year 7 2011

9 Presentation Night

9 Last Day for Year Ten's

10 Year 10 Presentation 9.10 am

15 Students last day of school.

16 – 17 Staff Development Days

January 2011

28 Back to school – Staff Development Day

31 Year's 7, 11 & 12 return to school

February

1 Year's 8, 9 & 10 return to school

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Principal's Message

A day of great sadness

It was with great sadness that today we have heard of the passing of Muriel Murada who was a member of our staff for many years. Muriel had also been on the staff at Finley Public School previous to her work at our school. We will all remember Muriel as a gentle caring lady who did an enormous amount of work with our special needs students. She had a genuine commitment to supporting our students and went to great lengths to ensure that every student received the best possible education. Although she had fought a long battle with cancer Muriel remained a very cheerful and positive person and we will always remember her in that light. Our condolences go out to her family and close friends, and the teaching fraternity has lost a very special member of its family.

Experiences and resources

As we draw towards the end of the school year it is great to report that once again our students have been involved in so many activities and experiences –

- Year 10 students are now in the second week of Work Experience and next week many of them are off to Tasmania for the Year 10 excursion
- We have seven of our students involved in the regional SRC camp at Lake Hume in Albury
- We have a number of students who have been selected for the Visual Arts camp in Wagga in Week 9
- Most of our junior students are involved a swimming program with the PDHPE department. This is a most important program for all of our students and we encourage all students to work hard on being competent swimmers as this potentially could save many lives.

In addition we are pleased that at long last our Hospitality Trade Training Centre is nearing completion and outfitting. Additional stainless steel shelves, thermostatic mixing valves (to prevent hot water burns) and outdoor furniture for the alfresco area are all being added and most of the pots and pans and everyday equipment has now been purchased and are being put in place.

We are also hopeful that in the near future we will be able to start work on a new cattle showing shed in the Agriculture area. This 30 metre by 15 metre shed will allow our cattle to be prepared and trained under cover from the rain and heat and we are hopeful that once the final checks have been made with the Department of Education and Training that work will commence in time for the start of the new school year. This project is almost exclusively being funded by the Finley Apex Club and we are very indebted to them for their great support and generosity.

It is also pleasing to hear this week that Year 9 students for 2011 should be receiving their new laptops very early in Term 1 if all goes to plan. The new devices will be green in colour and once we have a firm date for their arrival we will be organising a special night for students and parents about the use of those machines.

Staffing for 2011

At this stage we will have only a small number of staff changes for 2011 though some positions are still to be finalised.

Marcus Chittick (Maths) and Kathy Dempster (English) who have been at the school this year have both now been successful in gaining permanent appointments to our school. Rebecca Willson will be joining the Support faculty replacing Mrs Alison Mooney who is moving to Wagga with her family. Mrs Denise Fulton has also announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year and Wayne McGilvery will take up the role of Acting Head Teacher for Creative and Performing Arts and the Support Unit. We have several staff who will be on maternity leave next year and we will announce arrangements there once they have been finalised.

My special thanks goes out to Denise Fulton for her tremendous work at the school. The fact that we have a thriving Music faculty is in no small way due to the great enthusiasm and commitment that Denise has shown over many years. She has a great concern for all her students and for her fellow staff members and we wish her a well deserved and happy retirement. Our thanks also to Alison for her outstanding work with the Support class this year. Her calm nature and professional approach will be sadly missed and we wish her every success in the big smoke.

Mosquitoes

The dreaded mosquito plague that goes with having lots of water around continues. There is no simple answer to this problem but we encourage all students and parents to be aware that exposure to being bitten by mosquitoes can have significant health risks. We encourage students to use a roll on

or pump spray insect repellent before they leave for school and if need be to reapply it again during the school day.

Bernie Roebuck
Principal

Welcome to Year 12!

Charles Sturt University (CSU) would like to welcome all Year 11 students to their final year of study and to let you know about a great resource to help you through Year 12. Developed as part of the survival guide for students and parents, NSW HSC Online is an educational resource that has been helping students since 2001. It provides study materials for over 50 HSC subjects as well as study tips and forums. Have a browse at www.hsc.csu.edu.au

Explore life on campus now!

If you're in your final years of school, it's never too early to start looking at University campuses. Charles Sturt University (CSU) has an **open day every day** scheme which means you can book a tour at any of their five regional campuses when it suits you. A tour with an experienced student ambassador will help you acquaint yourself with the campus and its facilities. You can also organise to talk to staff members or lecturers about courses of interest and find out what really it's like to study at CSU. Tours are available Monday to Friday and bookings are essential at least three business days before the time you require. Find out more at <http://www.csu.edu.au/campustour.htm> or call 1800 334 733.

Jacqui O'Bryan
Careers

Solar Car Challenge

On Friday 29th October a group of ten Year 9 boys from Finley High School travelled to Wilson Transformers at Wodonga in order to compete in the 2010 Albury Wodonga Solar Car Challenge. The weather was perfect for this event and both Mr Renn and Andrew Williams who accompanied the students

felt confident we had a strong car for the 1 hour race.

After a quick practice session our car looked good and everyone was keen to get going. At around midday the siren sounded and the race was underway. Harley Middleton got FHS off to a great start and by the 1st driver change we were in the lead. A number of other very skilful drives were had by Harrison Close, Orien Wright, Dallas Gowans, Nathan Kirkpatrick and Zac Nicholls. A number of minor issues throughout the race kept our lead slim and our hard working pit crew of Andrew Bauer, Shane Twemlow, Jake Rees and Jamie Wilson very busy.

With only 2 mins to go in the race, FHS looked like taking out the event however some steering issues kept the car from running a suitable racing line in the final laps. This allowed Albury High School to overtake us and win by only 5 laps. The final result was; 1st Albury High School – 111 laps, 2nd Scots Albury - 106 laps and Finley High came in 3rd with 105 laps.

After leading for so much of the race a lot of the team were disheartened to learn of our third place however both Andrew Williams and myself were more than happy with how our boys presented themselves, the school and their sponsors Cottam's Engineering of Berrigan on the day. After an obligatory stop at McDonalds on our way home, a good day was had by all.

A big thank you must go to Andrew Williams and Joe Cottam who opened their workshop for us to use during this time and spent a lot of hours over and above their busy schedule working with the Year 9 students on the team. Cottam's Engineering is well known around the area for their mechanical ingenuity and our car received a lot of attention on the day as a result. Thank you also to the staff and students of FHS for all your support in helping us achieve this great result.

A lot of Year 8 students have already enquired about doing solar car in 2011 and judging by this year's event, it will be another beneficial experience for all involved.

Mr J Renn



Solar Car Challenge Team

Thank you to the businesses who have generously sponsored the Finley High School Waterwheel Magazine for 2011.

ALISON KABLE & ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL PLANNING
APEX CLUB OF FINLEY
BALDWIN'S BUSES
BARBER'S SHOE SALON FINLEY
BERRIGAN A & H SOCIETY
BOOMERANG MOTORS FINLEY
BOOMERANG WAY TOURIST PARK TOCUMWAL
BRAD CARLON PAINTER FINLEY
BRIAN HICKS TRANSPORT
C A McNAMARA LICENCED BUILDER
CONARGO SHIRE COUNCIL
DEMPSTER SEED GRADING BERRIGAN
EWING, RJ & GL
F.A.D.A.M.S.
FARMERS ARMS HOTEL TOCUMWAL
FINLEY BOWLING CLUB
FINLEY FITNESS & GYM
FINLEY GOLF CLUB

FINLEY HOT BREAD
FINLEY IGA SUPERMARKET
FINLEY RETURNED SOLDIERS CLUB
FINLEY TYRE SERVICE
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JT & EN CLOSE FINLEY
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MURRAY HUT CLOTHING
PAN'S HONG LOCH RESTAURANT FINLEY
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PORTER'S QUALITY MEAT FINLEY
REES FERTILISERS FINLEY
RIVERINA FORD FINLEY
RIVERINA HOLDEN FINLEY
ROSS & HELEN'S SNACK BAR FINLEY
ROTARY CLUB OF FINLEY
RURALCO FINLEY
SD & DL THOMAS CONCRETORS
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
TOC IRRIGATION
TOCUMWAL BOWLS CLUB
TOCUMWAL GOLF CLUB LTD
TOCUMWAL GOLF RESORT
TOCUMWAL NEWS & LOTTO
TOCUMWAL PHARMACY
TUPPAL DAIRY
WOODY MOTORS BERRIGAN
RJ & GL McCULLOUGH TRENCHING HIRE

Going to Uni in 2011, but struggling to pay?

Accommodation scholarships for rural and regional students attending Uni for the first time in 2011 will open on 1 December 2010.

Please see www.bendigoadelaide.com.au for eligibility criteria and more information.

The Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship is a management account of Community Enterprise Foundation™ ABN 69 694 230 518, The Bendigo Centre, PO Box 480, Bendigo VIC 3552 (S31199) (10/10)



**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....

November

26 L Horne
29 K McDonald, R Sharp
30 S Ham

December

1 C Moloney
2 R Rowe
3 L Jackson
6 A Lang
7 Jenny Barlow
8 B Agosta
9 M McCaw
10 Kaylene & Bernadette

Community Announcements

FOR SALE WK-3500 CASIO ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD

Keyboard contains 76 full size keys with piano setting, 50 drawbar organ tones, over 500 other various tones, and 140 rhythms. Also contains a built in floppy disk drive and smart media card slot to save/load various data. Internet compatibility allows you to download new sounds, patterns, songs, and keyboard settings from the Casio website.

In excellent condition and includes power adapter, quick-lock keyboard stand, music stand, sustain pedal, headphones, Casio accessory disk, and manual.

What a great Christmas present.

Price \$550.00

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