

# FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Teaching, learning and achieving in a safe and caring community*



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## KEY DATES

### February

- 3 - 5 Year Seven Excursion – Howmans Gap
- 11 Twilight Swimming Carnival
- 12 No students attending school
- 24 Zone swimming
- 24-28 Canberra Show

### March

- 1 Canberra Show  
Riverina Basketball Trials
- 4 P & C Meeting, 8pm in the school library, or  
Jerilderie Public School
- 5 Riverina Swimming
- 19 School Photos
- 22 Year Twelve half yearly exams commence
- 29 CHS Swimming  
Photo call back
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- 31 Parent Teacher Night

### April

- 1 Last day of Term One  
P & C Meeting, 8pm in the school library, or  
Jerilderie Public School

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## Principal's Report:

### **Welcome Back**

I would like to welcome back all students and staff to the 2010 school year. I would especially like to welcome all students who are attending Finley High School for the first year. I wish all students success in their endeavours in what promises to be another exciting year.

### **Staff Changes for 2010**

Welcome to the following staff:

- Mr Chittick – Maths, replaces Mrs Sheehan.
- Ms Read – PE, replaces Miss Kearney on a teacher exchange from Canada.
- Ms Warner – Music, replacing Mrs Fulton who is taking leave for Term One.
- Ms Brady – Art, returning part time.

- Mr Hodge – Maths, filling vacancies occurred as I relieve as Principal, Mr Oddie relieves as Deputy Principal and Mrs Braybon relieves as Maths Head Teacher.

Mr Carroll's transfer to Billabong High School left little time for the DET to find a replacement. The position of Principal will be advertised this term and a new principal will be appointed to begin at Finley High School at the start of Term Two.

### **Year Advisers**

A reminder that each year group has a year adviser. The role of the year adviser is to monitor the progress of students in their year group, assist them if they have any concerns, promote their successes and encourage them in all endeavours. As parents you are encouraged to contact your child's year adviser on any issue which may effect your child.

The Year Advisers for 2010 are:

Year Seven	Miss Burgess
Year Eight	Miss Neilan (replacing Mrs Sheehan)
Year Nine	Mr Tooke
Year Ten	Mr Whitty
Year Eleven	Miss Bush
Year Twelve	Mrs Vance

### **Year Seven Camp**

Year Seven students will be attending camp this week. The camp is a great opportunity to meet students from other schools and make new friends. Thanks to Miss Burgess for her organisation. I am sure they will all have a terrific time and come home exhausted and happy.

### **Swimming Carnival**

The Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Students will attend classes for the first four periods before having a short lunch and walking to the pool. The carnival will then begin and conclude around 7 pm.

I would like to invite parents and community members to the pool to enjoy the carnival. A BBQ will be available for meals.

Due to the late finishing time, students are not required to attend school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Student Planners**

All students have received their student planners. The planner is a valuable tool to help students organise their assignments and homework and to plan for assessment tasks, tests and other school activities.

### **P & C Meeting**

The first P & C Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the school library at 8pm. The parents in Jerilderie are invited to attend at the Jerilderie Public School to join the meeting via the connected classroom video link. New members are welcome at either venue. The March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.

### **Scripture**

The Finley District Board of Christian Education provides and supports Christian Education at Finley High School on behalf of participating churches. The board receives funding from the Commonwealth Government to support the program.

The Scripture (SRE) program is provided for all students in Year Seven to Nine and is taught by Mr Stuart Martin.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program please contact the school.

### **Australia Day**

I would like to acknowledge staff and students who were nominated in the recent Berrigan Shire Australia Day awards.

Mrs O'Leary was nominated for her outstanding efforts in the support, not only for students studying Agriculture, but the dedication she shows and the hundreds of hours she spends in her own time preparing and attending shows with the students and organising fundraising for ovarian and breast cancer.

Finley High School Show Team was awarded "Team or Organisation of 2009" in the Berrigan Shire for their commitment to achieving and their dedication in attending shows across two states.

Clare McNamara and Amy McAllister were both awarded Junior Citizen of the Year for their outstanding leadership in 2010. Clare received her award from Berrigan Shire Council and Amy received her award from Conargo Shire Council.

I would also like to acknowledge Berrigan Shire Citizen of the Year Joe Cottam who has given his time and effort on many projects at Finley High School which would not run without his support.

Mrs H McRae  
Acting Principal

### **Safe Enclosed Leather Footwear**

All students studying practical subjects have been issued with information by their teachers with regards to our Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) requirements for practical subjects, especially shoes.

We have attached the shoe policy again in this newsletter for parents who will be buying safe shoes in the future.

It has come to our notice that parents are buying shoes for their sons/daughters that are leather or nubuck leather on the outside. However the tongue of the shoe is not leather but a soft padded fabric covered tongue. **We cannot accept a soft fabric tongue under the required guidelines.**

We ask that parents/carers are most careful when buying the safe shoes that this soft tongue is not in

the shoe. The tongue must be leather. Globe shoes are not appropriate footwear as they have a soft tongue and should not be purchased for school in the future.

### **Australia Day Honour**

On Australia Day 2010 the Finley High School Show Team was delighted to be awarded the Berrigan Shire "Team or Organisation of the Year". It was impressive to witness the awards and to listen to the achievements of the large numbers of people and organisations that received nominations.



Above: Some representatives of the show team (left to right) Shawna Maxwell, Daniel O'Leary, Jessica O'Leary, Robyn O'Leary, Caitlin Marcus, Phil Leatham, Nikki Williamson, Tim Snowden.

I am very proud of the Show Team and the way that they have represented themselves and Finley High School throughout the year. These students have raised the profile of our region, Finley High School and the rural industry. They have worked selflessly to raise large amounts of money for a variety of charities and have achieved exceptional results at regional and state events. The Show Team could not achieve the results that they do without the very generous support of the community. At the moment we are in need of straw and hay. We can use round bales, large squares or small squares. If you can help, please give me or the school a call. We are able to pick them up but if you are able to drop them in it would be great.

Mr M O'Leary  
Head Teacher Agriculture/Science

## Facility Upgrades

This year is a significant year for Science at Finley High School. The Science block that was constructed in 1973 has received an upgrade that has resulted in new Science laboratories that meet all current industry standards. Students will benefit from more versatile laboratories with state of the art fixtures and access to up to date technologies. Finley High School has been fortunate enough to receive similar upgrades with the new Industrial Technologies building and the soon to be constructed Hospitality commercial kitchen.



Above: (Left to right) Rachel Oddie, Ashleigh O'Leary, Alex O'Leary and Mitchell Gastin

As part of the upgrade, the Laboratories, Industrial Technology building and Kitchens have been equipped with "worksafe" status and the relevant signage. This covers these areas with the appropriate worksafe legislation for the protection of all students and staff that work within these areas. One of the requirements to be able to work within these facilities is approved footwear. At Finley High

School this is enclosed, black, water resistant shoes. Examples of these shoes are being worn by some of our current Year Seven students.

Mr M O'Leary  
Head Teacher Agriculture/Science

## MAX Potential

*Mentors needed for Student Leadership Program*

### What is Max Potential?

The Max Potential project offers 22 weeks of personal leadership development, including coaching, to young leaders from Finley High School to help them maximise their potential during final years at school and beyond. It also encourages students to focus on the local community and ways that they can work to improve it.

### What's in it for coaches?

Max Potential draws on leaders within the community, business, industry, schools and churches, equipping them with progressive coaching skills and tools that apply across personal, life and employment contexts.

You will be given training in a life-coaching model which explores ten personal leadership principles and the opportunity to use these in practice with Max Potential participants, supported by your own Future Achievement Australia coach.

All coaches will have the opportunity to build coaching into a personal and professional leadership profile.

### What's your commitment?

There are a few key dates, highlighted in the coach application form which you will need to be available for in order to participate in the program. You also need to commit to fortnightly coaching sessions with the young person(s) you will be coaching. These will be in the form of eight 60 minute coaching sessions. There will also be two 2 hour group meetings where your coachee(s) will get together with yourself and others in the program to discuss their progress.

You will also be given four one hour coaching sessions with a Future Achievement Australia coach during the early part of the coaching process, with on going support via phone or email until the end of the program.

Coach application forms available from the front office or contact Stuart Martin at the school 58831344.

**Finley High School  
P&C Meeting**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**8pm**

**School Library  
or via Video Conference at  
Jerilderie Public School**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

**February**

4	G Smith, M McCaw
5	J Congdon, J Walliss
8	D Pyke, J Loughman
9	C Girdwood, J Middlebrook
10	N Curtin, H Braybon
11	C Shaw, J McAllister
12	Swimming Carnival
15	K Lee, L Whiley
16	J Gillett, K McLennan
17	V Bryce, M Richardson

Volunteers are needed to assist for canteen duty, please contact Kaylene at the canteen.

*Community Announcements*

**Finley Tennis Club**

All welcome. Tennis coaching will commence on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm, any enquiries please contact Tanya Clarke on (03) 5883 1686.

New and existing senior players are welcome on the 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm for the night tennis competition.