

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

March

- 19 School Photos
- 22 Year Twelve half yearly exams commence
- 29 CHS Swimming
Photo call back
- 30 CHS Swimming
- 31 Parent Teacher Night

April

- 1 Last day of Term One
P & C Meeting, 8pm in the school library, or
Jerilderie Public School
- 19 Staff Development Day
- 20 Students return to school
- 21 Boys and girls soccer - Hay
- 22 Riverina under 15 football - Narrandera
- 23 Under 15 netball - Deniliquin
- 26 ANZAC Day Holiday
- 27 Year Eleven HSC Music Study Day at
Barham
- 30 Riverina Netball Trials

May

- 4 Open boys football – Finley
- 6 Year Eleven VET Workplacement
Information Day – Finley
- 11 NAPLAN, spelling and writing.
- 12 NAPLAN, reading.
- 13 NAPLAN, numeracy.
- 14 NAPLAN, catch up day.
- 18 Athletics Carnival.
- 20 Year Ten Careers Day Out.
- 24-27 Combined High Schools AFL – Albury.
- 28 Year Seven Immunisations.

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Principal's Report

Formal Assembly

On Thursday 4th March, we had our first Formal Assembly for 2010. Thirty six students received scan awards including Charlotte Close and Emily Price who received a Platinum Certificate.

Year Ten and Year Nine music classes entertained us with musical items and Jack Portbury and Jake

Brasher concluded proceedings with a stunning performance of the theme from 'Deliverance' on electric and acoustic guitars.

Thank you to Miss Brown, Mrs Rowe, Mrs McNaught, Ms Warner, Mr McGilvery and school vice captains Dean Keleher and Stacey Lang for their organisation.

Carmyle Swim Award

At the formal assembly, the inaugural Carmyle Swim Club award was presented to Ashleigh O'Leary. This perpetual trophy will be presented each year at the first formal assembly to a Year Seven student who participated consistently at the swimming carnival.

I would like to thank Fred and Carmel Cuthbert and the Carmyle Swim Club for their donation to the school of this trophy.

Combined High Schools Swimming

I would like to congratulate all students who travelled to Leeton on Friday 5th March for the Riverina Combined High Schools Swimming Championships. In particular, I congratulate the nineteen students who were successful in being selected to represent the Riverina at the State Combined High Schools Swimming Championships to be held in Week Ten of this term in Sydney. I wish them well.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken this Friday, 19th March. Students are asked to return their photo forms and money on the day and wear full school uniform. For those students absent on Friday, there will be a call back day on Monday 29th March.

P & C Golf Day

The P & C Golf Day was held last Sunday. Over sixty golfers turned out in beautiful weather to chase a golf ball around the Finley Golf Course.

I would like to thank the Finley Golf Club for their hospitality, Linda Whiley for her organisation of the event, Andrew Harding, Phil Thompson and Mary Polkinghorne for their golfing expertise on the day and Kaylene Dawe for running the BBQ.

Lions Youth of the Year

Last Sunday the Zone Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Award was held at the RS Club in Finley. Five students from Finley High School, Hannah Nichols, Rhys Portbury, Allesha Killick, Elizabeth Haynes and Stacy Wright competed against winners from Moulamein and Hay. All gave outstanding speeches and answered two impromptu questions with thoughtful enthusiasm. Rhys Portbury was given the award for Public Speaking and was also named the overall winner. Rhys will compete in Berrigan on 28th March against other zone winners from Southern New South Wales and Northern Victoria. I wish him every success.

Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams

I would like to wish Year Twelve every success in their half yearly exams which commence next Monday, 22nd March. These exams are an important component of their assessment for the Higher School Certificate.

H McRae
Acting Principal

Royal Canberra Show Report

2010 has been the Show Teams most successful Royal Canberra Show; the students, cattle and sheep have all excelled in the various competitions.



Above: Mr Webb, Mrs O'Leary and students with cattle exhibited at the Royal Canberra Show.

This year we set off to Canberra with sixteen students, three Poll Hereford heifers, three of our Shorthorns, three of our 2009 drop rams and four of our 2009 drop ewes. Marty Robertson kindly transported the cattle to the show and Tina Maxwell and Keith McAllister helped us to get all the students and luggage to Canberra. The Poll Herefords were kindly lent to us by Amanda Smith and David Bolton.

Below is a list of events and results.

24th February 2010

Weighing and scanning of steers:

Both of our carcase animals fell neatly into the Medium Domestic class.

25th February 2010

School Paraders Competition:

15 years of age group:

Charlotte Close placed second, Shawna Maxwell placed third and Harrison Close placed 5th.



Above: Harrison Close leading Ellie.

17 years of age group:

Tia Williams placed third, Kendall Purcell placed fourth and Nyssa Belton-Liddy placed fifth.

Hoof judging of carcase animals:

Scott, the steer, paraded by Kendall was in the top six in a field of twenty five.

Ruby, paraded very nicely by Nyssa, was unfortunately unplaced.

Auction of carcase animals:

Both of our animals made \$1.90/kg. We were a bit disappointed with the prices.

26th February 2010

Open Paraders Competition:

14 years age group:

Jeremy Robertson placed first.



Above: Jeremy Robertson in the Open Paraders Class, 14 years and under age group.

17 years age group:

Chelsea McCormack placed second (pictured below with Leah).



Poll Dorset Judging (open classes):

Here we were against some of the best Poll Dorset studs and we were over the moon with our results. Our rams were placed fifth and seventh in a field of nine ewes. In the pairs class our ewes were placed third having been moved from fourth to be in front of Armdale; quite an achievement!

Shorthorn judging:

Devil, paraded by Jessica O'Leary, competed with five other bulls, three that were older than him, to take out Junior Champion Bull. He went on to out

class the Senior Champion Bull and be crowned Grand Champion Bull.



Above: Devil being awarded Grand Champion Shorthorn Bull, led by Jessica O'Leary.

Leah, paraded by Alleisha Killick, was placed second in her class.

Ellie, paraded by Tia, was placed first in her class and went on to be the Reserve Champion Heifer. The judge took some time to announce the Champion and we could see that he was very taken with Ellie and commented on her before the Champion. He said "This heifer is all class". Ellie is just nine months old and was up against a nineteen month old.

Our group of three Shorthorns, paraded by Jessica, Jeremy and Chelsea, took out first place.

Junior Judging – Cattle:

14 year age group:

Jeremy placed second.

17 year age group:

Nyssa was in the top six of a very big field.

Poll Hereford Judging:

Erica, paraded by Lachlan McAllister, was placed fifth in a very strong field of eight in the eight to twelve month class.



Above: Lachlan McAllister leading Erica.

Dixi, paraded by Mallory Shaw, was placed third in a field of six in the fourteen to sixteen month class.

Destiny, paraded by Shawna Maxwell, was placed second in a field of four in the twenty four to thirty month class.

Calf Classic:

Shawna Maxwell did a great job dressing Ellie and herself up in the Winter Olympics theme of snowboarding. Ellie was placed third below cross-dressing boys; I think that they were ripped off!



Above: Shawna Maxwell with Ellie in the Calf Classic.

Presentation of carcass results:

Scott was placed second in a field of twenty nine. He gained a score of 91.5/100 and was the fifth best steer in the entire competition of sixty one steers.

Ruby was in the same class and was placed ninth with a score of 84.5/100.

Parade of Champions and Interbreed Judging – Cattle:

Devil, paraded by Adam Kent, competed against all the eighteen male champions from all the breeds that were exhibited at Canberra. He was not placed in the top three. However, he was mentioned by all three of the judges who commented about this class. Many of the bulls that Devil competed against were much older than him and so we were very pleased with the outcome.

Junior Handling and Judging – Sheep:

Approximately two hundred students participated in these events.

Handlers:

In the final fifteen in the 14 years and under age group – Charlotte Close placed third and Jeremy Robertson placed fifth.

In the final eighteen in the over fifteen years group – Mallory Shaw placed second, Hannah Campbell placed fifth (pictured below), Jessica O'Leary and Klara McCaw were unplaced.



Judging:

In the final seven that were invited to speak, Mallory Shaw placed fifth (pictured below receiving her ribbon).



A great time was had by all who attended and in their usual fashion the kids represented the school with distinction. We cannot thank the parents who supported us on this trip enough. We had parents with us helping with the cooking and washing and many parents provided frozen meals, cakes and slices.

Robyn O'Leary and Gary Webb

Second Hand Gas and Electric Stoves For Sale

With the advent of the Trade Training Centre in Hospitality to be built the stoves in room 84 kitchen must be removed.

We offer the following for sale:

One elevated Chef gas stove with pizo lighting oven, includes underneath storage cupboards. It is in excellent condition \$800.

One Chef electric stove with fan forced oven, excellent condition \$500.

Four upright gas stoves (1976 vintage), oven doors are sprung, \$50 each.

Two old electric upright stoves, one in farenheight degrees the other in Celsius, \$50 each.

Gas stoves are for LPG gas.

These stoves have all been used up until this week when room 84 was closed for the new kitchen.

Contact Glenice at school on (03) 5883 1344.

Tax File Number Reminder

Year Nine students are reminded to return their tax file number forms to the career staff for processing.

Any other students requiring a tax file number should contact the careers staff for appropriate forms.

Mrs D White
Careers Adviser

Parent Teacher Interview Session

Parent teacher interview session will be held on Wednesday 31st March from 4pm to 7pm in the school hall. Light refreshments will be available for a gold coin donation. For all enquiries please call (03) 5883 1344.

All students have been issued with information and a booking sheet.

Mrs M Rowe
Co-ordinator

VET Student OH & S Meeting

On 17th March Year Eleven Hospitality, Metals and Engineering and Primary Industry students will attend the Finley High School OH & S Committee meeting as part of their studies.

OH & S requirements play a large role in their VET studies and this is an ideal time to partake in Finley High School requirements.

Mrs M Rowe
VET Co-ordinator

Year Twelve Fundraiser

Year Twelve are raising funds for their graduation and school gift. We are conducting a bulb fundraiser as part of this. Attached to the newsletter is a catalogue. The closing date for the return of these forms is Monday 29th March (Week Ten). We expect to hand the bulbs out in the first week of Term Two.

Mrs Vance
Year Twelve Adviser

Education Tax Refund

Eligible families can claim up to \$375 per primary school student and \$750 per secondary school student for legitimate educational expenses under the Education Tax Refund (ETR), but according to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) only half have lodged a claim, leaving more than \$500 million in unclaimed benefits.

So save those receipts. Taxpayers still have until March to April 2010 to claim out of pocket education expenses for the 2009 school year, if they lodge their individual tax returns through a

tax agent. For more information about the ETR visit: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone 132 861.

Teaching and Learning Exchange

If you are interested in assisting your child with homework and study, the Teaching and Learning Exchange is a one-stop-shop for teaching and learning resources for Kindergarten to Year Twelve and beyond. Go to www.tale.edu.au and click on the Parents and Community link. Here you will find information on what your child is learning, helping your child learn and the various stages of learning.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

19	T Clarke, H Braybon
22	A Lang, A Lee
23	L Bryce, H Harris
24	C Milburn, A Steele
25	R Rowe, C Shaw
26	S Ford-Jenkins, L Jackson
29	D Jewell, J Russell
30	S Robertson
31	J Colwell, D Dalglish

April

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Whole School Assessment Due Dates

Year	Class	Assessment Task	Teacher	Due Date
Seven	French	Cultural Studies Research Project	Miss Neilan	25/03/2010
Seven	Geography	World Heritage Site Research	Mrs Jackson Miss Brown Mr Crapp	24/03/10 31/03/10 31/03/10
Eight	8B English	Film Studies Task	Miss Neilan	26/03/10
Ten	All Maths classes	Maths Project	Mr Piggin Mrs Braybon Mr Oddie	20/08/10
Eleven	Business Studies	Business Studies Research	Mrs Jackson Miss Brown	24/03/10
Eleven	PDHPE	First Aid	Mr Tooke Ms Downey	Commences 21/04/10 (ongoing)

Community Announcements

Jerilderie Cricket Club Junior Cricket Presentations

Jerilderie Cricket Club will hold its under 12's and under 14's cricket presentations on Sunday, 21st March at Monash Park, commencing at 5:30pm. A free BBQ will be provided with soft drink available from the club at a cost of \$2 per can. Could all under 14 cricketers please hand in their washed, named playing shirts at the beginning of the evening.

Berrigan Skate Park

A Family fun Day is being held at the Berrigan Skate Park on 21st March 2010, from 3pm to 6pm. Entertainment includes children's story telling, country and western music by 'SALT', poetry by Tammy Muir between 5pm and 5:30pm and face painting by Youth 4 Youth volunteers. Please bring your own chairs. A free BBQ tea and drinks will be provided.

7th Annual 'Tour de Toc' – Saturday 10th April 2010.

This event is a charity fund raiser for NSW Rural Fire Brigade. Entry forms and tickets are available from Berrigan Indoor Outdoor and Haynes Butchery in Tocumwal. All ages and fitness levels are welcome, all precautions taken, riders at own risk, support vehicles and transport available leaving 9:15am from the Berrigan Rural Fire Station, please advise early on your entry form if you require transport, please register early to assist in catering. A hot lunch provided \$5, riders free. Followed by children's ride, presentation and raffle draw. Departing from Anzac Parade Tocumwal at 10am.

Cobram Junior Soccer

Registrations are now open for 5 – 14 years to play soccer in Cobram. Register with Anne at Outdoor and More, Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm. Cost: \$60 fees and \$20 uniform bond. For more information call John and Anne Bergmans on (03) 5885 6249.