

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Teaching, learning and achieving in a safe and caring community



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KEY DATES

April

- 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
P & C Meeting, 8pm in the school library, or Jerilderie Public School
- 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

Welcome back to Term Two

This term is an important term for all students. For Year Twelve it is a term to consolidate their learning in preparation for their HSC. For the rest of the school assessments will continue leading up to the production of school reports at the end of the term.

This term will also see the school's involvement in the Athletics carnival, Cross Country, NAPLAN, Tuppall Excursion, Motivational Media and the Berrigan Shire Employment Expo. It will be a very busy term for us all.

New Principal

I am pleased to advise the school community of the appointment of Bernie Roebuck as Principal of Finley High School. Bernie, who used to teach at this school some years ago, left Finley High to become Principal of Deniliquin High. For the past two years, Bernie has been the Principal Liaison Officer for the Riverina & South Coast. We are very fortunate to have a new principal of Bernie's

experience. Bernie will commence his appointment during Week Three, until then, I will continue to act as Principal and Mr Michael O'Leary will take over from Mr Oddie as Deputy.

Staff Changes

Due to the increase in enrolments, we have been able to employ an additional teacher in the school. We have created an extra class in Year Nine and as a result some students will have new teachers from this term.

We welcome Janet Rush who will join the English faculty to help cater for the new class. We also welcome Lisa Higham to the TAS faculty as an intern for Term Two.

Izzy Griffin joins the Science faculty on a practicum from Charles Sturt University in Wagga and will be working with Agriculture and Primary Industry classes.

Mr Joshua Renn will replace Mr Sciffer who has been seconded by the NSW Teachers Federation for the term.

Finally we sadly bid farewell to Mrs Muriel Murada who has decided to retire from teaching. We wish her well in her retirement and will be holding a special morning tea for her in the coming weeks.

Trade Training Centre

The refurbishment of one of the school kitchens into a Trade Training Centre for Hospitality commenced during the holidays. A section of the school has been fenced off for the work site and construction should continue well into Term Three. We hope to be able to teach in a state of the art food preparation facility in Term Four.

Anzac Day

All students are encouraged to join their local Anzac Day March this Sunday. I encourage students to wear full school uniform (summer) and represent their town and school with pride on this important day. Ceremonies commence at the following times in the following towns.

Berrigan	9am
Tocumwal	9:30am
Jerilderie	10am
Finley	11am

Students are encouraged to be assembled 20 minutes before the march commences.

Monday 26th April will be a public holiday.

50th Reunion of Finley High School

A reminder that a public meeting will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 7:30pm next Monday 26th April to commence organising the 50th Finley High School Reunion in 2011. Lack of numbers at the first meeting was of concern as we need a large core group of people to be willing to organise and promote the event if we are to have a successful reunion.

Any inquiries – please contact me or Jan Gray at the school. I encourage all those interested in a school reunion to attend.

Year Nine Laptops

Laptops for all Year Nine students should be in the school in early May and will be distributed during Week Five. A meeting of parents of Year Nine students will be held in the Multi Purpose Room on Monday 3rd May at 7:30pm to discuss student, school and parent responsibilities in the safe use and care of this equipment. A note will go home next week inviting Year Nine parents to this important meeting. I encourage all Year Nine parents to attend.

H McRae
Acting Principal

In Tennis News

On Monday 15th March Nicholas Fenaughty (Year Eleven) travelled to Sydney to compete in the New South Wales Combined High Schools Tennis Championships at Nepean Courts, Penrith. He played in the Open Boys (under 19) Singles Championships. There were 128 boys in the draw and Nick was seeded 8th. He progressed to the

quarter finals with wins of 9-1, 9-3 and 9-5. Nick then lost to the No. 2 seed 5-9. By reaching the quarter finals Nick was selected in the top Combined High Schools State team. Two teams are selected; CHS 1 and CHS 2. He also made the quarter finals of doubles with another Riverina Team player; Nathan Savill.

The following week Nick travelled to Bathurst for the Pizzey Cup selection trials. CHS 1 and CHS 2 teams were involved in a tournament with the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) and the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) on 23rd and 24th of March. Thirty two boys were invited to this carnival and were placed on 8 cards of 4 players for a round robin event. Nick was placed on a card with 1 player each of the other 3 teams. Nick won his first match 6-1 and lost his second match 1-6. Nick's opponent had won 6-4 against the player Nick had beaten 6-1. Nick was leading and then the score got back to 2 all before Nick became ill. Unfortunately, Nick went down 6-3 and did not get any second chances due to his illness.

Well done to Nick for performing so well under such demanding conditions and in the next newsletter (hopefully) there will be an update of how Finley High School went at the Barham Interschool Tennis Championship when official results are received.

Miss E Wilde
Tennis Co-ordinator

Careers in the Health Industry

On Wednesday 24th March several senior students travelled to LaTrobe University in Wodonga to have a taste of various careers in health. On the day students attended interactive workshops that included investigating stable and unstable compounds to make hair gel in a pharmacy presentation, applying tourniquets and intubating a wounded soldier in the field with the army medics, fitness testing with a personal trainer, building finger splints with the Occupational therapists, having a massage with the masseur, using special lights to view the amount of germs

lingering on their skin with the nurses (even after they thought they had washed their hands), and doing balance, taping and breathing exercises with physiotherapists. Some thought twice about their BBQ lunch after the session with the dieticians, while others finally discovered exactly what an osteopath was. There were many other sessions that saw students talking and working with professionals in a range of health careers from paramedics to dentistry, to chiropractors and social workers. Overall a very informative day for any student wishing to study health or allied health.



Vocational Education and Training (VET)

On March 31, the Youth Career Services Local Community Partnership (YCSLCP) was dissolved and Finley High School is now serviced by Murray Industry and Community Education Employment Partnership (MICEEP).

One of the last activities for the YCSLCP was the Agriculture camp held at Yanco following the YCSLCP procurement of a generous 'Next Gen Farmers Grant' from the Australian Government. Finley High School Agriculture and Primary Industry students partook in four days of fantastic activities all free of charge. This included agriculture related activities, guest speakers, transport, food and accommodation.

Outcomes from this camp for Finley High School students are: Increased awareness of specific careers in agriculture; a wider definition of a

leader's abilities and attributes; improvement of Finley High School student leadership skills; improvement in ability to work in a team; increased intention to think about a future in Agriculture; increased focus on personal career goals; increased focus on personal career goals and increased/improved intention to reach goals. Thank you YCSLCP. I am sure if you speak to the Agriculture teachers or students of Finley High School you, like I, will hear about these fantastic four days. A once in a lifetime chance to visit the world of Agriculture pursuits. So important for the future of our area so dependent on Agriculture.

Year Eleven VET Students Preparing for Workplacement Day

All Year Eleven students studying VET subjects of Automotive, Business Services, Hospitality, Metals and Engineering and Primary Industries will attend a compulsory information day at the Finley RS Club on Thursday 6th May to meet with district employers and learn about the real world of work. Students will be partaking in their first week of workplacement in business/industry in Week Eleven of this term from 28th June to 2nd July. The VET day on 6th May is designed to inform the students of the world of work including Occupational Health and Safety requirements. We have been fortunate in receiving a \$500 grant from MICEEP to support the running of this day.

Guest speakers from various industries accommodating our students will address the students throughout the day. VET students will have by now informed parents of this day through a letter sent home in Week One.

Mrs M Rowe
VET/TVET Co-ordinator

"My Space" Parenting, Technology and Adolescents

Nearly 50% of Australian children access the internet after school and use it 2 – 6 days a week and 25% use it every day. On average children spend 7.9 hours per fortnight playing online games.

(NSW Govt Factsheet "Games over! Knowing when to stop", 2009)

So how can parents influence what their adolescent children are doing on line?

1. Educate yourself about their on line activity. Join one of the social networking sites and see what really happens (it might not be as scary as you think!), learn about games they play, talk to others about technology and how what it means in their lives.
2. Try to have the computer in a public space so that there is a transparency about their on line activity.
3. Discuss the issues that concern you in a real way. Instead of being critical of technology, discuss what is concerning you about it (e.g. their safety, lack of sleep etc).
4. Keep track of how your child is going in other areas of their life (school, interests, friends (not on line), routines – e.g. sleeping etc) and make an assessment about whether their on line activity is impacting these areas.
5. If you are concerned or think that your child might be addicted to on line activity, contact a professional for help.

For the cost of a local call, Parent Line, professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day to talk through any of your parenting concerns on 1300 1300 52 or visit their website

www.parentline.org.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

....LADIES, Please note 10am start....

April

- 23 J. Wallis, T. Thompson
- 26 ANZAC DAY
- 27 C. Girdwood, C. Moloney
- 28 N. Curtin, S. Robertson
- 29 J. Chellew, K. Litchfield
- 30 L. Horne, K. Carlon

May

- 3 K. Lee, A. Bergmans
- 4 F. Aull, S. Pearn
- 5 V. Bryce, P. Tyndall
- 6 K. Mynard, M. McCaw
- 7 J. Congdon, T. Clarke

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

Year	Class	Assessment Task	Teacher	Due Date
Ten	All Maths classes	Maths Project	Mr Piggin Mrs Braybon Mr Oddie	20/08/10
Eleven	PDHPE	First Aid	Mr Tooke Ms Downey	Commences 21/04/10 (ongoing)

Community Announcements

Free Triple P3 – 8 Years Group Parenting Program

Parents have the important role of raising healthy well adjusted children who have the skills and confidence to succeed at school and in their relationship with others. The eight week program offers suggestions and ideas on positive parenting.

Dates: Friday 23rd April, Friday 30th April, Friday 7th May, Friday 14th May and 12th June.

Time: 10am to 12pm.

Venue: Jerilderie Library

Presenter: Margaret Graham

Please book into the program by Friday 16th April by ringing Wendy at Finley Centacare office on (03) 5883 4870. If you have any questions regarding the program please ring Margaret on (03) 5883 3747.

Free Swine Flu Clinic - For all members of the family.

Where: Finley Health Service

Date: Thursday 6th May 2010

Time: 3pm to 6pm

To Register: Please phone 03 58831133

Note: Signed parent/guardian consent required for minors