

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Teaching, learning and achieving in a safe and caring community



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KEY DATES

May

- 20 Year Ten Careers Day Out
- 21 Under 16 girls football in Deniliquin
- 24-27 Combined High Schools AFL – Albury
- 25 ICAS Computer Skills
- 28 Year Seven Immunisations

June

- 3 15's Basketball in Barham
- 4 Tuppal Station Excursion – whole school
- 8 Formal Assembly 10:06 am in the School Hall
- 9 ICAS Science Competition
- 10 Zone Athletics Carnival in Finley
- 14 Queen's Birthday
- 16 – 18 Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show
- 22 15's Boys and Girls Soccer in Deniliquin
ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions
- 23 Riverina Boys and Girls Tennis Trials

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Principal's Message

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to write my first piece as the Principal of Finley High School. Whilst it has been a very hectic couple of weeks trying to find my way around and getting to meet new staff and students I must say it is great to be back at the school and it is a great honour to be given this job. It has been very rewarding in particular to have so many students make me feel extremely welcome – that has been really appreciated.

Last week our Year Seven and Nine students completed the NAPLAN tests and a very special thanks to Mrs McRae and Ms Coates for their work in organising and co-ordinating that major operation.

This is a very hectic time of the year in schools as students in all years are working on assessments and class work in preparation for their mid-year reports. I encourage all students to remember that the key purpose of schooling is for them to develop their skills and competencies so that they can have a successful life.

As has been the case for a very long time, one of the great things about Finley High School is the array of opportunities that are afforded to students here. I urge all students to make the most of the many different activities that go on at the school so that they can get the very best out of their schooling.

My special thanks to Ms Bush and to Mrs Rowe for their work in putting together the Year Eleven Study Skills day and the Year Eleven VET Work Placement orientation in past two weeks.

This week and the next few weeks are examples of the variety of opportunities available to our students.

- The Agriculture show team are off to Bendigo this week and we wish them the very best
- Year Ten careers day will be held this Thursday.
- Later this week we have girl footballers off to Deniliquin, we also have boys representative football in Albury and also we have students involved in soccer and basketball.
- On 4th June we have the visit to Tuppall Station for all those interested in Years Seven to Ten.
- In Week Eight we have a visiting author who will be working with our English students.

On my first assembly I emphasised to all students that we have a very successful and special school and we all need to work hard to keep it that way. The two key elements in maintaining a quality school are co-operation and respect. If we all work at these two elements a lot of great things can happen. In particular can I say how critical it is that students treat each other and the staff with respect – there is no place, and there will be no tolerance in our school for physical or verbal violence. In turn I have the expectation that all staff, including me, will work hard to support and develop and encourage all of our students.

Finally can I encourage parents to also be involved in our school in any way they can – by supporting the learning of their children, by helping out at the canteen or assisting the P&C, or contributing in a multitude of other ways. As always if there are things that we can do better, or if there are things

that you have concerns about, please make contact with us so that we can work to make Finley High School a better school. Once again a very big thank you to the many people who have made me feel very welcome.

Bernie Roebuck
Principal

Vocational & Education (VET) Happenings at Finley High School

The Berrigan Shire Council Business and Environment Award for Finley High School VET Workplacement Student of the Year for 2010 were presented at their awards night on April 21. We were represented by three worthy finalists in John Rogasch for Hospitality, Elizabeth Haynes for Primary Industries and Michael Whiley for Metals and Engineering. Thank you to Berrigan Shire for their support in awarding this recognition. Thank you to the many local employers who accommodate our students in workplacements.

Year Eleven “Preparing for Workplacement Day”

May 6th saw forty three Year Eleven and two Year Twelve VET students in Business Services, Hospitality and Metals and Engineering assembled at the Finley RS Club for a day of induction to Occupational Health and Safety requirements in industry and business along with other important issues relating to their workplacements. All the students will attend their first week of compulsory workplacement in industry or business in Week Eleven of this term. In addition to meeting OH & S requirements we had keynote speaker John Knight of Entrepreneurial Promotions talk with the students in a very interesting and informative session titled “So You Want That Job?”



Above: David Woodward from Woody Motors, talking to the students.

Local employers David Woodward of Woody Motors Berrigan, Bill Daley from Amaroo Aged Care Berrigan with Bianca Nolen (Chef), and Neil Campbell a Blighty Dairy Farmer attended to speak with the students about very important workplacement requirements. Annette Gorham the Regional Vocational Education Consultant for VET subjects from Albury also addressed the students. Kim Strachan, Executive Officer for MICEEP also attended the day. Probably the most awaited session for the students was meeting with Mrs Marg Bull, their Workplace Service Provider for MICEEP, and finding out where they will be employed in Week Eleven.



Above: Year Eleven students listening to the speakers.

Students were served a hot meal from the RS Club menu for lunch. The employers from Albury and Griffith were asked to select a young lady and gentleman whom they thought was dressed appropriately for a job interview. They found it very difficult to choose a young man for this award as there were so many well presented men in the room. In the end Michael Long won the award. For the girls the presented judges could not separate Stacy Wright and Hannah Campbell so two awards were given there.



Above: Stacy Wright, Michael Long and Hannah Campbell, winners of the most suitably dressed for an interview.

We thank the RS Club for their hosting of our day. Employers from Albury, Griffith and locally who were present at the day were impressed by the superb behaviour of our students. The students voted it a great day. "Awesome" was used a few times in the evaluations. Thank you Year Eleven you made us very proud.



Above: students listening to a Primary Industries presentation.

Mrs M Rowe
VET/TVET Co-ordinator

Riverina Under 15 Football 2010

In Week Six, six Finley High boys have been selected to represent Riverina South West in the NSW All-Schools Under 15 state championship, to be held in Albury. These boys are Lochie Schifferle, Ted Walliss, Harley Middleton, Stephen Patten, Blair Henery and Jack Podesta. Congratulations to them on their selection, and we wish them all the best in the carnival, which acts as a selection trial for the NSW team to compete at the National Championships in Perth in Term Three.

Mr Oddie will be accompanying the boys in his role as Riverina South West manager, and has also been appointed the manager of the State team for the National carnival.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

May

- 6 K Mynard, M McCaw
- 7 J Congdon, T Clarke

- 10 W Cleve, D Jewell
- 11 C Girdwood, S Robinson
- 12 J Blackmore, D Dalglish
- 13 S Holmes, D Pyke
- 14 C Kennedy, D Thomas

- 17 D Williams, K McDonald
- 18 Di Sexton, L Bryce
- 19 L Bright, J Conn
- 20 G Ferguson, H Harris
- 21 L Jackson, Susanne Weir

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 Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Finley

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE two hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be hosted by David Riches on Monday 21st June at the Finley RS Club from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone on 0438 215 323 now to reserve your place or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

Hip Hop Dance Classes at the Tocumwal Memorial Hall

\$11.00/Week – Lessons are to run during school terms on Tuesday nights.

Lesson times and age groups:

4-7 years = 4:15 – 5:15pm

8-10 years = 5:15 – 6:15pm

11-12 years = 6:15 – 7:15pm

13-18 years = 7:15 – 8:15pm

Contact Lourine Taylor for further details on (03) 5874 2418. This is a Youth for Youth initiative.

Intereach – information sessions for parents

Readiness for School – information will include how to recognise if your child is ready for school; how you can help prepare your child for school; how to help a reluctant or anxious child; and how to build strong relationships with the Early Childhood professionals involved with your child.

4th June 2010 from 7pm to 9pm at the Neighbourhood Centre (Crn Napier and Trickett Streets, Deniliquin); gold coin donation please RSVP by 1st June 2010.

Supporting the Anxious Child – participants will be able to review the stages of children's emotional development; explore the different types of events that can be a cause of anxiety for children ie lack of routine/consistency, changes to the home environment (new siblings), interactions with peers etc; explore ideas and strategies for developing children's levels of persistence, satisfaction, building healthy self esteem and resilience; and develop strategies that will empower children and develop self regulation and problem solving skills. 4th June 12:30pm to 4:30pm at the Neighbourhood Centre (Crn Napier and Trickett Streets, Deniliquin); gold coin donation please RSVP by 1st June 2010.

Please RSVP to Irene Duffy on (03) 5881 5287 or Margaret Graham on (03) 5883 3747.