

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 banana and sandwiches. Want a better 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 (phone number and email address located above) know your email address and it will be there safe and secure.

August

23 – 27 Trial HSC Exams

September

2 Exhibition Night, 7pm in the school hall
P & C Meeting, 7:30pm in the school library

6 – 10 Year Eleven Exams

9 – 11 State Combined High Schools Athletics
Carnival at Olympic Park, Sydney

20 Swan Cup Under 16 (TBC) in Blacktown

20 – 24 VET Work Placement
Melbourne Show

23 Year Twelve Farewell

24 Last Day of Term Three

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Principal's Message

Over the past two weeks once again there have been many excellent things happening at our school.

- I was fortunate last week to be able to spend a day with our Year 10 students and Miss Downey working with them on considering the various options for study in Years 11 and 12. So many of the students were enthusiastic and co-operative and it was great to see such a large turnout of parents and students and staff at our Information Night for Year 10 despite the bleak weather.
- Our Agriculture students once again excelled the weekend before last at Wagga with the Poll Dorset sheep taking home many prizes but just as

- importantly showing great enthusiasm and commitment
- Miss Spence and her Year 11 Drama students did some outstanding work in the production of their major works Friday before last. This is a daunting task for many students and it is great to see their keenness and willingness to tackle a very challenging assessment

Website

Can I draw the attention of all our students and parents the Finley High School Website is – www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We are increasingly putting more and more resources and information on the site. Recently we added the 2009 Annual School Report and our 2011 Senior Prospectus.

We are very keen to hear from parents and students their thoughts on what they would like on the site – please send any ideas to me through the school email address that is listed at the front of the newsletter.

Appropriate behaviour

One of the great things about working at Finley High School is that so many of our students are courteous and well behaved and at all times show respect. It is therefore quite disturbing that in the past few weeks we have had a number of students who have been suspended for using inappropriate language directed at staff members. Can I make it absolutely clear that this behaviour will not be tolerated and the expectation is that all members of the school, at all times, show respect to those around them.

Appropriate footwear

Very significant numbers of our students are involved in practical subjects where it is a requirement that they have footwear that protects them from potential injury. In particular areas such as Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Agriculture, Science and Visual Arts it is essential that students have leather footwear that covers the entire foot. This makes sense when one considers the potential dangers in

such areas. Students not wearing appropriate footwear cannot participate in such practical activities.

Can I encourage all parents and students in the strongest possible terms to wear full leather black shoes at all times. These type of shoes are readily available at reasonable prices and give students the maximum protection in all classes.

Bernie Roebuck
Principal

Year 11 VET Work placement for Term 3

Students in Automotive, Hospitality, Metal and Engineering and Primary Industries will attend their second work placement week during Week Ten of this term September 20th – 24th.

On Thursday August 5th the students were issued with a "Memorandum of Understanding" from MICEEP re: work placement requirements. This form will require both students and parent/carers signature. Students should have returned this signed form to school by Wednesday August 11th.

On this day students should have also returned nominated work placement form for the Term Three session.

Marg Rowe
TVET/VET Coordinator.

Year 10 TAFE Students visit Speed field day.

Before the sun rose on Thursday 5th August thirteen Year Ten students boarded a Ewing's charter bus with driver Dean Knight and settled in for a four and a half hour trip to the town of Speed in Western Victoria. Our aim for the day was to compete against Ouyen and Kyabram in the 4th inaugural mower pulling championships.

Despite complaints about the early hour everyone arrived in good spirits and keen to defend our title against strong opposition. Despite a delay with our mowers arriving late (due to a slight detour by Woody and Joe Cottam) our boys started strongly

with some impressive results in the front round. Callum Campbell put in a great effort as sled master despite carrying an injury on the day. In the 2nd and 3rd rounds our fortunes started to change with two of our three mowers suffering mechanical dramas. Having come this far to compete, we pushed on with our 3rd and only working mower to the final pull off.

After a great effort by all the drivers, at the end of the day our mower did not have the power to match Ouyen and Kyabram well prepared machines. Despite having to hand back our trophy, all boys in our team can be proud of how they exemplified themselves on the day. Our efforts in helping take down the track at the end of the day were duly noted by Nathan Binks the event organiser. The team will now work on fixing the two underperforming mowers at TAFE getting them ready for another competition at Henty field days in late September.

Special thanks must be given to Woody and Joe Cottam for their enthusiastic support on the day as well as Dean Knight who did an excellent job in the driver's seat for our 10 hour journey to Speed and back. Well done!

Josh Renn

Artificial Breeding & Genetics Day.

On the 21st July the Finley High School dairy team was visited by ABS Australia to talk to the team about artificial breeding and Genetics.

There was Ken, Ben and Matt that showed us hands on how to establish a breeding program and how to AI cows and heifers. The team learnt all the techniques to AI a cow, the dairy team got to see all the equipment used to AI a cow. After learning all about artificial breeding the team received vests, T Shirts and hats sponsored by ABS Australia. The dairy team wish to thank ABS Australia for sponsoring them and explaining to the team about artificial breeding. Following that everyone had a BBQ lunch cooked by Brian O'Hora – the new Master Chef.

Sally Sweeney, Brooke Sweeney, Meg Campbell, Melanie, Kantarias, Talei Holm, Matt Kable and Brendan Parsons – Finley High School dairy team.

On Wednesday 21st July we had a visit from the ABS (Australia Breeding Service). There were 4 people and they were teaching us about the breeding of Holstein dairy cattle. They showed us the semen used for the breeding to get good quality cows. It was very interesting to see the special equipment that is used. Brian cooked us a yummy BBQ then the ABS team had to go, so we said thank you and goodbye.

Alexander Macartney



ABS Information Day

Poll Dorset Youth Muster

The South West Region of the Australian Poll Dorset Association hosted a weekend at Wagga Wagga showgrounds for young people to learn skills in preparing, showing and selecting Poll Dorset sheep. Forty students attended from a number of schools and regions including seven students from Finley High School attending with Gordon, Nicole and Thomas Close.

Over the weekend the students were taught by a number of experienced breeders. On Saturday they were taught on the selecting of sheep for breeding and showing, trimming sheep and tips on judging sheep. The students were also given talks by representatives from Dalgety's and Pfizer on careers and the services their businesses have. On Saturday afternoon all the students participated in a Junior Judging Competition where Georgina Mohr –Clarke did a great job and was placed third in the novice section, Hannah Campbell was second in the

experienced group and Charlotte Close did us proud and was placed first in the experienced section and overall Champion Junior Judge for the day.

On Sunday the day was for handling and herdsman skills. Students were instructed in scanning, preparing and handling sheep for the show ring. They were judged during the day on their handling and herdsman skills. In the Intermediate handler class Jack Anthony took out first place and was overall Reserve Champion. Mallory Shaw was second in the experienced group and Hannah Campbell was placed first and received overall Champion Handler. In the Herdsman Competition in the Novice Section Georgina Mohr-Clarke was second and in the experienced section again Hannah Campbell did a superb job taking out first place and overall Champion Herdsman.

The kids all had a wonderful weekend and thanks were given to Amanda Smith and Chris Marr for organising it and for all the help given by the breeder, teachers and parents who supported and helped on the weekend.

Nicole Close



Poll Dorset Muster Champion Handlers, Hannah Campbell and Jack Anthony

Finley High School Reunion

Planning for the 50th Anniversary of the Finley High School is proceeding with the assistance of a smallish band of willing workers. Our decade representatives (40's Marj Maxwell, 50's Elvie Wooden, 60's Karen Peacock, 70's Maree Richardson and 80's Tanya White) have been busy compiling the class lists and along with the committee have been working on the format of the weekend. Suggestions of having a family day with cricket matches, food stalls, a formal dinner, farmer's market are some of the many ideas suggested. If you have any thoughts and would like them considered, please come and join our group at our next meeting Monday 23rd August at the Finley High School Library at 7.30 pm. It is proposed at this Meeting, further plans will be formalised for the weekend's format.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

August

20 J Congdon, G Reyoldson

23 A Lee, L Whiley

24 J Knight, D Sexton

25 L Bright, J Conn

26 M McCaw, G Ferguson

27 K Babington, W Cleve

30 A Bergmans, D Pyke

31 F Aull, N Curtin

September

1 Victoria Bryce, J Petzke

2 S Robertson, Lou Bryce

3 L Jackson, T Carke

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

Year	Class	Assessment Task	Teacher	Due Date
Nine	Geography	Australian Board Game	Miss Brown	25/8/10
Ten	All Maths classes	Maths Project	Mr Pigg Mrs Braybon Mr Oddie	20/08/10
Eleven	PDHPE	First Aid	Mr Tooke Ms Downey	Commences 21/04/10 (ongoing)
Eleven	Business	Business Research Task and Oral Presentation	Miss Brown Mrs Jackson	25/8/10