

# FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



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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.

### September

- 2 Exhibition Night, 7pm in the school hall  
P & C Meeting, 7:30pm in the school library
- 9 – 11 State Combined High Schools Athletics  
Carnival at Olympic Park, Sydney
- 13-17 Year 11 Exams
- 20 Swan Cup Under 16 (TBC) in Blacktown
- 20 – 24 VET Work Placement  
Melbourne Show
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### Principal's Message

#### Max Potential Program

I was indeed very fortunate last week to be able to attend a showcase of some of Finley High School's finest when eight students in Year 11 presented their work from the 2010 MaxPotential program.

This is a young adult personal leadership development program that assists students to improve their self organisation, their time management skills, their own motivation and the development of a 'can do' attitude. This year **Stephany Burton, Isabelle Carlon, Melanie Bauer, Liam Robertson, Miranda Maxwell, Triona Maxwell, Aaron Litchfield and Amy Patterson** chose to be part

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of the program where they worked with a personal 'coach' from outside the school for a period of several months in developing new skills. The students were then responsible for developing and organising a small project, and making a short DVD that they showcased in Deniliquin, and also at the Exhibition Night this week. I cannot hide my enormous pride at the way that these young people conducted themselves in the program, not to mention the quality of the projects that they developed –my personal congratulations to all of them for their outstanding efforts and I am sure all of them have gained a significant amount from the project.

A reminder to any Year 10 students who would like to be involved in the program in 2011 please talk with Mr Martin about the program.

### **Finley Show Week and Exhibition Night**

This week is a huge week for the school with a very large number of our students involved in preparing cattle for showing at the local show this week. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and hard work that so many have demonstrated in preparing the cattle. A reminder also that tonight Thurs 2nd Sept is our Exhibition Night in the school hall –this is an opportunity for us to showcase such tremendous work done by our students and staff.

### **Appropriate use of Social Networking Sites**

There can be no doubt that the growth in the use of social networking sites such as Facebook has shown there can be great benefits in so many ways when people can communicate with each other easily and quickly. Used properly Facebook and similar sites are wonderful applications.

However used incorrectly they can have serious and long reaching detrimental effects on many people. Sadly we have far too many cases of our students using Facebook for the wrong purposes. It becomes a school issue when students use these networks to bully, harass, name call, make threats, spread rumours, and use totally unacceptable foul and abusive language directed at other students. All of these actions are totally against the schools welfare

and discipline code and in many instances students are actually breaking the law. I urge all parents to be vigilant in regards to how students are using these social networks. I ask all students to be aware that when they type things into these networks they can be easily traced and where necessary can be presented to school authorities and/ or the police if there are instances where offences have been committed.

Can we make it very clear that the school will not tolerate any of the types of behaviour described above, nor will it accept students using such social networking sites whilst at school? Students who are involved in any of the above behaviours will be subject to strong disciplinary action including suspension from school. In the very near future the school will send home to parents a new policy in regard to student use of mobile phones and other electronic devices.

### **Steve Bradbury Visit**

Can I commend to all students and parents an event that will be held in Finley on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Centracare and the Beyond Blue organisation have organised a visit to the community of Olympic skating gold medallist Steve Bradbury. His story in its own right is an amazing one –not so much that he is an Olympic champion but more so because of the odds he had to overcome to even get there. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter.

### **Reunion**

A reminder to all to put in your 2011 diary the dates of our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, Sat/Sun 8-9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The reunion group meet on the last Monday of each month, though our next meeting will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. We are always looking for anyone who would be prepared to do a few things to bring this major event into reality –so please feel free to come along. Full details of the program for the weekend will be announced in the near future and additional information can be found on the school website.

## Aerosols

Can we emphasise once again that students must not bring aerosol cans to school. If students need to use deodorants can they ensure that they use the roll on or spray types? In essence the major issue with aerosol cans is that a significant number of students and indeed some staff are potentially at risk of a significant asthma attack from the misuse and overuse of aerosols.

Bernie Roebuck  
Principal

## Student Exchange Program

In January 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will welcome a new group of international exchange students to Australia. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice below in your school newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability. You can download the newsletter notice here in [Word format](#), as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF format](#).

Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies ranging from playing the guitar, drawing Japanese animations to skiing. If you would like to provide your students or parents with further information on our inbound exchange students you can also download some sample student profiles in either [Word format](#), as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF format](#).

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

If you have any questions you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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## Absurdist Drama Night

Over the course of the last three terms, Year 11 drama students have been studying absurdist theatre. The whole concept of absurdist theatre surrounds the idea that we're alive, because we are, and putting all the restrictions, protocol and routine in life, as we do, is completely unnecessary and absurd. So, plays that are regarded as being 'absurdist' are ones that make a mockery of bits and pieces of everyday life, or have no logical meaning or development whatsoever. Miss Spence, our drama teacher, decided it would be a good idea to attempt to put on an ensemble of absurdist performances and make a night out of it – which we did. After weeks of preparation, practice and direction from Miss Spence, we finally came to Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August; the night of our performance. With a variety of nursery rhymes, book extracts and plays, we performed our absurdist ensemble entitled 'A Truly Absurd Experience' to both parents, teenagers and other people in the community.

The performance was a hit with all age brackets and it truly was an absurd experience.

Rhys Portbury, Year 11

### Library News – Competition Winners

For the past few weeks the library has been running a number of competitions. These were made possible by the efforts of Miss Downey and the sponsorship of the soon-to-be new AFL team, Team GWS, in Sydney. We were very happy to promote this, as one of our own Year 12 students, Mark Whiley, has been signed as one of their new recruits. We would like to thank Team GWS for the books, footies and other merchandise they kindly donated to the high school and Miss Downey for organising it. The winners of the competitions were as follows:  
Design a footy jumper for Team GWS: Winner – Jayden Perryman. Runner-up – Allister Clarke  
Jayden received a football signed by Premiership captain, Tom Harley. Allister won a football.

Best Footy Photo: Winner – Mrs M. Rowe, for a stunner from the 60s. Runner-up – Mr. Roebuck for his cuddle.

Twelve other students were also winners, with their names being drawn from the list of those who had borrowed from the library in the last two weeks. Each of them won a drink bottle or small footy.

Congratulations and well done to the winners and a big thank you to all the students and staff who participated. What a great effort.

Aileen Begbie  
Librarian



Winners of Library Competition

### Finley High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Reunion Meetings -**  
Last Monday of each month at 7.30 pm  
in the school library

Check FHS website for details  
[www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
Please come along

Where they are now?  
Wanted  
Names and addresses of past students, staff and families from 1938 – 2010.  
Contact : Email – [finley50reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:finley50reunion@yahoo.com)  
Or Karen Peacock  
64 Headford St, Finley 2713

### CANTEEN ROSTER

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

#### September

3	L Jackson, T Clarke
6	S Ham, J Middlebrook
7	J Gillett
8	J Loughman
9	J Chellew, C Milburn
10	S Weir, H Lewis
13	K Lee, K McDonald
14	Jenny Barlow, K Mynard
15	M Richardson
16	R Rowe, H Harris
17	J McAllister, D Thomas

## *Whole School Assessment Due Dates*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Assessment Task</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Year 7	Geography	World Heritage Sites	Miss Brown/ M Whitty	15/9/10
Year 7	Geography	World Heritage Sites	Mrs Jackson	14/9/10

## *Community Announcements*

**Anyone interested in Friday night tennis at Berrigan, please contact Carolyn Alexander - Phone: 58833382**

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### ***The Annual Berrigan Golden Canola Festival – September 12<sup>th</sup> 2010***

A Celebration of Family & Farming

Street Parade beginning at 9.15 am

Crowning of Mr Canola

Lawnmower Races

Free Family Program. Jumping Castle, Animal Nursery

Ute, Truck & Car Show n Shine comp

Best Decorated Bike or Scooter – Win \$100 for your school. Marshall Time – 8.45 am Chanter Street.

Face painting, pet parade, BBQ & much more!

Flea & Farmers market.

**Venue: Berrigan Show Grounds**

Stall holders & attractions sought & welcomed!

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