

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

September

20 Swan Cup Under 16 (TBC) in Blacktown

20 - 24 VET Work Placement
Melbourne Show

21-23 Henty Field Days – Mower Pulling Team

23 Year Twelve Formal Assembly 12.30 pm

23 Year Twelve Graduation Dinner 7.00 pm

24 Last Day of Term Three

October

11 School Resumes – Teachers and Students

15 Year 7 Immunisations

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Principal's Message

It seems hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter of the term. As usual it is a very busy time at Finley High School and in addition to normal activities this week we have our Year 11 students in the middle of their

final exams before they commence their HSC work early next term.

Year Twelve

Our Year Twelve students are into their last week of school and next Thursday 23 September marks their last formal at school. We will be having their final assembly at 12.30pm in the hall and their Graduation Dinner takes place at the Finley RS Club starting at 7pm. We wish each and every one of them the best for the HSC exams that will begin in the first week of next term. It is now of vital importance that all students use the next few weeks prior to the exams wisely and hard work now will bring rewards during the exam period.

I would like to give special thanks to Deb White and Jacqui O'Bryan for their involvement in the Year Twelve Tertiary and Education evening last week. We had an excellent attendance of students and parents to gain additional information on a whole raft of issues surrounding tertiary options and requirements for 2011. Also special thanks to Liz Vance for cooking tea and to the many parents who made the effort to be there.

Teaching Awards

It was great news the week before last to hear that another of our teachers had been nominated for the prestigious National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Our congratulations to Ellen Downey, who was nominated by the student body for this award. Ellen is an outstanding educator in the truest sense of the term and this accolade is thoroughly deserved.

Uniform and Shoes

Early next term I will be posting a letter to all parents in regard to school uniform for 2011. Whilst there will be some minor changes, it must be emphasised that the expectation is all students are required to be in full school uniform at all times. There will also be a requirement that all students wear black leather shoes which covers the whole of the foot –this is an OH&S requirement of the school and full details on this will be in the letter.

Finley High School Charter

The Charter is proposed as a framework for 'how we do business' across the school and involves students, staff and parents. A copy of a draft of the Charter is included in the newsletter. We ask parents to read it carefully and please feel free to make comments and or suggestions

about this proposed policy. Comments can be emailed back to the school (see address on front page of the newsletter) or people can write to the school. This has also been circulated to staff and the Student Representative Council for their ideas. Once all feedback has been received we will progress the matter.

Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices, Facebook and Other Social Networking Sites

Can I urge once again all parents to be vigilant about their sons/daughters use of social networking sites such as Facebook. Used correctly and sensibly it can be a good way of communication. Unfortunately we are increasingly dealing with matters where it is being misused. We need to emphasise once again that students who use the sites to bully, harass, abuse, belittle or spread malicious rumours are in breach of the school's rules and may in fact be breaking the law. Students who are involved in such behaviours will be subject to the school's discipline code, including suspension, and we have no hesitation in referring serious matters to the police and this has already occurred.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of a new draft policy relating to mobile phones and electronic devices which the school has circulated for discussion. We ask parents to read it carefully and please feel free to make comments and or suggestions about this proposed policy. Comments can be emailed back to the school (see address on front page of the newsletter) or people can write to the school.

Steve Bradbury Visit

Can I recommend to all students and parents an event that will be held in Finley on Sunday 19th September, Centracare and the Beyond Blue organisation have organised a visit to the community of Olympic skating gold medallist Steve Bradbury. See attached flyer.

Bernie Roebuck, Principal.

School Vaccination Program 2010

On Friday, October 15th the school immunisation nurse will be returning to Finley High School for the last time in 2010.

Year 7 girls will have HPV Vaccine, Hepatitis B dose 2 and if required Varicella.

Year 7 boys will have Hepatitis B dose 2 and if required Varicella.

Any Year Seven or Year Ten student who has not had boostrix immunisation (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis) may have this on the day but must have a signed Consent form from parent. These are available at the front office.

Maree Richardson
Immunisation Co-ordinator

VET NEWS – (Vocational & Education Training)

Finley’s Trade Training Centre in Hospitality.

After what seems like an eternity Friday September 3 saw the handing over of our wonderful Trade Training Centre in Hospitality. This along with the Al Fresco dining area will be a wonderful asset to Finley and the community for many years to come.

I would like to thank our former Principal Phil Carroll and the Principal Bernie Roebuck for their support in procuring this state-of-the-art room for us. I would also like to thank all the local “Tradies” who tirelessly worked to produce this magnificent Centre.

We still have to move in and order the small equipment to furnish the room and also add seating to the Al Fresco dining area but we are well on the way.

Do drop in and have a look when you are passing by. There are some photos of the Centre in the foyer until school vacation.

As you will see by the photos it is certainly a fantastic room. We are so fortunate.

I am informed that Phil Carroll is busy writing another fifty plus page submission to secure the same for Billabong High School. He has had practice has he not?

Year 11 VET Industry Workplacements.

Week 10 of this term September, 20 – 24 will see the majority of Year 11 students studying Automotive, Hospitality, Metals & Engineering, Primary Industries, Business Services and also working in businesses and industries to complete their seventy hours of mandatory workplacement. Please say hello to them if you passing. Once again thank you to the local employers who accommodate our forty five VET students. Without your support we would not be able to offer these very important subjects at our school.

Marg Rowe, VET/TVET Coordinator.



Preparation area & pantry in Trade Training Centre



Kitchen in Trade Training Centre

Soccer Ball Winner

Congratulations goes to Andrew Ham who was the winner of the World Cup Soccer Ball Competition held at the end of Term 2. Andrew successfully named the previous five World Cup winners and, either through skill or guessing, chose Spain as the winner for 2010. Well done Andrew and thanks to all the other students who had a go.



Andrew Ham

Finley High School 50th Anniversary Reunion 8th and 9th 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
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
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

- 17 J McAllister, D Thomas
- 20 R Sharp
- 21 S Pearn
- 22 D Jewell
- 23 K Litchfield, Tanya Clarke
- 24 L Jackson

October

- 11 J Middlebrook, C Moloney
- 12 S Pearn, S Robinson
- 13 K Mynard, J Cowell
- 14 S Holmes, C Shaw
- 15 T Thompson, J Congdon

Community Announcements

Jerilderie Cricket Club

Junior Registration

Jerilderie Cricket Club will conduct its Junior Registration for U12s, U14s and U16s on Friday, September 24th, 2010 from 4.30 pm at the Monash Park Rooms (last day of Term 3). There will be an informal training session for U14s/U16s players who wish to take part.

Registration fees are \$40.00 for the first player, then \$35.00 per subsequent player in the family.

U12s and U14s will be provided with a playing shirt for use through the season upon payment of registration.

As U12s coach Michael Howes will be away on this day and for the first two matches of the season, all prospective U12s players are asked to attend a training session for U12s on Wednesday, September 15th, 2010 commencing at 4.00 pm at Monash Park nets.

Round 1 dates: U16 – Friday October 8th
U12s & U14s Saturday October 16th

Milo in 2 cricket registration will take place in Term 4 (date to be announced)

Any queries please contact Andrew Browning on 0429 803187.

Finley Tennis Club

Registration Thursday October 14th, 3.30pm – Juniors and those interested in coaching with Peter Morgan, bring along your tennis racquets and sign up.

Adult night competition, registration 7.30pm Thursday October 14th and a game of social tennis on the night.

Any enquires contact Tanya Clarke 5883 1686 or Cherilyn Taig 5883 2010.

Finley High School Charter -DRAFT

Our vision

A vibrant school community that has learning as its key focus, that works co-operatively, that maximises the experiences, opportunities and outcomes of all students, in a safe and positive environment

Our core values

Respect, tolerance and care

Treat all others fairly, with consideration and with courtesy
Accept and tolerate individual difference, and care for others

Responsibility and co-operation

Work co-operatively at all times
Acknowledge and accept responsibility for your actions

Learning and personal excellence

Our primary focus in all that we do is learning
Strive to achieve your best in all that you do

Our student rules

In regard to *Respect, tolerance and care*, students will understand that -
Verbal abuse, physical violence and vandalism will not be tolerated
Bullying and harassment (including via new technologies) will not be tolerated

In regard to *Responsibility and co-operation* students will understand that they -
Must follow all staff instructions and classroom rules
Must act in a safe and responsible manner at all times
Must wear full school uniform at all times
Are never to bring to school illegal substances or any weapon

In regard to *Learning and personal excellence* students will understand that they -
Must bring all the necessary books and equipment needed to each class
Allow others to learn without interruption
Come to school with the full intention of learning, and complete all tasks and activities to the best of their abilities

Our expectations of staff and parents

- All staff are expected to be supportive of all students, and to provide learning programs and experiences that are engaging, diverse, meaningful, and to challenge and assist students to produce their best
- All staff are expected to be learners and to continually strive to develop and enhance their teaching skills and knowledge
- All parents and caregivers are requested to give full support to students and the school as far as is possible, to support maximizing learning outcomes for all students

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES CHARTER - FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL -DRAFT

Students are strongly encouraged **not** to bring mobile phones, ipods, MP3 players or other electronic devices to school. They are expensive and can be easily lost, damaged or stolen. While the school does not encourage students to bring mobile phones to school, it is acknowledged that these devices may be important for student safety. Students and parents should understand that the following points also relate to other devices (such as ipods, MP3 players and other portable electronic devices) which some students bring to school.

1. Bringing personal electronic devices to school is a privilege, not a right. These devices must be used in a respectful, responsible and appropriate manner, especially in relation to the rights of others.
2. Students bring personal electronic devices to school at their own risk and should always ensure that the devices are secure. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the damage or loss of such devices
 - If a device goes missing, the student should report the matter to a teacher and/or to the Deputy Principal. While every reasonable effort will be made to investigate, recovery is not always possible.
 - Nevertheless, any student who is found to be involved in the theft or illegal purchase of personal electronic devices at school may be suspended from school and the police contacted.
3. Mobile phones and other devices must be turned off during all school activities, classes (including Sport and PE), meetings, assemblies, performances, and whilst students are on detentions or on in school suspension, or when they are reporting to staff. Student learning and school activities must not be disrupted.
 - Improper use will result in the device being confiscated by teachers and handed to the Deputy Principal
 - Depending on circumstances it may be returned at end of the school day, or return may only be possible after contact with a parent or guardian
 - Repeat offences may mean that the student is not permitted to have such a device at school at all, or a student may face suspension for continued disobedience.
 - Student should not lend such devices to other students. In the event that a device is borrowed, if it is misused, the device and user, will still be subject to confiscation and other points as explained above.
4. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones or other electronic devices in examinations or formal assessments. Students who use such devices to cheat or gain an unfair advantage will be penalised.
5. Mobile phones must not be used to by-pass school procedures in relation to school-parent contact such as the notification of student illness, disciplinary procedures, or other emergency contact.
 - In emergencies, students or parents should contact the school office and arrangements will be made to inform the student or parents.
 - If a student is ill or injured at school, they must report to the school office and parents will be officially contacted if necessary. Students must not phone parents directly for permission to go home because they are sick – the school's 'duty-of-care' obligations and procedures must be followed.
 - Students must not text or phone parents in regard to a discipline matter or personal matter prior to that matter being discussed with the Deputy Principal or Principal. This is to ensure that the school has knowledge of any such incident, and the opportunity to address any pressing matter, and deal with it promptly. The school will contact parents immediately where it is deemed appropriate.
6. Personal electronic devices must not be used to invade the privacy of others or breach the law.
 - "Cyber-bullying" is completely unacceptable and is against the law. Students who use a personal electronic device, including accessing social networking sites, in any manner to bully, harass, threaten, abuse, vilify or embarrass other students or staff will face immediate disciplinary action, which may include suspension from school and contact with the police if necessary.
 - Students must not photograph, video or record the images or voices of students or staff at any time without their specific permission.

- Where students do photograph, video or record the images or voices of students with their permission if such recordings are altered, enhanced or used in any way to bully, harass, threaten, vilify, embarrass or improperly represent others, the offending student(s) will face disciplinary action, which may include suspension from school and contact with the police if necessary.
- Students who receive unacceptable or inappropriate phone calls, text messages, or other material on their mobile phones at school should immediately inform a teacher and/or the Deputy Principal.

Parents are asked to discuss with their son/daughter not only this policy but also the ethical and appropriate use of all forms of modern information and communication technology.