



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015

## KEY DATES

### October

- 19-23** Year Ten Work Experience  
**25-31** Year Ten Excursion  
**30** P&C raffle fundraiser at the  
Finley Bowling Club. 6:30pm

### November

- 4** HSC Exams conclude  
**5** Rewards Excursion to Melbourne  
**9** School year roll over  
**10** Years Eleven and Twelve Tertiary  
Trip to Albury  
**11** P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff  
common room.  
**14** Finley Swimming Pool Opening  
1pm to 5pm.  
**18** Transition to high school  
information evening for parents.  
6pm to 7pm in the school hall.

### December

- 3** Year Six into Year Seven 2016  
Orientation Day.  
**10** Presentation Night, 7pm in the  
school hall.  
**16** Students last day of Term Four  
**17 - 18** Staff Development Days.

## Principal's Report

### Quiet School

The 2015 HSC examinations commenced last Monday. The first exam was English. Many students reported that the exam was fair and they were confident in their responses. The HSC exams continue until 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Year Ten are also at work experience all week. This has left the school very quiet with Years Seven, Eight and Nine spreading themselves across the quite empty playground.

The school size will return to normal when we roll over in Week Six (9<sup>th</sup> November).

### Year Eight Book Packs

Year Eight book packs are now available from the school canteen. The cost remains at \$25 again this year. The pack will contain all the books required to commence Year Eight classes. I encourage students to purchase their book pack soon and cover their books early in preparation for roll over on November 9.

### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Due to the Federal Government no longer funding the implementation of technology devices into the school, Finley High School has decided to follow the path of other schools across the state and introduce a BYOD policy in 2016.

**Next Wednesday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm in the school hall,** Michael O'Leary and Nicole Close have organised a meeting with parents to discuss BYOD at Finley High School in 2016. Information will be given regarding how it will work and the specifications of the devices which will best suit the needs of their child and the school.

We have responded to parent concerns regarding the safe keeping of laptops and have purchased 100 laptop lockers. Details of how to hire the lockers will be given on the night. We are also looking at refurbishing our existing lockers. We have had quotes to have them powder-coated in a bright (attractive) colour.

Parents from our primary schools of students in Year Six are welcome to attend also to get first hand knowledge of the details of this innovation at Finley High School.

## Phil Carroll

Phil is retiring and is having a retirement dinner in Albury on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Many parents may wish to attend to celebrate Phil's wonderful career in public education.

The function will be at the Commercial Club in Albury (Stanley C Room) at 6:30 for 7pm start.

The cost of \$40 includes a gift. If you wish to attend or send an apology, please contact Christine Huntington at Billabong High School [Christine.huntington@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Christine.huntington@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone (02) 6029 8377.

## Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is one of the most used forms of bullying in schools across the world.

I received an email during the week which has some thoughts and ideas for parents on how to respond to cyber bullying. It has a video and some great tips for students and parents. The website is [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

I encourage all parents to check out this website.

## Finley Public School Production

Thank you to Finley Public School for inviting Year Seven to their end of year production next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

All Year Seven students will be escorted to our hall by their teachers on Thursday for Period 3 and Period 4 to enjoy the matinee performance.

Any parent not wishing to allow their child to attend this performance, please contact me at the school.

I wish Finley Public School every success with their show...break a leg!

## Ministers Award

A photo came through from the Minister this week of Chloe O'Bryan receiving her Minister's Award for Outstanding Achievement (pictured right). I thought it would be nice to share this with the school community.

Congratulations Chloe, a wonderful achievement!

## Excursions

This week has been a busy time for the Ag Team who competed at the Benalla Show (last weekend), Numurkah Show (yesterday) and the Cobram Show on the weekend. It is important for our team to support these shows, but it again takes a lot of commitment from the students, staff and parents. Again, we can only admire their brilliant efforts.

On Sunday, our Year Ten students will depart for their end of junior school excursion to the Gold Coast. Many, many hours of travel in the bus is ahead of them, but some worthwhile experiences await at the other end. I wish them well.

Those students not attending this excursion are expected to attend school.



Mr Oddie is once again organising an excursion called the "Rewards" excursion. This is an excursion for students who always follow the school rules, have not been on a Level 3 and have worn their uniform consistently throughout the year. This excursion will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Melbourne. See further details later in this newsletter.

### **P&C Raffles**

The Finley Bowling Club raffle will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October and will raise funds for Finley High School P&C.

Please come along and support our school. Raffles commence at 7:30pm and meals can be ordered at the club from 6pm. It is a fun, relaxed evening; a time to share a meal with friends.

We are also asking for raffle prizes. If you have any unused gifts, or items you think someone may enjoy winning in the raffle, please bring them to the front office before next Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October.

We would like to make up a hamper as a prize also. Non-perishable items can be brought into the school up until Wednesday next week.

Mrs H McRae  
Principal

### **Connect Program**

The Connect Program is an initiative to develop relationships between support and mainstream students. Throughout the year fun activities are an opportunity for students to socialise and develop important social skills. At the end of Term Four, we had a great time day at Go Jump, a trampoline park in Shepparton. Students exhausted themselves on the trampolines, impressing with their high jumps and flips. Students in this program have also enjoyed cooking activities, a delicious way to develop team work and co-operation skills. Special thanks to Kayla Lloyd from Yallambee Deniliquin who assists with the smooth running of these positive days.



Above: Sarah Collier and School Learning Support Officer, Crystal Woodham, enjoying the trampolines.





Above: Jeremy Gustin shooting and scoring.

### **SToMP Blue Day**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Student Team on Mental Positivity (SToMP), held Finley High School Blue Day. In support of October Mental Health Month SToMP organised the Blue Day to help raise awareness for Mental Health and Wellbeing. They also asked students and staff for gold coin donations, fundraising for future SToMP initiatives. Students and staff were encouraged to wear blue and get involved in the lunch time activities; elastics, hula hoops, skipping, giant chess and jenga. There was a sausage sizzle available and loads of information on Mental Health for students to take. A huge thank you goes to Kaylene and Bernadette at the Canteen, who supported the day by making blue icing for the hedgehog slice and by also selling blue slushies. We look forward to keeping you up to date with SToMPs next adventure!

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer



Above: Savannah Wilson playing Giant Jenga on Blue Day.



Above: Simi Naicori doing Blue Day Elastics.

Below: Stephanie Harris hula hooping.







Above: SToMP Blue Day information and sausages.

### **Parents of Year Six Students**

Finley High School will be holding a Parent Transition Evening on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November in the school library. The evening is a short informal discussion, which I will be running, with parents new to the high school aimed to address any concerns for their child(s) transition and/or years in high school. Parents are welcome to bring their Year Six student along; Brittany Scott, Year Seven Advisor for 2016, will be playing team building games and discussing concerns etc.

We have held this night for the past two years with great success. It is an opportunity for parents to voice their concerns, ask questions and develop positive relationships with other parents/guardians and the school.

Please see the attached flyer for further details or call Brittany or myself on 58831344.

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer

### **Work Experience**

This week saw Year Ten students completing the final week of their work experience rotation. This round many of the students stayed local and worked alongside local employers and businesses. It is always a great delight as Careers Advisers to have the opportunity to visit the students at their workplaces. For some this is their first taste of the working world and for many the different hours, different environments and different learning opportunities are quite unfamiliar.





Above: Cody Anderson at Woolworths



Above: Ally Boyd at IGA



Above: Emma Campbell at IGA



Above: Harrison Bradford at Hutcheon and Pearce





Above: Kate Sutherland at Taylor and Whitty Solicitors.



Above: Thomas Burton at Bowdern's Building.



Above: Sam Cook at Ellamatta Dairy.



Above: Kayla Shaw at St Joseph in Jerilderie.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the employers and businesses that constantly provide learning opportunities and support for our students. They certainly return to school much more work wise and more confident after their experiences in the work place.

Mrs D White and Mrs J O'Bryan  
Career Advisers

### **Rewards Excursion 2015**

On Thursday November 5, Years Seven, Eight and Nine students at Finley High School have the opportunity to participate in what we call the "Rewards Excursion" to Melbourne.

It is called this as it is a reward for students who have not been on a Finley High School Level 3, 4 or 5, not been on a playground monitoring sheet or have not been on the Loss of Privileges list for infractions of the school Uniform policy.

We leave Finley High School at 6:15am sharp, with a pick-up available at the Shell Servo in Tocumwal at 6:30am.

Options available for the students are:

- a) A shopping day at Melbourne Central. Students will be loosely supervised (expected to check in with their designated supervisor) and are expected to at least remain in small groups within the city block bounded by Latrobe, Elizabeth, Lonsdale and Swanston Street. Within Melbourne Central, they also have multiple eating options, movies and lazertag available to them should they choose.
- b) Catch the free tram to Galactic Circus at Crown. From there, students (for the cost of \$20) have lazertag, 10 pin bowling and an hour of arcade games available to them
- c) If enough interest exists, a group of students can visit the MCG and undertake a guided tour of the ground and visit the National Sports Museum. Unfortunately, no cricket is on that day.

Many notes have been distributed to those interested, but if your child is eligible and has not yet received a note, they should see Mr Oddie straight away. Places are strictly limited to 100 students, and the only compulsory cost for the day is \$25 for the bus, to be returned with the note. Places will be on a first come basis, so be quick!

## **Raffle Fundraiser at the Finley Bowling Club**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**at Finley Bowling Club**  
**Raffles commence at 7:30pm**  
**Meals are available from 6pm.**

**Finley High School P&C are the recipients for the raffles fundraiser. All proceeds of the raffle will be donated to Finley High School P&C.**

**Donations for raffle prizes or an item to make up a hamper would be greatly appreciated. Please leave items at the front office before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.**  
**Thank you for your support, we hope to see many parents come along. For more information please contact Suzanne Robertson on 0417 405 107.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### October

23	K Barry, M Haintz
26	K Steel, D McLean
27	T Nash
28	D Dalgliesh
29	S Robertson, D Jewell
30	M McCaw, J Crowhurst

### November

2	D Pyke, S Congram
3	C Girdwood
4	N Curtin
5	S Barlow
6	J Congdon

## Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
7pm in the staff common room.

The P&C meet every second  
Wednesday of the month.  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## Transition to High School

for students attending high school in 2016  
and their parents/caregivers



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
6pm – 7pm in the school library

### Parents/Caregivers;

- supporting your child at high school
- creating independence
- encourage problem solving and resilience
- understanding how Finley High School works with your family.

### Future Year Seven Students;

- team building activities
- healthy friendships
- issues that may occur & how you can deal with them
- interact with students from different towns

Supper provided. For more information and to RSVP please contact Jodi Brown, Student Support Officer, or Brittany Scott, 2016 Year Advisor, on 03 58831344





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21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015

## Invitation to BYOD Information Evening

Dear Parent/Carer

You are invited to attend an information evening at Finley High School next Wednesday, 28 October at 7pm in the school hall to discuss the new BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy that will be implemented next year.

As we prepare our students for their future, it is important that they are skilled in using current technologies to enhance their learning.

Federal Government funding for laptops has ceased, and it is now on schools to determine how best to incorporate technology into their learning programs. Many schools across NSW have opted to adopt a BYOD policy – Bring Your Own Device policy. Finley High School will be implementing this in 2016.

This means that we will be asking students to bring their own learning device to use in the classroom.

On Wednesday, Nicole Close (Computer Co-ordinator) and Michael O’Leary (Head Teacher Science) will present the results of our survey of staff, parents and students, and give parents details of the best device to purchase for their students.

Some school laptops will be available on loan for students to work with in the classroom who cannot bring a laptop of their own. Policies and procedures surrounding how devices will be used and stored will be outlined at the meeting.

This is an important evening for all parents to attend and we extend an invitation to parents of students in all year groups as well as our incoming Year 7 parents.

The meeting will be brief, but a lot of information will be given and an opportunity to ask questions will be available.

I hope to see as many parents as possible at this important information evening. Should you have any questions about the evening, please don’t hesitate to call the school.

Helen McRae  
Principal

# *Community Announcements*

## **Community Forum**

Use of the illicit drug crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as 'ICE', is increasing in county Victoria, New South Wales and impacting on our society. In response Deniliquin Council invites all members of our community and surrounding areas to attend a public forum.

ICE – everything you need to know. Topics covered include: What is 'ICE' and how does it work? Short and long term physical, psychological and social effects, signs and symptoms of dependency, impact on family and friends, what can you do to help? Guest speakers include recovering addict Jake, Crios O'Mahony from the Penington Institute, audience members will also have an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with a panel of Deniliquin region stakeholders and support agencies.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 6pm to 8pm at Deniliquin RSL Club Auditorium.

To register your attendance please email [simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au](mailto:simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au)

## **Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Jerilderie**

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

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches on Wednesday November 4 at the Monash Room (behind the library) from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David on 0434 964764 now to reserve your place, or email [saflearnerdrivers@gmail.com](mailto:saflearnerdrivers@gmail.com)



## Code of conduct for school students on buses



### Disembarking the bus:

All students are to remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop. Leave the bus in a walking manner, quietly and calmly ensuring you do not disrupt other passengers.

You **MUST** remain on the side of the road you have disembarked from until the bus has left the stop, only then when it is safe to cross the road please do so with care. If a child walks out in front or behind the bus, oncoming traffic will not see the child, putting the child in immediate danger of being hit by another vehicle.

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures safety and comfort of the passenger and drivers in accordance with Transport for NSW published Code of Conduct. This includes:

### Behaving appropriately:

- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (eg: no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission.
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (eg: where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Keep arms, legs and head inside the bus at all times
- Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver unless it is an emergency.
- Respect bus property
- Ensure that the bus is NOT vandalised
- Report any vandalism, eg graffiti and window etching

For further information please visit:

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)

Or contact:

Baldwins Buses 035874 3355

# Finley Pool Survey

Finley Community Pool is run by a group of concerned individuals to benefit the community.

We are planning for the upcoming season and would really like to meet your needs. In order to best do this we need your thoughts and feedback.

Please complete the following and return to your school, Angels Be Hair Salon or email to [finleypoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:finleypoolcommittee@gmail.com)

1. How many people are in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How often do you use the pool? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you purchase a season ticket? YES/NO

Season tickets can be paid off. You pay entry to the pool until the season ticket price has been reached. Then you and your family are issued with season tickets.

4. Preferred Opening hours

We are planning on opening on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Entry over this weekend is free. During the Christmas holidays times will be flexible and we would like to have morning swimming times; we would appreciate your input. We will confirm times through the SRN and on the pool notice board. We could email you if you like.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred opening hours:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you use the Learn to Swim program offered by Sport and Recreation? YES/NO

Would additional Learn to Swim Lessons, eg after school at the end of November/beginning of December, be valued by you? YES/NO

6. Suggested Improvements

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Other comments

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Finley Pool Committee thanks you for taking the time to complete this survey and return it to us. We are looking forward to an enjoyable swimming season.





# Finley Swimming Pool

OPENING Saturday

14<sup>th</sup> November 2015

1pm till 5pm

weather permitting

Entry to the pool

will be free

on this weekend.



## 2016 International Children's Games – New Taipei

### *Expressions of Interest – Athletics Team*

The City of New Taipei is hosting the International Children's Games 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016. For children aged 12 years to 15 years of age the ICG is the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Athletes must be no older than 15 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

A team of athletes are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience.

Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of up to 5 female and 5 male athletes. We are seeking youth who live in and/or attend school in the Berrigan Shire who are interested in trying out for this once in a lifetime experience.

### Information Session

When: 23<sup>rd</sup> of October

Where: Finley Recreation Reserve

Time: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

We would love any interested athletes, parents or guardians to attend to find out more information about selections, training commitments and associated costs.

Any questions, please contact Rick Gardiner on 0438 852 677





Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Memorial Park

9:30 am registration

10:30 am start

BBQ

RAFFLE

# DHS COLOUR RUN



*For Beyond Blue*

Family - \$50

Per Person - \$15

Under 14 - \$10



**wear protective eyewear**

Contact: Kylie Barker (0407185830)



# Finley Public School

Presents

# Cinderella & Rockerfella

**A modern day twist on the classic  
fairy tale**

When: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Time: 11:30am - Matinee

6:30pm - Main Performance

Where: Finley High School Hall

**Come and see the  
'Greatest Show in Town'**



## ASPECT NSW

### in Finley

TUESDAY DEC 1ST  
4-6PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2ND  
9.30—11AM

### INFORMATION AND QUESTION TIME

UNITING CHURCH HALL  
CORNER COREE AND WOLLAMAI ST,  
FINLEY 2713

*ALL FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS WELCOME*

*BOOKINGS REQUIRED*

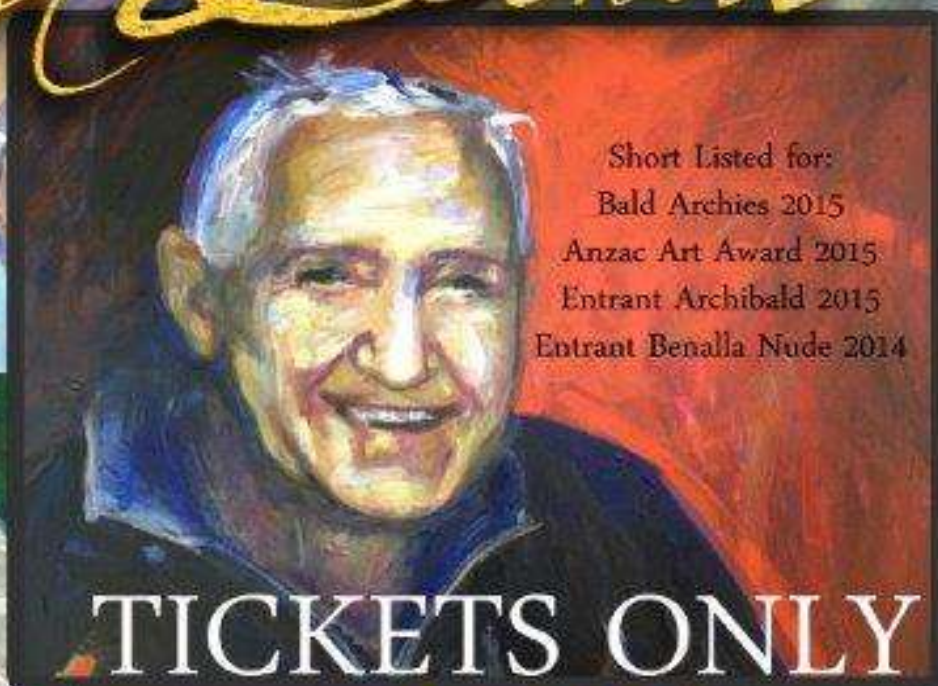
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0407 503 902



# ST. JOSEPH'S JERILDERIE FUNDRAISER

a  
*Painted Portrait  
of your choice by*

*Roslyn Lockhart*



Short Listed for:  
Bald Archies 2015  
Anzac Art Award 2015  
Entrant Archibald 2015  
Entrant Benalla Nude 2014

## TICKETS ONLY

### \$5.00

Ticket enquiries? Contact  
St Joseph's P.S. 03 58861 475

Prize value \$650\*

*Drawn Presentation Night*

\*Price for one portrait  
(additional faces can be negotiated with the artist)  
Drawn Mid-December 2015





## Stepping Stones Triple P



### Does your child have a disability?

Is this you? Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, **The Berrigan Shire Council Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS)** invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE : **Primary Care Group Triple P Stepping Stones**

**Where:** The Finley Library meeting room, 223-229 Murray Street Finley 2713  
You have the opportunity to attend either the day session or the night session. This accommodates for the varying needs of families

Dates : October 28 <sup>th</sup>	times 10am -12	7pm -9pm
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	7pm -9pm
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12	7pm - 9pm
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am- 12	7pm - 9pm

A short survey (approximately 20mins of time ) will need to be filled out prior to commencing the course

Contact Your local ECIS manager - Margaret Graham  
Ph : 0358 885 188  
Mobile :0407 503 902  
Email : [margaretg@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:margaretg@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au)



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