

# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

**Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson** 

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

KEY DATES		
November		
December		
3	Year Six into Year Seven 2016	
	Orientation Day.	
9	P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff	
	common room	
10	Presentation Night, 7pm in the	
	school hall.	
16	Students last day of Term Four	
17 - 18	Staff Development Days.	
January		
27	Staff Development Day	
28	Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve	
	commence school	
29	All students attend school.	
February		
8-10	Year Seven Camp	
11	Swimming Carnival	
17	Year Seven Parent BBQ	

#### **Principal's Report**

#### We have rolled over

Last week saw the successful roll over of the school. Students began new subjects in new classes with new teachers. It hasn't been without its glitches. For some students, the changes have been unsettling while for others the change came as a relief. The same is true for the teachers. It is a difficult time of the year for everyone to keep energised and rolling over is one way we have of keeping charged until the end of the year.

Unfortunately, there have been some staffing changes since the planning of this timetable began in Term Three. This will result in some major changes being made to the timetable for the start of next year. The timetable team will work on this in the last few weeks of term. Be aware that this may change some teachers in some classes at the start of 2016. However, we will keep this to a minimum.

#### Sport

I have had lots of positive feedback from students and parents about the changes we have made to sport. Sport is now on a Wednesday for the whole school. Mr McCarney with the support of the PE staff have spent many hours redesigning sport so that students can choose a sport that interests them. Cycling, Zumba, Band, walking, lawn bowls, fitness. weight training and pilates are just a few of the new options

available for sport. The teachers and students now have a better chance of getting a sport they enjoy. Any student who has signed up to a sport requiring payment, will have had to have their payment completed this week in order to remain in that sport. Students also have the responsibility to bring any equipment, including safety equipment that they need to complete the sport. We hope this will continue to be a positive change for sport in the school. I congratulate and thank Mr McCarney for this initiative.

#### Reports

Junior reports went home last Friday with the students. While we endeavour to produce a quality product, sometimes we make mistakes. If you have a query about your child's report, please do not hesitate in calling the school and speaking to either me or your child's year adviser.

#### AECG – Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

Next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, interested members of the community are welcome to attend a sausage sizzle to learn more about the role of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. with the view of establishing a local AECG. The evening will commence at 5:30pm at the BBQ area of Finley High School which is in the main playground. All are welcome to attend to learn more about this group and the role its members can play in the development of the school. If you are interested in attending, please call Sarah in the front office to let her know numbers for catering purposes.

#### LoveBites

Year Eleven will participate in a LoveBites program today. LoveBites is an interactive workshop discussing current social issues around healthy relationships, with a focus on Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault. We are fortunate to have twelve trained and local community service workers volunteer their time to facilitate this important program. It delivers vital messages to students on keeping themselves and others safe. ALL students in Year Eleven are expected to attend this program.

#### Kram Winners for Week 6:

I tunes – Jeremy Gastin, Max Roe, Allen Gardener

Canteen – Bailey Thornton, Nicholas Gray

Handball – Aiden Milne, Dale Bovell

Mrs Helen McRae Principal

#### **Dairy Team Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the following people for winning prizes in the Dairy Team Raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Coffee Machine – Mrs Helen McRae 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, 3 bottles of wine – Mrs Kirsty Chesworth 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, \$20 Daisy Mae's Voucher – Michelle Barnes

#### P & C News

The P & C are conducting an end of year raffle. First prize is a hamper and second prize is a picnic tray and candle set, this will be drawn at Presentation Night on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We will be selling tickets at Finley IGA on the following dates:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, if you can volunteer for an <u>hour</u> on any of these days, please phone Lynda on 58831941 or Suzanne on 0417405107.

Thank you

#### Le Tour Eiffel

As part of the "end of year" activities on Friday of Week Five, some Year Seven students who had studied French this year had the stress and fun of building a massive Eiffel Tower out of Lego. They were joined by a couple of welcome ring-ins from Year Eight. It took all day to complete, not surprising considering it has 3418 pieces! The model will be on display for the next two weeks in the front office foyer.





**Pictured left:** Thomas Apps, Saxon Burdon, Hector McLean, Jacob Turley, Alistair Bear, Cody Gow and Allan Gardiner.





#### Presentation Night and 'Waterwheel' Magazine Sponsors 2015

Finley High School sincerely thanks the following businesses for sponsoring the 2015 Presentation Night and 'Waterwheel' Magazine.

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#### Parent Line NSW

Parent Line NSW offers free professional support for NSW parents. Professional counsellors take calls 7 days a week from parents of High School-age children. For the cost of a local call from a landline, parents can ask questions about aspects of behaviour, relationships, substance use and educational concerns until 9pm every night.

Parent Line NSW is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. In the last financial year the program provided counseling, support, referrals and information to more than 7,000 people who were involved in raising a child.

Parent Line Counsellors are professional, degree-educated specialists in complex family matters and we help parents with a wide range of issues including school refusal, bullying, mental health concerns, alcohol and other drugs, technology and a breakdown in relationship between parent and child. We also provide information, useful internet resources and referrals to local services.

Our service opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. Callers can leave a message outside of these hours and they will receive a call back during the next operating period. We also provide Online Counselling three times a week.

Parenting Counsellors can be accessed on 1300 1300 52.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

#### November

20	K Litchfield
22	I Challow

- 23 J Chellew
- 24 P Neessen
- 25 N Curtin
- 26 T Roe, J John
- 27 K Arnold, Michelle McGrath
- 30 J Russell, A Lee

#### December

- 1 S Robinson
- 2 L Knight
- **3** L Bryce, S Barlow
- 4 K Litchfield

# Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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

## 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 <a href="mailto:simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au">simone.tonkin@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au</a>









# **INFO DAY 27 NOVEMBER**

#### Are you interested in studying in 2016?

Want to find out what you need to know as an employer with apprentices or trainees?

Are you eligible for Smart and Skilled training? What is Smart and Skilled?

Get all the answers you need on Friday 27 November 2015.

#### INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### You can.....

Phone or come into the Campus and .....You can be connected with a teacher for advice....

FINLEY CAMPUS 60 Denison Street FINLEY NSW 2713 We are open from 9am – 4.30pm!



### Discover what you can do

CALL 1300 TAFE RI (1300 8233 74) VISIT rit.tafensw.edu.au

# **Free Legal Advice**

# Do you have a legal issue? Need professional advice?

We can help you with things like AVO's, fines, criminal matters, discrimination, employment, rental housing issues, family & children's matters, disability advocacy and financial counselling.

# Solicitors are available for advice Wednesday 18 November

Contact Intereach for more information or to make an appointment.

Bookings are essential. Please note this will be the last face-to-face legal advice clinic available for 2015

## CONTACT

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