



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

3rd December, 2015

KEY DATES

December

- 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
- 10 P&C Meeting, 7pm in the Staff Common Room
- 11 Swimming Carnival
- 12 Day off in lieu of Swimming Carnival
- 17 Year Seven Parent BBQ
- 18 Open Boys/Girls basketball in Deniliquin
- 23 Zone Swimming in Hay

March

- 1 Open Boys/Girls Touch Rugby Finley
- 4 Riverina Swimming Carnival
- 9 P&C Meeting, 7pm in the Staff Common Room.
- 10 Open Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
- 21 Open Tennis and Bowls in Barham

Principal's Report

As 2015 draws to a rapid close, I wonder where the year has gone. So many positive things have happened at Finley High School this year and I would like to thank parents, students and staff for their ongoing support of the school.

Murray Hut CWA Tertiary Scholarship – 2016

Last night I was invited to attend the final meeting of the year of the Murray Hut CWA.

At the meeting, they offered to provide a \$1000 scholarship for a **female student** in Year Twelve to commence tertiary studies in 2016 in **the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**. This could include all the health sciences, agricultural sciences, animal sciences, computer technology, food technology, robotics, nursing, sports sciences, psychology as well as the more traditional STEM courses.

All written applications should be submitted to me, Mrs McRae, before 5 pm on Wednesday December 16, 2015.

The application should address the following criteria:

1. The STEM related course that you intend to study.
2. Why you want to study the particular course chosen.
3. How \$1000 will assist you in the first year of tertiary study.
4. What your future career aspirations may be post tertiary study?
5. Include a personal reference and final Year 12 school report.

This scholarship is for a hardworking student with a passion in their chosen area of study and not necessarily the person with the best HSC results. All women intending to go to TAFE or university to study in any of the STEM areas are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at school on Friday 18th December.

Should you require any further details, please contact me at the school.

I am thrilled to be able to offer this scholarship on behalf of the Murray Hut branch of the CWA and thank them most sincerely for their generosity and support of education at Finley High School. This is a substantial scholarship and should go a long way to supporting one of our students make the huge transition into tertiary studies.

Donation Thanks

I would also like to thank the Murray Hut CWA Branch for their large donation to the Finley High School Brekky Club. On Wednesday mornings students are able to share breakfast at school courtesy of the generosity of local community donations. This generous donation will ensure the brekky club can continue to operate in 2016.

Expression of Interest

We have a number of temporary positions in the school which need to be filled each year. These positions now need to be advertised each year for the following year. I am therefore seeking expressions of interest for teaching and non-teaching positions at Finley High School for 2016. If you are interested, please submit your Curriculum Vitae, with names of two referees, marked "Confidential" to the school by close of business on Wednesday 9th December, 2015.

A.E.C.G. – Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

Last Thursday a number of interested Aboriginal families gathered together at the school to discuss the formation of an A.E.C.G. in the Finley area. Those in attendance were keen to establish an association, and will meet again early in 2016 to progress the idea further. If you wish to find out more information about the A.E.C.G., feel free to contact Matt Daniels, the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer on (02) 6961 8118.

Formal Assembly

At this week's Formal Assembly, over two hundred and fifty awards were presented to students across the school. I congratulate each of the students who achieved an award and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements throughout this term. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend these events to celebrate the achievements of our students.

I know that it is a busy time of year but I hope that you have marked Presentation Night on your calendars – next Thursday, 10 December for a 7 pm start.

Senior Leadership Group 2016

At yesterday's formal assembly I was proud to present the senior leadership group to the school. They will work with Jodi Brown to promote positive school experiences for all our students. The 2016 Senior Leaders will be our four captains (Jorja Daniel, Grant-Patrick Smith, Chelsea Dempster and Joshua Barrett) along with Alysha Knight, Zoe Stephens, Tamara Podesta, Leah Dalgliesh, Tyson Peters, Caitlin Pettit, Cameron Isedale, Callum Robertson, Abbey Taylor, Li'i Vitale, Georgia McGrath.

I look forward to working alongside these leaders over the coming year.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholars

Two students have been awarded a Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship for their studies in Years Eleven and Twelve. Courtney Sexton and Cody Anderson were selected from over 1800 students across Victoria and Southern NSW to join this select team of students. They will have access to Melbourne University workshops and resources and have been recognised for their endeavour and academic achievements. I heartily congratulate them on their success.

SToMP (Student Team on Mental Positivity)

The SToMP team members are stamping their mark all over the school. Not only have they developed activities for RUOK Day and Blue Day, they are planning Inclusion Day activities for this Friday. Inclusion Day recognised the International Day of People with a Disability and lunchtime activities will take place which are centred around games that have been developed for people with a disability.

The SToMP team are innovative yet humble about their actions around the school. They have been asked by the Riverina Youth Mental Health coordinator to present their ideas and achievements at the 2016 Youth Mental Health Forum in Albury. The coordinator was extremely impressed with their approach to positive mental health in the school. They do not seek praise for their efforts, however they do deserve recognition for the great activities they inspire in the school. The team, led by Jodie and Miss Downey include Stephanie Wright, Emma Marsden, Hannah Heaney, Grace Turley, Skye Thompson and Jack Anderson.

Year Eleven – All My Own Work

All students in Year Eleven have been completing “All My Own Work” in classes this week. All My Own Work is a compulsory unit of work that students MUST complete before being eligible to commence studies in the Preliminary HSC. It is an online course that covers plagiarism and the severe consequences on plagiarism in the Preliminary and HSC course work. The Department of Education requires that all students undertake this course prior to commencing Year Eleven.

Last Day of School 2015

I remind parents that the last day of school for 2015 will be Wednesday, December 16. Lessons will continue as normal up to and including this day and it is expected that all students attend until this date.

I wish Mr and Mrs Oddie, Miss Eldridge, Mrs Fisher and Mr Lethridge every success in their future ventures and thank them sincerely for all their wonderful contributions to Finley High School.

School resumes in 2016 on Thursday, January 28 for Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve, and Friday January 29 for the rest of the school.

Have a happy and safe holiday and enjoy the Christmas Season. See you in 2016!

Helen McRae
Principal

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be held on Thursday 10th December at 7pm in the school hall. Award recipients are required to be in full school uniform and to be seated in their allocated seats by 6:50pm.

RSVP's were due today. If you have not yet RSVP'd could you please do so by tomorrow, Friday 4th December. Students who have not replied will not be allocated a seat and cannot receive their award on the night. Please contact the school office on 5883 1344 to RSVP or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Proud and Deadly Awards

On Tuesday 1st December a group of our students travelled to Deniliquin for the Proud and Deadly Awards. The awards ceremony is supported by the Department of Education and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and presented by the local district offices to recognise the achievements of Aboriginal students throughout the Riverina.

Principals and staff are asked to nominate students who have demonstrated excellence in a variety of areas. Finley High School students received the following awards:

Academic Excellence Award - Tiarna Taylor, William Burton and Vanessa Hayes-Beetson

Excellence in Performing/Creative/Visual Arts Award - Tayla Adams

Outstanding Achievement in Sport Award - Thomas Burton

Citizenship Award - Andrew Neessen, Theodora Miaoudis, Jessica Adams, Natalie Pitt and Warren Pitt

Year Twelve Completion Award - Victoria Mohr and William Burton

Mrs Brown and Mrs Jackson accompanied the students and watched with pride as they represented our school and their culture with distinction in front of family and friends. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these students and all those nominated for the Proud and Deadly Awards.



Above L-R: Andrew Neessen, Tayla Adams, Jessica Adams, Thomas Burton, William Burton, Theodora Miaoudis and Vanessa Hayes-Beetson

New Technology in the Science classroom.

This year Finley High school was able to purchase sensors and software for use in the science laboratories. These will be especially useful when used in conjunction with student laptops. These sensors and associated software will enable students to conduct a variety of experiments in the laboratory and gather data directly into their laptop. This data can then be processed using the software to produce an experimental report with a variety of display formats available. It brings us into the 21st century as we will be using the same instruments and technology found in major laboratories and industry.

BYOD – Bring Your Own Device 2016

As we draw closer to the end of the school year we are preparing for the introduction of BYOD to bring technology back into learning at Finley High School. This will place a lot of responsibility on students to maintain and look after their

technology. We will be placing an emphasis on respect for other people's property and be encouraging students to take extra care of their equipment.

Simple things like not leaving their bag in the playground while they go to the oval to kick the football will prevent bags from being moved, lost or damaged. Students are encouraged to utilise lockers that can be hired for \$5 a year. This hire fee will be used to have all the lockers cleaned and maintained every year.

A suggestion has been made that students should bring their laptops to school in a different bag, away from the rest of their school equipment. This would separate their laptop from their backpack which does not offer a great deal of protection. This bag could then be put in the lockers.

Next year students will be given a sheet of instructions which will guide them through the simple process of connecting to the school network. The vast majority of students will be able to do this without assistance. Mrs Close and Mr Tessier will be available to assist any students who have connection problems or students who do not feel confident in making the connection.

Year Seven students will probably not get much opportunity to utilise their laptops until week four as they will have their trip to Howman's Gap and the Swimming Carnival in week three.

TAS Department

This semester in Mrs Street's Year Eight Technology Mandatory class students have been planning and designing model chicken coops. They have also been responsible for raising chickens from the egg through to hatching and beyond.



Mrs Street and Ms Brain's Years Nine and Ten Food Technology classes have been looking at celebrations for special occasions around the world. The students were involved in the preparation of a BBQ with their class mates to demonstrate how Australian's often choose to celebrate occasions such as, Australia Day and Christmas.



Career News

Regional Campus Tour

On Tuesday 10th November a group of Year Eleven and Twelve students travelled to Albury Wodonga to investigate some of the local tertiary options available. Students sat in on presentations and did campus and accommodation tours of LaTrobe Wodonga, CSU Albury Thurgoona and Wodonga TAFE. This gave many of them an insight as to what course options are available, what accommodation on campus looked like – including the drop toilets at CSU and some of the issues involved in the transitioning from school to Tertiary education. The two Universities provided a sensational morning tea and lunch which was appreciated by all. Hopefully this will set some aspirations in place for future career options.



Above: Paige Nash in the Physio Department



Above: Ally Barry investigating the nursing unit



Above: Students listening to a Hospitality talk at Wodonga TAFE.



Above: Alysha Knight, Georgia McGrath, Leah Dalglish, Maddison Haintz and Zoe Stephens at Latrobe University

Careers Adviser Melbourne Tour

During Week Seven, Careers Advisers from the local districts participated in professional development training in Melbourne. As a part of this training they investigated vocational education options for students at Holmesglen TAFE, The Gordon Institute of TAFE and Polytechnic. Resources are now available in the careers room for these institutions, all of which offer great training options from Certificates through to Diploma courses. They also provide state of the art facilities and two of them have fantastic on-campus accommodation, which is rare for most TAFE's but invaluable for our regional students looking to train at TAFE level.

As part of the new ASPIRE early entry programs that focus on volunteering - the careers advisers also looked at volunteering organisations and actually volunteered at the FOOD SHARE kitchen where they assisted with the production of over 1400 sausage rolls and over 1400 quiches all made from rescued or donated food. Fareshare is a not for profit food rescue organisation. With the help of volunteers they prepare and cook 25,000 meals each week for charity organisations. Fareshare also offer school students the opportunity of volunteering in small groups. Students are also educated on food rescue and the reality of hunger in our community, whilst contributing actively to support those in need.



Above: Career Advisers at Food Share

Finley High School Whole School Sport

Under the new model of whole school sport students have had opportunities to trial new and challenging sports within the local community. Students have been engaged in things like European handball, weight training, bike riding, zumba and pilates just to name a few. Several groups have been heading to HQ Gym to test their skills and fitness. This week saw the boys weights group undertake a gruelling session of soldier style bootcamp in the park. The students pressed and then ran with metal style rifles before completing a team challenge with tyres. It was great to see the boys working

hard but together on a challenge. They displayed great interpersonal skills and encouraged and motivated each other to complete the set tasks. They followed this workout with a short spin class and weights session.



The girls groups at zumba worked equally hard on perfecting their dance style moves. This group is instructed by one of Finley High Schools own students Jess Lock and her confidence leading the group is inspiring to many of the younger girls.



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 is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. In the last financial year the program provided counselling, 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....

December

4	K Litchfield
7	L Whiley, J Orro
8	C Alexander
9	H Harris
10	L Bryce
11	C Moloney
14	Kaylene and Bernadette
15	Kaylene and Bernadette
16	Kaylene and Bernadette

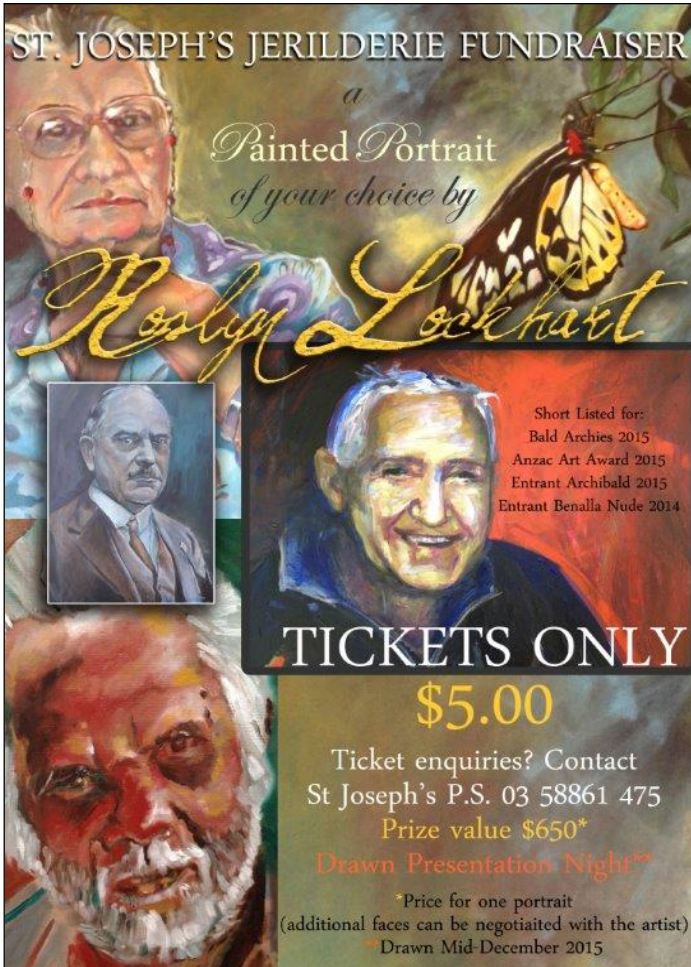
Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 9th December 2015
7pm in the staff common room.

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

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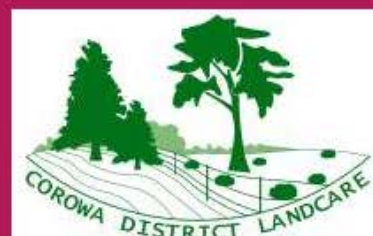
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Photography – ‘Become A Happy Snapper’

Statement of Attainment (164-20008V01)

This is a course for those who want to learn to express themselves through visual imagery or those who want to refresh their skills and techniques. ‘Be A Happy Snapper’ and capture sensational images using your camera, smartphone or tablet. Let places, people, object and nature tell their story through photographs using photographic techniques such as depth of field, light and angle

Where Barham – venue to be confirmed
Deniliquin, Finley and Hay Campuses

When Barham – 4 December 2015 & 29 January 2016
Deniliquin – 1 December 2015 & 18 January 2016
Finley – 8 December 2015 & 1 February 2016
Hay – 15 December 2015 & 9 February 2016
10.00am to 3.00pm for all locations

Photography – ‘Capture, Edit, Create’

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* May be Fee Free if you meet the following eligibility requirements: Be an Australian citizen; or permanent resident, or humanitarian visa holder, or New Zealand citizen and Be 15 years or older and Live or work in NSW* and No longer be at school. * Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students living in defined interstate NSW border areas are also eligible



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