



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mr P Velikans

12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## KEY DATES

### February

- 18** Year Seven Parents Meet and Greet BBQ. 5:30pm to 6:30pm.  
**19** Boys and Girls Open Basketball  
**24** South West Riverina Zone Swimming

### March

- 2** Immunisation – Year 7 Boys and Girls.  
**3** Open Boys and Girls Touch Football  
**6** Riverina Swimming  
**7** St Joseph's Catholic School Finley 100 year reunion  
**11** **P&C AGM 7pm in the Staff Common Room.**  
**12** Open Boys and Girls Soccer  
**16** Year Six Forensics Day  
**17** Legal Studies Excursion  
**19** School Photos  
**23** Photo catch-up day  
Tennis and Lawn Bowls  
**25** Cross Country  
**27-31** Preliminary Final Exams  
**30** Under 15's Boys and Girls Soccer in Hay

### April

- 1** Girls AFL Trials  
Berrigan Shire Employment Expo

## Principal's Message

### New Staff

We welcome to the teaching staff Mr Paul Velikans as Deputy Principal, Miss Katherine Allan-Georgas as a support teacher replacing Mrs Liz Vance and Miss Vanessa Geeves replacing Mr Rei Singsam in Music. We are still awaiting a PE teacher to replace Miss Loren Heath and are fortunate to have Mr Pat Cleal with us until 6<sup>th</sup> March to fill in. It is hoped by then we will have a new teacher.

### Year Seven Camp

Students in Year Seven returned yesterday from their camp at Howman's Gap. They wearily dragged themselves off the bus but all teachers reported that the students had a wonderful time, made new friends and were very well behaved. They particularly appreciated the students falling asleep and settling at night in record time. I would like to thank Mrs McNamara for her outstanding organisation of this excursion and thank Ms Stratton, Mrs Brown, Ms Wales, Mr Renn, Mr O'Leary and Miss Allan-Georgas for accompanying the students on their adventures.

### Twilight Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will commence in full today around 2:30pm. Students will have a short lunch at the usual time and proceed to the pool. The carnival should be over by 7:30pm when buses should be picking up students to take them to their towns. There they will be dropped off centrally to await collection. A note about this was given to all students last week.

## **Chilled water**

The chilled water system was installed in the first week of term. Students have been encouraged to fill their drink bottles throughout the day to stay hydrated in the hot weather. On behalf of all the students, I extend a big thank you to the 2014 Student Representative Council and the Finley High School P&C for providing funds for this to be installed.

## **Sick Bay**

I would like to remind students that if they are sick, students should go to sick bay. Mrs Braine will assess the student and phone parents if necessary to collect their child from sick bay.

I would ask parents not to make arrangements to pick up their sick students if they themselves phone home as the school must keep records of when students leave the school. I seek the support of parents in referring their sick child to sick bay should they call home themselves.

## **Youth/Harmony Day**

Students in the Student Representative Council are busy organising Youth and Harmony Day activities. These will include a Year Twelve versus staff soccer match, "Minute to Win it" activities, sport and an amazing race. The SRC will give students more details on Assembly each Tuesday leading up to the events.

## **Learning Centre**

I am thrilled to announce that in 2015, we will establish a Learning Centre for students in the Library. Amanda Street and Anne Braybon will work together to establish the centre and the protocols surrounding its use. Based on a model we saw at Rooty Hill High School in 2014, the Learning Centre will cater for students who need support completing assignments, organising themselves or just understanding work covered in class. The teachers will also work with students in Years Nine to Twelve to develop positive study and learning habits and will work with referred students on utilising the "Super Six" strategies to improve learning. It may also be a centre where students can extend their learning by working on projects and extension tasks set by their teachers.

Anne and Amanda will work together this term to promote and establish the centre which I hope will begin operation at the start of next term.

## **Interim Reports**

Interim College reports should be distributed in Week Five to all Senior students. This will give parents and students an indication of how they are travelling in the Preliminary course. Parents can contact their teachers for follow up interviews if they are concerned or have any questions about their students' progress. End of Preliminary Exams are scheduled for Week Nine and Week 10.

## **Year Seven Parent BBQ**

I would like to remind all Year Seven students and their parents that they are invited to attend a welcome BBQ next Wednesday evening at the school. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teachers in an informal and social way. The evening will start at 5:30pm. If you wish to attend, please let the front office know so we can ensure everyone is catered for.

## School Improvement Plan Update

On the first day of term, teachers brainstormed ideas for discussion under our three Strategic Areas of Learning, Teaching and Wellbeing. They then broke into three groups to further discuss and prioritise ideas which we may be able to pursue as a school to improve the education of our students.

Several teachers have volunteered to form writing teams to develop these ideas, and the ideas gathered from our discussions with parents and students last year. If you are interested in being a part of one of the writing teams, please call me or email me. We hope to have a day for each team to form these ideas into our school improvement plan later in the term. Input from any interested parent or community member will always be welcome.

## Help wanted

The P&C are involved in raising funds for the school by catering for the St Joseph's 100 year reunion on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Organisers anticipate 250 – 300 people to be in attendance. We therefore need parents, friends and students to help with food preparation and service in order to get the food out as quickly as possible. If you are able to assist, please contact Suzanne Robertson as soon as possible on 05 5885 9229.

## P&C AGM

The AGM for the P&C will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm in the staff common room in the administration building of the school. All parents are encouraged to attend to find out more about how the P&C operates and contribute to building a better school for our kids.

Helen McRae  
Principal

## Student Representative Council

2014 was an excellent fundraising year for the SRC through cake stalls, ice-cream stalls, junior and senior socials.

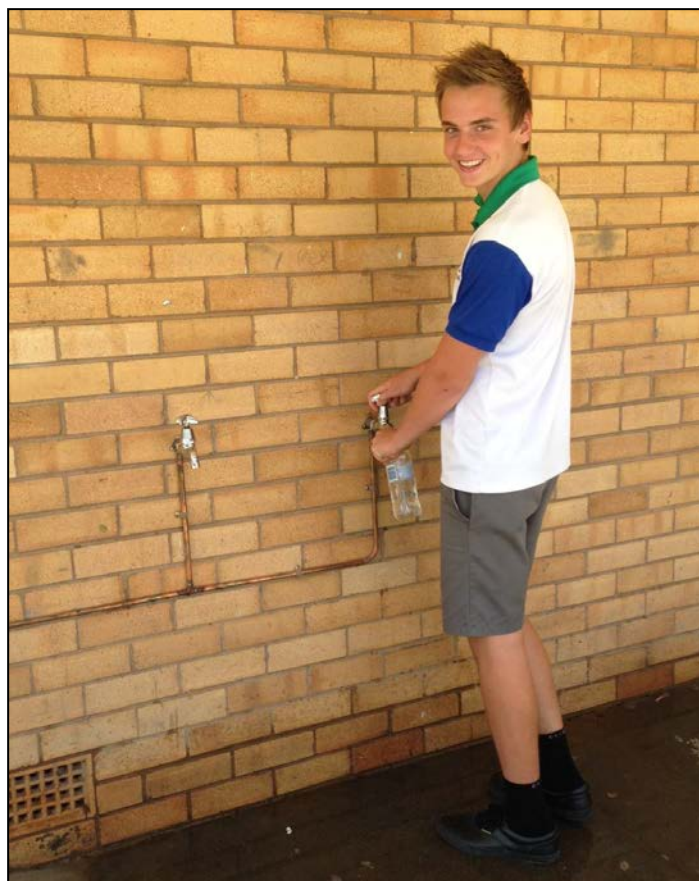
The SRC with a little bit of help from the P&C have been able to purchase and install a filtered cold water system outside the gym that all students and staff can access.

We would like to thank the canteen ladies for continually filling water coolers for many years for students to have access to cold water.

The SRC would like to thank everyone for their on-going support of the activities we hold and we hope the water system is used appropriately in appreciation of our efforts.

Pictured Right: Kayden Sharp filling up his drink bottle.

Courtney Sexton  
Year Ten SRC Representative



## Finley High School Homework Policy and Tips For Better Learning

Being organised and responsible for yourself is an important part of growing up. Parents and students please take note of the following responsibilities which we expect all students to follow. This becomes increasingly important once students become seniors if they are to succeed in their studies.

### Student Responsibilities

- Come to all lessons with the right gear, ready to learn. Anyone interrupting the learning of others will be removed from the classroom.
- Miss as few lessons as possible. If you miss a lesson you must borrow another student's book and catch up the work. It is also your responsibility to check with your teacher for any hand out sheets or assessment notices if you miss a lesson.
- **Homework is compulsory. If you miss the due date you will be required to do it at lunchtime. If you miss or are late with three lots of homework you will receive an official warning letter.**

The most successful students are the ones who follow these basic responsibilities or negotiate with their teachers if special circumstances arise.

Tricia Jackson  
Head Teacher HSIE

### Careers News

Year Eleven students have been doing some personality testing to identify careers that best match their personalities. Students have been identified as one of sixteen personality types with most showing a dominant style and a back-up style. In class students have worked through the strengths associated with style as well as looking at careers that are well suited to each style. Students will also be bringing home a parent guide that if you have a chance is worth discussing with your child.

This comprehensive PARENTS GUIDE introduces parents to their child's personal style and provides practical suggestions on how to develop harmonious and stimulating relationships where children are encouraged to be the best they can be.

Parent Guides include:

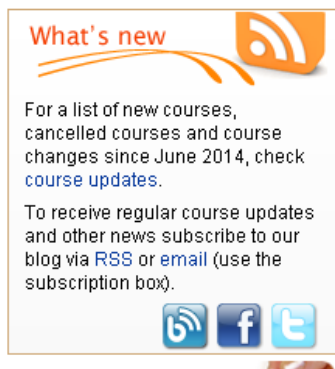
- Your child's personality style
- How to create a positive climate at home
- How to help your child develop and learn
- How to communicate with your child and improve relationships
- How to relate to difficult children
- How to encourage your child to be the best they can be

# Careers

## Year 12

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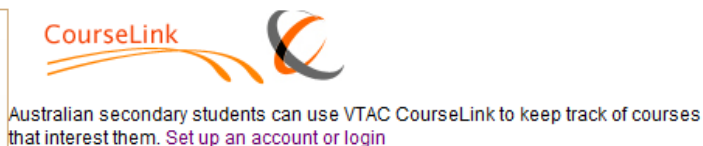


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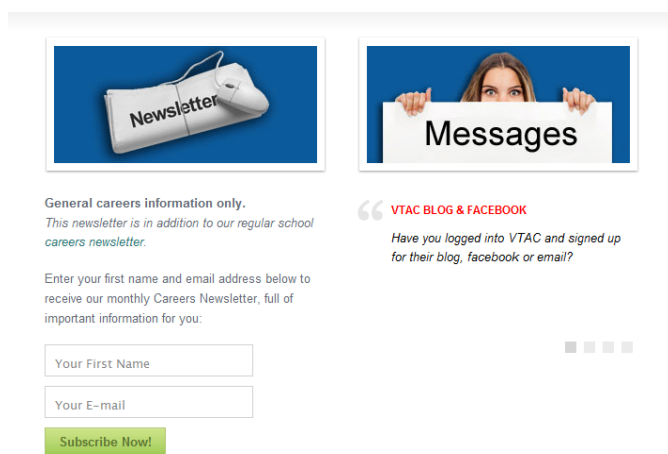
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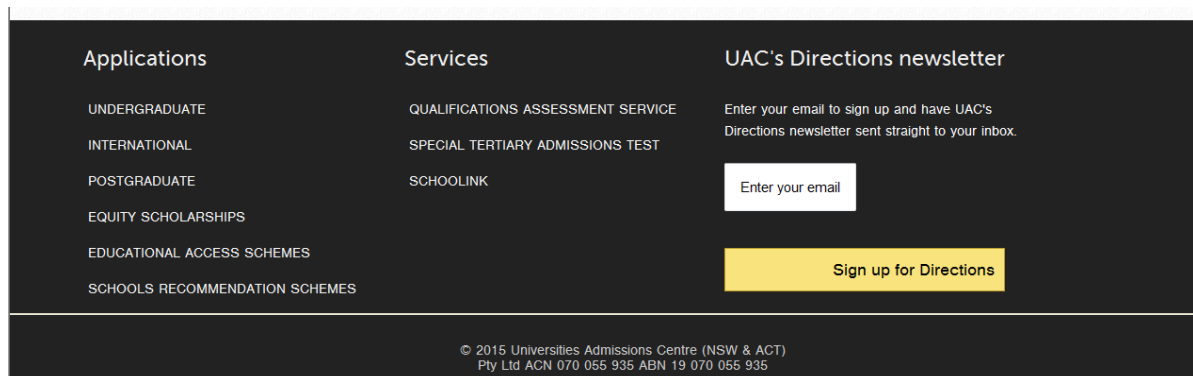
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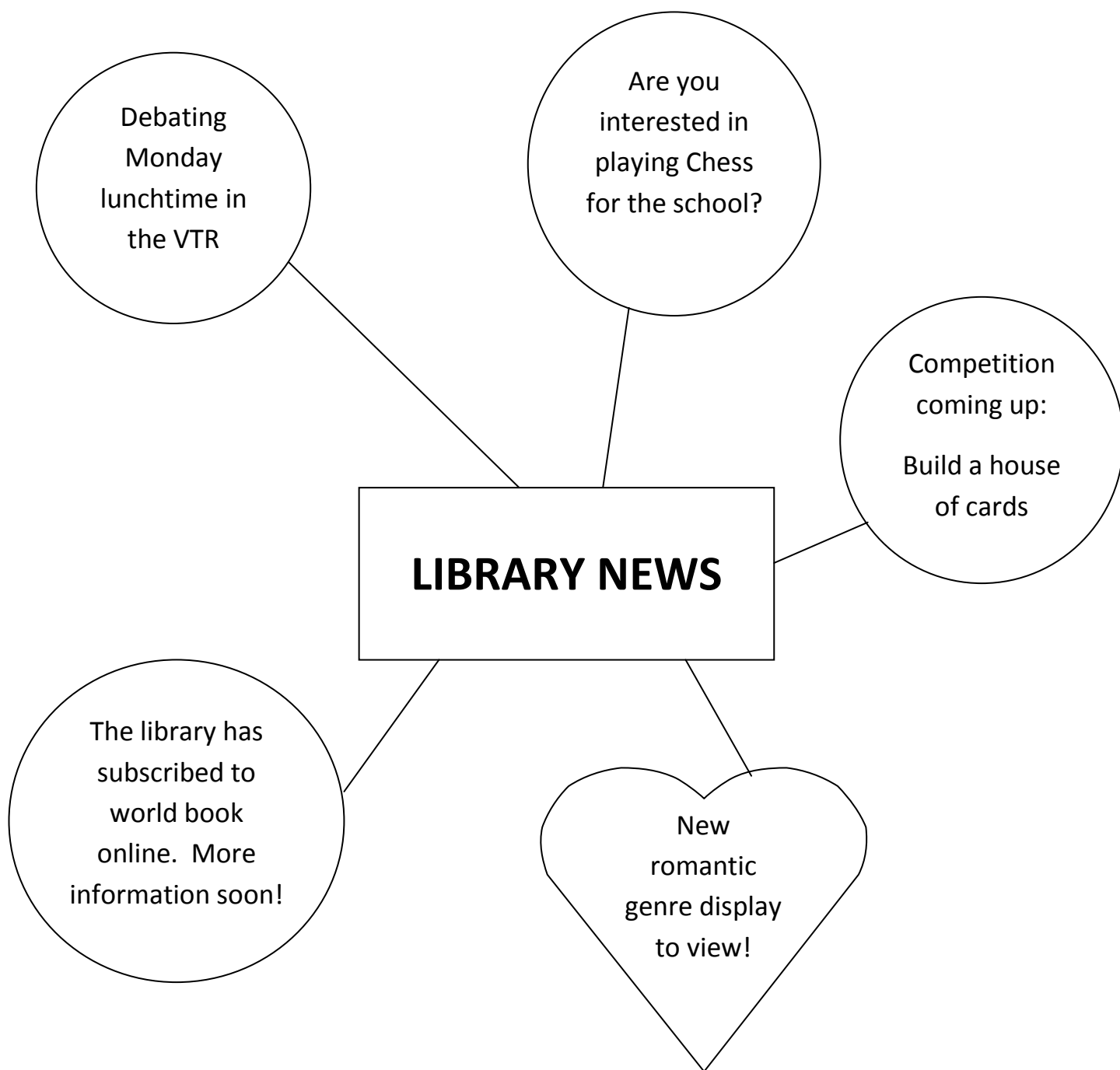
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## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### February

13	SWIMMING CARNIVAL
16	D Pyke, K Lunn
17	S Aull
18	N Curtin
19	G Smith
20	D Thomas, J Congdon
23	M Read
24	G Ferguson, T Roe
25	L Knight
26	T Simpson
27	T Jones, G Gale

## Finley High School P&C AGM

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

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

## Helpers Needed

The Finley High School P&C is catering for the  
St Joseph's 100 year reunion on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

We need parents, friends and students to  
help with food preparation and service.

If you are able to assist please  
contact Suzanne Robertson on 03 5885 9229

# Finley High School – 2015 Summer Menu

	<b>Rolls</b>	<b>Sandwiches</b>	<b>Tubs of Salad</b>	
Chicken Salad	\$4.50	\$4.20	Roast Chicken	\$4.20
Ham Salad	\$4.00	\$3.40	Ham	\$3.70
Tuna Salad	\$4.30	\$3.80	Tuna	\$4.20
Salad (no meat)	\$4.00	\$3.40	Salad (no meat)	\$3.70
Tuna	\$3.70	\$3.70	Extra beetroot, mayo and carrot	\$0.40
Roast Chicken	\$3.70	\$3.70		
Ham	\$3.20	\$3.20		
Cheese	\$2.40	\$2.40		
Tomato	\$2.20	\$2.20		
Egg/Curried	\$2.20	\$2.20		
Vegemite	\$1.70	\$1.70		
Peanut Butter	\$1.70	\$1.70		
Ham and Cheese	\$3.40	\$3.40		
Buttered	\$1.40			
 <b>Wraps</b>				
Roast Chicken	\$4.50			
Ham	\$4.00			
 <b>Hot</b>				
Chicken Burger	\$4.80			
Hot Dogs	\$3.50			
+ Cheese	\$3.80			
Chicken Wrap	\$4.20			
 <b>Toasted sandwiches</b>				
Ham and cheese	\$3.50			
Cheese	\$3.00			
			 <b>Recess</b>	
			Cheesemite	\$2.80
			Cheese and bacon rolls	\$1.20
			Hedgehog (Mon-Fri) small	\$1.40
			large	\$2.80
			Coffee Scrolls (Tues & Thurs)	\$2.00
			Apple Slice (Tues & Thurs)	\$2.80
			Vanilla Slice (Wed)	\$2.80
			Large flavoured milk	\$3.60
			Long life flavoured milk	\$2.00
			Large orange juice	\$2.00
			Small orange juice	\$1.50
			Medium orange and mango juice	\$1.20
			Flavoured drink large	\$2.50
			Water	\$1.50
			Plain milk	\$1.50
			Sport Water	\$2.00
			 <b>Chew Bars – at lunch time</b>	 \$1.00
			<b>JJ's (flavoured) &amp; Chips</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>





# Community Announcements

## Community Transport

A new community transport service for the Berrigan and Jerilderie Shires will commence operating on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 and continue on the first and third Thursday of month. The bus will pick up from Jerilderie, Berrigan, Finley, Tocumwal, Barooga and arrive at Cobram at 10.50am, it will then leave Cobram at 2.30pm for the return journey. The cost is \$10 for the return trip and bookings are essential. For more information contact: Lockhart & District Community Services Phone 02 6920 4162.

## Intereach Ability Links NSW

Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities.

Ability Links assists people with disability to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. Ability Links also supports those communities to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.

Ability Links co-ordinators, known as the 'linkers' work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, goals and hopes, and help make these possible. Linkers work in partnership with people with a disability, placing them at the very centre of decision making about how they want to live their lives.

Community members, clubs, groups and businesses can also contact a Linker for information or support to be as inclusive and welcoming for people with disability as possible. For more information please email [abilitylinks@intereach.com.au](mailto:abilitylinks@intereach.com.au) or call the Deniliquin office on (03) 58905200



The Lions Clubs of Berrigan, Deniliquin, Finley, Jerilderie, Oaklands and Tocumwal in conjunction with Lions International and Beyond Blue invite you to a

**Mental Health Forum**  
**Sunday February 22 at 1.30pm**  
**Berrigan War Memorial Hall,**  
**Chanter Street, Berrigan**

Two Guest Speakers  
Health Professionals will be present for consultation  
Afternoon tea will be provided

**For further information contact**  
**5885 2519**

## Cobram Amateur Basketball Association 2015 Autumn Registration Nights

Registrations for the Autumn 2015 season will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm to 7pm at the Cobram Sports Stadium Campbells Road for juniors and adults. The season is planned to start the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

Registrations this season will again be done online and payment of fees will be via credit card at time of registration. Cost is \$60 for all players, which includes \$40 for BVC affiliation and insurance. For more information regarding registrations please contact Rod Armstrong on 0418 148 942 or email [jenrod@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jenrod@bigpond.net.au)

Free skill sessions will also be offered for younger children on Tuesday nights. This is aimed at children aged 6-9 years of age who are not playing, but is open to all children playing in the junior competition who may want to improve their skills. If anyone is interested please respond to Rod Armstrong via email or phone.

## **Uarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre Presents 3 v 3 Basketball Competition**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10 am at the Deniliquin Sports Stadium, Deniliquin will be hosting an inaugural 3 vs 3 basketball competition.

- Registration is free (closes 13<sup>th</sup> February),
- ages 16 + for the basketball games
- There will be a 12 – 16 age comp for the younger kids.
- For more information contact Jake on 5881 3312

## **Goulburn Valley Football Umpires Association**

Umpiring Australian Rules Football as a field, goal or boundary is a most rewarding experience. Girls and boys are most welcome. If you would like to have a try at umpiring please call now and we will send an information package out to you.

Greg Sidebottom 0419 154 097 or 5831 5121 or email [sidebott@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sidebott@bigpond.net.au)

## **Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)**

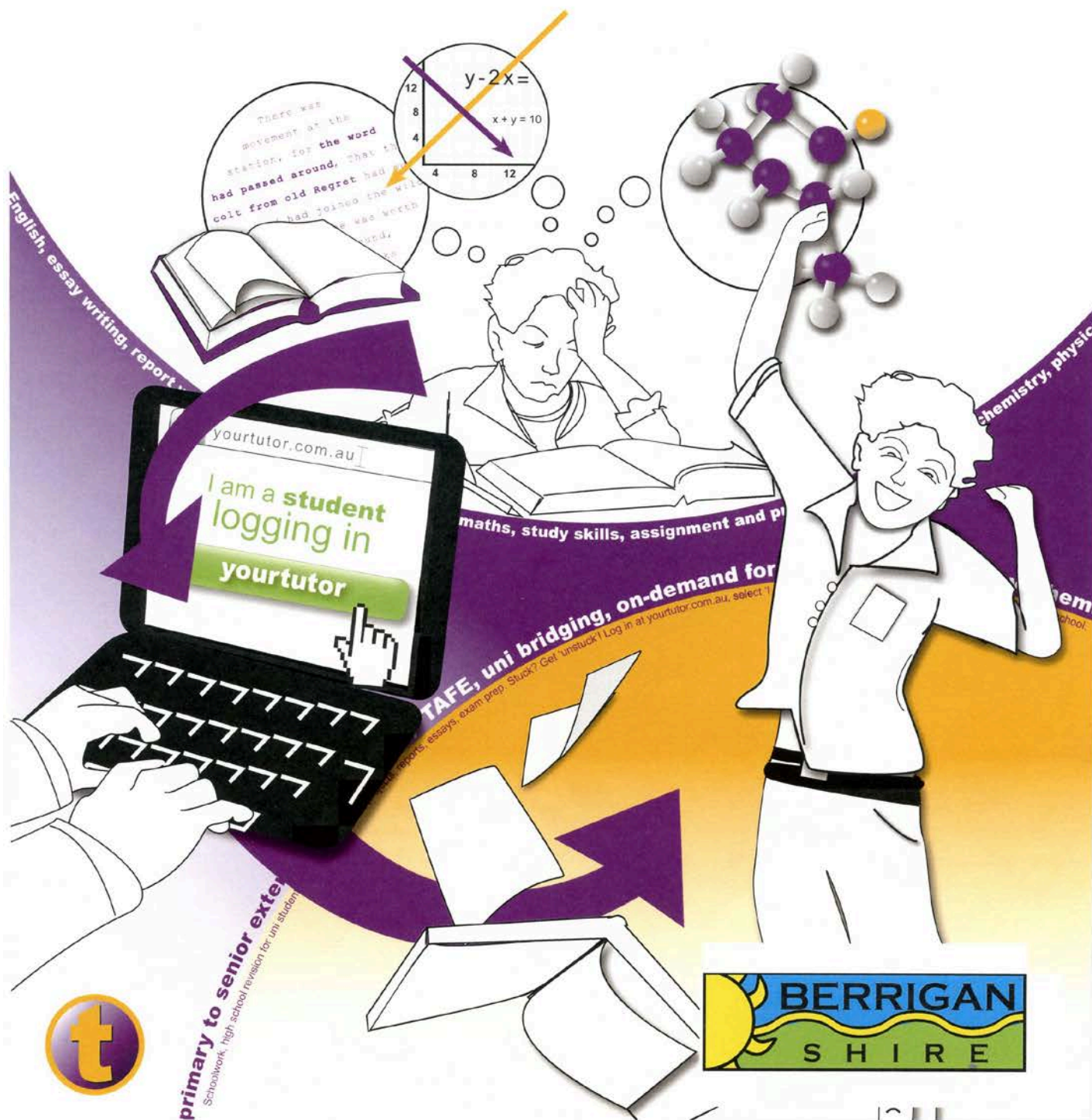
419 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets are holding an information and recruitment night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 at 6:45pm to 9:30pm at 110 Sobraon Street Shepparton.

For more information please call Barry Spencer on 0417 532 275

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