



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

## KEY DATES

### May

- 7-8 Year Twelve Tertiary Tour
- 11 Athletics Carnival
- 13 P&C Meeting, 7pm staff common room
- 12-15 NAPLAN
- 19 Under 15 boys and girls AFL and Swan Shield at Barham.
- 20 MADDD Night
- 21 Year Nine Charles Sturt University Future Moves Workshop at Finley High School.
- 29 Zone Athletics.

### June

- 3 ICAS Science Competition  
Year Six Open Night commencing at 5:30pm.  
Brainstorm production
- 4 Under 15's Basketball in Deniliquin.
- 8 Queen's Birthday
- 9-10 HSC Mid-Course HSC Exams
- 12 Riverina Cross Country
- 15-19 Year Ten Work Experience
- 16 ICAS Spelling Competition

## Principal's Report

As Term Two gets into full swing we find more and more activities are happening in which the students are encouraged to be involved. Below are just some of the great things that have happened at Finley High School in the past two weeks.

### ANZAC Day

A huge thank you to the over 150 students who donned their school uniforms on an overcast Saturday morning to march in the ANZAC day marches in Tocumwal, Berrigan, Jerilderie and Finley. I was very proud to march alongside the Finley High School students who represented their school with the dignity and respect the occasion deserved.





Above and below: students participating in the ANZAC march in Tocumwal.



## Riverina Representatives

Six students have been successful in their selection to Riverina sporting teams to compete against other regional teams at the NSW state championships later this term. They are:

- Kayden Sharp and Zec Cuppens who will represent the Riverina in Under 15s football at state;
- Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Kiara Keating and Courtney Sexton who will represent the Riverina in Under 16's Football at state; and
- Ashleigh O'Leary who will represent the Riverina in the Open Girls State Netball Championships.

Finley High School congratulates these students and wishes them every success at their respective state carnivals.

## Equestrian

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, a team of students represented Finley High School at equestrian events in Tatura. Meg and Emma Marsden, Georgia Lunn, Kitty Lawton, Alex Williams and Liberty Ford-Jenkins competed with and against other teams. They had mixed success but all girls once again represented the school with enthusiasm and pride. I congratulate them all on their achievements.

## Public Speaking

Yesterday, Chloe O'Bryan and Chelsea Dempster travelled to Albury to compete in the Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking Competition. They competed with other students across the Riverina delivering an eight minute prepared speech and then a three minute impromptu speech which was on the topic: "Get the message". Both girls spoke with clarity and enthusiasm.

The overall winner for the day was Chelsea and Chloe was runner up. This is an outstanding achievement for both girls who are a credit to themselves, the school and their families. I wish Chelsea well in the next stage of the competition when she represents the Riverina in the State finals in Sydney. This continues our fine tradition of excellence in public speaking under the guidance and encouragement of Mrs McNaught. Congratulations!

Pictured right: Chelsea Dempster and Chloe O'Bryan.



## Other Events

Other events over the past two weeks have included Year Seven immunisation, Year Ten exams, Combined High School football for senior boys and girls as well as squash for senior boys and girls, Year Ten Careers day out in Shepparton and the Year Twelve Tertiary Tour of Melbourne. A report should be ready on these career activities for the next newsletter.

## Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to the Finley Community Help Group, Endeavour Street, for their generous donation to the school last week. Through their volunteer work they have donated \$2000 which was delivered to the school last week by Kaylene Dawe. We are looking at purchasing some more seating for the students in the playground or renovating a garden. This was a very unexpected surprise and we are very grateful to the team from the Finley Second Hand Shop for their generosity.

## Parent/Teacher Evening

It was terrific to see so many parents coming to meet and talk with their child's teachers last Wednesday evening. Parent/teacher evenings are an important way to stay connected with what your child is learning at school. Teachers enjoy talking about their students just as much as parents enjoy learning about their child's progress. If you couldn't make it to this Parent/Teacher evening, I hope that you will be able to make it to the next one later in the year. Otherwise, if you wish to know anything at all about your child's education, please contact their Year Adviser or their subject specific teacher at school to make an appointment.

## Uniform

The cooler weather has at last come to Finley and students are looking for jumpers to wear. Please be aware that the **green woollen jumper, green windcheater or the Senior School rugby jumpers are the only acceptable jumpers to wear**. Riverina or state hoodies are not school uniform, so please do not allow your child to wear these to school.

**Leggings are not, and never have been acceptable school uniform.** Girls should be wearing black trousers or black jeans. Girls wearing leggings are not complying with the school dress code. Please ensure you purchase the appropriate uniform for your child.

Sports uniforms are black shorts or tracksuit pants with a plain white t-shirt. Some students feel they do not need to comply with this uniform. That is not the case. Letters will be sent home informing you if your child is in the wrong uniform. Please insist that your child bring and wear appropriate uniform and equipment to school to enable them to participate in all planned school activities.

## Athletics Carnival

The Finley High School athletics carnival will be held next Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is one of the best days on the school calendar and **all students are expected to attend**. Being involved in these activities is not only good for the health of the students, but it gives them opportunities to mix socially with their friends and to make new ones. Students should come to school dressed in their house colours, bring warm clothes, sunscreen and water. The students proceed to the Recreation Reserve after roll call where a canteen will operate and Year Twelve will operate a barbecue.

## Study Skills

Remember to access the online interactive study skills handbook to assist all students in developing effective study habits. This resource was purchased for 2015 by the school and can be accessed by all students in any year at any time by logging onto:

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

username: finleyhs

password: 54success

## KRAM Winners

Congratulations to last week's KRAM winners:

I-Tunes vouchers – Bohdi Beasley, Tani Taylor, Kayden Sharp

Canteen vouchers – Tayla Cicolini, Caitlyn Pettit

Handballs – Jemma Lostroh, Sarah Haynes

Helen McRae

Principal

## Finley High School Breakfast Club

There are a number of reasons why students are unable to have a healthy breakfast at home, with the number increasing nationwide. Nearly two years ago we started requesting donations from local community organisations, clubs and businesses to help assist in developing our very own Finley High School Brekky Club. The community response has been overwhelming.

Every Wednesday morning before school Finley High School runs our Brekky Club. This is where students are provided with a healthy breakfast of toast, cereal, fruit and Milo, all free of charge. This program is all thanks to donations from local community organisations.

We are also fortunate enough to be accepted into the Kellogg's Breakfast Buddies program, which has since donated FHS boxes of Sultana Bran, Cornflakes and Rice Bubbles. The generosity of these organisations has enabled us to set up the Brekky Club and provide all students with the most important meal of the day.

We hope that with the continuing need for the provision of breakfast to our students we will continue to receive the ongoing community support to ensure the program's longevity and reach student needs.

Each week we have a great number of students and staff come along to our BBQ area for our Brekky Club. This has also been an opportunity for social interaction and positive relationship building not to mention the benefits eating a healthy breakfast has on the students both personally and academically.

There are known positives that come from eating a nutritious breakfast in regards to education including; increased learning ability, increased concentration and rewarding behavior choices. It is exciting to know members of our community support providing our youth with the opportunity to start their day with a healthy breakfast.

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer

Josh Renn  
Chaplain

## MADDD

Finley High School is going MADDD! We are excited to announce MADDD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance & Design) Night will be happening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Many of our students have been working hard to bring our schooling community a variety night, showing their amazing talents!

Tickets are on sale NOW! \$5 per ticket, under 12yrs free with supper provided. The hall will open to guests at 6.30PM. We can't wait to see you there!!



Above and below: Some photos from MADDD 2014.



Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer

## **Youth Liaison Police Officer**

Last Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, we had Senior Constable Amy Epstein come to school to talk to our Year 7 students. She was able to spend most of the day speaking and answering questions from small groups about bullying, harassment and sexting. Senior Constable Epstein was able to give our students information on the possible legal consequences of poor behaviour and negative choices. Senior Constable Epstein came last year and spoke to our other year levels. We are very grateful for the opportunity to teach our students about these issues and hope to have her back soon.

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer

## **Coffee Time**

The smell of freshly ground coffee has been wafting from Room 84 as students undertaking the VET Hospitality course have been busy practising their coffee making skills. Students have been learning about the coffee machine, grind and milk texturing as part of the unit of competency Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee. Their skills will be put to the test next week as students operate the first "Coffee Cart" morning. Good luck!

## **Green Thumbs are Go!**

Mrs McNamara's Year 8 Technology Mandatory class has been busy planting, maintaining and now harvesting their vegetable gardens. Thanks go to Howlong Nursery for kindly supporting the students each semester through the donation of numerous trays of seedlings. Howlong seedlings are available for purchase at Kalangadoo Nursery in Finley.

## **Absence Notes**

When parents write notes for their children being absent it is a legal requirement that a reason be stated. Please be aware that the Department of Education and Communities does not accept the following reasons for absences 'absent with my permission' or 'for personal reasons'.

## **Study Tips**

### **Take the time to determine reasons to put in effort into your school work.**

We often talk about 'carrot' and 'stick' people. If you want a donkey to move forward, you can either lead it forward with a carrot (a reward) or whack it with a stick (punishment).

Understanding what motivates you and what affects your attitude can make it easier for you to make positive changes.

### **Music while studying: Should I listen to music when studying?**

ALWAYS ask yourself before you start homework and study: Will I really need to FOCUS and CONCENTRATE?

If YES – switch the MUSIC OFF for a while. If task involves thinking and/or understanding, music will be a distraction. The same goes for doing work in front of the TV.

If NO - then have whatever music you like on. If the work is not very difficult and fairly routine, it will help you feel relaxed and to stick to the task.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### May

8	M McCaw, J Chellew
11	D Pyke, M Kleinschmidt
12	C Alexander, M McGrath
13	J Blackmore
14	J Burdon
15	K Litchfield, S McLean
18	J Orro, A Lee
19	G Ferguson, P Neesen
20	V Bryce
21	L Bryce
22	C Moloney, D Thomas

## Finley High School

### P&C

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
7pm in the staff common room.

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

### Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

If you would like to donate money towards the Stewart House Donation Drive 2015 please complete the slip provided and bring it and your donation in to the Pay Office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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to a destination  
of your choice**



NSW Public Education's  
Charity of Choice

## Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

Submit your entry on Stewart House Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015**

**to participate in the draw**



The draw will take place at Stewart House on 22nd May 2015, so make sure you return your envelope to your school or workplace on STEWART HOUSE DAY, FRIDAY 8th MAY 2015.

The winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

Further information including full terms and conditions are available on [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au) or by contacting Stewart House on (02) 9938 3021.

#### ENTRY DETAILS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# *Community Announcements*

## **Drug Forum in Finley**

Berrigan Shire's Youth Development Committee along with Finley Football and Netball Club is hosting a Drug Forum on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm. The forum will be held at the Finley Recreation Reserve.

## **Four Creeks Festivities for 2015**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, in Jerilderie. Come along for the Bush dance Friday night with the Bushwackers leading the feet on the floor, stroll the markets lakeside Saturday, squint at the sheen off the cars gleaming in the show and shine, and sip a cuppa whilst enjoying the High Tea and relaxed reading to top off a great 24 hours in Jerilderie. For more details visit [www.fourcreeksfestival.com/event/2015-four-creeks-festival/?instance\\_id](http://www.fourcreeksfestival.com/event/2015-four-creeks-festival/?instance_id)

## **Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Tocumwal and 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 two hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

FREE parents' workshops will be conducted by David Riches at:

Jerilderie: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Monash Room (behind the library) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Tocumwal: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Tocumwal Primary School from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email [saflearnerdrivers@gmail.com](mailto:saflearnerdrivers@gmail.com)