



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

21st May, 2015

KEY DATES

May

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.

5 HSC Mid-Course HSC Exams

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

17 Year Nine Future Moves Campus
Visit.

26 Last day of Term Two

July

13 Staff Development Day

14 Students return to school.

17 Year Ten Student Information
Day

20 Year Ten Parent and Student
Information Night.

28 ICAS English Competition

31 Riverina Athletics

August

5 Year Twelve Study and
Information Night
Parent Teacher Night – all years

Principal's Report

It's MADDD!!

What an absolutely fabulous evening it was last night at the MADDD production for 2015.

We are so lucky to have such amazing talent in the school. I congratulate each and every one of the actors, singers and dancers who amazed the audience with their singing, dancing and acting.

I extend a huge thank you to all the students involved on stage, backstage, preparing and serving food. I also thank all the teachers and support staff who were involved. There are too many to name, but I will thank Jodie Brown, Brittany Scott and Karla Atley for all their leadership and inspiration as well as Joshua Renn, Vanessa Geeves and Michael Ladson for all their musical and technical skills.

I can't wait for MADDD 2016!

Aboriginal Education

A meeting was held with parents and carers of our Aboriginal students at the end of last term to discuss with them how best we can meet the needs of their children. We talked about increasing the awareness of aboriginal culture with the aboriginal kids in the school, with the student body as a whole and with the Professional Learning of staff. They also talked about improving the educational outcomes for aboriginal students.

Homework Centre

Finley High School will be opening a homework centre, commencing next Thursday 28th June, 2015.

Each week, all students from across the school are invited to come to the library from 3:15 – 4:30 pm to complete homework and assignments with the help of teachers and support staff who have volunteered their time. Afternoon tea will be provided. Students are encouraged to come with an open mind, willing to learn, catch up and be supported.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at school.

Sport Uniforms

We are currently having a blitz on sport uniforms. Each week upwards of sixty students fail to wear the appropriate uniform to sport.

The sport uniform is:

- Black shorts or tracksuit pants
- Plain white polo shirt.
- Joggers

All of these are readily available in many shops.

I have decided that a letter will be sent home indicating to parents that their child was out of uniform. If the student persists in not following the school policy regarding uniform, they may be placed on a whole school level. This may seem tough, but detentions are not working. Students may bring a note from their parents to excuse them from wearing a uniform. If there is no note, I will inform the parents via a letter home.

NAPLAN

Last week, Year Seven and Year Nine completed the NAPLAN assessments. They all survived! So did Mrs Coates who organized the week of testing. I thank her for all the work she put into the planning and execution of the tests. Thanks too, for all the good efforts given to the assessment by the students in Year Seven and Year Nine. Results will be sent to the school later in the year.

Good luck

Our very best wishes go to the students who are competing at State and Zone carnivals in the coming weeks. These carnivals include boys and girls football, netball and zone athletics.

Mid-course HSC exams are coming up in Week 7. Time to start preparations!

Helen McRae
Principal

Down to the Wire

Recently the boys and girls squash teams represented the school. The girls team of Rachel Oddie, Ashleigh O'Leary, Kitty Lawton and Rhiannon Murphy-Riddell played Leeton High School in Finley. Although all four girls put up a great fight we were overpowered by Victoria State players.

The boys team comprising of Michael McRae, Alex O’Leary, Tylan Sharp and Ryan Twemlow played James Fallon High School in Corowa in the second round of the competition after beating Yanco Agricultural College last term. Although both Ryan and Tylan won their games the boys were ultimately defeated by the overall point score.

Mrs Atley
Squash Co-ordinator

North Eastern Interschool Equestrian Team Challenge

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th of April, the North Eastern Interschool Equestrian Team Challenge was held in Tatura. The event involves students from various schools competing in equestrian events in teams of two, three or four. They compete in events such as showjumping, games, dressage and show classes.

At the event, Finley High School was represented by seven students: Kitty Lawton, Vanessa Hayes-Beetson, Liberty Ford-Jenkins, Meg Marsden, Emma Marsden, Georgia Lunn and Alexandra Williams. Over the two days, the students competed in numerous events with high placings awarded throughout.

On Saturday night, the opportunity was given for teams of students to compete in a night time event in which they performed to music. Kitty, Meg, Emma and Georgia competed in this event for Finley High School and took home a solid 3rd place for their efforts.

The students each performed outstandingly well in their events. On Sunday, the points were tallied from each of the disciplines and prizes were awarded to those who placed in the top 6 of their year group. From Finley, Liberty Ford-Jenkins and Kitty Lawton both placed 2nd in their respective year groups and Alexandra Williams placed 4th. Liberty also took out Reserve Champion Secondary School Rider.

The event was an excellent opportunity to see the hard-work and dedication our students have shown in their sport. Their behaviour, participation and sportsmanship was exceptional.

Alexandra Williams

Brainstorm Productions

On Wednesday 3rd June Brainstorm Productions will present Verbal Combat, a play about cyber bullying and harassment. The performance makes it clear to students that certain behaviour (such as excluding people, spreading rumours and sending unwanted messages) is in fact bullying and will not be tolerated at our school.

This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and give students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target.

Your child will bring an ‘opt out’ note home. If you DO NOT wish for your child to attend this program please return the note to the school. The cost of the program is \$6 per student. Please pay at the front office prior to Wednesday 3rd June.

We hope you will support this important program to assist in creating a safe harmonious environment for students and staff. For more information about the company please go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au or call Jodi, our Student Support Officer, on 58831344.

Jodi Brown

Tertiary Tour Melbourne

On the 7th and 8th of May, thirty one Year Twelve students were up early and on their way to Melbourne for a whirlwind tour of some of the tertiary institutions available to them for study next year. First stop was LaTrobe Bundoora where

students immersed themselves in university culture with a casual morning tea in the Agora student area followed by some self exploration of the campus shops and markets. LaTrobe Bundoora then provided an information session on what it has to offer and a campus tour of the facilities and accommodation.



Above: Information session at Bundoora

Below: Morning tea at Bundoora. Front to back: Isabella Westwood, Michael McRae, Daniel Montgomery and Jonathan Rowe.



It was then off to Melbourne University for lunch and a tour through Queens College and Mr Oddie's old stomping ground Ormond College. Here students were impressed with tradition and history. The group then split and some toured Melbourne University grounds whilst a second group visited RMIT City Campus.



Above: Students walking through Melbourne University.

Here they participated in a 'race around the campus' challenge which allowed them to see the campus grounds first hand. A spot of shopping, dinner and movies filled in the evening before the weary group settled down for the night.

Day two saw a quick visit to the Queen Victoria Markets for hot jam donuts and Turkish coffee before heading out to Caulfield to the Age VCE Careers and Employment EXPO. Here students were overwhelmed with hundreds of providers recruiting for their institutions anywhere from NZ to South Australia and Tasmania. A quick lunch stop at Monash Caulfield Campus was the order of the day before participating in a very convincing presentation and tour of the campus. All in all students were exposed to a range of institutions and options for next year and hopefully many took away some ideas that now give them a starting point for future study and sets them on a goal path for the next few months of their HSC program.



Above: Mrs Dempster and Emily Dempster at the AGE VCE Careers and Employment Expo.

Study Tips

ASKING FOR HELP

Ask for help immediately when it is needed.

A simple idea: have a post-it note inside each book or textbook and make a note about anything you can't do or don't understand. Then ask your teacher ASAP: in class . . . or at lunchtime . . . or send an email: whatever works.

Cross off your issues as they are resolved and **DON'T LET THE LIST GET TOO LONG!**

P&C NEWS - Helpers required

The P&C is catering for the FADAMS production. This is our major fundraiser for the year.

We will require many helpers for the kitchen from 5pm on

Friday 12th & 19th & Saturday 13th & 20th June.

There is a matinee on Sunday 21st June, we will need slices & biscuits.

If you are able to assist in any way,
please contact Suzanne on 0417405107 or 0358859229

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

May

25 J Russell, K Lunn
26 S Robinson, R Rowe
27 R Sharp
28 S Barlow
29 T Clarke, J Chellew

June

1 M Read, K Steel
2 F Aull, T Nash
3 D McLean
4 B Agosta
5 J Burdon, J Loughman

Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 10th June 2015
7pm in the staff common room.

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

Community Announcements

Four Creeks Festivities for 2015

Friday 22nd May to Sunday 24th 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

Diploma of Agriculture

Riverina Institute of TAFE will be offering a Diploma of Agriculture tailored for young people involved in agriculture in the Murray Irrigation area in July 2015. It will be delivered over 18 months with a series of workshops, short study tours, farm visits and project work.

In consultation with industry the course has been created to give participants the skills and knowledge to build their management expertise while remaining fully engaged with their farming enterprise or existing business. Learning in your local region!

Leading specialists from their fields will present up to date information at the workshops.

Please contact Shandra Simpson on 03 5882 2030 for further information.



Diploma of Agriculture

(AHC50110)

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Date	July 2015
Duration	18 months
Venue	TAFE NSW Riverina Institute See Proposed Study Tours below
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart and Skilled Pricing – subject to eligibility with a maximum of - \$4,780 Non NSW resident upon application VET Fee Help Available
Delivery	Workshops, study tours, farm visits and project work.

For more information or to enrol...

see over

www.rit.tafensw.edu.au

CALL 1300 TAFE RI
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UNITS OF COMPETENCY

Course subjects are called units of competency. You will need to complete 10 elective units of competency to be awarded this qualification. Listed below are the units of competency available through this program. For more information on all units of competency associated with this qualification, please refer to the "Course and Careers" section of the TAFE NSW website at www.rit.tafensw.edu.au

ELECTIVE

NOTE: You will need to complete 10 Units of Competency from the following:

AHCAGB501A	Develop a climate risk management strategy
AHCBAC503A	Manage Integrated Crop & Pasture Production
AHCBAC505A	Plan & Manage Long-term Weed, Pest, Disease Control in Crops
AHCLSK501A	Manage livestock production
AHCSOL501A	Monitor and manage soils for production
AHCAGB504A	Plan Production for the Whole Land/Farm Based Business
AHCBUS505A	Develop a marketing plan
AHCBUS508A	Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports
AHCWAT502A	Manage water systems
AHCBUS605A	Manage Human Resources
AHCAGB603A	Develop & review a strategic plan

Proposed Study Tours

Trip One Industries built on Irrigation

Day 1	Leeton
➤ Farm Visits	Diversified field crops and double cropping programs
➤ SunRice	Industry direction
➤ Farm Visit	Organic Farming - a different approach to the future
Day 2	Griffith
➤ Barren Box Swamp	Efficiencies in storage with environmental outcomes
➤ Murrumbidgee Irrigation	Water delivery improvements
➤ Farm Visit	Permanent Plantings: Citrus and Grapes
Day 3	Hillston & Hay
➤ Farm Visit	Australian Cotton Grower of the year 2014
➤ Auscott	Processing cotton

Trip Two Understanding the demand and supply of the water to Murray Irrigation System and River Health

Day 1	Yarrawonga & Albury
➤ Water Supply System	Understand the operations of the Yarrawonga Weir and Albury Dam.
Day 2	Albury
➤ Environmental Water	River health wetlands and fisheries

Courses run subject to demand.

For more information

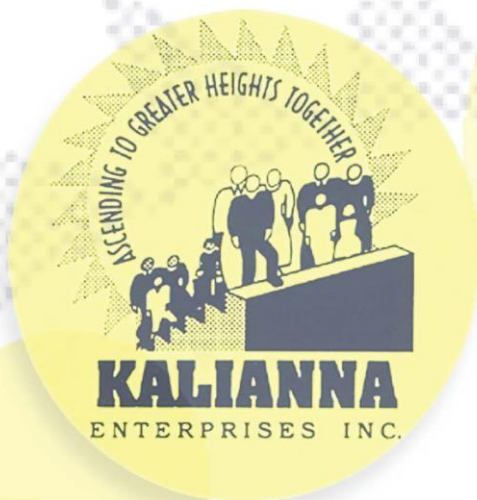
Contact: Roseanne Farrant Email: Roseanne.farrant@tafensw.edu.au phone: 03 5882 2048

"The NSW Government's Smart and Skilled reform has changed the way job-related training is provided, aiming at getting more people qualified for the jobs NSW needs. The qualifications supported through Smart and Skilled can be found on the 2015 NSW Skills List. The fee we've displayed is for an eligible student's. The fee you actually pay may differ depending on your personal circumstances and eligibility for a subsidised place, a concession or an exemption. Remember, the fee you pay is for your *entire qualification*, you only pay it once. We offer payment options, plus you may be eligible for VET FEE-HELP (our version of HECS). Please contact your nearest Riverina Institute campus or call 1300 TAFE RI (1300 8233 74) and let our friendly staff help you get started!

For more info visit <http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled>"

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INFORMATION SESSION

Kalianna Enterprises Inc. provides access to a diverse range of support services from supported employment, transport, recreation and holiday provision to general living skills and community integration, that provide opportunities for persons with disabilities and aged care needs, allowing them the quality of life they wish in the least restrictive way



10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday 26th May

**Gallery Room,
Deniliquin RSL**

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