



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

4th June, 2015

KEY DATES

June

- 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

College Exams

Mid Course HSC exams commence on Friday for all Year 11 and 12 students and continue next Tuesday. All students received an exam timetable last week and should be spending time each night preparing for them.

Students are expected to remain at school in between exams to prepare for their next exam.

We wish them every success in their exams.

Formal Assembly

The Term Three Formal Assembly will be held next Wednesday, 10th June in the hall. Parents are invited to attend and be seated before 10 am as we wish to commence at 10:06 am sharp. Letters will be sent this week notifying parents of their child receiving an award. It is a terrific opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and would welcome any family and friends of the school to attend.

Homework Centre

Last Thursday afternoon, the Finley High School Homework Centre commenced operation. Several students came along to have a quiet space to complete homework and some asked the teachers for assistance.

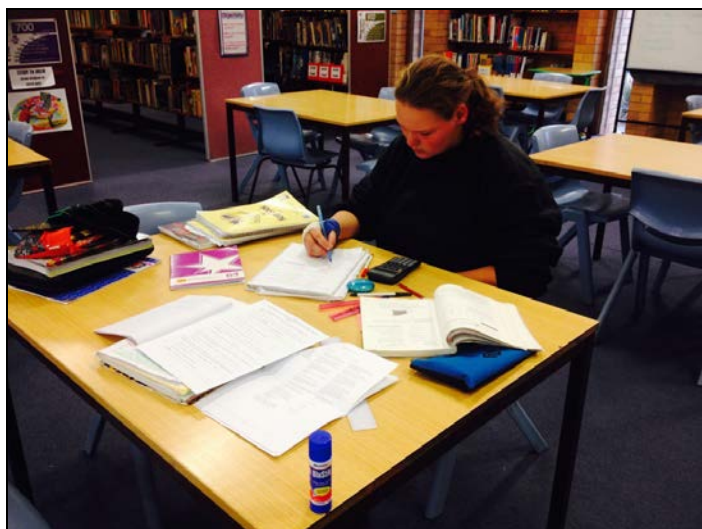
Twelve staff have volunteered their time to support students in the Homework Centre – also teachers from across all faculties and Student Learning Support Officers.

It is a great opportunity for students who are having difficulty completing their homework or starting an assignment, to get some one-on-one help, having access to the computers and all the resources in the library.

It may also be a time for students to work quietly on their own work in a warm and quiet environment or complete a group project with some guidance of teachers.

The Homework centre is situated in the library and is open until 4:30 pm. Afternoon tea is provided each week. There is no need to book. Just come along and share some homework times with others.

Pictured below: students using the homework centre.



School Fees

Invoices for school fees have been mailed this week. They contain the general fee structure for the school as well as the special subject contributions. School fees help to cover the costs associated with teaching that the department does not cover directly. This includes photocopying and classroom resources. We try to keep these as low as possible and hope as many families as possible can contribute to the school in this way.

Subject fees vary from subject to subject. If students have elected to study Food Technology or Hospitality, for example, they are expected to pay subject fees to cover the costs of the food they cook and eat. These subject fees are not voluntary. They are a necessity in order to keep the classes functioning as they should. If your child is in a class where subject fees apply, it is important that the fee is paid to guarantee your child's full participation in each class.

I encourage all parents to make paying their school fees a priority. A payment plan can be worked out and school assistance is available where necessary. Just contact me at the school.

School Based Trainee of the Year

Once again, Finley High School has a finalist in the Riverina School Based Training Awards.

Shania Bentley follows a long line of Finley High School Students who have been finalists in this annual event.

Shania attends school while completing a traineeship with Nathan Everingham and Co. Real Estate. She was nominated by her employer and was successful in being selected after an interview via video link with a panel of DEC experts.

Shania will travel to Wagga Wagga next Thursday evening for a presentation dinner and an announcement of the Riverina Trainee of the year. If she is successful at this stage, Shania will represent the Riverina in the State Awards later in the year. We wish Shania every success next week in Wagga Wagga.

State Footy

Our best wishes are with Zec Cuppens and Kayden Sharp who are representing the Riverina in the Under 15's footy team in Sydney this week. They will play against other regions from across the state to determine the state champions.

Likewise Kiara Keating, Courtney Sexton and Eloise Ashley-Cooper competed in the Under 16's Girls Riverina Football team in Sydney. We know they have done a fabulous job and will hear of their success in the coming days.

Ashley O'Leary also made the Riverina Open Netball Team but was unable to compete due to injury.

Congratulations to all our representatives at this very high level of representative sport.

Giant's Cup

All our footy teams are still progressing their way towards victory in the Giants cup.

The Open Boys team will travel to Wagga Wagga on the 16th June for a round robin to determine the Southern NSW Champion Team

The Open Girls team will go to Sydney to play off for the State Championship.

The under 15's Boys and Girls teams will travel to Canberra on 30th July to participate in the playoffs for the Southern NSW Giant's Cup Championship.

We wish all these teams best of luck in these games.

Senior Debating

Finley High School Senior Debating Team is the Riverina Senior Debating Champion.

The team consisted of Chloe O'Bryan, Chelsea Dempster, Alex Williams, Maxine Harris, Li'i Vitale and Talei Holm debated on Tuesday against Koorindal High School and yesterday against Griffith High School and blew away the opposition with their insight, positive and eloquent debating techniques. This is a great effort from the girls. We are very proud of their achievements.

Year Seven, 2016

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed to the school our Year Seven 2016 parents and students for a tour of the school. Over 120 people braved the cold weather to attend the evening, which was organised by Miss Brittany Scott (the Year Seven Adviser 2016).

The evening began with a trip to the Agriculture farm. This was followed by a tour of the school led by teachers and SRC representatives. The Deputy Principal and School Captains then welcomed the new families to the school before Chelsea Gray performed a musical item. After the Principal's address and an introduction of Miss Scott, Nick Gray and Niamh Mason gave a view of being in Year Seven at Finley High School from a student's perspective. The evening concluded with a powerpoint of some of the great things we have to offer at Finley High School both inside and outside the classroom.

So, what extra curricular activities does Finley High offer?

MADDD night, Learning SpACE, Tennis, debating, public speaking, drama club, chess club, soccer, dairy program, squash, netball, Brekky Club, football, tertiary tour, Year 7 camp, Year 10 excursion, Brainstorm, Mens shed, auto shop, Girls with a Purpose, Drumbeats, ANZAC Day march, swimming, athletics, cross country, formal assemblies, KRAMS, musical performances, SRC, harmony day, youth day, homework centre, school Gym, state of the art Metals and wood workshops, Senior Leadership Group, Trade training Centre for Hospitality, school canteen, fundraising activities, Ag program, volunteer programs, basketball, School Based apprenticeships and traineeships, debating, public speaking, Spelling competitions, Science competitions, Mathematics competitions, writing competitions, Tournament of the Minds, Employment Expos, Rewards excursion, senior review meetings, Tertiary information nights, subject selection nights, school socials..... Just to name a few. Get involved and make learning at FHS a top experience!

P & C and FADAMS

Don't forget P&C is on next Wednesday night starting at 7 pm in the common room. The P&C will be finalising the catering teams for FADAMS in Finley on 12th and 13th June and the 19th and 20th June. If you can assist in preparation or serving food on any of these nights, please contact the school or Suzanne Robertson on 0417405107 or 0358859229. This is the major fundraiser for the P&C. All funds raised go into providing resources for the students of the school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Library News

World Book Online

We have access to World Book Online. It is a wonderful resource – French, Junior, Advanced Encyclopaedia. Log on and enjoy the discoveries.

www.worldbookonline.com

ID: finleyhs

Password: library

Chess Team

The chess team, having beaten Deniliquin Christian School, will move on to the next round to play a school from Griffith.

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtimes in the library are proving very popular. Come and enjoy our display on discovery, read, play chess, UNO or

puzzles!

Debating

The debating team won the semi finals against Koorinal by video conferencing and a Sydney adjudicator. Yesterday was the final against Griffith, held at our library in Finley. Finley High School won the final and are now Riverina Champions! They will go on to debate another region next week.



Above: Senior debating team (L-R) Li'i Vitale, Maxine Harris, Alexandra Williams, Chelsea Dempster, Talei Holm and Chloe O'Bryan.

Careers News

Attention Parents Of Year Nine Students

We are looking for two parents, if possible, to drive to Albury for the Future Moves CSU Campus Visit. The date is the 17th June (Week Nine). We would need to leave Finley High School at 7:30am and would return to Finley High School about 5:30pm. We would require you to take extra students in the car, though there would be some reimbursement for fuel. You would be welcome to stay and participate in the day's activities or would be free to do your own thing whilst the students are in the workshops.

If you can help out we would require a copy of your license and your comprehensive insurance. Please call Deb White on 03 5883 1344 ASAP if you are able to help with this excursion.

Careers Day Out

On Thursday 30th April thirty Year Ten students travelled to Shepparton Showgrounds for the annual Careers Day Out. Students had a fabulous day attending seminars of their choice, visiting Expos, and meeting people from Tertiary Institutions and Industry groups who could answer their questions about Careers. Many hands-on activities were also available making this a fun and motivational day out.

Activities included using Police equipment and vehicles, portrait drawings, animal care, hair design and nail art. Students visited representatives from Universities and TAFE colleges, as well as industry such as Trades, Beauty, Defence and Police Force, Agriculture, Outdoor Education, and many more.

Fantastic chatter on the way home and food for thought for the future.



Above: Lachlan Chamberlain and Cody Anderson at one of the information stands.

Charles Sturt University Future Directions Year Nine School Workshops

On Thursday 21st May CSU visited to workshop Future Careers Directions with Year Nine students. Students investigated the evolution of work through the ages and what the future may hold for them. They looked at breaking down into chunks the plan of things they need to follow in order to set themselves up for future plans. They also looked at pathway options by looking at what jobs and training/education different people had undertaken. This included mundane occupations right through to the weird and seemingly undesirable such as arm pit sniffing and dog food taste testing (quality assurance officers). From here a small group of Year Nine students will visit the CSU Albury campus to follow up on the workshops with a campus tour, transitional information.



Above: Stephanie Wright and Katie Archer



Above: Isobelle Bradford and Mandy Huang with Ilana Young

TAFE Open Day

On Tuesday 2nd June thirteen students from Years Nine and Ten spent two hours at Finley Campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE. Students had a presentation from Kelly Lawlor about options for study before doing a quick campus tour. In the Business Services presentation Daniel Robinett went head to head with Bohdi Beasley in a typing contest. The boys had to type as quickly as possible with a 99% accuracy. Unbelievably at the end of the 2 minute time limit both boys had typed an equal number of words but were a little way off the accuracy requirement. In the Aged Care presentation the students participated in a Video Conference with Finley and Deniliquin students. This was followed by a BBQ lunch and question time. Students who attended are encouraged to follow up on any interests generated on the day.

Deb White and Jacqui O'Bryan
Careers Advisers

Under 15 Bill Turner Cup

Last Monday our under 15 boys and girls soccer teams travelled to Griffith for the second round of the Bill Turner Cup.

After an early start and some sleepy heads on the bus the boys were up against an experienced Leeton team. The first half saw Leeton do most of the attacking but our boys in defence stood strong. A fast break saw our attacking line move the ball forward and some talent from Mason as he scored our first goal. The second half saw more of the same and if it wasn't for some great goalkeeping by Bailey we would have been in trouble. A corner kick at our attacking end was exactly what the boys needed. Damon was able to kick the ball over the playing group where our clever Matty Wilson was waiting and was able to header the ball through. Final score for the boys 2 -0.



Above (back L-R): Kate Eddy, Kezley Murphy-Riddell, Tiarna Burke, Tahlia Thomson, Ms Mel Stratton, Katie Archer, Chelsea Taylor, Lauren Knight, Emma Marsden (front L-R) Hayley Doohan, Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Isabelle Bradford, Piper Hicks, Skye Nash, Mandy Huang and Stephanie Wright.

The girls came onto the field as a strong and united team. They ran their legs off and showed a never say die attitude in the face of defeat. I was so proud of the steely determination, their team spirit and their support of each other. They

represented their school in a sterling fashion and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Unfortunately they were beaten by a more experienced side.

The boys progress to the next round which is expected to be another Griffith game in the coming weeks

Coaches—Dane Maxwell and Mel Stratton

Study Tips

PROCRASTINATING

Do you ever mean to start work on an assignment, but just keep putting it off until it ends up being a mad rush the night before? You can . . .

SET WORK TARGETS with rewards at the end of each completed step.

USE THE 'TWO-FER' CONCEPT if you have two tasks, one easy, one not-so-easy.

Decide on a set period of time to work. During this time, if you get stuck on one task, switch to the other and alternate between them.

At least you are being productive for the whole period of time and forcing yourself to do some work on the less favoured task.

MADDD Night 2015

MADDD night was a huge success with a lot of new talent performing this year. There were various songs, dance collaborations and skits to keep the crowd entertained. Well done to all the students that were involved, all that hard work at rehearsals paid off! Thanks to all the backstage crew for being in control on the night and making sure each set was ready for the performers. Thanks to all the staff that helped, especially with preparing food and the SRC volunteers for waiting on guests. A big thankyou to Michael Ladson who set up the lights and sound which made the night fantastic. Thanks to Dim Wright and David Marsden for helping set up the hall and all those parents who have helped their children prepare for MADDD night. A huge thanks to Jodi Brown for co-ordinating MADDD Night 2015 and assisting students with their rehearsals. Thanks to all staff that assisted with supervision for rehearsal time at lunch. A production like MADDD cannot exist without the support from teachers and students giving their time.



Left: Villain Anonymous skit (L-R):
Jess Sutton, Stephanie Harris,
Sarah Orro, Tayla Adams, Alex
Williams, Simi Naicori, Annie
Cameron, Lauren Steele, Georgia
Webb and Makayla Balden



Above: Xion Haunga singing 'What dreams are made of' as the final act.



Above: MADDD Team 2015



Above: Mel Stratton, Crystal Woodham and Dim Wright co-ordinating supper.



Above: Brooke Morham performing 'Lay me down'



Left: Checking out the performers' profiles (L-R): Nichollas Lunn, Clay Webb, Jacob Boyd and Josh Ray.

Left: Dangerous Divas: Emilie Harrison, Hannah Heaney, Caitlin Spinner, Michelle Barnes and Jessica Adams



Right: Brooklyn
Pettit, Shareef
Pabai-Heta and
Sabrina Taylor



Above: Shareef Pabai-Heta, Kaitlynn Jones, Annie Cameron, Sheridan Mortlock, Sabrina Taylor and Brooklyn Pettit performing in the Disney Housemates skit.



Above: Chelsea Gray performing Ed Sheeran's 'I see fire'



Above: Dora Miaoudis and Kezley Murphy-Riddell



Above: Makayla Balden, Sarah Orro and Tayla Adams



Above: Niamh Mason and Meg Marsden taste testing the slushies



Above: Courtney Sexton, Riley Nolen and Katie Archer



Vamos Patu, Hayley Gow and Xion Haunga singing 'My Happy Ending'



Above: Bella Jackson singing 'All I want'



Above: Jasmine Lewis and Tayla Boyd singing 'Little Lion Man'



Above: MCs for the night: Alex William and Maxine Harris

Miss Scott

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

June

4	B Agosta
5	J Burdon, J Loughman
8	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
9	H Harris
10	L Knight
11	S Robertson
12	T Jones, G Gale
15	J Chellew, W Cleve
16	C Alexander
17	N Curtin
18	T Anderson

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.

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

Community Announcements

FADAMS' 2015 PRODUCTION "CARAVANS"

Finley Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society's 2015 Production "CARAVANS" is soon to be performed in the Finley School of Arts Hall.

Dinner shows are to be held on the 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th June - tickets \$40 per person which includes a two course meal and entertainment. BYO Drinks and Nibbles.

A Matinee show is being held on Sunday, 21st June - tickets \$20 per person which includes afternoon tea. Tickets are available from Murray Hut.

"Caravans" is an hilarious comedy performed by a large cast of talented locals, including several FHS students. Come along for a great night of fine food, fun and laughter and support FADAMS who has been supporting the Finley High School for many years via the opportunity to cater and by annual donations.

For further information contact Ross Whittaker (President) 0419649508

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.