



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13th August, 2015

KEY DATES

August

- 21 HSC Trial Exams
- 24-25 HSC Trial Exams
- 24 Year Seven Immunisation

September

- 2 Senior Social
- 3 Years Nine and Ten Future Moves
Campus Visit
- 17 Year Twelve Formal Assembly
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
- 18 Last day of Term Three

October

- 5 Labour Day
- 6 School resumes
- 12 HSC Exams commence
- 25-31 Year Ten Excursion

November

- 2-6 Year Ten Work Experience
- 4 HSC Exams conclude



Principal's Report

Subject Selections

Students across the school have been making subject selections for 2016. While we endeavour to give as many students as possible their choices, we are limited by our staffing. I am prepared to put more money in to guarantee a broader curriculum for Year Twelve and possibly Year Eleven, but students may still miss out on doing some of their preferred subjects. Having a "back up" plan is always crucial.

Professional Learning

All teachers stayed at school until 6:30pm on Tuesday evening to participate in professional learning activities. The Work Health and Safety Consultant talked to teachers via video link about the Employee Assistance Program. Mr O'Leary is leading a team to look at the school award system with the view to ensuring all students are recognised for their efforts and abilities on Formal Assemblies. In 2016, they will review the SCAN welfare system which has been in operation at Finley High School since 1998. Students and parents will be encouraged to give their input into this process.

The teachers then broke into different teams to look at how we can improve the culture and learning opportunities at Finley High School. Topics discussed included raising expectations across the school, evaluating and reviewing homework and assessment policy, implementing technology more effectively into senior classes, developing skills in improving writing responses of students and developing an effective program of study for Year Ten to better prepare them for studying in Year Eleven.

These teams have developed as a result from feedback from the whole school community about how we structure and organise learning in the senior school. They align very closely with the School Improvement Plan and we are looking forward to improving what we do here at Finley High School on a daily basis.

Year Twelve

Years Eleven and Twelve are busily preparing for their Trial HSC exams which commence next Friday 21st August. They are also starting to access online applications for university entry, accommodation and scholarships as well as various apprenticeships which have been advertised to students. All students should be actively engaging with their future now. There is a timeframe for these applications to be made and they will not be extended. I encourage all parents of Year Twelve students to talk about their plans for 2016 and beyond so that they are not disappointed in January when university offers are made.

A huge thank you must be extended to Mrs White who presented a thorough run down of how to apply for tertiary studies in both Victoria and NSW. Her dedication to our senior students and their future is outstanding and she did a fabulous job under extremely challenging circumstances. It was terrific that so many parents and students could come to that very important presentation. Thank you, Mrs White.

Invoices

We are well behind in parents paying subject contributions and school fees this year. Without parents meeting their responsibilities in this regard, we are limited in the types of activities we can offer students in some classes. Invoices will be sent again this week and I urge all parents to make their contribution to the school as soon as possible. Should there be a problem with payment, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school for assistance.

Attendance

I was sent the attached table regarding attendance and the impact on students learning during the week and thought I would pass it on. It is very clear that regular attendance at school is essential if students are not to fall behind in their learning. I encourage all parents to ensure they give their children the very best start to life by making attendance at school a top priority in their homes.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Mrs H McRae
Principal

International Day of People with Disability

On Wednesday the 29th of July, supported students from Finley High School joined students from Deniliquin High School and clients from Yallambee for 'International Day of People with a Disability' celebrations. This United Nations sanctioned day aims to promote an understanding of people with a disability and encourages support for their dignity, rights and well-being. Students enthusiastically participated in basketball and soccer games and enjoyed a BBQ lunch.



Uniform Policy Change

It is wonderful to see the vast majority of our students in correct school uniform or bringing a note from home on the occasions when this isn't possible. Thank you to students and parents for supporting the policy.

Please note the following change to the existing policy. Daily uniform detentions will no longer be held. If a student comes to school wearing incorrect uniform parents will receive a warning letter in the mail. If this occurs three times he/she will be placed on a whole school Level 3 for three days. A copy of the Finley High School Uniform Policy is attached to the newsletter.

Thanks again for the parental support.

Tricia Jackson
Acting Deputy Principal

Legacy Junior Public Speaking

Last Thursday two Finley High School students, Georgia Webb and Ellie Jones, competed in this competition in Albury. Both girls excelled with their 5 minute prepared speeches. Georgia spoke about the heroic deeds of Irena Sendler, and Ellie's speech was on violence against women. The other eleven students were from Moama, Griffith, Corowa, Albury and Temora. I have never been at an event where every speech was so well presented. This meant that the impromptu speeches were even more significant than usual. Our students are aware that more practice is needed to perfect the art of delivering an impromptu speech effectively but they were pleased with their progress. I was extremely proud of how our girls presented themselves on the day. The winner was Luke Woodward from Wade High School in Griffith. He was exceptional.



Above: Students who competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition.



Above (L-R): Ellie Jones and Georgia Webb.

Mrs McNaught
Head Teacher English

SpACE

The SpACE has been up and running for two terms now and has seen a variety of activities and skills sessions take place. It has been instrumental in the implementation of study skills throughout the senior years with study tips going out weekly through the daily notices and in the specially designed study periods.

The SpACE has been open at lunch times the week leading up to senior exams, many students requested help during this period. It will continue to be available for senior students at lunch time by appointment. Teachers have also referred students to the SpACE to develop their exam skills in preparation for their HSC mid-course exams.

Tournament of Minds is running this year through SpACE with two teams competing in a problem solving programme where they are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges. TOMs is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way. The aim of the tournament is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment. The Tournament process provides a platform for excellence and equips participants with strategies and skills which will support future success.

Careers Update

Year Nine

Year Nine students have been invited to put their names down to attend a Future Moves workshop run by CSU at the Albury Thurgoona Campus on Thursday 3rd September. Students would be involved in interactive workshops that introduce them to some of the options available to them in the future. If you would be able to help out by driving a group of students that day we would love to hear from you. This is a great way for students to see a university campus in action and can be motivating for them to start setting some goals for their future aspirations.

Year Ten

Reminder that Year Ten students should be finalising their second week of work experience. All Year Ten students are expected to complete two weeks of work experience as a part of their Year Ten careers Program. Paperwork has all gone home and the yellow confirmation cards and Student Placement Records forms for Insurance should be returned to school. Please feel free to contact the Careers Staff if you have questions regarding work experience.

Year Twelve

Students should be working their way through the maze of the application processes for university. We realise this can be a stressful activity for some students and parents and encourage you to seek assistance early to help minimise the stress associated with the process. Students need to be aware of closing dates and requirements.

Thank you also to all the families who stayed late after parent teacher night to attend the Tertiary Information Session. Hopefully this will have either answered some questions or generated some more. Please feel free to get in touch with the careers staff if you need some assistance in this area.

Library News

Welcome to the library! Have you used our World book online?

www.worldbookonline.com

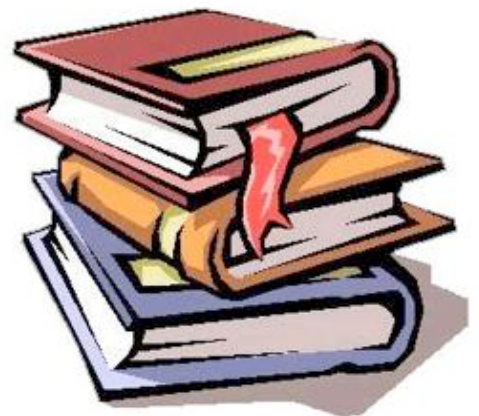
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Many fascinating discovery opportunities.

The school chess championship is very popular. The first round is to be completed by the 19th August. Come along at lunchtime to watch the games.

This week the Years Seven and Eight debating team is playing Corowa. They are on a winning streak so far and we wish them well.



RED AND WHITE DAY

Friday August 14 is the day that Finley High is celebrating “Red and White Day” in honour of Lucas McCaw.

Students are asked to wear Red and/or White clothing only, and provide a gold coin donation to go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Lucas’ memory.

There will also be a cake stall on the day, plus Year 10 students will be cutting and shaving their hair to raise funds. Rumour has it that a teacher has also offered to shed his locks if enough money can be raised.

Mark the day down on your calendar; all donations are welcome and appreciated.

Year 10 – Finley High.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

August

14	T Clarke
17	D Pyke, J Russell
18	R Rowe
19	T Doohan
20	S Robertson
21	H Lewis, T Clarke
24	M Read, C Pitt
25	H Harris
26	R Sharp
27	L Bryce
28	J Congdon, J Crowhurst

Finley High School P&C

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

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

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

Finley High School Uniform Policy 2015

Girls Summer Green and white check dress or Mid-length black tailored shorts and Finley High School Polo White Socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater/jumper (no hoodies) Senior Jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve)	Girls Winter Bottle green skirt, with black tights/stockings/socks Black pants (no leggings or tracksuit pants) Finley High School polo shirt <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater or jumper (no hoodies) Senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve) Black school jacket (optional)
Boys Summer Mid-length grey shorts (above the knee) Finley High School polo shirt Grey or white socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater or jumper (no hoodies) Senior Jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve)	Boys Winter Grey trousers Finley High School shirt Grey/black socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater or jumper (no hoodies) Senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve) Black school jacket (optional)

Sports Uniform for PD/H/PE and Sport Sessions

- Plain white polo shirt (no writing on shirts)
- Black shorts
- Runners, white socks
- Black tracksuit pants
- Green school jumper or windcheater
- Cap or hat

Additional Notes:

Shoes: It is compulsory for all students to wear full leather school shoes. This rule is designed to give student's feet maximum protection and will be fully enforced.

Hats: It is strongly recommended that all students wear a hat when involved in outside activities such as PE, Sport, at the farm, or on any excursion or outside activity. School hats and caps are available to purchase from the canteen.

Jackets: Students are not to wear sporting jackets or 'hoodies'. Students are encouraged to wear a black school jacket in cold weather.

Parents will be contacted if students are continually out of uniform without a note from home. Students who do not follow the rules surrounding uniform procedures may be placed on Level 3.

Should parents require financial assistance to ensure their child is in uniform please contact the principal.

Community Announcements

Timor Leste Immersion Program – Information Night

There will be an information session held for parents of students that are interested in finding out more about Timor Leste Immersion Program for 2016. The program will be running bi-annually from now on, so students from the current Year 10 and Year 11 cohorts are able to apply to participate. The program has been extremely successful for the past two years and has seen a number of students experience life in Timor Leste, learning about the culture, history and challenges faced by our close neighbours. All interested students and parents are invited to attend an information session on **Monday 17th August in the MPR at 6pm**. There will be an information package available on the night and Yasmin McGrath and other organisers will be available for any questions from those interested. The application process will be open after the information session, so make sure that you attend if you want the chance to take part in this amazing opportunity!



The Junior Giants Under 14 Girls team is seeking at least two additional players. If you were born in 2003 or 2004 and are able to commit to 5 representative tournaments we would love to hear from you. This is a great opportunity to play basketball in a competitive, fun and supportive environment. For further information please contact Christy Liu on 0447 391 194 asap.

Hearing Test

Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Finley Community Health Centre on Tuesday 18th August 2015. Please call Tocumwal Hospital on 03 5874 2166 to make an appointment.

Children must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold.

TAFE News

Being offered at your local Finley and Deniliquin TAFE campus are the following opportunities – why not try it. Contact 1300823374 for more details

Automotive for Women – In Deniliquin Friday 4th September, 9.30am – 3pm or
In Deniliquin Friday 6th November, 6pm – 9pm 1 day, \$270

General Construction WHS Induction* (White Card) - In Finley Thursday 8th October, 9am – 4pm 1 day, \$210

Photography 'Capture, Edit, Create' - In Deniliquin on Friday 9th and 16th October and Finley on Thursday 5th and 12th November from 10am – 2pm - \$220

Cobram Basketball Academy

Academy Level 1 and Level 2 – Every Monday night from 20th July to 14th September from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All ages and all abilities. \$2 per session.

Academy Level 3 – Every Monday night from 20th July to 14th September from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Skill based, tryouts apply for these sessions. \$5 per session.

We are delighted to have accomplished coach Lana Young take these sessions along with our supportive Cobram Basketball Association Members. Both of these sessions have been heavily subsidised by the Cobram Basketball Association.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the committee via cobrambasketball@outlook.com

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association 2015 Spring Registration

Registrations this season will again be online. You may do this by completing the registration form via this link <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?formID=44030> or attend the registration night if you require assistance. If you have previously used the online system, you will require your user name and password, if you don't have this information it can be requested when registering. Registrations for the Spring 2015 season will be held on Monday 17th August from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Cobram Sports Stadium Campbells Road for juniors and adults. The season is planned to start the week of the 24th August 2015.

Registration fees (payment will be required by credit card when completing the registration form online.

2015 Spring Registration Fee for all players is \$25. Cobram Basketball Association registration fee applicable to all players for the 2015 spring competition, this fee is selected automatically. Plus 2015 Primary Registration (1st January to 31st December) \$39.54 for Basketball Victoria Country (BVC) affiliation and insurance, if you have previously registered for the Autumn competition the system will indicate you have already made this payment and it won't be charged again. If you are registering for the first time in 2015 this fee will be applicable.

Online registrations will be required by Wednesday 19th August so as teams can be arranged. If you have any difficulties please contact Rod Armstrong at jennrod@bigpond.net.au or phone 0418148942.

Jacob and Gideon Cordover Concert

Lovers of music are invited to attend this fantastic performance of guitar and much more on

Friday 21st August at 7:30pm at the Multi Arts Centre in Deniliquin; or

Saturday 22nd August at 7pm at the School of Arts Hall in Barham; or

Sunday 23rd August at 2pm at the Arts Centre in Finley.

Pre-purchase tickets \$25, at the door \$30, under 18 \$5, South West Music students free. Phone Paula for more details on 0400 767 997

Tocumwal Preschool Fundraiser

"One Foot on the Podium" book launch on Friday 28th August 2015 at Tocumwal Preschool from 6pm to 8pm. Tickets are \$20 available from the preschool, drink and nibbles provided. For further information please call 0418228103 or 03 58 743 241.

Father's Day Family Night

Come along to our FREE Father's Day Family Night on Thursday 3rd September from 6pm to 8pm at Bunnings Warehouse Shepparton. Join us for a great night of fun! Make a gift for dad, DIY workshops, light refreshments and free gift wrapping. For more information speak to a team member in-store or go to www.bunnings.com.au

Assisting Families

Carer Workshops

Assisting Families is a group of workshops designed to help families, friends and carers of people with mental illness. Families & friends can build on their knowledge, skills and find the most up to date information relevant to carers. These workshops value the experience of carers & families, are delivered in a relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy support from others in similar situations.

Assisting with Depression

This workshop will draw on current information to help you understand the signs, symptoms and recovery from depression. You will be able to develop strategies for helping a loved one suffering from depression. This workshop will also explore the impacts of depression on family, friends, partners and loved ones.

Assisting with Bipolar Disorder

This workshop will briefly review depression and help you understand bipolar disorder and current treatment options. Learn what it is like living with bipolar is and the impacts of being a support person. It would be beneficial to attend the Depression workshop before attending Bipolar Disorder.

Where: Deniliquin

When: Wednesday 2nd September 2015 2:00pm -5:00pm

Thursday 3rd September 2015 9:00am – 12:30pm

Please contact Luciano Lo Bartolo at Carer Assist Albury: **(02) 6021 5882** for more information or to make a booking. Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. You do not need to be on a Centrelink carer's payment to attend these workshops.

