



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

## KEY DATES

### September

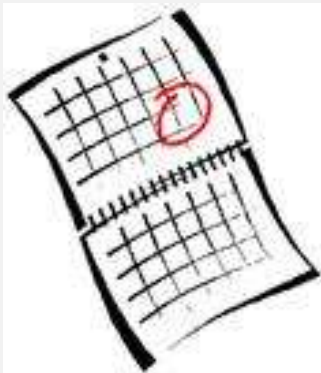
- 2 Formal Assembly 10:06am in the school hall.  
HSC Maths Day  
Senior Social
- 3 Years Nine and Ten Future Moves  
Campus Visit
- 15 Year Ten parents drive talks  
5:30pm to 7:30pm Finley RSC
- 17 Year Twelve Formal Assembly  
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
- 18 Last day of Term Three

### October

- 5 Labour Day
- 6 School resumes
- 12 HSC Exams commence
- 19-23 Year Ten Work Experience**
- 25-31 Year Ten Excursion

### November

- 4 HSC Exams conclude



## Principal's Report

### Tournament of the Minds

Last Saturday, two groups of enthusiastic and highly motivated teams travelled to Shepparton for the regional Tournament of the Minds challenge.

Both teams participated in the Language and Literacy section of the challenge, completing a spontaneous challenge as a team, before performing a 10 minute play on "Blabber of Blabey".

Both teams were outstanding in their performances and were awarded for the efforts. Team "S4km<sup>2</sup>" (Sheridan Mortlock, Meg Marsden, Sabrina Taylor, Natasha Jones, Stephanie Harris and Sarah Orro) received honours for their challenges and the team "Firestorm" (Spencer Hawkins, Hector McLean, Simi Naicori, Niamh Mason, Georgia Webb, Sarah Haynes and Emma Marsden) won their section and will now travel to Melbourne for the state final.

I was so proud of all the students and it was a real thrill to watch them. Many thanks to Mrs Braybon, Miss Eldridge for working with these teams, Mrs Haynes for her experience and support and all the parents who came to watch and support their children.





Above: All students involved in The Tournaments of the Mind with Teachers Mrs Braybon and Ms Eldridge



Above: back L-R – Hector McLean and Simi Naicori. Front L-R – Sarah Haynes, Niamh Mason, Emma Marsden, Spencer Hawkins and Georgia Webb.



Above: Sarah Orro, Natasha Jones, Stephanie Harris, Sheridan Mortlock, Sabrina Taylor and Meg Marsden

### **School Captain and SRC Elections**

Students in Year Eleven are currently nominating to be School Captains of Finley High School in 2016. Next Tuesday they will make a short speech to the school and students and staff will be invited to vote during the remainder of the week. SRC elections will run at the same time and student representatives will be announced at the Year Twelve farewell assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Senior Leadership Group**

Year Eleven students will also have the opportunity to apply to be a Senior Leader in 2016. Nominations open early next term. Students will be interviewed and a total of eight students will be selected to work with the school captains to build their own leadership skills by being visible and proactive throughout the student body. Senior Leaders will be announced later in Term Four.

### **Trial Exams and Beyond**

This is an important and busy time for all our senior students. This week, students in Years Eleven and Twelve have completed their trial HSC exams. This is the first and last opportunity that the students will have to sit full length exams prior to the “real thing”. The coming weeks will be vital for these students who will have three short weeks to consolidate their learning before they leave school. In many subjects, students will still be learning new content so it is absolutely necessary that they attend each and every lesson for the remainder of the term.



## **NAPLAN**

Parents of Year Seven and Year Nine students should have received their child's NAPLAN results in the mail this week.

We are pleased to see that students in Year Nine improved in both reading and numeracy. This is encouraging for the staff who have been working hard over the past year, incorporating 2LS (secondary learning strategies) into their classroom activities, and working to improve student literacy across the school.

## **National Self Detection of Scoliosis**

August is the month of the year when we remind parents and carers of girls in Years Seven and Nine to check for Scoliosis.

Scoliosis (or curvature of the spine) is an important health problem that twenty five girls per thousand are at risk of developing. Three girls per thousand require active treatment such as surgery or a spinal brace. Self-screening around the ages of eleven to thirteen is a sound preventative health measure.

When I went to school, the schools used to conduct the screening. In 2016, the Self-Detection Program is the alternative.

To read more information on scoliosis and to download the free Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis, please visit the website [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org)

## **Last week's KRAM winners**

I-tunes vouchers – Caitlin Spinner, Glen Dilullo, Natasha Jones

Canteen Vouchers – Nick Baldwin, Tyson Morris

Handballs – Rory Thornton and Jono Oliver

Mrs H McRae  
Principal

## **Scholarships for Year Twelve Students**

Please see the following website for some scholarships for rural and regional students.

<https://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/>

## Agriculture Open Day

We are holding an Ag Plot Open Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (9:30 am to 3pm). We would love to invite you to come down and have a look at what is being done in the Ag Plot at school. We have up to forty students at the farm during lunch times as they experience getting cattle ready to show. It's nearly time to step into the ring at Finley Show, where we will exhibit our citrus, Poll Dorsets, Shorthorns and Melbourne Show Carcase animals.

Last years Champion Shorthorn heifer has just calved, at under 2 years of age, and we are excited about exhibiting her at the Melbourne Royal this year.



Above left to right at front (hand on calf) Olivia Volpe, Keely Coates, Kate Arnold, Holly Robinson, Chris Wright, boy at back Callum Robertson, girl on halter of heifer (Josie) Jorja Daniel, boy on halter of calf (Lexie) Jack Sexton

We are taking thirty six students to exhibit sixteen steers in the Beef Carcase competition at Melbourne. These students will be attending the Melbourne show from 20<sup>th</sup> September to the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. From the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> we will have twelve students exhibiting our team of six Finley High School Shorthorn cattle and calves.

We would love to have as many people as possible see what the students are up to. Cattle will be being washed, blown dry, clipped, paraded and possibly hoof trimmed.

We have been invited to present our school's ag program at the Murray Darling Association's 71st National Conference. So we hope to be taking photos to include in our presentation at this conference and are going to make a story of how our ag plot runs with the huge amount of community support it receives. Thus we want to get photos of the people and groups who support us.

There will be a lunch of Roast Beef rolls and a can of drink. In addition tea and coffee will be available during the day. We look forward to seeing you.

Gary Webb, Robyn and Michael O'Leary

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

....LADIES, Please note 10am start....

### August

28 J Congdon

31 C Moloney, K Lunn

### September

1 C Alexander

2 D McLean

3 T Roe

4 D Thomas, J Burdon

7 J Chellew, W Cleve

8 G Ferguson, P Neesson

9 B Agosta

10 K Steel

11 J Orro, C Moloney

## Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## SAS STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK 31 August – 4 September 2015 (SAS Staff - School Administrative and Support Staff)

Working in Admin, Kitchen, Science Lab, Library, School Grounds and Classroom settings

## Our jobs, Your children, Their future

SAS Staff are a dedicated group of professional workers  
who are constantly stepping up to the challenge  
and adapting to change  
so that students can achieve the best education possible.

Recognition Week gives the whole school community the opportunity to thank SAS Staff for the value

## Finley High School Uniform Policy 2015

<p><b>Girls Summer</b>  Green and white check dress <b>or</b>  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)</p>	<p><b>Girls Winter</b>  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)</p>
<p><b>Boys Summer</b>  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)</p>	<p><b>Boys Winter</b>  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)</p>

### 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

## Packing Healthy Lunches for your Kids

Finley Preschool will be hosting an information session presented by Dietician, Daniel Thomson, on packing healthy lunches for kids on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at Biralee Preschool, 1 Dawe Street, Finley. Come and get some great ideas and taste food that you can easily put in your child's lunchbox!

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am – 3pm or  
In Deniliquin Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm – 9pm 1 day, \$270

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

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

## Tocumwal Preschool Fundraiser

“One Foot on the Podium” book launch by former Finley High School student, Don Elgin, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Anglican Parish of Finley, Jerilderie and Tocumwal

The Anglican church of Finley, Jerilderie and Tocumwal is offering a sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Holy Communion and Confirmation is available to all persons of high school age. Please contact the parish office on 0358831262, or Reverend Stephen Davis on 0429 845 525.

## Father's Day Family Night

Come along to our FREE Father's Day Family Night on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

## Free Dental Treatment

You are eligible for FREE dental treatment.

If you live in NSW and are 2 - 18 years old you can have free dental check at a Public Dental Clinic.

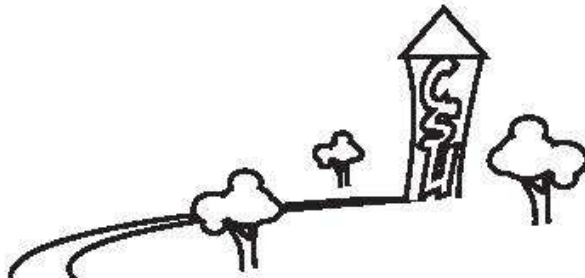
Staff will ask for your Medicare number.

Dental clinics are located at the **Berrigan** Community Health Centre and at the **Deniliquin** Hospital.

Appointments are available now - phone **1800 45 00 46**

Scholarships for Year 12





## **CSU information evening for parents and students**

Charles Sturt University (CSU) is holding an information session for students in Years 10 to 12 and parents who would like to know more about CSU. Find out about:

- courses and opportunities
- ATARs and pathways into uni
- how to apply
- early entry schemes
- important dates
- key information for UAC applications
- accommodation options
- scholarships and help with costs.

**When: 6.00pm, Wednesday, 16 September 2015**

**Where: CSU Albury-Wodonga Campus**

**REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND:**

**[www.csu.edu.au/parents](http://www.csu.edu.au/parents)**

**1800 334 733**

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 4-7PM

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PROGRAM

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## 2016 International Children's Games – New Taipei

### *Expressions of Interest – Swimming Team*

The City of New Taipei is hosting the International Children's Games 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016. For children aged 12 years to 15 years of age the ICG is the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Swimmers must be no older than 15 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

A team of swimmers are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience.

Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of up to 4 female and 4 male swimmers. We are seeking youth who live in and/or attend school in the Berrigan Shire who are interested in trying out for this once in a lifetime experience.

### Information Session

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

Barooga Sports Club Pool

10.00am

We would love any interested swimmers, parents or guardians to attend to find out more information about selections, training commitments and associated costs.

Any questions, please contact Penny 0400 742 508



# We say NO to child abuse and neglect



Join us for a cuppa  
to recognise White Balloon Day !

Meet the locals that offer strategies  
and resources to support and  
encourage changes in individuals  
and community to stop child abuse  
and neglect, before it starts.

#### When is it?

10.30am – Noon

Wednesday 9 September 2015

#### Where is it?

Intereach Community Hub

Central Arcade, Finley.

Information and resource table  
available at the Hub, all through  
Child Protection Week.

#### More information- contact

Sharon Soule –Family Links

03 5890 6203

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PLAY YOUR PART  
NAPCAN  
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

intereach  
Leading the way in rural and regional communities





# Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

**The next workshop in your area will be held:**

TIME & DATE: <b>5.30 pm- 7.30pm</b>  <b>Tuesday</b> <b>September 15</b>	VENUE:  <b>Finley RSC</b>	BOOK NOW ON:  Phone David on <b>0434 964 764</b> or email <b>saferlearnerdrivers@ gmail.com</b>
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**Helping learner drivers  
become safe drivers**



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 2:00pm -5:00pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.





# GV Disability Expo



Thursday 10th September

McIntosh Centre

Shepparton Showgrounds

SHEPPARTON

9.30am-5pm

Free entry

Sausage sizzle, coffee van,  
children's activities and guest  
speakers on the day.



Contact us if you require  
an interpreter for  
speaker sessions.



Come and meet  
your local services,  
see how they can  
help you!

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equipment...

Information for  
people with a  
disability, their  
families and carers.

FamilyCare Disability Support Services  
5823 7041 or [disabilitysupport@familycare.net.au](mailto:disabilitysupport@familycare.net.au)

Contact us if you would  
like to book a stall.





# SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

## DON'T MISS OUT

- ✔ New friendships
- ✔ Fun
- ✔ Great value
- ✔ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids' and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what's on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids' Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.



### Residential Kids' Camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

### Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps)

[sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps)

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Office of Sport  
Sport & Recreation



### Purpose

The Young Carer Bursary Programme provides financial assistance to help support young carers to complete or return to education while continuing their caring role. The Programme aims to reduce financial pressures for young carers through the granting of a bursary, targeting young carers most in need.

### Who is eligible?

A young carer aged 25 years and under (for the whole of 2016 - born in 1991 or later for the 2016 Bursary year) who is:

- studying an approved course either full-time or part-time
  - o at secondary school level, OR
  - o vocational education and training such as apprenticeships or TAFE, OR
  - o an undergraduate course at university, OR
  - o not currently enrolled but will prove enrolment if granted the bursary
- not in receipt of another bursary or scholarship
- an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

### What will it provide?

The Australian Government has committed \$1 million each year for bursaries in 2016 and 2017. The Young Carer Bursary Programme will grant 333 bursaries at \$3,000 each in 2016 and 2017. Setting the bursaries at the new level of \$3,000 maximises the number of bursaries available while providing an effective level of financial support. Bursaries will be granted for 12 months with a new application process each year.

### How will it be implemented?

Applications for 2016 bursaries will be open for 6 weeks opening on **Tuesday 18 August** and closing on Monday **28 September 2015**. An on-line application form will be available from 18 August 2015 (it will not be visible until then) which is linked to the Young Carer Bursary website. An Independent Selection Panel will make the final decisions.

### Further information:

**Website:** <http://bursaries.youngcarers.net.au/>

**Email:** [ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au](mailto:ycbursaries@carersaustralia.com.au)

**Phone:** 1800 756 238