



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## KEY DATES

### October

13-31 HSC Exams

### November

1-4 HSC Exams

15 Year Nine Future Directions Day. CSU visiting Finley High School.

21-25 Work Experience

### December

6 Year Six into Year Seven Orientation Day.

15 Presentation Night.

16 Last day of Term Four for students

19-20 Staff Development Days

### January

27 Staff Development Day

30 Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve commence Term One.

31 All students attend school



## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term Four

### **Staffing Changes**

Term Four has seen the return of several members of staff who have had extended periods of absence. Mrs Jackson has returned to work as Deputy Principal after her period of leave. Mr Soliman has returned to teach in the Mathematics faculty and Mrs Wheeler is also back on deck after two terms absent. We welcome them all back and hope they settle back into the routines of Finley High School as soon as possible.

### **Year Twelve**

I would like to wish Year Twelve every success and best wishes for the HSC which starts today. All exams this year will be in the Multi-Purpose Room and will start with English and Music. I am sure that their efforts over the past two years will be rewarded in December when their results are published. Good Luck!

### **2017 School Captains**

I would like to sincerely congratulate our 2017 Finley High School Captains who were elected by the student body at the end of last term. The School Captains for 2017 will be Paige Nash and Zeke Carruthers. The Vice Captains will be Lauren Clarke and Fraser Taig. I look forward to working with these leaders and the Senior Leadership Group over the coming twelve months.

### **Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Formation**

I extend an invitation to all our aboriginal students and parents to attend a meeting next Thursday afternoon (20<sup>th</sup> October) at 3.30pm in the school library to discuss the establishment of an AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) in Finley. Representatives from Sydney will be in attendance to run through the requirements of establishing an AECG and the role of the group. All are welcome to attend. Please see the invitation at the end of this newsletter and RSVP to Finley High School or Finley Public School before Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Afternoon tea will be provided.

## **Year Eleven Fundraising**

I extend my congratulations to Year Eleven who met the challenge of raising \$5000 in Term Three for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. They have done a fabulous job in raising these funds which will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association when they complete Year Twelve. I would like to thank the communities of Finley, Berrigan, Jerilderie and Tocumwal for their generous contributions to this cause. The final tally was \$5034. The end result for me is that my head is being shaved today! Well done Year Eleven.

## **Dramatic Minds Festival**

Next Tuesday, the Year 9/10 Drama students will travel to Deniliquin to compete in the Dramatic Minds Festival. This festival, in association with Murrumbidgee Health will see our students perform two skits that they have written and developed themselves over the past term with the help of Ms Wood. All are welcome to attend the Matinee performance at 1.30 pm or the evening performance at 7.30 pm at the Deniliquin High School Multi-Purpose Hall. I know they will do a fabulous job. Break a leg!!

## **Finley Bowling Club Raffle**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Finley High School were the recipients of the monthly Finley Bowling Club Raffle proceeds. I would like to thank all the families and friends who joined us at the Bowling Club and purchased tickets to support our school. I also know that many parents and staff donated prizes for the evening. We are very grateful for the P&C and the Bowling Club for organising this event which raised \$934 for the school.

## **School Fees and Subject Contributions**

A reminder to all parents that we still have many families who have not paid their school contribution or their subject contribution fees. It is vital that the school recoup the funds the students have spent in their practical subjects in order to ensure our teaching and learning programs can continue in the future. Payments can be made at the pay office, by EFTPOS or online through the link on the school's website.

## **Draft Anti-Bullying Plan**

We are seeking parent feedback on the Draft Anti-Bullying Plan that has been developed by a small team of parents and teachers. The policy extends upon our old policy and meets the requirements of the Department of Education. It is attached to the end of this newsletter.

If you would like to comment on the policy, either in person, by phone or by email, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Jackson at the school.

Helen McRae  
Principal

## **Acceptable Use of Electronic Devices**

Smart phones and other modern electronic devices are fantastic and we all rely on them in our daily lives. In a school setting their use needs to be regulated to ensure the rights of others aren't invaded. Below is a copy of Finley High School Personal Electronic Device Charter which clearly sets out acceptable and unacceptable use of devices such as smart phones at school. Unfortunately, some students are breaching this policy by recording or live streaming to social media, students, classes and teachers without their permission. This is a serious invasion of privacy and a serious breach of the policy. As such, any student using a phone or other electronic device for this purpose risks being suspended.

Tricia Jackson, Deputy Principal

## Finley High School Facebook Page

We would like to remind parents, students and our wider schooling community about our Facebook Page. It is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at Finley High School. It looks like the picture below and can be found by typing in <https://www.facebook.com/Finley-High-School-548784251809509>



We would also like to make you all aware that, unfortunately, prior to creating our official page, Facebook automatically generated a page based on what people liked and where they were checking in at the time. This page (pictured right) is in no way affiliated with our high school and states this within the page. Due to the large amount of people who have liked the generated page, this is the page that will appear before our official page when people search Finley high school.



We have been advised to make you all aware of the two pages and the differences you will find.

- As you can see our official page has our school logo as the profile picture
- A direct picture of our front office area is our cover photo.
- At this moment we have 742 likes
- Our official page About Description states; Formed in 1961, it is located in the heart of the district, enrolling students from surrounding towns and the local farming communities.

We have reported the issue a number of times, communicated with Facebook and so far to no avail however are hoping with your help we can get this changed. We ask you all to have a look at which page you are following. If it is the Facebook generated page please dislike it to ensure you are getting the right information from our official site.

## Waterwheel Magazine

Students wishing to receive a school magazine for this year please pay \$15 to the pay office soon. The number of magazines ordered will depend on how many have been paid for.

## Presentation Night and 'Waterwheel' Magazine Sponsors 2016

Finley High School sincerely thanks the following businesses for sponsoring the 2016 Presentation Night and 'Waterwheel' Magazine.

Alison Kable Financial Planning  
Dempster Seed Grading  
Farmers Arms Hotel Tocumwal  
Finley Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society  
Finley Community Help Group  
Finley Newspaper  
Finley Pilates & Myotherapy Centre  
Finley Returned Soldiers Club  
Finley RSL Women's Auxiliary  
Gavin's Bike and Small Engine Repairs  
JDS Industries  
Lions Club of Berrigan  
Riverina Garage Finley  
Soroptimists International Finley  
Tocumwal Hotel Motel



## PERSONAL ELECTRONICS DEVICES CHARTER

In relation to all personal electronic devices students and parents need to be aware of the following –

1. Students who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the damage or loss of such devices.
2. Mobile phones and other devices must be turned off during all classes. Student learning and school activities must not be disrupted.
3. Students must not access social networking sites such as Facebook at school.
4. Students must not use such devices or have ear buds visible when reporting to, or getting help from, staff.
5. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones or other electronic devices in examinations or formal assessments.
6. Mobile phones must not be used to by-pass school procedures. In this regard –
  - In emergencies, parents should contact the school office and we will inform the student.
  - If students are sick they must first report to sick bay and not phone parents directly.
  - If it is a discipline matter students must not text or phone parents prior to that matter being discussed with the Deputy Principal or Principal.
7. Personal electronic devices must not be used to invade the privacy of others or breach the law in any other way-
  - Students must not use a personal electronic device to bully, harass, threaten, abuse, vilify or embarrass other students or staff
  - Students must not photograph, video or record the images or voices of students or staff at any time without their specific permission or use such images to bully, harass, threaten, vilify, embarrass or improperly represent others

Students who are in breach of the above Charter will face significant disciplinary action including suspension from school.

Helen McRae  
Principal

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### October

14	M Haintz, K Barry
17	A Lee, M Kleinschmidt
18	H Harris, M McGrath
19	D Dalglish
20	S Barlow
21	K Litchfield, T Clarke
24	M Read, H Mortlock
25	R Lockhart
26	J Blackmore
27	L Bryce
28	C Moloney

## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
7pm in the staff common room  
(School Admin. Building).

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

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## *Community Announcements*

### **Finley Basketball Association**

Finley Basketball Association will be running high school aged basketball clinics each Monday from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 for the remainder of Term Four. The clinics will be from 3:30pm to 5pm.

All levels of experience are welcome and will be catered for. Cost is \$50 per child.

Additionally, we are running a Mens' and Womens' competition (age 12 and up). The competition will run from the first week of November until March 2017, with a break over Christmas.

Registration Fee: \$70 (for 12 months) Competition Fee: \$35 (if doing clinics) or \$85 (without clinics).

You must be registered to play in the competition.

Notify us of your interest via our facebook page, email: [finleybasketball@gmail.com](mailto:finleybasketball@gmail.com) or call S Howell 0421252781.



**Finley AECG MEETING**  
*Establishment Meeting*  
**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**3:30pm**  
**Finley High School**

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) would like to extend an invitation to **ALL** Aboriginal Parents/Carers and Community Members to attend our Establishment Meeting for the Finley AECG.

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) is a NSW Government initiative to engage and involve Aboriginal Parents/Carers and communities in all Education matters involving Aboriginal students.

AECG's are run at Local, Regional and State levels and involves Aboriginal people from all over NSW.

The Finley Establishment Meeting will be held in the **Library** at **Finley High School** on the **Thursday 20th October** at **3:30pm**.

All Aboriginal Parents/Carers and Community Members are encouraged to attend, and contribute to the direction of the Finley AECG for 2016 and beyond.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending please let us know by Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October by contacting either:

1. **Finley High School 03 5883 1344** or
2. **Finley Public School 03 5883 1135**



**hume riverina**  
**community legal service**

*Linking the community with the Law*

**FREE**  
**Legal Advice**

The Hume Riverina Community Legal Service visits

**FINLEY**

**When:** **Thursday 4 & 18 February**  
Thursday 3 & 17 March  
Thursday 7 & 21 April  
Thursday 5 & 19 May  
Thursday 2 & 16 June  
Thursday 7 & 21 July  
Thursday 4 & 18 August  
Thursday 1 & 15 September  
Thursday 6 & 20 October  
Thursday 3 & 17 November

**Time:** **2pm—3pm**

**Where:** **Intereach, Shop 1**  
**Central Arcade, Murray Street, Finley**

**FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

To make an appointment please phone

**1 800 918 377**