

Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

27th 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 Year Ten 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

Staff Development DayYears Seven, Eleven and

Twelve commence Term

One.

31 All students attend school



Principal's Report

The past fortnight has flown by with some very exciting events occurring in the school.

Finley Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Established

After 12 months of planning, a Finley AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) has finally been established. Parents of indigenous students of Finley High School and Finley Public School were invited to attend a meeting last Thursday to establish an AECG.

The following positions were filled at this meeting, facilitated by a convenor who travelled from Sydney:

President: Paula Gowans
Vice President: Norma Gowans
Secretary: Fiona Burton
Treasurer: Meagan Mason

Should anyone wish to join the AECG, please contact any of the above committee or contact the school for details.

The AECG will meet regularly to discuss with the schools any educational issues pertaining to aboriginal students attending the local schools.

Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award

I extend huge congratulations to Sophie Lostroh who will be the Finley High School recipient of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award 2016. Sophie was nominated by the school for her excellent achievements in Science throughout Year Eleven. Sophie is studying Chemistry and Biology for her HSC and was nominated by the school for her high standard of effort and achievement.

Sophie and her parents have been invited to Junee to accept the award on November 9, 2016.

HSC Exams

Students in Year Twelve are well and truly absorbed in completing their final HSC exams. The exams end with Chemistry on November 4th. Upon completion of exams, students are to come to school to sign out, return books and pay any outstanding subject fees. I ask that all students have this completed by Friday, November 18th.

Udderly Awsome Day

Last Friday, the SRC students held an "Udderly Awesome Day" at school to raise awareness and financial support for dairy farmers who are doing it tough at the moment. Students and staff came to school dressed as farmers, cows or simply in black, white and brown – the colours of cows. Milkshakes and ice creams were sold throughout the day, and small donations were collected in roll call. Country music was played in the playground at lunchtime. It was great to see students singing, dancing and truly enjoying themselves. Over \$550 was raised which will be sent to the school in Sydney who organised this initiative. It will then be forwarded to the appropriate dairy farmers organisations for distribution. Congratulations, SRC, on organising this wonderful day.



Above: Group photo of students involved.

World Teachers Day

World Teachers Day is this Friday. The SToMP group is marking this day by organising a BBQ breakfast for the staff of the school. All teachers, administration, cleaning and support staff are invited to come along to enjoy breakfast together. It is wonderful to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers in this way. I encourage everyone in our community to stop and think about the good things that teachers do every day in many ways to support our children to become effective and productive citizens of the future.

Last Week's KRAM Winners

I-Tunes Vouchers – Jeremy Gastin, Della Gargaro, Jacob Gow Canteen Vouchers – Hannah Aughtie, Cody Anderson Handballs – Tyler Jefress, Jackie Sharp-Shorney

Mrs H McRae Principal

Royal Melbourne Show

In the last week of Term Three, a small group of supported students had a wonderful time at the Royal Melbourne Show. Students were involved in all aspects of organising the excursion, including scheduling, map reading, transport and researching accommodation options. They learned, co-operated, shared ideas and engaged with the curriculum out of the confines of the regular classroom. A range of social skills were targeted as students bonded and developed friendships. Dela Gargaro (7A), Aleesha Hannon (7A) and Brooke Pitt (8B) were exceptionally well behaved and appreciated all the excitement on offer. Over the two days activities included:

- Supporting the school dairy and beef teams
- Milking a cow
- Admiring the art and craft pavilion
- Visiting many pavilions including the Show Bag pavilion
- Rides and more rides
- Riding on a very crowded tram
- Strolling on the world famous St. Kilda Beach
- Exploring Bourke Street

Special thanks to Adina Apartment Hotel, St. Kilda for subsidising costs and to Crystal Woodham and Kate Allan-Georgas for sharing the experience with these special students.



Left: Aleesha, Crystal, Brooke and Dela visiting Brian and Jenny O'Hora in the Dairy Cattle Pavillion.



Above: Dela on the bungy trampoline



Above: Brooke, Dela and Aleesha visiting the Beef Cattle Pavillion with Mrs O'Leary, Mr Webb and Ally Barry.



Above: Aleesha having a go at one of the side shows.



Left: Dela, Brooke and Aleesha at St Kilda Beach.

Udderly Awesome Dress Up Day

On October 21st, the SRC held an 'Udderly Awesome' dress up day to raise money for the 'Need for Feed' Disaster Relief Dairy Farmer Support Program. This was a national initiative put forward by Vincentia High School.

Students and teachers were asked to dress up as a cow, farmer or in brown, black or white (cow colours). Milkshakes and ice cream were available for sale at recess and lunch time. The STOMP team ran a range of fun activities at lunch time to get everyone up and involved.

The SRC are pleased to report that a total of \$556.20 was raised on the day, all of which will be used to help offer support to dairy farmers around Australia. We thank everyone for their support and involvement on the day.



Above: (L-R) Jessica Knight, Sophie Lostroh, Rosie Archer



Above: (L-R) Ally Trives, Rose Chamberlain, Annabel Middleton, Jasmine Ackers, Abbey Marshall, Isabel Alexander and Charlotte Mason



Above: Students enjoying the lunchtime activities organised by the SToMP Team



Above: Courtney Sexton and Rachel Orro with Mrs McRae, enjoying a milkshake and rocking her new hairdo

Melbourne Show - Finley High School Ag Team

Carcase competition

This year the twelve carcase animals headed off to Melbourne on 19th September. We thank Gerard Tessier for driving the cattle to the show and Howard Yelland for allowing us to borrow his truck. We also really want to acknowledge Bernie Rogers who has so selflessly transported our stock to Melbourne for 13 years at absolutely no cost to the school. This has been a huge commitment by Bernie and we are truly very grateful for his support and friendship.

Mr Webb left early with Darcy, James, Isaac and Zac to get all the equipment and feed unpacked and get the beds ready for the cattle. Mrs O'Leary, Ally, Lauren and Hayley loaded the cattle and travelled down after that.



Above: Ally Barry leading Bonton.



Above: Charli Cameron leading Polliwog.



Above: back row L-R Marley Healy, Darcy Webb, James McCaw, Isaac Arnold, Kimberly Montgomery, Ally Barry, Holly Montgomery and Jacob Turley. Middle row L-R Ally Barlow, Emily Gastin, Charli Cameron, Rosemary Archer, Hayley Doohan, Elle Rochford, Zoe Chellew, Niamh Mason and Rebecca Pierce. Front row L-R Zac Barlow, Lauren Clarke, Clay Webb, Lauren Steel, Nichollas Lunn, Georgia Webb, Jessica Sutton and Lillian Kernaghan.



Above: Back row L-R Fraser Taig and Isaac Arnold. Front row L-R Emma Marsden, Katie Archer, Ally Barry, Lauren Clarke and Stephanie Wright.

Results are as follows:

Animals name	Breed	Provider	Class	Live placing	Carcase placing	Comments
Bonton	Angus	Mr & Mrs R & J Hawkins	Heavy Domestic Class 2	6th	6 th /100	
Lucy	Limousin X Shorthorn	FHS	Heavy Domestic Class 2	5th	2 nd /100	
Scott	Poll Hereford	Amanda Watkins	Heavy Domestic Class 2	unplaced	9 th /100	
Polliwog	Limousin X Shorthorn	FHS	Heavy Domestic Class 2	unplaced	11 th /100	
Tookie	Charolais X Murray Grey	Mr M Tooke	Heavy Domestic Class 2	unplaced	14 th /100	
Leroy	Shorthorn	FHS	Heavy Domestic Class 2	5th	17 th /100	
Jett	Black Simmental	Mr P Webb	Heavy Domestic Class 2	2 nd	18th	Members of the Simmental Borthwick team
Leo	Shorthorn	FHS	Heavy Domestic Class 2	unplaced	35 th /100	
Panda	Angus X Hereford	Mr & Mrs J Montgomery	Heavy Domestic Class 2	Unplaced	37 th /100	
Hawkeye	Angus	Mr J Hawkins	Heavy Domestic Class 2	3rd	77 th /100	
Samson	Hereford	Mr & Mrs J & M Doyle	Heavy Domestic Class 2	unplaced	87 th /100	
Chainsaw	Hereford	Mr & Mrs J & M Doyle	Export Class 3	Unplaced	20 th /52	

We had a really successful year with our team of seven Shorthorn cattle.

FHS Luna was 1^{st} in the heifer 9 - 12 months class.

FHS Kathleen, with her calf Maximus at foot, won her class (Cow or heifer 24 to 36 months). She went on to be the Senior Champion Shorthorn. We were extremely excited when one of the three judges in the interbreed competition placed her third out of eighteen entrants in the Interbreed competition. She is a fabulous young female with a lot to offer.

FHS Leon was first in the 9 - 12 month bull class

FHS Kai was 1st in the over 24 month class and was awarded the Reserve Senior Champion bull sash.



Above: Katie Archer placed 1st in the handlers class.



Above: First Place in the Best Fancy Dressed Calf.



Left: Elle Rochford leading Leo.

Creative Cloud for students NEWS



As part of our enterprise agreement with Adobe, all public schools students are now licenced to install the latest <u>Creative Cloud suite</u> for their BYOD or home computer (Windows/OSX) free of charge. This brings students in line with the versions of Creative Cloud programs available to staff for work-at-home and for school computers. Unlike previous versions, students will need to update their licence annually and will therefore be able to do this as long as they remain public school students. They will also be required to create an Adobe ID account, which for students under the age of 13, will require the permission and assistance of their parent/guardian. To assist with and better explain these changes, an FAQ has been developed and included at the OnTheHub store.

Work-at-Home software changes



With Windows 10 and Office 2016 (Win/Mac) available for staff and students for over a year through the DoE enterprise agreement with Microsoft, some changes to the available software titles have been scheduled. From mid-November, Windows 7, Office 2010 (Win) and Office 2011 (Mac) will no longer be available for purchase/download. From mid-January 2017, Windows 8.1 and Office 2013 (Win) will no longer be available for purchase/download. In addition, the newest version of Adobe Presenter will shortly be added to the stores making that program available again. If you wish to order any of these titles while they are still available, please visit the appropriate work-at-home store at OnTheHub: https://nsw-students.onthehub.com

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 to the left 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 and communicated with Facebook, 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.

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Lions Club of Berrigan

Lions Club of Finley

Mr A Piccoli Member for Murray

Pan's Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant

Riverina Garage Finley

Soroptimists International Finley

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Tuppal Dairy

Tocumwal Hotel Motel

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

October

- 28 C Moloney
- 31 J Crowhurst, J Burdon

November

- 1 H Harris
- 2 T Doohan
- 3 J John
- **4** T Jones, D Thomas
- **7** K Steel, M Read
- 8 S Robinson
- 9 R Sharp, L Knight
- **10** S Robertson

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 9th 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

Community Announcements

Finley Amateur Swimming Club

Learn-to-swim and squad training will be starting soon with a new structure and program. Registrations are now open. Membership forms and information booklet are available on our Facebook page. Forms due by 3rd November. All enquiries to Jenny 0412 727 367.



