



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## KEY DATES

### November

- 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

- 27** Staff Development Day
- 30** Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve commence Term One.
- 31** All students attend school

## Principal's Report

### **Congratulations, Damon**

Congratulations to Damon Anderson who has been accepted into the Honeywell Engineering Summer School at Sydney University. Damon was selected from students who applied around the state, to participate in this educational experience. He will enjoy learning in engineering lectures and practical workshops during the last week of term and will stay on campus at Macquarie University. Damon is excited about being able to experience university life first hand and to meet students from across NSW who have similar interests in Engineering as himself. The Finley Rotary Club is associated with this venture and it is through their interest in providing opportunities for our students that Damon will have this opportunity.

### **Professional Learning**

On Tuesday evening, the teachers at Finley High stayed behind at the end of the day to participate in an afternoon of professional learning. The areas covered for the day were Clickview Online, How2Learn, PBL and PDPs.

A representative from Clickview showed teachers how to access and make the most of this online resource that the school purchases each year to enrich the learning experiences of our students. Teachers learned about how to make videos on Clickview interactive and designed especially for the needs of the students in their classrooms.

How2Learn activities got teachers to reflect upon how they learn and how they can encourage students to do the same. By identifying areas of strength and weaknesses in how we learn, we are able to improve what we learn. A strategy of "split screen thinking" was explored as a way to explicitly teaching learning strategies in the classroom and methods of memory retention discussed.

The PBL team debriefed the staff on the three days of planning that has taken place over the past week and staff then had the opportunity to reflect on their own professional learning goals for the year.

I would like to thank Andrew Richardson and the Finley Bakery for donating some tasty, sweet treats for afternoon tea. We were very thankful for the generosity of the Finley Bakery and Andrew's generosity went a long way to making the teachers feel appreciated by the community. Thanks Andrew!

## **Outstanding Fees**

Unfortunately, the school still has over \$23 000 in outstanding school fees. I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to support the school by contributing what they can to the payment of their school fees before the end of the month when the school's financial year rolls over.

## **Community P & C**

Last night, I took the opportunity to report to the school community about our progress on the School Plan 2015-2017 and to outline our future directions for 2017. Parents were sent an invitation to attend last week and came along to listen, give feedback and ask questions. Thanks to the staff who came to support and present to parents.

## **Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)**

Work began yesterday on the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) which will be built in the playground by the end of term. This COLA will provide shade and shelter for our students while also giving them space to play handball and have outdoor assemblies, meetings and lessons under cover. This COLA is being funded by a joint funding grant from the NSW state government who covers 50% of all the costs with the school meeting the other 50%. We look forward to using it fully in 2017.

## **HSC Exams completed**

The Higher School Certificate Exams finished with Chemistry last Thursday. The wait is now on for the results to come in. Several teachers have been and are currently marking the HSC in various subjects. This is fantastic professional learning for our teachers who gain real insights into what the examiners are looking for and how students can gain those extra few marks.

## **Year Ten**

Year Ten will commence their yearly examinations next week. The exams will start on Monday and finish on Thursday. The following week, these students will attend their second work experience placement for the year. This is a great opportunity to experience a workplace environment and to have a taste of the positives and negatives of working in their favoured career. I hope that all students in Year Ten find the lessons they learn during work experience to be valuable.

## **LMBR**

This week, Mrs Braine (SAM) and Mrs Close (Pay office) will be travelling to Deniliquin to begin their journey to switching the school over to LMBR which is a new management system for finances, resources and documentation. Along with me, they will undergo intensive training on the system for the first half of next year before our system "goes live" in July. This will mean a massive change to how we process data and payments at Finley High School. We will keep you well informed of how this may impact on our current procedures as we learn more.

## **Temporary Positions**

In 2017, there will be various temporary teaching and support positions available. If you are interested in applying for a teaching or support position at the school, please write an expression of interest, outlining your qualifications and/or experience as well as the names of two referees to contact. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jackson at the school.

## Reports

We anticipate reports will be issued to students during Week Ten. It is important to keep certificates and school reports in a safe, easily locatable place as we cannot always reproduce copies on request.

### Local science winners could be on the path to world-saving discovery

Aspiring local science wizzes have been told they could be the key to solving some of the world's future problems.

Thirty-one Riverina Year Eleven students were yesterday awarded Victor Chang School Science Awards for their excellent achievement and passion for science.

Local science wiz, Sophie Lostroh of Finley High School, was presented with her award by Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute research scientist, Dr Christopher Stanley, at a Riverina presentation ceremony hosted by Junee High School.

Dr Stanley shared his journey in science from an inquisitive youngster tinkering with a chemistry set to his current role making discoveries "that nobody else in the world knows about yet".

He urged students to follow their passions and dreams of pursuing a career in science.

Dr Stanley revealed that he had discovered chemicals that impact on blood pressure in certain people.

"The best part of science is that it allows you to contribute newly discovered knowledge to the world," Dr Stanley said.

"It can make a difference in people's lives."

Executive Director Public School NSW Graham Kahabka congratulated the Victor Chang School Science Award recipients and urging them to continue to apply themselves to sustain their achievements so far.

"Science is the thing that will help us in the future," Mr Kahabka said.

"I'm sure some out of this group here will be people that will be solving our problems."

After hearing each of the award winners' citations read by Cootamundra network director Jenene McGrath, in his closing remarks Deniliquin network director Troy Mott concluded that each of the students had not only excelled in science but were all-round achievers and leaders.



Left: Sophie Lostroh being congratulated by scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at the Riverina Victor Chang School Science Awards.

### **Sophie's citation read:**

During her time at Finley High School Sophie has been highly motivated, had a passion for all things to do with Science and Agriculture, and has always been an attentive student with a thirst for a greater knowledge of any given subject. Throughout her junior years she was consistently ranked highly in the extension Science class. Always well presented and polite towards her peers and members of staff, Sophie has willingly taken on extra challenges at school. These include sporting and coaching programs, and many Agricultural shows working with sheep and cattle. Sophie has displayed many of the attributes that will ensure that she continues to excel in the field of science and to become an excellent leader in the Science community. She has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements by placing first in Chemistry and first in Biology. These results reflect her commitment to learning and enthusiasm for Science. Her motivation and work ethic have helped her to develop scientific knowledge and skills that will stand her in good stead as she works towards successful completion of the Higher School Certificate and a future career in the health sciences.

### **Country Women's Association of NSW – Murray Hut Branch**

#### **STEM Scholarship**

The STEM Scholarship is awarded to a female student in Year Twelve at Finley High School to commence tertiary studies in 2017 in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This could include all the health sciences, agricultural sciences, animal sciences, computer technology, food technology, robotics, nursing, sports sciences, psychology as well as the more traditional STEM courses.

This scholarship is for a hardworking student with a passion in their chosen area of study and not necessarily the person with the best HSC results. All female students intending to study at TAFE or university in any of the STEM areas are encouraged to apply.

The scholarship is awarded in late December following the release of the HSC results and ATAR scores.

Applicants will be required to submit a written application and attend an interview in the week following the release of the HSC results and ATAR scores.

All written applications should be submitted to Principal of Finley High School.

The application should address the following criteria:

1. The STEM related course that you intend to study.
2. Why you want to study the particular course chosen.
3. How \$1000 will assist you in the first year of tertiary study?
4. What your future career aspirations may be post tertiary study?
5. Include a personal reference and final Year Twelve school report.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Principal

Helen McRae, Principal

## 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.

## Dramatic Minds

On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October Ms Wood and Jodi Brown drove the 9/10 Drama class to Deniliquin High School to perform in the 2016 Dramatic Minds Festival. The students created, directed and performed two pieces, called "The Silent One", which included the cast of Jessica Sutton, Bella Jackson, Thomas Apps and Hailey Gow; and "Hopeless" which was acted out by Sheridan Mortlock, Kaitlynn Jones, Stephanie Harris, Skye Thompson, Shane Jenkins, Corey Percy and Kiarni Jones. They acted out their performances at the Matinee to the Deniliquin High School students, and the night time performance allowed the public to come in and view the production.

The students left Finley High School at 9 am and were at Deniliquin High School until 9 pm that night. Deniliquin High School catered to all the high school students and teachers that performed in the Dramatic Minds Festival, with a delicious morning tea, lunch and dinner that was very much appreciated. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Finley Drama class to meet other students and see their plays and lots of friendships were formed. It was a long day, but it was all worth it in the end and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform in front of a wider audience.



Above: Ms Wood with the students involved in the Dramatic Minds Festival.

## 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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### CANTEEN ROSTER

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

#### November

11	M Haintz
14	D Pyke, S Congram
15	C Girdwood
16	K Chesworth
17	S Barlow
18	K Litchfield, C Lawton
21	K Lunn, M Kleinschmidt
22	T Nash
23	Mel McGrath
24	L Bryce
25	J Congdon

## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 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)

## TEMPORARY TEACHER POSITION

### Expression of Interest

Various Teacher Positions

Finley High School

#### School Information

Finley High School is a small comprehensive high school set in a rural community. It caters for the educational needs of students in four towns: Finley, Tocumwal, Berrigan, Jerilderie and their surrounding areas. It has a tradition of excellence in academics with strong HSC results over many years, as well as outstanding results in Sport, Agriculture, Public Speaking and Debating.

#### Position Information

These positions are available from 27 January 2017 to 26 January 2018.

There are several full-time and part-time positions available including but not limited to: English, English/Drama, Special Needs, HSIE, Careers, LOTE, Hospitality/TAS

Contact Teacher Housing Authority on 1300 137 343 or at [thastaff@tha.nsw.gov.au](mailto:thastaff@tha.nsw.gov.au)

Benefits may apply and can be viewed on the [teach.NSW benefits calculator](#)

#### Position Criteria

- Approval to teach and/or experience teaching in the subject applied for.
- Excellent communication skills and be willing to contribute to the development of faculty goals and the school.
- A positive outlook and a willingness to be a part of a small rural community are encouraged.

#### Applications

If interested in this opportunity, submit an expression of interest of no more than one page addressing the position criteria and outlining your qualifications and teaching experience. Include the names of two professional referees who are familiar with and able to discuss your professional abilities and suitability for this position.

Applications and enquiries should be forwarded to Patricia Jackson, Deputy Principal.

**Phone:** 03 5883 1344

**Email:** [Patricia.I.Jackson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Patricia.I.Jackson@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Website:** [www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

**Applications close 3:00pm Monday 14 November 2016**

## *Community Announcements*

### **Finley Queens Day - in support of White Ribbon Day**

**Calling all Queens!** We all need to chill out, catch up with friends, have some time away from our families to recharge our batteries, to see that we are not alone and reaffirm that we are doing a good job! No matter what that job may be!

Please join us for an afternoon of relaxing with old friends and meeting new ones. All profits from the day will be donated the White Ribbon Foundation. Raffles will be available on the day with some amazing donated prizes from our Finley Queens.

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Time:** 4pm – 9pm

**Where:** Bob Close Pavilion (Finley Lions Hall)

**Cost: \$32** – includes: Nibbles, light dinner, flower crown and refreshing mocktail. BYO alcohol and Soft Drinks (Tea, Coffee and Water provided) 18+ only. **Tickets available at [www.finleyqueensday.com](http://www.finleyqueensday.com) or look up Finley Queens Day on Facebook.**





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### FINLEY LIONS CLUB

Get to your feet for Walk4BrainCancer this November. Across Australia, thousands will be getting to their feet to raise funds to accelerate new treatment options to people living with brain cancer.

BBQ AVAILABLE AT EVENT - REGISTER ONLINE NOW.

DATE: **27-11-2016** START TIME: **9.30 - 12pm**  
 LOCATION: **Finley Lake - Deniliquin Road entrance**  
 CONTACT: **TERRI BEVAN - tezbev@yahoo.com.au**

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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  
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