



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

24th November 2016

KEY DATES

November

- 21-25** Year Ten Work Experience
29 Formal Assembly 10am in the school hall
30 Year 6 into Year 7 transition information night. 6pm to 7pm in the school Library

December

- 1** Whole School Social 6:30pm to 9:30pm.
6 Year Six into Year Seven Orientation Day.
7 Empowerment 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

Presentation Night

This year's Presentation Night will be held on Thursday, 15th December, beginning at 7pm sharp.

Mr O'Leary and Mrs Singleton have been busily preparing for this evening.

Due to the pace of the mail service, invitations to attend to those students receiving an award will be given to them, by hand, at school at the end of next week. Students are asked to respond to the letter as soon as possible by completing the return slip and giving it to the front office.

Proud and Deadlies

Last Thursday, Mrs Brown and Miss Downey took students to Deniliquin to receive Proud and Deadly Awards. These awards are given to indigenous students who have achieved success in academics, sport, citizenship or leadership throughout the school.

Finley High School 2016 Proud and Deadly Award recipients were:

Andrew Neessen and Tiarna Taylor received academic awards.

Natalie and Warren Pitt received awards for achievements in creative and performing arts.

Dylan Sibraa, Jessica Adams, Mason Peters, Dora Miaoudis and Georgia Hammersley received encouragement awards.

Jack Anderson received recognition for his citizenship.

Kaila Smith received an outstanding sporting award.

Congratulations also to Natalie Pitt, Warren Pitt and Vanessa Hayes-Beetson who successfully completed Year 12 in 2016.

I would like to congratulate all of these students who received an award this year.

Pictured right: Jessica and Tiarna.





Above: Kayla, Tiaran, Jessica, Dora and Andrew.

Youth Frontiers

Last Friday students in Year Eight and Year Nine involved in the Youth Frontiers Program, ran a fun time- lunchtime for students at the school to raise money for local charities. They ran a variety of activities around the school as well as selling cupcakes and sausage sandwiches and drinks. Students had a great time, although the weather proved to be hot and all were exhausted by the end of lunch.

I would like thank Ryan Lock who led the students throughout the year, with the assistance of the local mentors and the Finley Bakery and Patisserie who once again supported the students in their efforts by supplying the cupcakes for the students to sell. Community spirit once again thrives in Finley. Thanks to all who participated in this initiative.

Formal Assembly

Our last formal assembly for the year will take place next Tuesday 29th November, at 10 am in the school hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to congratulate students on their good efforts throughout the past term. I look forward to seeing many parents there.

Year 6-7 Transition Night for Parents

Starting high school can be as daunting for parents as it is for students.

In the lead up to the Year 6 Transition day on Tuesday 6th December, we would like to invite parents of our 2017 Year Seven students to a transition evening to discuss general issues they have as well as the expectations and practices at Finley High School. This night will be led by Jodi Brown, our Student Support Officer and should only take one hour of your time.

The transition evening will be held in the school library next Wednesday 30th November from 6pm – 7 pm.

I encourage all parents to attend. Those who have attended this evening in past years have found it helpful and informative.

School Social

The final social for the year is planned for next Thursday, 1st December from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. The theme is “Formal to the waist: the rest bad taste”. Parents are asked to ensure their children arrive on time and are picked up promptly at 9:30 pm.

Year Ten Work Experience

Year Ten are completing their final week of work experience this week. This is a great opportunity to see what it is like to work in a business, under business conditions and business hours. Hopefully, students will gain insights into a future career they may wish to pursue or decide that a certain job is not one they wish to pursue.

Mrs O’Bryan and Mrs White have shown an enormous amount of patience and dedication in putting this learning opportunity on the agenda for Year Ten students. I would like to acknowledge their efforts and thank them on behalf of Year Ten.

Year Six Transition Day

We will be welcoming the students from our feeder schools to Finley High School on Tuesday, 6th December for a transition day. Students will participate in some “get to know the school” activities as well as some timetabled lessons on this day. Book bundles will be available for purchase and students will have their first real taste of high school life. Thanks to Mrs Sexton for her organisation of this day.

Empowerment Day

On Wednesday, 7th December, Year Nine will be involved in an empowerment day organised by our welfare team at the school.

Girls will participate in workshops around women’s health, body image, self-identity and mental positivity.

Boys will be involved in workshops on men’s health and hygiene, risk taking and self-identity.

This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on themselves, their health and the way they are viewed by others.

KRAMs

Congratulations to last week’s KRAM winners:

I-Tunes vouchers – Georgia Lunn, Paige Nash, Zeke Carruthers

Canteen Vouchers – Sarah H, Georgia Hammersley

Handballs – Alistair Bear, Rory Knight.

Helen McRae

Principal

Whole School Social

Finley High School whole school social will be held next Thursday, 1st December, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the school hall.

The theme is “Formal to the waist, the rest is bad taste” so think suit jackets and boardies, or nice dresses and crocs!

Tickets are available prepaid for \$5 from any SRC member. Food and drinks will be available for sale on the night.

We hope to see a lot of students there.

Ms A Brain
SRC Coordinator

Careers News

There has been a lot happening this past fortnight in Careers. We have had a handful of Year Eleven students travel to Charles Sturt University (CSU), Thurgoona, to undertake a study skills day (pictured right). CSU then visited Finley High School and workshopped a career aspirations day with Year Nine students. They will be back again in December to work with our transitioning Year Seven class of 2017.



Year Nine students are finishing up this term on the Real Game. This is a game students play in class and is based around setting up their life and trying to balance their desired lifestyle with the reality of a limited income and living expenses. The students have had street parties and met their neighbours in their communities, they have undertaken some budgeting and for some they have had a bit of a reality check on the cost of living.

Pictured left: Students participating in the ‘Real Game’.

This week Year Ten students have been out on their final block of work experience. It has been great to see them in their work places showing a growing level of confidence and maturity as they engage in the world of work. On that note we would also like to take this opportunity to thank our local employers who have hosted students this year. Work experience is a fantastic program but it can only run with the support of local businesses and employers who are willing to take students on.

Year Eleven students are also in the middle of preparing and undertaking their Mock interviews. Again we would like to thank the local employers and business houses who have taken time out of their day to interview students. Hopefully having a Mock Interview under their belts means that when they are faced with the real deal they should feel much more comfortable with the process. We look forward to seeing the results of interviews in Week Eight.

Year Twelve students looking at tertiary study will be finalising preferences in order to have them ready for the main round of offers. We wish them luck with this and look forward to hearing of their chosen pathways for 2017.

Sheep AI at Genstock

Early November each year is joining time for the Poll Dorset Stud at Finley High School. With only twenty three ewes to join, it is important to use the best sires we can each year. After discussing our program with the Frost family from Bannister, owners of the leading stud "Hildden", it was decided we would artificially inseminate the stud ewes again after a two year break. We are very grateful for the donation of fantastic semen to join the ewes with.

We could not do this without the support each year of David and Rozy Kennett who are owners of the AI breeding Centre, Genstock, at Jerilderie. David plans the program and supplies us with the drugs for us to use. David and Rozy then give up a morning to AI our sheep, educating the students about the whole process. The students had a great, but very physical time catching and lifting the sheep into the cradles and learning about sheep AI.

We look forward to the next drop of lambs, hopefully mostly AI, in early April next year. Thanks to Donald Henderson of Blighty who purchased the 2015 drop rams this year.



Above: David Kennett, Katie Archer, Emma Marsden and Hayley Doohan.



Above: Stephanie Wright catching a ewe.



Above: David with Isaac Arnold and James McCaw.

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
 Angels Be Hair Studio
 Baldwin's Buses
 Berrigan Ag and Horticultural Society
 Berrigan Amateur Dramatic Society
 Berrigan Newsagency
 Berrigan Shire Council
 Blighty Community Football Club
 Dempster Seed Grading
 Edward River Council
 Farmers Arms Hotel Tocumwal
 Finley Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society
 Finley Bakery and Patisserie
 Finley Community Help Group
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 Finley IGA
 Finley Newspapers
 Finley Newspaper
 Finley Pilates & Myotherapy Centre
 Finley Returned Soldiers Club

Finley RSL Women's Auxiliary
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 Hutcheon and Pearce
 JDS Industries
 JT and EN Close
 KM & WM Kelly and Sons
 Lions Club of Berrigan
 Lions Club of Finley
 Joyce McDonald
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 Murray Hut Clothing
 Neil Cameron Earthworks
 Pat Barrett Tyre Service
 Pan's Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant
 Riverina Garage Finley
 Soroptimists International Finley
 Stubbs Wallace Pty Ltd
 Tuppal Dairy
 Tocumwal Hotel Motel
 Tocumwal Golf Club

The P&C is raffling a Christmas hamper, this will be drawn on Presentation Night. Tickets are being sold at Finley IGA on Thursday 1st December and Friday 2nd December and Wednesday 7th December and Thursday 8th December. We are looking for volunteers to help out for an hour. Please phone or text Suzanne on 0358859229 or 0417405107.

Transition to High School

for Parents/Caregivers with
Students starting High School in 2017

Wednesday 30th November 2016
6pm – 7pm
Finley High School Library

This is an informal meeting opportunity for parents to discuss the expectations of Finley High School and how we can work together as a team to;

- support your child at high school
 - create independence
- encourage problem solving and resilience

2017 Year Seven students are welcome to come along to;

- build healthy friendships
- discuss issues that may occur and how you can deal with them
 - interact with students from different towns

Light Supper Provided

For more information and to RSVP please contact;
Finley High School 03 58831344
Jodi Brown, Student Support Officer
Dian Sexton, 2017 Year Seven Advisor

Temporary Student Learning Support Officer

Applications are invited for a temporary Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) position at Finley High School in 2017 (minimum 12 hours/week).

Anyone interested in applying for this position is asked to forward their application to:

Ms Ellen Downey
Head Teacher Support
Finley High School
Tocumwal Street
FINLEY NSW 2713

Email: ellen.downey@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications should include a resume and address the following criteria:

- i. Discuss your understanding of students with “disabilities” (max. 300 words)
- ii. What is your view of the role a SLSO provides for students with disabilities in a high school context? (max. 300 words)
- iii. What is your understanding of professionalism and confidentiality in this setting? (max. 200 words)

Applications close Thursday 8th December 2016.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

November

25 J Congdon

28 M Kleinschmidt

29 K Nicholls

30 B Agosta

December

1 T Roe

2 J Chellew, T Clarke

5 J Orro, D Jewell

6 C Alexander

7 D McLean

8 C Moloney

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14th 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

Community Announcements

Senior Women's AFL Football

A new local team in 2017 – Are you interested? Find out more at the "Information Session" on **Sunday, 27th November at 1.00 pm** at Echuca Football Netball Club Social Rooms, Victoria Park Oval, Crofton St. Echuca. The new Women's Football League will include teams from Bendigo, Shepparton and surrounding towns.

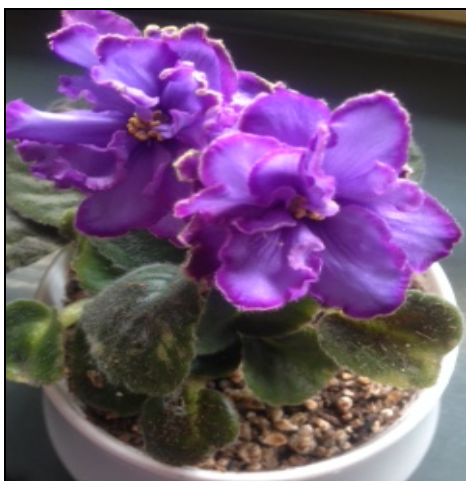
Interested players, family, coaches, trainers and support staff are invited to attend. For further details please phone Peter Young - 0407 436 624 or Brett Stevens - 0419 886 533 or email: tantiger@bigpond.com.au

Positions Vacant

The Foreshore Tocumwal has positions available for Junior Shop Assistants over the summer school holidays.

Students from 14 years of age are encouraged to apply. Please contact the Manager for an application form by:
Email: theforeshoretoc@gmail.com Phone or Message: Alison on 0438801528 or 58742929 or please call in to the shop at 15 Deniliquin Rd Tocumwal.

A LIVING GIFT



The Science Faculty has beautiful African Violets, in a variety of colours, potted up and flowering in time for Christmas! Just \$10 each.

Enquiries to Finley High School
5881344 - Susan, Science Dept.



Expressions of Interest

***Swimming and Track & Field Athletes
& Prospective Qualified Coaches***

2018 International Children's Games – Jerusalem

The City of Jerusalem is hosting the International Children's Games in July 2018. 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 and track and field athletes must be no older than 15 as at the 31st December 2018.

A team of swimmers and track & field athletes and respective qualified coaches are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience.

Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of swimmers and track & field athletes. 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.

Interested swimmers and track & field athletes and respective qualified coaches are encouraged to be competing over the summer months of 2016/2017 and to keep copies of their events and times/distance for the purpose of future selection.

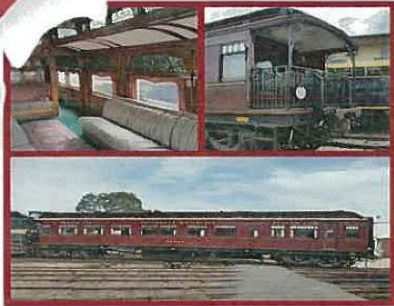
Please lodge your expressions of interest at berrigan.icg@gmail.com



PRESERVING VICTORIA'S RAILWAY HERITAGE



HERITAGE TRAIN SHUTTLES SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER TOCUMWAL - STRATHMERTON



YARRA PARLOR CARRIAGE (1906)

Built at the Newport workshops for the 'Sydney limited' it is the only surviving car of its type with sister car 'Murray' being scrapped in the 60s. Yarra was saved for preservation in 1964 by the Australian Railway Historical Society (ARHS).

Travel on a rare 1 hour Heritage train shuttle to Strathmerton this Christmas.

Your Heritage Train will be hauled by vintage blue and gold locomotives, and passengers will travel in comfortable 100 year old wooden bodied "E" class carriages together with former Spirit of Progress "S" class steel passenger carriages.

Your train will also have the magnificent Yarra Carriage which was built in 1906.

This 110 year old carriage is one of the only main line carriages with a viewing platform. Book early as there's limited seats.

TIMETABLE		
12.45	TOCUMWAL	1.20
1.15	STRATHMERTON	1.50



"Come with us for a great day out on our Heritage train!"

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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**

REGISTER NOW

walk4braincancer.com.au

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proceeds going to Cure Brain Cancer Foundation

