



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Ms E Downey

4<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## KEY DATES

### February

- 8-10** Year Seven Camp  
**10** P&C Meeting, 7pm in the Staff  
Common Room  
**11** Swimming Carnival  
**12** Day off in lieu of Swimming  
Carnival  
**17** Year Seven Parent BBQ  
**18** Open Boys/Girls basketball in  
Deniliquin  
CSU Future Moves visit for Year  
Ten  
**23** Zone Swimming in Hay

### March

- 1** Open Boys/Girls Touch Rugby  
Finley  
Future Moves Campus Visit  
**3** Rice Field Day  
**4** Riverina Swimming Carnival  
**9** P&C Annual General Meeting,  
7pm in the Staff Common Room.  
**10** Open Boys and Girls Soccer Trials  
**21** Open Tennis and Bowls in  
Barham  
**23** SToMP Trivia Night  
**24** Secondary Boys and Girls Soccer  
Trials  
**25** Good Friday  
**28** Easter Monday

### April

- 1** Year Six Forensics Day  
**4-6** Preliminary Final Exams  
**6** Cross Country

## Principal's Report

**Welcome back to Finley High for 2016 and a huge welcome to all our new students and their families.**

2016 has begun with a rush of activity and excitement. Many changes are happening at the school which we hope will allow the school and students to function more efficiently throughout the year. I hope we all have a great year of learning and teaching.

## **Staff changes**

This year we have had several changes to our staff.

Miss Downey has stepped into the role of relieving Deputy Principal as Mrs Jackson takes the term from school to care for her son who was injured in an accident at the end of last year.

Mr Tooke will assume the role of acting Head Teacher PDHPE/Support with Mr Maxwell taking over some PE classes for Term One.

Miss Spence has taken leave for this year and has been replaced by Miss Wood who will teach Drama and English for 2016. Miss Wood comes from Barooga and has many years of teaching experience and we are very fortunate to have her here.

Mr Lethbridge, who transferred to Deniliquin, has been replaced by Mr Beresford who comes to Finley High School from the Wollongong region. We welcome Mr Beresford into the Maths faculty.

Mr Chittick has returned to Finley High School to replace Mr Oddie as acting Head Teacher until a permanent replacement can be found. Mr Chittick left us three years ago to pursue his career in Tamworth. It is great to see him back in this new role.

Mrs Sexton joins the Finley High School staff as a permanent teacher, replacing Mrs Fisher.

Mrs Fulton is relieving in the library for Term One in Ms Begbie's absence.

The school is therefore fully staffed by experienced and committed

## Year Seven

Year Seven students are settling into the school very well. Very few students have been “lost” and they are going about the business of learning with a quiet enthusiasm.

Next week, Year Seven students will travel to Howman’s Gap for their first excursion in high school. Miss Scott has done an enormous amount of work to organise this and we are sure that all Year Seven students will have a fabulous time.

For the parents of Year Seven students, we will be having an informal meet and greet with a welcome barbecue on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 5pm in the BBQ area at school. All parents are invited to come along and meet some of their child’s teachers while enjoying a sausage sizzle.

### **Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D.)**

Many students are beginning to bring in their laptops to be used in the classroom. Lockers are in place for students to lease at a cost \$5 for the year. Over thirty lockers have already been leased by students. Students are asked to bring their own padlock to ensure their laptops are secure. For students who do not have a device, some laptops are available for day loan from the library and we are currently purchasing some more. Although we have a preferred specification, students are still encouraged to bring in the device they have ie ipad, tablet or other laptop device. The specifications are merely a guide to what we consider will work best.

### **Australia Day Awards**

We are very proud of our students who won awards at our local Australia Day celebrations.

Rachael Barnes won the Berrigan Shire Junior Citizen of the Year for her work with many local groups including the Finley Swimming Club, Blighty Netball Club and the Finley High School Dairy Team. Her role as mentor and coach has helped many young students reach their potential.

Della Gargaro is in Year Seven this year. Della won the Berrigan Shire Council Junior Sportsperson of the year for her outstanding success in Athletics in Year Six. Well done Della.

Sophie Lostroh won the Conargo Shire Junior Sportsperson of the Year for her efforts in playing and coaching netball at Blighty.

Grant-Patrick Smith won the Jerilderie Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award for his success with the bat and football in 2015.

We are very proud of all of their achievements and congratulate them on their success.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Next Thursday, Finley High School will hold its annual Twilight Swimming Carnival.

Students will come to school and attend the first four lessons. Half way through lunch, the bell will ring and students will attend an assembly before walking to the pool. The carnival will commence around 2:30pm and will conclude at approximately 7:30pm. One bus per town will pick the students up from the pool and take them to the centre of each town. Local students can walk home or be picked up by their parents. Students are encouraged to come to school in their house colours but must wear covered in shoes while at school.

Because students have effectively stayed at school until 7:30pm, **there will be no school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

See NSW Health advice regarding students who have been ill attending the swimming carnival attached at the end of this newsletter.

## School Captains

Our school captains for 2016 are Grant-Patrick Smith from Jeriderie, Jorja Daniel from Finley, and our vice captains are Chelsea Dempster from Berrigan and Joshua Barrett from Finley. I am looking forward to working with these school leaders throughout 2016.



Above (L-R): Joshua Barrett (vice-captain), Grant-Patrick Smith, Jorja Daniel and Chelsea Dempster (vice-captain). Photo courtesy of the Southern Riverina News.

## Sport Years Eight to Eleven

We have made some changes to sport for **Years Eight to Eleven** this year in the hope that students become more involved in sport. There are a wider variety of options for sport, with many of them taking place outside of school. In Term One sport will be held Wednesday morning during periods one and two when it is cooler.

To avoid the clamour to get changed we will allow students to wear their sports clothes to school and remain in them for the day. Students who have practical lessons must however bring leather shoes to wear for classes in labs, kitchens and workshops.

**Year Seven** sport will be held in individual lessons throughout the timetable period. **Year Seven** students are required to wear their school uniform to school and change into their sports uniform at the beginning of their sport lesson, changing back into their school uniform after sport.

## Late to school

It is important for all students to arrive at school on time each day. Roll call begins at 8.50am and important notices are given to the students at this time. Should circumstances prevent your child from arriving at school on time, they are required to report to the front office with a note explaining the lateness. Failure to bring a note may result in a lunchtime detention.

Mrs Helen McRae  
Principal

## Swimming Carnival

The Finley High School twilight swimming carnival takes place on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016. The students will go to class as normal for periods 1 to 4 and the first half of lunch, unless they have entered the longer distance races. At the commencement of the second half of lunch there will be a quick assembly and then students will be walked to the pool, supervised by teachers. The carnival is expected to finish at approximately 7:30pm with buses running to the town centres of Jerilderie (near the lake – to be confirmed with bus company), Berrigan (Shire building) and Tocumwal (big fish).

Each student needs to bring \$3 for pool entry or their Berrigan Shire season pass (to be shown on the day). Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the entire day; however, clothing needs to be appropriate for school and suitable for any practical lessons, this includes fully enclosed footwear. It is advised that they also bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottles. Parents are welcome to come to the carnival and enjoy the activities. There will be a BBQ and kiosk selling food and drinks.

***On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> the school will not be operating for normal lessons; therefore, students are not required to attend.*** Should the carnival be washed out, normal lessons will be held on Thursday and Friday with the carnival being postponed to a later date.

Mr M Tooke  
Acting Head Teacher PD/H/PE

## Career News

### **Year 12 - Tertiary Tour**

Notes have gone home regarding an expression of interest for attending the Year Twelve Melbourne Tertiary Tour. Students have until the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to return their notes and a deposit so as the excursion can be booked. Insufficient numbers may mean the excursion might not run. This is a great opportunity for students to start thinking about and exploring possible university options.

## Newsletters

Year Twelve students will start to receive school careers newsletters that contain current information from universities, TAFEs, private providers and places of employment. Important dates and information on jobs, applications and upcoming events will also be advertised in the newsletter. This can be invaluable for all students but especially for those looking at Tertiary options. Students will receive a copy in the school email account but if you would like to receive a copy to your home email address please contact the careers staff with a request to be added to the mailing list. Contact [deborah.l.white@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.l.white@det.nsw.edu.au) if you wish to be included on the list.

## **Year 10 - Work Experience**

Work experience will soon appear on the careers radar for students in Year Ten. It would be great if parents could start to discuss possible options and venues for their children to undertake work experience. Information packages will go home soon but it is certainly never too early to start thinking about possible careers and contacts.

### ***Future moves***

During the year students in Years Nine and Ten will be involved in the Charles Sturt University Future Moves program which aims to build on engagement and creating future aspirations for continued learning. The first part of the program will see Charles Sturt University ambassadors visit Finley High School and do a one hour workshop with Year Ten on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. From here students will be invited to attend campus workshops at Charles Sturt University where they will have a chance to look around the campus as well as be involved in some workshops that showcase university style learning.

### **Welcome Year Seven**

The year has started well with students being enthusiastic about their new classes and subjects. They have managed to get around the school successfully and have helped each other out when needed. By all reports the students have settled in well and are a lovely group to teach.

There is a lot of excitement about the upcoming excursion to Howman's Gap, which will see the students getting to know each other better while challenging themselves in different activities. They will be involved in a range of activities including high ropes, canoeing, archery and the giant swing.

On return from camp students will have to prepare for the Twilight Swimming Carnival that will take place Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Students will complete regular lessons periods one to four and will walk to the pool during lunch. They are encouraged to dress in their house colours and participate where possible. Friday will be a day off in lieu of the Twilight Carnival.

Year Seven students and parents are invited to a BBQ at the school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm in the BBQ area. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and other parents.

Miss Scott  
Year 7 Advisor

### **Romeo and Juliet**

Year Ten students will be studying '*Romeo and Juliet*' in English this year. An opportunity to see a performance of '*Romeo and Juliet*' is available this coming weekend.

Essential Theatre Company's '*Romeo and Juliet*' performance will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Thompson's Beach, Cobram. A picnic will start at 5:30pm for a 7pm show start. Tickets are \$30, concession \$20. Refreshments will be available from Beach Café.

For bookings phone Cobram Visitor Information Centre on 5872 2132; for more information, phone 0427 734 972.

## **Book Club – Scholastic Book Club**

It is my pleasure to announce that I am the Scholastic Book club organiser for Finley High School, this year. Scholastic book club has been in primary schools for many years and is still available for high school students. Scholastic have a variety of books available for parents and students of different ages and interests.

Scholastic book club order forms are available both online and at the school library front desk. Students are encouraged to read and expand their knowledge and understanding of information.

Orders should be returned to the school, no later than 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016. When orders arrive, you will be contacted and arrangements can be made for their pickup.

Payments may be made by either-

- using the online LOOP system at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>, where you simply select the school, find your name and select your items
- by cheque (made out to “ Finley High School”) and returned to the front office.

If you have any problems or questions please don't hesitate to contact the school.

A PDF – available of current Issue and order form is attached to this newsletter.

Wendy Coates

Book Club organiser for Finley High School

## **P&C News**

### ***Presentation Night Raffle***

The raffle drawn at Finley High School's Annual Presentation Night in December 2015 was a great success. Thank you to all parents and carers who assisted with selling raffle tickets prior to the night. Nearly \$2000 was raised. This money will go towards the students and the school.

Raffle winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – A Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Colleen Rockliff.

### ***P&C Meeting***

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Staff Common Room in the school administration building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### February

5	M Haintz, K Barry
8	M Read, M Kleinschmidt
9	S Robinson, P Neessen
10	T Roe
11	T Anderson, B Matheson
12	DAY OFF IN LIEU OF SWIMMING CARNIVAL
15	H Mortlock
16	R Lockhart, T Nash
17	D Dalgliesh
18	L Bryce
19	K Litchfield, T Jones

## Finley High School P&C

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
7pm in the staff common room  
(School Admin Building).

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

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

## Finley High School – 2016 Summer Menu

	<b>Rolls</b>	<b>Sandwiches</b>	<b>Tubs of Salad</b>	
Chicken Salad	\$4.60	\$4.30	Roast Chicken	\$4.30
Ham Salad	\$4.10	\$3.50	Ham	\$3.80
Tuna Salad	\$4.60	\$4.30	Tuna	\$4.30
Salad (no meat)	\$4.10	\$3.50	Salad (no meat)	\$3.80
Tuna	\$3.80	\$3.80	Extra beetroot, mayo and carrot	\$0.40
Roast Chicken	\$3.80	\$3.80		
Ham	\$3.30	\$3.30		
Cheese	\$2.50	\$2.50	<b>Recess</b>	
Tomato	\$2.20	\$2.20	Cheese and bacon roll - large	\$2.10
Egg/Curried	\$2.20	\$2.20	Cheese and bacon roll - small	\$1.20
Vegete	\$1.70	\$1.70	Hedgehog (Mon-Fri) small	\$1.50
Peanut Butter	\$1.70	\$1.70	large	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese	\$3.50	\$3.50	Coffee Scrolls (Tues & Thurs)	\$2.25
Buttered	\$1.40		Apple Slice (Tues & Thurs)	\$3.00
			Vanilla Slice (Wed)	\$3.00
<b>Wraps</b>			Large flavoured milk	\$3.60
Roast Chicken	\$4.60		Long life flavoured milk	\$2.00
Ham	\$4.10		Large orange juice	\$2.10
			Small orange juice	\$1.60
<b>Hot</b>			Flavoured drink large	\$2.50
Chicken Burger	\$5.00		Water	\$1.50
Hot Dogs	\$3.50		Plain milk	\$1.50
+ Cheese	\$3.80		Sport Water	\$2.00
Chicken Wrap	\$4.30			
<b>Toasted sandwiches</b>				
Ham and cheese	\$3.50			
Cheese	\$3.00			
			<b>JJ's (flavoured)</b>	\$1.00

# Community Announcements

## Rotary Club of Tocumwal

Year Eleven students

- Are you studying Citizenship and interested in how Parliament works and the work of Australia's parliamentarians?
- Do you want to experience Canberra 'behind the scenes'?

The Rotary Club of Tocumwal is inviting written applications from Year Eleven students who live in Tocumwal and want to be part of an intensive and fun filled week-long program (7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016) in our nation's capital – Canberra. Open to all Year Eleven students living in Tocumwal – all applications expressing an interest in this opportunity must be in writing and received by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Postal Address: Rotary Club of Tocumwal, PO Box 73, TOCUMWAL NSW 2714

## Finley Farmers' Market

This Saturday the Finley Farmers' Market will be back at the Finley Lake. We are happy to let you know that they will be hosting a back to school theme; so come along to check it out, enjoy the surrounds, the great bacon and egg rolls and have a catch up with the community.

## Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Session for Learner Driver Parents in Tocumwal

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers. To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. A FREE session will be conducted by David Riches at Tocumwal Library on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Please book early by phoning David on 0434 964764 now to reserve your place, or email [saferearnerdrivers@gmail.com](mailto:saferearnerdrivers@gmail.com)

## Expressions of Interest - Competition basketball

Local basketballers are keen, willing and committed to bringing back organised basketball in Finley. We are hoping to have support for four competitions (years 3-4, years 5-6, High school and a mixed adult competition). The three competitions for school aged participants would be played after school during the week and the mixed adult competition on a week night. Register your interest (or your child's interest) by texting or calling 0428 768 652 or e-mailing [finleybasketball@gmail.com](mailto:finleybasketball@gmail.com). Please provide us with the participants full name, age and best contact number and e-mail address. We look forward to hearing from you! Aaron Taylor

## Goulburn Valley Football Umpires Association

Umpiring Australian Rules Football as a field, goal or boundary umpire is a most rewarding experience. If you would like to have a try at umpiring please call now and we will send an information package out to you. Girls and boys are most welcome. Please call Greg Sidebottom on 0419154097 or email [sidebott@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sidebott@bigpond.net.au)

## Billabong Bog Run

Billabong Bog Run will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Jerilderie racecourse. Gates open at 8:30am. First runners start at 9am. Cost: Juniors \$20 per person, Adults \$40 per person. You can find us on facebook or email [billabongbogrun@hotmail.com](mailto:billabongbogrun@hotmail.com) to register.



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**Courses - 2016 Semester 1**

**Finley Campus**

Course	Delivery	Timetable	Duration	Location
Certificate IV in Business Administration	Blended	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate III in Business Administration (Medical)	Blended	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal)	Blended	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate III in Business Administration (Education)	Blended	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate III in Business	On campus	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate III in Business Administration	On campus	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley
Certificate II in Business	On campus	Tuesday - classroom & Thursday - self-paced 9:30am - 3pm	1 year	Finley

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- Improved coordination
- Reduced stress & anxiety
- Body fat loss / weight loss

Age specific karate classes held weekly at:

**Finley High School**  
Tocumwal Street, Finley NSW 2713

Karate Children 4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs  
Karate Teens 13-16yrs  
Karate Adults & Over 40's

**Book NOW for term 1**  
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[nsw@allstars.net.au](mailto:nsw@allstars.net.au)

Bookings and Enquiries:

**(03) 5881 5511**



## Stepping Stones Triple P



**Triple P stepping stones - parenting course begins**  
Tuesday-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2015

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, **The Berrigan Shire Council Early childhood Intervention Service (ECIS)** invite you to register your interest for the **FREE** primary care group Triple P Stepping stones

The next step

- Contact the Early childhood Intervention Service
- Register your name and contact details

Where: **The Finley Library meeting room, 223-229 Murray Street Finley 2713**  
Sessions will be held in the morning and a night session will be available if there are interested families.

Dates : Tuesday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> times 10am -12md (optional for 7-9pm)  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup>

I look forward to your attendance

- All sessions will start on time and finish on time
- Feel free to contact me to register your interest in attending

ECIS Manager - Margaret Graham  
Ph : 0358885188  
Mobile :0407503902  
[margaretg@herriganshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:margaretg@herriganshire.nsw.gov.au)



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# Recruitment Night

Friday 19 February 2016

1830hrs (6:30pm) - 2200hrs (10pm)

110 Sobraon Street, Shepparton (Somme Barracks)

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For more information, contact:

WOFF (AAFC) Ray Bolton OAM ph: 0407 247 916 email: [co.419sqn@aafc.org.au](mailto:co.419sqn@aafc.org.au)

[www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)



1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

To All School Principals

### Swimming lessons and swimming carnivals

As the new school year has begun and swimming carnivals or swimming lessons will start shortly, I would like to remind you it is recommended that children who have had diarrhoea in the previous **2 weeks** should avoid swimming pools.

Late in 2015 there was a sharp increase in cryptosporidiosis cases in NSW.

Many things can cause diarrhoeal illness and those who have been infected can still shed the causative agent, even after their diarrhoea has stopped. Parasites such as giardia and cryptosporidium are common and have been associated with outbreaks linked to public pools.

Please ensure parents and carers of your students are advised that if their child has had diarrhoea, they are to avoid swimming pools for 2 weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. Feel free to distribute information via the link below:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Cryptosporidiosis.aspx>

If you have any questions or concerns please call the public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tracey Oakman".

**TRACEY OAKMAN**  
Director Public Health

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