



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Acting Deputy Principal: Ms E Downey

18th February 2016

KEY DATES

February

- 19 Day Two of Primary Industries
Chemical Course.
- 23 Zone Swimming in Hay
Primary Industries Motorbikes
Course for Years Eleven and
Twelve
- 26 Junior Cricket

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
- 8 Open Netball Trials
Last Day of Term One
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 26 Staff Development Day
- 27 Students return to school

Principal's Report

The past two weeks have been exceptionally busy weeks for the students of Finley High School. Year Seven had a fantastic time at their Howman's Gap camp and came back exhausted but well and truly knowing they are a vital part of Finley High School. They backed up the next day for the twilight swimming carnival which saw Coree House winners. Year Seven parents, students and teachers enjoyed a welcome barbecue at the school last night. All of this, amidst house meetings, war cry chanting and BYOD implementation..... and it is no wonder the term is flying.

Staff Professional Learning

Next Tuesday afternoon, the teaching staff will stay at school until 6:30pm to complete professional learning activities. We will be learning about the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) model of instilling expectations of student behaviour. Many schools across the state utilise PBL in their schools, and Finley High School is investigating whether this will be a beneficial program for our students. Teachers will also investigate a number of teaching and learning strategies from the "HOW2LEARN" program. It is hoped that activities learned by teachers next Tuesday will help them prepare meaningful and engaging ways in which our students can learn.

It is hoped that we will have one afternoon of professional learning each term to enable teachers to end their school year on the same day as the students in Term Four. Should any parent wish to be involved in these afternoons, or discuss this professional learning strategy with me, please call me at school.

Finley High School Homework Centre

Last year, Finley High School opened its first homework centre. As part of our drive to improve learning and raise student's desire to achieve their best, we offered students to come to the library one afternoon per week, have some afternoon tea and complete assignment work with the assistance of teachers who volunteered their time each week.

According to the data collected last year from parents, Thursday was not an appropriate day for some students to participate in the homework centre, so this year we are changing the day.

The homework centre will commence next Wednesday, 24th February in the school library, running from 3.30 – 4.30.

Mrs Littlejohn and Ms Coates will be managing the centre. Students are invited to come along with some homework or assignment work to do and get some help from the teachers who have volunteered their time. A small afternoon tea will be provided. All students are welcome.

Learning SpACE

Last year we began a Learning SpACE in the library. We dedicated four days of teacher time to run the SpACE which specialises in Achieving, Connecting and Excelling. It is a place where students may go to seek assistance with their school work or complete some extension or gifted and talented activities. Teachers may refer students to the SpACE in class time or students may self-refer by seeing Mrs Braybon. Parents may also contact the school and speak with me or Mrs Braybon if they want to know more, or they would like Mrs Braybon to assist their child with completing assignment work during school time.

Last year the SpACE was also the centre for the successful Tournament of the Minds Team who won the regional event and went on to compete in the Victorian State Final. We look forward to the SpACE growing this year. Another teacher should be employed for two days to assist in the SpACE when our staffing allocation for 2016 come through.

I encourage as many staff, students and parents as possible to access the SpACE and Homework Centre opportunities.

Bring Your Own Device

Use of devices continues to increase in many of our classrooms. More lockers have been moved outside the library to cater for the demand. We encourage all students bringing laptops to school to take \$5 and a padlock to the library to engage a locker and put their laptop in their locker each recess and lunch. Many thanks to the parents who have so far engaged with B.Y.O.D. Many questions have been asked and have served to clarify further our processes and procedures surrounding B.Y.O.D. Keep the questions coming as it will help us plan for the future education of our students.



Above: Students using their devices in one of their classes.

Sick Bay

I would like to remind students and parents that if their child is sick they should go to sick bay. Mrs Braine will assess the student and phone parents if necessary to collect their child from sick bay.

I would ask parents not to make arrangements to pick up their sick students if they phone home as the school must keep records of when students leave the school. I seek the support of parents in referring their sick child to sick bay should they call home themselves.

Lions Youth of the Year

I extend huge congratulations to Courtney Sexton for being named the Finley Lions Club 2016 Youth of the Year. Courtney attended an interview with the Lions Club Panel, before addressing the local Lions meeting with a prepared speech and answered two impromptu questions. Courtney will now go on to represent Finley at the Zone competition. We wish her every success.

Apologies

In the last newsletter, I incorrectly reported the Jerilderie Australia Day Award recipients. Grant-Patrick Smith was the Junior Citizen of the Jerilderie Shire and Paige Nash was the Junior Sportsperson for 2016. I apologise for getting it wrong and congratulate them both on their outstanding achievements.

KRAM Award Winners

It was wonderful to see so many Year Seven students among our first KRAM winners for the year. KRAM awards are given to students who continually do the right thing in class and try their hardest. Students place their KRAMS in a box and awards are drawn and handed out every two weeks at assembly.

This week's winners were:

I-Tunes Vouchers: Lilly Kernaghan and Brooke Pitt

Canteen Vouchers: Hamish Congdon and Sascha Jones

Handballs: Tayla Adams and Billie Matheson

Unfortunately, some students who have achieved some awards this term are unable to be named as they have not yet returned their media permission notes.

According to Department of Education Policy, we require parents and carers to give permission for us to use student photos and names in any publications.

A note was given to all students on the first day of school, along with a general excursion note and a BYOD charter for parents to sign.

If you have not yet signed these forms, please ask your child to collect them from the front office to be signed and return them to school ASAP. In this way, we will be able to acknowledge the achievements of all our students in our newsletters, magazines and local media.

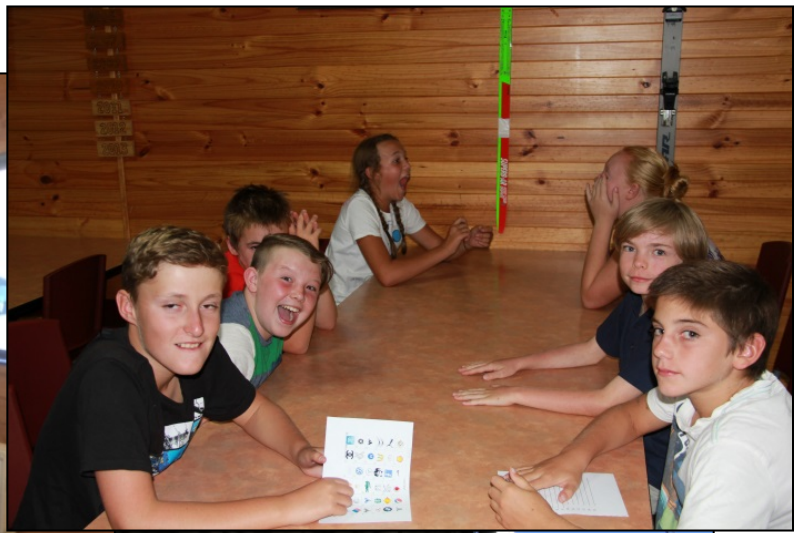
Year Seven Camp

Year Seven had a great time at Howman's Gap last week. Students got to participate in a huge range of activities while getting to know their peers and teachers. A lot of students were very daring in trying every activity the camp had to offer, from high ropes to canoeing. In the evenings they participated in a trivia quiz and some fun minute to win it activities. One afternoon some students challenged themselves with bushwalking while others were participating in drama activities. We had some creative damper creations at bush cooking and some even hitting a bulls-eye at archery. Students worked together well throughout the camp and should be proud of their behaviour while away. Thanks to all the staff who went on the excursion and the students for their positive attitudes and good behaviour.



Miss Scott
Year Seven Advisor





Disability Awareness Talks

The Year Seven Disability Awareness talks were held in Week Two. These sessions focused on accepting the differences that make us all unique. Students gained an understanding of a range of disabilities and discussed how to provide peer support. Miss Allan-Georgas and Ms Wheeler designed activities to encourage students to be empathetic and respectful and Jodi Brown gave students insight into Diabetes.



Above Left: Rory Knight, Alexander A'Vard, Aidan Fennell and Jaxson Bateman practicing Wheel Chair Etiquette.



Above: Ms Wheeler and Logan Shumack-Bell demonstrating hypersensitivity to touch (tactile defensiveness)



Left: Year Seven students using noise cancelling head phones so they can experience hearing loss.

Year Seven Welcome Barbeque

Last night saw a number of parents and Year Seven students come to Finley High School for a barbeque. Parents had the chance to meet and greet with teachers and other families. The barbeque was a great opportunity for the students to introduce their parents to their teachers and their new friends. Teachers of Year Seven students enjoyed getting to know the parents and families of their students. Thanks to all the parents who were able to make it and also the teachers who gave up their time to be there. It was a lovely evening and we hope to see you at many more Finley High School functions throughout the years.

Pictured below: Parents, students and staff enjoying the barbeque.



Miss Scott
Year Seven Advisor

Finley High School Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 11th February Finley High School held its Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day with high levels of participation and a number of records were broken. Students had been busy in the lead up to the carnival practicing their team war cries. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and to the fifty students who have made it through to the zone carnival which will be held in Hay on Tuesday 23rd February. We will have a more detailed report once all the swimming carnivals are completed.

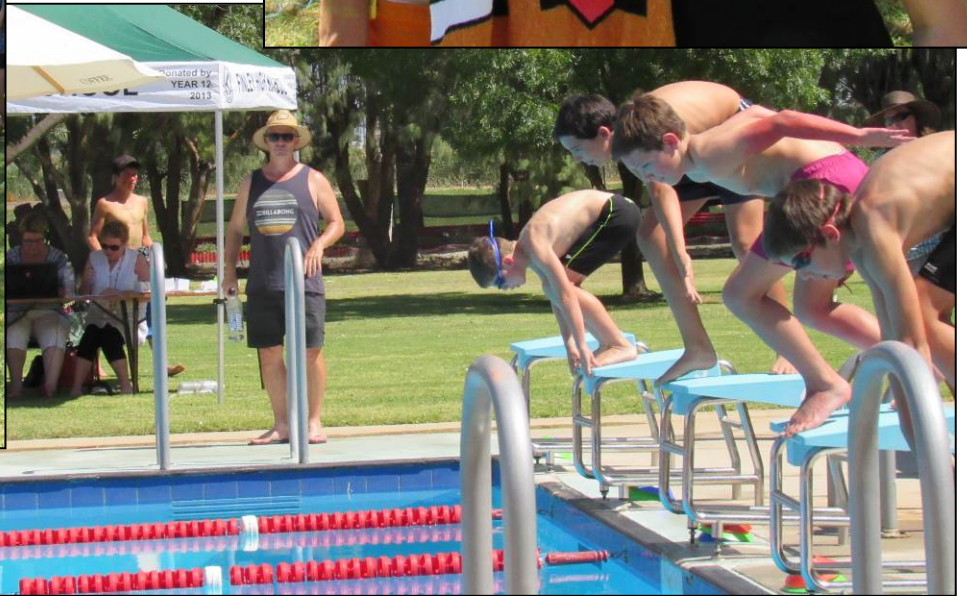
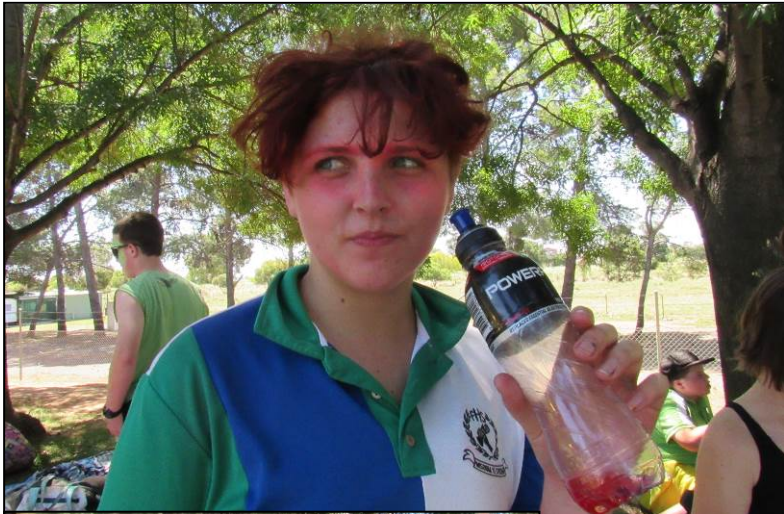
Age Champions:

Age	1 st	2 nd
12 years boys	Zander Nash	Justin Lawton
12 years girls	Jemma Coombs	Lilly Kernaghan
13 years boys	Darcy Owen	
13 years girls	Sascha Jones	Lily Sharp
14 years boys	Ben Ashley-Cooper	Clay Webb
14 years girls	Elle Rochford	Sarah Orro
15 years boys	Nic Burns	Marcus Anderson
15 years girls	Ellie Jones	Johannah Tessier
16 years boys		Darcy Webb
16 years girls		Skye Nash
17 years boys	Tom Burns	Sam Orro
17 years girls	Paige Nash	Michelle Barnes



Above and left: Students competing in the swimming carnival.

2016 Swimming Carnival



Careers Information Newsletter

What's it like to work in your dream job? Find out at Careers Day Out. Hear from Police, Physios, Artists, Hairdressers, Tradies and more. Thursday 28th April 2016 @ McIntosh Centre, Shepparton Showgrounds. Open to the public from 12 noon to 3pm. www.careersdayout.com.au

The 2016 Dobell School at the National Art School Sydney

Four days during the April School Holidays. Monday 11th- Thursday 14th April 2016. Cost is \$80 (which includes all materials, lunches, tutoring and supervised accommodation at the Y Hotel in Hyde Park). Transport to and from Sydney is a student cost. This is a great opportunity open to Year Eleven students only.

Contact Mr Davis or Mrs Boake if you are interested. Entries close February 26th 2016.

Save the Dates

On Wednesday 23rd of March STOMP (Student Team on Mental Positivity) will be hosting our very first Finley High School Trivia Night. The team is aiming to build stronger relationships between our school and wider communities to ensure the best possible learning environment for our youth. The event will be at a small cost in hope to fundraise for future STOMP events such as guest speakers, positive mental health activities etc.

On Wednesday 11th May we will be holding our annual MADDD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance and Design) Night. With a theme of time travel be prepared to be taken back by acts from the 1930s right up until recent times. The students have started writing scripts, choreographing dances and practicing singing. We can wait to showcase some of our creative, talented students.

Advertisement for both events will be in full swing over the next few weeks. We ask you to save these dates to support our students and our school in these events.

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

February

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| 19 | K Litchfield, T Jones |
| 22 | D Pyke, K Lunn |
| 23 | F Aull |
| 24 | N Curtin |
| 25 | T Anderson |
| 26 | T Clarke, J Congdon |
| 29 | J Orro, M Kleinschmidt |

March

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| 1 | D McLean |
| 2 | D Dalgliesh |
| 3 | S Barlow |
| 4 | J Chellew, J Burdon |

Finley High School P&C AGM

Wednesday 9th March 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

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

* *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Lynda Campbell
Finley Community
Health
0358839100

GREAT NEWS FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

OUR SCHOOL HAS SUBSCRIBED TO AN ONLINE & INTERACTIVE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

The **ELES Online Study Skills Handbook** provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students' affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students' study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.



We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this online resource.

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au



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The topics currently covered by the handbook are:



AT HOME

1. Home Study Environment
2. Organisation & Filing
3. Time Management Skills
4. Managing Workload
5. Dealing with Distractions
6. Overcoming Procrastination
7. Developing Motivation
8. Goal Setting
9. Lifestyle & Balance
10. Managing Stress



AT SCHOOL

1. Will we ever use this?
2. Using Classtime
3. Asking for Help
4. Dealing with Conflict
5. Groupwork Skills



SPECIFIC SKILLS

1. Reading Skills
2. Writing Skills
3. Mathematical Skills
4. Science Skills
5. Foreign Language Skills
6. Assignment Skills
7. Research Skills
8. Presentation Skills



STUDYING

1. Summarising
2. Active Studying
3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
4. Test-Taking Techniques
5. After Tests & Exams



EXTRA 'GENERAL' MINI-UNITS

1. Starting Secondary School
2. Becoming a Senior Student
3. Bullying: Issues & Strategies
4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
5. Your Brain and Memory
6. Live Your Best Life
7. Educational Kinesiology
8. Living Across 2 Houses
9. Travel: A Motivator to Learn
10. Uni: Lecture Note-Making



EXTRA 'TECHNOLOGY' MINI-UNITS

1. Technology Tools
2. Basic Computer Skills
3. Be CyberSmart
4. Useful Apps for iPads
5. Microsoft OneNote

To access the handbook, go to
www.studyskillshandbook.com.au
and login as a subscriber with these details:

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Please note:

The above user name and password is for the use of the secondary school parents and students AT OUR SCHOOL ONLY. Please do not pass our school's details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a prosecutable breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook.

Community Announcements

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 15th from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Please book early by phoning David on 0434 964764 now to reserve your place, or email saflearnerdrivers@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 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

Billabong Bog Run

Billabong Bog Run will be held on Sunday 6th 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 to register.

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association

2016 Autumn registrations can now be completed online via the Cobram Basketball website, registrations close Wednesday 24th February 2016. Season starts 29th February 2016. If you have any enquiries or require assistance please contact Rod Armstrong on 0418148942. Interested in becoming a referee? Please contact Fiona MacKay on 0419591593 about our hands on coaching program and gaining your qualifications.

Berrigan Scout Group

Expressions of interest are being sought in regards to starting up a Scout group in Berrigan. If your child is interested in joining or you would like more information about Scouts please contact Megan Lench on 0408974718 or email meganlench@bigpomd.com (please attention emails Berrigan Scout Group) or Christine Marshall on 0427211884, 03 5885 1194 or email chris@aussiecountryproperty.com.au (please attention emails Berrigan Scout Group). Please call or email before 31st March 2016.

Hearing Test

Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist will be attending the Finley Community Health on Tuesday 8th March and Tuesday 26th April. If you would like to book your child in for a hearing test please call Tocumwal hospital on 0358742166 to make an appointment.

Are you a parent of a young person? Do you sometimes feel like a broken record ?

If you have young people between 12 and 18 years of age, join us for a **free** program that will help you better understand the young people in your house!

The program 'Understanding Adolescents' talks about practical parenting tips that work, and information such as:

- Asking the question – Is it serious?
What's worth reacting to and what's not,
- How to hold those difficult conversations more successfully,
- Understanding adolescence:
A time of reconstructions, redeveloping social landscapes', brain snaps and body make- overs, and
- Understanding your job as a parent of a teenager-
observer, advisor, negotiator, director.



When: 3 sessions: Thursday 17th, 24th & 31st March

Where: Intereach, Deniliquin.

Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Sound interesting?

Contact: Libby Barker
Intereach Parenting Support

Phone: **(03) 5890 5252** Please leave a message with your name & number. Or email libbyb@intereach.com.au

www.intereach.com.au



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- ▶ Kickboxing
- ▶ Boot Camps
- ▶ Self Defence Course
- ▶ Personal Training
- ▶ Fun for all the family

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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

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Enrolments close soon!

All classes run as per school terms, starting term 1 2016 with a **FREE** trial class

Limited places available so **BOOK NOW!**

All instructors are accredited, have police clearances & first aid qualifications

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- Improved Self Discipline
- Improved overall health & fitness
- Increased energy, stamina & endurance
- Increased muscle strength & flexibility
- Improved co ordination
- Reduced stress & anxiety
- Body fat loss / weight loss



Bookings and Enquiries:

(03) 5881 5511

Finley & District Camera Club PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP



Saturday 20th February 2016

12.00 noon: Registration at Royal Victoria Hotel
(Bottom Pub) Mookarii Street Cobram

12.30pm: Lunch and Digital Presentation
Including iPhone Apps and Digital Photography with World
Renowned Presenter Alan Klieman from Melbourne

Local Photographer Rhonda Doyle with Portraiture in the outdoors
Camera Club Member and Local Photographer Barry Bennett
with Harness Racing Photography

3.00pm: On Location Lessons and Tuition at Thompsons Beach

\$20 Includes Lunch

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Bookings: Barry Bennett (03) 5873 4267
Maureen Arthur 0408 521 493

Finley Camera Club Moira Shire Project

419 Squadron - Shepparton



FOR EMERGENCY RESCU
BREAK CANOPY



Recruitment Night

Friday 19 February 2016

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

110 Sobraon Street, Shepparton (Somme Barracks)

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

For more information, contact:
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www.aafc.org.au

