



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Relieving Deputy Principal: Ms E Downey

17th March 2016

KEY DATES

March

- 21** Open Tennis and Bowls in Barham
- 23** SToMP Trivia Night, 7pm start in the school hall.
- 24** School Photos
Secondary Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
- 25** Good Friday
- 28** Easter Monday
- 29** Motivational Media
- 30** **Year Six Forensics Day**
Junior Social

April

- 4-5** NSW CHS Swimming
- 4-6** Preliminary Final Exams
- 6** Cross Country
- 7** ANZAC and Formal Assembly
12:30pm in the school hall.
- 8** Open Netball Trials
Youth Day
Last Day of Term One
- 25** ANZAC Day
- 26** Staff Development Day

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we have already completed eight weeks of school. It has been a very busy term and we have lots of activities coming up in the next few weeks that we hope the whole school community might enjoy.

Close the Gap Day

As part of the SToMP (Student Team on Mental Positivity) initiatives, today we are marking "Close the Gap" day. This day recognises the discrepancies between the health of indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. We had a brief assembly where the issue was raised. Leah Dalgliesh spoke about what the day was about and Chelsea Dempster spoke about the inequities in health she found from her Hope: Global mission to Rwanda last year and compared them to the differences in Indigenous and non-indigenous health in Australia.

Students were invited to the barbecue area at lunchtime to find out more about closing the gap and if they wish, sign a pledge to acknowledge their understanding and support of the initiative.

Trivia Night – Wednesday 23rd March, 7 pm – 9 pm in the school hall Building Community Connections

The SToMP team is also planning a family trivia night to be held next Wednesday evening from 7 pm. It will be aimed at raising funds for the team to attract guest speakers to the school and for them to promote other positive mental health initiatives throughout the school.

We are so very proud of the efforts of this team of students who are making a very positive contribution to the school through their innovative and student based ideas. I would encourage all parents and friends to support this night and book a table. The cost is \$5 per head which can be paid on the night. Nibble platters are available by pre-order for \$10 each. Soft drinks will be available for purchase on the evening.

This is a non-alcohol event and no alcoholic beverages are permitted at the function.

The evening will run fairly quickly and we anticipate that it should be finished by 9 pm. Table bookings can be made at the front office. I look forward to seeing as many of our families and friends there as possible to support our SToMP student's initiatives.

ANZAC and Formal Assembly

This year we have decided to combine our annual ANZAC ceremony with the Formal Assembly. This will give parents an opportunity, not only to celebrate the learning success of their children, but to remember with their children those who have fought for us to be able to live in our free Australian communities.

The assembly will be held on Thursday 7th April from 12:30pm. We would encourage all parents to join us in this celebration and commemoration.

What is a Formal Assembly?

A formal assembly occurs once each term.

Students have been assessed by their teachers on how they have been approaching learning throughout the term and have earned a number of points from their teachers.

Those students who strive to do their absolute best in every lesson, help others in their learning and display a proactive and positive approach to learning can achieve a gold. These students often are involved in activities outside their normal classroom and are contributing positively to the school community. A gold SCAN award represents an outstanding approach to learning and citizenship and is not necessarily awarded to the student with the best grades!

Silver and Bronze SCAN awards are given to those students who are perceived to be doing their very best in every class and show that they are willing to learn, cooperate and have a positive approach to learning.

KRAM awards are also compiled throughout the term and awards given at the Formal Assembly to those students who have received a number of KRAMS from their teachers throughout the term for a variety of reasons. The KRAMS that have been placed in the boxes around the school have been counted, and those students who have submitted KRAMS may earn a gold, silver or bronze certificate for the positive way they contribute to the school environment, based on the number of KRAMS they have submitted.

Invitations to parents of award recipients will be sent home with students next week.

Life Education

The Life Education program came to Finley High School last week and has been rated a very positive success. Students across all years were actively engaged in sessions on alcohol, drugs and safe partying.

The presenter from Sydney was extremely impressed with the behaviour and interest shown by our students. I was very proud to hear the positive feedback from the presenters. I would like to thank Jodi Brown and Lynda Whiley for organising these workshops for our students and thank the students for the positive way in which they participated in the program.

School Shoes

Last Thursday, I signed a large number of letters to parents regarding incorrect footwear.

It is a Department of Education policy that students must have appropriate footwear at school.

Students are not allowed to enter science labs, workshops, kitchens, art classes and other workshop areas in the school without covered in leather shoes to protect their feet.

Many students are wearing canvas shoes to school which will not protect them if there is an accident, and they are therefore not complying with the uniform policy. It is expected that students bring their covered leather shoes on sport days.

On sport days, it is expected that students bring their covered leather shoes for all classes other than sport.

Failure to wear the appropriate shoes has a negative impact on the learning of students as they cannot participate fully in the learning opportunities available. It also creates anxiety and distress when they are asked by teachers throughout the day about being out of uniform.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate uniform to wear to school.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulty and would like some assistance in purchasing appropriate school shoes for your child, please do not hesitate to call me at the school. It is very important that all our students have the best opportunity to learn possible.

Timetable Changes

Due to the number of enrolments in the school, we have been able to employ a small amount of extra teaching time. This has made some small changes to the timetable. A new timetable will be issued tomorrow with mainly students in Year Nine being affected.

When Mrs Jackson returns to school next term further adjustments to the timetable will again be made.

I understand how unsettling this can be for the students and apologise in advance. We will endeavor to help students with the changes.

School Photos

School photos will be taken next Thursday, 24th April from 11 am.

All students should have taken home an envelope this week to discuss with parents their orders.

Envelopes with exact money should be brought to school and given directly to the photographer next Thursday when the photos are taken.

A catch up day will be held on the following Thursday, 31st March for any students absent next week.

Positive Mindset

I have attached a "chalkboard" of positive thinking ideas that parents may wish to talk about with their children at home.

A positive mindset allows a student to approach learning with an agenda to achieve..... and not give up!

We are encouraging all our students at Finley High School to adopt an attitude that they can learn anything they set their mind towards.

The "chalkboard" ideas might invite some great conversations at home about how best to learn.

I hope you find them useful.

KRAM Award winners

This week's winners were:

I-Tunes Vouchers: Lochie Lawrance, Taymyn Jones, Samantha Stokes

Canteen Vouchers: Cooper Burke, Jaxson Bateman

Handballs: Lily Sharp, Olivia Hayes

Mrs H McRae
Principal

School Photos

School photos will take place on Thursday 24th March from 11am to 2:45pm. Please ensure that students attend school this day and are in their correct uniform. There will be a catch up day on Thursday 31st March from 1pm for any student who was unable to attend on the original day. Students received their photo envelopes in roll call this week. These will need to be returned with the correct money on photo day.

Mrs Atley
School Photo Co-ordinator

Squash

On Friday 11th March the girls and boys squash teams played Leeton High School in Finley. Both teams put up a fantastic fight against Leeton, however both we were defeated. Congratulation to the boys Tylan Sharp, Brayden Culhane, Kayden Sharp and Sam Orro and the girls Chelsea Taylor, Alexandra Trives, Piper Hicks and Katie Archer for you fantastic efforts.

Mrs Atley
Squash Co-ordinator

Junior Social

The SRC will be holding the Junior Social on the 30th May from 6pm to 9pm in the school hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from SRC representatives from Monday 21st March. Lollies and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

Mrs Atley
SRC Co-ordinator

Support Report

Riding Develops Abilities Program:

Each fortnight this year, three lucky students will participate in the Riding Develops Abilities program. We are so grateful to the Cobram RDA Association who provide beautiful horses, amazing trained volunteer helpers, accredited RDA coaches and safety equipment to run a range of equestrian activities. These activities have many benefits, including developing confidence, self-esteem, communication and concentration skills. Brooke, Dela and Max are certainly looking forward to the year ahead!



Left: Max, Brooke and Dela.



Above: Max and his mum brushing one of the horses.



Above: Dela and Brooke patting one of the horses



Above: Brooke sitting on one of the horses.



Above: Max sitting on his first horse.

Congratulations Dela!

The 26th annual 'Sports Star of the Year' award presentation night at the Barooga Sports Club recognised Year Seven student, Dela Gargaro and her achievements in athletics throughout 2015. Dela is congratulated for her outstanding achievements in athletics and we wish her all the best in the CHS state swimming events in Sydney!

Pictured right: Dela with Finley High alumni, paralympian Don Elgin.



Finley High School Study Skills Resource

Information about the ELES Study Skills Handbook resource, to which Finley High School subscribes, was published in a previous newsletter. Go to: www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

The Login details, omitted in the article, are as follows:

USERNAME: finleyhs

PASSWORD: 54success

Student Absences

Parents and carers are reminded that attendance at school is compulsory, by law, and all absences need to have a suitable reason. Poor attendance has been shown to have a negative impact on learning. Our aim is that all students achieve to their potential and for this to happen; students need to be at school.

If students are away, an explanatory note needs to be provided to the school on their next day present. This note should include; the date of absences, reason and a signature. It will be given to the roll call teacher.

At the end of this term, I would like to reward students with high attendance. An award will be presented to students with 90% or above attendance and any absences explained.

Miss Downey

Relieving Deputy Principal

Valid

VALID stands for "Validation of assessment 4 learning and individual development". This was a test that Year Eight students across NSW sat in November 2015. Year Nine students will receive a letter this week which contains a detailed individual report about their performance in that test. The students have been told that the letter should be passed on to their parents. Please remind them if they do not present this letter to you.

M O'Leary

Head Teacher Science

Canberra Royal Show 2016

23rd to 26th February saw Victoria Alexander, Ally Barry, Stephanie Wright, Katie Archer, Fraser Taig, Darcy Webb, James McCaw and Isaac Arnold represent Finley High School at the National Canberra Royal Agricultural Show. We have had a three year hiatus from this show but had a great show this year.

We took four steers, "Squirt" a Limousin, "Webby" a Simmental Murray Grey cross, "Loui" and "Lilly". Loui and Lilly were bred from our Shorthorn herd at school; they were Limousin cross Shorthorns.

Wednesday was a preparation day for us. Our steers were weighed and inspected and we attended several meetings. Thursday at 8am we were in the ring for the Parader's Competition. We had great success here with Katie placed 2nd, Ally 4th, Stephanie 4th, Victoria 5th and Fraser 2nd.

The carcase hoof classes were very large, but we still were pleased to receive 2nd place in the Medium Domestic class for Webby. This steer backed up the great hoof class with 4th place on the hook. There were 43 entries in this class. Squirt also performed well on the hook, placing 6th out of 25 in the Heavy Domestic class. Loui was placed 17th. Unfortunately Lilly showed lameness and was withdrawn from the competition.

Thanks to the efforts of Ashley Haynes, we were pleased to purchase two animals at the live auction and they have since been transported back to Finley and are now in the freezer of many Finley High staff. This helped ensure we received a fair price at the Canberra auction.



Above: Victoria Alexander with 2nd place getter "Webby"

Right: Darcy Webb leading "Webby"

Below: Ally Barry parading "Squirt"



Above: Fraser Taig presenting "Squirt" for the Judge

Right: Katie Archer with "Squirt"





Above: "The Canberra Crew" L-R James McCaw, Stephanie Wright, Victoria Alexander, Katie Archer, Ally Barry, Isaac Arnold, Darcy Webb and Fraser Taig.

Deniliquin Show

We only took a small team of students to the Deniliquin Show. 4 students capably looked after the 8 Shorthorn cattle and 3 students paraded the 7 Poll Dorset sheep. It was a very hot day and the number of livestock exhibitors was less than usual.

The Shorthorn cattle were in tip top shape and looked fantastic. Our 18 month old bull "Kai" was Junior and Grand Champion bull. "Kally", also 18 months old was Junior heifer and "Holly", was Senior Champion cow. She has a very smart 2 month old Spry's Exclusive bull calf at foot. Holly went on to be awarded the Supreme Champion Beast of the Show.

In the sheep section Finley High's Poll Dorset's won Champion ram and ewe. We think this young ewe has tremendous potential and expect her to perform well over the show circuit through the year.

P&C NEWS

The Annual General Meeting was held last week. The new executive committee are:

President: re elected Paul Jones,

Vice President: re elected Gaila Smith,

Secretary: newly elected Rochelle Sharp,

Treasurer re elected Suzanne Robertson,

2nd Vice President and Canteen Convenor: re elected Sasha Congram.

The P&C are catering for the upcoming FADAMS production, which will be held on Friday 3rd and 17th June and Saturday 4th and 18th June. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so please make yourself available to help out.

Next meeting is Wednesday 4th May at 7pm in staff room.

Suzanne Robertson

P&C Treasurer

Finley High School P&C Presidents Report 2015

Another year has passed which has seen a positive result for the P&C.

This year, the P&C has been able to assist in various ways throughout the school. We were able to combine funding with the SRC to enable a chilled water machine to be installed. We assisted students who were participating in sporting events at state level. The P&C has also purchased display cabinets which have been installed in the front foyer area of the school. These cabinets look great and I am sure are drawing attention to the achievements of the students.

As always, our school canteen provides the majority of funding to allow the P&C to assist the school. Therefore, many thanks go Kayleen and Bernadette for their continuing efforts in making our canteen a successful operation. I also thank all the volunteers who come along each day to assist with the operation of the canteen.

This year we catered for St Josephs' school reunion, Finley cricket club presentations, and of course the annual FADAM's production weekends. I thank these organisations for entrusting us with their catering requirements. These events provide a great source of external income for the P&C, but they cannot occur without people volunteering their time to assist. So thank you to anyone who assisted throughout the year.

Also thank you to all the people have volunteered their time in assisting the P&C during the year. Be that assistance in form of selling raffles tickets, assisting with catering, working in the canteen or by attending our monthly meetings, your help has been greatly appreciated. These thanks are also extended to individuals and business that have made donations to the P&C throughout the year.

As most people would be aware, the secretary's role in most organisations such as the P&C is usually the most demanding and the most important role. Lynda Whiley has spent many years as the P&C secretary doing a fantastic job. This year Lynda has indicated she will step down from the position. I would like to thank Lynda for her time and efforts she has provided to the P&C during her many years as secretary.

Paul Jones

P & C President

WHAT CAN I SAY TO MYSELF?

INSTEAD OF...

TRY THINKING...

-I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS

-WHAT AM I MISSING?

-I'M AWESOME AT THIS

-I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK

-I GIVE UP!

-I'LL USE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES I'VE LEARNED

-THIS IS TOO HARD

-THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME AND EFFORT

-I CAN'T MAKE THIS ANY BETTER

-I CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE; I'LL KEEP TRYING

-I CAN'T DO MATH

-I'M GOING TO TRAIN MY BRAIN IN MATH

-I MADE A MISTAKE

-MISTAKES HELP ME IMPROVE

-I'LL NEVER BE AS SMART AS HER

-I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE DOES AND TRY IT

-IT'S GOOD ENOUGH

-IS THIS REALLY MY BEST WORK?



FHS School Uniform Policy 2016

Girls Summer Green and white check dress or Black tailored shorts and Finley High School polo shirt White socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater/jumper Senior jumper (Years 11/12)	Girls Winter Bottle green skirt, with black tights/stockings/socks Black pants (not tracksuit pants or leggings) Finley High School polo shirt <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater or jumper, Senior jumper (Years 11/12) Black school jacket (optional)
Boys Summer Mid-grey shorts (above the knee) Finley High School polo shirt Grey or white socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater/jumper Senior jumper (Years 11/12)	Boys Winter Grey trousers Finley High School shirt Grey/black socks <u>Black leather shoes</u> Green windcheater or jumper Senior jumper (Years 11/12) Black school jacket (optional)

Sports uniform for PD/H/PE and sport sessions

Plain white polo shirt (no writing on shirts)
Black shorts
Runners, white socks
Black tracksuit pants
Green school jumper/top

Additional notes –

- ❖ **Shoes** - It is compulsory for all students to wear full leather school shoes. This rule is designed to give student's feet maximum protection and will be fully enforced. See over page.
- ❖ **Hats** -It is strongly recommended that all students wear a hat when involved in outside activities such as PE, Sport, at the farm, or on any excursion or outside activity. School hats can be purchased from the canteen for \$15. They include reversible bucket hats or baseball caps.
- ❖ **Jackets** –Students are not to wear sporting jackets or 'hoodies'. Students are encouraged to wear the black jacket in cold weather.

Finley High School Footwear

The school expects students to follow Department of Education and Training Policy and the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000, and the determination of its own OHS committee by wearing **enclosed leather, lace-up, buckle or Velcro fastened shoes**. They **must cover the whole top of the foot** and have a low heel. **Students must not wear skate shoes, black soft ballet style shoes, open top Mary-Jane shoes, canvas/synthetic or similar material type shoes.** If you are not sure what footwear is acceptable then please consult the school before buying new shoes. A salesperson at a shoe shop will not necessarily give you the correct advice in terms of approved school styles. Please check with the school.

These styles of shoes are **ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR** –they are all black, they cover the whole top of the foot and they are all leather-



These styles of shoes are **UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR** –they are either made of canvas, or are synthetic and/or they do not cover the whole top of the foot, have 'holes' in the top of the foot, and /or they are not black-



Note -students who may have a medical condition that requires them to have special footwear should produce a statement from their doctor to that effect.

STOMP (Student Team on Mental Positivity)

presents...

FHS Trivia Night

Building Community Connections

WEDNESDAY 23RD OF MARCH

FHS HALL 7PM START

PRIZES

Drinks available

\$5 per head (pay on the night)

6-10 persons per table

BYO nibbles or pre-order a platter- \$10 each

Table Bookings via FHS Ph;0358831344 by 21st March

FUNDRAISER FOR FUTURE STOMP ACTIVITIES

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

18	M Haintz, C Lawton
21	A Lee, J Burdon
22	J Loughman
23	L Knight
24	T Roe
25	GOOD FRIDAY
28	EASTER MONDAY
29	K Nicholls
30	
31	J John

April

1	K Litchfield, J Crowhurst
4	M Read
5	H Harris
6	R Sharp
7	C Pitt
8	C Moloney, D Thomas

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 4th May 2016
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

Community Announcements

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 interested in joining a youth group?

The Finley Lions Club is looking for young people between the ages of 12 and 18 to form a Leo Club.

Leo clubs are for young people just like you – active, social and fun.

You can develop leadership skills, serve your community and more than anything, have a good time.

If this sounds like your kind of adventure, the next step is up to you.

You and your parents are invited to attend a meeting on Monday 4th April at 7pm at the Bob Close Pavillion at the Finley Show Grounds. Enquiries to 0417 868 498.

Berrigan Shire Youth Week & Seniors Festival Photo Expo

Photographers (10 years to 18 years of age)

We would love to see photos about how you see your grandparents – their work, interests or hobbies. Our nursing homes would also welcome a visit from a young photographer who would like to meet older residents and capture an image for the photo expo.

You must also make sure you have your parent or guardians consent to enter.

Photographers (60 + years of age)

How you see young people and their interests, culture or alternatively family photos that depict young people from past generations. Also please make sure you have the subject's consent to enter a photo – this will need to be child's parent or guardian if the subject is a young person is under the age of 18 years.

Entry quick reference

1. Take an image that meets the conditions of entry
2. Use an entry form available at Council Libraries or on Council's website
3. Post your entry form and digital photo/s to: Berrigan Shire - Youth Week & Seniors Festival Photo Expo, 56 Chanter Street, BERRIGAN NSW 2712, or hand in to your local library or Email bscphoto@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

Entries Close:

31st March 2016

Exhibition Launch & Major Prize:

5th April 2016 – Berrigan Shire Seniors Festival Luncheon

Exhibition and voting for most popular image:

5th April – 17th April 2016

For more information please contact Jo Ruffin, Strategic and Social Planning Co-ordinator Berrigan Shire Council
Ph: 03 588 85100

MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION EVENING

Finley Recreation Reserve @ 7.30pm
TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2016.

Guest speakers include:

Mrs Cheryl Bester (Clinical Psychologist)

**Mr Greg Frazer (Mental Health Nurse with 50
years of experience & instigator of Nolan
House Albury)**

**Mr Garrick Bridges (Nursing Unit Manager at
Karinya, Private Hospital, Albury)**

Sam Little (Author & Survivor)

**Dr AlamYoosuf
(GP - Finley)**



*Open to all ages from Grade 6 to
Senior Citizens with a special
emphasis placed on adolescents
and parents/carers.*

Literature from Beyond Blue available.

"Into the fog" by Sam Little for sale.

Light supper provided.

Gold coin donation entry fee - proceeds to Beyond Blue.

For further information contact:

Lee McLennan 0432 629 589 or Dean Russell 0422 311 483