



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## KEY DATES

### May

- 5 – 6** Tertiary Tour
- 9** Year Seven Immunisations
- 10** Open Boys/Girls AFL in Hay
- 11** MADDD Performance, 6:30pm in the school hall.
- 10 - 12** NAPLAN
- 13** Athletics Carnival
- 17** Under 15 Boys/Girls AFL, Deniliquin
- 18** Year Nine Future Moves school visit.
- 20** Harmony Day
- 23** Defence Force Visit
- 24 – 26** CHS Netball
- 26** Future Moves Campus visit
- 30 - 31** Year Ten Work Experience

### June

- 1 – 3** Year Ten Work Experience
- 3** Zone Athletics in Deniliquin
- 10** HSC Mid-Course Exam
- 13** Queen's Birthday
- 14 – 15** HSC Mid-Course Exams
- 15 – 17** Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show
- 17** Riverina Cross Country

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term Two for all our students, and a special welcome to the new students who have enrolled at Finley High this term.

### **Staff Changes**

This term we are able to welcome several new teachers to our school to relieve in various positions.

Mr Holmik will be replacing Mr Soliman for the next two terms as Mr Soliman has taken leave.

Mr Morris will cover the Maths classes of Mr Chittick and some PE classes of Mr Tooke who will stand in as Head Teacher Mathematics for the remainder of the year. We were unsuccessful in attracting a Maths Head Teacher to the school last term, and I thank Mr Tooke for taking on this role.

Miss Downey will return to the role of Head Teacher PDHPE and Support after her term as relieving Deputy Principal for Mrs Jackson who returns to school this term.

Ms Bush welcomed a beautiful daughter into the world last week and will be replaced by Mr Dodds who will do her maternity leave for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Wheeler has also taken leave until August and Mr Maxwell will be replacing her until then.

We are very fortunate to have all these teachers willing to step in where needed and I am sure they will do a fabulous job teaching our students this year.

I would like to especially thank Miss Downey and Mr Tooke for stepping up last term into the Deputy Principal and Head Teacher roles respectively. They both did an outstanding job to keep the school running as smoothly as possible.

## East Timor

During the holidays, ten students, accompanied by Miss Scott and Yasmine McGrath travelled to East Timor to learn more about this country and its people. They had spent many months raising funds to take over to contribute to the communities in which they were staying. The experience truly opened their eyes to the challenges of living in a less developed country and they all returned with a new perspective on their own lives.

The group will make a presentation to the school on Harmony Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ANZAC Day Marches

I extend a huge thank you to all those students who marched in their towns to commemorate ANZAC Day this year and to Mrs Jackson and Mr O'Leary who travelled to the different towns to march with our students.

I would especially thank our School Captains and Senior Leaders who played a role in leading our students in these marches. All students who attended can be complimented on the excellent way in which they represented their school.

Pictured right: Daniel Robinett, Jessica Sutton and Rose Chamberlain at the Tocumwal Service.



## Parent-Teacher Evening

A Parent Teacher evening was held yesterday in the hall. This was an opportunity for all parents to come along and discuss the progress of their children with their teachers. Any parent who was unable to attend is welcome to call the school and ask to speak with their child's year adviser or subject teacher at any time about the progress of their child.

## State Swimming

Congratulations to all the students who travelled to Sydney at the end of last term to participate in the CHS State Swimming Finals. Many students swam personal best times and achieved some outstanding results. They were rewarded for the hours of effort they have given to training over the summer months. We are proud of them all.

## Riverina Football Trials

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in the Riverina Football Trials last week. Ben Ashley-Cooper, Luke Bramley, Jack Sexton, Jai Taylor, Tom Whelan, Katie Archer, Hayley Doohan, Dora Miaoudis and Savannah Wilson.

## This week

The term has once again started with a rush. This week MADDD rehearsals are well underway for their annual MADDD night next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Year Ten are having their half yearly exams this week and Year Twelve will be going to Melbourne for their Tertiary Tour on Thursday and Friday. Meanwhile plans are well underway for the Athletics carnival

next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> May). None of these events could happen without the dedication and commitment of many staff. I thank all the teachers involved for their efforts to make school a rich learning environment for our kids.

## **NAPLAN**

Next week, all students in Years Seven and Nine will complete the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments. These assessments are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, 10 May      Language Conventions and Writing Tests

Wednesday, 11 May      Reading Test

Thursday, 12 May      Numeracy Test

Each test will take no more than two hours to complete.

Results should be available around the middle of August.

I would like to wish all our Year Seven and Nine students every success in these tests which provide us with some valuable insights into the strengths and learning needs of our students to help us with future planning.

## **Athletics Carnival**

I would like to remind all parents and students that the Athletics Carnival next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, is compulsory. All students are expected to attend the carnival and participate in as many events as they can. Students earn points for their house by “having a go” and the participation rate of students is usually the factor which determines the winning house. I encourage all students to come dressed in their house colours and enjoy participating in this fun and relaxed day.

Some tips for completing assignments:

- **Start your assignments as soon as you get them.** Always aim to achieve your best in every task. By not starting your assignments early, you may not be giving them your best, clear thoughts and you won't achieve your best.
- **Get your brain thinking about the topic:** at the very least, read through the requirements of the assignment on the day you get your assignment. Even if you are not thinking about it directly, your subconscious will be hard at work.
- **Find library resources:** although the library may not be your main source of reference, you should drop in soon after receiving the assignment. Reference books, resources and magazines will disappear quickly. It is not a good idea to only use search engines on the internet. Remember, the Homework Centre is open every Wednesday, and the Learning SpACE is available.
- **Discover other resources:** you could also ask Ms Begbie (our Librarian) to help for any additional direction on where to look for resource material for your assignment. Ms Begbie knows how to help people access relevant information, in books, journals and in computer based references.
- **Create a safety net:** Starting your assignment immediately will give you a safety net in case you get sick, or something unexpected happens. You should always have a schedule that allows for the unexpected.

Mrs H McRae  
Principal

## Combined High School State Swimming Championships

Finley High School sent 20 swimmers to compete at the Combined High School State Championships over 3 days in early April at SOPAC, Homebush. The team consisted of 4 relay teams, 7 individual competitors including two multiclass swimmers.

The girls relays included a 15 years 4x50m freestyle team (Sascha Jones, Ellie Jones, Johannah Tessier and Emma Carey) who did a 3.04 sec PB to finish an impressive 16<sup>th</sup> out of 28. The girls continued their great performance with the All Age 6x50m relay doing a massive 6.38 sec PB. The boys All Age 6x50m swam well with a small PB along with the Senior Boys in the 4x50m relay (Damon Anderson, Zec Cuppens, Tom Burns and Lachlan Pyle).

Sascha Jones qualified for 5 individual events, swimming near or under her PB's. In the 100m Backstroke she did a 2 sec PB to qualify 7<sup>th</sup> in the finals. Ellie Jones qualified in 3 individual events, competing in the timed final for 200m freestyle and achieving a solid PB in her 50m freestyle. Ben Ashley-Cooper did a PB in 50m freestyle while Ben Chesworth swam near his PB in 100 Breaststroke. Justin Lawton also swam near his PB in 100m backstroke.

Our multiclass swimmers did a great job in the pool. Dela Gargaro competed well in 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle. Thomas Burton swam in a variety of individual events with a notable performance in his 50m Breaststroke where he finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

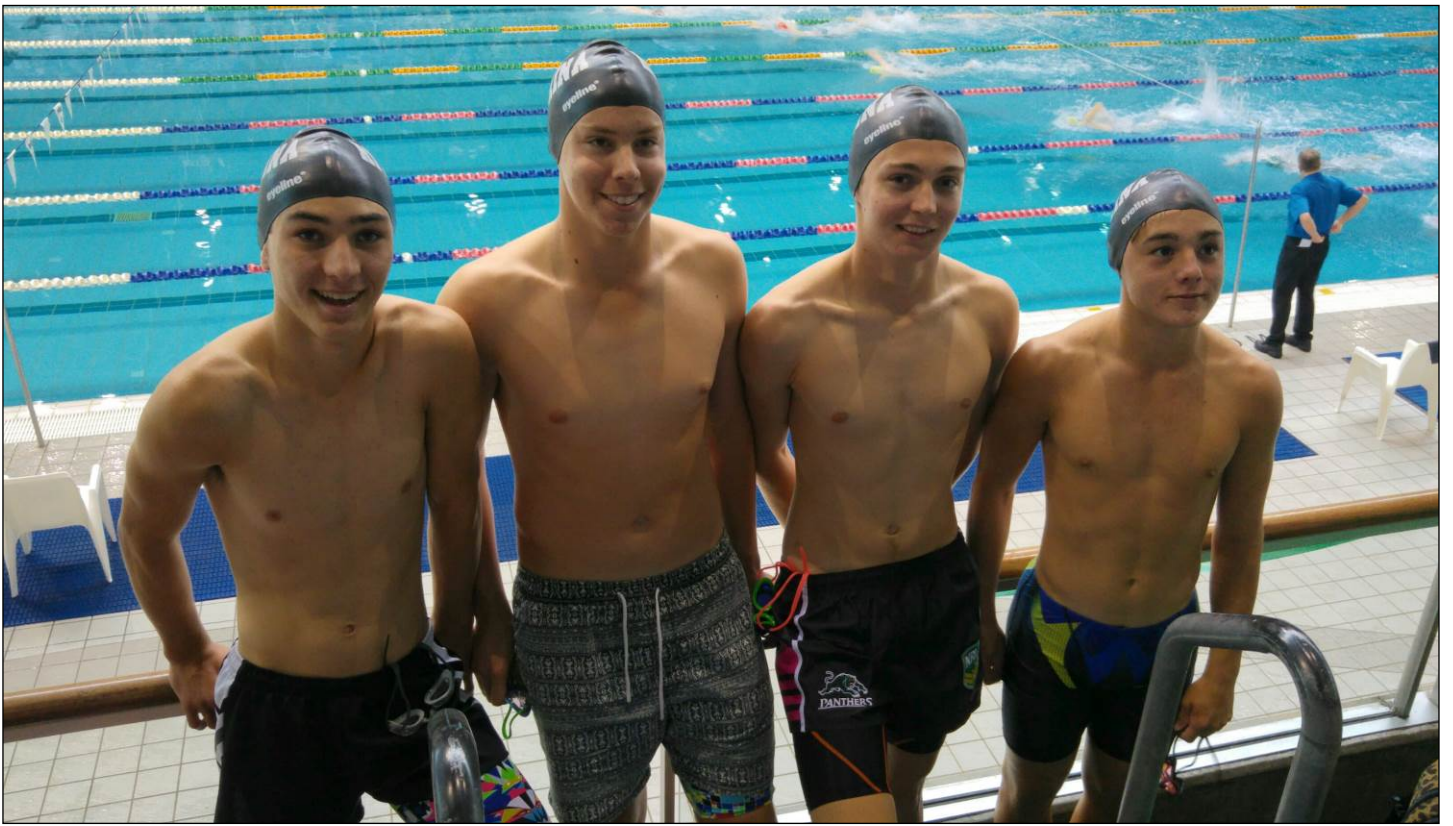


Sascha Jones and Ellie Jones



Above (L-R): Michelle Barnes, Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Ellie Jones, Elle Rochford, Sascha Jones and Jemma Coombs.





Above (L-R): Lachlan Pyle, Damon Anderson, Tom Burns and Zec Cuppens.



Above (L-R): Sascha Jones, Johanna Tessier, Emma Carey and Ellie Jones.

## Cross Country 2016

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April, Finley High School held its annual cross country event. The majority of the school completed a 4km circuit with the 16, 17 and 18 boys and 18 year old girls completing a 5 km course. It was particularly noted on the day the efforts of the senior boys, with the added incentive of it being a basis for footy selection the results received on the day were excellent. Results are listed in the table below. Damon Bainbridge was the first runner back in the 5 km course, whilst a group of four: Ben Ashley-Cooper, Bailey Coombs, Nick Gray and Will Sexton were the first home in the shorter event.

Age Group	Winner/s	Runners-up
18 year boy	Samuel Orro	Grant-Patrick Smith
18 year girl	Shania MacCullagh	
17 year boy	Zeke Carruthers	Jay Buckley
17 year girls	Kiara Keating	
	Sophie Lostroh	
	Paige Nash	
	Courtney Sexton	
16 year boy	Damon Bainbridge	Zac Barlow
16 year girl	Jessie Read	Mandy Huang
15 year boys	Jack Sexton	
	Taylor Kleinschmidt	
	Thomas Whelan	
	Fraser Haintz	
15 year girl		Olivia Volpe
14 year boys	Bailey Coombs	
	Ben Ashley-Cooper	
	Nick Gray	
14 year girl	Elle Rochford	Hayley Doohan
13 year boy	Will Sexton	Mitchell Spinner
13 year girl	Ally Barlow	Allyssa Thornton
12 year boy	Zander Nash	Justin Lawton
12 year girl	Jemma Coombs	

## P&C News

The P&C are catering for the FADAMS production. This is our major fundraiser for the year. The dates are Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. The times are: 5pm at School, 6:30pm at School of Arts Hall.

If any parents can help prepare/serve/wash dishes on any of these nights, please phone/text Suzanne Robertson on 0417405107 or 0358859229.

## Exchange Student

We would like to welcome Rami Zeltner to Finley High School. Rami is an exchange student from Switzerland and he will be in Year Eleven. Rami will be with us for three weeks, however, he would love to stay in the area. If you would be interested in hosting Rami with your family, for the rest of his stay in Australia, please contact the exchange company ASF on: 02 9215 0077.



## Careers News

### Year Twelve

#### Parent Guide 2017:

University of Sydney [Parent's Guide](http://sydney.edu.au/dam/corporate/documents/study/resources-for-career-advisers/UniSyd-parents-guide-2017.pdf) provides parents and guardians with practical tips and tools to help their child make the transition from high school to university. All the information you need to help your child choose the right uni course can be found here: <http://sydney.edu.au/dam/corporate/documents/study/resources-for-career-advisers/UniSyd-parents-guide-2017.pdf>.

#### Maths prerequisites:

If you are planning on starting university in 2019 and are thinking about subject selection – here is something worth thinking about. The University of Sydney is leading the charge to address the nation's critical shortage of graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by introducing mathematics course prerequisites for a number of courses from 2019.

If you are interested in courses such as economics, commerce, engineering and IT, psychology, pharmacy, veterinary science and science, as of 2019 entry you will need to achieve Band 4 in the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) mathematics (not general mathematics) or equivalent.

Please note that students who defer their offer to study at the University in 2018 are not required to meet the mathematics course prerequisites.

These students will be assessed on current requirements for their chosen course.

This may be helpful if you are thinking about which Maths to undertake in your subject selection.

Find out more about the new entry requirement:

- [sydney.edu.au/study/maths](http://sydney.edu.au/study/maths)

#### TOP GUN Recruitment:

Hutcheon and Pearce are offering another TOPGUN Recruitment Drive for school leavers in Years Eleven and Twelve. This is a great opportunity for students wishing to enter this field. All information is available in the Careers Room. Closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year Ten News

On Thursday Year Ten students attended Careers Day Out in Shepparton. This was a fun filled hands-on EXPO that allowed students to investigate a range of different career options. Students got to speak with experts and current students in a variety of fields, as well as engaging in several activities that showcased the careers on offer. Hopefully this helped consolidate some work experience options. Which leads us into a final reminder that all work experience cards and forms should be complete and be handed in to Mrs O'Bryan. If yours is outstanding or you need further assistance please be sure that you come to the Careers Room and see Mrs O'Bryan.

### Year Seven Immunisation

Year Seven Immunisation will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. They will be receiving Varicella (Chicken Pox) and HPV.

## East Timor

On the 8<sup>th</sup> April, ten students, Yasmin McGrath and Brittany Scott headed to Timor for their immersion program. Despite the long flights and overnight stay on the Darwin airport floor, our excitement levels never dropped.

We participated in a homestay program where, in partners, we were able to first hand experience the traditional living conditions of a typical Timorese family. We visited many schools and preschools, and helped out with running activities. We went sightseeing in Dili and visited Dr Dan at Bairo Pite Clinic. He told us about the terrible health conditions of Timor and how privileged we are in Australia. We hiked up a 2000 meter mountain and visited local markets, including the fruit and Tais markets.

We were taught traditional Timorese songs and dances and how to make Katupa baskets. Our experience taught us about the hardships the Timorese face every day. Some difficulties we faced on our journey included the language barrier, personal hygiene, like using the squat toilets, and the fact that Emma's luggage didn't turn up.

Overall, we really enjoyed our life changing experience and are very thankful to Yasmin, Miss Scott and all the local support we received to make it worthwhile. We all hope to return.



Above: Jade O'Bryan, Courtney Sexton, Leah Dalglish, Kiara Keating; top: Emma Alexander, Grant-Patrick Smith, Tylan Sharp, Sam Orro, Lachie Pyle and Tom Burns.



Above: Emma Alexander trying some fresh coconut.





Above: Traditional style housing



Above: Courtney Sexton, Leah Dalgiesh, Tom Burns, Tylan Sharp, Sam Orro and Grant-Patrick Smith





Above: Sam Orro and Grant-Patrick Smith entertaining some kindergarten students.



Above: Tom Burns, Tylan Sharp, Lachie Pyle and Kiara Keating making Katupa baskets.





Above: Courtney Sexton, Kiara Keating, Leah Dalglish, Emma Alexander and Jade O'Bryan teaching students different games.



Above: Kiara Keating, Jade O'Bryan, Leah Dalglish, Grant-Patrick Smith, Courtney Sexton, Lachie Pyle, Emma Alexander, Sam Orro, Tom Burns, Tylan Sharp, Yasmin McGrath and Brittany Scott in Luro with kindergarten students.



## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

Education is lifelong. As a secondary school student your child is moving towards adult life and closer to determining their future.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us identify potentially gifted students and those who may need more focused and purposeful teaching to achieve their best.

### Each student receives:

- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about) Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation)

**To enrol your child in ICAS- English, Spelling and Writing, please complete the registration form in this newsletter and return it, with your entry fees, to the pay office no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016. PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**



## 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Permission Form

Please return this form, with payment, to the Finley High School pay office.

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (Child's name) of  
year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST	Fee Enclosed
Writing		13–17 June 2016	\$8.80	
Spelling		15 June 2016	\$8.80	
English		2 August 2016	\$8.80	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

*Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.*

Please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed total entry fee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

# Community Announcements

## Finley Farmers' Market – NEW VENUE

The Finley Mothers' Day Farmers' market will be held Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 8am to 12 noon at the palm tree, Endeavour Street. Post a photo of your mum, with a little caption on the FFM Facebook page and you could win a \$50 voucher to spend at the market.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

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

#### May

6	K Litchfield, T Jones
9	D McLean, M Read
10	K Nicholls, F Aull
11	D Dalgliesh
12	S Robertson
13	M McCaw, T Clarke
16	H Mortlock, A Lee
17	H Harris
18	N Curtin
19	T Anderson
20	D Thomas, L Bryce



FHS presents...

# MADDD

Music . Art . Dance . Drama . Design .

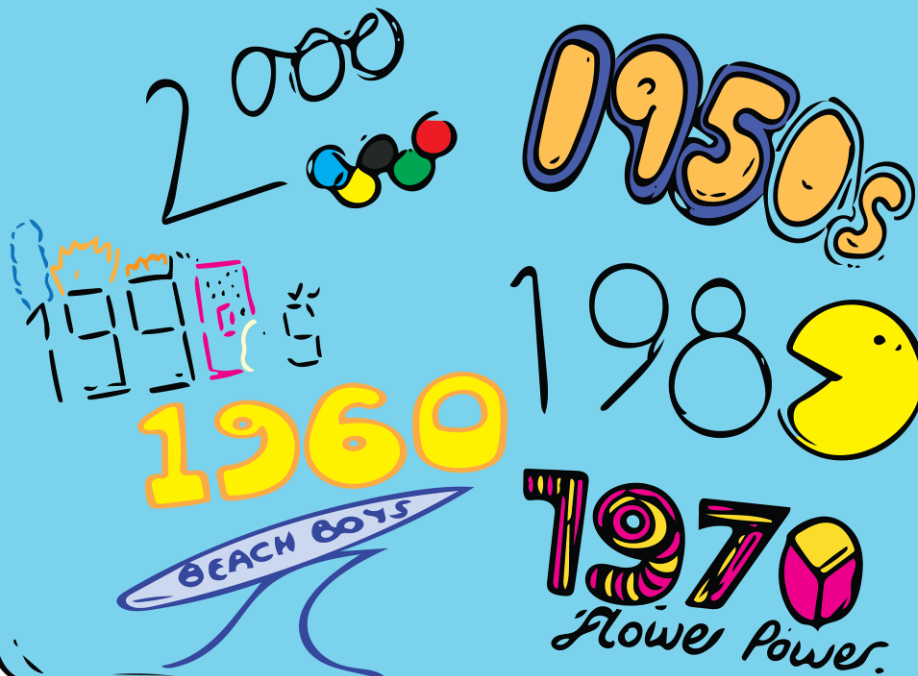
TIME TRAVEL

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

\$5 a ticket from front office or door

Doors open 6:30 for a 7:00 start.

Supper provided



A BLAST FROM THE PAST ...

# Tocumwal Mother's Day Classic

## Event details

Sunday 8 May 2016

Football Oval, Recreation Reserve - Morris Street, Tocumwal



## Entry Prices

## On the day

Adult	\$25
Child*/Concession**	\$15
Family (1 adult, up to 4 children)	\$40
Family (2 adults, up to 4 children)	\$60

\*Child is 18 years or younger, children under 3 years FREE

\*\*Concession includes student card, health care card or senior concession card

This regional event has a relaxed feel and will not have electronic timing, and hence no race packs or bibs are required to be collected by participants.

You can just turn up on the day and walk or run!

7.00	On-the-day registrations open
8.00	On-the-day registrations close
8.00	Warm up
8.30	Official welcome/minute silence
8.35	4km & 8km run starts
8.40	4km walk starts

## The Course

The circuit track involves two distances, 4km walk and run and 8km run along a picturesque location of the Murray River, with the 8km run crossing the river into the State Park into Victoria.

A Certificate of Participation will be on the Mother's Day Classic website from Tuesday 10 May 2016 for you to download and print!

***Please note, dogs are not allowed at this event.***

Remember to fill in a tribute card to wear on the day in memory of a loved one or with words of encouragement to someone currently undergoing treatment.

## Entertainment

Zumba will be available for everyone to participate in.

## Prizes and Trophies

- Years Membership to HQ GYM
- Gift Baskets
- Con Carr Beta Electrical Donation
- Best Dressed

# GET FIT WITH MARTIAL ARTS!



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

Age specific karate classes held weekly at:

**Finley High School (MPR)**  
Tocumwal Street, Finley NSW 2713

## Tuesday nights

Karate Children 4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs  
Karate Teens & Adults

**Book NOW for Term 2**  
**Enrolments close soon!**

All classes run as per school terms, with a **FREE** trial class for all new members.

Limited places available so **BOOK NOW!**

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

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to new members

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



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community legal service

*Linking the community with the Law*

## **FREE** **Legal Advice**

The Hume Riverina Community Legal Service visits

## **FINLEY**

**When:** Thursday 4 & 18 February  
Thursday 3 & 17 March  
Thursday 7 & 21 April  
Thursday 5 & 19 May  
Thursday 2 & 16 June  
Thursday 7 & 21 July  
Thursday 4 & 18 August  
Thursday 1 & 15 September  
Thursday 6 & 20 October  
Thursday 3 & 17 November

**Time:** 2pm—3pm

**Where:** Intereach, Shop 1  
Central Arcade, Murray Street, Finley

## **FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

To make an appointment please phone  
**1800 918 377**