



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

2nd June 2016

KEY DATES

June

- 1 La Trobe ASPIRE early entry opens.
- 1 – 3 Year Ten Work Experience
- 3 Zone Athletics in Deniliquin
- 8 P & C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room (admin building)
- 10 HSC Mid-Course Exam
- 13 Queen's Birthday
- 14 Under 15 Boys/Girls Basketball in Deniliquin
- 14 – 15 HSC Mid-Course Exams
- 15 – 17 Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show
- 17 Riverina Cross Country
- 20 Rural Fire Brigade demonstration and recruiting.
- 23 Defence Force visit
- 24 Beanies for Brain Cancer
- 29 Senior Social

July

- 1 Last day of Term Two
- 18 Staff Development Day
- 19 Students first day of Term Three
- 21 Careers Expo for Years Eleven and Twelve.
- 22 NSW Combined High Schools Cross Country

August

- 4 Riverina Athletics in Albury.
- 5 Poll Dorset Youth Day.

Principal's Report

Year Twelve Reports

I had the absolute pleasure this week of having interviews with all Year Twelve students. Each student was given a survey, asking them to reflect upon their achievements in their preliminary courses. I then discussed with them how they learn best and how we could help them achieve the HSC they wanted. The students were quite open and honest in their responses and gave me some terrific feedback on how they learn and what works best for them in the classroom and preparing for exams.

At the end of the interview, we briefly looked at their reports to discover that their thoughts on their progress were in line with their teachers' thoughts.

I congratulate Year Twelve on the mature way they approached these interviews and thank them for their positive participation.

Reports for the rest of the students in the school will be given to the students at the end of term.

School Uniform

Winter is once again upon us and students are wearing their winter uniform.

It is important that all students wear the appropriate uniform approved by the P&C as, not only does it look good and is durable, but it helps all students feel like they are a part of the school team.

Often in winter, students wear odd jumpers, coats and trousers which are not a part of the school uniform. This makes them stand out and does not show a unified look for the school.

The winter uniform is as follows:

Boys – Grey trousers, Finley High School Green, Blue and White Polo shirt, Grey or black socks, Black leather shoes, Green windcheater/jumper, senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve). Black school Jacket is Optional.

Girls – Bottle green skirt with black tights/stockings/socks OR Black pants (**not leggings**), Finley High School Green, Blue and White Polo shirt, Black leather shoes, Green windcheater/jumper, senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve). Black school Jacket is Optional. **Please note: Leggings are not a part of the daily school uniform. Black sport leggings may be worn as part of the sports uniform only.**

For sport on Wednesdays, students have voted to wear their sports uniform to school with their black school shoes and to change into their joggers for sport. This will alleviate the problem of students not bringing their correct shoes for practical classes on Wednesdays where they must have enclosed leather shoes to enter the room.

Boys Sport Uniform – Plain white polo shirt (no writing on the shirt), Plain Black shorts or tracksuit pants, runners and white socks and Green windcheater/jumper, senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve).

Girls Sport Uniform – Plain white polo shirt (no writing on the shirt), Plain Black shorts or tracksuit pants or plain black sport leggings (eg 2XU, puma, skins), runners and white socks and Green windcheater/jumper, senior jumper (Years Eleven and Twelve).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or need assistance to purchase any part of the school uniform. I consider that it is important for all students to look and feel like they are a part of the school team.

Professional Learning afternoon

Last Tuesday, the teaching staff stayed behind at school until 6:30pm to complete some professional learning around how better to cater for the needs of our students. Mrs McNaught, Mrs O’Leary and Ms Coates presented ways for teachers to best assist their students to learn.

Mrs McNaught talked about how we can praise and encourage our students to promote effective learning and why some of the praise we give may be discouraging students from achieving their best. We were encouraged to praise students for the **process** they have gone through in their learning, rather than the end result or grade. We learnt about “learning boosters” and how they can be effective to encourage students to succeed. “Learning Boosters” are questions to ask students to encourage them to reflect upon their learning and think deeply about the processes they found effective. Eg How else could you do that? Can you try it a different way? Teachers were asked to develop an action plan that they may be able to use in their classrooms to promote a growth mindset in their students by using praise more effectively.

Ms Coates and Mrs O’Leary then addressed the staff on the various learning dispositions of students. Effective learning is dependent upon what the students bring to the classroom. Dispositions we encourage would be:

- Reflectiveness – being able to respond to feedback
- Reciprocity – being able to connect with others to learn from each other
- Self-regulation - connecting with the content and persisting when the work gets hard
- Resourcefulness - knowing what to do, when you don’t know what to do
- Responsibility – accounting for their own actions towards themselves, others and the environment

Ms Downey and Mrs Brown also presented staff with some information about MindMatters – a program where as a staff we can reflect upon the issues that students may be bringing to school and how we can respond appropriately to them. Positive Behaviour for Learning was also discussed and plans are underway to continue developing positive behaviours in the school.

Staff feedback on the afternoon was mostly positive, and we hope that by continuing to upskill our thinking and professional learning, we will be able to provide better learning outcomes for all of our students.

Student Voice

Last week, the SRC gave the students the opportunity to vote on two issues which have been raised by the staff of the school.

The first was the concern that many students were not bringing their black leather shoes to change into for classes on sport day (Wednesday). Students were presented with two options.

Option 1: Wear the school uniform to school and change for sport.

Option 2: Wear sports uniform to school with their school shoes and change into runners for sport during period 3 and 4 only. They chose option 2 (as indicated above). The staff at the school will be happy to support this if students comply with their decision at the vote.

The second issue was surrounding the use of KRAM draws.

Option 1: KRAM draws are done only for the prizes once per term at formal assemblies, but prizes would be awarded to each year group.

Option 2: Keep the KRAM draws as they are, with draws at school assemblies each fortnight, with those students submitting a lot of KRAMS earning a school contribution award at formal assemblies

Option 3: Go back to the system of just having classroom merits to take home.

Students voted to keep the KRAM draws as they are.

I think it is important that on matters which directly affect the students that they be allowed to have a voice. Often this is done via the SRC, but this time, all students were involved. I would like to thank Mr O'Leary and the students in the SRC for conducting the vote and to all the students who allowed us to hear their voice.

Leadership visit to Sydney

Yesterday the School Captains, Grant-Patrick Smith and Jorja Daniel, along with the captains from Deniliquin High School, travelled to Sydney to meet the Governor of NSW and participate in a tour through Government House. This leadership initiative is offered to school captains around the state each year and is an opportunity for them to discover Sydney, travel around the city and meet leaders of our state and community.

Along the way, they passed by Brekky Central and had an impromptu photo shoot with David Koch ("Kochy") from Channel 7.

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Pictured right: Finley High School Captains, Grant-Patrick Smith and Jorja Daniel, with Deniliquin High School Captains, Sam Young and Phoebe Laing





Above: Australian Governor General, Peter Cosgrove, with School Captains from around NSW.



Above: Sam Young, Jorja Daniel, David Koch, Grant-Patrick Smith and Phoebe Laing.

Career News

There is a lot happening at the moment in Careers. This term so far we have had Year Ten attend a Careers Day Out in Shepparton, Year Twelve have been on an overnight Tertiary Tour to Melbourne Institutions, some Year Nine students have attended a Tertiary Aspiration Day at CSU Thurgoona Campus as a part of the Future Directions Program and we have had some Year Ten students complete their White Card Training. We currently have Year Ten students completing their first round of Work Experience and we have some exciting upcoming visits from the Defence Force on the 23rd June and the Rural Fire Brigade on the 20th June. We will follow all of this in Week One of Term Three with Year Eleven and Twelve participating in the Berrigan Shire Youth Careers and Employment EXPO which focuses on living, learning and earning locally.

Please assist your students to take advantage of these local opportunities by encouraging them to attend what is on offer. We hope to see all of Year Eleven and Twelve attend the EXPO this year and if your students are interested in the Defence Force or Volunteering through the Rural Fire Brigade please encourage them to put their names down to attend the presentations at school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful local employers and businesses who continue to support our work experience program by hosting students for the week. This is an invaluable tool for our students to participate in and understand the nature of the working world first hand.

Please also remember to make the most of our school Careers Website at www.finleyhighcareers.com where students and parents can gather information on a range of careers and post school issues.

Also parents of students in Year Twelve please ensure that you have signed up to receive the Careers Newsletter each week regarding opportunities for Year Twelve students in regards to study, scholarships, employment and much more.



Above: Tyrone Smithers at Batescrew Engineering



Above: Mandy Huang at Tocumwal Public School



Above: Madison Wooden at Tocumwal Preschool.



Above: Piper Hicks (centre) at Tocumwal Public School.

Future Moves

Last week several students from Year Nine travelled to Albury to participate in a Future Directions Tertiary Aspirations Workshop at Charles Sturt University. The students engaged in a critical thinking task that saw them working with students from other schools to utilise their communication, negotiation and problem solving skills. They investigated study skills and how to best approach study for up-coming tasks and deadlines. They toured the very environmentally friendly campus that included water sustainability features, rammed earth buildings and much to the shock of some, self-composting 'drop' toilets. The university provided students with lunch and free time to display their pool and snooker skills. A final Q & A session allowed students to interact with current students about their courses and their experiences.



Above: Tiarna Burke, Emma Carey and Ellie Jones



Above: Lauren Steel, Rebecca Pierce and Makayla Ackers



Above: Ruana McGrath and Georgia Webb

Left: Jacinta Curry, Jessica Sutton and Isabella Jackson.



Library News

Come to the library to borrow from the large selection of new books covering many genres. Pictured right: a sample of what awaits.



MAYDAY 26th May 2016

On Thursday 26th May the SToMP (Student Team on Mental Positivity) group hosted a MAYDAY! It is an initiative of The Butterfly Foundation to help raise awareness for supporting people affected by eating disorders.

An eating disorder is a mental illness, characterised by eating, exercise and body weight or shape becoming an unhealthy aspect in someone's life.

It is estimated that one million Australians have an eating disorder and this number is increasing.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear bright nail polish and colourful socks. By doing this they hoped to get the conversation started to help support those affected by eating disorders, including families and friends. They also made students aware of the statistics around eating disorders in Australia by hanging posters around the school. This seemed to generate a lot of discussion and support.

Well done to all who participated in the day! SToMP were very pleased with the outcome!

If you have any concerns or would like to know more about the supports available have a look at the Butterfly Foundations website; thebutterflyfoundation.org.au

Mrs J Brown
Student Support Officer



Above: Daniela Gargaro and Miss Allan-Georgas.



Above: Some colourful socks worn by the students.



Above: Duncan Clarke, Oliver Knight, Christopher Wright and Rory Knight.



Above: Stephanie Wright painting Mikayla Balden's nails.



Above: Rory Knight with Mandy Huang

Left: Sarah Orro with Jaide Eddy



Lost Property

These items are currently in the lost property area ALL UNNAMED.

- 9 drink bottles
- 2 lunch boxes
- 3 pairs of sneakers
- 1 white polo shirt
- 1 black and white scarf
- 1 black woollen jumper
- 1 pair of black jeans
- 1 pair of black bike pants.
- 1 black high school jacket
- 2 green school jumpers
- 4 green windcheaters
- 1 grey polarfleece jumper
- 1 Hurley grey hoodie

Finley High School P&C

HELPERS NEEDED

The Finley High School P&C is catering for the FADAMS production.
This is our MAJOR fundraiser for the year.

The dates are Saturday 4th and 18th June.

The times are: 5pm at School, 6:30pm at School of Arts Hall.

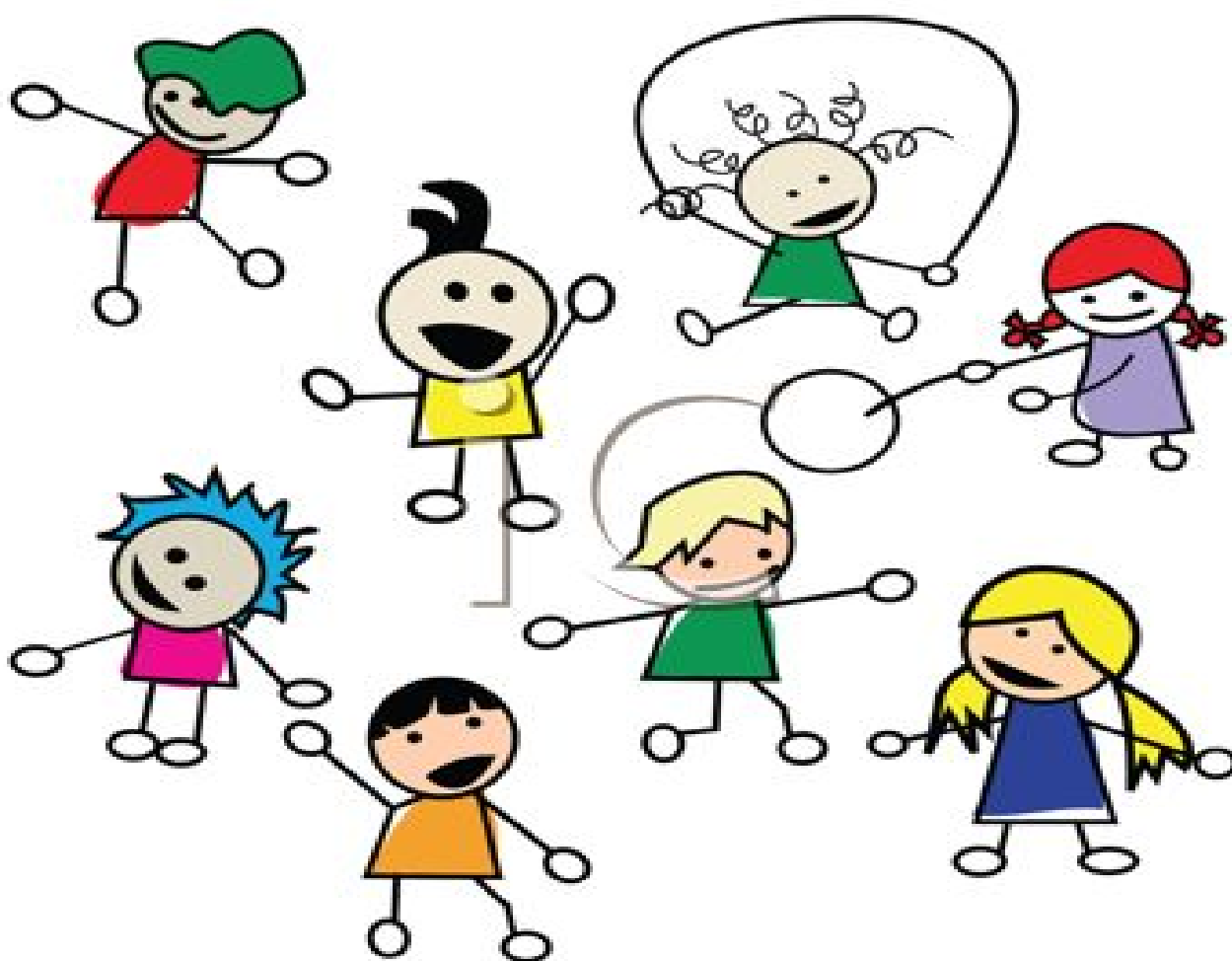
It would be greatly appreciated if any parents can help to prepare, serve or wash dishes on either of these nights.

Please phone or text Suzanne Robertson on 0417405107 or 0358859229.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

is coming to Finley High School!

To learn more, watch out for feature articles and more
information in our newsletters.



CANTEEN ROSTER

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

June

3	L Bryce, C Moloney
6	M Read, K Steel
7	C Alexander
8	V Bryce
9	J John, R Matheson
10	C Lawton
13	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
14	C Girdwood
15	R Sharp, T Doohan
16	B Agosta

Finley High School

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8th June 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

Finley Farmers' Market

Finley Farmers' Market will be held this Saturday 4th June in the winter venue of the Finley Memorial Hall. Come along and enjoy a delicious coffee, bacon and egg roll and have a catch up – rain hail or shine, under cover 8am till 12noon.

"That Sugar Film" - Screening

A free screening of a documentary "That Sugar Film" will be held at the Finley RS Club on Sunday 26th June 2016 at 3pm.

The film is an insight into how sugar impacts on your everyday life.

Do you know what you are eating and drinking? It is easy to consume sugar without knowing it.

Take advantage of this FREE screening that will reveal the astonishing amounts of sugar hidden in supposedly healthy low fat/no fat foods on your supermarket shelves. It is a real wake up call to those of us that have never questioned what is really in our food. Dental professionals will be on hand to answer any questions after the screening.

This film is suitable for parents and adolescents only.

Please call 58 831 633 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Sponsored by Nimb Dental Clinic

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

The Australian Government announced its intention to end the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) from 1st July 2016. The CDBS remains open but it will be the decision of the incoming government after the Federal Election to whether it remains.

The CDBS is a dental benefits program where eligible children or teenagers (2-17yrs) can receive up to \$1000 for general dental services over a 2 year period.

Please contact your dentist to take advantage of this dental benefit program.

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

**FIRST
CLASS
FREE!**

Ask about
our **FREE** uniform
to new members

Benefits are:

- Improved Self Esteem
- Improved Self Confidence
- 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



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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

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To make an appointment please phone
1800 918 377