



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

1st July 2016

KEY DATES

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 - Albury
- 5 Poll Dorset Youth Day.
- 10 Year Twelve Study and Information Night.
Parent Teacher Night Years 7-12
- 15 Years Eleven and Twelve primary industries first aid course at TAFE.
- 16 Under 14 boys/girls AFL 9's
- 18 Future Moves Campus Visit
- 25-26 HSC Trial Exams
- 29 HSC Trial Exams

September

- 7-9 NSW CHS Athletics

November

- 21-25 Work Experience

Principal's Report

This week marks the end of the first semester of 2016. The term has flown by very quickly and we are all excited about having a break from school to replenish our energy before next term.

Reports

Students in Year 7 -11 received their reports yesterday. Many, many students achieved wonderful reports, showing that they were approaching learning with a real commitment to achieving their best. I congratulate the student body as a whole on the great efforts they are giving to all aspects of their learning. I have included below some questions for students to think about over the holidays in order to improve their learning next semester.

International Children's Games

We wish all the students travelling to Taipei to compete in the International Children's Games in the second week of the school holidays every success. These students (and their parents and coaches) have worked tirelessly fundraising and they have also trained very hard over many months to ensure they compete to the best of their ability. They will forge new friendships from students from other countries and experience the wonder of other cultures. I look forward to hearing of their adventures next term. Good luck!



Kaila Smith

Our very best wishes are with Kaila Smith who is currently in Canada competing with the 2016 Track and Field Tour Team. Kaila was the Finley High School “Fastest Girl” at the inaugural fastest student race at the Finley High School Athletics Carnival. She is a gifted athlete who will compete in Kelowna and Vancouver in long jump, high jump, 100m and 200m. Kaila was responsible for breaking many school records at this year’s Finley High School Athletics Carnival and is sure to compete with excellence in Canada. Good luck, Kaila!

Formal Assembly

Last Friday’s formal assembly was again a credit to the students in the school who work so hard to achieve their personal best. Over two hundred awards were given, including awards for the Cross Country Team and for those students who are learning with associated school partners through School Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships and other TAFE and Distance Education Courses. Students completing these courses show a commitment and dedication beyond the norm as they work independently and need to be focused and motivated at all times.

Two highlights of the assembly were the powerpoint presentation created by Riley Nolen (Year Ten) on the school Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals and the piano composition composed and performed by Rachel Vidler (Year Ten) in loving memory of her nephew. Both presentations were inspiring and both students can be proud of their achievements at the assembly.

Presentation from Purtills Bus Lines

Last Tuesday, several staff members were invited to a special morning tea organised by Purtills at the RS Club. At the morning tea, Purtills presented the school with a portable WiFi speaker system for students to use. We were thrilled to receive this gift and on Wednesday, the Senior Leadership Group put it to good use when they ran a Zumba class for students at lunchtime. Yesterday it was used again when the Senior Leaders ran an Air Guitar Competition. The winner of this competition was Lochie Lawrence.

Congratulations and well done to all those students involved.



Left: Speaker system kindly donated by Purtills.

Above: Zumba during lunch time

School Validation

Yesterday, a team of teachers worked throughout the day to commence preparation for our school validation. Next term, two Principals from across the state will visit our school and discuss with the team how we are progressing at improving outcomes for all our students against the School Excellence Framework. This process will inform our further development and improvement outlined in the school plan. I will undergo some additional training in this in week two of next term.

School Senior Social

Last night over fifty students from Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve attended the senior social. The retro theme had students dress up in some interesting outfits. The SRC students led by Ms Brain did an amazing job setting up the hall and we thank them for continuing in their efforts to offer great activities for students to enjoy throughout the year.

KRAM Winners

Congratulations to the following winners:

I-Tunes Vouchers: Savannah Wilson, Rory Knight and Joshua Barrett

Canteen Vouchers: Ben Chesworth and Jasmine Ackers

Handballs: Charli Cameron and Cassandra Renneberg

Happy Holidays

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and restful holiday of this winter break. School resumes for all students on Tuesday July 19.

MID-YEAR CHECK-UP FOR STUDENTS

As we approach the second semester now is a good time to do a bit of a check-up to reflect upon how you are going at school. Read your school report and then consider the following questions. It may help you on your path to improve. Talk to your teachers, Year Advisers or me if you need any assistance.

- Have you set yourself goals to strive for over this year? **YES / NO**
- Do you know what motivates you to do work? **YES / NO**
- Do you try to take a positive approach to your studies? **YES / NO**
- Are you making the most of class time, listening and focusing and completing all work? **YES / NO**
- Have you been asking for help if you don't understand something? **YES / NO**
- Have you been writing all your homework into your diary or online planner and getting it done? **YES / NO**

FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

- Have you been breaking down bigger tasks and scheduling the work in your diary/planner? **YES / NO**
- Have you organised your folders for papers and digital resources for school? **YES / NO**
- Do you have folders or somewhere at home to file away all your work for your topics? **YES / NO**
- Have you decided what you will keep or do your study notes in? **YES / NO**
- Have you been working on study notes each time you finish a topic for a subject? **YES / NO**
- Do you have a term planner above your desk where you can easily see the heavy weeks? **YES / NO**
- Have you set up a good study environment at home, a place where you can focus and work? **YES / NO**
- Are you doing around an hour and a half of schoolwork most nights (2-3 hrs for seniors)? **YES / NO**

- Have you thought realistically about whether you have too many outside school activities? **YES / NO**
- Have you allocated set periods of time for school work (eg at least 3 x half hour blocks)? **YES / NO**
- Do you remove all distractions etc. when you are focusing on your schoolwork at home? **YES / NO**
- Do you prioritise each afternoon what you will work on that night? **YES / NO**
- When you make study notes, are you making them visual with mind maps, highlighting etc.? **YES / NO**
- When you study for a test, do you both 'learn' the content and 'practise' the skills? **YES / NO**
- Do you try to do lots of the practise under examination conditions? **YES / NO**
- Have you reviewed the different study techniques that you should use for your learning style? **YES / NO**
- Are you doing more than 'just reading' when you study for an assessment? **YES / NO**
- Have you thought about how you will overcome the obstacles you face in achieving your best? **YES / NO**
- Have you set up some routines to try and create habits that will help you this year? **YES / NO**

You can learn more about being more effective and efficient in your schoolwork at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

- Username: finleyhs
- Password: 54success

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Senior Leadership Group

This term our Senior Leaders have been running lunchtime activities. The aim was to create some team building opportunities and have some fun.

They facilitated activities and competitions such as; handball, hula hoops, mat ball, zumba and air guitar. Each week they had approximately 50 or more students participate. When in the quadrangle they played music over the loud speaker and more recently were able to use the Blue tooth Speaker kindly donated by Purtils to run Zumba and Air Guitar in the hall.



Above: Students participating in Hula hoop



Above: Students participating in Mat Ball



Above: Students participating in jump rope.

The group looks forward to running more activities next term.

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer

Inter-school Chess Competition

The Finley High School chess team had another great home win on Thursday, 16th June. The team comprising of Warren Pitt, Sabrina Taylor, Lanz de Peralta and Rami Zeltner, who stood in for Shirsho Soumyajit, played Moama Anglican Grammar School in the third round of the competition run by the NSW Junior Chess League.

The games were all hard fought, no easy matches this round. Each player faced a tough opponent, with some of the games going down to the last few pieces on the board. In the end Finley won 3 – 1 and will now wait to see who they will face in round 4. Congratulations to the team, a well-earned victory.



Above: Sabrina Taylor competing against Moama school.

Aileen Begbie
Chess co-ordinator

Years Seven and Eight Netball Success

On Thursday, 16th June, the Years Seven and Eight Netball team competed in the Swift Challenge Cup in Albury. The team consisted of, Savannah Wilson, Manaia Joseph, Meg Marsden, Nicola Denny, Lily Sharp, Olivia Hayes, Dana Karakai and Kaila Luscombe. They played six games and were successful in winning all six. This has allowed the team to progress to the next stage, where all the winners in the Riverina will play off in Wagga Wagga on the 11th August. Thanks goes to Mrs Sexton for coaching and Mrs Marsden for helping to transport the team.

Open Girls' Netball

On the 15th June, the open girls competed in the Riverina Netball carnival in Wagga Wagga. The girls made a very skillful, competent team however they came across some very strong competition in Billabong, who were the victors of their pool.



Pictured above: The team consisted of Chelsea Taylor, Kiara Keating, Paige Nash, Isabelle Bradford, Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Piper Hicks, Katie Archer, Courtney Sexton and Sophie Lostroh. Skye Nash volunteered to be the school's umpire for the day.

Riverina Netball

Two of Finley High Schools senior girls, Paige Nash and Courtney Sexton were selected to be part of the Riverina Netball Team. They competed in a three day tournament in Sydney in May. The Riverina Team was well represented, winning their regional games. Overall the team came 5th in the competition. Well done to the girls, a great effort.

Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair 2016

Each year the Show Team takes around twenty four students to Holbrook; this is a really popular show among the Agriculture students. "I reckon Holbrook is one of the best shows", said one student, "it's not as full-on as a cattle show and we get to do other things at the end of the day". While we learn about a range of sheep industry topics on the first morning such as sheep health, wool classing, sheep dog training and judging sheep, there is time to fit in a game of Ten Pin Bowling on the second night of the excursion. (Grant Patrick Smith smashed out a brilliant game to win).



In Primary Industries one of the units we undertake is "Prepare Livestock for Competition". Four Year Twelve students used this show to successfully fulfill the requirements of the unit to prepare and parade livestock for showing. All of the twenty four students at Holbrook were outstanding ambassadors for Finley High School. We can be proud of the courtesy, work ethic and skills that they exhibited.

Once again many Finley students were successful in sheep or wool judging. Mitchell A'Vard and Hamish Congdon backed up last year's achievement in fleece judging with Mitchell placing first for the second year in a row. Georgia McGrath was second and Hamish equal third with Darcy Webb. Kattarina White did a fantastic job to place first in the Merino novice judging section and three Finley students progressed to the oral section of the Meat sheep novice section. Mollie McGrath was equal first, Georgia Lunn equal third and Brayden Culhane fifth.

The Schools Interbreed classes were very competitive, there were about ten schools competing with their various breeds. We were excited to once again win the "Most successful school" title through the hard work of the team. The Poll Dorset section was also tough but we managed to win the best Poll Dorset sheep at the show with our Champion ram.

This gives us the opportunity to once again thank the many supporters of the Agriculture sheep program at Finley High School. We particularly thank Phil Murwood for shearing the sheep, Gordon Close for show preparation, Genstock at Jerilderie and Greg Robinson for the use of his ram. Also, thanks to the farmers who have supplied hay to keep our stock fed on our small farm. We now look forward to exhibiting at the Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show in July. Come and drop in and say hello if you are there.



Above: Zoe Stephens, Georgia McGrath, Georgia Webb, Rebecca Pierce and Ruana McGrath lining up their ewes for judging.



Above: Mitchell A'Vard, Georgia McGrath, Darcy Webb and Hamish Congdon with their ribbons.



Above: 2016 Show Team



Left: Brayden Culhane, Nichollas Lunn and Clay Webb.



Left: Jacob Turley, Georgia Lunn and Molly McGrath

Below: Grant-Patrick Smith accepting the trophy for the most successful school.





Above: Zoe Stephens and Georgia McGrath



Above: Grant-Patrick Smith and Jacob Read.

Careers News

Big congratulations to Year Ten on completing their first Work Experience placement. All reports back to school were excellent and much valuable learning and fun was had in the world of work.

Many thanks go to the employers in all towns and beyond for participating and supporting our Year Ten students with work experience.

The next placement is from 21st to 25th November.

On Monday 20th June the fire brigade visited the school and spoke with interested students about Volunteer Rural Firefighting. The Defence Force visit was held on Thursday 23rd June to discuss Careers and Pathways in the Army, Navy and Air force. Students received first-hand information from Defence Force Personnel from Bandiana Army Trades Training Centre.

Year Ten also enjoyed the Careers Day Out in Shepparton recently where they had the opportunity to speak with tertiary providers, industry panels, emergency services and performance artists. This is a great way to start thinking about future careers through hands on activities, demonstrations and networking.

Jacqui O'Bryan and Deb White
Career Advisers

Year Eleven Hospitality Work Placement

Finley High School houses a purpose built Trade Training Centre commercial kitchen which is equipped with high-quality equipment and used solely for the training of Hospitality students to industry standards. We work with businesses within the Finley and broader community to allow students to experience a true industry setting within the Hospitality world. Year Eleven Hospitality students spent the last week of Term Two completing part of their mandatory work placement at a variety of local and further afield businesses for the Certificate II Kitchen Operations.



Above: Emma Alexander completed her placement at the Finley RS Club.



Above: Kiara Price completed her placement at the Blue Door Café in Berrigan.



Above: Stacey Riddle completed her placement at the Finley Bakery.



Above: Thomas Burton completed his placement at the Teapot Café.

HSC 2016 Study Guide Available

Valuable advice for success in NSW's 50th HSC exams has been published today in the *Sydney Morning Herald (SMH)* and online.

The *HSC 2016 Study Guide* includes **information for students**, as well as parents looking for ways to understand and support their children in the lead up to HSC exams later in the year.

Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) President Tom Alegounarias said 2016 marks the 50th year of the HSC, which has continuously evolved to reflect our constantly changing world.

"2.3 million people have sat HSC exams since 1967 so it is a topic we all know something about.

"What the *HSC 2016 Study Guide* offers are **more than 50 articles** by people with in depth, current knowledge – HSC teachers, BOSTES Inspectors, mental health experts and former high achieving students.

"This year, more than 69,000 students (50,000 more than in 1967) are on track to complete their HSC, and enter the next phase of their lives with a credential respected by employers and universities around the world.

Go to: <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/hsc-study-guide>

You should find a plethora of practical and useful information and advice as you prepare for your HSC.

Canteen News

The canteen committee is asking for donations of cake, slice, biscuits or soup for the Careers Expo being held on Thursday 21st July. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to make something for this event. Please contact Kaylene Dawe on 0438831287.

For sale by tender

Finley High school has four canoes, two kayaks and a trailer that are available for purchase either as a package or as separate items, whichever achieves the higher price.

The canoes are 13 feet long of fibreglass construction and can seat two passengers. They all require some repair and all take on some water to varying degrees.

The Kayaks are plastic and no longer have their internal buoyancy foam. This would need to be replaced before they would be safe to use. The Kayaks also take on water. The trailer is a 6ft by 4ft with a 7ft drawbar and override brakes. It requires some repair. The brakes, wires, lights, tyres and spring bushes need replacing. There is some rust in the tail gate and floor. The canoes and trailer were commissioned in 1988.

If you would like to make a tender for purchase, please make it in writing or via email to:

The Principal,
Finley High School
Tocumwal street,
Finley NSW 2713

E-mail: finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If you would like to know any other details or to view the canoes, please contact Michael O'Leary on 0429831311.

Tenders close 19th July 2016.



CANTEEN ROSTER

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

July

- 18** Pupil Free Day
- 19** C Alexander, K Chesworth
- 20** V Bryce
- 21** S Barlow
- 22** M Haintz, K Barry

- 25** M Read, H Mortlock
- 26** P Neessen
- 27** L Knight
- 28** J Burdon
- 29** K Litchfield, L Bryce

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20th July 2016
 7pm in the staff common room (School
 Admin Building).

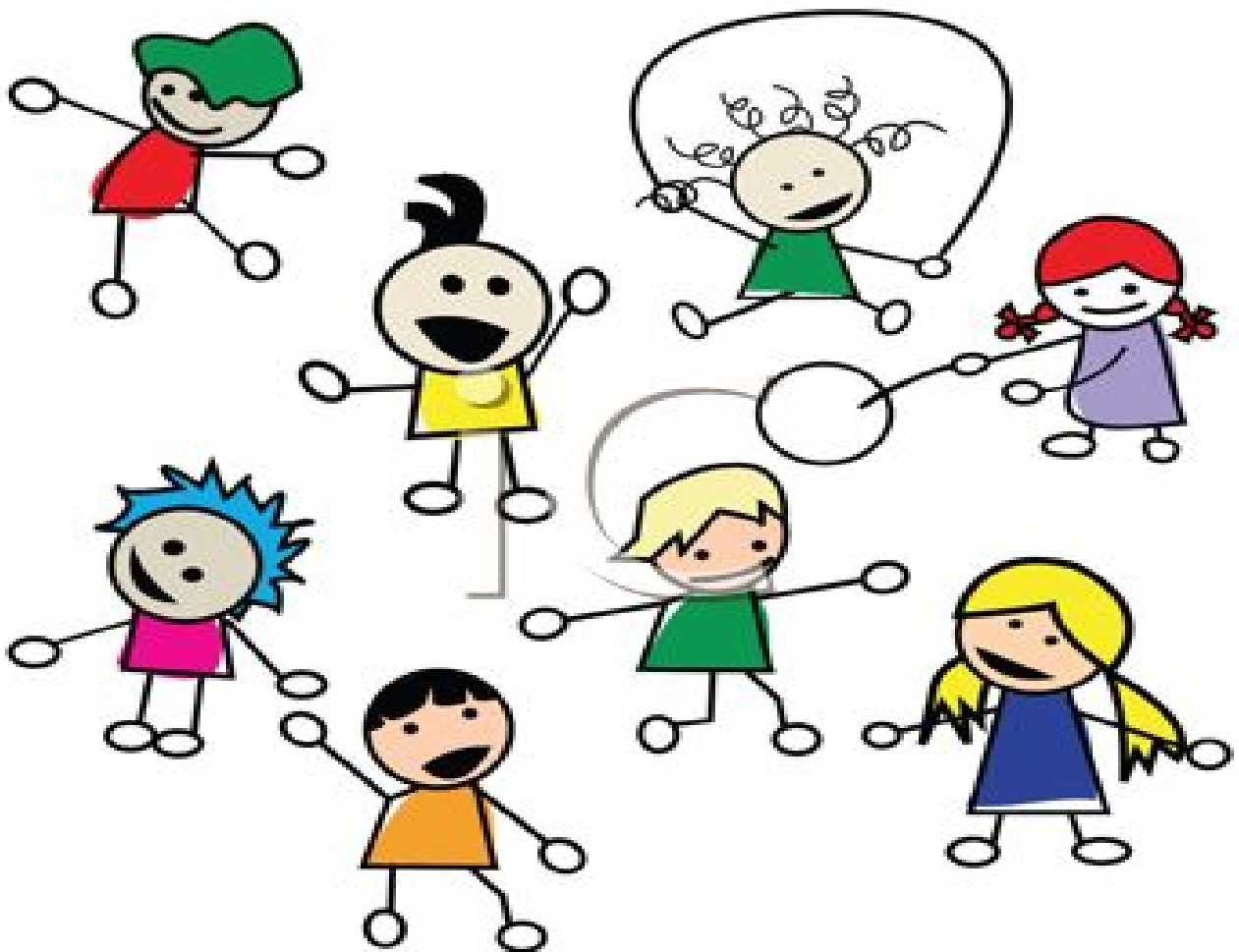
The P&C meet every second
 Wednesday of the month. Everyone is
 welcome to attend.

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

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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

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