



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

4th August 2016

KEY DATES

August

- 5 Poll Dorset Youth Day.
- 10 Year Twelve Study and Information Night.
Parent Teacher Night Years 7-12
- 12 **Riverina Athletics - Albury**
- 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
- 22 Year Twelve Formal Assembly
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
- 23 Last day of Term Three

November

- 21-25 Work Experience

Principal's Report

Education Week

This week is Education Week. It is a time when we celebrate the success of public schools across the state and across our local area.

Finley High School has celebrated this week by hosting a luncheon for student leaders, Principals, staff and parents from across our network. School representatives from Jerilderie, Oaklands, Urana, Coleambally, Tocomwal, Berrigan, Jerilderie and Finley joined together to celebrate public education in 2016.

While Finley High School hosted the event, Mr Troy Mott – Director Public Schools Deniliquin Network organised the afternoon.

Students participated in activities to develop their teamwork and leadership skills. In cross-school teams, they used paper, straws and masking tape to build a protective casing for an egg which was then dropped from a height of approximately 2 metres. Three eggs broke and one egg cracked while five protective casings kept the eggs in tact. Students involved enjoyed the activity and appreciated working together to solve the problem and develop their creative and innovative skills.

Lunch was cooked and served by the senior hospitality students under the supervision of Ms Brain, Ms Street and Mrs Maxwell. The food was prepared and served very professionally and tasted delicious.

Education Week Awards were then presented to teachers, parents and students who have made a positive contribution to their schools in 2016.

Ellen Downey received an award for her outstanding service to the school in improving the wellbeing of students, leading PBL and Youth Frontiers programs in the school as well as stepping in to help as relieving Deputy Principal in Term 1 and assisting each week with the "Brekky Club".

Our second award went to the many, many supporters of the Finley High School Agricultural Program. Many local producers, businesses and service clubs have donated feed, time, experience as well as money to ensure this successful program continues to improve learning for students at our school. The award was accepted on behalf of the supporters by Michael O'Leary.

Parent/Teacher Night

As a follow up to the issuing of reports at the end of last term, we are holding a second Parent/Teacher evening next Wednesday August 10 in the school hall. This evening is designed for parents to discuss with teachers any issues that have come to light from their student's report. The evening will commence at 4 pm and will go until 6 pm.

We are trialing an online booking system using Millennium for parents to book interviews with their teachers.

All parents who have provided the school with their email address should have received a personalised password and instructions on how to access their student's teachers booking sheet. If there are any issues with this, I encourage parents to contact the school.

Parents who have not provided their email address have had paper booking sheets sent home with their students so that they may book interviews as we have done in the past.

I would encourage all parents to ensure that the school has all your updated contact details, including your email address, as it makes communication between the school and home more efficient and effective.

Students with a Disability Data Collection

This term we are asked to provide data to the Department of Education about the number of students in the school who require adjustments to their learning. Our Learning and Support Teacher, Ms Coates, has been speaking with all teachers about the adjustments made in each classroom to support students' learning and sighting evidence that this is happening.

The information collected will go towards determining the funding provided to Finley High School will receive in 2017 to support students in the classroom.

If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact me at the school.

State Cross Country

Congratulations to Jemma Coombs and Zander Nash who competed in the NSW CHS State Cross Country. They competed against other talented runners from across the state and were proud to have achieved their best. Well done to both of these athletes; they are outstanding representatives of our school.

Pictured right: Jemma Coombs before her run.



Jeans for Genes

This Friday, we will be encouraging all students to wear jeans to school to support the SRC's initiative to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

Students may wear jeans to school instead of their school trousers on Friday, but must wear the rest of their school uniform including school jumper, school jacket and school shoes.

We would ask that all students bring a gold coin to donate to the Children's Medical Research Institute to support research into genetic diseases.

Red and White Day

On Friday August 19, Finley High School will once again be raising money for Muscular Dystrophy in memory of Lucas McCaw. Lucas passed away in 2014 and each year since, his year group have raised money to send to develop research into Muscular Dystrophy – the disease which Lucas had.

Last year over \$3000 was raised. This year the target is \$5000. If this amount is raised, I have promised Year Eleven that they can shave my hair. So, dig deep! I will look really ugly without hair but am hoping that your generosity will create a lasting legacy for Lucas.

Census Night

Don't forget that census night is next Tuesday, August 9, 2016. A note should have gone home to parents of the girls footy team who will be in Sydney on this night advising them to include the girls in their home census report. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call me at school.

KRAM winners:

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's KRAM draws:

I tunes Vouchers: Maddi Haintz, Rose Chamberlain, Robbie Hammann

Canteen Vouchers: Jacinta Curry, Georgia Lunn

Handballs: Will Sexton and Soumyajit Shirsho

Mrs H McRae

Principal

Riverina Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival

The Riverina CHS athletics carnival that was to be run on Thursday the 4th of August has been postponed until **Friday 12th August**.

This action has been taken because Albury Council has been forced to close the athletics facility at Alexandra Park due to the condition of the ground following recent heavy rainfall. The ground is unfit for use at the present time and would pose a hazard to the safety of athletes and officials.

Of the alternatives investigated, it was decided to postpone the carnival to the back-up date. However, adjustment to the carnival program may need to be made to enable the carnival to proceed even on this date, which could involve removing some events. More information will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

Our apologies for this action, but we feel it is our best option at this stage.

Mr M Tooke

CHS Co-ordinator

Parent Teacher Night - online bookings

This is the first time we have introduced online bookings for Parent Teacher Evening.

Thank you so much for your patience as we worked to get this system up and running. We had trouble uploading the emails but everything is working now. Please make the most of this system. If you haven't provided the school with an email address, could you please consider doing it now. It is a much easier and cheaper way to communicate.

Once you are in the portal you can also access your child's timetable, list of teachers and their reports.

A couple of parents had trouble logging on. The common errors are to write the letter o instead of the number 0, to miss the character added, for example*, and to write 'Finley High' instead of just 'Finley' in the school box.

It is hoped that this will make it easier for you to contact your child's teachers, so please take the time to make your bookings. We will look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening.

Mrs McNaught
Millennium coordinator

Upcoming Event

A reminder that on Wednesday night following the Parent Teacher Interviews, the Year Twelve and Parent Tertiary Information evening will be held in the Finley High School VTR (in the library). The information session will commence at 6pm and cover the application processes for Year Twelve students applying to VTAC and UAC. We welcome any Year Twelve students and/or parents to join us for this information session.

Victorian State Final for Fleece Judging

Mitch A'Vard from Year Ten was placed third in the Victorian State Final for Fleece judging at the Bendigo Sheep Show.

Mitch also exhibited two Merino Rams from his Merino stud "Acorn Merino Stud".

Pictured right: Mitch A'Vard with first and second place winners.



NSW Bluebirds Under 15 Girls AFL

Hayley Doohan has just had a week with the NSW Bluebirds Under 15 girls AFL team competing at the Nationals in Queensland.

The Bluebirds played 5 games over a 7 day period, with an educational day at the Australia Zoo and a compulsory 'Rest Day'. Some fantastic football was played against opponents from Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Queensland Maroon and Queensland White teams.

Bluebirds placed 4th overall in the girls competition. A great week was had.

Pictured left: Hayley Doohan

Sports Report - Pilates

The start of term saw a large group of very eager girls take on the seemingly easy sounding challenge of Pilates. It sounded simple – breathing and stretching. What we discovered was that there was so much more to it than that and that it was far more challenging than we originally thought. Under the careful guidance of Yasmin McGrath we worked through a steady program of gentle movements learning to work and isolate muscles and to co-ordinate a steady breathing pattern. By the end of the session we had a new appreciation on what pilates involved and we look forward to our next session.



Careers News Update

On the 21st July Finley High School, in conjunction with the Berrigan Shire Council, held our annual Berrigan Shire Youth Futures EXPO. Students in Years Eleven and Twelve came to school dressed in their future career attire ready to learn about different Career pathways and some of the advantages of living, learning and earning locally. We saw some great outfits but the best dressed award went to Rosie Archer who took a step back in time wearing her Mum's Nurses outfit.

The day started with an opening presentation from Sueanne McCumstie about her varied and exciting pathway through the world of Journalism, Television and Politics. Jane Harris then shone some light on personalities looking at why we behave the way we do or do the things we do in certain situations. This was quite enlightening. A panel of emergency service personnel (Dennis Sutton – First responder, Fran Hatty – Nurse, Mic Wane – Paramedic, Paul Ebsworth - Police) shared their career pathways and stories, along with some pros and cons of their jobs. This was a great way for students to see not only different careers but also different pathways taken. Beau and Greg also wowed the students with a hands on look at a police highway patrol car and an ambulance. Students had the opportunity to look inside the vehicles and ask direct questions of what things were and how they worked from first hand experience. Sam Ludeman and Sam Russell wowed and entertained an excited crowd and provided insight into the Entertainment industry. A superb morning tea of home baked slices and cakes and a good hearty lunch of soup and rolls was provided by the Finley High School canteen and its wonderful parent helpers. Nourished up, the students worked through social media and its potential dangers for employment with Steven Wright. They then launched into some hectic shopping and some nerve wracking putt putt golf in the Price is Right Game with Susie Escott. Here students aimed to maximise their shopping budgets without over spending and looked at ranking the potential incomes of various occupations.

All in all the EXPO was again a great success and we wish to thank the Berrigan Shire for their support of this worthwhile project, in particular Susie Escott and Merran Socha. We would also like to thank the wonderful group of local personnel who donated their time to come and talk with our students about their careers and again thank you to the parents who donated food and the canteen for the lovely lunch. Thank you also to the Finley Recreation Reserve for the use of the facilities that allow us to take students off the school campus for the day.



Above: Emergency services panel.



Above: Students checking out the road spikes with highway patrol.



Above: Sports Stars of the Future!
and Sophie Lostroh



Above: Our future business leaders! Courtney Sexton
Alysha Knight and Lanz De Peralta



Above: Sam Russell and Sam Ludeman entertaining students.

LoveBites

On Thursday 28th July our Year Ten students participated in the LoveBites Program. It is an interactive workshop discussing current social issues around healthy relationships, with a focus on Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault. We were fortunate enough to have ten local trained community professionals volunteer their time to facilitate the program. We have run the program in previous years and believe it delivers a vital message to students about keeping themselves and others safe.

The day is split into three sections; sexual assault, domestic violence and creative arts. Students are asked to create a piece of work of their choice in the final session that depicts what they have learnt from the day.

We thank Vinnies Services for providing the sausage sizzle lunch. A special mention goes to Sexual Assault Counsellor Katie Wright, who organises LoveBites to be delivered to high schools within our area as well as the facilitator trainings.

The day was a great success. Our Year Ten students all participated and their feedback from the day has been very positive.

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer

Year Seven Mountain Models

At the end of last term and in the first few weeks of this term, students in year 7 have been involved in creating models of mountains to reinforce what they are learning in class. Many students participated and produced impressive models out of cakes, lollies, paper and cardboard. The activity was a homework task and many students were very creative and resourceful in creating their models. Well done to all the students who created a model!



Above: Jasmine Ackers with her cake.



Above: Alexandra Trives.



Above (top): Jai Armstrong's volcano

Above (Bottom): Jaxson Bateman's volcano



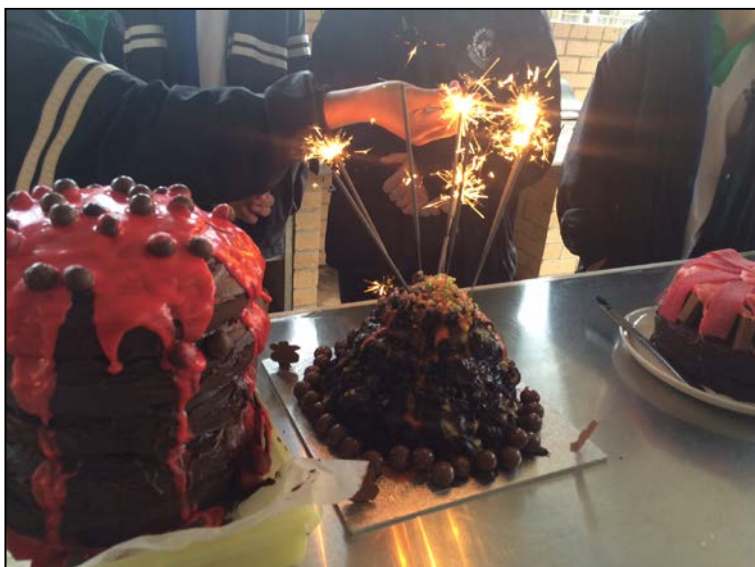
Left: Max Cameron



Above (left to right): 7C cakes. Darcy Owen, Oliver Knight, Will Sexton and Shadeau Brain



Above and below: 7C volcano models.



Left (left to right): Ally Barlow, Jemma Coombs and Abbey Marshall's cakes.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

August

5	M McCaw, J Chellev
8	D Pyke, D Jewell
9	S Robinson
10	R Sharp, J Coombs
11	S Robertson
12	D Thomas, T Clarke
15	J Russell, A Lee
16	K Nicholls
17	D Dalgliesh
18	T Anderson
19	M Haintz, Mel McGrath

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 10th August 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

Come rain, hail or shine the Finley Farmers' Market is on this Saturday in the Finley Memorial Hall. Meet your family and friends there in comfortable surrounds for a catch up over coffee and breakfast – 8am till 12 noon.

Mental Health Forum

Follow up with Greg Fraser. Greg was a very popular speaker at the mental health information evening held in July. He is back to finish off what he started and to make himself available for discussion after the event. Greg is a mental health nurse with 50 years experience. He is fabulous, down to earth and a very informative speaker. He has a wealth of knowledge and practical advice with a great insight to the minds of those suffering from mental health issues. He also offers advice to the family and friends of those afflicted.

Sunday 7th August, 2pm at the Tuppal Hotel Finley. Finger food provided. Please contact Lee McLennan on 0432629589 or email lee.mclennan@hotmail.com

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association - 2016 Spring Registration

Registrations for the Spring 2016 season are now open. The season is planned to start the week of the 22nd August 2016. Registrations are online at the [Cobram Basketball](http://CobramBasketball) website, payment of fees will be via credit card at time of registration. Registrations will close on Monday 15th August 2016 to allow time for teams and draws to be arranged.

If you have any difficulties with registration please contact Rod Armstrong via email at jennrod@bigpond.net.au or phone 0418 148 942

Registration fees: \$25 for all players, plus \$40.58 BVC affiliation and insurance if you haven't already registered in 2016. Game fees \$5 per night.

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- Kickboxing
- Boot Camps
- Self Defence Course
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Tuesday nights

Karate Children 4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs **4:45pm**
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Thursday 7 & 21 April
Thursday 5 & 19 May
Thursday 2 & 16 June
Thursday 7 & 21 July
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Thursday 1 & 15 September
Thursday 6 & 20 October
Thursday 3 & 17 November

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Adults \$55

Children (15 years and under) \$25.

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CASINO NIGHT

Saturday 6th August from 7.30pm at
Jerilderie Civic Hall

Tickets \$40

(includes \$40 play money and canapes)

\$1000 cash prize up for grabs

For more information contact Karen: 0410491315