



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

18<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## KEY DATES

### August

- 22** Visual Arts Excursion
- 25-26** HSC Trial Exams
- 29** HSC Trial Exams
- 31** Boys Mentoring Excursion

### September

- 1-2** Boys Mentoring Excursion
- 4** Finley Show
- 5** Snow Trip
- 7-9** NSW CHS Athletics
- 16 - 21** Melbourne Show – Beef Carcase Competition
- 20 - 22** Melbourne Show – Dairy Team
- 21 - 28** Melbourne Show – Beef Stud Cattle
- 22** Year Twelve Formal Assembly  
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
- 23** Last day of Term Three

### November

- 21-25** Work Experience
- 28-29** Year Ten Echuca Excursion

## Principal's Report

As the end of the term approaches quickly, Year Twelve have only 26 days left of school. I encourage them to make the most of their final few weeks to finish off learning the syllabuses for each subject and preparing carefully for their final exams.

Attendance at school is crucial over these last few weeks. Teachers will complete teaching the coursework and will begin working with students on the best ways to revise and prepare for their exams.

Practise! Practise! Practise!

This is the key to success. Completing past HSC papers under exam like conditions and submitting them to teachers for marking and feedback is the best possible preparation for the Higher School Certificate.

Next Thursday, Year Twelve will sit their final school based exams. These "Trials" are full length exams and are the most important and final school assessment tasks that the students will complete before their HSC exams in October.

I encourage all Year Twelve students to finalise summaries, be confident in their knowledge and know that they will achieve their absolute best. I wish them well.

The last day for Year Twelve will be Thursday, September 22 and their formal will be on Friday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Subject Selections

Students are commencing the subject selection process for 2017. Mr Whitty has presented the complexities of choosing subjects in the senior school to

Year Ten and will follow up with individual interviews with each student next week to discuss their choices and advise students further on their selections.

Last night, Year Ten parents were invited to an evening to discuss with their child and their teachers what is in each course. This is an important opportunity for parents new to having students in the senior school, to understand how the HSC structure works.

## **Riverina Athletics**

Congratulations to all the students who represented Finley High School at the Regional Athletics Carnival last week in Albury.

All students ran, jumped, threw and “put” to the very best of their ability.

Special mention must be made of Kayla Smith, Sascha Jones, Shadeau Brain, Ben Chesworth, Justin Lawton, Zander Nash, Ally Barlow, Karla Nicholls, Taylor Simpson, Tiarna Burke, Kattarina White and Nicholas Baldwin who qualified for the State Athletics Carnival in September. We wish them every success.

## **Parent/Teacher Night**

Thanks to the many parents and teachers who attended Parent/Teacher Night last week. A special thanks to the parents who filled out the evaluation form. It would seem that booking online was appreciated by parents and made the whole process easier.

We will take on board the feedback about some interviews going overtime and have a bell to inform us of each 5 minute interval.

Thanks also to the SRC students who served tea and coffee and for Gaye Maxwell and Amy Brain for making the tasty biscuits for the afternoon.

## **Youth Mental Health Forum**

Last week our STOMP team members were invited to present to young people across the Riverina on the projects they have implemented at Finley High School to raise awareness of positive mental health. The four girls gave a speech and prepared a Power-Point presentation to showcase the activities they have conducted in the school. They impressed the audience and many people asked questions and congratulated them on their efforts.

I received an email from a colleague in Albury who shared a link to the Border Mail article which featured our team. Please find the link below:

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4085144/stomping-out-stigma/?cs=11>

## **Red and White Day**

Red and White day is on this Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear Red and White to school (with covered in leather shoes) in order to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.

This initiative is run each year by the year group of Lucas McCaw who passed away in 2014. Lucas had muscular dystrophy. Next year, when this Year group are in Year Twelve, they will present a cheque to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of Lucas.

The target this year is a massive \$5 000. Should they achieve this target by the end of term, I will allow them to shave my head. It is an achievable goal, and I hope the whole community can get behind their enthusiastic support of this cause.

## **Tournament of the Minds**

We will be thinking of our Tournament Of the Minds team on Saturday as they travel to Shepparton to compete in the TOMs competition for 2016. This year, they have been working with independence and focus and can be proud of their teamwork and drive in this initiative. While they have been supported by Mrs Braybon and Mr Dodds, they have taken on the creativity and much of the organisation themselves. This is to be admired. By doing this they have learned many valuable skills in communication, problem solving and teamwork, so important for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.

Well done TOMs team and good luck!

## **NAPLAN**

Next week, parents of students in Years Seven and Nine will receive their NAPLAN results in the mail.

NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy.

The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report shows the national average and the school's average and will allow you to see how your child's performance compares with that of others who completed the NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests provide schools with valuable information on the literacy and numeracy skills of children that are essential for ongoing learning.

The NAPLAN results assist teachers at Finley High School to better assess each student's performance and to take action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Additional information to assist in understanding your child's test results can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports) and at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/>

## **KRAM winners:**

Congratulations to the following winners of last week's KRAM draw:

I tunes Vouchers: Meg Marsden, Marlon Webster, Alyssa Thornton

Canteen Vouchers: Cade Fisher, Jeremy Gustin

Handballs: Jaycob Laing, Michelle Barnes

Mrs H McRae

Principal

## Riverina Athletics

On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August twenty five students travelled to Albury to compete at the Riverina Athletics carnival in an attempt to qualify for the State Athletics carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. It was a busy day with Finley High School athletes competing in most of the events. It was also a successful day with the following students qualifying to go to Sydney:

- 12 years boys relay – Shadeau Brain, Ben Chesworth, Justin Lawton and Zander Nash
- 13 years girls relay – Ally Barlow, Sascha Jones, Karla Nicholls and Taylor Simpson
- Ally Barlow in the 13 years 400m
- Sascha Jones in the 13 years high jump
- Kayla Smith in the 14 years 100m, 200m and long jump
- Tiarna Burke in the 15 years javelin
- Kattarina White in the 15 years 800m
- Nicholas Baldwin in the 16 years 200m

Kayla Smith also made the incredible effort of breaking the 14 years girls Riverina long jump record. She jumped 4.95m, breaking the record by 3cm.



Above: Kattarina White in the 800m

Mr M Tooke

## **‘Waterwheel’ Magazine**

Students wishing to receive a school magazine for this year please pay \$15 to the pay office soon. The number of magazines ordered will depend on how many have been paid for.

Mrs M Close

Pay Office



## Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August the Year Twelve Business Studies class travelled to Corowa to meet with the manager of the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory, Dean Druce. Students asked Dean questions about the business and their other businesses which include the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. The students were able to see where they make the rocky road and even got to sample some. Dean then showed the students their function centre and explained the refurbishment that has taken place at the location, which was once the old flour mill. All students asked questions to gain a greater understanding of the business and how it is successful. They were then shown the distillery and it was explained that whisky takes a long time to produce and they were shown the different barrels used. Students use case studies in their HSC to help explain the concepts they have studied in class, so the trip will be very useful for them in their preparation for their Trial and HSC exams. Thanks to the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory for being so accommodating and giving the students an insight into how their business is run.



Above (L-R): Callum Robertson, Devlin Tyrell, Dean Druce- Manager of Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory, Zoe McCaw, Chelsea Dempster and Billy Govan.



Left: The amount paid for the Corowa Flour Mill.

## Library News

Many students have enjoyed the information and layout in the library Olympic Games display. The actual measurements of record winning events such as long and high jump have often astonished them.

Some students from 7C were happy to pose with the displays associated with a variety of Olympic sports.



Above: Karla Nicholls with a shot put



Above: Long jump records marked out.

## Absences Recorded On Reports

Parents are reminded that they must send in a note when their child has been absent from school. This needs to include the date, an acceptable reason and a parent's signature. Unacceptable reasons are, 'I give my child permission to be absent', OR, 'absent for personal reasons'. The Department of Education states that these are unacceptable explanations. It is also unsatisfactory to just say that your child is 'late today'. You must give a reason.

Absences have always been included on reports but now they will come under 4 headings.

1. Number of whole days absent
2. **Number of whole days unexplained**
3. Number of partial days absent
4. **Number of partial days unexplained**

It is unacceptable for students to have unexplained absences. Roll call teachers give students the dates they are away. It is expected that they get a note from home so that these absences can be recorded as explained.

If you have a log in to the school portal you can check your child's absences yourself, if you wish.



Can I please encourage parents who have not given the school an email address to consider doing so? There was a positive response from parents and teachers to being able to use the portal to book parent teacher interviews on line. If you have trouble with your log in, Sarah in the front office can now send you the necessary email immediately. This will save waiting for me to get back to you.

Thanks again to everyone for your patience and understanding as we rolled out the new parent/teacher interview booking system.

Veronica McNaught  
English Head Teacher / Millennium co-ordinator

### **From the Ag. Plot**

Now that the weather has fined up and the water has drained away, it is all action stations in the Agriculture plot. With Finley Show only two weeks away and the Melbourne show in four weeks the pressure is on. We have fifteen steers being prepared for both shows along with our Shorthorn cattle and Poll Dorset sheep. We were very relieved to take delivery of a truckload of rice hulls from Downes Rice Hulls of Deniliquin. We would have had great difficulty running our program without their support.

Our crop planted for hay production by Noel A'Vard and Ian Sneddon has thrived in the conditions we have had this winter. Along with the rest of the farming community we hope the spring is as equally kind.



Above: Noel A'Vard and Ian Sneddon preparing our paddocks.



Students doing Agriculture and Primary Industries participated in a lamb marking day at Jack Hawkin's property. This is a valuable experience for our students and helps them to both attain their Certificate II in Agriculture and gain a deeper understanding on which to base the answers of any questions which appear in examinations.



Above: student drafting out lambs to be marked.



Above right: Students marking lambs.

Graeme Knight came to the school and put nose rings in to the carcass animals and bulls that are going the Melbourne Show. We are grateful that he is able to come in and assist us with this task and demonstrate best practice to the students.

Maree Campbell assisted with the implementation of a synchronised oestrus program. We also had Finley Vet Clinic come and ultrasound our stud cattle. This is another valuable learning experience for our students. In addition we have calves on the ground. Some sired by our own Shorthorn bull Kai and others sired by a Limousin bull from the Isedale's stud. Many students were able to witness the calving. We will take our crossbred calves through to the bred and prepared carcass competitions. The fact that they can have many of these experiences and not leave the school grounds makes Finley High School fairly unique.



Left: Ally Barry and Lauren Clarke with Tippy's half bred calf.





Above: David Peterson ultrasounds a cow while Mr Webb points out the foetus to Georgia McGrath who is holding the monitor.



Left: Ally Barry quieting Bonton.

## Work Studies Food Stall

For a recent assessment the HSC Work Studies class were asked to organise and run a business at school as part of an Enterprise module. This entailed them deciding what to sell, pricing the items, speaking with consultants both within the school and from the local community, advertising, setting up, cooking, and dealing with customers. The members of the class chose to sell chicken nuggets, dim sims, and ice cream; they had to decide where was the best place to purchase the items from and what the profit margin would be. There were obstacles faced by the team, namely where to obtain financing from (they determined that they would self-finance to an extent). At the end of the day they discovered that working together was the best way to overcome any problems that occurred and a majority of the profits made on the business went to the Year Twelve fund.



Above: Customers lining up to purchase their nuggets, dim sims and ice-cream.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### August

19	M Haintz, V Bryce
22	M Kleinschmidt
23	C Alexander
24	B Agosta
25	S Robertson
26	J Congdon, L Bryce
29	S Congram
30	C Girdwood
31	D McLean, J Burdon

### September

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## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## *Community Announcements*

### Finley Little Athletics Club

Registration night will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 5:30 pm to 7pm at the Finley Recreation Reserve. New members are welcome to a 2 week "come and try" trial period.

### Riverina Institute of TAFE – Finley Campus

Finley campus is currently offering Certificates II and III in Horticulture which is offered by distance with monthly workshop at Finley TAFE Campus.

Also on offer is Certificate III Conservation and Land Management.

For further information please contact Nola Pinnuck at the Finley TAFE Campus – 0358 839700.

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

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

#### Tuesday nights

Karate Children 4-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs **4:45pm**  
Karate Teens & Adults **3:30pm**

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### **FINLEY**

**When:** Thursday 4 & 18 February  
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Thursday 5 & 19 May  
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Thursday 6 & 20 October  
Thursday 3 & 17 November

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