



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

## KEY DATES

### 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
- 23** Year Twelve Formal Assembly  
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner  
Last day of Term Three

### November

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

## Principal's Report

### Validation

This week, Finley High School completed the process of "Validation". Over the past month, we have been collecting evidence of the programs we offer at the school and presented them against the Department of Education's School Excellence Framework. This framework is the measuring stick of how our school is travelling in the areas of Teaching, Learning and Leadership. Overall, it was found that we are delivering or sustaining and growing our skills and expertise in Teaching and Learning elements and were excelling across the school in several aspects of Leadership.

The point of validation is to allow us to reflect on what we do and develop some idea of what we need to do next to move towards excellence. Our focus for 2017 and beyond will be developing the skills of our teachers – in particular around literacy and numeracy in order to maximise student performance in NAPLAN and HSC assessments.

### Level system

I have had some queries from new parents over the past two weeks about our level system and realised our policies have not been clearly communicated to our school community.

So today I will overview what the "level" system is about.

There are six levels of Discipline and Responsibility at Finley High School.

When a student is enrolled at Finley High School, he/she is placed on Level 0 and is expected to act in a cooperative, self-disciplined and responsible way; working towards achieving the best possible results they can in each class.

When a student has not complied with teachers instructions or disrupted the learning of others, they may be given a detention. If they do not attend the detention, continue to misbehave or disrupt the learning of others in the classroom, a teacher may contact the parent to discuss their concerns. This may be done by a phone call, or after discussion with the Head Teacher, a letter may be sent. In some cases, students may be placed on Level 1 of the discipline system and a Level 1 letter is sent home.

On Level 1, the student's approach to learning will be monitored in the classes for 4 lessons. Detentions may also be given. After four good lessons, the student returns to Level 0.

Should the student fail to improve their behaviour in this subject, the Head Teacher may discuss the behaviour with the student and place them on Level 2. This may involve eight periods of monitoring and several detentions. Upon improvement, the student can return to Level 0.

If the student continues to disrupt the learning of others or does not follow reasonable teacher direction, or is on Level 1 or 2 in two or more subjects simultaneously, he/she can be placed on Level 3 where their behaviour is monitored in all subjects.

If the student, while on Level 3, continues to disrupt the learning of others or does not follow reasonable teacher directions, or exhibits highly inappropriate or dangerous behaviour, he/she can be placed on Level 4 where they are removed from normal classes for a specified length of time, given individual learning activities to complete and are supervised by teachers in the room next to the Deputy's office. Kids call this "iso".

If a student does not comply with reasonable instructions while on Level 4, or is verbally abusive, physically violent, in possession of a weapon or drugs or engages in criminal behaviour, they will be placed on Level 5 (suspension).

Level 6 is expulsion from the school and students may be placed on Level 6 only after considerable efforts have been made to assist the student to comply with school rules and only after the student has received two long suspensions from school.

In the next newsletter, I will outline the SCAN and KRAM award system in the school.

### **Subject Selections**

Students in Year Ten and Year Eight should now be nominating subjects to be studied in 2017. **All forms are to be returned as a matter of urgency, to Mr Whitty.**

Students who do not return forms may be placed in subjects they do not like so it is essential they get their forms in as soon as possible.

### **Formal Assembly**

Invitations have been given to students who will be receiving awards at the Term Three Formal Assembly on Friday September 9 inviting family and friends to attend.

Formal assemblies are a great opportunity to celebrate the efforts of our students in their learning. We hope to see as many family and community members there as possible.

### **Boys Camp**

Mr McCarney and Mr Maxwell have spent several weeks organising a camp for our boys mentoring group. Year Eleven and Year Twelve boys are working with Year Eight boys in roll call each day on a variety of social and educational issues. A bond has formed with these boys and this week, they are spending Wednesday to Friday "roughing it" camping in the bush around Wangaratta in the Warby-Ovens National Park.

Many teachers have donated camping equipment for the trip and local businesses have donated food for the group in order to minimise costs. The school has subsidised the cost of the bus for this excursion. It is hoped that the boys will return from this trip with a new understanding of teamwork and responsibility.

I would like to thank the staff, parents and community organisations who have supported this venture.

## Red and White Day

Congratulations to the Year Eleven group on the extraordinary way in which they have set about raising awareness and donations for Muscular Dystrophy. Many in the local community have supported this worthwhile cause and I am nervous to say that the goal of \$5000 has almost been reached. I will no doubt be losing my locks in the not too distant future. Congratulations to all those students involved. You can be proud of your efforts.



Above: Students who cut off their locks to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy.

I should especially mention Tammie Thornton of the Berrigan Bakehouse who generously donated doughnuts to Year Eleven to sell at school last week. They were sold out in six minutes and raised \$344 for the cause. We thank you sincerely for your generosity and support, Tammie.





## **Tournament of Minds**

It was a pleasure to watch the Finley High School Tournament of Minds team become 2016 regional champions in Shepparton on 21<sup>st</sup> August. This team will now head to Melbourne this weekend to participate in the Victorian State Finals. We wish them every success.

## **Coming up**

Year Eleven are currently finalising course work and preparing for their final preliminary exams which commence on September 12. I am sure they are busily summarising and reviewing their learning in preparation for these important exams. I wish them well.

Best wishes also go to all students who are entering items into the Finley Show this weekend. Our Agricultural teams have been busily preparing for the show which is being held on Sunday. I know they will do us proud.

On Monday, a busload of students will travel to Victoria to enjoy a day on the snow. Thanks to Mr Maxwell for organising this. I am assured there will still be snow there.

## **KRAM Winners**

Congratulations to the following KRAM winners for last week:

I Tunes Vouchers – Olivia Hayes, Nick Baldwin, Alexandra Trives

Canteen Vouchers – Will Anderson, Riley Nolen

Handballs – Hector Mclean, Kiara Warencycia

## **Don Elgin's Book launch**

Former Finley High School student and athlete Don Elgin launched his second book in Melbourne this week. Bernie Roebuck was invited to attend and forwarded this photo of Don with Bernie and his former Year Twelve English teacher, Angie Pollock. Don's first award winning book contains many characters from his life in Finley. It is fantastic to see how ex-students of Finley High School have succeeded and thrived after they leave school.



Mrs H McRae  
Principal

## Tournament of Minds

Finley High School has again chosen to compete in the international school problem solving programme called **Tournament Of Minds (TOM)**.

Our team members are: Jade Selwood and Jemma Coombs (Year Seven), Niamh Mason and Sarah Haynes (Year Eight), Georgia Webb and Jessica Sutton (Year Nine) and Emma Marsden (Year Ten).

Following regular training sessions during Term Two, a team of seven students entered the Goulburn Valley Regional Challenge, held in Shepparton on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The team selected the Language Literature Challenge and spent five intense weeks (including almost every lunch time) preparing their presentation. The team has been very disciplined, highly independent and well organised. According to TOM rules, no outside assistance was provided.

Following an outstanding performance, the girls won their section at regional level. The team has now accepted the invitation to compete in the Victorian State Challenge in Melbourne on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The team will be given a new challenge, be allowed three hours to prepare a solution and then will perform their 15 minute presentation for the judges.

The girls are to be congratulated on their commitment to the team effort. They have developed experience in enterprise, team work, effective problem-solving and thinking outside the square, all of which are valuable life skills.

We wish the girls well for their TOM Melbourne challenge and sincerely thank all parents for your patience and ongoing support.



Above: Tournament of Minds team members.

Anne Braybon  
TOM facilitator

## Riverina Swimming Carnival for Multi Class Students

The Riverina Swimming Carnival for Multi Class students was held in Wagga Wagga on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of August from 10am until 2:30pm. It was organised by Riverina School Sports and students travelled by car with Mr Maxwell and Ms Stratton. There was a range of events including freestyle, novelty, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and a novelty splash. Junior Students swam 25 metres and senior students swam 50 metres. Students came from all over the Riverina.

We had some outstanding results

Riley Nolen (Year Ten) won all four races; Kenielle Chellew (Year Eight) received a second in Backstroke even though she had never swum the style before. She was a star and received a second in Butterfly as well. Other students who participated in the day included Dale Bovell (Year Twelve), Dale Rees (Year Eleven), Samantha Cook (Year Eleven) and Tyson Morris (Year 8).



Pictured above: Kenielle Chellew, Tyson Morris, Dale Rees and Samantha Cook getting ready to compete.

## Careers Update

### Start Smart

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September Start Smart will be visiting FHS to undertake workshops with students in Years 7-10. Each year group will spend an hour with the Start Smart representatives looking at various issues to do with managing their money. Year 7 will complete Smart Choices, Year 8 Smart Earning, Year 9 Smart Saving and Year 10 Smart Spending. This is an ongoing program which students will hopefully work through each year to complete the suite of available workshops to give them a complete overview of smart money management.



## Year Twelve Tertiary Information Night

Thank you to the parents and students who stayed late after the Parent teacher night to attend the Year Twelve Tertiary Talk. We hope this provided some valuable information and insight into the application processes for the 2017 intake.

Reminder to Year Twelve to stay vigilant with closing dates for tertiary applications and to see Careers Staff early with problems. VTAC and UAC facebook pages are a great way to stay connected with updates.

## Year Nine Future Directions

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August several Year Nine students travelled to the Thurgoona Campus of Charles Sturt University to participate in the Future Directions day that aims to build Tertiary aspiration.

The students participated in an education workshop that involved tertiary style learning techniques with open discussion and the encouragement of problem solving and communication. They then used specialised radio tracking equipment to track wildlife on the campus, some with more success than others, before breaking for lunch at the University cafe.

Pictured right: Jacob Turley and Zoe Barlow using the radio tracking equipment.

The afternoon session saw students undertake a podiatry workshop where they looked at the structure of bones in human feet, the various issues that can occur with gait (walking) and then used ink pads to determine the shape of their foot arches. Finally they donned some high heels and reviewed the dangers of such footwear on posture and joints. A quick stop was necessary at McDonalds for afternoon tea before heading home.



Thank you to Justin Mortlock and Vicki Ackers for their assistance with transporting students to and from the campus. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Mrs D White and Mrs J O'Bryan  
Careers Advisers

Above: Kattarina White, Lauren Steel and Rebecca Pierce studying the structure of bones in human feet.

## Finley Show

Finley Show seems to come around faster every year. We are nearly ready for this major event in our year of showing. The rains have been wonderful this year but we are currently pumping water out of our cattle ring so that the students can practise parading their steers. In the weeks leading up to the show we have been busy preparing our cattle and sheep. David Bolton, Nicki Williams, Ashleigh O'Leary and Kieren, spent several days working with students to wash, clip, photograph and trim the hooves of our cattle. We are very grateful to Close's Engineering who replaced the floor on our cattle trailer in time for the show season and to Paul Dundon who rewired the electrics of the trailer. It will now be able to carry our stock safely to all our show commitments for many years to come.



Above: Karly McCormack with our 24 month old Shorthorn Bull "Kai"





Above: Fraser Taig with Kai.



Above: Isaac Arnold in the wash bay.



## Around the Art Room

We have installed our beautiful mural donated by Melbourne Street Artist ADNATE. The senior Art classes will be viewing more of his work during their excursion to Melbourne. We will also see the Degas Exhibition at NGV. Year Eleven have been working on their individual Body of Work as preparation for Year Twelve. Years Nine and Ten are finishing their striking portraits and Year Eight, having studied the Book of Kells and Howard Arkley, will be creating skateboard designs next. Year Seven have studied the works of Picasso and Van Gogh and some have completed very good landscape paintings.



Left: Mural donated by Melbourne street artist ADNATE.

Below: Students working on their artworks.





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.

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

### **September**

<b>5</b>	M. Read, K. Lunn
<b>6</b>	T. Nash
<b>7</b>	G. Ferguson
<b>8</b>	S. Robertson
<b>9</b>	K. Litchfield, T. Jones
<b>12</b>	M. Kleinschmidt
<b>13</b>	H. Harris
<b>14</b>	T. Doohan
<b>15</b>	J. Loughman
<b>16</b>	T. Clarke, J. Burdon

## **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 the second Wednesday  
of the month. Everyone is welcome to  
attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

## *Community Announcements*

### **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.

### **Finley Farmers Market**

Finley Farmers' Market will be celebrating Fathers' Day this Saturday from 8am to 12noon at their market in Railway Park, Endeavour Street Finley. Get a 'last minute gift' for the man in your family or for some, you can make a gift at the craft/ kiddies stall. Looking forward to seeing you all there, and perhaps having a delicious bacon and egg roll with your dad. 8am to 12 noon.

# 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 **4:45pm**  
Karate Teens & Adults **3:30pm**

**Book NOW for Term 3**  
**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!**

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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

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