



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

15th September 2016

KEY DATES

September

16 - 21 Melbourne Show – Beef
Carcase Competition

20 - 22 Melbourne Show –
Dairy Team

21 - 28 Melbourne Show – Beef
Stud Cattle

22 Year Twelve Graduation
Assembly 12:30pm in the
school hall

23 Year Twelve Graduation
Dinner
Last day of Term Three

October

10 First Day of Term Four

November

21-25 Work Experience

Principal's Report

The end of Term 3 is upon us. It has been a full and hectic term and is not yet over. Over the past two weeks the students have been involved in the Finley Show, a boys camp, the snow trip, CHS Athletics, Formal Assembly, Music evening as well as Trial HSC and Preliminary Exams for our senior students. The term will end with us saying farewell and good luck to Year Twelve, announcing our 2017 School Captains and students attending the Royal Melbourne Show. Phew! No wonder we are all looking forward to the holidays for a rest!

Year Twelve

Our main focus over the next week is to complete preparations for Year Twelve HSC exams and for their farewell from the school. I would like to wish all in Year Twelve every success in their HSC and best wishes for their future. I hope they enjoy their final week at school and look after each other as they celebrate the end of their education. It has been a pleasure to have them at our school and I look forward to hearing about their future successes in the years to come.

HSC Exams commence with English and Music on Thursday, 13 October.

Next week, Year Twelve will be in classes until Period 5 on Tuesday.

On Wednesday they will be completing community service in the morning before heading back to school for a BBQ lunch. After lunch they will practise for their final assembly which will take place at 12.30 on Thursday.

The Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be held next Friday evening at 7pm at the RS Club. As this is a school event, ***no alcohol will be permitted in the auditorium during the evening.***

Finley Show

It was wonderful to see all the exhibits entered into the Finley Show by students. Students entered cooking, craft work, produce into the Pavilion exhibits and Mr Davis and Mrs Boake put together a fantastic display of student work.

Our sheep, dairy and beef teams paraded the school's livestock, receiving praise and commendations. It was a long and muddy day, but these students soldiered on under the direction of Mrs O'Leary, Mr Webb, Mr O'Leary and many parents.

CHS Athletics

Last week, several students travelled to Sydney to participate in the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival.

Ally Barlow, Sascha Jones, Karla Nicholls and Taylor Simpson competed in the 13 years girls relay.

Ally Barlow also competed in the 400m, Sascha Jones in the high jump, Tiarna Burke in javelin, Kayla Smith in long jump.

Congratulations to Kayla Smith who was placed third in NSW in Long Jump, receiving a Bronze Medal, she jumped 5.36m which is a mere 2cm off the gold medal jump. This is an outstanding achievement from Kayla.

School Fees and Subject Contributions

Invoices have been sent home this week to all parents who have outstanding school fees. While school fees are voluntary, parents are expected to pay the subject fees for their child's elective subjects. These fees are used to pay for the resources that need to be purchased and used in your child's education in that subject eg food for cooking in Food Tech and Hospitality, Timber and Metal for small jobs, paint, canvases and clay in Visual Art. I would like to urge all parents to budget to pay for the school and subject contributions as soon as possible to assist in our finalising our school accounts for the end of the year.

Lockdown

Each term we are required to have an evacuation or lockdown drill. This term we were scheduled to complete an evacuation drill. Due to the wet weather and the senior students having exams, we have been unable to have the drill this term.

Instead, next week, we will have a lockdown drill. Lockdown drills are important to practice in case of a danger that presents itself in the school playground such as a snake, an aggressive intruder etc.

The lockdown signal is an intermittent series of bells that will ring for two minutes. Teachers will lock the classroom doors, pull down the blinds and ask students to quietly get under the desks until the all clear signal is given.

As a parent, if you arrive at the school and hear the intermittent ringing of the bells, please do not enter the school grounds but return to your vehicle and leave the vicinity.

We would hope never to have a real lockdown, but we must have drills so that students and staff are aware of what to do in case of such an emergency.

We will move the evacuation drill to term 4.

Year Twelve Music

On Tuesday evening, Year Twelve Music students gave a performance for family and friends to present their HSC practical musical items to an audience before their practical exams today. The performances they gave were inspiring and the friendships they have formed in that class between themselves and their teacher Miss Geeves was a wonderful sight to behold. This night showed us all what good teaching and learning can achieve. All who attended enjoyed the evening and we all send our best wishes to the students today while they perform in front of the examiners. Good Luck!

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

There is no staff development day at the start of next term.

Term 4 commences for all students on Monday October 10, 2016.

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Year Twelve Graduation Assembly

Year Twelve Graduation Assembly will be held on Thursday 22nd of September. The ceremony will be **starting at 12:30pm** in the school hall. Family and friends are invited to come and celebrate with the graduating class of 2016.

Mr Davis
Year Twelve Adviser

National Self Detection of Scoliosis

It the time of the year when we remind parents and carers of girls in Years Seven and Nine to check for Scoliosis.

Scoliosis (or curvature of the spine) is an important health problem that twenty five girls per thousand are at risk of developing. Three girls per thousand require active treatment such as surgery or a spinal brace. Self-screening around the ages of eleven to thirteen is a sound preventative health measure.

When I went to school, the schools used to conduct the screening. In 2016, the Self-Detection Program is the alternative.

To read more information on scoliosis and to download the free Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis, please visit the website www.scoliosis-australia.org

Snow Trip

On the 5th of September 2016 a group of 53 Finley High School students attended a day trip to Falls Creek to participate in an alpine sports day. The students came from all year levels, Seven to Twelve, and chose whether they would like to snowboard or ski. Upon arrival at the mountain we got our snow hire gear organised and began our ascent to the top where everyone participated in a 1.5 hour long lesson.

The lessons were targeted towards either boarding or skiing and there was an advanced lesson for those already familiar with the sport.

After our lesson we regrouped for lunch and some much needed water, before setting out in groups for some free time on the mountain. We were lucky enough to receive great weather, blue skies all day and no injuries!. Thanks to the teachers who attended; Ms Downey, Mrs Sexton, Mr Tooke, Mr McCarney and Mr Maxwell.





Boy's Enrichment Camp

Term Three, Week Seven saw the Boys Mentoring group head to Wenham's Camp in the Warby-Ovens National Park just outside Wangaratta for the inaugural 'Boy's Enrichment Camp'. The boys were accompanied by members of staff and spent a total of three days out in the wilderness. They were given the opportunity to participate in a range of team-building, problem-solving and respect driven activities. The boys involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank Ms Downey, Mr Tooke and Mr Maxwell for accompanying them on the camp and also to all the members of staff and the wider community who donated their time and equipment to make the camp possible. Special thanks go to Mr Andrew Richardson of the Finley Bakery and Patisserie for his generous donations of breads, cakes and snacks. They were appreciated by everyone who attended.



Mr McCarney
Boys Advisor
Finley High School

Finley High School SRC and School Captain Elections



Last week the 9/10 Commerce class ran the election for 2017 SRC and School Captains. The students gave up their lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to ensure each student and staff member got the opportunity to vote in the election. They took the role very seriously and were very helpful in assisting first time voters. Students were given ballot papers for their year group for SRC, with everyone voting for School Captains. The process represented that of a local election and was run out of the Gym.

The 9/10 Commerce class counted the votes in class and determined who will represent each year group in the SRC. There were very few invalid votes, which showed the maturity of students when taking part in this process. A big thankyou to everyone that voted and to all the students who gave up their time to run the polling station.

Miss Scott



Finley High School Facebook Page

We would like to remind parents, students and our wider schooling community about our Facebook Page. It is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at Finley High School. It looks like the picture below and can be found by typing in <https://www.facebook.com/Finley-High-School-548784251809509>



We would also like to make you all aware that, unfortunately, prior to creating our official page, Facebook automatically generated a page based on what people liked and where they were checking in at the time. This page (pictured right) is in no way affiliated with our high school and states this within the page. Due to the large amount of people who have liked the generated page, this is the page that will appear before our official page when people search Finley high School.



We have been advised to make you all aware of the two pages and the differences you will find.

- As you can see our official page has our school logo as the profile picture
- A direct picture of our front office area is our cover photo.
- At this moment we have 742 likes
- Our official page About Description states; Formed in 1961, it is located in the heart of the district, enrolling students from surrounding towns and the local farming communities.

We have reported the issue a number of times, communicated with Facebook and so far to no avail however are hoping with your help we can get this changed. We ask you all to have a look at which page you are following. If it is the Facebook generated page please dislike it to ensure you are getting the right information from our official site.

Year Ten Work Experience Placement Number Two

All Year Ten students have received a package for the second Work Experience placement. This contains a parent letter, yellow contact form, the four page Student Placement Record, Information for Parents and Information for Employers booklets.

This placement is Term 4 from 21st – 25th November.

The yellow contact form and Student Placement Record must be returned to the Careers Staffroom by Friday 16th September.

Please contact Jacqui O'Bryan or Deb White should you have any queries regarding Work Experience.

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.

Finley Bowling Club Raffle Night Fundraiser

The Finley High School P&C are the recipients of this month's
Finley Bowling Club raffle night
which is to be held on Friday 16th September.

Meals are available.

Bookings are preferred, please call 03 5883 1324 to make a booking.

We are requesting donations of raffle prizes for this night or items to make up a gift hamper. These can be delivered to the High School Front Office.

Regards
Suzanne Robertson
Finley High School P&C Treasurer

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

September

16	T Clarke, J Burdon
19	J Orro, J Chellew
20	M McGrath
21	J Blackmore
22	T Roe
23	C Moloney

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th October 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.

fhspscassociation@gmail.com

Community Announcements

Murrumbidgee Council - 2016 Sir John Monash Education Bursary

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay: ***"Giving your Reasons for Supporting or Otherwise, the Jerilderie Proposition"*** (details of which can be found in the Bursary requirements and conditions on Council's website).

Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Murrumbidgee Council who are considering entering into post secondary education through University, College or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. **Entries close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2016.**

The bursary is valued at \$2,000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Friday evening, 14 October 2016 in the Jerilderie Civic Hall, Jerilderie. Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from Council's website www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Murrumbidgee Council – Sir John Monash Lecture and Dinner

The annual Sir John Monash Lecture and Dinner will be held in the Jerilderie Civic Hall, Friday evening 14th October 2016, commencing 6.30pm.

We are privileged to welcome as guest speaker for the evening Dr Jonathan King, a journalist, film maker and award winning author of 30+ books on Australian history.

Dr King will provide an innovative, landmark speech containing much new information on Monash.

The winner of the Sir John Monash Education Bursary will be announced on the evening. Details of the bursary are available on Council's website www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Tickets for the Dinner are \$45, which includes a two course meal, with bar facilities available. For enquiries or to book please call Murrumbidgee Council's Jerilderie Office, telephone 03 5886 1200 by Friday 7 October 2016

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!**

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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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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1800 918 377