



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## KEY DATES

### October

- 16** Finley High School Leadership Day
- 18** Breakfast Club
- 20** **Blue Day**  
Dress up in Blue to support October Mental Health Month.
- 25** Breakfast Club  
Roads and Maritime Services FREE workshop – helping learner drivers become safer drivers
- 27** O'Donnell Shield – Boys and Girls Cricket

### November

- 1** Breakfast Club
- 6 – 10** Year Ten Exams
- 8** Breakfast Club
- 15** Breakfast Club
- 22** Breakfast Club
- 27 – 1 Dec** Year Ten Work Experience
- 29** Breakfast Club

### December

- 4 – 8** VET work placement
- 5** Year Six into Year Seven Orientation Day

## Principal's Report

### Welcome to Term Four

Term Four has begun with warmer weather and the promise of busy times ahead. With HSC exams, Year Ten exams, report writing, Year Ten work experience, Year Six into Year Seven Orientation Day and Presentation Night, the term is sure to fly by.

### Good luck Year Twelve

Year Twelve commence their Higher School Certificate exams next Monday, October 16, with English and Music (Aural) exams being held on that day. It has been wonderful to see so many Year Twelve students coming to school this week to seek the help and support of their teachers and to use the schools resources to assist them in preparing for these all important exams.

Today, almost half of the Year Twelve student group returned to school to participate in IXL – the independent learning program we introduced this year. Their attendance today is testament to the value they have placed on this initiative and gives us good reason to continue this program in 2018.

On behalf of all the staff and students of Finley High School, I would like to wish every Year Twelve student success in their exams and for whatever direction their life takes them. I encourage them to do their best and be confident in their preparation, knowledge and skills and hope that they look back at their time at Finley High School with fondness in the years to come.

### School Captains

The 2018 School Captains were announced at the end of Term Three. They are Emma Marsden and Simi Naicori. Vice Captains are Eloise Ashley-Cooper and Zac Barlow. I look forward to working with these fantastic school leaders over the next 12 months.

## Leadership Day

Next Monday, Finley High School is hosting a Leadership Day for leaders at Finley High School and in our feeder schools. All of the primary schools in the four towns were invited to send leaders to this day to establish some positive links with our students and to develop leadership skills. The day will be held at the Finley Rec. Reserve and has been organised by Deb White and Matt Whitty. We hope to follow up this day with another day with these same students next year.

## Outstanding Essay from Stephanie Harris

Last term, several of our students entered a national history competition called the National History Challenge. Stephanie Harris' essay on a Chinese pirate entitled "Ching Shih: Illegally Making a Better World" was outstanding. Stephanie's essay was deemed to be the best in NSW in the *senior* category. She and her family will travel to Parliament House in Sydney next Thursday to be awarded her prize. This is a tremendous achievement from Stephanie and shows us, once again, that kids from Finley High School can achieve outstanding results against students from across the state.

## Recognition for Robyn O'Leary

In the school holidays, Robyn was honoured by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria with an enrolment in their Hall of Fame. This is an amazing honour for Robyn and recognises the passion and commitment she has given to working with youth in agriculture over the past 24 years. Her dedication for the agriculture program at Finley High School is exceptional, and to be awarded this honour is an affirmation to us all of the living treasure she is.

The Melbourne Show Team once again achieved fantastic results at the show and all students can be proud of the way they represented the school.

## Youth Engagement Strategy (YES)

Ten students from Years Nine and Ten have started the YES program which is a joint initiative with TAFE NSW. Students are learning employment related skills in the areas of building and concreting and are constructing two planter boxes at the back of the library. This six week program commenced today and the students involved really got stuck into working. They also visited two local businesses that employ apprentices to learn about what employers are looking for in young workers. So far, the students are enjoying this program.

Helen McRae  
Principal

## Getting Ready for the HSC

The HSC examination begins on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October with English being the first examination for all students. Year Twelve students for 2017 are making excellent use of the school and its facilities as they prepare for their exams. A steady stream of students have been coming to school this week to seek assistance from their teacher or to use the quiet study space.

It was pleasing to see over half of the year group attend IXL on Thursday. Students used the time and facilities to prepare for a variety of subjects. They also used the time to work in small groups with a teacher or to work collaboratively on revising their notes.

Well done Year Twelve, I am sure you gain the results you deserve.

Michael O'Leary IXL co-ordinator



## Tell Them From Me

Our school is currently participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the parents/carers that have already participated. If you haven't already completed the online survey please do so by following this link <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/1fhs7>

The closing date has been extended until 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Tricia Jackson  
Deputy Principal

## Public Speaking

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September Finley High School held our annual Public Speaking Evening. The ten speakers entertained the audience with wonderful speeches. The Year Seven - winner was Mackenzie; Year Eight - Cassandra; Year Ten - Georgia; Senior winner - Sheridan. Thank you to Mrs Philpot for adjudicating. Prizes were donated by Mrs McNaught. Thanks also to the attentive audience.



Above: Anneliese Flack, Sheridan Mortlock, Georgia Webb, Sascha Jones, Jemma Coombs, Cassandra Renneberg, Stephanie Harris, Abbey Marshall, Courtney Sexton and Mackenzie Hannan

## PDHPE News

The PDHPE team welcome students back to term 4.

All students in years seven to ten need to ensure they know what lessons are practical and theory and bring the appropriate equipment for each lesson. If a student is unable to participate in practical lessons, they require a note of explanation from home.

Junior PDHPE class will be starting new units.

Year Seven: Managing risk

Year Eight: Caring and respectful relationships

Year Nine: Equal and respectful relationships

Year Ten: Lifelong healthy living (continue)

If you have any questions please contact Miss Downey, or the relevant PDHPE teacher.

### Blue Day

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October SToMP will be hosting Finley High School Blue Day. Blue Day is an opportunity to raise awareness around mental health and wellbeing. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up or wear something blue. There will be activities and prizes to win. This coincides with October Mental Health Month.

We can't wait to see the school turn to Blue!

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## *Whole School Assessment Due Dates*

Year	Class	Assessment Task	Teacher	Due Date
Twelve	12 CAFS	Independent research project	Miss Downey	8/12/2017

## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### October

13	M Haintz, K Barry
16	J Chellew, J Burdon
17	C Alexander
18	G Ferguson
19	J Clark
20	C Moloney, K Litchfield
23	M Read, Maria McCaw
24	K Chesworth
25	J Blackmore
26	T Anderson, J Clark
27	C Lawton, K Arnold.

## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
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)

## AECG Meeting

An AECG meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
at 11am in the  
Finley High School Interview Room  
(Admin. Building)

Everyone is welcome to attend.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

# FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## “HOMEWORK CENTRE ON THE ROAD”

Finley High School’s  
“Homework Centre on the Road”  
is an opportunity for students in Years 5 to 12 from all local schools  
to attend supervised homework sessions  
where they are able to complete homework tasks  
while being supported by high school and primary school teaching staff.

### VENUES

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Berrigan Public School and Tocumwal Sacred Heart

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Jerilderie Public School and Barooga Public School

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Berrigan St Columba’s and Tocumwal Public School

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Jerilderie St Joseph’s and Barooga Public School

**4pm – 5pm**

**Afternoon tea provided**

**Offered by FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Supported by YOUR *Primary Schools***

*Respectful. Responsible Learners*

# BLUE DAY

When: Friday, 20th October

Dress up in **BLUE** !

There will be activities at lunchtime ...

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

*This is an activity run by SToMP to raise awareness for mental health,  
and to promote wellbeing amongst our youth*

**SToMP SUPPORTS OCTOBER MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

## Community Announcements

### Hearing appointment

Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Finley Community Health Centre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

If you have any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour, please ring Tocumwal Hospital on 03 5874 2166 to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test.

Children must be free of colds at time of test and at least six weeks following a cold.

If any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for the Nurse Audiometrist.

### Springtime Fete

The Anglican Church of Tocumwal, Finley and Jerilderie warmly invite you to attend our Springtime Fete on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 9am at the Finley Anglican Church, Coree Street FINLEY.

There will be craft, produce and plant stalls, flower show, children's tent, doughnuts, spinning wheel, breakfast, morning tea and lunch available.

Come and join us for a great day.



# GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

## JOIN THE FUN!

<b>COMPETITION/S:</b>	MVCA Girls Competition	<b>DATE:</b>	November & December
<b>LOCATION:</b>	TBA	<b>TIME:</b>	Wednesday's at 5.30pm
<b>COME &amp; TRY SESSIONS:</b>	Registration & come & try- Finley Cricket Ground Wednesday 25th October at 5pm	<b>COST:</b>	\$0
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Leah Morrison - 0459419316 or	<b>CLUB:</b>	Murray Valley Cricket Association
<b>OTHER INFO:</b>	Anthony Holmes - 0456777975 mvca@westnet.com.au		

#allgirlscan



TO REGISTER TODAY GO TO [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)





Office  
of Sport

## NOMINATE A SPORTS VOLUNTEER – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

The Office of Sport **Southern Sport Volunteer Award is open for nominations.** The winter season is winding down but now is the perfect time to nominate your coach, manager, administrator or a great official. Nomination process is simple, so take the time to help recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in your town.

The Award has separate categories for Open and Youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sport.

All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded \$250 & \$100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. Nominations can be made online via the Office of Sport website <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/southern-award>

Nominations close Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October



Murrumbidgee  
COUNCIL

## 2017 Sir John Monash Education Bursary

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay: ***“Depend upon it, the only hope for Australia is the ballot box and an educated electorate”*** (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 Friday 10 November 2017.**

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, 24 November 2017 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](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

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