



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## KEY DATES

### November

- 1** - Breakfast Club  
- Year Eight VALID  
(Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development.)  
- "Homework Centre on the Road" Jerilderie Public School and Barooga Public School, 4pm to 5pm  
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 6 – 10** - Year Ten Exams
- 8** - Breakfast Club  
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 15** - Breakfast Club  
- "Homework Centre on the Road" Berrigan St Columba's and Tocumwal Public School, 4pm to 5pm.  
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
- 22** Breakfast Club
- 27 – 1 Dec** Year Ten Work Experience
- 29** - Breakfast Club  
- "Homework Centre on the Road" Jerilderie St Joseph's and Barooga Public School, 4pm to 5pm  
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

## Principal's Report

Only three weeks into this term, students have engaged in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, aimed at developing the student beyond the classroom to develop life long skills to see them succeed beyond the gates of school. These have included Leadership day (targeting leadership skills of current and future students of Finley High School), Blue Day (targeting student awareness of mental health), CHS Netball and several Agricultural shows where students engage in mentoring, leadership and public speaking.

### **Stephanie Harris**

I had the great pleasure of attending a reception at Parliament House in Sydney with Stephanie Harris and her proud parents last Thursday. Stephanie was the NSW winner of the senior student section of the National History Challenge. Stephanie received her prize and spoke to those assembled of her essay and why she wrote about a 19<sup>th</sup> century female pirate who made a positive difference to our world. She represented herself and her school in an outstanding manner.

Right: Stephanie Harris and Mrs McRae at Parliament House in Sydney.



This week, Stephanie was also named as the winner of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Award for Finley High School for 2017. She will travel to Junee in November to accept her award. Congratulations, Stephanie!

## **Blue Day**

Last Friday the school went Blue! The STOMP team did another fabulous job raising awareness of the importance of positive mental health. The playground was buzzing with a variety of activities which many of our students participated and had a lot of fun on the way. It was great to see students skipping, hula hooping, dancing and enjoying each other's company.

## **Youth Engagement Strategy (YES)**

This joint initiative with TAFE is running each week with a great team of ten Year Nine and Year Ten students. The teachers from TAFE have been extremely impressed with the respectful way in which these students engage with them and each other. The students are constructing planter boxes at the front of the school. One is already completed and the next will be completed within a couple of weeks. I am very proud of the students who are involved in this program and the positive attitude they have shown in all aspects of their learning.

## **Netball**

Well done also to the under 15 girls' netball team who travelled to Wagga on Wednesday for the CHS regional netball finals. The girls played well all day to win. They are now Riverina Regional Champions for 2017.

## **Homework Centre**

The Homework Centre is once again operating in Finley for primary aged students from Years Four to Six, and high school students, in the Finley High School library from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

For students in other towns, the Homework Centre on the Road will be out and about this term. Please see the itinerary attached. All are welcome to come and complete their homework with the support of a teacher.

## **Leadership Day**

It was a great day at the Finley Recreational Reserve last week watching students from our partner schools work with Finley High School leaders to develop their leadership skills. Mr Troy Mott, Director Public Schools, was guest speaker for the event and made a positive impact on the students with his engaging address. I would like to thank Mrs White, Mr Whitty and Mrs Brown for their organisation and management of the day. Also thanks to the school canteen for a delicious lunch and to the parents, teachers and helpers who came to the event with their students. A follow up day will be held next year with these students.

## **World Teachers Day**

In recognition of World Teachers Day (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017) the STOMP group will be hosting a breakfast for staff on Friday at 8 am. I am sure all the teachers will appreciate this gesture from this very generous and thoughtful group of students. On behalf of the staff, thank you!

## **Finley High School has been flocked**

This week, Finley High School was flocked by the students who are fundraising for communities in Timor Leste. The pink flamingos were so beautiful, spread across the front lawn of the school and raised many positive comments.

Helen McRae  
Principal





## 2017 Melbourne Royal Show

### *Carcase Competition 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29th September*

Marley Healy, Hayley Doohan, Kimberly Montgomery, Emily Gustin and Mr Webb headed to Melbourne at 7am on 22<sup>nd</sup> September to set up for the arrival of the carcass animals.

Mr and Mrs O'Leary and a few students loaded Howard Yelland's truck, at 10am and Mr Tessier was off just before 10:30am to drive the cattle to Melbourne. A big thank you to Howard for letting us use his truck.

The animals arrived and happily settled into their new beds.

Saturday saw Mr and Mrs O'Leary meeting the remaining enthusiastic students at school at 9am. We were taking less students and Mr O'Leary thought we would fit the gear in the bus. Boy was he wrong. A quick trip to collect the baggage trailer and we were off.

Once in Melbourne the students took over from the early start students and finished washing our stock.



Above: Alanna Steel and Marty

Above right: Alexander A'Vard and Digger

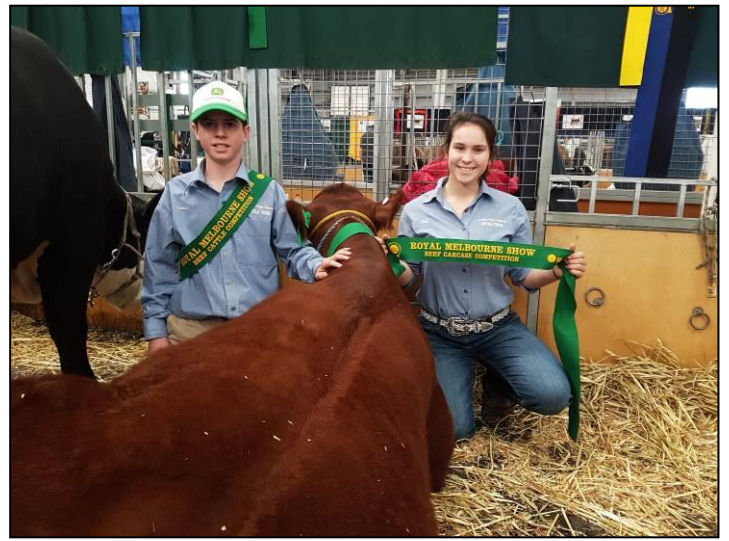
Right: Benjamin Bauer and Gizzmo







Above: Deklon Rafferty and Drover



Above: Justin Lawton, Emily Gastin and Mack



Above: Hayley Doochan and Molly



Above: Jacob Turley and Digger



Above: Kenielle Chellew with Charlotte

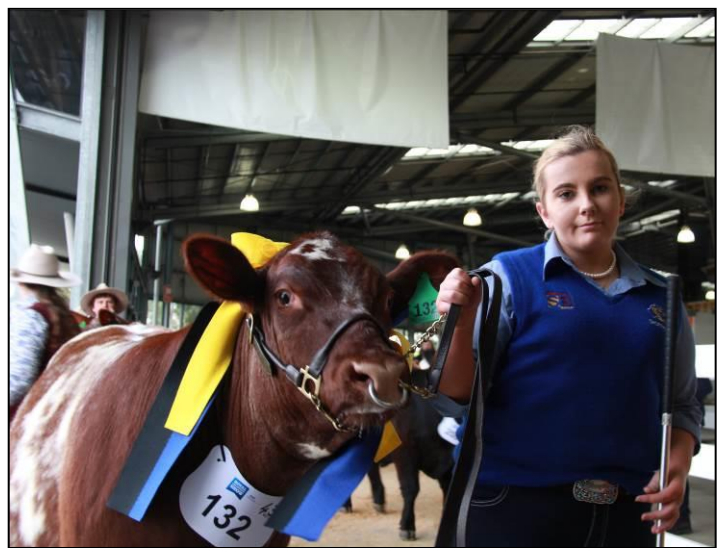


Above: Kimberly Montgomery and Gizzmo





Above: Lauren Steel with Blinky



Above: Marley Healy with Marty



Above: Max Cameron with Molly



Above: Rebecca Pierce with Drover



Above: Samantha Stokes with Drover



Above: Shelby Hislop with Charlotte





Above: Steer Team. Shelby Hislop, Ben Bauer, Deklon Rafferty, Kimberly Montgomery, Samantha Stokes, Jacob Turley, Rebecca Pierce, Hayley Doohan, Charlie Cameron, Kenielle Chellew, Lauren Steel, Alex A'Vard, Justin Lawton, Marley Healy, Max Cameron, Alanna Steel and Emily Gastin.

Whilst at the show the students paraded their animals in the carcase competition and competed in the handler's competition. Some students presented our elected Borthwick Team representatives in that event too. The Borthwick Trophy judges a team of three purebred steers from a breed against other breed teams. They are allocated points out of 100 on the hoof and points out of 300 on the hook. Our Shorthorn breed stormed home to take out the honour.

Results are listed below.

#### Carcase Hoof and Hook

Animal	Breed	Donated by	Paraded by	Hoof Placing	Borthwick Team	Hook Placing
Drover	Hereford	Jack and Maree Doyle	Rebecca Pierce	unplaced		13/20 Medium Domestic
Digger	Hereford	Jack and Maree Doyle	Jacob Turley	Moved forward	Yes	21/65 Export
Gizzmo	Angus	John and Sonia Montgomery	Kimberly Montgomery	6 <sup>th</sup> /14		51/67 Heavy Domestic
Richard	Black Baldy	Amanda and Scott Watkins	Lauren Steel	5 <sup>th</sup> /13		32/67 HD

Charlotte	Simmental	Webb Simmentals, Yea	Kimberly Montgomery	4 <sup>th</sup> /13		17/67 HD
Molly	Limousin X Shorthorn	FHS	Hayley Doohan	5 <sup>th</sup> /14		11/65 E
Mack	Limousin X Shorthorn	FHS	Emily Gustin	5 <sup>th</sup> / 14		29/67 HD
Marty	Shorthorn	FHS	Marley Healy	4 <sup>th</sup> /11 Open 1 <sup>st</sup> Schools class	Yes – unplaced live 1 <sup>st</sup> place on the hook	8/67 HD

#### Handlers Classes

Handler	Age group	Parading	Placing
Shelby Hislop	13 years	Charlotte	6 <sup>th</sup>
Max Cameron	14 years	Drover	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Deklon Rafferty	15 years	Drover	5 <sup>th</sup>
Lauren Steel	15 years	Blinky Bill	6 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Montgomery	15 years	Gizzmo	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Turley	15 years	Digger	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hayley Doohan	15 years	Molly	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rebecca Pierce	16 years	Drover	4 <sup>th</sup>

#### Stud Beef Competition 29<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9am Mr Webb, Marley Healy, Stephanie Wright, Emma Marsden, Hayley Doohan, Elle Rochford, Niamh Mason, Ben Chesworth, Hugh Burton and Mrs Chesworth set off for Melbourne. They organised the beds and prepared for the arrival of the Finley High School Shorthorn Team. At 1:30pm Mr and Mrs O'Leary and David Marsden loaded Dave's truck and hit the road. The cattle were not able to enter until 5pm.

The cattle, Maggie, Millie, Kate and calf Nigel, Magic, Maximus and Leon, travelled beautifully and settled in pretty well. Kate and Nigel were a bit concerned about the number of people, but were soon use to all the associated patting. Finley High School's isle is always a favourite because people get to touch the cattle. The students did a fantastic job of introducing the public to the stock and answering the many and varied questions that they were asked.

Saturday was spent washing the female cattle and was fairly relaxed until Carcase Awards and Grand Parades were all supposed to happen at the same time. We were very excited that the Shorthorn Team won the Borthwick.

On Sunday all the Shorthorns were inspected. That is they had their tattoo's, teeth and NLIS tags checked. The bulls were all weighed and ultra sound scanned for eye muscle area, rib fat and rump fat depth. The bulls were then all washed, a big job when they've had baby oil put on them for scanning purposes. The females were given a freshen up.

Monday saw us in the judging ring. Results are tabulated below.

Animal	Parader	Placing
Maggie	Niamh Mason	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Millie	Emma Marsden	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kate	Stephanie Wright Emma Marsden led Nigel	4th
Magic	Marley Healy	1 <sup>st</sup>
Maximus	Hayley Doohan	6 <sup>th</sup>
Leon	Stephanie Wright	1st
Best 2 Females Maggie Millie	Niamh Mason Elle Rochford	1st
Best 3 Head Maggie Millie Leon	Ben Chesworth Hugh Burton Hayley Doohan	4th



Above: Emma Marsden with Millie



Above: Hayley Doohan and Elle Rochford with paraders ribbons





Above: Borthwick Team.



Above: Back (L-R) Emma Marsden, Stephanie Wright, Marley Healy, Elle Rochford, Hayley Doohan, Niamh Mason, Ben Chesworth and Hugh Burton.





Above: Hayley Doohan and Maximus



Above: Marley Healy and Magic



Above: Charli Cameron and Blinky



Above: Maggie and Niamh Mason, Millie and Elle Rochford



Above: Niamh Mason and Maggie



Above: Nigel makes friends with everyone.





Above: Hugh Burton and Magic



Above: Stephanie Wright and Leon

After judging there was a Hall of Fame Induction and Mrs O'Leary was very honoured, overwhelmed and flattered to receive this prestigious award for her contribution to the development of youth in Agriculture at the show, over many years of exhibiting.



Above: Mrs Robyn O'Leary being inducted into the Hall of Fame.



That evening the students once again paraded stock in the Grand Parade.

It was an early start Tuesday morning as the students prepared their exhibits for the Junior Handlers Competition which kicked off at 8am. The competitors are judged on the presentation of both their animal and themselves and the way in which they handle their animal.

Results

Competitor	Animal Paraded	Placing
Hugh Burton	FHS Maggie	6 <sup>th</sup>
Elle Rochford	FHS Millie	5 <sup>th</sup>
Hayley Doohan	Simmental heifer	1 <sup>st</sup>
Emma Marsden	FHS Millie	Commended



Right: Students preparing for the show ring

At 10 am students participated in the Waterford Challenge. This involves young people working in teams of up to 6 people to prepare, present and parade an animal. They have constraints on them as to the age of team members, what equipment they can use and time. Finley High School students were in two teams; a Shorthorn team and an Angus team. The Shorthorn team placed second.



Above: Shorthorn Team. Waterford Challenge.



The final event on Tuesday was the Calf Classic. This year we only entered in the Dress up section. Nigel, the calf, took centre stage as the Big Red Car. Other team members included:-

Hugh Burton – the Purple Wiggle

Elle Rochford – the Red Wiggle

Niamh Mason – the Blue Wiggle

Emma Marsden – the Yellow Wiggle

Ben Chesworth - Dorothy the Dinosaur

Marley Healy – Wags the Dog

Stephanie Wright – Captain Feathersword

Mr Webb – Hot Potato

Mrs O’Leary & Hayley Doohan (tag team) – Fruit Salad



With the effort that went into this entry Finley High School came out with the first prize ribbon. Thanks to Stephanie for co-ordinating everyone to play their part in this activity and for making Mr Webb’s and Mrs O’Leary’s costumes.

We have had a busy but rewarding Melbourne Royal Show. Thanks to the terrific students who represented their school, themselves and their families with distinction. Thanks to the Mums who cooked slices, biscuits and cakes and the Mums who cooked whole meals for us. Thanks to Howard for the use of his truck and to Gerard for driving it for us. Thanks also to David for the use of his truck and for all the work he did during Stud week to give us all our meals; we really appreciate it. Lastly a huge thanks to Mr Webb, Mrs O’Leary and Mr O’Leary for all that they do to get organised for and attend this show.

## Leadership Day

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Finley High School hosted 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 saw students working together in groups to undertake activities based around the skills required for effective and positive leadership. These included problem solving tasks such as building the tallest free standing tower out of nothing but pieces of paper. Communication games such as human knots and a blind drawing task. Negotiation and group dynamics activities where students had to, as a group, decide on which food they would eat for the rest of their lives if they could only choose two foods.





Students also had the opportunity to listen to our Senior Education Director, Mr Troy Mott, as he shared his experiences in leadership. The Finley High School student leaders did a fabulous job in co-ordinating their primary school students. They worked with their groups, encouraging participation and engagement across all activities and I would personally like to extend a huge thank you for your excellent leadership to these students: Sarah Haynes, Niamh Mason, Meg Marsden, Elle Rochford, Savannah Wilson, Sharni Sykes, Alice Chamberlain, Riley Dempster, Zoe Barlow, Jack Sexton, Dan O'Bryan, Hayley Gow, Emma Marsden, Simi Naicori, Eloise Ashley-Cooper and Zac Barlow.



We now hope to continue building on these skills in 2018 and look forward to our incoming Year 7 students joining in our leadership activities.

Mrs Deb White

### **Snow trip 2017**

At the end of last term, a group of Finley High School students were once again able to visit Falls Creek to participate in a snow sports day. The snow trip was a great success as the day overall was great fun and a fantastic learning experience. The day started bright and early as we departed Finley at 5:30am ready for the big day. After the lengthy trip we finally reached the base of the mountain. As the trip up continued this evoked the onslaught of car sickness for some people or an interesting scenic route for others. There was definitely a relief when the summit was reached. Everyone got their gear and was set to hit the slopes. During spare time and lunch a few tips were given to beginners from those who had gone before. The weather was almost too beautiful as the sun was toasty and left a few people's cheeks quite rosy. The lessons were split up into the levels of ability. A lot was learnt in each, whether it was getting an understanding of basic skills or further developing people's techniques. Once they were finished the real fun started. Free time. Some students starred in spectacular stacks, however, resilience was shown as everyone was quick to get back on their feet. Some tricks were displayed on the terrain park which were impressive. The teachers had just as much fun as the students. As the day went on the snow got a little slushy on specific slopes, yet that did not stop anyone from skiing. It was a great experience, for those who have not experienced the snow especially, but further, everyone on the trip. The trip home was quiet as everyone had fallen victim to exhaustion. A massive thank you to Mr Maxwell for organising the excursion and all other teachers that participated. It was a fabulous day!





**SToMP Blue Day**

Blue Day was an opportunity for students and staff to learn more about mental health and seeking help. It is important that students know it is ok not to be ok and that there are supports available. Blue Day coincides with October Mental Health Month and students and staff were encouraged to wear or dress up in blue.



Above: Hayley Doochan and Madeline Dundon



Above: Corey Percy





Above: Jessika Laurenceson, Sophie Griffiths and Lauren Steel



Above: Jai Armstrong and James Mortlock.

There was an assembly in the morning where SToMP provided the whole school with statistics, strategies and support information. At lunch time there were fun activities such as skipping, hula hoops, hopscotch etc. to promote positive relationships, build social connections and have a bit of fun. Cookie monster and blue M&Ms took out the prizes for the best dressed alongside Mrs Jackson and her funky wig. It was great to see so many get involved and have a go.

Thanks  
SToMP

### Parents of Year Ten Students

A reminder that the second block of Work Experience is fast approaching. Week 8 (27th November-1st December). Students are required to have their signed 'Student Placement Record' and yellow contact sheet returned by Week six, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any queries please ring me at school.

Jenny Philpot  
Careers Adviser

### Royal Geelong Show – Dairy Team

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, the Finley High School Dairy Team met at the side of Brian's shed and loaded the cows onto the trailer. We began our trip at 9:30am and we arrived at Geelong in the early afternoon, and got very busy washing heifers ready for the Geelong Show.

We woke up at 6:15 am on Wednesday morning, headed to the showgrounds and fed the cows then the Show Society generously provided breakfast and tea each day. We went for a swim later that afternoon.

Thursday was our showing day, we got to the showgrounds, washed and fed the cows and changed into our white uniform. We went back to where our cows were and then it was finally time to get the halters on our beautiful cows. The team were all ready to go into the competition ring. We had a great day and won some ribbons.

Come Friday morning we continued to compete in the handlers.

Results were as follows:

- Chelsea Alexander – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Handlers with Carly. Received an honourable mention in the class.
- Christopher Wright – 4<sup>th</sup> with Eve.
- Dela Gargaro – 6<sup>th</sup> under 15 handlers class with heifer, Rosie Archer.



Above: Christopher Wright with Eve.



Above: Chelsea Alexander with Carly.





Above: Chelsea Alexander



Above: Dela Gargaro



Above: Christopher Wright, Dela Gargaro and Chelsea Alexander



Each judge thought our heifers carried too much weight.

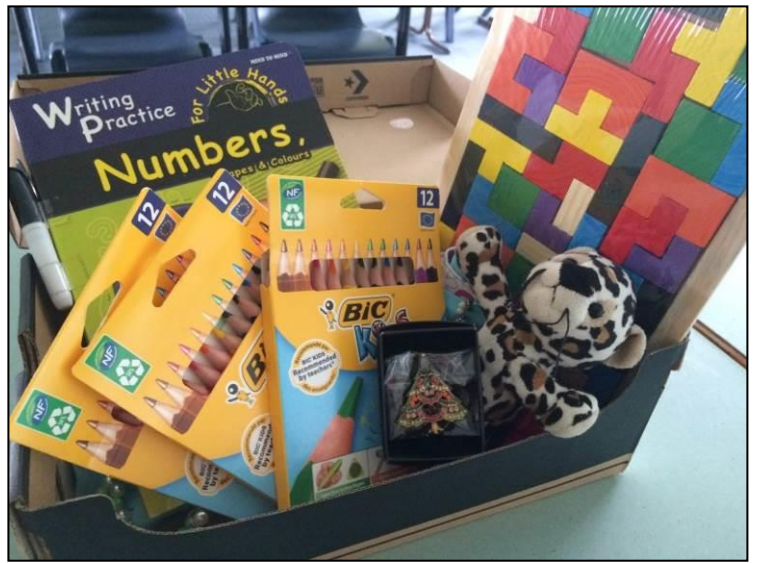
This is the first time the Dairy Team has attended the Geelong Show (after many years attending the Melbourne Show). We were the only school to compete. Our experience at the Geelong Show was fantastic, we all enjoyed representing Finley High School.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Grant and Christine Shaw for supplying the school with two heifers, Sergio and Mario, which came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dela Gargaro

#### Term 4 Geography

The Years Seven and Nine Geography classes of 2017 decided to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This operation was created to allow children in developing countries to have a happier and joyful Christmas. Most of the children who receive a shoe box have never received a gift in their lifetime. The organization, Samaritans Purse, is hoping, praying and



planning to hand-deliver 370,000 gift-filled shoeboxes to children in seven nations this year. The students in Years Seven and Nine Geography classes are participating by donating gifts and toys to fill up the shoeboxes so we can send them off and make a big difference in a child's life this coming Christmas. Students have brought in pencils, clothing, hair brushes, books, teddies and lots of other items.

Above: Some of the items donated by students.

If you are interested in donating to this life changing cause, you can go to the website below or drop something in to the school to contribute to the boxes.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Written By: Sarah Orro. (Year Nine Geography)



## Hay Help

A big thankyou to Stephen Chellew who cut and baled the oaten hay that was self-sown from last year's crop. That crop was sown by Noel A'Vard and grew in the paddock between the saleyards and Finley Regional Care. Without this kind of support from the community, we would not be able to run our very successful Agriculture program to the scale that we currently enjoy. We will still require a lot more hay and straw over the summer. If you are able to help out, please get in contact with Gary Webb or Robyn and Michael O'Leary.

Thankyou in anticipation

Michael O'Leary  
Head Teacher Science



## Typing skills

Finley High School has taken the initiative of training our Year Eight student in the skill of touch-typing. With greater use of computers and the advent of online testing, we perceived the need for students to be able to type fluidly in order to maximise their results in online tests. It is very pleasing to witness the students so engaged during their typing sessions. The program is being co-ordinated by Mr Campbell.



## Numurkah Show

Numurkah held its annual Agricultural Show on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Thirteen students from the Finley High School Ag Show Team, travelled to Numurkah with nine sheep and nine head of cattle. It was another wonderful event put on by the Numurkah Show Society. The weather was kind and the numbers through the gate were very good. Our students and livestock performed exceptionally well throughout the day and received high praise and a large number of placings in each competition.

Hugh Burton, Alex A'Vard, and Justin Lawton prepared and presented our sheep and assisted other exhibitors in showing their livestock. They did an excellent job and listened with great attention to the judges' comments and advice.



The sheep gained outstanding results. Our older ewes gained a first and second in the Ewe under one and a half years. This year's lambs, that are nearly 6 months old, had a great show. Between them, they took a first and a second in their classes and then went on to be interbreed champion lamb and reserve champion in both the ram and ewe classes.

Right: Alex A'Vard, Hugh Burton and Justin Lawton with Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes.



In the cattle arena, Finley High School had a stellar day. The major placings for the beef cattle were as follows:

Class 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - FHS Millie, paraded by Kim Montgomery.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - FHS Maggie, paraded by Niamh Mason.
- Millie went on to attain the Junior Champion Female title.



Above: Kimberly Montgomery with Millie.



Class 4:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nullamanna Kate and calf Nigel, paraded by Stephanie Wright and Alanna Steel. Kate went on to take out the Senior Champion Female award. She then had to go up against Maggie for the Supreme Female of the show award, which Kate won.

Class 9:

- FHS Leon, paraded by Stephanie Wright, won this class. Leon went on to take out the Junior Champion bull and Supreme Bull titles.

It was then a showdown between Katie and Leon for the Supreme Beef Exhibit of the show. The bull took out this award today.

Class 12:

- We exhibited our Angus steer Bonton, who was donated by Robb and Jane Hawkins and one of our own Shorthorn steers, Marvin.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bonton, exhibited by Ben Chesworth.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Marvin, exhibited by Lauren Steel.

Class 15:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nigel, paraded by Elle Rochford.

In a large field of 8 groups of 3 head, Leon, paraded by Marley Healy, Kate and Nigel, paraded by Niamh Mason and Sophie Griffiths and Millie paraded by Ben Chesworth placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Maximus, paraded by Kim, Magic paraded by Lauren and Maggie paraded by Ben Bauer placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

In a group of 2, owned and bred by the exhibitor, Millie, paraded by Niamh, and Maggie, paraded by Elle placed 1<sup>st</sup>. A second group consisting of Leon and Maximus, handled by Ben and Ben, placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

We exhibited two groups in a group of 2 shown by a school. Leon parade by Steph and Kate and Nigel paraded by Kim and Lauren took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Millie and Maggie, parade by Sophie and Elle placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the Novice Handlers Class Hugh Burton parading Magic, placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Hugh went on to be awarded the Champion Handler prize for the day. Marley Healy parading Millie, placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the 12 years to under 15 years age group, Elle placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alanna placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Right: Elle Rochford and Alana Steel.

Finally, in the senior class 15 years to under 18 years, Steph parading Leon, placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Kim, parading Magic, placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the Junior Judging competition, junior and senior section, Ben Bauer and Kim Montgomery both placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We had an outstanding show and congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour and participation throughout the event.



Above: (Back L-R) Ben Chesworth, Ben Bauer, Marley Healy, Supreme Beef Exhibit – Leon, Stephanie Wright, Alex A'Vard and Hugh Burton. (Front L-R) Justin Lawton, Kimberly Montgomery, Lauren Steel, Alana Steel, Elle Rochford, Niamh Mason and Sophie Griffiths.

### Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID)

Dear Year Eight Parents and Carers

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year Eight students will be held between **Wednesday 1 November** and **Friday 10 November 2017**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

*VALID Science 8* contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science.

Since students complete *VALID Science 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.



If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2018. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Donovan

**Executive Director, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation**

Department of Education

## *Whole School Assessment Due Dates*

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

## PBL in action – IXL students

Learning, in a Respectful, Responsible manner



## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### October

30 D Pyke, K Nicholls

31 H Harris

### November

1 B Agosta

2 L Knight, J Clark

3 S Robertson

6 J Orro, M Reid

7 R Lockhart

8 R Sharp

9 J Clark

10 T Clarke

## 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)

## Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (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**

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## 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.



### 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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