



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

9th November 2017

KEY DATES

November

- 6 – 10** - Year Ten Exams
- 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.
- 21** Formal Assembly, Tuesday 10:06am in the school hall
- 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.

December

- 4 – 8** VET work placement
- 5** Year Six into Year Seven Orientation Day
- 6** Breakfast Club
- 13** Breakfast Club
- 14** Presentation Night
- 15** Last Day of Term Four for students
- 18 – 19** Staff Development Days

Deputy Principal's Report

As I write this, Year Ten are demonstrating the knowledge and skills they have learnt throughout the year in Science via the Yearly exam. For many, this week is a challenging time as they sit exams in PDHPE, Maths, Science, English and History as well as electives. I wish the students well and hope their efforts in class and at home study are justly rewarded.

In addition to curriculum at school, some of our students have been participating in extra-curricular activities with stunning results. The NSW Department of Education and Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute have recognised Stephanie Harris for excellence in Year Eleven Science. Stephanie will travel to Junee tomorrow to receive her award at a special presentation ceremony.

Last week I had the honour of attending Deniliquin's Dramatic Minds Festival and watching Ms Wood's Year 9/10 Drama class perform a play they wrote themselves to raise awareness of mental health. Titled 'Words Matter', the play highlighted the impact negative communication with peers can have on individuals, and finished with sources of help such as teachers, peers, counsellors and parents. The students' performance was fantastic, and in my biased view, was the best at the festival. We thank Ms Wood and Jodi Brown for working with this talented group of students who represented Finley High School with pride.

Students aren't the only ones receiving accolades. Mrs White was nominated for outstanding Careers Adviser of the year, and travelled to Sydney last week for the announcement and presentation ceremony. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs White was selected the runner-up in this NSW state award. We are lucky to have her at Finley High School guiding our kids to prepare for and transition into life after high school.

Whilst our Year Twelve students finally finished the HSC exams this week, we currently have a number of teachers participating in HSC marking. This is a very valuable experience as it gives teachers the opportunity to view the full range of HSC answers from across the state as well as networking with other teachers to share ideas and resources. Those that participate return to school feeling the extra work was well worth it and our students definitely benefit from the experience.

Planning for the 2018 school year has begun with expressions of interest called to fill a number of part-time teaching positions. Please pass the EOI 2018 attachment on to anyone that might be interested.

Finally, I apologise to anyone that has had difficulty contacting the school over the past week or so, we have been having phone difficulties. Various technicians have been investigating but as of writing, we still only have sporadic incoming calls.

Tricia Jackson
Deputy Principal

Under 15 Riverina Netball

Finley High School under 15's netball team enjoyed success at the Wagga Championship. The carnival involved 24 teams being divided into 4 pools to compete for a spot in the semi-finals. Finley played well in their early rounds winning their pool. Their toughest game was against Koorringal, which had them up by one goal on the final whistle. The girls then met Billabong in the semi-final. Once again, the girls faced tough opposition, and ended up victorious by one goal at full time. This victory titled them as joint Riverina champions, equal with Albury earning them a spot at the State Titles, which will be held in 2018. The members of the team included: Lily Sharp, Rose Chamberlain, Meg Marsden, Nicola Denny, Jasmine Ackers, Ruby Russell, Shae Fennell, Abbey Marshall and Alexandra. Special thanks to Vicki Ackers and Kirsty Marshall who assisted with transport.

Teen Mental Health First Aid

In the upcoming weeks our Year Ten students will be fortunate enough to participate in Teen Mental Health First Aid Training. Our School Counsellor, Mirelda Wales, was recently trained as a program facilitator.

The course has strict structure and offers whole year groups training in teen Mental Health. This will give our students the appropriate skills to identify and act on seeking support regarding any concerns they have for their peers and their mental wellbeing.

Please refer to the parent handout attached to this newsletter for more information. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Mirelda Wales on 03 5883 1344 or 03 5883 1318.

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

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

Year Nine Food Technology

Year Nine are currently studying a unit entitled 'Foods for Special Occasions', the students made fruit flans and I thought they did a great job! Yum.

Mrs Philpot
Food Tech Teacher



Left: Georgia Lunn and Savannah Wilson.
Above: Fruit Flans
Below: Jayden Squires



Left: Michelle Jenkins



Right: Brooke Pitt

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

November

10	T Clarke
13	M Kleinschmidt, J Loughman
14	C Girdwood
15	T Doohan
16	L Knight, J Clark
17	M Haintz
20	K Lunn, H Mortlock
21	C Alexander
22	J A'vard
23	K Chesworth, J Clark
24	J Congdon, C Cauchi

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 13th December, 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

PBL– Art students engaged in

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teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA): What parents need to know

Your child's school is conducting tMHFA training, which gives teenagers the skills they need to recognise and help with mental health problems and crises in their friends, and to get the help of an adult quickly.

Young people will often turn to each other when stressed or upset, and try to help each other, taking too much on. This course teaches them not to try to take on these problems alone.

The course discusses suicide. You may wish to discuss this with your child, if there is a risk they will find it distressing.

This course has not been introduced because of any specific problems at the school. Mental health problems are very common in adolescents. If there has been a student suicide in the school, be aware this specific suicide will not be discussed, nor will any individual student.

Your child might want to talk about the course. The following can help you to have a conversation if this is needed.

Session 1 discusses mental health problems in general, and understanding how common and disabling these are in young people. Students also learn about professionals who can help.

Session 2 talks about helping a friend who is in crisis, whether because they are suicidal, engaging in non-suicidal self-injury, using alcohol or other drugs, or experiencing bullying or abuse.

The Action Plan ('Look, Ask, Listen, Help Your Friend') is introduced for the first time, and applied to a crisis situation. You can find details about the Action Plan on the MHFA website listed below.

There is a video which shows a young man helping a friend who is experiencing suicidal thoughts. Participants are told that in a crisis situation it is important to get a responsible adult involved right away.

Session 3 takes a step back and discusses how to help if someone seems to be developing a mental health problem. We don't teach students how to diagnose problems – it's advice about being a supportive friend, encouraging the friend to seek help, and knowing when it's time to get an adult involved.

Your child will bring their manual home after session 3. There are resources for further information in the back and you may want to explore them together. If you wish to learn more now, resources are also provided overleaf.



teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA): What parents need to know

If you wish to learn more...

... about mental health problems experienced by young people, visit:

- www.youthbeyondblue.com
- www.reachout.com

... about suicide:

- www.livingisforeveryone.com.au

... about tMHFA and other MHFA courses:

- www.mhfa.com.au

For immediate online help for teenagers:

- www.kidshelp.com.au
- www.eheadspace.org.au

Year 10 tMHFA Program Outline

Session 1- Tuesday 14th November

Session 2- Thursday 16th November

Session 3- Tuesday 21st November

Each session is 1 hour long. The course is at NIL cost.

Please feel free to contact School Counsellor & trained tMHFA facilitator, Mirelda Wales, on 0358831344 if you have any questions.

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 18th October - Berrigan Public School and Tocumwal Sacred Heart

Wednesday 1st November - Jerilderie Public School and Barooga Public School

Wednesday 15th November - Berrigan St Columba's and Tocumwal Public School

Wednesday 29th November - Jerilderie St Joseph's and Barooga Public School

4pm – 5pm

Afternoon tea provided

Offered by FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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TEMPORARY TEACHER POSITION
Expression of Interest
Various Teacher and SASS Positions
Finley High School

School Information

Finley High School is a small comprehensive high school set in a rural community. It caters for the educational needs of students in four towns: Finley, Tocumwal, Berrigan, Jerilderie and their surrounding areas. It has a tradition of excellence in academics with strong HSC results over many years, as well as outstanding results in Sport, Agriculture, Public Speaking and Debating.

Position Information

These positions are available from 27 January 2018 to 26 January 2019.

There are several full-time and part-time positions available including but not limited to: English (0.5 & 0.4 T1), English/Drama (1.0), Learning & Support/Space (0.6), HSIE (1.0), LOTE (0.4), Careers (0.3), Hospitality/TAS (0.6), Science (0.2), Aboriginal Education (0.2), Support (1.2), PDHPE (0.2), CAPA (0.6)
SASS (0.4) Principal Support

Benefits may apply and can be viewed on the [teach.NSW benefits calculator](http://teach.nsw.gov.au/benefits-calculator)

Position Criteria

- Approval to teach and/or experience teaching in the subject applied for.
- Excellent communication skills and willingness to contribute to the development of faculty goals and the school.
- A positive outlook and a willingness to be a part of a small rural community are encouraged.

Applications

If interested in this opportunity, submit an expression of interest of no more than one page addressing the position criteria and outlining your qualifications and teaching experience. Include the names of two professional referees who are familiar with and able to discuss your professional abilities and suitability for this position.

You may apply for more than one part-time position. Please note some positions may vary or not be available depending on final staffing for 2018.

Applications and enquiries should be forwarded to Patricia Jackson, Deputy Principal.

Phone: 03 5883 1344

Email: Patricia.I.Jackson@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Applications close 3:00pm Thursday 16 November 2017

Community Announcements

Hearing appointment

Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Finley Community Health Centre on Monday 4th 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.



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

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