



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

7th December 2017

KEY DATES

December

- 4 – 8** VET work placement
13 Breakfast Club
14 Presentation Night, 7pm in the school hall.
15 Last Day of Term Four for students
18 – 19 Staff Development Days

January

- 29** Staff Development Day
30 Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve commence Term One.
31 All students attend.

Principal's Report

As the school year draws to a close, I am finding that there is still so much happening in the school for all students. Reports are currently being written, Presentation Night organisation is well underway, Year Ten have participated in planning activities for their entry into the senior school and we are preparing to welcome Year Seven, 2018 into our school.

Reports

Teachers are currently writing student reports. These should be ready to be distributed to all junior students early next week. They will be given to the students in a sealed envelope to be delivered home. Please read them carefully, and do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or Year Advisers if you have any questions.

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will commence at 7pm sharp next Thursday, 14th December. All students receiving awards are asked to be in attendance and seated by 6:45pm. If your child has received a letter from school indicating

that they will be receiving an award, please ensure they RSVP to the pay office as soon as possible.

Presentation night would not be possible without the incredible support of our community through sponsorship. I would like to thank all those individuals, businesses and community groups who have supported Finley High School over the year and for this most special event on our calendar.

Teen Mental Health First Aid

We have been fortunate to be able to offer all Year Ten students the opportunity to complete a course in Teen Mental Health First Aid. This course allows students to know and understand the signs and symptoms of people who are having difficulty with their mental health and to learn how to best support them. Mirelda Wales has been trained as a facilitator and has delivered this course to students over the past two weeks.

Today, Year Ten will be spending some time developing study skills and understanding the processes and expectations around IXL, in preparation for learning in the senior school in 2018.

Year Six Orientation Day

On Tuesday, over 60 Year Six students from our partner schools came to Finley High School for their orientation day. Led by Mr Clark (Year Seven Adviser 2018), the students participated in a scavenger hunt, "getting to know you" activities as well as two full lessons. All students had smiles on their faces and it was great to see them interacting positively with each other. We look forward to having these students as part of our school in 2018.

Last Day of School

The last day of school for all students is next Friday, 15th December. School will be as normal for all students up until 3:15pm on this day.

Teachers at the school have stayed for extra professional learning throughout the year and will therefore be finishing on this day also. Administrative staff only will be at the school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December.

I would like to wish all parents, students, staff and members of our extended school community a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing school holiday.

School resumes for Year 7, 11 and 12 on Tuesday 30th January 2018 and for the remainder of the school on Wednesday 31st January.

See you all in 2018!

Mrs Helen McRae
Principal

Pottery Workshop

On Friday 24th November some students participated in a pottery workshop. This was a great day for all students involved. They were able to experiment with a range of ceramic practices. Students spent the morning hand building bowls and decorations then in the second half of the day used the excellent facility of the pottery wheels which were donated to the school many years ago.



Above: John and Hector.



Above: Taymyn making a bowl.



Above: Sophie making a bowl.

Thank you to all the students for your positive work! All staff involved were very impressed with the student's work ethic and enthusiasm. A big thankyou to the SLSO's including; Dim, Crystal, Will, Sophia and Rhiannon for their support during the day, Miss Allan-Georgas and Mr Clark for assisting during the sessions.

Miss Sophie Parker

Sport Occupations and Aspiration Raising camp (SOAR)

Last week, four Finley High School students travelled to Latrobe University Bundoora Campus to take part in the three day SOAR camp that aims to introduce Year Nine and Year Ten Indigenous students to university and sports occupations. Mentors accompanied students as they learned what it takes to work in media and sport science with the elite Melbourne FC sports club. They took part in activities like traditional Indigenous games, and learned about wearable technologies and how it's applied in the 21st century. As part of the camp students also managed to visit Eureka Skydeck, dine at Sopranos Restaurant, meet some Latrobe academics, and learnt about preparing for the HSC and life after school.

Mrs D White
Careers Adviser

Controlled Writing Exercise 8A

Students in 8A have been working on improving their understanding of grammar and learning to apply this to their writing. Many students have achieved great things and the following is an example of recent work. This engaging orientation for a story was written by Will in class time in response to a photo of a wrecked ship from the site, Pobble 365, and grammar instructions for each sentence.

Mrs McNaught
Head Teacher English

Sentence number	Instruction
1	A sentence, 4 words long
2	Start with an adjective and write a compound sentence
3	Start with a preposition and write a complex sentence with a dependent clause at the beginning
4	Start with the name of a character and describe the character doing something
5	Start with a pronoun and include a physical description in the action
6	Start with a present participle (that's a verb ending in -ing)
7	The sentence must contain a simile
8	Start with an adverb
9	A sentence, 5 words long

The waves tumbled shore-wise. Loud, furious thunder riddled the sky and the cold ocean breeze waved a single palm tree. Beneath the rocks, the crabs hid from the storm, fearing the damage it may cause. Zach made his way out from under a pile of wooden planks and other rubble. He wrapped his fingers around the aching gash down his forearm. Pushing through the pain, he began to observe his surroundings. The ship he arrived in was as crumbled and destroyed as a sand castle too close to the sea. Carefully, he made his way to the remains of the ship and lit a small fire to protect himself from the icy gale that surrounded him. Slowly, he recounted the battle.

By Will Anderson 8A

Year Eight Book Packs

Year Eight book packs are available for purchase from the
Finley High School Canteen for \$40.

Reading with Finley Public School

On Friday 1st December Mr Maxwell took six Finley High School students (Dora Miaoudis, Shannon Neilson, Maverick Surplice, Lachlan Osborn, Liam Osborn and Hugh Burton, over to the Public school to do some reading with some grade 1 and grade 2 students. Each student were allocated a small group of students to help with reading and complete a comprehension activity. Everything was organised by our ATSI students.

Mr Dane Maxwell

Year Eight Excursion

On Friday 1st December Year Eight went on an excursion to Shepparton to go bowling and to go to Funcity. The students were assigned in pairs on the way down and got involved with the trivia activity. They spent a couple of hours bowling and enjoyed lunch together. It was great to see them encouraging each other and assisting those who were unsure of how to bowl.

We then went to Funcity, where the students learnt how to play laser tag and then moved around the different activities. Many students got to know others in the year group and were excited to participate in the various activities on offer. It was pleasing to see students taking on new challenges and pushing their limits, especially on the Bungee Run.

On the way home students completed an evaluation of the day and enjoyed some sing-alongs on the bus. The students were respectful and responsible throughout the day and are to be commended for their behavior.

Miss Scott



Left: Agility skills.



Right: Rose Chamberlain and Jasmine Ackers having a go at rock climbing at Funcity.

Right: two students having a go at the bungee run.



Left: Jemma Coombs, Anna Middleton and Charli Mason enjoying lunch.

Right: Students at Ten Pin Bowling.



School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

Does your child travel on a bus?

Will your child need school bus travel in 2018?

Have you moved house or has your child changed schools?

Have you changed your phone number?

These are all reasons to update your details or apply for school bus travel.

It is a simple online process that needs to be completed prior to starting school in 2018.

If you need to update details please use the following link <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/updateDetails>

If you are putting in a new application please use the link below

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>

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Skoolbag is one of Australia's most trusted school apps, empowering schools to engage parents through a simple and central communication platform. The easy-to-use mobile app streamlines all aspects of organising school life, from newsletters and events to student attendance and documentation.

Cost: Free

How to download: See instructions at the end of the newsletter

What can you use it for?

- Access, complete and return digital forms such as absentee forms, change of details and media releases quickly and easily on your phone.
- Stay up to date with the calendar and alerts of upcoming events.
- When emergencies occur you can be alerted instantly with an instant alert.
- When you download the Free App sign up to the listed groups to receive special alerts just for those groups eg: Year 12 or Year 7.
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Skoolbag

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- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
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Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



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iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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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....

December

- 8** J Crowhurst, T Clarke
- 11** K Nicholls
- 12** C Moloney
- 14** J Clark, T Roe
- 15** Kaylene and Bernadette

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 13th December, 2017
7pm for a dinner meeting
at the Tuppal Hotel

The P&C meet the second
Wednesday of the month.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

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.

A LIVING GIFT

The Science Department has beautiful African Violets, in a variety of colours, potted up in convenient waterwell pots and flowering in time for Christmas! Just \$10 each.

Enquiries to Susan,

Finley High School

58831344



CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at local sites in the following areas:

Berrigan, Finley, Barooga and Tocumwal

Monday to Friday, part time, casual and relief positions available.

Flexible shift times, experience is preferred but not essential.

Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to:

Joss Facility Management,

PO Box 1032 Deniliquin NSW 2710

Or for more information contact Lisa

Ph: 0429 822 191 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

A working with Children Check is required for this position

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