



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

2nd March 2017

KEY DATES

March

- 3** Riverina Swimming
6 Riverina Girls Basketball Trials.
Legal Studies Supreme Court Visit.
8 Breakfast Club
15 Breakfast Club
17 School Photos
22 Breakfast Club
24 15 years boys and girls soccer.

27 March – 3 April

Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams

- 28** Riverina Netball Trials
29 Breakfast Club

April

- 3 – 7** Year Twelve Hospitality Work Placement
3 NSW CHS Swimming

Principal's Report

Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship

Last Wednesday, I had the absolute pleasure of interviewing nine students for the 2017 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship.

Along with Mr Paul Jones, President of the P&C and Mr Ryan Lock from the Finley Sub Branch of the RSL, I was impressed by these students from Years Ten and Eleven, who presented artefacts they had made or written on the theme of commemoration, education or the heritage of our military history.

Each student was keen to share their thoughts and feelings around the ANZACS and the sacrifices they made, and continue to make, so that we may live in freedom.

Students were assessed on their ability to display a genuine interest in Australian history and reflect on the role that participation in wars has played on the development of Australia. They also needed to demonstrate their involvement in the commemoration of ANZAC Day or a deep interest in the ANZAC tradition. Making a positive contribution to the school community was also an important component of the decision making process.

The panel had an enormous decision to make, as each student had a genuine and sincere belief in their respect for our ANZACs. Each of their artefacts was unique. Speeches, a movie, a powerpoint, essays, stories, an artwork and a museum in a box were all entered as artefacts. All presentations were made with consideration and care.

After much discussion, the panel agreed on nominating a student for the Tour in September. This person's name has been forwarded for consideration to the Premiers Scholarship Team who will confirm the successful student and announce their participation in the Tour of the battle fields of the Western Front in April.

I sincerely congratulate all of those students who took the time to nominate for this amazing experience. I only wish there were places for all nine of them as they all proved themselves to be worthy applicants.

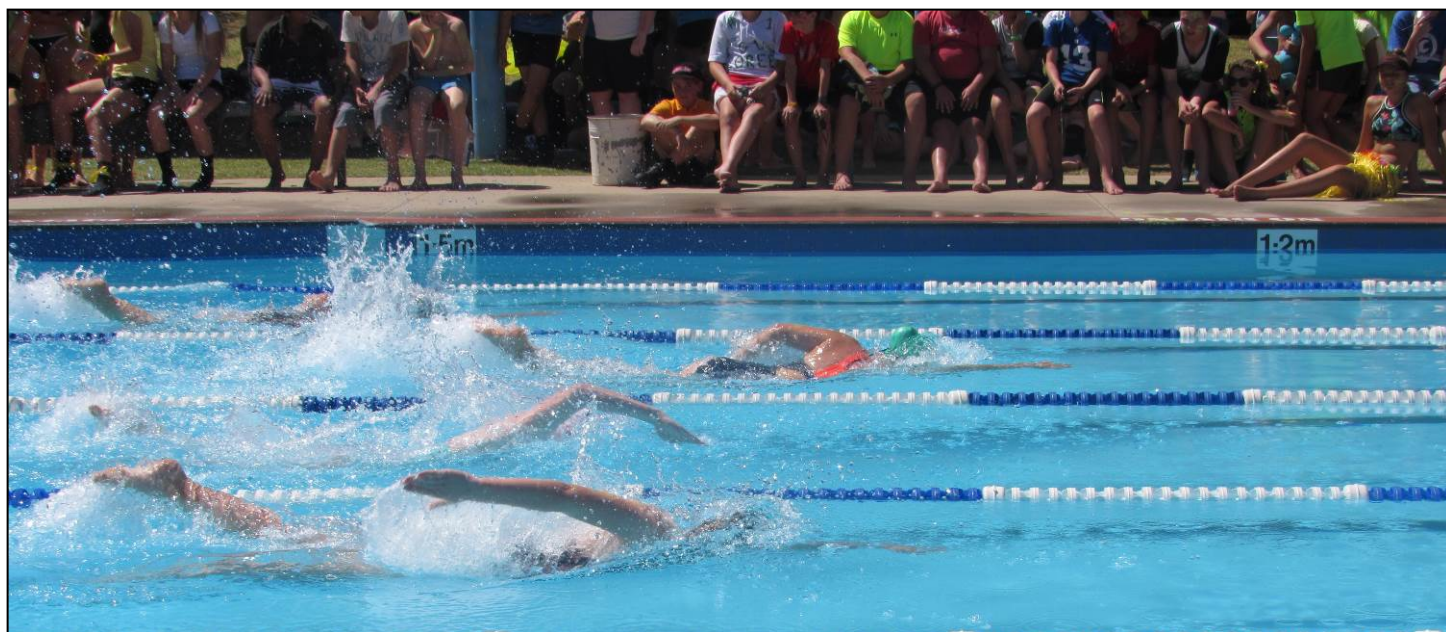
Swimming Carnival Results

This year's swimming carnival had a great feel to it. The participation of students was excellent and the standard of support and behaviour was outstanding.

This year's winning house was Tuppal, due mainly to the number of students from Tuppal who entered the races. Congratulations to Tuppal who also won the war cry competition.

The final scores were:

Tuppal	1249
Coree	969
Finley	720
Murray	659



Above: Students competing in the swimming carnival.

Below left and right: Tuppal House and Finley House doing their war cries.





Above and below: Students enjoying the carnival.



Year Seven BBQ

Yesterday evening Year 7 students and their families attended a “get to know you” sausage sizzle at the school. The evening began at 6pm and was an opportunity for teachers and parents to get to meet each other in an informal way. It was a great time to share stories and ask questions and I thank the parents and teachers who came to the evening. I hope everyone found it worthwhile.

I would like to thank Mrs Sexton for her coordination and organisation of this evening.

Be involved

I cannot stress enough to all parents the importance of being involved with their child’s secondary education.

Often, parents are very involved in their child’s learning at primary school; but sadly, when students come to high school; many parents reduce their active participation in their child’s learning.

During the teenage years, it can be sometimes difficult to stay connected to your children. Knowing what is going on at school, asking your child questions about what they are learning and, talking to teachers about your child’s progress are just some of the ways you can support your child through these crucial years of learning.

Simple things can help you be connected to the school and have an understanding of what your child is learning and how they are learning it. Whether you are a working parent or a household manager, there are many things you can say and do to let your child know you are supporting their learning. Here are a few ideas.

- Help out on canteen (Phone Bernadette or Kaylene 5883 1105)
- Come to a P&C Meeting (Administration Building – 7pm next Wednesday Feb 8)
- Ask students about what they learned today – every day.
- Ask students what feedback they got today about their learning – every day.
- Ask about the student’s favourite class. Why is it their favourite?
- Ask students about events that are coming up? How are they going to be involved?
- Call the school and check on anything you are unsure about and discuss with your child.
- Call and speak to the Year Adviser about anything which may be impacting on the learning of your child
- Be positive about learning when you are speaking with your children
- Reinforce the values of PBL from Finley High School - Responsible, Respectful Learning by using these words in your home and modelling these behaviours for your children
- Complete surveys as they are sent out and return them to school
- Complete permission notes in a timely manner and return them to school
- Pay for excursions, school contributions and fees when the invoices are distributed
- Discuss your child’s report with them and find reasons to praise your child on their learning
- Communicate with the school about anything which may be concerning you

By working together as students, parents and teachers, we can achieve some great outcomes for all our students and students will feel confident in coming to school.

KRAM Awards

Congratulations to this week's KRAM Award winners:

I-tunes Cards – Alice Chamberlain, Anneleise Flack, Archie Mason

Canteen Vouchers – Sophie Roe, Chelsea Alexander

Handballs – Cate Turley, Jemma Coombes

Mrs Helen McRae

Principal

A trip to NASA

Recently I participated in a trip to Orlando USA to experience an Educating Adventures NASA trip. I found the trip was very well run and was a fabulous experience. I would like to offer the opportunity for students to participate in this trip. The minimum number is ideally 15 students. If there are more than 15, the cost can reduce. I will be offering this opportunity to students from Finley High school and high schools in our local area. I am aiming for students who will be in Years Ten and Eleven in 2018. The trip will take place in April 2018. If you think your child may be interested in being involved you can find further information at the site below. You need the attached password to enter.

<http://www.easchooltours.com/teacher-zone/finley-high-nasa-educational-tour>

Password : april2018

I will be sending out expressions of interest notes in two weeks to students who wish to be involved. To start the process and book the best priced plane tickets, a deposit of \$900 will need to be paid at that time.

Michael O'Leary

Head Teacher Science



HSC Study Lab.

Students are able to purchase online preliminary and HSC study labs through the school. These are well designed lessons and tutorial sessions designed by Macquarie University. The units are available For HSC and Preliminary Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Business Studies. The cost of the subscription is normally \$99 each. If we make a bulk purchase through the school the cost is \$30 for one, \$50 for two or \$60 for three. The subscription lasts until the end of the course being studied. If you are interested in purchasing these Study Labs you can make a payment at school before Wednesday the 8th of March. If you would like to preview the study labs, go to <https://hscstudylab.com.au/>.

If you have any question feel free to contact me at School.

Michael O'Leary
Head Teacher Science

Open boys and Girls Basketball

On Thursday 23rd February students from Years Ten to Twelve travelled to Deniliquin to compete in the Open Basketball competition against Barham and Deniliquin. Both boys and girls teams played some really competitive basketball. Members of the boys team were Zeke, Taylor Kleinschmidt, Fraser Taig, Duncan Clarke, Lachlan Pyle, Dan O'Brian, Jack Sexton and Jye. Unfortunately the boys lost both games to a more experienced outfit.



Pictured left: the boys team playing basketball.

The Open Girls Basketball team, Paige Nash, Rhiannon Murphy-Riddell, Courtney Sexton, Kiara Keating, Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Piper Hicks and Chelsea Taylor, participated in the Gala Day at Deniliquin on Thursday 23rd February. Their first game was against Barham and the girls came out strong, applying pressure and working well together as a team. Chelsea, Piper and Paige fought hard for rebounds throughout the game. Rhiannon and Eloise were shooting well. Kiara and Courtney fought tirelessly down the court. Finley defeated Barham 43 to 10. Most of the girls added to the scoreboard and they all kept a tight defence to keep Barham's score low. Their next game was against Deniliquin which was a lot

Below: Finley Open Girls Basketball
Back L-R: Paige Nash, Rhiannon Murphy-Riddell, Courtney Sexton and Kiara Keating
Front L-R: Eloise Ashley-Cooper, Piper Hicks and Chelsea Taylor



more pressure. They kept up with the Deni girls in the first half and the halftime score had them 2 points behind. Finley worked so well together, despite not having much training time prior to the day. The final score saw Deniliquin defeating Finley 33 to 18, with Eloise shooting two penalty shots after the siren. The girls should be very proud of the way they played and represented the school.

Miss Scott and Mr Maxwell
Basketball Co-ordinators

Swimming Carnival

The Finley High School twilight swimming carnival was held on Thursday the 16th of February. It was a great day with many competitors enjoying the chance to enter a race to cool down.

The overall house winner for the day was Tuppal. This was not very surprising as it was quite clear they had the majority of participants on the day.

Some impressive swimmers on the day who broke existing records included Ben Chesworth, Sascha Jones, Johannah Tessier and Ben.

The age champions for the day were:

	Boys - 1 st Place	Boys - 2 nd Place
12 years	Zac	-
13 years	Zander	Ben Chesworth
14 years	Darcy	Rory Knight
15 years	Ben	Lachlan
16 years	Marcus Anderson	Duncan Clarke
17 years	Kayden	Zec

	Girls – 1 st Place	Boys – 1 st Place
12 years	-	-
13 years	Mackenzie Hannan	Sophie Roe Jemma Coombs
14 years	Sascha Jones	Lily
15 years	Kiara	Elle Rochford
16 years	Johannah Tessier	Isobelle O'Brien
17 years	Ellie Ashley-Cooper	Paige Nash

Mr M Tooke
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator

It has been a busy start to the term in PD/H/PE. We have witnessed awesome swimming at the swimming carnival and lots of sport teams have already played in Combined High School competitions. Some of the highlights in our practical PD/H/PE lessons are the creative flair of our Year Seven students in Creative Movement and the Year Twelve Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation class has shown amazing body control and skill in their Trampolining unit. Theory assessments are also starting to be given out to students in Years Seven to Nine.



Pictured left: Students participating in Trampolining.

Right: Students participating in PD/H/PE



Volunteers Required

Early next term we look forward to the cross country and athletics carnivals. If you are a parent or carer who would like to volunteer to help with the athletics carnival... you would be more than welcome! You will be put on our teacher schedule, this would not have to be for a full day. Please email Ellen Downey ellen.downey@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Miss E Downey
Head Teacher PD/H/PE

Maths Memos

Firstly I would like to thank the Finley community for the warm welcome to the area. Finley truly is a great place to live and work.

It is my intention to use this platform to keep you updated throughout the year on major happenings within the Mathematics faculty.

- Assessment Tasks for **Term 1**- If you require more information, *the specific details of the tasks will appear on the school website in the "Assessment Tasks" tab.*

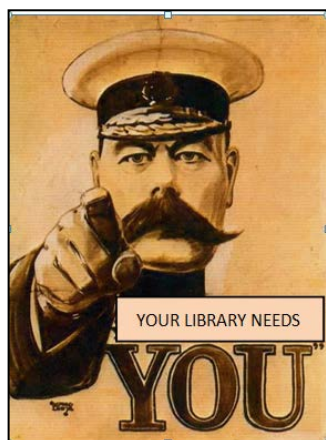
Year	Date of Task
7	Week 8, Date TBA
8	Week 9 Date TBA
9	Week 8, Date TBA
10	Week 9, Date TBA
11	General & Mathematics Friday 17 th March Extension 1 Week 10
12	Half- Yearly Exams Week 10, Date TBA

- Calculators. Students in Years 8-12 are required to bring a calculator to every maths lesson. If your child does not have a calculator, they are available for purchase via the front office, at a cost of \$20. If your child is in Year 7 and currently does not have a calculator, one will be required for the start of Term 2.

If you have enquires regarding any aspect of your child's education in Mathematics, please contact me via email Nicholas.john.campbell@det.nsw.edu.au .

Mr Nick Campbell
Mathematics Head Teacher

ANZAC Request



Do you have any family members who served in the armed forces during the first or second world wars? If you do we would love to include them in the ANZAC display "Our Family Heroes" in the school library next month.

We are looking for photos (which we can copy and return) or memorabilia, and a brief outline of their service or war story.

Students can drop items into the library. We will label everything and make sure they are returned.

It will be great to get as many students involved as possible. Thank you for your help with this.
Ms Begbie.

Careers Report

On Monday, eight Year Eleven students travelled to Charles Sturt University, Thurgoona to participate in a Skills Fix day aimed at preparing senior students to transition to Tertiary style learning. Students toured the CSU facilities including the nursing, speech therapy and exercise laboratories. They also got a first hand look at the on campus accommodation at the environmentally friendly campus whose focus is on sustainability and reduce, reuse and recycle.

Students then participated in two workshops on study skills and career readiness before finishing the day with a presentation from a panel of current students. Hopefully as a result of the day, the students involved will be keen to further their learning through tertiary study.



Left: Zoe Chellew, Dora Miaoudis, Grace Turley and Skye Thompson listening to a talk at CSU.

Below: Lachlan Linder-Ryan looking around the exercise laboratories.



We would also like to thank Justin Mortlock for his assistance with transporting students to and from the campus on the day. Such parental support is greatly appreciated.

Other Careers Reminders

- Big Day In - 8th March at Wagga Charles Sturt University. Students attending should be aware of the departure time and details for the day.
- Careers Day Out (Year Ten) – 27th April. Make sure you get a note from the Careers staff if you would like to attend and haven't received a note.
- Tertiary Tour (Year Twelve) – 4th and 5th May. Accommodation is booked and final notes will go home shortly so stay tuned.
- Work Experience (Year Ten) – Students should be working on securing their placements and returning the necessary paperwork.

- White Card (Year Ten) – those students intending on doing work experience on a building site (either in the first round or the next round of work experience) need to see Careers staff for a note to attend White Card training. This training will only be offered once, so even if students are intending on doing their second placement on a building site they need to complete the training with the current group.
- Year Twelve parents – if you would like to receive the Year Twelve Careers Newsletter please contact Deb White with your email address so you can be added to the data base. This newsletter covers current happenings in Careers and information about University, job vacancies and much more.
- Don't forget our one stop shop website for Careers information and links at www.finleyhighcareers.com It also has a parent section with helpful tips.

Parents of Year 10 students

Work Experience

The first week of work experience is being undertaken in **Term 2 Week 6** (May 29th - June 2nd)

This is a compulsory activity for all Year Ten students. Parents can assist students in a couple of ways. Firstly, talking about prospective placements and employers and generally discussing with your child the importance of carefully selecting a placement where they think they are interested and may be stimulated, and secondly, reading all the paperwork and making sure all notes are returned to school promptly! Thanks.

An information package will be sent home shortly.

White Card Training

Finley High School is offering a White Card training day at school on Thursday 11th May at a cost of \$60. This certificate is mandatory for any students wishing to work in any construction field (building, plumbing, electrical). Notes and permission slips have been distributed. Extras are available from the Careers Room.

Careers Big Day Out

Information notes and permission slips have been distributed for the Careers Big Day Out. This is a fabulous showcase of a very wide range of careers - from tertiary study to apprenticeships in all fields. Past students have recommended the day very highly and agree that they learnt a great deal from the day.

Buses leave from school at will return in time to catch their bus home. Extra notes are available from the Careers Room.

Mrs D White and Mrs J Philpot
Careers Advisers

School Drive Subsidy

If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online? Call 131 500.

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

Year	Class	Assessment Task	Teacher	Due Date
Seven	7C	Meeting new people	Miss Downey	15/03/2017
Eight	8A	Risk vs Challenge	Miss Downey	16/03/2017
Nine	9A	Sense of self	Miss Downey	13/03/2017
Eleven	CAPS	Resource Management	Miss Downey	10/03/2017

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

- 2** L Bryce
- 3** M Haintz, K Litchfield
- 6** M Kleinschmidt, K Steel
- 7** F Aull
- 8** V Bryce
- 9** S Barlow
- 10** T Roe, T Jones
- 13** D McLean, J Crowhurst
- 14** C Alexander
- 15** J Loughman
- 16** S Robertson
- 17** C Lawton, D Jewell

Finley High School P&C AGM

Wednesday 8th March 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

Community Announcements

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Information Session for Parents of Learner Drivers

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The session will be conducted by David Riches on Tuesday March 7th at the Finley RSC from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone David on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email

saferlearnerdrivers@gmail.com

Your child is eligible for FREE dental treatment

All children in NSW up to 18 years old can have free dental care at a Public Dental Clinic.

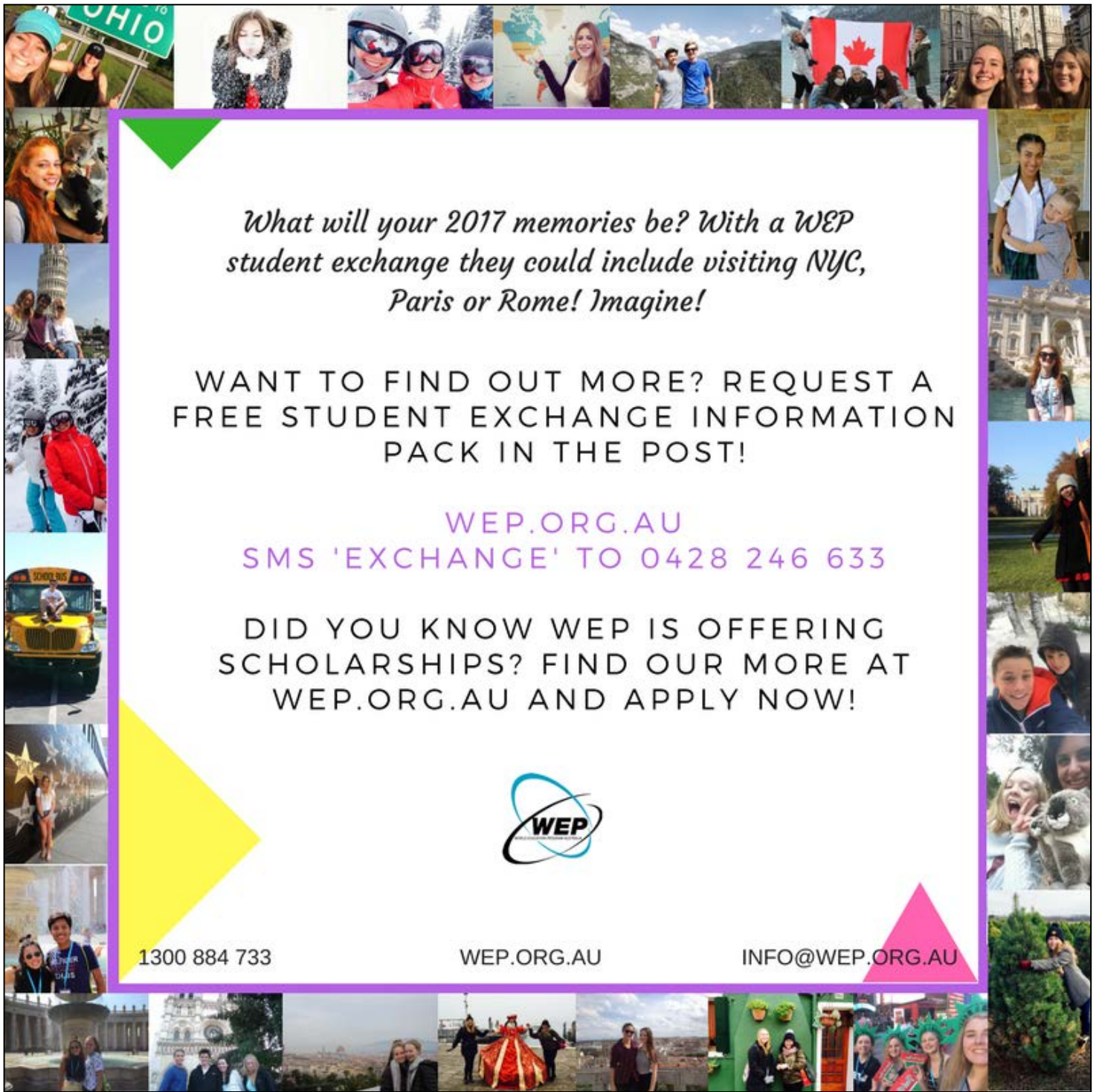
Staff will ask for your Medicare number.

Dental clinics are located at the **Berrigan** Community Health Centre and at the **Deniliquin** Hospital.

Appointments are available now no waiting - phone **1800 45 00 46**

Finley Farmers' Market

Finley Farmers' Market is on again this Saturday from 8am until midday at Railway Park. Live music by Andrew and Max will add to the perfect atmosphere creating a great place to meet up with friends for breakfast and to shop from our local producers.




What will your 2017 memories be? With a WEP student exchange they could include visiting NYC, Paris or Rome! Imagine!

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE? REQUEST A FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION PACK IN THE POST!

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Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents



Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.



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Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 6: School Community



Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education



Expressions of Interest

Swimming and Track & Field Athletes, Prospective Qualified Coaches & Head of Delegation

Closing date for Expression of Interest: 31st March, 2017

2018 International Children's Games – Jerusalem

The City of Jerusalem is hosting the International Children's Games in July 2018. For children aged 12 years to 15 years of age the ICG is the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Swimmers and track and field athletes must be no older than 15 as at the 31st December 2018.

A team of swimmers and track & field athletes, respective qualified coaches and Head of Delegation are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience.

Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of swimmers and track & field athletes. We are seeking youth who live in and/or attend school in the Berrigan Shire who are interested in trying out for this once in a lifetime experience.

Interested swimmers and track & field athletes, respective qualified coaches & Head of Delegation are encouraged to be competing over the summer months and keep copies of their events and times/distance for the purpose of future selection.

Please lodge your expressions of interest at berrigan.icg@gmail.com



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 3-6yrs, 7-9yrs, 10-12yrs	4:30pm
Karate Teens & Adults	3:30pm

Book NOW for Term 3

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- Improved Self Confidence
- Improved Self Discipline
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- Increased muscle strength & flexibility
- Improved co ordination
- Reduced stress & anxiety
- Body fat loss / weight loss

AllStars
Self Defence Centres
www.allstarsdefence.com.au
nsw@allstars.net.au

Bookings and Enquiries:

(03) 5881 5511

BILLABONG BOG RUN



Sunday March 5th 2017

Jerilderie Racecourse

Gates open 8:00am

Champion Club Race 8:30am

First runners 9:00am

Last runners 11:00am

8-17yrs \$20 pp

18yrs + \$40 pp

You can find us on facebook



Email billabongbogrun@hotmail.com to register

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*A Monthly Support Group for Grandparents and Carers
& Foster Carers Raising Children*



Are you a Grandparent, Carer or Foster Carer of children?

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- Education
- Friendship
- Shared experiences & Knowledge
- Parenting Strategies
- Support & Advocacy

Please join us monthly, to meet, discuss and support

'Grandparents Parenting'

the rewards, challenges and unique experiences.

Date: First Monday of the Month

10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Centacare Finley

2 Coree Street, Finley NSW 2713

Light Refreshments Provided

For further information or to register your interest please contact :

Tammy 0429 129 613 or Patricia 0448 772 010

Visit the office at 2 Coree Street, Finley

Or email: caulfieldt@centacaresnsw.org.au or weekesp@centacaresnsw.org.au





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NewAccess is a program developed by *beyondblue* that is a free and confidential support service to help you tackle day-to-day pressures. An Access Coach, specially trained and experienced, will support you in setting practical goals and using tools to get you back on track.

At your first appointment, your Access Coach will complete an initial assessment with you and develop a program tailored to your individual needs. Additional appointments may occur over the phone or face-to-face.

Is this program right for me?

On average, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 8 men will experience some level of depression and 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will experience anxiety during their lifetime.

If any of the following are causing you to feel sad, moody, angry or unable to concentrate or sleep this service could be right for you:

- Change in living arrangements
- New parent worries
- Family problems
- Health concerns or uncertainty
- Long-term isolation or loneliness
- Financial worries or instability
- Work stress or uncertainty

How do I access the program?

Take action and speak to a trained Access Coach by calling **02 6923 3195** or visit **intereach.com.au**

If you are a service enquiring about the program, call 1300 488 226.

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