



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

16th March 2017

KEY DATES

March

- 17** School Photos
22 Breakfast Club
24 15 years boys and girls soccer.
27 March – 3 April Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams
27 Open boys and girls tennis and bowls
28 Riverina Netball Trials
29 Breakfast Club

April

- 3 – 7** Year Twelve Hospitality Work Placement
3 - 4 NSW CHS Swimming
7 Last day of Term 1
24 Staff Development Day
25 **ANZAC Day**
26 Students return to school
27 Year Ten Careers Day Out Riverina 15 years boys AFL Trials
28 Riverina 15 years girls AFL Trials

Principal's Report

Photos

Tomorrow is photo day for Finley High School students and teachers.

All students are expected to be in full school uniform for their photos and have the correct money in their envelopes for the photos they are purchasing.

Whether you are purchasing photos or not, all students will have their photo taken as a record for their year group, unless a note has been signed not giving students permission to have their photo taken.

Students will be called from class during the first two periods to have their photo taken. It is always great to see them smile, have their hair neatly combed and ready to take the perfect photo. I look forward to seeing the results.

Youth Frontiers

You may have seen a photo in the paper recently of our students who participated in the Youth Frontiers program in 2016. This program ran in 2016 for the first time and was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain some leadership skills, communication skills and build some links with local community members.

The students who participated enjoyed the program and gained insights into organising events and communicating with their mentor leaders.

If you are interested in being involved in this program as a mentor, please contact me at the school.

BYOD

Learning in the 21st century is very different to learning when I went to school. Back in those days, computers were not the desk top variety, but took up the space of whole rooms in universities and large corporations.

Over the past 30 years, they have become stronger, more powerful, and able to complete a vast array of tasks in a very short amount of time and can fit into your pocket. It is therefore crucial that students in schools today have available to them computers, laptops, which they can use for learning.

Finley High School has a BYOD policy (Bring Your Own Device) where students are encouraged to bring their laptops to school to be used in the classroom. We purchased student laptop lockers to allow students to store their devices safely

between classes and teachers have been encouraging students to use their laptops for learning in classrooms across the school.

The school also purchased a limited number of laptops to assist those students who were unable to purchase a laptop, to participate in classes.

It has come to our attention that some students, who had previously been bringing a laptop to school, have not been bringing them and instead, insist on using the schools laptops. This is placing a shortage on the laptops available for the students who do not own their own. The school does not have the resources to purchase a laptop for each student to use.

So I seek your help in encouraging your child to bring their laptop to school to use in their classes. This will ensure all students have fair access to the technology tools so vital for learning in the 21st century.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the school and speak with Michael O'Leary, Nicole Close or myself.

Meningococcal Vaccinations

The NSW government has initiated a Meningococcal W Response Program in 2017, which will target 17 and 18 Year olds in school this year. Students in Year Eleven and Year Twelve will be able to receive the vaccination for this strain of the disease at Finley High School early next term. Further details of the program are available in the media release attached to the end of this newsletter.

Please ask your doctor if you have any concerns, or go to the website provided for more information.

Head Lice

It is timely to remind parents that students in high school can also get head lice. We have had a report of a student with head lice and would encourage all parents to be vigilant with checking their children's hair regularly.

Appointment Notes

I would like to remind parents that making non-essential appointments for their children during school time is inappropriate. Students may need to have medical appointments during the school day, but we would ask that other appointments, eg hairdressing, shopping etc, be made for after school time. Please help us to make learning a priority in your child's life by giving careful consideration to the attendance of your child at school.

KRAM Awards

Congratulations to this week's KRAM Award winners:

I-tunes Cards – Soumyajit Shirsho, Max Cameron, Meg Marsden

Canteen Vouchers – Blake Harris, Tyson Johnson

Handballs – Shelby Hislop, Shadeau

Mrs H McRae

Principal

Legal Studies Supreme Court Excursion

On Monday 6th March the HSC Legal Studies class went to Melbourne to take part in a the Supreme Court education program and explore the courts and Victoria Police Museum.

Students explored the Victoria Police Museum and were able to read about the Russell Street Bombing and how they came to solve the case. They also got the opportunity to look at different types of forensic evidence equipment and watch snapshots of what the police do in the community. After exploring the museum, some of the students used the opportunity to try on the police uniform and get a feel for the job.

In the afternoon we went and watched a trial in the County Court about drug trafficking and the students were able to see police officers in the witness box giving evidence about the crimes.

The students then took part in the Supreme Court education program which is run by retired volunteers who showed the students through one of the Supreme Courts and quizzed them on their knowledge of the people involved in a court case and their roles. They allowed the students to sit in different areas of the court and imagine what it is like being involved in a Supreme Court trial. We then got to view part of a murder trial where police officers were giving evidence in the witness box. This allowed students to see the time consuming process of a trial and the resources involved which will allow them to make use of their experience when writing extended responses in their exams. We were then taken to the Supreme Court Library where we were shown the documents of Ned Kelly's trial and different portraits of previous Supreme Court Justices.

It was a very worthwhile day for students to see for themselves how the law operates and give greater understanding of the concepts they have studied in class. Thanks to the students for their outstanding behaviour on the day and to Jodi Brown for letting us borrow her car for the trip.

Boys and Girls Soccer

On Monday the 13th of March, the senior girls and boys teams headed to Deniliquin. They were required to play one game against Deniliquin, going for 35-minute halves. The girls played a great game, with the final score being 9-1. Goal kickers for the day were Rhiannon Murphy-Riddell, Paige Nash, Wynnta, Tiarna Burke, Piper Hicks, Courtney Sexton and Kiara Keating. These girls were only able to score because of our wonderful mid-field of Emma Alexander, Julia Barlow and Leziah De Peralta. Defence was held together by Hayley Doohan, Sophie, Lauren and Jade O'Bryan. The team was privileged enough to have two amazing goalkeepers, Piper Hicks and Kiara Keating. The team will now be competing at the next level.

The boys game was a closer one as the Finley boys competed against their rivals in Deniliquin. The first half saw Finley get off to a flying start kicking 3 goals to none. However, Deni were able to adjust their game plan at half time, they kicked a couple of goals and narrowly missed a few more. Final score Finley 4 Deni 2. Well done to Matty who was able to notch up a hat trick booting 3 goals. Members of the boys team were Jay Buckley, Darcy Webb, James McCaw, Damon Anderson, Dylan Maxwell, Bailey Coombs, Kayden Sharp, Zac Barlow, Liam Osborne, Mathew, Ben, Tyrone, Lachlan Pyle and Storm Scott

Miss Downey and Mr Maxwell
Soccer Team Co-ordinators

MADDD Night 2017

2017 Finley High School MADDD Night is set to be the best year yet! Keeping with the theme of "Finley High School's Got Talent", our students have been working hard; planning, rehearsing and, polishing performances. MADDD incorporates music, art, drama, dance and design, allowing the participating students to gain valuable experience in the performing arts. With the assistance of our creatively orientated staff, Finley High School students are producing a show that no one will ever forget. Whether students are under the bright stage lights or behind the scenes working on publicity or stagecraft, each has a significant contribution to make. We have a talented group of students participating this year and audiences can expect to be entertained by singers, dancers, improvisational comedy acts and even a mime artist. So stay tuned for the MADDD night date set for term 2.

Fundraising is also an important part of the MADD night process, in order to afford the materials to perform and plan. We, the students of MADD team, would be very grateful if you could donate an item suitable for our raffle or an experience, such as a voucher. Baskets are being prepared under the themes of; "Indulgence" (elegant candles, tablecloths, lollies and chocolate etc.), "Pamper" (personal products such as hand cream, perfume, spa products) and "Green Thumb Gardening" (garden accessories, seeds, tools etc.). Any contributions related to these hampers would be fantastic. If you are able to donate, please leave your items at the front office with Sarah Singleton, attention Rae Wood, Drama Teacher. Thank you for your help!



Big Day in IT

Some comments from Students who attended.

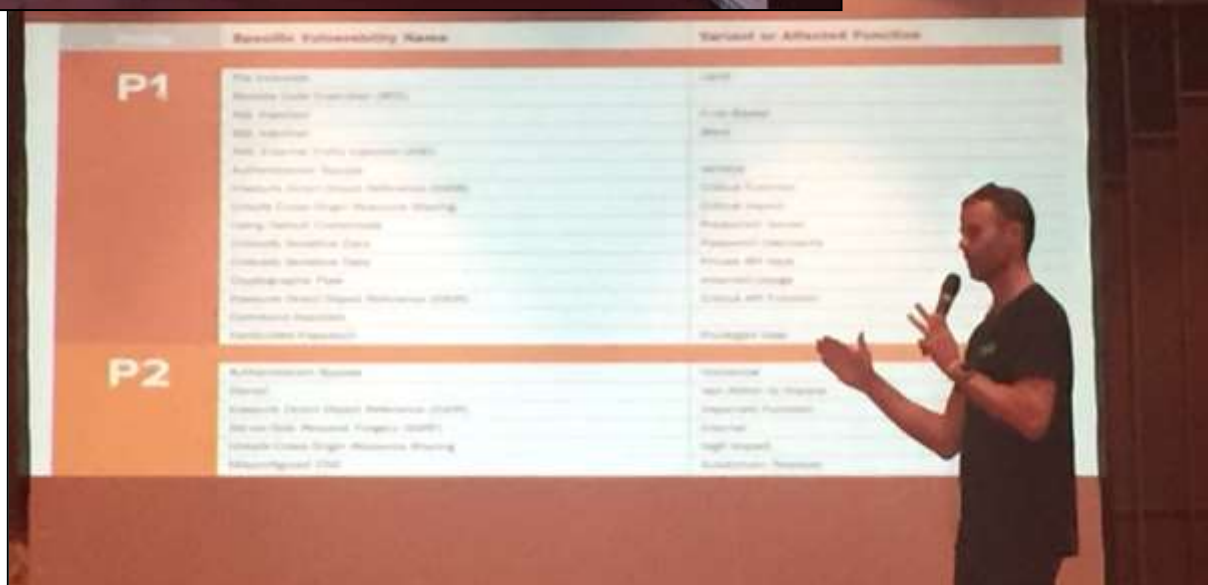
- It was a really amazing opportunity to learn about the diverse fields within IT and to see how the various areas of IT relate to other fields that we may not necessarily associate with technology. One presenter spoke about her work within the field of marketing and public relations and demonstrated how technology is used within her job role. We also learned about what technology is available for use in schools as a part of the free ADOBE software packages. The Adobe presenter outlined what is available to students and how they can modernise and up skill their learning through the use of IT.
- We enjoyed hearing about the experiences of the presenters and their pathways into their current IT roles. This was a great way of appreciating the various jobs that include IT as part of their main skill set. We heard about Marketing, Communications, and Agriculture and their relationships to IT skills. We also learned about “white hat hacking” where people can actually make money by hacking into websites.

Overall the day was very informative and interesting and really broadened our perspectives on career pathways through IT.



Left: Win News interviewing Georgia Webb about her interest in IT.

Below: A talk given on how people make money from hacking.



Careers

The Dungal Scholarship Program

For Riverina Indigenous students who are planning on 2017 TAFE who need financial assistance. Please call Sonia Shea on: 02 6938 1267. Application close 31st March 2017. Application forms can be found at <https://www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/media/2117/the-dungal-scholarship-program-form.pdf>

Please mail completed form to:

Sonia Shea
Manager Aboriginal Education and Training
PO Box 2231 Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

Indigenous Apprenticeships

Applications are now open for the Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme 2017 intake. Have you left school, want to go back to work or are thinking of a new career opportunity? This is your chance! A number of departments in the Australian Public Service are now offering a 12-month Indigenous Apprenticeships Programme.

This is a great opportunity - you will receive on the job training while working full-time and earning a good salary. Applications are open until 11th April 2017.

To find out more about the programme in the Australian Public Service, visit humanservices.gov.au/indigenousapprenticeships.

If you have any questions about the application process please email IAP@hudson.com or call us on **1300 856 993**.

Deniliquin Show

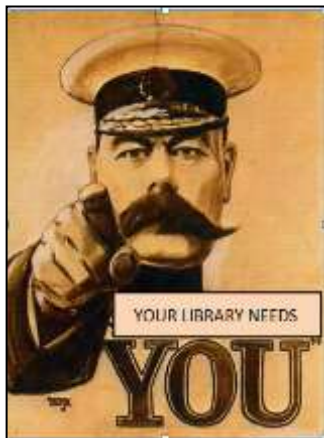
Finley High School offers a range of co-curricular activities to enrich student experience by creating a greater sense of belonging and developing relationships between students and staff. A supported student, Dela Gargaro (Year 8B) has written the following article for homework to describe how the Dairy Team has enhanced her school days – Great work Dela ☺

On Saturday the 4th of March, we started to drive to Deniliquin at 8:20am for the Annual Deniliquin Show. Arriving at the Showgrounds to meet up with the Finley High School Dairy Team. I was excited to show the beautiful Jersey cow, Rosie Archer (named after a friend of mine in the Dairy Team) to the judge. It was a warm day my biggest achievement was being able to lead Rosie around unaided but with Jenny O’Hora close by. Rosie was a little stubborn, she rolled into me and got herself down on the ground. Overall, Rosie Archer was a brilliant cow and I was very grateful to be placed 4th, 5th and 6th. I can’t thank Jenny O’Hora, Brian O’Hora, Dim and the rest of the Finley High School for all their support and encouragement. Thanks again, can’t wait for the next show.

Pictured right: Dela with Rosie



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.

Surplus Printer Cartridges

Due to the contract renewal for printers within the school we have the following HP printer cartridges surplus to our requirements. For sale for \$25 each. Please contact Ros Braine on 03 5883 1344 for more information.

- 1 x 53A
- 1 x 10A
- 2 x 530A
- 2 x 533A
- 3 x 12A
- 1 x 78A
- 1 x 15A
- 3 x 36A
- 1 x CE505A
- 1 x CE320A
- 1 x CE321A
- 1 x CE322A
- 1 x CE323A
- 1 x Q2671A
- 1 x 940XL Black
- 2 x 940XL Cyan
- 2 x 940XL Magenta
- 2 x 940XL Yellow

NSW School Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year Seven students:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose;

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided

- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year Seven but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year Eight. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form (within 1 business day). Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

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.

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 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



Brad Hazzard
Minister for Health
Minister for Medical Research

MEDIA RELEASE

Monday 6 February 2017

MENINGOCOCCAL W PROTECTION FOR NSW TEENS

The NSW Government will fund a new school-based meningococcal vaccination program for all Year 11 and 12 students to combat the rise in the W strain of this potentially fatal disease, Minister for Health Brad Hazzard announced today.

"This week I made clear to senior health officials that the NSW Government would do whatever possible to protect our young people against Meningococcal W and other strains," Mr Hazzard said.

"The NSW Government is now allocating \$9 million for this vaccination program in its first year, which will see 180,000 vulnerable teenagers in all high schools eligible to be vaccinated."

The NSW Meningococcal W Response Program will target 17 and 18 year olds this year, as immunisation experts advise that this age group is particularly at risk because of their physical closeness with peers (e.g. kissing, coughing, sneezing).

Meningococcal W has become a prominent strain nationally and in NSW, with the state's notifications almost tripling since 2015. Over the last 10 years, the W strain has had an eight per cent mortality rate compared with a four per cent rate for other strains.

The program will start in Term Two, and be expanded to cover other upper high school students in subsequent years.

If any Year 11 and 12 students miss out on the vaccine at school, they will be able to get the vaccine for free from their GP later in the year.

Under the program teenagers will receive a four-antigen vaccine, which provides protection against the A, C, W and Y strains.

The NSW Government takes the risks posed by meningococcal disease very seriously and will continue to monitor international responses and advice and work with the Commonwealth Government on the national response.

For more information go to

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w.aspx> or call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

MEDIA: Leonie Lamont | Minister Hazzard | 0407 591 926

STOMP presents: **FHS Trivia Night**



Wednesday 22nd March

at the FHS Hall 7pm start

\$5 per head, tables of 6-10 people

Come and test your knowledge and have some fun with family and friends.

BYO nibbles or order a platter for \$10

Table bookings by Monday 20th March:

Call 0358831344

Money raised will go towards future STOMP initiatives



CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

- 17 C Lawton
- 20 D Pyke, D Jewell
- 21 S Robinson
- 22 V Bryce
- 23 L Bryce
- 24 T Clarke, Kim Arnold
- 27 J Chellew
- 28 T Nash, Ros Lockhart
- 29 K Chesworth
- 30 T Roe
- 31 K Litchfield, T Doohan

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 7: Getting to school on time



It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child's morning routine.

It is important to be at school on time because:

- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students. Eg. Any changes to school routines, coming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher pupil interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.



Missing school leads gaps in your education

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 8: Tips for Parents



There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to

- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.

- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework



Missing school leads gaps in your education



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1ST
6-10PM**

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& Foster Carers Raising Children



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- Education
- Friendship
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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@centacareswsw.org.au or weekesp@centacareswsw.org.au





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



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Tuesday nights

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4:30pm

Karate Teens & Adults

3:30pm

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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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