



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

30th March 2017

KEY DATES

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
Breakfast Club

Sport Day, periods 3 and 4

27 Year Ten Careers Day Out
Riverina 15 years boys AFL
Trials

28 Riverina 15 years girls AFL
Trials

May

3 Cross Country
Breakfast Club
Parent Teacher Evening,
4pm to 7pm

4 – 5 Year Twelve Melbourne
Tertiary Tour.

8 Open Boys and Girls AFL

Principal's Report

The end of the term is arriving with rapid speed. As Term One draws to a close, we see Year Twelve sitting their Half Yearly Exams, Year Eleven VET students completing work placement and the SRC planning activities for Youth Day and the school social.

Nanga Mai Award for Kayla Smith

On Tuesday, Kayla Smith was awarded a NSW Nanga Mai Award for her achievements in athletics. This prestigious award was presented in Sydney to Kayla who was supported by Mrs Jackson. Kayla has achieved outstanding results in athletics at school, region, state and international competitions. Her specialty is long jump and she has broken many records at school. We congratulate Kayla on her achievement of this award.



Above: Kayla Smith with her award.

Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams

Year Twelve students are completing their half yearly exams this week. I would like to congratulate Year Twelve on the way in which they have approached these exams. Teachers have reported some impressive results already as they have commenced marking these exams. The commitment that Year Twelve students are showing towards studying in their study periods between exams has been exemplary. If Year Twelve continue to approach learning in this positive way throughout the remainder of the year, they will be able to look forward to some very pleasing results in their HSC. Keep up the great efforts, Year Twelve!

Year Eleven VET

Students who are studying Hospitality and Primary Industries will be heading into the workforce next week to complete the compulsory workplace component of their courses. I would like to thank the many businesses who accept our students into their workplace and work with them to build their industry skills. Community support of our school and its programs continue to be a strength of our school. Students would not be able to succeed in these industry based subjects without the participation and support of local businesses. For this, we sincerely thank you.

P&C

On Wednesday, February 14, the Finley High School P&C held their AGM for 2017. As a result, the following parents have been elected into the following positions.

President – Paul Jones
Vice President – Sasha Congram
Secretary – Rochelle Sharp
Treasurer – David Marsden

I would like to thank Suzanne Robertson for all her efforts as outgoing treasurer. I look forward to working with the new P&C throughout 2017. I encourage parents to get involved in the P&C this year as we commence planning for the development of our school over the next three years.

School Social

The SRC (Student Representative Council) has organised a whole school social for next Wednesday evening. The social commences at 6:30pm and ends at 9:30pm.

Students attending are encouraged to buy a ticket before the night.

All students are expected to stay at the social until 9:30pm. **No student will be allowed to leave early.**

Parents are asked to be prompt when dropping off and picking up their children.

I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered their time to supervise at the social on Wednesday to allow our students to have some fun together.

Youth Day

Next Friday the school will celebrate Youth Day by having alternate activities to promote team work and social interaction. Classes will run as normal for part of the day before students will join in activities led by the SRC. Once again, this day will help develop student's social skills as well as leadership and teamwork skills of our student leaders.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day falls on the last day of school holidays. Students are encouraged to march in their local marches in full school (summer) uniform. Please consult the local paper for times in your local town. We would encourage as many students to come along and help commemorate this special day and the sacrifices made for us in the many conflicts of the past century.

Term Two

Term Two commences for all students on Wednesday, 26th April. This will be a sport day. Sport classes move to periods 3 and 4 during Term Two and Term Three. It is likely that a new timetable will be issued to students on the first day due to changes in staffing. Students are encouraged to bring their normal books for Wednesday, but be aware, some changes may have been made.

Farewell and thank you

Next Friday, we will say farewell to two of our fantastic teachers.

Jane Ritchie has taught at Finley High School for over 29 years. Last week she received a transfer to Coffs Harbour. Jane has been an outstanding teacher at our school and has contributed much to the students at our school over the years. From coaching sporting teams, being a Year Adviser to taking on the challenge of encouraging students to wear their uniform and driving the implementation of IXL, Jane always gives her total commitment to the students of the school. I thank Jane for the huge contributions she has made over the past 29 years and wish her every success in continuing her teaching on the coast.

Mel Stratton will also be leaving us at the end of the term. Mel has been an integral part of the Support Faculty for the past five years. She has a passion for helping the students she is working with and has been instrumental in establishing new initiatives for our students with special needs. Mel is the Year Nine Adviser and will be missed by the many students she has helped over the years. I thank Mel for her dedication to our students and our school and wish her every success in her new role in Melbourne.

Happy holidays!

Mrs Helen McRae
Principal

SToMP - Student Team on Mental Positivity!

Bullying No Way Day!

Although Bullying NO Way Day was held on March 17th we incorporated it with our Close the Gap Day. The SToMP group ran some lunchtime activities including hula hoops, giant chess and skipping. The week before, the SToMP group organised some team building activities to be run during roll call. The aim was to create a team building atmosphere across all year groups and have some fun!

Trivia Night

On Wednesday 22nd March our Student Team on Mental Positivity (SToMP) held their second annual Trivia Night. The aims of the night are to build community connections and raise funds for future SToMP initiatives.

The night went smoothly starting at 7pm and finishing up a bit before 9pm. It was a great success with approximately 80 people attending including students, staff, parents and community members. The SToMP group organised the whole event from the questions, rounds and catering.

The winning team, The Cream, with a score of 100.5 won a \$100 Hong Loch Chinese Voucher. Followed closely behind on 100 points were the Jenny Boom Ravenhunterz who took home a \$50 Hong Loch Chinese voucher kindly donated by the restaurant. The Dirty Nearly Dozen came in third winning a box of chocolates. Lucky last went to the table, 11 & a half Eyes, who were happy with their wooden spoons, many for the second year running.



Left: Winning Team, The Cream.



Right: 2nd place 'the Jenny Boom Ravenhunterz with 100 points.



Left: 3rd place 'The Dirty Nearly Dozen'



Right: Lucky last 'Eleven and a half eyes'.



Above: parents, staff, students and community members enjoying the night.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant who have supported the event over the last two years with kind donations of vouchers.

It was a great night had by all and we can't wait to see what SToMP come up with for next year's event.

Close the Gap

On March the 16th SToMP supported the Close the Gap Campaign. The initiative aims to bring people together, to share information and most importantly, to take meaningful action in support of achieving Indigenous health equality by 2030.

Last year, more than 160 000 people took part in 1640 separate Close the Gap events across the country including Finley High School who submitted around 200 signatures in support of the campaign. With continued support from the public, we can ensure the Australian Government continues to work with Indigenous communities, commit additional funding and invest in real partnerships.

This year many staff and students took time out to sign the pledge during recess and lunch. SToMP put facts about the campaign in the daily notices during the week leading up to the event which increased awareness and understanding of their reasons behind supporting the pledge.



Generation Next Interactive Livestream

On March 17th 4 SToMP members had the opportunity to attend an interactive livestream from Generation Next. The workshop was about healthy technology use, stress and study and mental health. They heard from 3 professionals who work within the Mental Health sector.

After the workshop the team had the chance to brainstorm some of the ideas they could implement at Finley High to increase mental wellbeing. One idea that came up was the Year Twelve exams and how we could support the students. The SToMP group had learnt the importance of eating before an exam to kick start your brain functions for example a quick snack or breakfast. With the support of our Executive staff SToMP have decided to offer some bite size chocolates and fruit to our Year Twelve students before entering into some of their exams. They are also in the process of developing a support card which will have some stress less tips, support contacts and study information on them for future use.



SToMP wishes all our senior students the best in their half yearly exams.

Girls and boys Under 15 Soccer Report

On Friday 24 of March, the under 15 boys and girls soccer teams travelled to Hay. The girls played three games against Balranald, Deniliquin and Hay. Our team was undefeated with a combined final score of 14-0. The goal scorers were Savannah Wilson, Lily Sharp, Meg Marsden Jemma Coombs and Olivia Cicolini. It was a real team effort, especially to come away with a clean sheet.



Left: (Back L-R) Shelby-Lea Hislop, Hayley Doohan, Jemma Coombs, Ruby Russell, Courtney Lunn, Lucy-Jayne Burdon. (Front L-R) Meg Marsden, Lily Sharp, Savannah Wilson, Olivia Cicolini and Ally Barlow.

The boys got to play two games, firstly against Hay and then vs Barham in the grand final. The boys fought hard in both games wearing their opposition out to score all their goals in the second half. Benjamin was able to net 6 goals for the day. Harry John kicked one also.

It was a great day, well played, good sportsmanship with outstanding team work. The teams best on ground players were Meg Marsden and Benjamin Ashley-Cooper but every one played exceptionally well.



Left: Girls Captain, Hayley Doohan, with the Western Bill Turner Trophy and Boys Captain, Bailey Coombs, with the Bill Turner Cup.

Tennis and Bowls

On Monday the 27th of March, a selection of sporting teams from our school competed at Barham in the Tennis and Bowls competitions.

Finley High School sent both a Male and Female team to the bowls competition. The students enjoyed the beautiful scenery at Barham Bowls Club and our teams performed extremely well. The students both placed second (Male team) and third (Female team) respectively in the competition.



The tennis competition was located on the grass tennis courts at Barham adjacent from the Bowling Club. The students played strong tennis to pass through their first two matches, convincingly winning 36 games to 6 against Deniliquin High and 36 games to 15 against Barham. In the third and final round the team faced a resilient and upcoming team from Hay. Competition was fierce; however, Finley High managed to make it past Hay at the final moment with an injury withdrawal from the Hay team. The students have moved into the next round to be held at another date and are excited about their upcoming matches.



I would like to extend a special thankyou to Mr Tooke, our school Sports Coordinator, for organising the excursion and I would also like to thank the parents who drove the students to Barham for the excursion and helped during the day. It is most appreciated.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day and best of luck to the tennis team at your next event.

Mr Clark

IXL

The independent learning program that we have called IXL, has operated for our senior students throughout term 1. Student and staff feedback has been very positive about the program. I have been very impressed with our student's enhanced ability to plan the use of their time effectively and prioritise tasks so that they stay ahead of their work.

It was especially pleasing to see how effectively Year Twelve was using the available time between exams this week. They have certainly developed in their ability to focus on a task and achieve a goal.

The IXL centre received a lift this term with arrival of new modular furniture. This has given the space a fresh modern feel. It has certainly transformed the learning space and made it more versatile.

During term 2, senior students will be interviewed by their year advisor to discuss their goals and how we can all work together to help them achieve them. Students who are experiencing some difficulty in any subject will have a discussion about how we improve their outcomes in that subject and how they can best utilise their IXL time.

BYOD at Finley High School

Advances in technology have led to massive changes in the way we work, our recreation and the way that we learn. There are tremendous learning tools available to classroom teachers if all students are able to access a computer. NAPLAN and VALID are two nationwide assessments that all students sit in Years Seven, Eight and Nine. These will all be online tests from 2018. Students will be able to use their own device when completing these tests, which would be an advantage to them as they are using a familiar machine.

With these changes to our world it is essential that students are familiar with the use of computers and utilise them in the classroom. At Finley High School we have a BYOD policy so that the students are able to have access to the latest advances in education in classrooms. We are able to loan out a small number of older laptops to students who are unable to access their own. It is preferable that students have their own laptop to use.

The school has purchased laptop lockers for the students to store their laptops (and any other gear) when it is not required, such as during sport lessons. These lockers will help ensure that laptops are kept safe. There are several Key Learning Areas that would like to increase their use of technology in the classroom and enable the students to advance at rates that reflect their ability. This will happen if more students are bringing their laptops to school.

We have noticed a significant drop off in the number of students bringing their laptop and an increased reliance on using a school device. This unfortunately has led to many occasions where we do not have enough laptops, so the lesson had to be abandoned or students had to share a computer which is not ideal.

I encourage all students to bring their device to school or to purchase one. The more students who have a device at school, the greater the use will be in the classroom. Please remember that if you purchase a laptop you do not need to buy any software. The Microsoft package is provided free through the Department.

Careers

Reminder to Year Twelve students attending the Tertiary Tour to Melbourne – final payments and permission notes must be returned to the front office by the end of this term. Please contact Mrs White if you have any queries.

Reminder to Year Ten students to keep vigilant on attaining your work experience placements and to return the necessary paperwork to Mrs Philpot as soon as possible.

Reminder to parents to use the www.finleyhighcareers.com website. This is a great starting point to help you when discussing leaving school and careers with your child.

Reminder to parents of Year Twelve students – students receive a Career Newsletter that contains vital information about tertiary procedures and options, scholarships, employment opportunities and much more. If you would also like to receive a copy of this newsletter please contact Deb White in Careers. Also signing up for the VTAC blog and UAC bulletin on their respective websites can be a useful source of information.

The Future of Jobs

There is concern among students and parents that job losses through robotics, artificial intelligence and technology is creating uncertainty about future employment.

There's no question that technology will impact on future jobs and employment. Some jobs will disappear and new ones will be created. In fact there is evidence to suggest that there will be a net gain of jobs with 82% of companies saying they are likely to hire more people in the future. We can substantiate this by the fact that the top three countries with the highest number of robots and automation - Japan, South Korea and Germany - have the lowest unemployment.

The technology revolution is here!

While most jobs will be impacted by technology it doesn't mean they will disappear. They won't go ... they'll change. The choice is not Man or Machine but rather Man plus Machine. New technologies will make us smarter, more productive and faster at achieving outcomes. We are in a 'technology revolution'.

The difference today compared to previous revolutions, is the speed at which things are occurring. This makes it difficult for employers to predict beyond the next few years exactly what they'll need and who to employ.

So where does this leave students and job seekers.

There is going to be a skills gap and a transition period for a number of years as we figure out how best to use new technologies and the skills required. We don't really know exactly what these new skills will be but what we do know is that STEM and technology subjects will form an integral part of almost everything we do.

Being digitally smart is going to be a big advantage for future jobs seekers. Because of rapid change, everyone will be on a continuing learning curve as they transition through their working life. Those that don't want to learn new technologies will be left behind and a person's 'learnability' will determine their success.

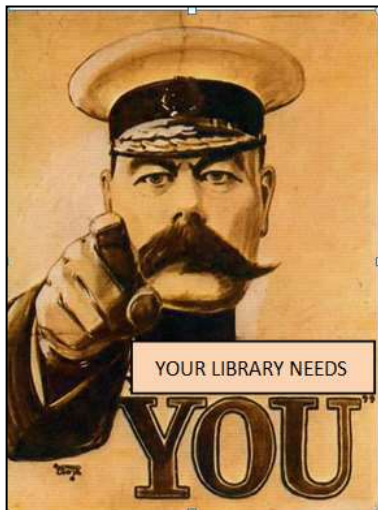
Our best advice

The best advice without knowing the future of every career or occupation is for students, in addition to their chosen career and study options, add a technology subject or skill. Look at it this way, if you're planning to live and work in France then learning French is sensible. When planning your career, including a technology or STEM skill is shrewd.

<https://www.mycareermatch.com.au/>

Mrs White and Mrs Philpot
Career Advisers

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		

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

31 K Litchfield, T Doohan

April

3 M Kleinschmidt

4 H Harris

5 J Burdon

6 S Robertson

7 K Chesworth

26 J Burdon


27 S Barlow

28 M Haintz, K Barry

Community Announcements

Finley Farmers' Market

Come along to the Finley Farmers' Market this Saturday between 8am and Midday at Railway Park in Endeavour St. There are plenty of things for the kids to do at the Kids tables and from 10am they can join in games and an egg hunt. The market stalls have everything you need in terms of fresh, locally grown produce and locally made products.




3-Day Street & Stencil Art Workshop

Do you love art and design and want to work with a Melbourne based Stencil Artist and Outback Theatre for Young People?
Are you aged between 14 – 17 years?


When: 11 – 13 April 2017
Time: 10 am to 3 pm
Where: Finley Pool, Murray Street
Cost: Free

Youth Week 2017

Get involved, be heard, make a difference!



OUTBACK THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au

Register via the links on the Berrigan Shire Council's Facebook Page
For more information ph: 03 58885100

<https://register.eventarc.com/37800/3-day-street-and-stencil-art-workshop-finley-swimming-pool>



FAMILY BUSH DANCE

APRIL
1ST
6-10PM

DINNER AVAILABLE 6-8PM
FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS
ALL NIGHT
BYO ALCOHOL
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FINLEY

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Are you a Grandparent, Carer or Foster Carer of children?
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- Friendship
- Shared experiences & Knowledge
- Parenting Strategies
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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@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



St Joseph's Primary School Jerilderie

presents



* Poker * Black Jack * Roulette * Silent Auction * Bar

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday 6th May from 7.30pm at
Jerilderie Civic Hall

Standard Ticket \$35 pre booked or \$40 at door
(includes \$40 play money and canapes)

High Roller Ticket \$90 pre booked or \$100 at door
(includes \$130 play money and canapes)

\$1000 cash prize up for grabs

For more information contact St Joseph's on: 03 58861475 or
After hours Cath Rorato on: 0428497016