



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

10th August 2017

KEY DATES

August

- 16** Breakfast Club
Homework Centre at Finley
High School Library
- 18** Six Decades of Bullying
performance
- 21 -25** Trial HSC Exams
- 23** Breakfast Club
Homework Centre at Finley
High School Library,
Berrigan St Columba's and
Tocumwal Public School
- 30** Breakfast Club
Homework Centre at Finley
High School Library

September

- 6** Breakfast Club
Homework Centre at Finley
High School Library,
Jerilderie St Joseph's and
Barooga Public School
- 11 – 15** Year Eleven half year Exams
- 18 – 22** Year Eleven VET
Workplacement
- 21** Year Twelve Formal
Assembly and Graduation
Dinner

Principal's Report

Staff changes

We welcome Mr Johnson to our school who is helping to cover some Mathematics classes this semester, along with Mr Maxwell.

Ms Marten has moved into the TAS faculty to replace Ms Street who is on maternity leave. Mrs Philpot is replacing Mrs McNamara who will commence maternity leave next week. Mrs Philpot will also continue to assist in Careers.

Mr Dolan has commenced as the Head Teacher Special Education.

Miss Brain will return next week as a Science teacher, temporarily filling the vacancy left by Ms Ritchie. Mrs Marsden and Ms Coates have been doing this up until now and will return to their roles in support.

Ms Downey has been on leave and the PE staff has been working overtime to teach her classes. Mrs Jackson is also currently on leave and will return in Week 6. Until then, the executive have been assisting me to fulfil the Deputy Principal role.

Riverina Athletics

Twenty one students participated in the Riverina Athletics Carnival on the 28th July. Of those students, eight students qualified for individual events at the CHS State Athletics Carnival to be held at the end of the term. They were: Ally Barlow (200m, 400m, 800m), Bailey Coombs (800m, 400m), Hayley Doohan (Shot and Discus), Allan Gardiner (Javelin and High Jump), Daniela Gargaro (100m and 200m), Archie Mason (800m), Zak Sartore (200m), Kayla Smith (100m, 200m, Long Jump, and Triple Jump) and the 14 years Girls Relay team. I congratulate all the students who represented the school at this carnival and wish these students in particular every success at state.

Special congratulations go to Kayla Smith who smashed the 30 year Long Jump record by a massive 8 cm, leaping 5.23m. This is an amazing achievement.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding sportsmanship of Hayley Doohan who went out of her way to assist an injured student from another school, giving the student her own jacket and blanket to keep her warm. Her selfless act was recognised and acknowledged via a letter to me from a

teacher from a school in Wagga. Her outstanding support of her fellow competitors is very impressive and we at Finley High School could not be more proud.

School Plan – 2018-2020

I will be hitting the road this term to go to each town to have meetings with parents about our current school plan and our future direction. I will be seeking feedback on strengths and weaknesses of our school and also what vision parents and future parents have for the school in the next 3 years. This will form the basis in planning for the next three years. If any parent would like to be a part of the planning team, I would welcome them aboard. Planning is likely to take place in Term 4 while the visits to the towns will happen this term.

Parents unable to attend meetings in their local towns will be asked to complete a survey at the formal assembly in Week Eight.

Forensic Science Day

As you no doubt read in the paper, our Year Six Forensic Day was quite a success. Over one hundred students came to participate in the activities and engage with our Year Nine students who led groups of students in conducting a variety of experiments. It is hoped that students may choose to come to Finley High School as a result of this day and other days like this.

Homework Centre on the Road

Homework centre has been on the road twice this term. Primary students and high school students have had the opportunity to work with our high school teachers in Tocumwal, Finley, Berrigan, Jerilderie and Barooga. This initiative is designed to raise the profile of the school in these communities as well as give our students and future students the opportunity to have teachers assist them with their homework after school. Thanks must go to all the teachers who have volunteered their time to attend these centres. Particular thanks go to Kate Littlejohn who runs the homework centre each Wednesday at our high school, and Jodi Brown and Matt Whitty who have organised the “on the road” version.

KRAM Winners for this week

I-Tunes vouchers – Courtney Lunn, Sophie Griffiths, Connor Taylor

Canteen vouchers – Sophie Lostroh, Lachlan Morris

Handballs – Taylon Cardwell, Leziah De Peralta

Year Six Forensics Day

Finley High School runs a Forensics day as part of its transition program and to give students some exposure to the types of Science activities that they will be involved in when they get to high school.

The day involved one hundred and ten Year Six students from public schools and Catholic schools in the drawing area, coming to the high school to participate in several forensic science workshops.

The day began with the students participating in an interactive forensic science workshop presented by an external provider. At this workshop the students learnt about some of the techniques that a Forensic Scientist would use to gather evidence, to help solve a crime. They then used this knowledge to solve an actual crime that had taken place.

The students then broke up into mixed groups to complete two forensic science experiments. These groups were led by Year Nine students from Finley High school. The day was a great way for Year Six students to have an introduction to our school and develop positive relationships with our, soon to be, senior students.



Above: Allan Gardiner, Nicholas Gray, Shiloh Pyle, Harmonie Tidcombe, Meg Marshall and Larshya Mohan.

Legacy Public Speaking

Recently, Jemma Coombs and Mackenzie Hannan participated in the Legacy Public Speaking Competition. This took place at Trinity Anglican College in Thurgoona. The girls presented a five minute speech on a topic of their choice. Both girls gave their perspective on the power of their local community and they did a great job with these speeches. The impromptu was 'The future with artificial intelligence'. This was challenging for our young students but they did the best they could and should be proud of their overall effort. They worked hard in the weeks leading up to the competition to make sure they represented the school to the best of their ability. The worthy winner was a Year Nine student from Trinity. A special thank you is extended to Julie Hannan for taking the girls to Thurgoona. Sascha Jones also went to support the girls and to learn from the experience. They all had a great day out.



Mrs McNaught
Public Speaking Coordinator

Year Eight Mathematics

In a Year Eight Maths class, technology has been integrated to maximise student engagement and learning outcomes. Students are benefiting from accessing the Mathspace package, which provides lessons and videos that allow students to visualise mathematical concepts in an interactive way. Importantly, Mathspace encourages students to set out their work correctly and have good mathematical practice. The students enjoy it because they work independently through adaptive questions receiving immediate feedback.



Above: Students, Taylon Cardwell and Logan Shumack-Bell enjoying using technology in Mathematics.

Finley High School P&C Finley Bowling Club Raffle

Friday 15th September from 6pm
at the Finley Bowling Club

The P&C, on behalf of Finley High School, has its annual community fundraiser at the Finley Bowling Club on Friday, 15th of September.

We are asking if you would please donate items suitable for use as prizes for the raffle.

Please leave any items you wish to donate at the front office.

It would be great to see as many families as possible come along on the night and have a bit fun with the raffle and enjoy a meal at the Finley Bowling Club.

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

“HOMEWORK CENTRE ON THE ROAD”

Finley High School’s
“Homework Centre on the Road”
is an opportunity for students in Years 5 to 12 from all local schools
to attend supervised homework sessions
where they are able to complete homework tasks
while being supported by high school and primary school teaching staff.

VENUES

Wednesday 26th July - Berrigan Public School and Tocumwal Sacred Heart

Wednesday 9th August - Jerilderie Public School and Barooga Public School

Wednesday 23rd August - Berrigan St Columba’s and Tocumwal Public School

Wednesday 6th September - Jerilderie St Joseph’s and Barooga Public School

4pm – 5pm

Afternoon tea provided

Offered by FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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

August

11	C Lawton
14	M Read, H Mortlock
15	Suzanne Robertson
16	G Ferguson
17	A Lee, Jenny Clark
18	M Haintz
21	D Pyke
22	C Girdwood
23	B Agosta
24	L Bryce
25	K Litchfield, K Arnold

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 13th September 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



Finley High School

Canteen Roster Volunteer Sheet

The Finley High School canteen is looking for volunteers to help in the school canteen throughout the year. Volunteers are required to help between 10am to 2pm with a break from 12 noon to 1pm where parents can go shopping or go to appointments. Morning tea and lunch is provided.

If you are available to help, even for one day, please complete the slip below and return it to the high school office.

If you have any questions please call Kaylene or Bernadette in the canteen between 8am to 2:15pm on (03) 5883 1105

Volunteer's name: _____

WWCC Number: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Address: _____

Student's Name: _____

Please indicate your preference:

I will volunteer one day per term: _____

I will volunteer two days per term: _____

I will be on call if needed: _____

I am available to help on the following dates: _____



Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications and submitting School Drive Subsidy and Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme attendance checks.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes, tracking the status of your application and tracking the status of your School Drive Subsidy application and payments.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number or exchange program when applying online, making the application and approval process much faster.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

Note: Student attendance checks will be available for completion by schools after the last day of semester (1 July 2017).

FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS



LITTLE ATHLETICS WILL BE STARTING AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST AND WE ARE INVITING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

REGISTRATION: Registration nights will be held on Friday 18th August at 5pm & Friday 25th August at 5pm.

There is a 2 week trial for any new athletes to see if they like it.

WHERE: Finley Rec Reserve

Competition is held every Friday night at 5.30pm sharp .
Coaching is available at no cost every Monday & Wednesday afternoon for any interested kids .

All children must be accompanied by a parent

For more information please call;

Pat Kelly: 0475917443

Ken Gardiner: 03 58833440, 0408215271

Rick Gardiner: 03 58833106, 0438852677