



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

7th September 2017

KEY DATES

September

- 8** Defence Force recruitment presentation 1pm in the MPR. Years 10-12.
- 11 – 15** Year Eleven half year exams
- 13** Breakfast Club
- 18 – 22** Year Eleven VET Workplacement
- 20** Breakfast Club
- 21** Year Twelve Formal Assembly
Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
- 22** Last day of Term Three

October

- 9** First day of Term Four
- 10 - 12** CSU Future Moves visit
- 11** Breakfast Club
- 16** Finley High School Leadership Day
- 18** Breakfast Club
- 25** Breakfast Club
Roads and Maritime Services FREE workshop – helping learner drivers become safer drivers
- 27** O'Donnell Shield – Boys and Girls Cricket

November

- 1** Breakfast Club
- 6 – 10** Year Ten Exams
- 8** Breakfast Club

Principal's Report

Week Eight is upon us and the term continues to fly by. I would like to thank all the parents and friends who attended Tuesday's Formal Assembly in the cold weather and especially thank those who completed the open survey about strengths and areas for improvement for our school. There were some insightful comments made and we will use those comments to help plan our school direction for the next three years.

Don't forget, if you would like to have your say about the future direction of Finley High School, come along to one of our meetings in the next week at the times and places below:

Jerilderie Public School library Tuesday 12th September 4:30 – 5:30pm

Berrigan Public School TBC Wednesday 13th September 4:30 – 5:30pm

Tocumwal Public School TBC Thursday 14th September 4:30 – 5:30pm

For those parents unable to attend these meetings, the survey is attached to the end of this newsletter. If you have some ideas and suggestions, please email your ideas to me at the school.

A team of students, parents and teachers will meet in Term Four to view the ideas from the community and set some targets for the next three years. If you are interested in joining this team, please call me at school.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce and the Finley Lions Club for their recent donations. We value the support of our community who help us in so many ways every day. The donations from the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce will be spent on supporting the homework club on the road and the donation from the Finley Lions Club will continue to help support the Brekky Club, which allows us to provide food and Milo to over one hundred students every Wednesday.

SRC and School Captains 2018

Elections are currently being held for the 2018 Finley High School Captains as well as the 2018 SRC members.

Yesterday during period one, students and teachers were privileged to listen to fifteen articulate young women and men speaking passionately about why

they would be honoured to be the captain of our school in 2018. Each speech was sincere and meaningful, making the decision very difficult.

Voting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday this week and School Captains will be announced on the final Formal Assembly for Year Twelve, on Thursday 21st September.

Good Luck, Year Eleven!

Year Eleven final preliminary exams will commence on Monday 11th September. Students will have exams each day of next week and will also have time to prepare and study in between exams. I wish them every success in these exams which serve as an important bridge to their HSC year which commences in Term Four.

Snow Trip

It was with great disappointment that the Snow Trip was called off on Monday. Blizzard conditions would have meant lifts not open and poor visibility making the day unsafe for our students. Mr Maxwell is hoping to reschedule the trip for one day in the last week of term. Stay tuned!

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Tell Them From Me

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted until 13th October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Next week a flyer containing instructions on how to access the survey and your unique access code will be emailed to you, or sent home with your child if we do not have your email address. In the meantime, more information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

Tricia Jackson
Deputy Principal

Report of Beef Cattle from Finley Show

The students are all to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves at the 100th Finley Show. Whilst not every student went away with a ribbon all students were winners for stepping up and competing in the various events. The events they participated in included Junior Judging, Junior Handlers, stud beef classes and prime beef classes. We were also very proud to be awarded the Woolamai Pastoral Co Best Presented Team award. Other placings are outlined below.

Stud Beef Classes	Exhibit	Handler	Placing
Under 12 months female	FHS Millie	Stephanie Wright	1st
Under 12 months female	FHS Maggie	Isaac Arnold	2nd
12 - 16 months female	FHS Mia	Ben Chesworth	Highly Commended
20 - 30 months female	Nullamanna Kate and FHS Nigel	Stephanie Wright and Justin Lawton	2nd
16 - 20 months male	FHS Leon	Marley Healey	1st and Reserve Junior Champion
Group of three head, both sexes represented	FHS Leon, FHS Millie and FHS Maggie	Isaac Arnold, Shelby Hislop and Max Cameron	1st
Prime Beef	Exhibit	Handler	Placing
300 - 385 kg	FHS Marvin	Isaac Arnold	1st
386 - 450 kg	FHS Marty	Marley Healy	2nd
	Charlotte - Black Simmental from Webb Simmentals	Lauren Steel	3rd
	Drover - Hereford donated by J & M Doyle	Rebecca Pierce	5th
	Bonton - Angus donated by R & J Hawkins	Hamish Congdon	8th
451 - 500 kg	FHS Mack - Limousin X Shorthorn	Marley Healy	3rd
	Gizzmo - donated by J & S Montgomery	Kim Montgomery	5th
501 + kg	FHS Molly - Limousin X Shorthorn	Stephanie Wright	2nd
	Digger - Hereford donated by J & M Doyle	Rebecca Pierce	5th
	Richard – Donated by Amanda Watkins	Lauren Steel	6th
Handlers Classes	Student	Exhibit Paraded	Placing
13 Years & under	Alanna Steel	FHS Marty	3rd
	Ben Chesworth	FHS Mia	4th
	Hugh Burton	FHS Magic	Merit
14 Years	Samantha Stokes	Digger	1st
	Max Cameron	FHS Marvin	2nd
	Charli Cameron	Blinky Bill	3rd
15 Years	Kim Montgomery	Gizzmo	1st
16 Years	Rebecca Pierce	Drover	1st
	Marley Healey	Marty	2nd
17 Years	Stephanie Wright	FHS Molly	2nd
	Isaac Arnold	FHS Marvin	4th

Junior Judging	Student	Placing
15 years and over	Hayley Doohan	2nd
	Isaac Arnold	3rd
	Rosie Archer	4th
	Kim Montgomery	5th
	Lauren Steel	6th
14 Years and Under	Niamh Mason	1st
	Max Cameron	2nd
	Ben Bauer	3rd
	Hugh Burton	5th
	Ben Chesworth	6th

Thanks go to Mr Webb for his tireless work, Mr O'Leary for all his support behind the scenes, David Marsden for use of his truck, Alex, Daniel and Shaun for helping set up at the showgrounds, Fiona Burton for making Saturday's toasties, Lisa Healey for the lovely sandwiches and lamingtons, Mrs Lawton for Sunday mornings bacon and egg sandwiches, Kirstie Chesworth for bickies and slices, Joanne Cameron for the lovely fruit and another lovely Mum that sent chocolate cake. Of course we would not be able to achieve these great things if we didn't have our wonderful farmer friends who donate cattle and hay so that the wheels on our ag farm continue to go around; we are truly blessed and we are the envy of many schools. Last but not least thanks to our friend David Bolton who clips and hoof trims all our cattle and Ash who assisted with clipping and gave the students tips along the way.



Above: Students preparing the cattle for the show.



Above: Ben Chesworth leading FHS Mia.



Above: Alana Steel leading FHS Marty.



Above: Hugh Burton leading FHS Magic



Above: Kim Montgomery leading Gizzmo.



Above: Marley Healy with FHS Leon.



Above: Rebecca Pierce leading Digger

Finley High School Waterwheel

With the schools Media Hub Team currently working on our annual school magazine, the Waterwheel, we are aware a large number of students have NOT returned their Media Consent Form giving consent/withdrawal of consent in regards to media permission.

We have recently sent emails to many families, published reminders and resent notes home. We are unable to publish any student photos, including official school photos, or their names without the consent from a parent or guardian.

When putting together the Waterwheel, utilising social media and publishing newsletters, it is important we are aware of any media consent given or withheld. This ensures that we appropriately celebrate the great things happening at our school whilst keeping our students safe.

If you have not yet notified the school as to whether your child/children have consent, or not, for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. At any time if circumstances change and you wish to withdraw or change your consent we ask you to please notify the school.

Many Thanks,

The Media Hub Team.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

....LADIES, please note 10am start....

September

8	C Lawton
11	C Alexander
12	P Neessen
13	J A'Vard
14	J Burdon
15	K Arnold
18	S Congram, M McCaw
19	H Harris
20	C Moloney
21	J Orro, A Lee
22	K Chesworth

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.

fhsbandcassociation@gmail.com

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.

Community Announcements

Hearing appointment

Shane Atkinson, Nurse Audiometrist, will attend Finley Community Health Centre on Tuesday 10th October and Monday 4th December 2017.

If you have any concerns about speech, learning or behavior, 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.

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 17 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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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

JERILDERIE TOWN



Saturday 16TH September 2017.

Site fees \$30 – includes advertising & signs.

For application forms contact Janine A'Vard
0428577304 kjavard@bigpond.com

A local fundraiser for the Timor Leste Immersion Program 2018. 10 Finley High Students are raising money for their in country costs & to purchase goods for donation to schools & medical clinics.



Finley RS Squash Club



Spring Competition 2017

The committee are searching for new junior players to take part in the Spring Squash Competition playing every

Monday for 10 weeks.

It will start after Term 3 holidays on **Monday the 9th of October** and end on **Monday the 11th of December** just before Christmas Holidays.

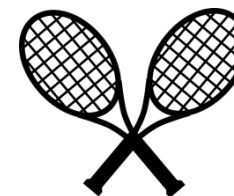
If you have never played before or simply want to see how it is played, come try it out on our registration night on the **20th of September.**

Returning players also need to come to registration night to be re graded.

Want more info?

Contact President **Hayden Lunn 0429 438 481** or
Secretary **Shania Bentley 0448 179 763**

And add us on Facebook, **Finley SquashClub**, for updates on the Finley RS Squash Club!!





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Guest Speaker : Dan Petro

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**11TH SEPTEMBER @ BIRALEE
PRESCHOOL, 6-8 DAWES ST FINLEY**

6.30PM-8.00PM

For bookings and further enquiries
contact Jessica at Biralee Preschool
on 5883 1609 or Tammy at Centacare
on 0429 129 613



2017 Sir John Monash Education Bursary

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay: ***"Depend upon it, the only hope for Australia is the ballot box and an educated electorate"*** (details of which can be found in the Bursary requirements and conditions on Council's website).

Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Murrumbidgee Council who are considering entering into post secondary education through University, College or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. **Entries close at 4.00pm on Friday 10 November 2017.**

The bursary is valued at \$2,000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Friday evening, 24 November 2017 in the Jerilderie Civic Hall, Jerilderie. Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from Council's website www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

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Craig Moffitt
GENERAL MANAGER



FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Survey – School Plan

Respectful
Responsible
Learners

Three years ago, the community of Finley High School worked together to develop a plan for moving our school forward.

The School Plan 2015 – 2017 focused on three main areas for improvement: Teaching, Learning and Wellbeing.

The time has come to reflect upon what we have achieved, evaluate it and move forward to develop our next three year plan. To do this, we need your help.

Over the past three years, we have implemented several initiatives. These have included:

In the senior school

- Changing from the college model structure of the senior curriculum to the more traditional approach
- The introduction of IXL – the independent learning program for Year 11 and 12.
- Senior Review meetings with Year 11 and 12 students to discuss progress and goals
- Interviews with Year 10 students regarding subject selection for Year 11
- Introduction of the Senior Leadership Group

Across the whole school

- Introduction of PBL – Positive behaviour for Learning
- Implementation of the Homework Centre and the Homework Centre on the Road
- Introduction of the learning SpACE
- Introduction of BYOD – Bring Your Own Device
- Development of the student led STOMP team promoting positive mental health
- Development of an AECG in the community and the development of aboriginal cultural activities
- Wellbeing initiatives including Empowerment Days for Boys and Girls
- Development of Area 1 of the playground and the refurbishment of the library

In the staff

- All staff have developed professional learning plans
- All teachers have lessons observed by peers or supervisors twice per year and give and receive feedback
- All teachers are evaluating data from students to plan for future teaching and learning.

We now are seeking your feedback on what you feel we do well, what we don't do so well and in which areas you would like to see the school develop in the next three years.

This simple and open survey is confidential.

We simply ask that you let us know what you think we are doing well and what you think we could do better. As many details as you can give will be appreciated. We will use your ideas and suggestions to form our new school plan. If you would like to join the planning team, or talk to me more about your thoughts, please write your name at the bottom of this survey.

Strengths of Finley High School

Please jot down one or two things that you think work well at Finley High School (and why if possible)

Areas for improvement at Finley High School

Please jot down one or two things that you think should improve at Finley High School

Future direction for Finley High School (Wish)