



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## KEY DATES

### October

- 22** Year 11 Biology Excursion – Boat Rock
- 22-24** STEM Youth Development camp
- 24** Numurkah Show
- Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 26** Under 15 Riverina Netball
- 30 – 31** Farm Vehicle Safety Training, Year Eleven Primary Industries
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 31** Breakfast Club

### November

- 7** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 5 - 9** 9/10 Exams
- 14** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 19 -22** Year 10 Sydney Excursion
- 21** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30 pm to 4.30pm

## Principal's Report

It is with enormous pleasure and pride that I have taken up the position of principal at Finley High School. I have joined our school from Condobolin High School where I held the position of principal for three and half years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work and dedication of Mrs Jackson who relieved as principal for terms 2 and 3. Can I also acknowledge those staff who supported Mrs Jackson in relieving executive roles -Mr Campbell and Ms Downey as deputy principals and Mr Tooke and Mr McCarney as relieving head teachers.

As the new principal, I look forward to working with our whole school community to ensure our students are provided with every opportunity to be successful life long learners. Returning to the Riverina Murray has been an ambition of mine for many years and my journey in returning has taken me 30 years. During that time I travelled the world in the Navy and then into teaching at Northmead, Chatswood, Crookwell and Condobolin High Schools. Each of those schools were fantastic and I take away wonderful memories and experiences.

This week I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received from parents, students and the staff. I have been impressed by the friendliness and maturity of many of the students who have introduced themselves and told me about why they enjoy being here. I look forward to providing the best education and opportunities for our students. I believe in open and transparent communication, so with that in mind I would like to briefly share my core values. I am committed to providing all students, regardless of their academic talents, with the opportunity to succeed. The opportunities to excel at Finley High School are many and diverse, and I am privileged to lead a school that has the ability to engage students in a rich and purposeful life. The physical and emotional security of all is my highest priority. An atmosphere of mutual trust and respect supports students to take managed risks with their learning, which in turn helps foster key 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Our job is to create a culture that systematically cultivates habits and attitudes that enable young people to face difficulty calmly, confidently and creatively. Confident students learn faster and better. They concentrate more, think harder and find learning more enjoyable. My main task at present is to get to know the school and its community.

This first week I have had the pleasure of attending an AECG meeting, P & C meeting, have addressed the whole staff and have spoken at a whole school assembly. I have managed to meet with staff individually and have had the opportunity to observe a number of classes. I have also sent out a welcome

REMINDER : Parents, Please complete the *Tell Them from Me* parent survey. Details below

to all our feeder schools and look forward to meeting with their principals, staff, parents and future students.

It's an exciting time and I look forward to getting to know you and working side by side with all members of the school community to ensure that Finley High School continues to develop resilient, happy and lifelong learners.

Jeff Ward  
Principal

## Tell Them From Me Reminder

### **The Tell Them From Me parent survey**

Our school is participating in the **Partners in Learning parent survey**. 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 parent' 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 open until 26 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fhs>

## Blue Day

To conclude Term 3 our Student Team on Mental Positivity (SToMP) ran activities for Blue Day which supports Mental Health Month by promoting positive mental wellbeing. Blue Day aims to raise awareness and remove the stigma associated with mental health. The activities ran by past and present SToMP members for the student body included Kahoot, team building puzzles, informational videos and self-positivity posters.

### **Kahoot**

This involved questions around mental health statistics as well as places in the school where you can get help, and who can provide it. It also bettered the students understanding of severe impact that mental illnesses can have on their peers.

### **Informational Videos**

These videos clarified students understanding of stigma and its effects in preventing people from speaking out and getting the help they need

### **Self-Positivity Posters**

Students were encouraged to think about themselves and to write down their strengths, their future aspirations, their favourite things and also what makes them who they are in a creative fashion. Once students completed this, we displayed them on the walls of the hall to show case all of our wonderful individualities

## Puzzles

This team building activity aimed to form bonds between the students and improve their confidence within their groups. It also helped them work in a team and be inclusive to all. They did this through a puzzle relay activity.

Students and staff were all encouraged to wear blue to support this cause. There were prizes for best dressed. The lucky winners were Abi Litchfield, Sascha Jones, Jemma Coombs and Jalen Rogan. At lunch time SToMP held a BBQ and sold cupcakes and drinks. The funds raised will go towards future SToMP initiatives. The team also had music playing, skipping ropes and hula hoops out at lunch time. It was fantastic to see everyone out there having fun.

We would like to thank the past Year 11 and 12 SToMP members who came along to help facilitate activities and support the day.

## SToMP 2018



Above: The Blue Wiggles (FHS Staff)



Above and left: Blue Day student activities.



## Victoria Police Special Olympics Torch Relay

Dela Gargaro was part of the Victoria Police Special Olympics Torch Relay on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018, as they ran through the streets of Cobram. The cauldron was lit at the Showgrounds Reserve followed by a games and activities day.

Pictured is Dela with her runner Gab from Victoria and Chevonne one of the organisers from Western Australia.





## Royal Melbourne Show

Finley High School agriculture department had a very successful time at the Melbourne Show. All 46 students who participated were exceptional and were very excited to win a number of prizes with our beautifully presented stock including the 'Most Successful Shorthorn Exhibitor and especially the 'Best Maintained School or College"

Special thanks must go to our wonderful Ag teachers, Mrs O'Leary, Mr Webb and Mr O'Leary, who go above and beyond, and also to all our very supportive parents and community members.



Above: Joc Brain leading Neville.



Above back: Hugh Burton, Jacob Doohan, Molly Bear, Ben Chesworth (holding Kathleen), Shelby Hislop (holding Penny). Front: Lachlan Simpson, Elle Rochford and Niamh Mason.



Left: Finley High Students were great ambassadors for our school and agriculture. They were kept busy answering questions from the general public about our animals and where we live.

Right: In the dress up class, our students and Penny won first prize with their Toy Story inspired costumes.







Above: Our stand at the show.

## Dairy Show Team at Geelong Show

Finley High School Dairy are currently competing at the Geelong Show. Four students and their dedicated leaders, Mr and Mrs O'Hora are doing our school proud.



Above: Mrs O'Hora and Tamzin Bell having some pre show fun

Below: Christopher Wright parading a holstein heifer



Right: Mr O'Hora offering Dela Gargaro some advice.



## Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to all parents of Year 10 students- the second round of Work Experience will take place during the week 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December.

Some students are already organised which is great. Don't leave it until the last minute.

Many thanks,  
Jenny Philpot.

## School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 Applications Now Open

School student applications for 2019 are now open.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- Are continuing at the same school
- Are residing at the same address
- Have not been send an expiry notification from Transport NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. NOTE: Some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

For further information please visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

**PBL** in action – Agriculture students

Learning in a

Respectful,

Responsible manner



### AECG AGM

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
7pm in the staff common room  
(Administration building)

### Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
7pm in the staff common room  
(Administration building)

The P&C meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

### CANTEEN ROSTER

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

#### October

19	M Haintz, K Litchfield
22	M Kleinschmidt
23	H Harris
24	J Blackmore
25	A Lee
26	C Lawton
29	M Read
30	J Burdon
31	T Doohan

#### November

1	S Barlow
2	J Congdon, C Moloney



## Welcome to the redesigned SkoolBag App

Welcome to the new SkoolBag Mobile App. After months of development and testing, the completely redesigned SkoolBag Mobile App is now available for all app users. All the features of the previous version remain, however, a few things have moved around for an improved experience. Skoolbag will be continuing to make improvements to the new app so be sure to install future updates.

Keep reading for a quick overview of the key sections of the app.

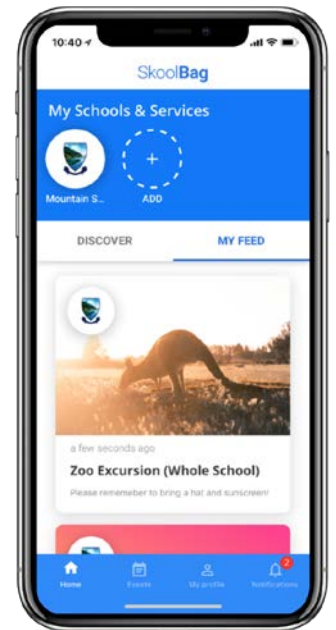
A guide to the new SkoolBag App

### My Feed

"My feed" is a chronological feed of all the content to which you have subscribed. This includes all posts and events from your school(s), including any subscribed Groups.

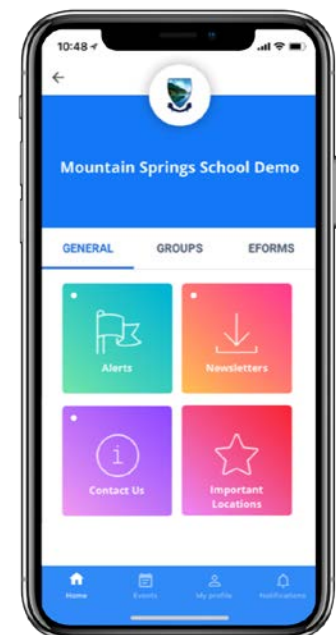
Tap any card to see the details of the post.

Or tap your school logo to access your School Profile. Tapping the "Add" icon will also allow you to add or remove additional schools.



### School Profile

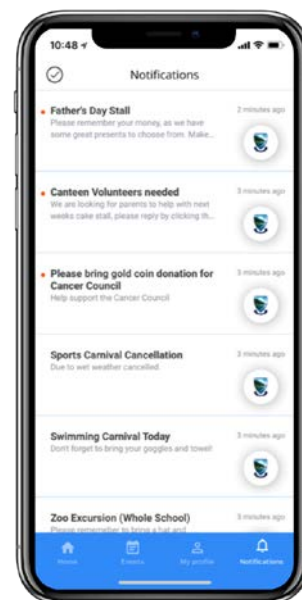
From here you can access General Content by Category, Groups and eForms (Absentee & Permissions etc.).



## Notifications

The Notifications tab displays all "Push Notifications" from schools and Groups to which you're subscribed. The Notifications bell will show how many 'unseen' notifications you have. As soon as you open the notifications screen, this will reset.

Red dots indicate un-read notifications, you can change the read status of notifications via the Tick-icon and 3-dot menu.



## Events

Days with events have dots. Click on an event card to see details and add to your personal Calendar.



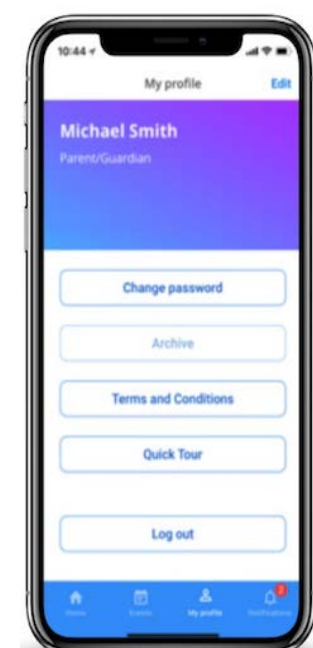
## My Profile

Update your details, log-out of your account or re-take the Quick Tour.

App download links,

iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/skoolbag/id1045358017>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.singleapp>





## Community Announcements

### **Jerilderie Cricket Club**

Jerilderie Cricket Club is now accepting registrations for the coming cricket season. Player numbers are uncertain for this season so we welcome players from surrounding towns who may like to join our club. For further information or enquiries please call Gayle Anthony on 0417 038331.

### **School Reunion**

20 Year school reunion for the class of 1993 to 1998 to be held at the Finley RS Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 from 5pm onwards. Please spread the word.

For more information please contact Tim Hay on 0401 261 865



ADDRESS: CNR KENNE & ANDREWS STREET ALBURY NSW 2640

## THE SAFE DRIVER COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES

### MODULE ONE:

A 3 HOUR FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSION ON HOW TO MANAGE RISKS ON THE ROAD. THIS WILL INVOLVE A MAXIMUM OF 12 PARTICIPANTS AND WILL BE DELIVERED BY A FACILITATOR.

### MODULE TWO:

A 2 HOUR IN VEHICLE COACHING SESSION TO DEVELOP LOW RISK DRIVING STRATEGIES. THIS WILL INVOLVE 2 PARTICIPANTS AND A COACH.

## COURSE COST: \$140

PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED 50 HOURS OF ACTUAL ON ROAD DRIVING EXPERIENCE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COURSE. CREDITS GAINED UNDER THE 3-FOR-1 SCHEME CANNOT BE INCLUDED.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETED THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

### ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- \* HOLD A VALID NSW LEARNERS LICENCE
- \* BE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE.
- \* HAVE COMPLETED 50 LOGBOOK HOURS (OF ACTUAL ON ROAD EXPERIENCE AND NOT CREDITS GAINED UNDER THE 3 FOR 1 PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS SCHEME)

## Narrandera Garden Club

## Town & Country

## Open Gardens

Sunday 28th October 2018

Maps on Sale  
from  
Narrandera Park  
& "Billenbah"  
9 am – 2:30 pm

\$15 per person  
including  
Devonshire Tea  
and plant stall  
at Uniting Church  
Hall

Light Lunch available at "Billenbah"

Cost - \$10 pp

in aid of Narrandera Can Assist

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