



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

## KEY DATES

### March

- 7** Breakfast Club  
**13** AECG AGM  
7pm in the staff common room.  
**14** Breakfast Club  
Finley High School P&C AGM  
Staff Common Room, 7pm  
**15** Formal Assembly, 12:30pm in the school hall.  
**21** STOMP Trivia Night  
6:30pm in the hall  
**29** Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams  
**30** Good Friday

### April

- 2** Easter Monday  
**3 – 6** Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams

### May

- 21 – 25** Year Ten Work Experience

## Principal's Report

### VALID

Results have come in from last year's VALID assessment.

This online assessment of Science concepts was completed by Year 8 students in term 4 last year. Student results will be sent home with students today. The Science faculty will use the results of this assessment to help plan for future learning of the students in Year 8 and Year 9 Science.

### Professional Learning afternoon

On Tuesday evening, all teachers remained behind at school until 6.30 to complete professional learning activities.

As part of the afternoon, teachers discussed the further implementation of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) in the school discussing how to implement the program effectively across the various settings in the school.

Miss Allan Georgas outlined her role as Girls Adviser this year and the plans she has for engaging with girls across the school.

Teachers then spent time analysing last year's HSC results, reflecting on their own teaching and discussing ways to improve their practice and student results within their faculties. This was followed by teachers developing their professional learning goals for the year, in consultation with their head teachers.

The evening ended with a focus on literacy and a review of the different strategies for teaching writing that teachers use in different subject areas.

Again, the time for reflection was invaluable as improving literacy and numeracy will be a major school focus over the next three years.

## **Aboriginal Education Consultative Group AGM**

The annual general meeting of the Finley Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) has been postponed due to poor attendance. An invitation will be issued to all indigenous families when the meeting is rescheduled. In the meantime, the AECG has written a letter informing everyone of what the AECG does. I have attached it to the back of this newsletter. I would encourage all parents and members of the Aboriginal community to attend this meeting to make a contribution to the educational outcomes for our local indigenous students. The new date for the AGM is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the Finley High School Staff Common Room. All are welcome.

## Attendance

I would like to remind you that attendance at school is compulsory until the age of 17.

If your child is sick or has a medical appointment, or needs to attend a family event, please bring a note to school explaining the absence the first day back at school. This will then be entered as an explained absence. If the note is not received within 7 days, it may be recorded as an unexplained or unjustified absence.

If your child is late to school for any reason, please write a note to explain why. The student should then report to the pay office and Mrs Close will sign them in and give them a late note for their teacher. We encourage all students to take responsibility for getting to school on time as this is an important skill for life. Students arriving without a note or phone call from home, may be given a detention.

## Upcoming events

I look forward to meeting with many parents at the following events which are coming up this term.

STOMP Trivia night – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – come along and have some fun

Formal Assembly – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – We will recognise the outstanding efforts of our students in their classes who are dedicated to achieving their best and contribute positively in the classroom.

## KRAM Winners

This weeks winners of the KRAM prizes were:

I-Tunes Voucher - Hamish Cameron, Tamzin, Darcy Pyle

Canteen Voucher – Shadeau Brain, Rachel O’Kane

Handballs – Courtney Cook, Mia Neessen

Helen McRae

Principal

## Swimming Carnival

The Finley High School Twilight Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of February. It was a great day with some excellent swimming efforts and results. A number of records were broken throughout the day.

Tuppal house was the overall winner on the day. They had more swimmers than any of the other houses which led to their win. Age Champions for the day were:

<b>Age Champions:</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>Senior</b>	Emma Carey	Nicholas
<b>16 Years</b>	Elle Rochford	N/A
<b>15 Years</b>	Sascha Jones	Rory
<b>14 Years</b>	Mackenzie Hannan	Justin Lawton
<b>13 Years</b>	Charlotte Mason	Justin Lawton
<b>12 Years</b>	Morgan Evans	Cruz Nash
<b>11 Years</b>	Dakota Pyle	Jacob Orro

The Riverina Carnival will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Leeton. We have twenty five students representing the school at this event. Good luck.





Above: Students competing.



Above: Diving into the relay.





Below: Stephanie Wright and Emma Marsden in their house colours.







Above: Mitch A'Vard and Hamish Congdon.

Below: Students competing in a novelty event.





## PDHPE News

As we have now settled into the new year, all students in Years Seven to Ten need to know when their practical and theoretical PDHPE lessons are. They need to ensure this is recorded on their timetable. This will help their organisation in bringing the correct equipment to class. If for some reasons practical clothes (sports uniform) can not be brought to school, they should bring another change of clothes, accompanied by a note to explain why uniform was not possible.

If there are concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or your child's PDHPE teacher.

Ms E Downey  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## Careers

### *Charles Sturt University Visit*

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February Finley High School hosted Charles Sturt University (CSU) recruitment staff who spoke to interested Year Twelve students about future study at CSU. Students had the opportunity to listen to information presented, ask questions and participate in a role play scenario. Information sessions like this are invaluable for students as they research their tertiary options for next year and beyond. Students, Hannah and Liam, who volunteered to act in the role play received a CSU Hoodie as a prize, as did Kiarni, who won the lucky door prize for attendance.



Above: CSU staff with Kiarni Jones and Hannah Heaney

## Parents of Year Ten Students

The first week of Year Ten Work Experience will take place during Week 4 Term 2 (21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May).

Students will be preparing for Work Experience during their Careers lessons. They will be working towards achieving their Work Health and Safety Certificate and creating their Unique Student Identifier number.

A White Card course will be offered for those students who will be working in construction or associated occupations. Details regarding cost and definite date will follow.

It's a good idea to start having a conversation with your child about options, ideas or plans to make the most of this important week. Students are not confined to the Finley area. They can investigate workplaces further afield.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Jenny Philpot  
Careers Teacher

## Year Seven Camp Recount

### Shudhho Sourajit

*"Waking at 5:30 am I was running around, scrambling to get ready. After 30 minutes, I rushed into the car and Dad drove us to the High School. I opened the door to a breeze that blew past my face and I was filled with a rush of excitement. I ran towards the bus and energetically hopped on the bus as my name was marked off."*

*"We stopped along the way at Howlong for recess. Trees covered the landscape. The river sparkled and danced under the glimmering sunlight. A beautiful luscious green painted over the trees polishing the beautiful area. Birds sang their cheerful song and butterflies roamed around."*

*"After a short break we got back on the bus and continued on with our journey to Howmans Gap. Mountains towered over the area when we arrived and the sky was royal blue in colour."*

### Morgan Evans

*"After 4 hours on the bus we finally were there. We took our bags off the bus and headed down to the cabins to find our rooms. Our first activity was 'the daunting' climbing wall, we strapped on the harness, clicked all the buckles and started climbing and climbing. There were three walls for us to climb. One was harder than the next. So up, up, up we went and at the very top, if you were lucky enough you got to squeeze a rubber chicken to celebrate."*

### Cassidy Reynolds

*"Our first activity was the giant swing. I was so excited, we had to pull everyone up to the top and some people screamed which was bit funny! Then it was my turn... I was really nervous and really afraid of heights but I told my group to take me to the top of the swing so that I couldn't back out! AS I got to the top and everyone counted down, 3... 2... 1... I pulled the string and both my stomach and I dropped. It was probably the best activity that I have ever done!!"*





Above: Kyden Wellman, Emily Johnson, Shannon Spinner, Dakota Cracknell, Jebediah Meyervale, Tamzin, Kadeesha Conlan, Hunter Mathers, Lenny Dattoli, Noa Cain, Mia Neessen, Travis Lawton, Talon Stevens

Below: Xavier Bell on the tight rope.







Above: Sebastian Graham, Connor Chivers and Malcolm Apps ready for rock climbing.

### **Open Boys Basketball**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February our boys basketball team consisting of James McCaw, Duncan, Nicholas Baldwin, Taylor, Nicholas, Liam and Kayden Sharp travelled to Deniliquin to participate in a Gala day. There were teams from Tooleybuc, Deniliquin, Barham, Hay, Balranald and Finley.

The boys played well. They won 2 out of 3 games.

Team photo withheld as we don't have all media consent forms returned.



## Finley High School Uniform Policy Reminder

All students are required to wear full correct school uniform every day – see uniform details below.

For safety reasons **leather shoes are mandatory** for all lessons other than sport/PE practical.

**Shoes should be all black** – shoes with white soles and/or logos are not school uniform.

During cold weather, additional, non-uniform warm clothing should not be visible.

Please note:

- An **occasional** courtesy note/email from home to excuse uniform for a day or two is acceptable. Student will be issued with a green permission slip.

If a student has reason to be out of uniform for more than a couple of days, please contact the school by phone to discuss the matter (Mrs Braybon or Mrs Jackson). **Note** that leather shoes will still be required for all practical classroom lessons (Science, Food tech, Metalwork etc).

- An out-of-uniform red slip will be issued to any other student wearing unacceptable uniform items; after three red slips, a letter will be sent home indicating that the student has been placed on Level 3 Uniform.

### RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

UNIFORM ITEM	ACCEPTABLE F.H.S. UNIFORM		UNACCEPTABLE (NOT UNIFORM)
	GIRLS	BOYS	
<b>TOPS</b> SHIRT, JUMPER, JACKET, VEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Green, white &amp; blue FHS shirt.</li><li>Green FHS jumper.</li><li>Black FHS jacket.</li><li>Second jumper UNDER school jumper in cold weather.</li><li>Plain black vest – no hood</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Green, white &amp; blue school shirt.</li><li>Green school jumper.</li><li>Black school jacket.</li><li>Second jumper UNDER school jumper in cold weather.</li><li>Plain black vest – no hood</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>All hoodies.</b></li><li>Football/ netball club jackets and tops.</li><li>Grey and black Riverina rugby tops.</li><li>Singlets and football jumpers.</li><li>Coloured visible skivvies</li><li>Vest with hood or any other trimming</li></ul>
<b>BOTTOMS</b> PANTS, SHORTS  DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black jeans or pants (winter).</li><li>Black shorts (summer).</li><li>Green skirt (winter).</li><li>Green &amp; white FHS dress.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grey long pants.</li><li>Grey shorts.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>All track pants.</b></li><li><b>Leggings and skins.</b></li><li>Football shorts.</li><li>Sport shorts.</li></ul>
<b>FOOTWEAR</b> SHOES, SOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black leather fully enclosed shoes.</li><li><b>Predominantly black, grey or white socks.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black leather fully enclosed shoes.</li><li><b>Predominantly black, grey or white socks.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Canvas shoes.</li><li>Runners.</li><li>Coloured lifestyle shoes.</li><li><b>Shoes with white soles/logos</b></li><li>Thongs and open sandals.</li></ul>
<b>SPORT UNIFORM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>PLAIN WHITE</b> polo shirt</li><li><b>PLAIN BLACK</b> track pants/sport shorts</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coloured shorts</li><li>Football/other sport shorts</li><li>Coloured T-shirts</li></ul>

### SPORT DAYS: YEARS 8 – 10

- Normal uniform jumpers/jackets should be worn with sport uniform.
- Students must wear black leather shoes at all times except during sport.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

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

### March

2	L Bryce
5	T Roe, S Cracknell
6	H Harris
7	K Steel
8	L Knight
9	C Lawton, K Litchfield
12	J Russell, S Congram
13	S Robinson
14	K Chesworth
15	F Munson
16	T Clarke

## Finley High School P&C AGM

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 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)



## P&C Volunteers



Our P&C is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen for the  
St Joseph's Primary School Autumn Ball.

It will be held on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call Kayleen or Bernadette at the  
Finley High School Canteen on  
03 5883 1105 to put your name down. Thank you.



# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Date:**  
Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> March

**Cost: \$5pp**  
6-10 people  
per table

**Location:**  
Finley High  
School Hall

**Time:**  
6.30pm for  
7pm start



**SToMP**

Student Team on Mental Positivity

**DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

**BYO FOOD & SNACKS**

**RSVP- FHS TO BOOK TABLES**

**0358831344**

**PAY ON THE NIGHT**



As a parent/guardian of an aboriginal student we would like to invite you and your family to become members of the Finley branch of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

#### **What is the AECG?**

- The AECG is a group of both aboriginal and non-aboriginal parents and community members that meet with school leaders to try and find the best ways to help support aboriginal students.
- We help to advise the schools about the needs of these students, what activities or projects we would like to see the kids engaged in and how best to use the finances available to the schools.

#### **How often do we meet?**

- Finley AECG meets roughly four times each year.

#### **What is expected of AECG members?**

- Just attend the meetings and help add to the conversations. We value everyone's opinion and we all have the kids' interests at heart so it's usually not too hard to reach an agreement.
- Positions on the committee are available for those that are keen but you won't be forced into a position you don't want.

#### **What's in it for you?**

- You get to hear directly from the principals (or their representatives) about what activities they are planning for your kids and about the success or failure of past projects.
- You get to put forward your opinion about what's important to you and your family.
- Many of the schools are trying to develop cultural and learning support programs to assist aboriginal kids to connect with their heritage and to help them succeed. As a member you will have direct input into these programs.

#### **How do I get involved?**

- Call or text our Secretary Fiona on 0417 325 915 or let your school know so we can put you on the mailing list.
- Look out in the school newsletters for meeting dates and times of the AECG and just turn up.



# ECIS SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

**WHEN**  
**15th February 2018**  
**Thursday**  
**10am-12pm**  
**Fortnightly**



**WHERE**  
**Early Childhood Intervention**  
**Finley Office**  
**223-229 Murray Street FINLEY NSW 2714**

**FEATURING • a supported playgroup for children 0 to school age, which will support families to understand the importance of early childhood development and assist with children's pathways to preschool and school enrolment.**

Please contact us for more information  
t 03 5883 2585 m 0418 231283  
f 03 5883 4235 e [rbryce@kurrajong.com.au](mailto:rbryce@kurrajong.com.au)



**ALL FAMILIES**  
**CARERS, GUARDIANS,**  
**GRANDPARENTS**

**BENEFITING**  
Kurrajong Therapy Plus have an Educator, Speech Therapist and an Occupational Therapist as part of the team. They will be able to assess the needs of individual children and provide activities to improve their physical, communication and social skills within a group environment. This would also provide a great opportunity for parents to socialise, network and have some adult support conversations over morning tea.



**Centacare South West NSW**  
Wagga Wagga | Albury | Griffith | Finley  
Phone 1300 619 379  
[www.centacareswsw.org.au](http://www.centacareswsw.org.au)



## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

A PARENTING  
PROGRAM FOR  
BUILDING GOOD  
RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH CHILDREN

This program is designed to promote positive, respectful parent/child relationships by helping you:

- Learn more about the origins of your own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- Identify the important messages you want to convey to your children and how to achieve this;
- Understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and carers and how they do this;
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be;
- Learn about the importance of building self-esteem in children;
- Discover ways to take care of yourself and to find support when you need it; and
- Develop strategies to manage your parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on your time and role.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Centacare South West NSW on 1300 619 379 or email [info@centacareswsw.org.au](mailto:info@centacareswsw.org.au)

The GREAT Kids Program has been developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation with the support of the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

[www.kidscount.com.au](http://www.kidscount.com.au)



**Where:** Centacare South West

2 Coree Street, Finley

**When:** Wednesday 14th, 21st, 28th February  
7th, 14th & 21st March 2018

**Time:** 10.00am - 12 noon

Light refreshments included

**Fees:** Free

**Registrations:** Call 1300 619 379 or for more information call Tammy 0429 129 613



**FINLEY WILDCATS**  
**YOUTH GIRLS - SEASON 2018**  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Are you interested in playing Aussie Rules?

If you're aged between 13 and 17 and willing to give it a crack  
no matter what your footy skill level is

Then we want you to join the Wildcat family  
and be a part of the fastest growing girls sport in Australia with us!

Season 2018 will be kicking off in April

For further information contact either

Jorja Daniel – 0477 125 774 or Jodie Cicolini – 0400 588 697

**GO WILDSCATS**

**BILLABONG CROWS FOOTBALL**  
**AND NETBALL CLUB**

Invite all interested parties to join our club for the 2018  
season.

The Crows are a family inclusive  
club and are looking to increase our  
memberships this season.

We have a variety of strategies in  
place to help with travel  
arrangements.



So, if your child would like an extra game of footy for  
the weekend or you just feel like a fresh start. Please  
contact us and to join our club.

**Auskick & Junior Football:** Ben Brndusic 0413780777

**NSG & Junior Netball:** Anna Ferguson 0429982291

**Senior Football:** Al Austin 0429964312

**Senior Netball:** Rebecca O'Connell 0408504174

**WE FLY AS ONE!**