



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

29th March 2018

KEY DATES

March

30 Good Friday

April

2 Easter Monday

3 – 6 Year Twelve Half Yearly
Exams

4 Breakfast Club

6 School Photos

10 AECG Meeting, 7pm in the
Staff Common Room

11 Breakfast Club

12 School Photos catch up day

13 Last Day of Term One

30 Staff Development Day

May

1 Students return to school

21 – 25 Year Ten Work Experience

Principal's Report

Very Proud

I am extremely proud of the efforts of staff and students who have made this term a wonderful term at Finley High School by going above and beyond to work together to make this school great!

Harmony Day

Last Wednesday, the SRC, led by Ms Archinal, organised a wonderful Harmony Day to promote ideals of getting along with each other, no matter our backgrounds and beliefs. It was great to see so many students come to school dressed in the Harmony Day colour of orange. Orange spiders were sold at lunchtime and hand prints were formed on the quadrangle to signify unity and understanding. Year Twelve defeated the teachers in the soccer match at lunchtime. With thirty Year Twelve students taking to the field against twelve teachers, the teachers were able to hold the score-line to 2-0. A great achievement!

STOMP Trivia

The amazing STOMP team, led by Jodi Brown and Ms Downey held another successful trivia night last Wednesday. With close to one hundred trivia buffs vying for victory, it was a well-run event with all attending enjoying

the fun, the sharing of knowledge and the competitive spirit. In the spirit of "paying it forward", the winning team donated the first prize (sponsored by the Hong Loch restaurant) to the wooden-spooners. This is a fantastic gesture, indicative of the community spirit in our school.

Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday saw students and staff wear weird and wonderful hairstyles to school to support our three Year Twelve students who are raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by shaving their heads. Almost \$200 was raised on the day. The target for fundraising is \$3000. I would encourage all students and parents to support Simi Naicori, Meg Marsden and Isobelle Bradford in their ongoing fundraising efforts.

Autism Awareness Day

The students in the support unit have worked hard this week to raise awareness of autism. Each day in the school notices, a little fact about autism was read to the students and discussed. Aleesha Hannon gave an amazing speech to the school on Tuesday's assembly about Autism and what it means to be autistic. The students in the school fell silent, listened respectfully and applauded her with gusto at the end of her speech. She showed tremendous courage to speak

to the whole school about Autism and we were all so proud of her. Thank you to the support staff, especially Ms Infanti, and the amazing students and parents who prepared a wonderful cake stall to raise money for ASPECT – Autism Australia.

Inspiration Shared

Exciting news for Daniela (Dela) Gargaro. She has been chosen by 'Inspiration Shared' as an inspirational athlete. Competing against several Paralympians, Dela has been awarded a \$5,500 package which will see her travel to the Gold Coast next Wednesday for the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games. On Thursday morning she will be at the finish line to meet the triathletes as they complete their event.

Dela was nominated as an inspirational athlete by an unknown admirer.

Dela returns to school next Friday before heading to Sydney to compete in the NSW State CHS Swimming Carnival at Olympic Park in Sydney. Congratulations and best wishes, Dela.

Formal Assembly video

Whilst I was unable to attend this term's Formal Assembly, I heard how wonderful it was. Thomas Apps' guitar playing was outstanding, the swimming carnival power-point was terrific, Simi's speech to the school was wonderful and the Year Ten PASS class video on paying it forward was inspirational. Well done to all the students who achieved an award at the assembly. Keep up the great efforts!

In the past two weeks, Finley High has shown its heart to our whole school community. Well done team Finley!

KRAM Awards

This week's KRAM Award winners were:

I tunes Vouchers – Rory Knight, Abbey Marshall and Ann Cameron

Canteen Vouchers – Lauren Steel, Darcy Webb

Handballs – Larshya, Meg Marshall

In the spirit of paying it forward, Mrs McNaught donated a selection of Easter eggs which were drawn on assembly for extra prizes. Thank you Mrs McNaught for your generosity, and congratulations to those who won the chocolates.

Happy Easter!

Win a \$4000 Family Holiday by supporting Stewart House

Stewart House provides opportunities for children to travel to Sydney to stay on the beach, attend school and participate in social, health and educational programs. Each year 1,800 public school children in need go to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT, including Finley High School. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Stewart House relies largely on the generosity of staff and parents of students in public education. Costing \$4.5 million dollars annually to operate, donations from the public are essential for its future operation.

Therefore, Stewart House is conducting a donation drive.

Envelopes will be taken home by students in Years Seven, Eight and Nine this week. Insert a donation of \$2 or more into the envelope, write your details on the envelope and return it to the pay office at school. We will then forward your donation to Stewart House and you will be entered into the draw to win this wonderful prize.

The winning entry will be drawn on Friday, 25th May at 11 am and the winner will be contacted by phone.

Stewart House is an important service for our students who are often in most need and we would like to be able to continue to send students to Sydney for this vital service.

Thank you in advance for your support of Stewart House.

Helen McRae
Principal

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year Twelve must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the absence will be recorded as unjustified on the student's record.

Tell Them From Me Survey



Tell Them From Me

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 12 March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been emailed home. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 3 April 2018. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Mrs Jackson
Deputy Principal

Deniliquin Show

On arriving at the Deniliquin Showgrounds Mr Webb and I knew that our Shorthorns would be up against some tough competition. There were only three exhibitors in the beef cattle section this year, however there was a very strong line up of quality stock presented on the day.

We took 3 exhibits, 2 heifers and a bull, Finley High School Narla, Finley High School Maggie and Finley High School Magic.

Narla hadn't been off her mum for very long and was a bit grumpy to start off with but got into the swing of things as the day progressed. Our Judge for the day, Sapphire Halliday, really admired Narla for her growth for age and softness. Narla won the under 16 month class and went on to be awarded the Reserve Junior Champion ribbon. Sapphire deliberated over the awarding of the Champion ribbon for some time. She said it was a tough decision.



Right: Hayley Doohan and Finley High School Narla.

Maggie was actually not quite 16 months old in the class she was entered in and is in calf. Maggie was paraded into second place by Marley. Maggie is a lovely heifer that shows plenty of length and muscling and good productivity.

Magic was capably paraded by Kim Montgomery. He was in the 16 -20 month age group and was placed second up against some well muscled, naturally thick and well presented competition.

We had Maggie and Narla entered as a pair of heifers and we were very proud to win this award. We had our three exhibits entered as a group of three, you must have both sexes represented and were delighted to also take out this award. Sapphire said that she could see what we as breeders were aiming to achieve.

All seven of the students who attended the show participated in the handlers event. This obviously would not have been possible had we not been able to borrow cattle from other exhibitors. This is one of the great things for us about showing. There is a great sense of community and exhibitors are really happy to allow the students opportunities to learn and grow and develop their skills and put them to the test. The handlers were put through their paces, some of them being asked to parade different animals so that Sapphire could really see what they could do. Kim Montgomery was honoured to take out this event, however Kim was not the only winner. Every young person who put themselves out there benefited from this experience and they are commended for taking the opportunity presented to them.



Above: Ben Chesworth and Roly Park Shorthorn heifer



Left: Jacob Doohan with Iseco Limousin bull



Above: Kim Montgomery with Sapphire Halliday and Finley High School Magic.

In the sheep shed our Poll Dorsets also did well. Hugh Burton, Ben Chesworth and Ben Bauer were in charge of the showing of the eight sheep we exhibited and did a fabulous job. Our best performing ewe was awarded a second prize in the shorn, under 1 ½ years class and went on to be awarded the Reserve Champion ewe ribbon. Ben Bauer was parading this ewe. Our pen of three lambs were in the Prime Lamb class 43.1 kgs and over sired by a Poll Dorset ram. The lambs took out third place which was very pleasing.

Ag Department

We are currently applying for funds to purchase some technology which will enhance our students learning experiences and keep them abreast of current industry standards. Last year we were successful in receiving a grant and purchased a new sheep handler. This makes catching and handling the sheep so much easier. In addition we purchased weighbars to enable us to move to electronic weighing of our sheep. The reader unit that we currently use also interfaces with our cattle scales. We have been using the NLIS devices in our cattle since they were made mandatory but have this year purchased electronic id tags for our sheep. Hopefully we are successful with this years grant, if so we will purchase a stick reader, weigh scale and data collector and associated program. This will enable us to record 3 things, traits or activities, in one session. It would be great for recording weights, calculating daily weight gains, recording chemical treatments, the feed the animals are eating and so much more.

This week we had Brendan Ryan from Gallagher spend time with the Year Eleven Primary Industries and Year Twelve Agriculture classes teaching us about the equipment, how we could use it and the benefits it could bring to production systems.

Harmony Day

On the 21st of March students of Finley High School celebrated Harmony Day (organised by the SRC).

Harmony Day is an awareness day designed to assist students to think about the many cultures that make up our country, and our communities. The theme was “Everyone Belongs”. To this end students wore orange clothes, orange being the colour for harmony. Orange prizes were awarded for the best dressed girl and boy in each year. The students enjoyed watching a soccer match (the sport played most frequently across the world), at lunchtime, between Staff and students (the student team was stacked!). There were orange spiders for sale also. Some students also traced their handprints on the cement (there’s a photo included below). The newspaper also attended and took some photos which will find their way into the local newspaper.



A great day was had by all!

Students Representative Council



International Autism Awareness Week (26th March to 2nd April 2018)

This week, Finley High School celebrated International Autism Awareness Day (27th March 2018).

With a bake sale to raise money for ASPECT (Autism Spectrum Australia), students and staff brought in baked goods to sell. With a donation from The Finley Bakery and assistance from our Year Eleven Hospitality class; students were able to raise \$544.60 for ASPECT. This money will go towards helping families across Australia who need that little extra support.

Students and staff enjoyed participating in the lunchtime activity with many supported students thankful for the awareness that this day has brought to the disorder.

A special mention goes out to Aleesha Hannon in Year Nine who presented a beautiful speech at assembly. The courage that it took for Aleesha to present has helped other students in the school community stand up and be proud of having Autism.

Thank you to all the families of our students who supported the day with open hearts and arms – we could not have pulled this off without them.

As a faculty, we are proud of our students every day and Tuesday was no exception. Their hard work really paid off.

Above: students selling cakes and slices at lunch.



Left: Aleesha Hannon, Kennielle Chellew, Dela Gargaro, John, Cade Fisher, Gabbrielle Taylor-Tran, Tyson Morris and Max Roe.

Below: Aleesha, Max, Dela, Miss Infanti, Tyson, Wynta Brain and Gabbrielle.



Army Trades Day Excursion

On Friday 23rd March, seventeen Year Ten students headed to Bonegilla to investigate trade careers in the army. The day offered students a great insight into potential pathways and career options within the Army. Students had the opportunity to speak with current Defence personnel, as well as getting a hands on approach through the use of simulated weapons and other tools of the trade.



Above: Savannah Wilson trying on bomb disposal protective gear.



Above: Georgia Lunn having a go of a simulated weapon.

Below: Students in an army vehicle.



Parent Teacher Night CSU Visit

On Wednesday 11th April during Parent Teacher evening we have the Future Directions team from Charles Sturt University visiting. They are happy to discuss Year Twelve concerns on courses, accommodation, study skills and general university information. They are also happy to speak with other year level students and parents on issues such as subject choice and future study options. Please feel free to engage with the CSU personnel on the night. They will be set up in the Finley High School Hall along side the Finley High School staff – no appointment bookings are necessary.

Year Ten Careers

Students in Year Ten are reminded that they should be working to secure a work experience placement for their first round of work experience. Over Easter and the holidays when families get together it is a great time to discuss possible placement options with visiting relatives.

Year Twelve Careers

Reminder to all parents of Year Twelve students, a specific Careers Newsletter is published each week with happenings in careers both in the employment sector and the tertiary sector. As Year Twelve students progress through their post school transition this newsletter can be invaluable. The newsletter can be accessed via the Skoolbag App (Newsletter Link) or you can contact the Careers Department to request a direct email of the newsletter.

Reminder to those students who secured a spot on the Tertiary Tour – notes and money need to be returned by the deadline or the next person in line will be offered the available space.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

March

30 GOOD FRIDAY

April

2 EASTER MONDAY

3 T Roe

4 K Nicholls

5 L Bryce

6 L Koschel

9 B Agosta

10 J Blackmore

11 F Munson

12 A Lee

13 J Congdon

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th April, 2018
7pm in the staff common room
(administration building)

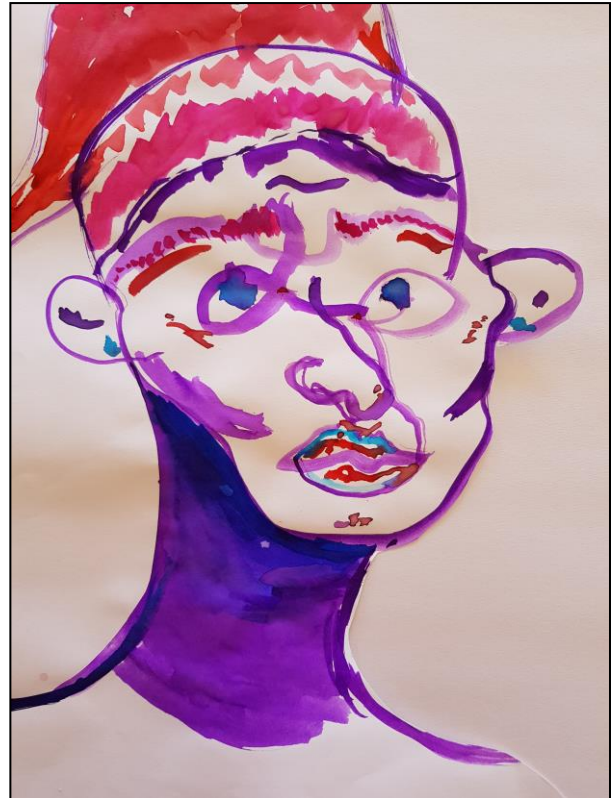
The P&C meet the second
Wednesday of the month.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

Around the Art Room



Above: Artwork by Alyssa Denny



Above: Artwork by Bella Jackson, memory drawing



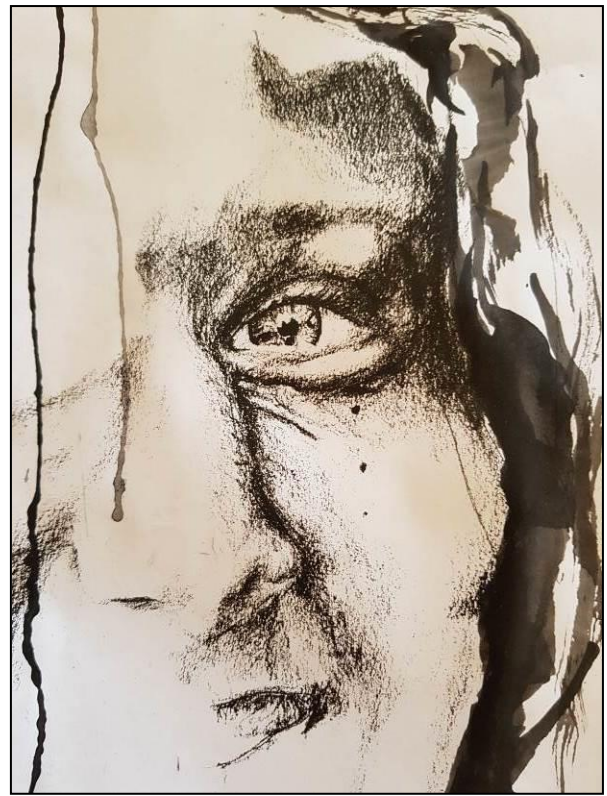
Above: Ben explores war.



Above: Bonnie, drawing underway.



Above: Artwork by Liam Rafferty



Above: Artwork by Eloise Ashley-Cooper

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Warm up 8:45am

Event Start 9:00am

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The Southern Region Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the lifeblood of grassroots sport in regional NSW.

Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteers in the open or youth category (25 years and under) who would be deserving of such an award.

To be eligible for the winter award the nominee must have been a volunteer with the club or association during the period from October 2017 to March 2018.

Nominations close on Friday 13 April 2018. Terms and conditions apply.

To nominate your volunteer, tell us in 150 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include the:

- Time they dedicate to the club, association or committee
- Positive attitude they demonstrate while volunteering
- Positive role model they provide to younger, and other club members
- Expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering
- Encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In October 2018 there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award (for those who volunteer between April to October 2018).

Submit nomination online at
sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/volunteer-award



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Darlington Point Skate Park – Carrington St, Darlington Point

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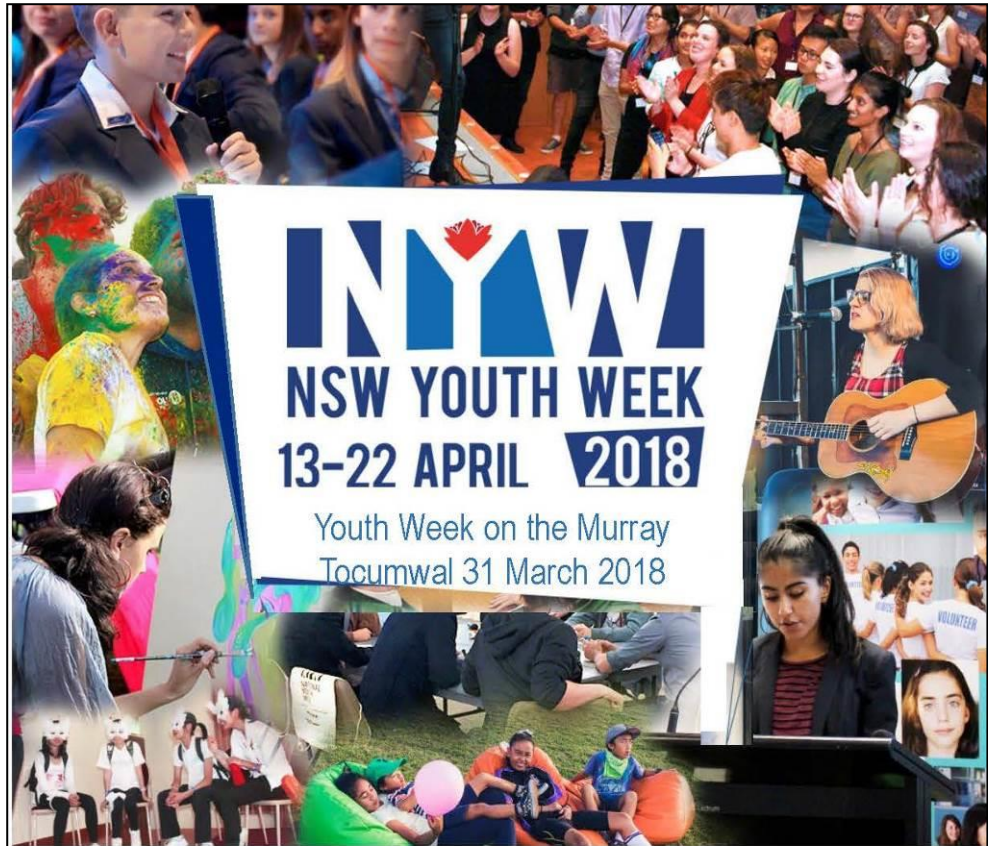
Presentation Night



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Winner notified by phone and announced on JPS facebook page and printed in 'Just Jerilderie' Southern Riverina News



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13-22 APRIL 2018

Youth Week on the Murray
Tocumwal 31 March 2018

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Help us Celebrate our Diversity and Show Case Youth Culture on
Toc's busiest weekend
Saturday 31 March 2018



African Drumming Workshops (Tocumwal Foreshore Reserve) & Henna Tattoos



Laser Tag at Tocumwal Foreshore Reserve- Tocumwal
(Entry from Anzac Avenue)

Time: 10 am – 1 pm Cost: Free

