



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mrs H McRae

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13th April 2018

KEY DATES

April

- 13** Last Day of Term One
30 Staff Development Day

May

- 1** Students return to school
2 Cross Country
3 – 4 Tertiary Tour
3 15's boy AFL Trials
7 Open Tennis and Bowls
8 MADDD Matinee
9 MADDD production
11 Athletics Carnival
14 Open Boys and Girls AFL
15 White Card Course
16 P&C Meeting, 7pm Staff
common room

Principal's Report

Farewell and thank you

After 45 terms at Finley High School, it is time for me to say farewell. I have been appointed as Director, Educational Leadership for the Deniliquin Network starting on Day 1, Term 2. In this role, I will work with 20 principals and their school teams on developing strategies for improving learning outcomes for students. I am passionate about ensuring kids in the bush have the highest standard of learning opportunities possible and will work hard for the students across the Deniliquin network by collaborating with principals and their communities to optimise student outcomes – academic, social and cultural.

It is therefore with mixed emotions that I write this final report as Principal of Finley High School. I am excited to begin a new and challenging stage of my career, but will miss those friendships and associations I have made with students, staff and the school community over the years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 11 years at Finley High and can honestly say I have never been in a more supportive school community.

Finley High is a wonderful school. The students here are positive, respectful and happy young people who contribute positively to their school community – participating in extra-curricular events, fundraising and sports – all with a sense of fairness and joy. I will sincerely miss the great ideas the students have to support each other and the sense of community they have in the school.

This week many students have taken the time to say goodbye to me in the playground and at the bus stop, bringing the odd tear to my eye. I do wish all students the very best in their future learning and in their life beyond the Finley High School gates.

I would like to sincerely thank the P&C for their support over the past 4 years. I have been so fortunate to work with a caring, passionate and hardworking group of parents in a community that values their school and what it does for their kids. I cannot express enough my gratitude for the support of the school community and know the support will be ongoing for Tricia Jackson and Ellen Downey (and in time the new principal) as they transition into their new leadership roles and acting principal and deputy principal. Special thanks to those parents who have taken the time to personally give me their good wishes or sent emails of care and support. They have made my last days at the school very special.

I also thank the staff for their endless ongoing support of me and the school over the years. Their commitment to ensuring students achieve their best is outstanding – whether they are in the classroom or in an office, in the farm, the library, the kitchen, the science labs or photocopy room or tending to the school grounds, the focus of making things as

good as they can be for our students is always the focus. Thank you for looking forward to make a difference and I feel sure that you will continue to look towards ongoing improvement of the school under new leadership.

Finally, thank you to the businesses, families, service clubs and learning partners who have supported school initiatives under my leadership. It takes the whole community to make a school a great school... and Finley High is a great school and will continue to be if we continue to work together.

I will still be living in Finley and hope to stay in touch with staff, students and their families over the coming years.

Have a great holiday!

Youth Day

Today we will celebrate Youth Day at Finley High School. Students are encouraged to dress in a costume from another country. Classes will be as normal for periods 1-4. Students will play trivial pursuit in the hall Period 5. I would like to thank the SRC for all their efforts in organising this day.

Timor-Leste

Many of our senior students will be travelling overseas this holiday to complete an emersion tour in Timor. These young people have been fundraising in the community for the past two years so that they can take much needed resources to the communities in which they will be living. This is a life changing trip and one which has seen students from previous trips make important decisions about their future direction. I wish them safe travels.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day will be marked on the Wednesday in the second week of the school holidays. I encourage all students to join their local marches and march proudly for Finley High School in their summer uniform. Each town will have a Finley High School contingent led by members of the senior leadership team or school captains. I look forward to joining these marches as my last official duty at Finley High.

CHS State Swimming

Over the past week, three of our students have travelled to Sydney to represent the Riverina in the NSW State Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival. Della Gargaro, Dakota Pyle and Sascha Jones all achieved outstanding results including some personal bests.

Sascha Jones completed a personal best swim to come first in 100m backstroke and received the prestigious Riverina Medal for her outstanding achievements in the pool. We, at Finley High School are very proud of all of these young women and their tenacity to always achieve their best.



Left: Riverina medal

Right: Sasha on the podium with her medal.



Horse riding

Sophie and Caitlin Griffiths also achieved some impressive results representing Finley High School at the Victorian State Interschool Championships at Werribee. Riding Margherite, Sophie came forth in the working hunter assessment while Caitlin came fifth in dressage and sixth overall on her horse Rhyl Georgette. Congratulations to you both on these amazing achievements.

School Sign

In an effort to improve our communication with the community, we have purchased a new electronic school sign which should be up and running in Week 1 of next term. Watch out for messages, pictures and videos to celebrate the terrific achievements of our students.

Mrs H McRae
Principal

Thank you

The P&C would like to thank Helen McRae for her input and assistance to the P&C throughout her time at Finley High School. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Paul Jones
P&C President

Take 5

Take 5 is a program for supported students that is designed to develop positive relationships, build self-esteem and target a range of social skills including listening and empathy. Social skills help students take responsibility for themselves and provide the basis for building better and more fulfilling relationships. These sessions also motivate positive behaviour and reinforce the importance of being respectful, responsible learners at Finley High School. Each Monday and Friday during Period 5 students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in activities including:

- Goal Setting
- Scattagories
- Charades
- High Tea
- Scavenger Hunt
- Mindfulness
- X-Box/Wii competition

right: Brooke Pitt, Sophie Roe and Kenielle Chellew
creating profiles.



These sessions are highly valued by staff and students and we are all looking forward to more exciting sessions next term.

Kate Allan-Georgas

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

April

13 J Congdon
30 Staff Development Day

May

1 M Kleinschmidt
2 J Burdon
3 A Lee
4 M Haintz, K Barry
7 M Read, M Kleinschmidt
8 H Harris
9 J Chellew
10 L Bryce
11 C Lawton

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 16th May, 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

Please note:

Due to MADDD night being held on the usual
date for the meeting, the P&C meeting has
been moved to the following week,
16th May.



Finley RS Squash Club

Winter Competition 2018



The committee are searching for new players to take
part in the Winter Squash Competition playing
Mondays for 2 terms. It will start on the **7th of May**
with a break over the school holidays. If you have
never played before or played previously, be a part of
our registration night on the **2nd May at 6pm.**

We welcome ages 10+ and of all abilities!

Want more info?

Contact **Shania Bentley 0448 179 763**

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



Mental Health Support

I have included some ideas that may help to support your child's mental health. Every child will experience a difficult time in their life when they need some extra support from their family and friends. Listening, supporting and helping them to cope with issues they may face can have a huge impact on children and their mental health.

Karen Andrews
School Counsellor



Tocumwal Mother's Day Classic

Join us and together we can

**WALK ALL OVER
BREAST CANCER**

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018

www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

Where: Tocumwal Recreation Reserve
Morris St, Tocumwal

The event starts at the Tocumwal Recreation Reserve and winds its way down to Town Beach then along the beautiful River Walk along the top of the picturesque Levee Bank to the Old Bridge and back along our lush Foreshore Park

Register online at
www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

4km Walk

4km/8km Run

Warm up 8:45am

Event Start 9:00am

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SUNSET CINEMA

FINLEY SHOW GROUNDS -
TRACTOR PULL SITE

A fundraiser for Melissa and Shane Cole



DESPICABLE ME 3

Saturday 14th April - \$5 entry
BYO chairs/picnic rugs/beanbags
Gates open at 5:30pm
BBQ, movie snacks and softdrink
available for purchase
Movie commences at 6:30pm
Support for this event is by Apex, Rotary, Lions, Finley
Showground and St Joseph's Primary School

SPL SKATE
PARK
LEAGUES



NEW SOUTH WALES SERIES



SCOOT 11:00am
14&Under / 15&Over
BMX 12:30pm
14&Under / 15&Over
SKATE 1:30pm
12&Under / 16&Under
Open Male / Open Female

FREE SKATE PARK COMPS

DARLINGTON POINT

SAT 14TH APRIL

Darlington Point Skate Park - Carrington St, Darlington Point

COLEAMBALLY

SUN 15TH APRIL

Coleambally Skate Park - Brolga Pl, Coleambally

Plus BBQ, coffee, cold drinks, art workshop w/ Kerri Weymouth & face painting!



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SOUTHERN REGION SUMMER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

**YOUTH
+OPEN
CATEGORY**



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



WIN



**John Deere
XUV590i
RRP \$18,100**

Jerilderie Public School P&C Raffle

\$10 per ticket

Drawn Wednesday 17/12/18 at Jerilderie Public School

Presentation Night



Supplied by:



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