



# Finley High School Newsletter

Acting Principal: Mrs P Jackson

Relieving Deputy Principal: Mr N Campbell

28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## KEY DATES

### July

- 2** Zone Athletics in Deniliquin
- 3** AECG Meeting, 7:30pm in the staff common room
- 4** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30pm to 4:30pm
- Homework centre on the road at Tocumwal Catholic School and Jerilderie Public School
- 5** HSC Business Studies Day in Wagga
- 6** HSC Legal Studies Day in Wagga
- Last Day of Term 2
- 7 – 22** School Holidays
- 23** Staff Development Day
- 24** Students first day for Term 3
- Forensics Day
- 25** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30pm to 4:30pm

### August

- 1** Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- 8** P&C Meeting 7pm in the Staff Common Room.
- Breakfast Club

## Principal's Report

### Reports

As the second term rapidly draws to a close teachers and students are still cramming in loads of learning and extra-curricular activities.

School reports for Years Seven to Eleven are being finalised and will be issued to students next Thursday. Year Twelve reports have already gone home. I urge parents and students to look beyond the grades and marks to the teachers' and Year Adviser's comments as these provide constructive suggestions about how each individual student can improve as well as pointing out the successes achieved. These comments often set a challenge, which all students should aspire to.

### State Representatives

As mentioned above, it has been a busy time for sport, with many successes to celebrate. Several weeks ago, four of our U15s girls AFL players were selected in the Riverina team. They then played for selection in the NSW State Team and Lily Sharp has been selected to play for NSW in the National Carnival in Adelaide. We wish Lily Sharp all the best and look forward to hearing of her success.

### Riverina Champions

The Finley High School U15 netball team won the Riverina Championship for 2018. This is an outstanding accomplishment, as we have to compete against much bigger high schools. The girls now head to Wollongong with Coach Mrs Sexton, to compete in the NSW State Championships.

### Excursions

Non-sport excursions have also been aplenty. Mr Whitty took the senior Legal Studies students to Dhurringile Gaol earlier this week. Students met with a number of inmates to hear about their experiences as criminals and prisoners. This program is beneficial for both; students get to deepen their understanding of crime and punishment whilst the inmates prepare for re-entry into society.

Our chess team recently competed in Narrandera, coached by Ms Begbie, and the Ag department made their annual sojourn to Holbrook where they competed successfully again. Thanks to the teachers who organise these

opportunities for students and the parents who support their students to attend.

We also had great success at Riverina Cross Country with a number of students competing in Gundagai. Bailey Thornton and Caitlin Griffiths performed exceptionally well gaining qualification to represent Riverina at State Cross Country in Sydney.



Left: Alanna Steel, Jemma Coombs, Elle Rochford, Niamh Mason and Sophie Griffiths.



Left: Liam Rafferty, Travis Lawton and Lenny Dattoli

Below: Caitlin Griffiths running the cross country course.



Photos courtesy of Jacinta Lewis and Tammy Griffiths.

## **Mrs McRae's Farewell**

The school is holding a farewell for Mrs Helen McRae to acknowledge her 11 years of service to Finley High School. Along with staff, members of the P & C and AECG are invited to attend on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm at the Country Club Hotel for drinks. Dinner will be available from the a la carte menu. This will be a lovely way to finish off the term.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday break with family and friends, and returns to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, well rested and motivated to succeed in term three.

Mrs P Jackson  
Acting Principal

## **SRC Report**

Early this term Ms Michelle Archinal ended her association with the SRC to take on the role of Year Seven Advisor, 2018. I would like to acknowledge her efforts and thank her for the handover.

The Year Seven representatives received their badges from Emma Marsden and Zac Barlow at the Formal Assembly on June 21. The Year Seven representatives are: Victoria Lawton, Lenny Dattoli, Dakota Pyle and Jacob Orro. These students have already made valuable contributions to the SRC group.

Students on the SRC recently surveyed their peers to gain feedback about possible improvements to the physical environment here at the school. The feedback was analysed and results shared with Mrs Jackson at one of our morning meetings. Mrs Jackson has prioritised the list into short and long term goals.

Emma Marsden attended the June meeting of the P&C association and invited Mr Paul Jones, P&C President, to attend one of our morning meetings. Mr Jones attended and explained the workings of the P&C Association and explored ways that the two organisations could work together to bring about improvements for our students.

As a means to hasten projects, SRC has decided to run two events in the coming weeks.

**Dress Up Day on FRIDAY JULY 2.** The theme for the day is "**Favourite TV Shows and Movies**". All students are asked to dress up on the day. SRC representatives will collect a gold coin from each of the students during roll call on the day.

**School Social: There will be a social on WEDNESDAY August 8, 6.30-9.30 pm.** The theme is "**OP SHOP**". We would love to see everybody there. Tickets are \$5.00 pre-purchase or \$7.50 at the door. They are available from the SRC Representatives of each year group.

The SRC and I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday break.

Deb Marten

## World's Greatest Shave

Three of our senior students Emma Marsden, Simi Naicori and Isobelle Bradford have spent the last few months fundraising for The Leukaemia Foundation. Over that time they have held a Finley High School Crazy Hair Day and sausage sizzle and door knocked in Finley and surrounding towns.

They were very fortunate to have Jerilderie Public School support them in both a hotdog lunch and Crazy Hair Day fundraiser. Simi and Isobelle travelled to Jerilderie last week to speak to the students about their World's Greatest Shave fundraising and what it means to them. They also donated books as prizes for the Crazy Hair Day. Simi & Isobelle stuck around for a quick game of capture the flag, which I think they enjoyed just as much as the Jerilderie Public School students.

Last Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, they held their last fundraiser and took that opportunity to shave their heads. Their Worlds Greatest Shave Trivia Night was a great success, raising \$2500. Approximately 180 family, friends and local community members attended the event. They would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses who supported them by donated prizes for the night; Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant, Betta Electrical, Outdoor and More, Jerilderie Chinese Restaurant, Daisy Mae's Finley, Berrigan Café and Finley Bakery & Patisserie.

They would also like to thank the hairdressers who came along to do their shaves; Carissa Braybon, Mandy Smith and Tracie Doohan. Your time and expertise was very much appreciated.

These students have had wonderful support from our local communities. Over the months they have exceeded their initial target of \$3000, with a final amount yet to be tallied we look forward to announcing it very soon.

We are very proud of these 3 students. They took this on whole heartedly and were the driving force of all fundraising efforts. The money raised will help a lot of people, and their families, experiencing blood cancer. Well done Emma, Simi and Isobelle.

Jodi Brown  
Student Support Officer



Left: Simi,  
Emma and  
Isobelle.



## Agriculture Enrichment Day

Last Friday, four students attended the annual Agriculture Enrichment Day at the CSU Graham Centre at Wagga Wagga. Hayley Doohan, Kim Montgomery, Rebecca Pierce and Lauren Steel were given an insight into the work of agricultural and veterinary scientists. The day provided an opportunity for students to see the science in action, encouraging them to consider a future in the agricultural supply chain. They participated in carcass workshops, including taste testing of beef, went underground into the Rhizolysimeter to observe root growth in canola and rotated through workshops involving food quality and sensory evaluation.



Above: Picture is of Lauren Steel and Rebecca Pierce observing roots under microscope while underground in the Rhizolysimeter.

## Under 15's Boys and Girls Basketball Report

On Monday 18th of June a group of under 15s boys and girls went to Deniliquin Stadium to compete in basketball against Barham and Deniliquin high schools. We had less than 2 weeks to prepare and only one training session. Considering we were at a disadvantage against schools who compete in this sport regularly, the students played some good games with some impressive teamwork and shots.

### Boys Team



Left: Boys team - Zander Nash, Oliver Knight, Will Sexton, Rory Knight, Cooper Burke, Shadeau Brain (Back Row), and Justin Lawton (Front Row).

Barham vs. Finley 41:12

Deniliquin vs. Finley 65:5

The boys went out and had a good time with Shadaeu as the highest scorer, Rory playing great defence and Cooper putting in a massive effort throughout both games. Some great shots were made by Cooper, Shadaeu and Will, who shot an impressive three pointer.



### Girls Team

The girls put in a great show of teamwork with Shae taking the lead in encouraging and instructing the girls in strategy, Charlotte taking highest scorer, Rose playing great defence and Amarlee putting in a massive effort throughout the day. Some impressive shots were made by Harmony and Charlotte, with many great attempts from all the girls.





Left: Jemma Coombs, Shae Fennell, Rose Chamberlain, Stella Mason (Back Row), Harmony Patu, Charlotte Mason, Jasmine Ackers, and Amarlee Price (Front Row).

Barham vs. Finley 25:10

Deniliquin vs. Finley 54:5



Even though the students lost all four games, they had a lot of fun and demonstrated some great sportsmanship. Both teams picked up their game in their second sets. It was clear if the students had the chance to practice regularly and learn the rules better, they could have performed much better.

Special thanks to the parents who helped by driving the students (Craig Knight, Vicki Ackers and Brent Mason) and to Mr McGuire who helped with organisation, driving and coaching.

Mrs Hurd.



## Careers

This week some students visited the Finley Campus of RIT (Riverina Institute of TAFE) to undertake information sessions in aged care, nursing and community services. The students had the opportunity to listen to and interact with TAFE teacher Alison Lulf who shared a wealth of knowledge from her years of experience in both Nursing and TAFE.



Above: Alison Lulf, Theodora Miaoudis and Shiane Mason.

Some events to look forward to in Careers in the coming term include:

- 26<sup>th</sup> July: A presentation at FHS from the Defence Force Recruitment Team for years 9-12
- 15<sup>th</sup> August TBC: A Tertiary information evening for Year 12 students looking to apply to University for 2019
- 28<sup>th</sup> August: A hands on workshop day at CSU Thurgoona for students in Years 9-12
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: A Teaching Careers VC on opportunities and scholarships for Year 12 students interested in a career in teaching
- Date to be decided: Year 11 Mock Interviews

Mrs D White  
Careers Adviser



## Art Excursion

On the last day of term, Mr and Mrs Clark accompanied stage 6 Visual Arts students to Melbourne to visit the National Gallery of Victoria. We attended two major exhibitions that survey a wide range of artworks.

Firstly, we attended the Triennial exhibition, a contemporary art exhibition featuring the work of over 100 artists and designers from 32 countries. The NGV Triennial surveys the world of art and design, across cultures, scales, geographies and perspectives.

Secondly, we attended the *Colony* exhibition at the Federation Square Gallery. This exhibition that explores Australia's complex colonial past and the art that emerged during and in response to this period. Drawing from public and private collections across the country, *Colony: Australia 1770–1861* brings together the most important examples of art and design produced during this period and surveys the key settlements and development of life and culture in the colonies. Importantly, the exhibition acknowledges the impact of European settlement on Indigenous communities.

Before we left Melbourne, Mr and Mrs Clark led the students through the laneways of the CBD to show the students the many significant Street Artworks that are throughout the streets. Special attention was made to ensure that we visited the work of Adnate. This artist donated one of his works to the school a few years ago. This piece is proudly hung near the steps that the students use to walk up to the art room.

Overall, it was a great day full of amazing artworks. It is hoped that the Stage 5 Creative Arts students will be able to experience a similar excursion in semester two of this year.

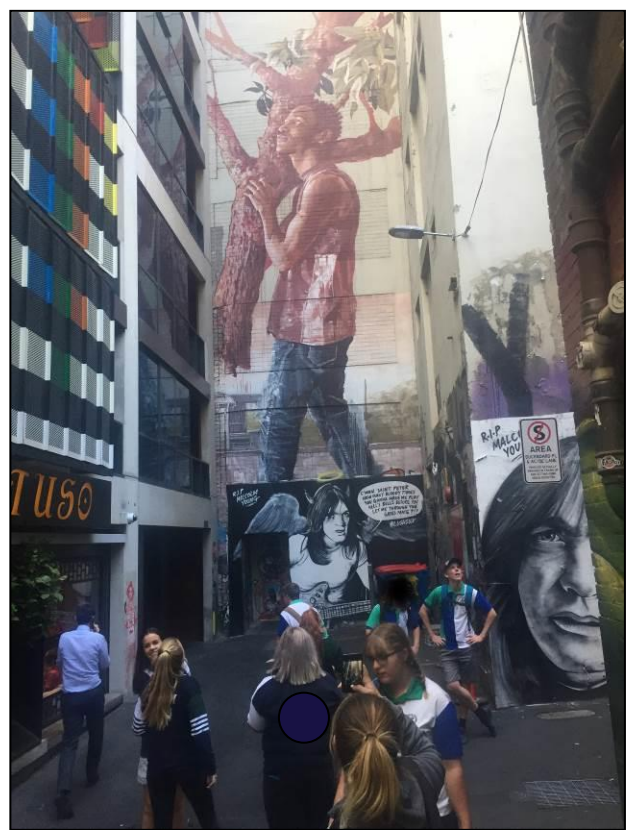


Above: Students looking at the street art.





Above: Students in front of street art.





## A walk around the Art Room

### Year 8 Zodiac Animal sculptures:



Above: Lachlan Morris and his dragon sculpture.



Close up of Lachlan's dragon sculpture.



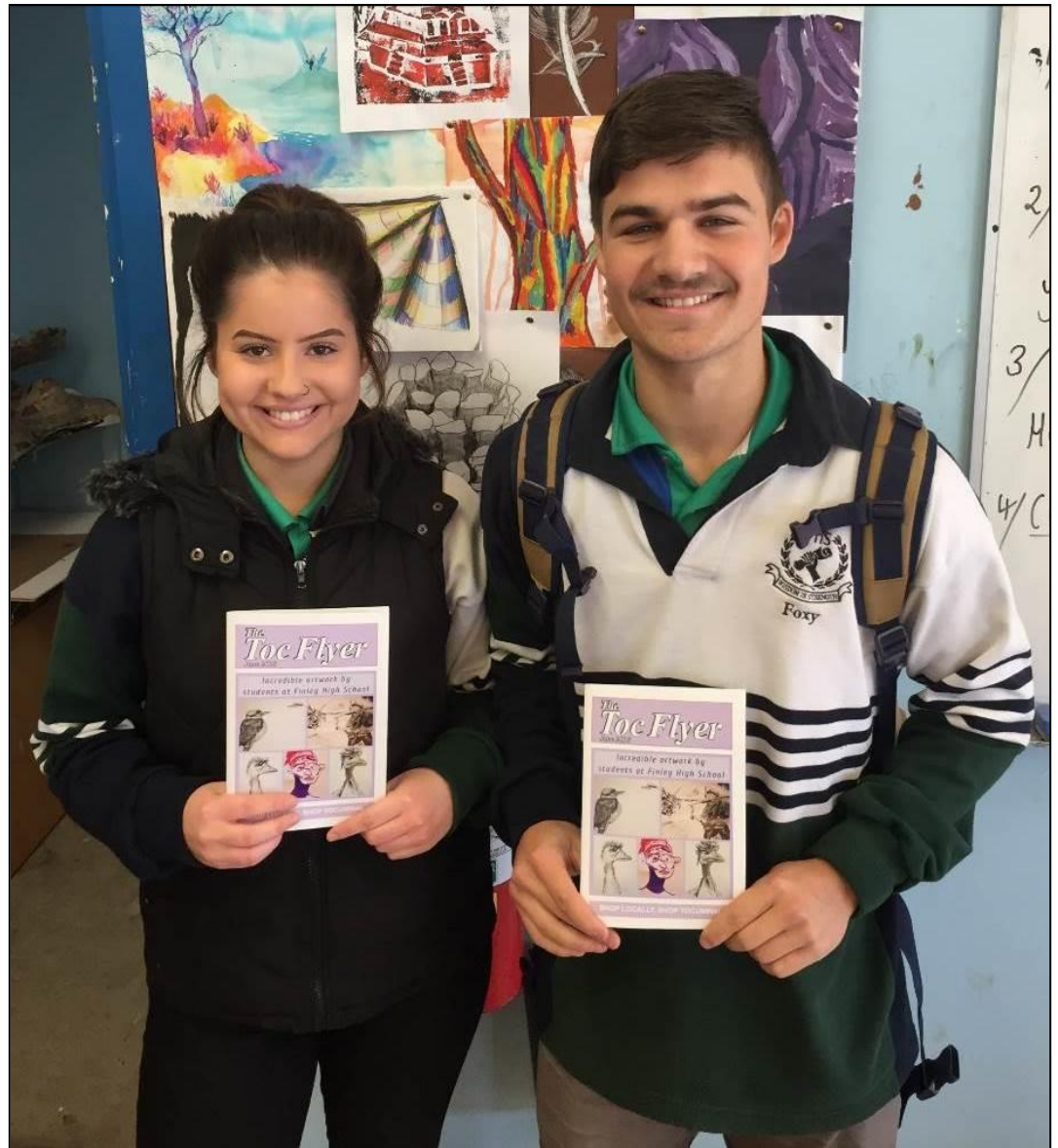
Left: Isabella Kelly, Courtney Lunn & Madison Kleinschmidt working on their various animal sculptures.





Left: Archibald Mason working creating the final texture of his Zodiac Pig sculpture.

Right: Year Twelve students Bonnie Kessler and Ben Fox were proud to have some of their artworks published on the cover of a recent issue of the Toc Flyer.



## Developing

This term, a range of students have benefited from participating in targeted programs to develop social skills while fostering friendships and building connections at school. The Take 5 and Connect Programs have provided students with many fun opportunities to develop these skills including scavenger hunts, charades, trivia and Mr. Smyth's Paper Plane competition. This competition has involved students practicing Origami while discussing and practicing making the best paper plane. All students and Support staff are excited for the competition will be held this Friday.



Left: Students decorating biscuits



Above and Left: Students making paper planes and flying their paper planes.

Kate Allan-Georgas  
Special Education Teacher  
Girls Advisor



## Lion's Club Public Speaking

I adjudicated the Lion's Club Public Speaking competition at the public school last week. All speakers were incredible and spoke engagingly and enthusiastically on their chosen topics. Congratulations to all involved. It is always a highlight of my term. The students are always so well prepared, and this year was no exception. All speakers should be extremely proud of themselves.



Above: (back L-R) Toby Wane, Faith Vidler, Daisy Daniel, Charlotte Hurlston, Veronica McNaught, (front L-R) Katelyn Tilley, Suna Mohan, Sam Hurlston and Maggie Bramley.

Mrs McNaught



## Finley High School excel in netball

Finley High School have had great success in school netball in 2018. On the 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Open Netball Team won the Riverina Championship. The Riverina Region includes Wagga Wagga, Albury, Griffith, Deniliquin and all surrounding areas. There were four pools, each consisting of five teams. Finley won all their pool games comfortably, allowing them to qualify for the semi-finals. Their semi-final was against Billabong High School, which Finley won by 7. Finley then played Deniliquin High School in the grand final and were victors by five goals. This has qualified them to represent the Riverina Region at the State Championship at Wollongong in August. The last time the Open Team qualified for this championship was in 2002.

In the Riverina under 15's Championship, Finley High School made it to the grand final, coming second. Within this competition there were twenty four teams competing for the title. The girls competed in a tournament in Wagga earlier this year and won all their games on the day, before losing to Albury High School in the grand final.

For Finley to come first in the Open competition and second in the under 15's is an amazing effort. Both teams being in the top two teams is incredible. Netball is a dominant sport within this region and many of the schools that we are competing against, have significantly larger populations.



Left: The under 15's team: Lily Sharp, Olivia Cicolini, Jasmine Ackers, Rose Chamberlain, Nicola Denny, Shae Fennell, Abbey Marshall, Ruby Russell, Meg Marsden. Abs Alexandra Patu

Right: Open netball team; Piper Hicks, Holly Robinson, Chelsea Taylor, Keeley Coates, Abbey Maconachie, Lily Sharp, Savannah Wilson, Isobelle Bradford.





## Open Boys Football

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June our Open Boys Football team travelled to Albury to compete in the state final along with 5 other teams from all over the state. Our pool consisted of the teams Finley High School, Kildare Catholic College (Wagga) and Erindale Senior College (Canberra).

Unfortunately the score line for the first game didn't go our way as Kildare were able to kick away, final score Kildare 43 – Finley 16

Our second game was much closer with both teams going goal for goal. Unfortunately, a kick after the siren was not quite enough for our boys to come away with the win Finley 33 – Erindale 35.

Reaching the state final itself is a massive achievement. Most schools we compete against draw from a much larger school population. Well done boys, keep up the good work.



Above: The Open Boys Football Team (The Spiders)

## Connecting Country Schools (CCS)

Our school has been included in the Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project, which is delivering upgraded wireless connectivity and internet access to more than 900 schools around the state.

Planning for installations at our school has commenced with our assigned Technical Officer from the Department's IT Directorate, who are managing this project.

CCS will deliver upgraded and reliable wireless access in all our learning spaces, assisting teachers to deliver future focused learning to prepare our students for digital age jobs.

Improved wireless and internet services will also give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts.

We are working with our Technical Officer to ensure that disruptions during the installation are kept to a minimum.

The fact sheet at the end of the newsletter has more information on Connecting Country Schools.

### AECG Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018  
7:30pm in the staff common room  
(administration building)

### Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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...

#### June

29 T Clarke

2 M Read

3 C Alexander

4 K Chesworth

5 S Barlow

6 C Moloney

#### July

23 Staff Development Day

24 H Harris

25 J Chellew

26 L Bryce

27 M Haintz, K Barry

### Brekky Club

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am

Hot Milo, juice and toast

No cost

Donated by local clubs and organisations.



# NAIDOC WEEK

8-15 July 2018

NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

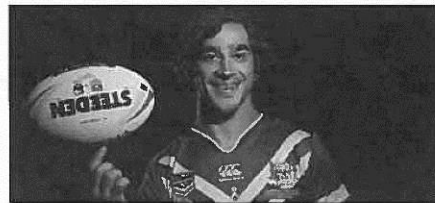
Entry is open to all students in Years 7-9

"Choose an Aboriginal song or film and explain what it means to you and why you have chosen this particular song or film."

### INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS TO ASPIRE TO



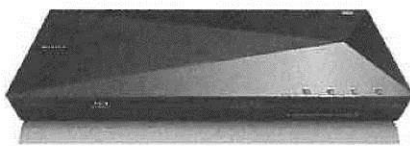
**Jessica Mauboy**  
Indigenous Recording Artist



**Jonathan Thurston**  
Indigenous Rugby League Player

\*\*1000 words or less. Entry must be typed and on A4 paper. Please ensure name and grade are clearly included on both your work and on the official NAIDOC School Initiatives entry form.

### PRIZES



BLU RAY PLAYER



SONY MEGA BLASTER



DIGITAL CAMERA



SONY PS4



SAFE DRIVING LESSONS

### SPONSORS



Transport for NSW



Education



Aboriginal Affairs NSW



Catholic Schools NSW



Australian Government

Australia Public Services Commission



Australian Government

Department of Education



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Department of Health



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

All competitions: Entries must be received by close of business on Friday 22 June 2018 at the co-ordination centre, GPO Box 454, Sydney NSW 2001. Judging will take place on Thursday 28th June 2018. Winners will be notified through principals, presentations will take place at school assemblies with your local Mayor, Elders and other dignitaries.



# WIN



## 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



### Introducing Connecting Country Schools

Modern teaching practices require reliable access to the internet and online learning materials. Schools need strong and extensive wireless infrastructure to support future focused learning.

Regional schools offer quality teaching and learning experiences enriched by online tools and digital resources.

The 2017/18 state budget included funding to improve wireless services and internet access in regional schools. Additional funding has also been allocated for local area network remediation and other special projects.

Connecting Country Schools will upgrade wireless services in more than 13,000 learning spaces in more than 900 regional schools.

### For Students

We live in a digital age where our students need new knowledge and skills to succeed in their studies today and their lives ahead.

To hold digital-age jobs, our students will need to think critically, solve problems creatively, work in teams, communicate clearly in a range of media and continue to learn new and ever-evolving technologies.

Improved wireless and internet services will give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts.

### For Teachers

Immediate and reliable access to digital resources, anywhere, anytime on mobile devices, is at the heart of flexible, responsive, future focused learning.

This access is essential to student centred pedagogical approaches such as inquiry, project and problem based learning.

Network reliant technologies such as virtual reality, robotics and artificial intelligence will soon be common in K-12 classrooms.

Together with increasing use of cloud based software and storage solutions, these new tools and new ways of teaching require new standards of wireless connectivity.

### For Schools

Improved wireless services will also ensure schools can make full use of resources such as the new web-based school library system.

It will allow better support for secondary students enrolled in vocational courses at TAFE through improved access to online course materials.

Schools will also have access to new tools to monitor and manage their ICT, and analytics about the use of technology across their sites.

An innovation fund will be offered to support further investment in locally sourced solutions, and the sharing of excellence between schools across the state.

### For Communities

Connecting Country Schools will also deliver a range of benefits beyond the school gate.

The Department of Education is engaging suppliers to deliver and support the program, creating jobs across the state.

Schools will be encouraged to use this core infrastructure to build a smart and connected school, as a centre for both learning excellence and community engagement.

### Implementation

Pilots have been run across the state to test the new equipment, the delivery and support model for Connecting Country Schools.

The full rollout commenced in Term 1, 2018 and the project is scheduled to conclude October 2019.

We will liaise with schools on the delivery schedule to ensure timing suits the school's needs.

Regular updates, training, support and resources to make the best use of the new environment will also be delivered throughout the transition.

NSW Department of Education

Investing in Digital