



# Finley High School Newsletter

Acting Principal: Mrs P Jackson

Relieving Deputy Principal: Mr N Campbell

9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## KEY DATES

### August

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| <b>13</b>      | Year 10 Information Day   |
| <b>15</b>      | Breakfast Club<br>Year 12 Tertiary Study and Information Night in the Multi Purpose Room 6pm<br><br>Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm |
| <b>16</b>      | Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews  |
| <b>20</b>      | Ag Open Day at Finley High School   |
| <b>21</b>      | Brainstorm Productions  |
| <b>22</b>      | Breakfast Club<br><br>Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm<br><br>Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening in the Multi Purpose Room     |
| <b>27 – 31</b> | Trial HSC Exams   |
| <b>27 - 31</b> | Year 11 VET Work Placement  |
| <b>28</b>      | Year 7 HPV vaccinations   |
| <b>29</b>      | Breakfast Club  |

## Principal's Report

### Lily Sharp – State Representative

Congratulations to Lily Sharp for representing NSW at the national AFLW carnival in Adelaide at the end of July. Lily was part of the team that experienced enormous success making it all the way to the grand final. Finley High School is *very proud of Lily's achievement as it is a huge honour to be selected to represent your state.*



### Head Teacher Special Education Appointed

Janice Noble has been appointed as the Head Teacher of Special Education replacing Paul Dolan who left at the end of 2017. Janice is well known in our local communities having worked in a number of our feeder schools. We look forward to her starting at the beginning of Term 4, in time for much of the transition program for new students coming up into high school in 2019.

### Year 6 Transition

The Year 6 transition program is continuing with Ms Michelle Archinal, Ms Jodi Brown and Mr Nick Campbell attending most of our feeder schools this week, along with a few Year 7 students, to talk to the students about coming to high school next year. Enrolment forms were distributed at these meetings and parents are encouraged to complete these and hand them in as soon as possible to help with next year's planning. Should you have any questions about enrolment please call Ms Archinal at the school.

### Year 10 Senior Subject Selection Information Night

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August, Mr Tooke will hold a senior subject selection meeting for parents and students in the school Library at 7pm. It is important for all parents and students to attend to ensure the students understand the rules surrounding senior schooling. Head teachers and

representatives from each faculty will attend to answer questions regarding the subjects on offer and the suitability of student selections. It will also be a great opportunity to meet Mr Jeff Ward, the incoming school Principal, as he will be attending the evening. An information letter has been sent home with Year 10 students.

### **Incoming Principal Visit**

As mentioned above, Mr Jeff Ward will be visiting Finley High School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August to meet the staff and discuss planning for his takeover in Term 4. All members of the P & C and AECG are invited to a casual morning tea in the staff common room from 10.30am-11.00am, prior to the staff morning tea, to meet Mr Ward.

### **Ag Open Day**

August 20 will be a busy day as the Ag Department will hold an Open Day at the ag plot. This is a great day, with our keen agriculture students proudly showing off the excellent livestock we have been preparing for the show season. Please take the opportunity to visit and have a look around.

### **Emergency Procedures**

The safety of all our students and staff is paramount and we have procedures in place to ensure this. Last week the school was placed in lockdown briefly at lunchtime whilst a difficult situation with a student was attended to. The situation was dealt with efficiently, no weapons were involved and nobody was physically harmed. The students were informed of this at an assembly immediately after. One of the greatest benefits of living in small communities is the support offered when it is needed. Unfortunately, one of the downsides is that incorrect information can spread rapidly. Whilst I would like to have made a public statement to correct the misinformation quickly, I have to follow strict procedures put in place by the Department of Education's media unit. Should anyone have questions regarding our emergency procedures please contact me at the school.

Mrs P Jackson  
Acting Principal

### **2019 Enrolments**

We know 2019 seems a long off but we are currently taking enrolments for next year. If you or anyone you know would like information about enrolling at Finley High School please contact our front office on 0358831344.

### **Excursions – please respond on time or risk missing out.**

Our dedicated teachers organise and run a lot of excursions throughout the year to ensure our students have excellent opportunities to expand their curriculum, sporting, agricultural and cultural experiences. These opportunities are loved by staff and students alike and often form people's fondest memories from school years.

Students and parents are asked to read excursion notes carefully and adhere to the requirements and deadlines listed. If your permission note and payment is not received by the deadline please don't expect to attend unless you have contacted the organiser to make alternate arrangements. And, if sufficient numbers haven't responded by the due date the excursion may be cancelled. Whilst this may seem harsh, it is necessary as late organisation is creating administrative and financial problems for staff.

**Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening**

Finley High School will be holding a Tertiary Information Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August in the MPR from 6pm. The evening will be presented by Deb White (Careers Adviser). We encourage all tertiary bound students and their parents to attend. It is an opportunity to get a final run down on the application process and to ask any questions.

For your interest listed below are 2 other local presentations being offered. The CSU evening will focus on CSU and UAC (NSW) processes where as the VTAC evening in Shepparton will be more focused on the VTAC (VIC) system.

**CSU Parent information evenings**

Our face-to-face parent information evenings are a great way to find out everything you need to know to help your child make an informed decision for their future.

Check out our upcoming events to see when a parent information evening will be held near you. Register at <http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/school-leaver/preparing/parents/parent-information-evenings>

Date and time Location Venue Guest Speaker

**Monday 13 August**

5.30–7.30pm Albury Commercial Club Albury, Stanley A Room, (Elizabeth Street entrance), 618 Dean Street, Albury  
UAC

**Tuesday 14 August,**

5.30–7.30pm Wagga Wagga Commercial Club Wagga, RJ Hall Function Room, 77 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga  
UAC. Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) representatives will also be there to advise on the best way to get into university.

**Year 7 and 8 Debating**

In the last week of last term, our junior debaters took part in their first debate for the season against Barham High. It was done via video conference and was on the benefits of Naplan. Our students worked hard and presented themselves well, but Barham students were the victors. Our team will have two more debates in the next month and we wish them well as they continue to proudly represent the school.

Veronica McNaught  
Debating Coordinator



Above: Debating Team, Archie Mason, Jacob Orro,  
Palguni Mysore Pradeep Kumar and Harmonie Tidcombe

## English News

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, we had 170 students attend a performance by Philip Wilcox, a two-time Australian National Slam Poetry winner. His performance had the audience completely engaged for the hour and the time was enjoyed by everyone. We also included students from Finley Public School and St Joseph's. After the performance there was a workshop attended by fifteen students and it was great for these students to have fun writing poetry. Even those who found it challenging to write in a short time frame enjoyed listening to Philip's stories and poems. He is a gifted artist and we are glad he was able to visit here from Sydney. This is his full-time job, so he is obviously extremely successful. He is publishing a book in about two months, so we will keep an eye out for that. Thank you to students and parents who supported this event.



Above: Finley High School and St Joseph's students participating in the Philip Wilcox workshop and enjoying his performance.

## English Writing Task - an aspect of my life

By Shirsho Roy 9A

When I first thought about Australia, I imagined a society that would be dominated by European Australians. Well, I thought this to be true for a while, but when I moved to Melbourne in 2009, I was astonished at the sight. Upon arriving at Melbourne, I realised that a majority of the people at the airport appeared to be of a different descent to the European Australian people that I'd previously imagined. Right off the bat, the reality of the Melbourne community was completely different to the one that I'd imagined.

When we first moved to Melbourne, my family and I lived in my uncle's house for two years before we moved into a house in Footscray. I was mind blown to see that the tiny suburb consisted of a mini Africa, a mini Vietnam and a mini India. In Footscray, I attended a school called Footscray Primary School, which surprisingly had a much higher rate of students who spoke English as their second language compared to those who spoke it as their first language. Here I had made many friends, mainly those of Asian descent. All was good until my mum announced that she'd got a job in a rural town called Jerilderie. At first, I was hesitant and angry but I realised that in the end, it'd all be worth it.

Upon arriving in Jerilderie, my parents announced that most of the kids there were white and I immediately thought that I'd have no chance of fitting in with the community. This was because I'd previously struggled to fit in with kids that were of European Australian descent (don't ask me why) and I couldn't accept the fact that I'd be attending a school with basically no multiculturalism. But, upon attending Finley High School, most of

the students were nice to me and this definitely got rid of the irrational fear that I previously had. I already started to make new friends and realised that this would only be the start of the journey.

When I moved up to year 8, I became less socially awkward and students that had previously not liked me even started to become my friends. Before I knew it, my friends in Jerilderie encouraged me to play for our local side and I began to play cricket and football for Jerilderie. Before this, I had not really participated in either of the sports and to my surprise, I made huge improvements. I'd also started attending country events such as the dog auction and car shows to name a few. At the moment, I am a year 9 student and this is my third year of living in the country. As much as I hate to admit it, I am definitely enjoying the life in the country more than my previous life in Melbourne.

## Public Speaking Evening - Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September

The date has been set for this event and we invite students who would like to deliver a speech to participate. Students are encouraged to present a speech that they prepared for any subject at school if this saves them time. I don't want to put extra pressure on students, but of course they can deliver something new if they wish. Supper is provided, and trophies and certificates are awarded. This is always a wonderful night. Our students are incredible when they do this. It's often a combination of the courage they display at just getting up to do it, and then for the insight and understanding they display on various interesting topics. The audience is always blown away so please come and join us. You won't be disappointed.

Veronica McNaught  
English Head Teacher

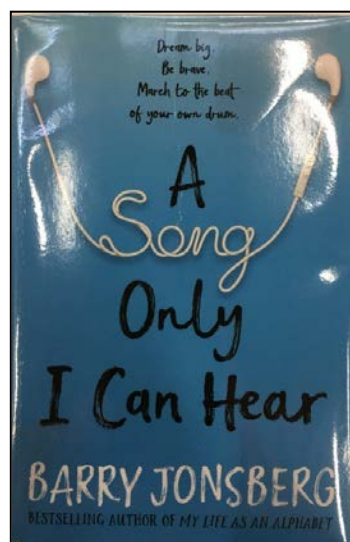
### Library News

We have many new books in the Library, come and see what you can find. See the example below:

The book is A Song Only I Can Hear by Barry Jonsberg.

Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: 13 years old and determined to impress the new girl at school. But it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid, prone to panic attacks that include vomiting, difficulty breathing and genuine terror that can last all day.

An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not!





## AECG Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
7:00pm in the staff common room  
(Administration building)

## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 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....

### August

10	C Lawton
13	M Read
14	C Alexander
15	H Harris
16	S Barlow
17	C Moloney
20	K Lunn
21	H Mortlock
22	J Loughman
23	T Anderson
24	J Congdon

## Brekky Club

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am

Hot Milo, juice and toast

No cost

Donated by local clubs and organisations.

# Brainstorm

## Productions

### **BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS**

#### **Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances**

#### **Cyberia**

On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Cyberia' for all **Year 7-10 students**.

Powerful, compelling, Cyberia is an unflinching live theatre experience about cyber bullying and its devastating repercussions. Cyberia depicts two teen characters that are increasingly using social media, gaming and selfies to express themselves. In time this takes a nasty twist leading to cyber bullying and the spreading of hurtful rumours online. The characters suddenly realise they can't just press the "undo" button to save their relationships, reputation or their dignity. Cyberia will encourage students to think carefully before they 'post', and gives strategies to report and recover from cyber bullying, limit screen time and stay safe online.

Cyberia is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)

If you have any question please call the school on 0358831344.

Jodi Brown

Student Support Officer- Social Worker

419 Squadron - Shepparton



FOR EMERGENCY RESCUE  
RSCAF PLANNING

**Now Recruiting!**  
Parade Nights every Friday  
1830hrs (6:30pm) - 2200hrs (10pm)  
110 Sobraon Street, Shepparton (Somme Barracks)

Recruiting ages from 13 - 16 years  
from surrounding areas:  
Seymour, Nagambie, Kyabram, Rochester,  
Echuca, Deniliquin, Cobram, Finley, Yarrawonga,  
Benalla, and Euroa

**AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS**

For more information, contact:  
WOFF (AAFC) Ray Bolton OAM ph: 0407 247 916 email: [co.419sqn@aafc.org.au](mailto:co.419sqn@aafc.org.au)  
[www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)




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[mail@youngendeavour.gov.au](mailto:mail@youngendeavour.gov.au)

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EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

If anyone is interested in the above challenge, there maybe some assistance available through the RSL. Contact the school for further information.





## Parent Information Evening

Please join us for the January 2019 G'DAY USA Tour Parent & Student Information Evening

**DATE:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018

**TIME:** 6:00pm (registration from 5:45pm)

**WHERE:** Finley High School

**ROOM:** Library

The G'Day USA Program provides students with the opportunity to live with an American Host Family for ten days and experience daily life in the United States of America. The tour itinerary also includes four fun-filled days in Anaheim / Los Angeles and three days exploring scenic San Francisco.

Students travel as part of a supervised community group with a teacher as Group Leader. Representatives from EWT will also be located in the hotels and host city.

The teacher co-ordinating this event, Ms Ellen Downey will be in attendance at the parent information evening, along with a representative from EWT who will explain the program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions.

**GROUP CONTACT:** Ms Downey – Email: [ELLEN.DOWNEY@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ELLEN.DOWNEY@det.nsw.edu.au)

**EWT REPRESENTATIVE:** Ms Michelle Laruccia – Email: [michelle.laruccia@ewt.com.au](mailto:michelle.laruccia@ewt.com.au) OR 0447 494 067

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**PLEASE ADVISE YOUR ATTENDANCE PRIOR TO THE MEETING (return below slip or email)**

☐ We will attend the G'Day USA information evening

☐ We are unable to attend, but wish to be contacted with more information about G'Day USA

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOLARSHIPS



### AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Scholarships managed by AVCAT provide up to \$4000 per year, for three years, to full-time students at university, TAFE College or Registered Training Organisation. To be eligible a student must be the child, step-child, foster child or grandchild of an ex-serving Australian Veteran. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and academic merit. Visit [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au) for more information.



*The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity.*

AVCAT provides up to 90 scholarships a year for the children and grandchildren of ex-serving Australian Veterans. Through the generous support of individual donors, ex-service organisations and the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, AVCAT provides bursaries and scholarships to help students with the costs of their tertiary education. Donations are always welcome. To make a donation contact AVCAT at [avcat@dva.gov.au](mailto:avcat@dva.gov.au) or on 02 9213 7999.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN 18 AUGUST 2018**

**CLOSE 31 OCTOBER 2018**

T: (02) 9213 7999 E: [avcat@dva.gov.au](mailto:avcat@dva.gov.au) W: [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au)

## SCHOLARSHIPS



### AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a national independent charity.

AVCAT helps the children and grandchildren of Australian ex-service men and women to a better future by providing tertiary education scholarships. Through the generous support of the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, ex-service organisations and individual donors, AVCAT offers up to 90 new scholarships each year for students enrolled at an Australian University, TAFE College or Registered Training Organisation.

To be eligible to apply, students must meet the following criteria:

- A child, step-child, foster child or grandchild of an ex-serving Australian Veteran
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in 2019, in a full-time course at an Australian University, TAFE College or Registered Training Organisation
- Receiving, or eligible to receive, Centrelink Youth Allowance or an equivalent means-tested educational payment

*"I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and support that has been provided for the past three years. The opportunities that I have had and the university journey I have experienced would not have been possible without this help. I am so thankful for those who have made all of this possible."*

Susanna Simpson

**Applications for 2019 scholarships open on August 18, 2018  
and close on October 31, 2018**

For information about how to apply contact the AVCAT team!

T: (02) 9213 7999 E: [avcat@dva.gov.au](mailto:avcat@dva.gov.au) W: [www.avcat.org.au](http://www.avcat.org.au)

## Mogg Osborne Finley Fundraising Trivia Night



**WHEN:** Saturday 18 August 2018

**STARTING:** 7:00pm for Trivia

**WHERE:** Finley Bowling Club

**COST:** \$10 Per Person

**RSVP BY:** 15 August 2018

Come Along For A  
Fun Night,  
Why Not Get A Table  
or Team Together



Please Book & Pay at Mogg Osborne or the Finley Bowlo  
CONTACT: MARC BREUST 03 5883 2366



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In Memory Of Robyn Mott  
& Leslie Mogg



# WIN



## Jerilderie Public School P&C Raffle

**\$10 per ticket**

**Drawn Wednesday 17/12/18 at Jerilderie Public School**



**Presentation Night**

**Supplied by:**



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