



# Finley High School Newsletter

Acting Principal: Mrs P Jackson

Relieving Deputy Principal: Mr N Campbell

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## KEY DATES

### September

- 5 - 7 NSW CHS Athletics
- 11 AECG Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room
- 11 - 13 NSW CHS Boys Tennis
- 12 Breakfast Club
- Homework centre at Finley High School Library, 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Homework centre on the road, 4pm to 5pm at Berrigan Town Library and Barooga Public School
- P&C Meeting 7pm in the staff common room
- Public Speaking Evening, 7pm in the school library
- 13 RUOK Day
- Formal Assembly, 12:30pm in the hall
- 17 - 21 Year Eleven yearly Preliminary Exams
- 19 Breakfast Club
- 22 - 26 Melbourne Show Steer Section
- 26 September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October Melbourne Show Stud Section
- 26 Breakfast Club
- Year 12 Breakfast Club
- 27 Year Twelve Graduation Assembly 12:30pm
- Year Twelve Graduation Dinner, 6:30pm

## Principal's Report

Students have undertaken a diverse range of learning opportunities over the last two weeks as extra-curricular activities. Some are outlined below:

### SALT

A group of twenty girls took up the challenge of being Tradies for a day. Under the guidance of the SALT team, Helene and Ethan Mortlock, the girls learnt the basics of using construction tools and put this to use to create a hold-all. I think the photos say it all.



Above: Lucy-Jayne Burdon with Helene Mortlock.

Left: Mrs Jackson with Dela Gargaro and Gabbrielle Taylor-Tran



Above: All participants of SALT.

Young Change Agents, junior debating, Ag show teams and the Boys Camp have also provided a broad range of students the opportunity to come up with innovative social business initiatives, extend their public speaking, acquire showing skills or develop better social and teamwork skills.

Yesterday, our School Captains attended the inaugural speech by the new Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, in Albury. Emma Marsden and Simi Naicori accepted the invitation with enthusiasm as it is not often the general public get the opportunity to meet a sitting Prime Minister.

Academic endeavour remains the core business at school for all year levels. Last week Year Twelve students completed the Trial HSC exams, the results of which will direct students to areas of study they need to focus on. The last few weeks are an exciting and emotional time as these young people realise their secondary education is coming to an end and their peers will be taking off in all different directions in the future.

Year Eleven students should be studying at least two hours a night four to five times every week in preparation for the yearly Preliminary course exams, which will begin on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. All students are encouraged to attend the homework centre on Wednesdays if they need extra assistance. This first set of exams can be challenging for students so good preparation and an organised study routine are essential.

### **The *Tell Them From Me* student survey (Term 3, 2018)**

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.



You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 on 20 September 2018. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 18 September 2018.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

### **The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey**

This Term, our school will also be participating in the **Partners in Learning parent survey**. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parent' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be open until 26 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au> To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/fhs>

Acting Principal  
Mrs P Jackson

## Careers Report

### SALT Project

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of August a team of qualified builders visited Finley High School to embark on a project to empower girls with the skills and knowledge to use an array of tools to complete a building project. The girls were walked through some safety inductions before being shown how to use a range of tools from measuring tapes and set squares, to a variety of saws, drills, impact drivers, screws, nails, hammers, nail punches and so on. During the learning process each tool was explained and its safe use shown and supervised.

During the 4 ½ hour workshop the girls each completed a building task that saw them construct a take home tool box. The aim of the project was to teach young women how to use tools and to develop within them the self confidence to be able to work in a range of trade areas. The girls involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Above: Sarah Orro



Above: Savannah Wilson learning to use the saw



Above: SALT Program. The girls at work.



Above: SALT workshop with Nicola Denny, Helene Mortlock, Natasha Jones, Lucy-Jayne Burdon, Shiane Mason and Georgia Lunn

## Defence Visit

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August the Defence Force Recruitment team from Albury visited Finley High School to discuss career opportunities available in the Defence Forces. Students listened to personal stories from the recruiters about their own experiences in the Services including details about their own recruitment, training experiences, defence lifestyles and deployment. Students learned about what options are available for entry and in which areas the defence offer employment. Students also had an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

## Year Eleven Mock Interviews

Year Eleven students are starting to prepare for their upcoming Mock Interviews which will happen next term on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. Students will soon be asked to select a "job" for which they will prepare a resume and practice their interview techniques. On that day, students will then be required to dress appropriately and attend a Mock Interview with some of our local businesses and employers. Stay tuned for more details

## Year Twelve Transition

Year Twelve students are currently applying for tertiary study and for employment positions for 2019. We encourage any parents needing advice or assistance on how to help their child with these processes to contact the Careers staff for some advice. We also advise them to be mindful of any closing dates and help their child remember these by posting them on family calendars etc.

## Finley Show

### Dairy Team

Finley High School Dairy Team had a great day at the Finley Show on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. What started out to be a very cool morning turned into a lovely sunny day.

The kids did themselves proud in all of their events, with each coming away with ribbons. Fortunately, all the heifers behaved themselves and were fitted out beautifully.

We are so proud of our team. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

A special thank you to Meg Campbell for coming in to school and helping clip the heifers.

We would also like to thank the judges and stewards in each ring as it is a big job organising the program and the running of the classes. These shows would not be possible without all of their efforts. For this, we thank you.

Right: Christopher Wright parading a Jersey heifer.

Jenny and Brian O'Hora  
Co-ordinators Finley High School Dairy Team





Left: Chelsea Alexander parading a Holstein heifer.

Right: Daniela Gargaro parading a Illawarra heifer before the judged.



Left: Courtney Lunn waiting to enter the ring with a Holstein heifer.

Right: Youngest member of the Dairy Team, Patrick Hibberd, parading on of our newest calves, Jacot Nellie Red, a red and white Holstein heifer.



Sheep Team



Left: Finley High School Sheep Team; Justin Lawton, Alex A'Vard, Oliver Knight and Max Cameron

Below: Alex A'Vard



Above: Mitch, Kevin and Alex A'Vard with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ram at Finley Show.



Above: Junior Handlers; Justin Lawton 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oliver Knight 3<sup>rd</sup>



Above: Champion and Reserve Champion Rams of the Show, with Rhiannon Jamison, Mitch A'Vard, Kelvin Cronk, Michelle Barnes and Gordon Close.

## Beef Cattle



Above: Finley High School Kathleen.

Above: Penny

Right: Niamh Mason with Champion Junior Bull, Nixon.



Left: Tyson Morris leading Trigger shaking Mr Isedale's hand.





Above: Ben Chesworth presenting Maggie for the judge.

Right: Alana Steel parading for Amanda Watkins.



Left: Niamh Mason and Kimberly Montgomery with Finley High School Millie and calf Penny.



Left: Hayley Doohan with Kathleen.

Above: Emily Gastin with Nugget



Left: Kenielle Chellew parading Ninja

Right: Winners are grinner.  
Cassidy Reynolds and Meg  
Marshall

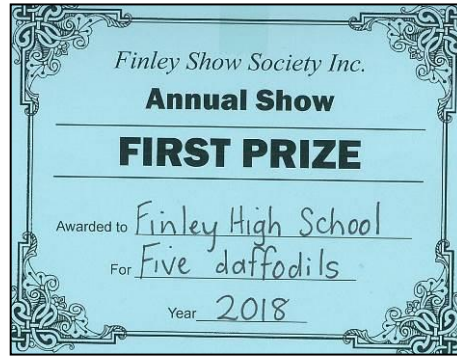
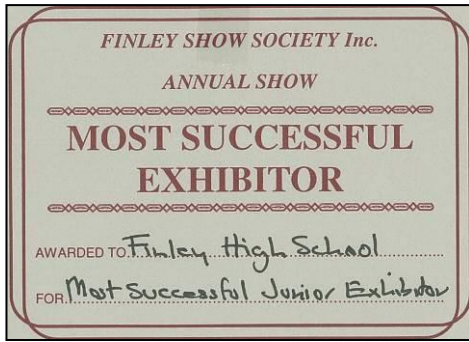


Left: Niamh Mason Junior Handler winner

Right: Joc Brain leading Neville



## Pavilion Exhibits



## Junior Debators

Last week this team competed against students from Hay. Hay was ultimately the winner but our team is improving their skills, which is great to see. The adjudication was done via video conference (VC) from Sydney and valuable information was given to both teams. Hay has won their three debates and we have our final one this Friday.

Well done to these students who proudly represented the school last week and good luck today.

Mrs McNaught  
Debating Co-ordinator



Above: Junior Debating Team – Edward Haynes, Harmonie Tidcombe, Archibald Mason and Jacob Orro.

### A Personal Story by Sascha Jones

The blocks await, frozen in front of me, unmoving. I stare mine down. They always have an unnerving presence. I have done this a hundred times before. Nerves are my favourite company when I am standing here alone, always. I stretch and keep my muscles moving. It is a brisk day. Not a cloud in the sky but the slight breeze invites goose bumps to trail down my bare back.

Time keepers rise in front of me. Girls around me have cold stares fixed on their faces; they are in the 'zone'. No 'good lucks' are presented by competitors to each other. This isn't about showing sportsmanship; this is about winning. A race shall never show mercy.

Supporters scream encouragement, as if they believe it will make a difference to the outcome. That somehow their screaming was the reason their competitor won. From my honest experience, it is wasted - we can't hear you anyway.

The referee blows his whistle and a quietness creeps over the energetic crowd. I place my foot onto the blocks and push my body upwards. I kick the retractable wedge and lower myself into position. Legs - shoulder width apart, back - flat, breathing - steady, eyes - transfixed on the black line. I don't have to think; muscle memory controls this part. My mind is blank.

'Take your marks.' The monotone voice of the starter captures the attention of everyone in the complex. A silence that can only be broken by one sound settles the crowd into an energetic haze. 'BEEP!' The silence is broken as the crowd erupts into a frenzy of yells.

I inhale and gasp for a breath of air before diving into the refreshing, cool water. No matter how many times I do this, the entry will always take the breath out of me. I shall never be fully prepared for the shock of piercing the cold surface.

I align myself into a streamline position and begin to dolphin kick. I breakout of the underwater work and engage my stroke. I propel myself through the water. My body aches and yearns for me to stop. Despite the pain, I continue.

I can see the end; the wall awaits. Yellow touch pads act as a beacon to guide my finish. Two breaths down. In this race three breaths are my absolute maximum. This is foolish advice and I resent my coach. I pull harder and kick faster, my lungs burn. I take my last breath and power into the wall – that breath count is going on my feedback, indefinitely. Feedback is the sugar coated name for everything I will be criticized about.

I extend my arm and connect with the wall. I lift my head out of the water and refill my lungs with air. I squint across at the results board and begin the search for my name and time.

As I exit the pool, disappointment gives me a helping hand out of the water and generously accompanies me to the warm down pool, then to the grandstand. He never abandons me as we make our way to the coaches, and he stands by me as the coaches give me their verdict. What a gentleman.

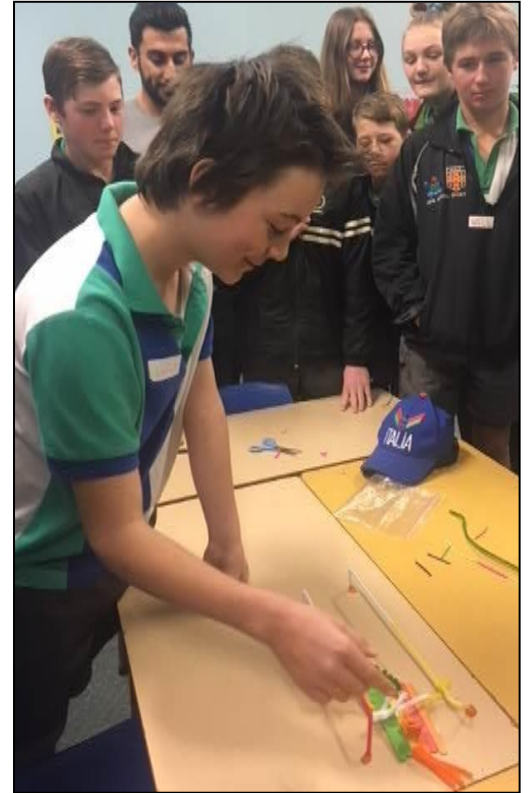
**Finley High School**  
**Public Speaking Evening**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm**  
**in the High School Library**  
**All welcome to attend. Supper provided.**

## Young Change Agents

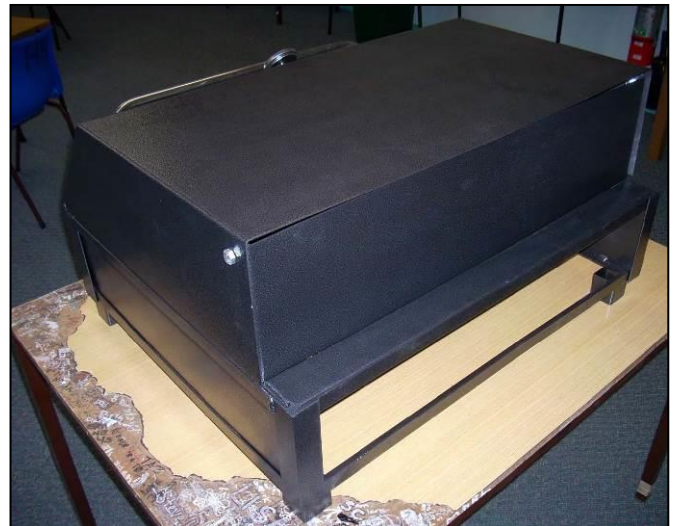
A group of students from years 7-10 participated in a 3 day workshop with the Young Change Agents. Students worked in groups of 4 or 5 to come up with ideas to create change in our community. The students identified a range of issues in the local area and then learnt the skills to develop a social enterprise to make a positive impact in the community.

The students developed their business idea and created a business pitch that they presented to a panel of judges consisting of Berrigan Shire Mayor Matthew Hannan, Deputy Principal Nick Campbell and Martin Dickins from Department of Education rural and distance education.

The judges choice was awarded to Sascha Jones, Ally Barlow, Tayla Simpson and Jemma Coombs, this group also came equal first in student choice the another group consisting of Niamh Mason, Elle Rochford, Vamos Patu and Kiara Warenycia. Both of these groups will now pitch their business idea at the regional final in Deniliquin.



## 2018 HSC Industrial Technology Metal Projects







## AECG Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
7pm 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....

### September

7	J Crowhurst
10	D Jewell
11	F Aull
12	B Agosta
13	K Steel
14	K Arnold
17	S Cracknell
18	C Alexander
19	K Nicholls
20	T Anderson
21	T Clarke
24	M Kleinschmidt

## Brekky Club

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## **Murray Hut Branch**

PO Box 42 Finley NSW 2713

email: [murrayhutcwa@gmail.com](mailto:murrayhutcwa@gmail.com)

## **STEM SCHOLARSHIP**

Awarded to a **female student** in Year Twelve at Finley High School to commence tertiary studies in 2019 in **the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)**. This could include all the health sciences, agricultural sciences, animal sciences, computer technology, food technology, robotics, nursing, sports sciences, psychology as well as the more traditional STEM courses.

This scholarship is for a hardworking student with a passion in their chosen area of study and not necessarily the person with the best HSC results. All female students intending to study at TAFE or university in any of the STEM areas are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be required to submit a written application and attend an interview.

All written applications should be submitted to Principal of Finley High School by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The application should address the following criteria:

1. The STEM related course that you intend to study.
2. Why you want to study the particular course chosen.
3. How \$1000 will assist you in the first year of tertiary study.
4. What your future career aspirations may be post tertiary study?
5. Include a personal reference and most recent school report.

Applicants will be interviewed by the member of Finley High School staff and two members of the CWA Murray Hut Branch. Interviews are to be held in the second last week of term 3.

The scholarship will be awarded to the successful applicant pending acceptance into the intended course of study. The successful student will be given the contact details for the Murray Hut CWA to arrange for finalisation of the scholarship.

The recipient of the Scholarship will be promoted in the Southern Riverina News and CWA Magazine.

The student can defer her studies for 2019, in these circumstances the scholarship funds will be held to the end of 2019 when entry to study in 2020 has been confirmed.

The scholarship may not be awarded each year.

[www.cwaofnsw.org.au](http://www.cwaofnsw.org.au)



**Murrumbidgee**  
COUNCIL

### 2018 Sir John Monash Education Bursary

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay: *“In a modern world that espouses the importance of credible role models, please define Sir John Monash’s eligibility to sit comfortably within this privileged sphere”*. (Please reference the importance Monash placed on education, opportunity, vision and self-belief.)

Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Murrumbidgee Council who are considering entering into post secondary education through University, College or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. **Entries close at 4.00pm on Thursday 27 September 2018.**

The bursary is valued at \$2,000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Monday evening, 8 October 2018, in the Jerilderie Civic Hall, Jerilderie.

Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from Council’s website [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

**HELP US DESIGN**

**FINLEY'S NEW SKATEPARK**

**WHERE: FINLEY ROTARY PARK**

**WHEN: THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

**TIME: FROM 4 PM**

For More Information contact: Michelle Koopman  
Berrigan Shire Council 03 58885100



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assistance available through the RSL. Contact the school for further  
information.

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**\$10 per ticket**

Drawn Wednesday 17/12/18 at Jerilderie Public School

Presentation Night



Supplied by:  HUTCHEON & PEARCE

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

## 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**

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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)



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Tuesday evenings from September 4<sup>th</sup>.

6:45pm for 7pm start, for 1 hour.  
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Cost is \$10 per lesson

Further info needed? Phone Anne 0478 22 55 98

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*Sunday 28th October 2018*

**Maps on Sale  
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