



Finley High School Newsletter

Acting Principal: Mrs P Jackson

Relieving Deputy Principal: Mr N Campbell

20th September 2018

KEY DATES

September

21 Year Eleven yearly Preliminary Exams

22 - 26 Melbourne Show Steer Section

24 Melbourne Show Sheep

26 September – 3rd 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

28 Blue Day
Last Day of Term 3

October

15 First Day of Term 4

16 AECG AGM
7pm in the staff common room

17 Breakfast Club
P&C Meeting
7pm in the staff common room

18 HSC Exams Commence

24 Breakfast Club

30 – 31 Farm Vehicle Safety Training,
Year Eleven Primary Industries

31 Breakfast Club

November

7 Breakfast Club

14 Breakfast Club

Principal's Report

This is the last newsletter for our Year Twelve students before they leave the school for private study leading up to their HSC examinations, which commence with an English exam on October 18. Watching them grow from enthusiastic young twelve year olds to the mature young adults they are today is very rewarding. It has been a pleasure being a part of their education and journey in life. I wish them all the best for their exams and encourage every student to study every day between now and their last exam. The effort they put in over the next six weeks can make a massive difference to their final HSC results.

Netball

A huge congratulations to our Finley High School netball team who finished 10th in the state at the recent State Netball Championships. Our girls represented the school and Riverina with pride. Thanks to Mrs Sexton for the hours spent organising the excursion, training the girls and accompanying them to the carnival. Thanks also to Julie Maconachie and Susie Taylor for transporting and supporting the team.

State Athletics

Ally Barlow, Shae Fennell, Allan Gardiner, Daniela Gargaro and Isabella Kelly recently represented Finley High School at State Athletics. Ally Barlow ran beautifully in the 400 metres to reach the final. Shae Fennell competed in Shot Put, Allan Gardiner competed in Javelin, Daniela Gargaro competed in a number of events and Isabella Kelly competed in discus. Excellent effort from all athletes.

Show Time

Over the next couple of weeks, a strong band of students and teachers will be living and breathing cattle (and a few sheep) as they head to Melbourne and Geelong Shows where the many weeks of work grooming, leading and preparing stock will be judged at the highest level. I thank all the people who support our agricultural programs from the farmers who assist with stock, feed and transport, to the parents who support their children to participate. The biggest acknowledgement must go to the staff who are the heart and soul of these programs. To Gary Webb, Jenny and Brian O'Hara, Robyn and Michael O'Leary, Nicole Close and Gerard Tessier, thank you for passing on your passion for the beef, dairy and sheep industries.

End of Term

School term ends on Friday 28th September with Blue Day, hosted by the STOMP team. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up in Blue to show support for Mental Health Month. I hope all staff and students have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break making new memories with loved ones.

Finally, a massive thank you to Mr Nick Campbell for relieving as Deputy Principal. He has gone to great lengths to establish rapport with many students and families that needed support whilst organising and managing the school. Mr Campbell will return to the Maths department as Head Teacher. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Michael Tooke and Mr Thomas McCarney for filling the Head Teacher positions for Special Education and Mathematics respectively. Both have worked tirelessly to support the staff outside their own areas of expertise to ensure the school has run smoothly. Both will return to teaching PDHPE as classroom teachers.

Next term we welcome Mr Jeff Ward as school Principal and Ms Janice Noble as Head Teacher Special Education. Please come to the AECG meeting on Tuesday of week one or the P & C meeting on Wednesday of week one to meet Jeff. I look forward to the fresh ideas and directions both of these people will bring to our school.

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>

Mrs P Jackson
Acting Principal

Year Twelve Formal Assembly 2018

The Formal Graduation Assembly for Year Twelve will take place in the Finley High School Hall Thursday September 27, 2018.

The ceremony will begin promptly at 12:30 pm and we ask all guests to be seated by 12:15 pm at the latest.

There will be ushers to guide parents, family and friends to your seats upon your arrival.

This is a very special occasion and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Regards,
Deborah Marten
SRC Coordinator.

State Netball

Finley High School represented the Riverina Region at the State Netball Championship in Wollongong. 16 teams were involved in the tournament, from all parts of NSW. On the first day of the tournament, the team played against seven other teams, each game consisting of 2 x 13 min halves. Many of the teams were from highly populated schools, and were bigger, stronger athletes. Finley High played well throughout the day, being competitive against most of the teams. On the second day Finley were placed in the second pool, playing off for positions 9-16. They were successful in their first two games and reached the play-off for positions ninth and tenth. Finley High School finished 10th position. The girls conducted themselves in a respectful manner and were excellent representatives for Finley High School. Special thanks To Susie Taylor and Julie Maconachie for transporting the team and supporting them at the carnival.

Pictured right:

back row L-R: Holly Robinson, Lily Sharp, Tiarna Burke, Abbey Maconachie, Ruby Russell,
front row L-R: Chelsea Taylor, Piper Hicks, Isobelle Bradford and Keeley Coates.

Di Sexton
Netball Coordinator



Public Speaking Evening

Congratulations to the incredible students who participated this year. They were magnificent, as usual. It is such a joy to witness the courage and skills of our young people. They were so entertaining and inspiring.

Many of our regulars felt they couldn't participate this year because of the end of term pressure of assignments. The event was later than usual, so I won't make that mistake again. It did leave room to invite all of our local primary schools to send participants though, and it was so encouraging to see how amazing these young people are. Our future is in safe hands!

Thank you to the parents and students for making this another great evening. Our numbers might have been lower than normal but the quality was outstanding.

Right: Tamzin - Year Seven winner, Anneliese Flack, Year Eight; Holly Year Four/Five winner; Stephanie Harris - Senior; Alice Bouchier; Sarah Orro - Year Ten; Charlotte Hurlston, Year Six winner; Josie Coombs.



Veronica McNaught
Public Speaking Evening organiser and sponsor

Junior Debating

Our junior debating team finished the debating competition with a win against Balranald recently. The team did a great job and it was wonderful to witness their development in confidence and skill with each debate. Our debates have been conducted via video conference and the adjudicators have been from the Arts Unit in Sydney. The adjudicators have taken the time to give individual advice to each participant, which has been much appreciated. Congratulations to our students for their willingness to learn or extend on their debating skills. The food provided afterwards has always been a hit too!

Right: Palguni Kumar, Archie Mason, Jacob Orro and Harmonie Tidcombe

Veronica McNaught
English Head Teacher
Debating coordinator



SToMP Term Three

The Student Team on Mental Positivity (SToMP) has participated and supported several initiatives this term.

For the past month SToMP has supported the Finley Playgroup in their Drought Appeal. The students and staff of Finley High School were encouraged to donate toiletries and luxury items. The response was fantastic with a large number of items donated (pictured right). Hampers have been made up and will be sent north towards the drought affected communities.



On Thursday the 13th of September, SToMP, along with the Finley High School students and staff supported R U OK? Day. We stood up at assembly and presented an overview of the day. It is important we explain why we support these days and give students information about how to seek support for themselves and their peers. We also encouraged FHS to wear yellow accessories to represent our support. We facilitated some lunchtime activities, which had the school skipping and hula hooping around.



Left: Miss Downey and students enjoying lunchtime activities.

Below: Members of the SToMP Team holding letters for RUOK? Day



The last day of school, Friday 28th of September, will be Blue Day. Blue Day was created by SToMP to support October Mental Health Month and to raise awareness of positive wellbeing. To support Blue Day, SToMP is encouraging students and staff to wear blue. The team will be facilitating year group programs throughout the day including power point information, team building activities and trivia games to help students build positive relationships with peers and gain more knowledge on mental wellbeing.

Jodi Brown

Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

Expressions of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atsos>

for further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

Finley High School is currently seeking a suitable person to fill this position. If you have any questions regarding this position please contact Mr Tooke on (03) 5883 1344.

AECG AGM

Tuesday 16th October, 2018
7pm in the staff common room
(Administration building)

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 17th October, 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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

September

21 T Clarke
24 M Kleinschmidt
25 F Munson
26 J Blackmore
27 L Bryce
28 M McCaw

October

15 M Read
16 C Alexander
17 J Chellew
18 L Bryce
19 M Haintz, K Litchfield

Community Announcements

Jerilderie Cricket Club

Jerilderie Cricket Club is now accepting registrations for the coming cricket season. Player numbers are uncertain for this season so we welcome players from surrounding towns who may like to join our club. For further information or enquiries please call Gayle Anthony on 0417 038331.



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Dear Parent/Guardian

As a parent/guardian of an aboriginal student we would like to invite you and your family to become members of the Finley branch of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

What is the AECG?

- The AECG is a group of both aboriginal and non-aboriginal parents and community members that meet with school leaders to try and find the best ways to help support aboriginal students.
- We help to advise the schools about the needs of these students, what activities or projects we would like to see the kids engaged in and how best to use the finances available to the schools.

How often do we meet?

- Finley AECG meets roughly four times each year.

What is expected of AECG members?

- Just attend the meetings and help add to the conversations. We value everyone's opinion and we all have the kids' interests at heart so it's usually not too hard to reach an agreement.
- Positions on the committee are available for those that are keen but you won't be forced into a position you don't want.

What's in it for you?

- You get to hear directly from the principals (or their representatives) about what activities they are planning for your kids and about the success or failure of past projects.
- You get to put forward your opinion about what's important to you and your family.
- Many of the schools are trying to develop cultural and learning support programs to assist aboriginal kids to connect with their heritage and to help them succeed. As a member you will have direct input into these programs.

How do I get involved?

- Call or text our Secretary Fiona on 0417 325 915 or let your school know so we can put you on the mailing list.
- Look out in the school newsletters for meeting dates and times of the AECG and just turn up.



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Notice of AGM

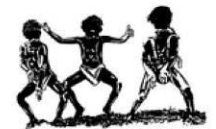
Date: 16 October 2018

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Finley High School Admin Building (Teachers Staffroom)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome / Acknowledgement
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Elections
6. Next meeting
7. Close





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

BERRIGAN
SHIRE

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

Junior Aviator's Day

For students aged between 13 and 25 years

sponsored by the

Southern Riverina Gliding Club Inc.

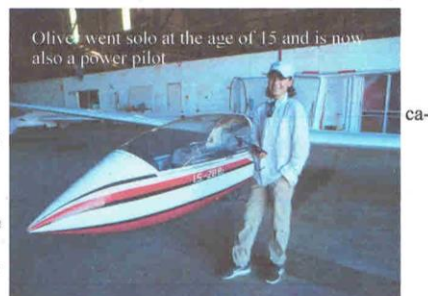
Location: WW2 Sportavia Hangar, Tocumwal Aerodrome, Gate 6, Burma Road

Date: Sunday 23rd September

Time: 11am start

The Program will include:

- Information sessions on the principles of flight, meteorology, the first steps in learning to fly, career opportunities in aviation, competition flying and safety.
- Watching a DVD - An Introduction to Gliding
- Air Experience flights at subsidised rates
- Actively participating in monitoring safety in the launch area and learning the launch procedures (launch signals and running the wing) on the airfield.
- A BBQ lunch
- Parents and carers are welcome



Are you interested in aviation as a career?

Try your skills in the simulator!

Learn how to be a competent ground crew!

Have a go at flying a glider!

You would be amazed at what the clouds can tell us!

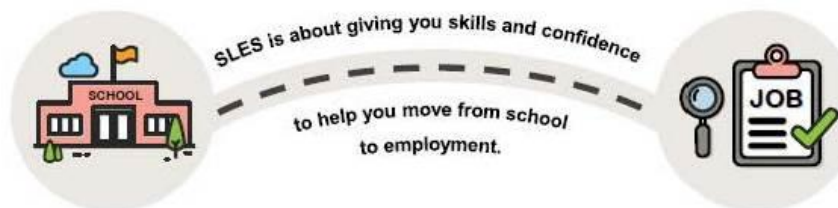


Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Contact Judy Renner on 0427 141 241 or renner@netspace.net.au

Are you a Year 12 student? School Leaver Employment Support (SLES) is a new NDIS support.

The NDIS is introducing a new support to help NDIS participants transition from school to employment – the School Leaver Employment Support initiative (SLES).



SLES offers you individualised support for up to 2 years after finishing year 12 to help you get ready for work and plan your pathway to employment. Your SLES supports will be tailored to meet your individual employment goal. This may include:



SLES will help you achieve your employment aspirations.

The National Disability Insurance Agency is pleased to present an information session on the **NDIS and employment for school leavers**, covering:

- Employment support options for school leavers with disability
- NDIS decision-making in relation to employment
- What information to bring to your NDIS planning meeting.

Wednesday 19 September 4 PM to 5 PM
Pacific Lounge, Wagga RSL, Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga.

Please email engagement.nswsouthact@ndis.gov.au to register for the session.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Would you like to be able to dance Rock & Roll style??

Come along and try it!

Beginners 6 week course on
Tuesday evenings from September 4th.

6:45pm for 7pm start, for 1 hour.
Held at the old Bowls Club in Tocumwal.

After 6 weeks we guarantee you will
have the basic steps under control.

If you really love it and want to take it further, there are advanced
lessons etc all the way to state competition.

This is for ages 12 years and up (yes Mums & Dads too!)

Cost is \$10 per lesson

Further info needed? Phone Anne 0478 22 55 98

Cobram River Rockers Inc.

Narrandera Garden Club

Town & Country

Open Gardens

Sunday 28th October 2018

**Maps on Sale
from
Narrandera Park
& "Billenbah"
9 am – 2:30 pm**

**\$15 per person
including
Devonshire Tea
and plant stall
at Uniting Church
Hall**

Light Lunch available at "Billenbah"

Cost - \$10 pp

in aid of Narrandera Can Assist

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