



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

## KEY DATES

### November

- 7** Breakfast Club  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 5 - 9** Years Nine and Ten Exams
- 14** Breakfast Club  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3.30 pm to 4.30pm  
P&C Meeting, 7pm in the  
staff common room  
Transition to high school  
information evening.  
6pm to 7pm in the school  
library.
- 19 -22** Year Ten Excursion to  
Sydney
- 21** Breakfast Club  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 26** Formal Assembly,  
12:30pm in the school hall
- 28** Breakfast Club  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3.30 pm to 4.30pm

### December

- 3 – 7** Year Ten Work Experience
- 5** Breakfast Club  
Homework centre at  
Finley High School Library,  
3.30 pm to 4.30pm
- 12** Breakfast Club

## Principal's Report

This week I am writing to you from Coffs Harbour airport as I await my flight back to Albury, via Sydney, then a quick trip back to Finley. I have been working out of the Coffs Harbour office and today I'll be evaluating Dorrigo High School and the great work they are doing. This is all part of my role as a peer principal through the School Excellence Framework and external validation. Through this process it is my intention to work with the staff to evaluate where we are at as a school in addressing the key areas of teaching, learning and leadership.

On Saturday, I dropped into the Cobram show to experience the inspiring work of our show team. It was great to meet the students and parents and witness first-hand the amazing job they do. Thank you to the staff, students and parents who give up their time to ensure our students experience these extra curricula activities that shape our future for years to come.

Schools are busy places as we rush to class, listen intently, complete our work, and then move off to another class before breaking for recess, lunch, sport and other activities. I want to remind the students and parents that we are a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school. At Finley High School we are respectful, responsible learners. Therefore as a PBL school, we have high expectations for everyone: students have the right to learn and teachers have the right to teach. I will be sending a clear message to the Finley school community that this is what we stand by to ensure every student has the potential to learn in a safe and caring environment.

Three of our staff will be finishing with us over the coming weeks: Ms Downey, Mr Clark and Ms Marten. Each has given loyal service and so much to the students and school community. We will put together a tribute for each in the coming newsletters. I know you will want to say farewell and wish them all the best. Thank you Ellen, Simon and Deb and good luck.

Finally a big thank you to all the students who continue to work hard and do extraordinary things - For the STOMP team for putting on breakfast for the teachers on 'World Teachers Day'. To the SRC who have inspired me by their leadership and commitment to do anything possible for the school community and the new school student leaders – Captains, Riley Dempster and Emma Carey and Vice Captains, Ben Ashley-Cooper and Georgia Webb - who I plan to meet next week to discuss their goals and what inspires them.

Held recently was the AECG AGM which I attended. Congratulations to the office bearers – President - Ros Lockhart, Vice President – Thomas Burton, Secretary – Fiona Burton and Treasurer – Megan Mason and I look forward to working with them.

As Prince Harry said at the Invictus games "It's all about ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

Jeff Ward, Principal

## 2019 School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC Members



Left L-R: SRC Coordinator, Ms Deb Marten; Vice Captain, Benjamin Ashley-Cooper; Captains, Riley Dempster and Emma Carey; Vice Captain, Georgia Webb and Principal, Mr Jeff Ward.



Left: Back L-R: Ms Deb Marten, Mr Jeff Ward, Benjamin Ashley-Cooper, Riley Dempster, Emma Carey, Georgia Webb, Jasmine Ackers, Jack Sexton, Keeley Coates, Zander Nash and Savannah Wilson. Front L-R: Lily Sharp, Tiarna Burke, Dakota Pyle, Victoria Lawton, Georgia Congram, Jacob Orro, Lenny Dattoli, Eli Sutton and Edward Haynes. Absent: Alanna Steel, Will Sexton, Jacob Boyd and Meg Marsden.

## Forensics day

On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, Year Six students from Finley Public School and St Joseph's Catholic School Finley attended a Forensic Science Day at Finley High School. The aim of the day was to introduce students to some of the Science they will encounter when they attend Finley High School next year. It also gave students the opportunity to meet students who will be in Year Ten next year and to become more familiar and comfortable in the high school environment. Another big benefit of the day was allowing the Year Nine students to take on a leadership role as instructors and teachers for the day. From a teachers perspective it was inspiring to watch these young people step up and do such a fantastic job.

The Year Six students were involved in two workshops where they learnt about fingerprints. They were able to identify basic groups of fingerprints and the process of dusting and lifting fingerprints for analysis. The second workshop was focussed on forensic chemistry. The students had to perform a variety of tests on different white powders and then ultimately identify what was in an unknown white powder.

Pictured right L-R: Claire Ingram, Charlotte Hurlston, Makayla Culhane, Alison Kleinschmidt, Sarah Bauer, Justin Lawton, Destanee Miaoudis.



I would like to thank Ms Archinal and her Year Nine class for the fantastic job they did in running the day. I would also like to thank the Year Six students and their teachers for attending and participating so enthusiastically. They are a wonderful group of students and I look forward to working with them next year.

Pictured right:-R: Jess Andrews, Amalie Armstrong, Ella Bromfield, Daisy Daniel, Sienna Burke and Abbey Marshall

Michael O'Leary  
HT Science/Agriculture



## STEM Camp 2018



On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, seven Finley High students went to Albury to the great Aussie Holiday Park for three days for an Indigenous STEM camp.

The activities they participated in were how to throw a boomerang, how to do corroboree, how to make stop motion animations, learn how to paint with an aboriginal artist David Dunn, learning about different animals and plants and a lot more.

Tuesday the students went to Wirrimana, just out of Albury, they went for a bush hunt and discovered and learnt about different water bugs.

In free time, the students got to jump on the jumping pillow, went swimming, fed the animals and they even found a turtle that they named Squirt and released it into the Hume lake.

Overall, Hugh Burton, Talon Stevens, Charlie Mason, Stella Mason, Amiliah Miaoudis, Mia Neessen and Cassidy Reynolds had an amazing time and learnt a lot about their culture.

Written by Mia and Cassidy

Pictured: Students enjoying the activities at STEM camp



# World Teachers Day

Worlds Teacher Day - Celebrated in NSW on October 26<sup>th</sup>

Last week on behalf of the student body our Student Team on Mental Positivity (SToMP) thanked the staff of Finley High for their hard work, support and dedication.

On Monday morning staff enjoyed surprise faculty morning teas delivered by SToMP members followed by Fridays annual staff breakfast in celebration of Worlds Teacher Day. All staff were invited to the event where they were spoilt with bacon, eggs, fruit, yoghurt and juice. It is always a fantastic start to the day.

Thank you to all of our teachers and staff at Finley High.

SToMP



## Riding Develops Abilities 30 Year Celebrations

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Gabby, Kade, Mr Smyth and I went to the Cobram Bowling Club for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Riding Develops Abilities (RDA) in Cobram. We had afternoon tea and a chance to say thank you to the volunteers. We listened to the speeches and heard some of the RDA history. The volunteers assist every second Thursday with the riders and the horses. They get the horses ready and saddle them. They help the riders. I love going to horse riding because it's nice and relaxing. My favourite horse is Xenia.

Thank you to all the RDA volunteers for your time, it's very much appreciated.

By Brooke Pitt

Pictured right: Kade riding one of the horses at RDA.



## Careers Updates and Reminders

### Year Ten Work Experience

All Year Ten students should be preparing for and finalising the necessary documentation for their second round of Work Experience in Week Eight. Please contact the Careers Staff if you need support in this area.

### Year Eleven Mock Interviews

On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> November all Year Eleven students will participate in a Mock interview within the local business community. Students have been busy preparing resumes and cover letters as part of their application. Students are expected to dress up for the interviews which will happen throughout the school day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful employers and businesses who assist with the above programs. These are wonderful learning opportunities for our students but only happen because of your involvement and support.

## Art News

The Art department would appreciate if anyone could donate any of the following:

- Analogue (pre-digital) photographic darkroom equipment or camera equipment that they could donate. We are hoping to offer students the experience of learning darkroom photography.
- Old black and white sheets
- Small clean and not rusty tins and boxes with lids.
- Photographic magazines and journals.

## Year Eleven Biology Excursion – Boat Rock

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2018, the Year Eleven Biology class of 2018 went on an excursion to Boat Rock, Savernake. Boat Rock is situated 50km outside of Finley and is a site of Aboriginal significance. The people of the area were able to construct a water storage from solid granite rock. This 2m deep water reservoir effectively holds and catches water for use over the summer period. The development of the water reservoir happened over many years of continuously lighting a fire and digging the remains of loosened and broken rock. This reservoir was then utilised to lure kangaroos and other animals to drink and then they could be successfully hunted as a food source.

During our excursion, we explored the area and conducted several experiments to evaluate the biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) factors of the environment. The class enjoyed the excursion and feel as though it has broadened our understanding of the concepts within our Year Eleven Biology course.

Year Eleven Biology class.



## Book Bundles

Book bundles for 2019 are currently available for purchase from the Finley High School Canteen.

Year Seven - \$55 and calculator \$20 = \$75

Year Eight - \$40

The canteen is open from 8:15am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

## 2018 Melbourne Show Sheep Section

It is rare that Finley High exhibits sheep at the Melbourne Show, so it was a bit special this year. Thanks to Kevin A'Vard, who transported the sheep and stayed to help supervise students, it was made possible.

Oliver Knight, Alex A'Vard, Max Cameron and Justin Lawton displayed fantastic initiative and organisation to undertake all of the sheep responsibilities. They made sure everything was in order to have the sheep looking fantastic and capably showed the sheep.

Pictured right: Alex A'Vard with the woolly ewe lamb.

We won a range of awards. Firstly, Finley High has once again won the novice classes and was awarded the Novice breeder aggregate for a Poll Dorset exhibitor. In the Poll Dorset section, multiple ribbons were won, with Max parading the second place shorn ram lamb. Alex was unlucky not to be placed higher with the woolly ewe lamb; she was third in her class. Max and Justin were third in the pair of ewes as was Oliver with the shorn ewe lamb.

Meg Marshall joined the boys to compete in the students' competition, where they had to handle and judge sheep against each of the other students from all of the schools. We were very proud of their efforts as they were awarded third place overall.



Left: Justin Lawton and Max Cameron with pair of ewes.

Right: Max Cameron with shorn ram

Below right: Meg Marshall helping out with the Poll Dorset team.



Left: Oliver Knight with the shorn ewe lamb





## Leaving Teacher Profile - Time at Finley High School



**Name:** Deborah Marten (Deb)

### **What brought you to Finley High School?**

I came back to Finley when I finished uni because I was engaged to a local and we had bought a block of land here; many of my siblings were here too at that time. I did my first casual teaching here in December 1989.

### **What is your most memorable moment at Finley High School?**

There really have been an enormous number of great memories over the years here. I have loved working at this school. The Graduation day and night of my Year Twelve group really was very special to me. They were a great group of kids. I felt really blessed to look after them throughout their schooling and they certainly made me laugh and eventually, cry too.

### **What will you miss most about Finley High School?**

I will miss working with fun, kind, caring colleagues who really have supported me over my time at Finley High School. I will miss the students I teach very much.

### **Most memorable staff member?**

I have worked with so many people but Robyn O'Leary, Anne Braybon, Liz Vance and Matt Whitty really stand out from a very impressive group of colleagues. There have been so many great people who have made me laugh, dried my tears and helped me with the never ending technological difficulties I seem to have....

### **Finley High School in a word?**

Finley High School in a word is too hard for me to describe but there is such a great future on the horizon for this school.

### **Destination?**

Huntleys Cove in the inner west of Sydney, but I will certainly be back to visit the country; I love the country.

### **Do you have a farewell message to Finley High School?**

This is a great school with so much opportunity for students and teachers alike; we really are blessed. My message for the students of Finley High School: take every opportunity given to you, step out of your comfort zone and see the broader world but appreciate what you have right here. Be the very best version of you that you can be every day and be kind.





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Responsible  
Learners

# *Transition to High School*

## *for Parents/Caregivers with*

### *Students starting High School 2019*

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**6pm – 7pm**

**Finley High School Library**

**This is an informal meeting opportunity for parents to discuss the expectations of Finley High & how we can work together as a team to;**

- support your child at High School
- create independence
- encourage problem solving & resilience

**2019 Year 7 students are welcome to come along to;**

- build healthy friendships
- discuss issues that may occur & how you can deal with them
- interact with students from different towns

**LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED**

**For more information and to RSVP contact;**

Finley High School 03 58831344

Student Support Officer- Jodi Brown

2019 Year 7 Advisor– Michelle Archinal

## School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 Applications Now Open

School student applications for 2019 are now open.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- Are continuing at the same school
- Are residing at the same address
- Have not been send an expiry notification from Transport NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. NOTE: Some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

For further information please visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

**PBL** in action – Agriculture students

Learning in a

Respectful,

Responsible manner



## Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 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....

### November

2	C Moloney
5	K Lunn
6	H Harris
7	R Sharp
8	L Knight
9	T Clarke
12	M Kleinschmidt
13	H Harris
14	S Cracknell
15	T Anderson
16	J Congdon

## Community Announcements

### Finley and District Camera Club Inc.

Tom Putt one of Australia's leading landscape photographers will be attending our next meeting to be held at the Barooga Public School Library, Hughes Street, Barooga on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is no charge and no booking is required for you to attend.

From his first professional job in sports photography, through to running one of Melbourne's most successful portrait studios, to starting one of the first companies to lead photographic workshops in Australia, Tom's experience is unsurpassed.

We would like to invite any interested Community members to attend. The session will suit children as well as adults.

For further information please contact Shirley Coldwell on 0458763200.

### 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.

### School Reunion

20 Year school reunion for the class of 1993 to 1998 will be held at the Finley RS Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 from 5pm onwards. Please spread the word.

For more information please contact Tim Hay on 0401 261 865

# Spring Feel Good in Finley Expo

Saturday 10th Nov 10.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday 11th Nov 10.00—4.00 pm

at Finley RSC 63-67 Tocumwal Street, Finley



Feel Good in Finley is about you! Come along and find out everything you need to know about looking after your health and wellbeing. We would be delighted if you would join us.

**Fitness**

**Mental Health**

**Kids Zone**

**Psychic Reading**

**Massage**

**Seminars**

**Therapies**

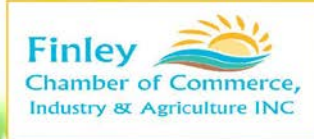
**Community Information**

**Tarot Card Readings**

**Healthy Living**

**Stalls**

Entry via gold coin Individual stall holders  
may charge a fee for services provided.



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# Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



**medicare**  
**child support**

## Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Near Central Arcade, Pinnuck Street

FINLEY

Wednesday, 7 November 2018 9 am to 4 pm

A Farm Household Case Officer will be in attendance

For more information, go to [humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice) or call 132 316.

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**If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.**

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support and Australian Hearing payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the department's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- conducting a free hearing health check for people 16 and over
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

## More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit [humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice)  
The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

## Disclaimer

This information is intended as a guide only. The information is correct as at July 2018. If you use this publication after that date, please check with us that the details are current.

## Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

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