



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## KEY DATES

### November

- 18-21** Year 10 Excursion to Sydney
- 22-23** Yea Show
- 25** Year 7 Wellbeing Program
- 28** Year 9 Empowerment Day
- 29** Formal Assembly 12:30-1:30pm

### December

- 2-6** Year 10 Work Experience, 2<sup>nd</sup> session
- 3** Year Six Orientation Day
- 12** Rewards Excursion to Melbourne
- 17** Presentation Night 7pm-8:45pm
- 18** Last day of Term 4
- 19 – 20** Staff Development Days

### January

- 27** Australia Day Holiday
- 28** Staff Development Day
- 29** Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve return to school
- 30** All students return to school

### February

- 3 – 5** Year Seven Excursion to Howman's Gap

## Café 84 Now open for business!

The barista's warmly welcome you to enjoy a hot delicious beverage to sharpen the senses and fill your morning with taste and refinement. Due to popular demand the Café will be open every **Tuesday and Thursday** before school and at recess so don't be latte! Come and grab a delicious cuppa from just \$4.50! Coffee cards are available for \$20 (5 cups of coffee) or \$40 (10 cups of coffee).



Above: Elle Rochford, Vamos Patu and Mr Webb

## Principal's Report

This newsletter marks the end of week 5. We are half way through term 4 and as we enter the final weeks, we can reflect on the year that was. Where students started, to where they have come, practices that have worked effectively and those that could benefit from improvement, methods that have positively influenced student engagement and the impact of new programs and practices into the classrooms. A very exciting time indeed.

## **Parent information evening**

It was great to meet our new parents and students at our recent parent information evening held at Finley High School. Can I especially thank Mrs Jodi Brown and Mrs Madi Jackson for coordinating the evening and delivering an informative evening answering many questions. If you were unable to attend and would like us to give you a call or would like a school tour please give the school a call.

## **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day is observed on 11<sup>th</sup> November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of the First World War on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November the school paused to remember all those who served and died for their country. Lest we forget.

## **Staffing appointments 2020**

Recently the school convened two selection panels to fill vacancies in the school. Can I thank all those involved in this important process especially our parent and AECG representatives. I would like to congratulate the following who were permanently appointed:

Ms Sally Marsden to the vacant Special Education position.

Miss Chloe Treacy (Condobolin High School) to the vacant TAS position.

They will be joined by Miss Tegan Walker (graduate appointment) who moves into the vacant maths position.

## **Anti bullying**

Staff from Finley High School joined our colleagues from Finley Primary School recently in a joint professional learning activity that focused on the latest developments on anti-bullying strategies. Can I please remind all students and parents that the best result is always quick action, tell someone early and take on bullying behaviour early. Don't be afraid to report and don't stand by and watch bullies bully others.

## **Extended staff meeting**

Our final extended staff meeting was held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The focus being on teaching and learning. Each term we have held an extended staff meeting which counts for the hours of our extended staff development days at the end of the year. The majority of staff will now finish the school year on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December the same day as the students.

## **YES Program**

I was privileged recently to spend a short amount of time with a group of wonderful students who graduated from the YES program (Youth Engagement Strategy). These students are: Billie Matheson, Jaye McNair, Hannah, Chancelline Tradukunda, Charlise Morley, Lilly-May, Mickeeley Cole, Jade Selwood, Lillian, Manaia Joseph and Emma. The work the students presented to me was outstanding and I was immensely proud of what they had achieved. Each of the students was presented with a graduating certificate for their efforts. Can I especially thank their teacher, Richard, and the TAFE coordinator, Nola Pinnuck, for providing our students with such a great opportunity.

## **Taster day**

Today, over fifty students from all our feeder schools have come together to experience a day at high school. It was fantastic to meet these eager and enthusiastic students who are very ready for high school. The day was organised by their year advisor, Mrs Madeline Jackson, and student support officer, Mrs Jodi Brown, who have done a wonderful job in supporting the students. The students will experience classes such as science, music and food technology and what it would be like enjoying lunch with over 300 students and meeting so many new teachers. I was fortunate to address the students at the beginning of the day and I look forward to them joining us in 2020.

## **Year Ten excursion to Sydney**

Next week I, with Mrs Infanti, Mr Whitty, Mrs O'Bryan and Mrs Ingram are off to Sydney with thirty plus Year Ten students. I personally am looking forward to getting to know many of these students and sharing in their excitement of heading to Sydney. I thank Miss Infanti who has done a wonderful job in organising this excursion, and to the other staff who have taken time away from their families, I thank you.

Mr Jeff Ward  
Principal

## **Year Nine Real Game**

In Year Nine Careers students have been playing the REAL GAME. The students have set up an identity as a young working adult. They have created a life where they have chosen to either rent or buy a house, a vehicle and other needs and wants. They have "chosen" a job and received their monthly pay cheque. Recently they have had a street party where they have met other members of their class community and compared their job roles based on elements such as training and education required, holiday allowances, wages and salaries, hours worked in a week, transferable skills and tasks completed. They have reflected on the differences within their class community roles and looked for connections between things such as education/qualifications and income, hours worked and lifestyle options, interests and job satisfaction etc. Students have also spent time prioritising their activities in a week to ensure that in the 168 hours they have available that they have time to work, complete household chores and still have some time for leisure activities. In the coming lessons students will begin to look at whether or not they can afford the lifestyle they chose at the start of the game. Hopefully at the conclusion of this game students will have a better appreciation of the importance of finding a job that they are passionate about that allows them to prioritise and afford the things that they identify as priorities in their life. They will have an appreciation for some of the inequalities that exist in the world of work and importance of lifestyle balance.

## **Year Ten Work Experience - reminder**

Year Ten Parents

A reminder that the second block of Work Experience is in Week Eight Term Four.

The paperwork has been handed out and students need to return the yellow Placement Details sheet by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Student Placement Record needs to be returned ASAP. Remember- it must be signed by the employer, the parent/caregiver and the student.

Many thanks to those students who have already returned both pieces of paperwork.

Jenny Philpot  
Work Experience Co-ordinator

## Agriculture Department

We in the Agriculture Department are always amazed at the generous support of the community towards our school program. Last week Genstock once again donated their services to artificially inseminate our stud Poll Dorset ewes. The Year Nine students in attendance were thoroughly engaged in this interesting process and did a marvellous job assisting putting the ewes into cradles before the AI. Thanks again to David and Rozy Kennet for allowing this to happen, which allows us to use top quality Poll Dorset sires.

The Frost family from Hillden Poll Dorset Stud again gave us semen, this time from the ram 730-16. This ram was Supreme Interbreed Champion sheep at the Bendigo Sheep Show and the Melbourne Royal in 2017. The ram used last year, 499-15, was also Supreme Champion at Melbourne In 2016.

Thanks also to Mr Atkinson for driving and Mr Close for driving and assisting with the synchronisation and joining process.



Left: checking the semen under the microscope before AI.



Right: Separating ewes into sire groups.



## Photography TAFE Youth Engagement Strategy

During November, eleven girls have been attending Riverina Institute of TAFE, Riverina Campus, with Richard Sievers to complete a four day workshop on photography and videography. The girls have spent time learning about photography in order to enhance their understanding of the basic principles of composition and lighting. They have undertaken photo tasks at TAFE, at home and around Finley to hone their instincts as photographers as they work to capture a series of photos around required topics. The end result of their photo shoots has been amazing with some extremely professional pieces being produced. Finley High School would like to thank Riverina Institute of TAFE, Finley Campus, in particular Richard for the opportunity presented through the YES program.



Left: students at TAFE.

## Year Eleven Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 all Year Eleven students will be required to participate in Mock Interviews. Students have been preparing for these interviews during Careers lessons and have written cover letters and resumes for the various mock positions available. Students will be required to dress up in appropriate work wear and attend an interview with various employers from our local businesses.

Students will be put through the formal process of attending a job interview where they will be asked a variety of questions under pressure situations. Employers will evaluate each student and their resumes and decide on the best candidate for each position.

After the event students will be given their interview evaluations and the students who performed the best will be presented with a prize rather than a job.

Students will walk to and from their interview location.

We ask that you please encourage your student to practice their answers for possible questions at home and help them to choose an appropriate outfit to wear for their interview. For some this may be their first experience of a formal interview and although they may be nervous their learning experience will stand them in great stead for future "real life" experiences.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful employers and businesses who have supported the program in 2019. Biralee, TAFE, Elders, Hutcheon & Pearce, Taylor & Whitty, RS Club, TDH Plumbing, Berrigan Shire and IGA. Without this support this invaluable learning experience could not happen.

## Nurse Camp

Chancelline Tradukunda was one of twenty successful students chosen from 138 applicants to attend Nurse camp. This three day experience was run by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and was held at the Narrandera District Hospital.

Chancelline has written a brief summary of her experience.

A huge thank you to Jodi Brown for driving Chancelline to and from Narrandera.

Jenny Philpot  
Careers Advisor

My trip to the nurse camp in Narrandera was amazing, educational and fun.

Twenty people were selected to go. I met new people such as the staff who were also registered nurses, teacher and the Manager of the nurses and made some friends on the camp.

On the first day we had team exercising games to let loose and feel like we were not alone. They also showed us to our dorms and how the three days were going to go and we also got this bag with a book, drink bottle and stethoscope. On the second day we drove to the hospital in Narrandera and got to meet some of the staff who work there. There were six groups. We each talked to one person for 30 minutes or so about their job and our future. I learnt so much: such as helping a choking baby, how to take care of wounds and burns, how to get a nice clean hospital bed, how to do CPR, learnt more about mental health, about the human body and the functions etc. We enjoyed a tour about the hospital, and we got our scrubs. On the third and final day we had this project where our listening skills were put to the test. We had five or six scenarios based on the things we learnt from day two such as using CPR on an aged patient who was unconscious and changing the bed with someone in it etc. At the end we had an assembly where each student was awarded for their effort and participation. I would like to thank Jodi for taking time out of her day to drop me off to the nurse camp and picking me up from Narrandera hospital.



Chancelline

### 2019 Waterwheel Magazine

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2019 Waterwheel Magazine.

Please include \$15 per copy with your order by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to the pay office.



## Samples of work from YES Program



### CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number  
0473 946 683

...LADIES, please note 10am start....

#### November

15	
18	J Orro
19	G Ferguson
20	S Macleod
21	K Chesworth
25	T Doohan
26	D Pyke
27	S Cracknell
28	
29	
2	K Peacock
3	R Lockhart
4	J Chellew

### Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th December, 2019  
at 7pm in the Staff Common Room  
(admin building)

The P&C meet the second Wednesday of the  
month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspscassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspscassociation@gmail.com)

#### Fish Tank available

We currently have a fish tank that we no longer require. If you are interested in this please contact the school with an expression of interest.

6 ft x 18" glass tank on stand with light, filter, gravel and accessories.





## REMINDER

Please label uniform items.

We have a large amount of lost property with no names.

## Expressions of interest FHS Canteen

Due to the impending retirement of a team member, the Finley High School P&C is seeking to employ a suitable person to fulfil the role of canteen coordinator.

This position is a job share position, operating on a 6 day per fortnight basis during the four terms of the school year, totalling 40.5 hours per fortnight.

The suitable person would need to be able to work as part of a team with the existing canteen coordinator as well as volunteer helpers. The role also has times of working solo.

Duties include:

- Food preparation.
- Counter sales.
- Stock ordering.
- Stock reconciliation
- Banking.

Experience is not essential as training is provided.

The successful applicant would need to already possess or have the ability to obtain a working with children check and a food handling certificate.

Please send your expression of interest to [fhspscassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspscassociation@gmail.com) by 30/11/2019

For any further information please contact Paul Jones on 0417 463 083.

Would you like to see a  
**Learn to Swim Program**  
offered locally?

**Expressions of Interest Wanted**  
**Train to be a Swimming Teacher/Assistant**

*All training and assessment will be fully funded and run locally.*

We are urgently seeking expressions of interest from anyone (min. 16 y.o.) who is willing to train to be a swimming teacher or assistant swimming teacher.

Please contact  
Nikki Wane - 0409 134 861  
as soon as possible .

Further course information:

<https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/training/swim-teaching-austswim>



16TH NOVEMBER

FINLEY  
SHOWGROUNDS

12PM BALL DROP  
9AM MUD RUN

**APEX  
TIMOR  
MUD RUN  
AND  
BALL  
DROP**

**MUD RUN BALL DROP**  
**Under 5- free**  
**11 & under- \$15**  
**12 & over- \$25**  
**TICKETS**  
**\$20 each**  
**or \$50 for 3 !!!**

**ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON VIA  
FACEBOOK EVENT**

Join us for a special **FREE** community event!

# ESCAPE THE DROUGHT!

## JERILDERIE CIVIC HALL

Friday 29 November 2019, 12 pm - 5 pm

**DROP IN FOR A WHILE OR STAY ALL DAY!**

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Active Farmers

Amanda Mannes – Wellness Coach

Rural Financial Counsellor

Rural Investment Corporation

Solutions4All Career Consultant

### HEALTH AND PAMPERING

Local beauticians, hairdressers and massage therapists

Health Check: Jerilderie Health Service

### DROUGHT SUPPORT

Assistance with drought subsidy and forms: LLS



**Murrumbidgee**  
COUNCIL

**Free luncheon | raffles and lucky door prizes**

More information: Murrumbidgee Council: 1300 676 243

*Proudly brought to you by Murrumbidgee Council and funded through  
the Australian Government Drought Communities Programme.*



# Finley Market

Saturday 16th November,

9am - 1pm

Will be held at the

## ***‘Tough it for Timor’ Mud Run***

Finley Showgrounds & Sporting Complex

**Christmas Gifts, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Craft,  
Artisan bread, Plants, Home storage, Health food,  
Coffee, variety stalls, Cakes, & more**

For more info: Ph 0423 206 590





Council Swimming Pools 2019 -2020 Season

**Opening from Tuesday  
5 November 2019**

## HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday  
6am - 10am and 1pm - 7pm

Children under the age of 14 must be supervised by an adult (over the age of 18)

**Entry - FREE!**

Please contact the Pool Manager for enquiries  
regarding group bookings/events



### Coleambally Swimming Club

Coleambally Swimming Club will commence on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 5.30pm. Swimming Club welcomes all children to come and swim from those starting to swim 25m to those wanting to be competitive swimmers.

Membership needs to be paid online prior to swimming and can be done through Swim Central <https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/>

### Coleambally Swimming Club Development Meet

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a development meet with SISA Development coach Billy Nicholson providing a free training session at 11.30am. Racing warm up will be at 1pm with races to start at 2pm.

The race program consists of 12.5m, 25m, 50m, 100m and 200m events, please enter via swim central.

Please contact Naomi Jones 0418827914 if you are using your Active Kids Voucher or for further information and assistance with registration.

*\*\*Coleambally Swimming Pool has free entry for the  
2019/2020 swimming season\*\**

