



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

6th September 2019

KEY DATES

September

- 4 – 6** NSW Combined High Schools Athletics in Sydney.
- 10 – 12** NSW Combined High Schools Tennis
- 11** Breakfast Club 8:30 – 8:45
K9 Teach
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room
- 13** Formal Assembly, 10:00am – 11:00am in the Hall
- 16 – 20** Year Eleven Yearly Exams
- 18** K9 Teach
- Homework Centre at Finley High School Library, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- Future Directions Campus Visit – Charles Sturt University Albury-Wodonga.
- 20 – 27** Year Eleven Work Placement
- 26** Year 12 Formal Dinner
- 20 - 29** Royal Melbourne Show
- 27** Last day of term

Snow Trip

On Tuesday 27th August students from years seven to eleven boarded the bus to head to Falls Creek to participate in our snow sports activity day. The original date for the snow trip was postponed due to below freezing temperature and strong winds, however the new date turned out to be perfect.

The students were able to engage in a lesson targeted at their ability level on either a snowboard or skies. We gathered for lunch at Cloud 9 and were given some free time to finish off the day.

Special thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to make the day possible; Mr Maxwell, Mr Tooke, Mr McCarney, Mrs Hurd and Mrs Tobin.



Above: Hayley Palmer, Nicola Denny, Hailey McLean

Principal's Report

Ministers Awards

In following up from my report in the last newsletter, I attended the Education Minister's Awards for Excellence last week and was extremely proud of Jodi Brown and David Marsden in receiving their awards from the Secretary of Education, Mr Mark Scott. In a lavish ceremony at the Sydney Town Hall in front of dignitaries and hundreds of guests it was refreshing to see our school represented on stage with other worthy winners. I have included the citation below for both Jodi and David. We are very proud of their achievements.

Jodi Brown

Jodie is an exceptional Student Support Officer, whose focus is very much aligned to the Departmental value of 'every child is known, valued and cared for'. Having implemented many whole school initiatives and programs, it has been her vision to raise awareness on current wellbeing concerns, focus on mental health and promote available supports, leading to an increase in student engagement. Jodie is a very trusted and well respected member of the school community and through her hard work student wellbeing has been enhanced considerably providing a solid foundation for young people to thrive.

David Marsden

David is being recognised for his contribution to the Finley High School Agriculture Department and the school show team for the past 14 years. During that time he has given up valuable time and resources working with local farmers organising hay and straw for the ever-expanding program. Using his own vehicles he transports feed and cattle to local and interstate shows, often staying to assist with any task required of him. David is well respected by the students. He does these things because he is passionate about agriculture, education and our community. He is an extremely worthy recipient.



Above: Jeff Ward, David Marsden, Jodi Brown and Robyn O'Leary

Berrigan Shire International Children's Games Funding

On behalf of all the students and staff at Finley High School I would like to thank the committee of Berrigan Shire International Children's Games Inc for their generous donation of \$8,905.19. This money was raised to support students attending International Children's Games; however the program has not been able to continue and the funds were dispersed to the schools of the 2016 team members who initially raised the money. This money will be used to purchase sporting equipment and uniforms for the school. Again thank you to the committee and the broader community who raised this money.

Principal visit

This week we had a visit from Mr Justin Hong. Mr Hong is the Principal of Cromer High School and is currently relieving as the Principal for Northern Beaches Secondary College. Mr Hong was keen to experience what a rural school has to offer, and we are keen to establish a link, looking at teacher and student exchanges, Professional Learning, shared resources as well as sporting and cultural visits. I hope to visit his school in term four with some staff and students. Mr Hong sent the following message after his visit.

Thanks again for the couple of days, your school is fantastic, most notably your students, I spoke to and saw a number of them in action and they were all very respectful and engaged in their learning. Your teachers and head teachers are also great, very professional, friendly and committed to the school and their students. I am happy to extend an invitation to you, your students and your staff to visit, network and hopefully engage in future experiences that can enhance both of our school communities. Thanks again for the invitation to visit, it was a great learning experience for me, I am looking forward to discussing future initiatives between our 2 schools.

Primary school visits

Last week Miss Philpot and Jodi Brown paid a visit to a number of our feeder schools and the reports thus far have been excellent. We are continuing to look at opportunities to visit schools which feed into Finley High School, so if there is anything we can do to support your child in starting school please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also open to tours of the school during school hours or after hours.

Updated Roles

Our SAM, Mrs Rosyln Brain, is taking a well-deserved break till the end of term. Mrs Sarah Singleton will be the relieving SAM until then.

Mrs Tessa McNamara has accepted the role as ATSI coordinator.

Finley Show

It was great to see so many of our staff and students involved in the Finley Show. Well done to our cattle and sheep show team who have been working hard in the weeks leading up to the show. To Mr and Mrs O'Leary, Mr Webb and Mr and Mrs Close, thank you. Two open days last week at school illustrated just how hard the students have been preparing the animals. Also, congratulations to Mrs McNamara for setting up the school display in the pavilion hall were there were many fine individual contributions. The school display won first prize for the best static display so thank you Mrs McNamara. STOMP and the SRC received a lot of support for their raffle and it was great to see Mr Bird there with his goats. Congratulations go out to the lady of the day Mrs Philpot and Senior Miss show girl Georgia Webb. The final well done goes out to all the students who were so involved in the parading of cattle and winning so many awards.

Football and Netball Finals

Spring also means finals. Not everyone at Finley High School is involved in football or netball but I would say there would be a very high proportion who are. To the staff and students involved in finals I wish you good luck. Throughout the season I have endeavoured to get to as many games as possible around the district and have been blessed to see some terrific individual and team efforts. The following teams have had students and staff involved as players, coaches or administrators. Hard to believe Finley High School is represented in so many teams. Barooga, Berrigan, Blighty, Jerilderie, Deniliquin Rovers, Finley, Katamatite, Yarroweyah, Yarrowonga, Shepparton Bears, Murry Bushrangers and Tocumwal. Congratulations to Jess Hanmer and Ben Neessen for winning league best and fairests in the Picola League and to Mr Hay who won the best junior coach. Well done to Hayley Doohan, Miss Dora Miaoudis and Charlie Mason on their premiership win with the Shepparton Bears.

Murals and Aboriginal paintings

The school quad is looking very lively and colourful with the addition of the Aboriginal art and School House murals. They are a fantastic addition to the school and I would like to thank everyone involved in this project, in particular the senior leadership group and House Captains for the murals and the ATSI students working with David Dunn for the Aboriginal art.

Final weeks of term three

As we come to the final weeks of term three, I would like to wish year twelve all the best. I will celebrate their contribution to Finley High School in the next newsletter.

Mr Jeff Ward
Principal

Finley Show 2019

The Show Team experienced great success again this year at the Finley Show where we competed against Barham and Yanco High Schools and many private exhibitors. There were a total of 140 cattle entries.

In Saturday afternoons Junior Judging event we achieved the following results:

Junior section – Erin Chesworth placed 1st, Hayley Kernaghan 4th, Harmonie Tidcome 5th and Stella Mason 6th.

Senior Section – Niamh Mason placed 1st, Hayley Doohan 2nd and Shiane Mason 5th.

It is a daunting task to stand up in front of a crowd and articulate the reason why you placed animals in a certain order and justify the reasons for doing so. We commend all the students who entered this competition for stepping outside their comfort zone and trying hard in this competition. They learn valuable skills that will serve them well.

In the judging of the stock on Sunday we achieved the results as outlined in the table below.

The results for the Stud Beef classes are outlined below:

| Class | Exhibit | Handler | Result |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 4 | FHS Nellie | Elle Rochford | 1 st & Reserve Champion Senior Cow |
| 5 | FHS Millie with 2-week-old calf Quantum at foot | Niamh Mason Cassidy Reynolds & Erin Chesworth | 1 st , Senior Champion Cow & Supreme Female of the Show |
| 6 | FHS Percy | Hugh Burton | 1 st |
| 9 | FHS Nixon | Ben Bauer | 3 rd |
| Best Pair of Females | FHS Millie (& FHS Quantum) paired with FHS Nellie | Niamh Mason Erin Chesworth Elle Rochford | 1 st |

The results for the Prime Beef classes are outlined below:

| Class | Exhibit | Breed | Handler | Result |
|--------------|----------------|--|-------------------|--|
| 1 | FHS Penny | Shorthorn | Harmonie Tidcombe | 1st |
| 1 | FHS Porkie | Shorthorn | Shiane Mason | 2nd |
| 2 | Matty | Angus (Donated by John Hawkins) | Kim Montgomery | 2nd |
| 3 | Buzz | Hereford (Donated by Jack and Maree Doyle) | Rebecca Pierce | 3rd |
| 4 | FHS Peanut | Inra Spike 95 x Shorthorn | Alana Steel | 1 st & Reserve Champion Prime Beef Exhibit of the Show |

Junior Handlers Competition.

In this class the handler is judged on how well they parade their animals and show them off.

| Age Group | Handler | Exhibit | Result |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 12 | Erin Chesworth | Woody | 1 st |
| 12 | Claire Ingram | FHS Peggy | 3 rd |
| 13 | Harmonie Tidcombe | Woody | 3 rd |
| 13 | Stella Mason | FHS Pedro | 4 th |
| 14 | Morgan Evans | FHS Penny | 2 nd |
| 14 | Cassidy Reynolds | FHS Pamela | 3 rd |
| 14 | Meg Marshall | Geronimo | 4 th |
| 14 | Caitlin Jeffress | FHS Poppy | 5 th |
| 14 | Shannae Thomson | FHS Pippa | 6 th |
| 15 | Jacob Doohan | Iseco bull | 2nd |
| 16 | Niamh Mason | FHS Millie | 2 nd |
| 16 | Shiane Mason | FHS Porky | 3 rd |
| 16 | Elle Rochford | FHS Nellie | 4 th |
| 17 | Kim Montgomery | Matty | 1st |

Finley High School was also very proud to win the Woolamai Pastoral Co Best Presented Team.

In the Poll Dorset section we won each class that we entered. Decklon Rafferty, Raymond Sutton and Shane Chellew paraded the sheep.

Poll Dorset section

1st & 2nd Ram lamb

Res Champion ram

1st & 2nd ewe lamb

1st & 2nd ewe under 1 1/2

1st pair ewes under 1 1/2

1st Poll Dorset group

Champion and reserve champion Poll Dorset ewe

Res Champion Interbreed ewe

Best lamb exhibit in show



Above: Elle Rochford with 'Nellie'



Above: Erin Chesworth



Above: Junior section for judging



Above: Kenielle Chellew



Above: Harmonie Tidcombe with 'Penny'



Above: Hugh Burton



Above: Riley & Madison Kleinschmidt and Alana Steel



Above: Senior section for judging



Above: Shiane Mason

Education Perfect World Series.

Finley High School has subscribed to an online education platform called Education Perfect. It allows students to access lessons and assessment items at school and at home. Many students use the platform to extend themselves and to take on challenges such as the World series. Education Perfect World Series is a competition where students from across the world who have access to Education Perfect, compete in different subject areas. The event runs from between three days to seven days.

Larshya accepted the challenge and achieved a silver award in Science, being placed in the top 5% of 100,000 students who took part. She also gained an Emerald in Humanities being placed in the top 1% of 25,000 competitors and an Emerald in English being placed in the top 1% of 65,000 competitors.

Well done Larshya, an amazing effort!

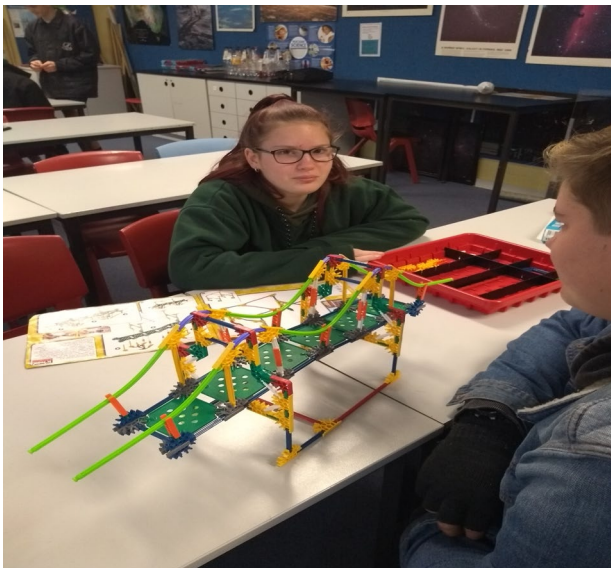
Michael O'Leary

HT Science/Agriculture

Year Eight Engineering

Students in the Year Eight Engineering elective are currently studying the design features of bridges. The students build a variety of models to give them an insight into how the design and engineering in a bridge can influence its strength, ability to cope with natural events like storms and earthquakes and the cost of the bridge.

Pictured are year students with models made using Kinects



Above: Emily Johnson



Above: Lily O'Hehir

PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning

With the new yellow slip rewards system up and running we have had a number of students awarded over the last 3 weeks in regards to their positive behaviours. We started the new system in Week 4 this term and will continue to evaluate the system and encourage the students to be Respectful, Responsible Learners.

Each week we have a focus aim. The following are areas we have had;

- Week 4- Bring your equipment; being prepared for all lessons ensures students have the best possible learning opportunities
- Week 5- Using respectful manners and appropriate language; taking the time to think before we speak and treating others how we would like to be treated.
- Week 6- Appropriate use of technology; following the Finley High School technology, BYOD and phone procedures ensure students and staff maximum time for learning.
- Week 7- Using good manners in class; putting your hand up to comment or ask questions, taking in turns and respecting each others opinions. By showing respect, being responsible and allowing others to learn you contribute to an engaging and achieving classroom.

We also look forward to awarding the Year Eleven students an extra 5minutes at recess this Friday for being the year group with the most reward cards! The students have been working hard over the last few weeks to ensure their year groups are in the running for a major award.

Congratulations to all the students that have been awarded so far and to Year Eleven for role modelling the behaviours, highlighting that they are Respectful, Responsible Learners.

Photos-

Wk 5- Georgia Linder-Mason (yr7), Shiane Mason (yr11), Charlotte Mason (yr 10), Georgia Congram (yr9), Marcus Anderson (yr12), Harmonie Tidcombe (yr8)

Wk 6- Taylon Cardwell (yr10), Dakota Cracknell (yr8), Manaia Joseph (yr 11), Dylan Schwann (yr7), Alana Steel (yr9). Absent- Cameron Bain (yr12)

Wk 7- Taymyn Jones (yr10), Dakota Pyle (yr8), Mollie McGrath (yr11), Benjamin Bauer (yr 9).



Year Nine Fundraising Day



On Friday the 23rd of August the Year Nine cohort took part in fundraising for the Cancer Council.

They brought in plates of food for the Year Twelve students, to farewell them, as they are graduating next term. As you would expect however, the Finley High School staff managed to sample some of the wonderful food on offer.

With the assistance of Gaye and the Hospitality team the Year Nine group raised \$333.00 with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. We congratulate the Year Nine students who participated and everyone else involved, for the tremendous work they put in to make this possible.

The Cancer Council is the only organisation that provides for all types of cancer Australia wide. With the help of fundraising events like this one, the Cancer Council can provide assistance for all people at risk of cancer throughout Australia.

Finley High School Chess

Last Tuesday, 27th August, the Finley High School chess team made the gruelling journey to Griffith to play Murrumbidgee Regional High School. The matches all looked like fairly even battles. Brad Aylett from Finley High School made the first breakthrough on board 1 after having his opponents on the ropes before finishing strongly. Cooper Burke was next on the winners podium with a narrow victory over his opponent on board 2. Shirsho Roy wasn't so lucky on board 3, losing by the barest of margins after a long match. Will Anderson played with heart on board 4, unfortunately losing in the longest game of the day. A strong effort by Finley High School to advance to the top 5 in the competition



Above: Cooper Burke, Brad Aylett, Will Anderson, Edward Haynes, Shirsho Soumyajit.

Attendance

The wellbeing team works hard to ensure every student can attend school every day.

Coming to school everyday maximises opportunity and learning outcomes. It helps develop social skills and have a greater access to support.

Attendance is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.

The Department of Education requires all students to have a minimum of 85% attendance per year. By law all students should be at school most days.

Finley Highs School's attendance so far this year:

- Year 7 - 90%
- Year 8 - 83%
- Year 9 - 88%
- Year 10 - 85%
- Year 11 - 87%
- Year 12 - 90%
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Congratulations to the Year Seven girls who have had the highest attendance thus far among any other group at 91%

A reminder that there will be attendance commendation letters sent out to anyone who achieves 100% attendance for the term.

Mr McCarney.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

September

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|----|-------------|
| 5 | T Anderson |
| 6 | T Roe |
| 9 | S Congram |
| 11 | P Neessen |
| 13 | M Ryan |
| 16 | J Orro |
| 17 | G Ferguson |
| 18 | D Jewell |
| 19 | K Chesworth |

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th September, 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.

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

FINLEY COMMUNITY GYM

**Is offering FREE classes to
ALL women of our local area.**

**Sharon Hatty will be taking 1 hour classes (Pump,
Spin, Boot camp, etc) on the following days
starting TODAY and continuing for 12 months**

Wednesdays 10.30am & Thursdays 4pm

This activity is funded by



Finley Community Gym Inc. Murray Street, Finley. 0427 003 674



Monash Dinner and Oration

Friday 20 September 2019

6:30 pm

Jerilderie Civic Hall

This year's guest speaker is

Mr Michael Bennett,

(Sir John Monash's great grandson)

Tickets: \$50 per person

Tickets include a two course meal and the oration.

Tickets available from Murrumbidgee Council Jerilderie office.

Applications are now open for
Murrumbidgee Council's bursary of \$2,000.

The recipient will be announced at the dinner.

More information: T: 1300 676 243 | E: mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations – Open 1st August, must be completed and paid online at www.lansw.com.au prior to the first session. Once registered your pack will be available for collection on the first night of events. Uniforms will be available for purchase.

Age Groups – Tiny Tots – Under 17's
(Open athletes also welcome)

Cost - \$80 per athlete

Season starts – Friday 16th August 2019 & runs through till March 2020

For further information please contact

Pat Kelly - 0475 917 443

Rick Gardiner – 0438 852 677

New athletes must provide proof of age at first session

FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS IS AN ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROVIDER

