



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## KEY DATES

### April

- 12 Last day of Term 1
- 29 Staff Development Day
- 30 Students commence Term Two
- Year Ten Careers Day Out

### May

- 1 ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Cross Country
- 2 - 3 Year 12 Tertiary Tour to Melbourne

## Sporting News

### NSW CHS State Swimming Results 2019

#### Homebush Aquatic Centre 8-10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

- **All Age Relay – Erin, Dakota, Morgan, Charlotte, Sascha and Elle**
  - a. Placed 22 but dropped an impressive 5.27 seconds from their entry time.
- **Erin Chesworth – 12 years**
  - a. 100m Breaststroke placed 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Sascha Jones – 16 years**
  - a. 100m Backstroke Silver Medal 1:06.65
  - b. 50m freestyle Silver Medal 27.47



Sascha's incredible result rides on the back of her performances earlier in the season where she broke two Riverina records at regionals in Leeton. Sascha broke the regional record with a 1:10.02 taking 2.94 seconds off the record at Leeton. Her State finals backstroke time of 1:06.65 has gone well under her Riverina regional record. Sascha also broke the Riverina Regional record in the 50m freestyle in Leeton with a 28.55 and again in Sydney has smashed that time with her 27.47 in the final, winning a silver medal.

Left: Sasch Jones with her silver medal.



Above: Girls swimming Relay team: (L-R) Erin Chesworth, Morgan Evans, Elle Rochford, Charlotte Mason, Sascha Jones and Dakota Pyle.



The Under 15 girls soccer team travelled to Hay and had a successful win.

Left: Jasmine Burke and Josie Coombs with the Shield

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community, welcome to the last edition of our newsletter for term one. We have had such a busy term, with a number of initiatives starting and a consolidation of strategies we put into place last year. I am continually inspired by our students and our staff and the manner in which they conduct themselves within the school and outside in the wider community. Whether it be for academic achievements, on the sporting field, in performing arts or supporting a great cause, our students are there front and centre representing Finley High School and public education. It's a credit to you, their families and friends for supporting our school and providing us with an opportunity to grow your children.

### **Year Six Parent information evening**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April over forty parents and students attended our year six parent information evening. A big thank you to Ms Jodi Brown and Miss Madeline Philpot (2020 year advisor) for their presentation. During the presentation the students had the opportunity to cook with Mrs Jenny Philpot and were ably assisted by SRC students and Mrs McNamara. At the conclusion of the presentation the parents went on a tour with staff and SRC students. The evening was a massive success and the quiches the students made were very delicious.

### **ANZAC interactive show**

On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> April an interactive ANZAC Show came to Finley High School. The aim being to teach students about the experiences of the ANZACS at Gallipoli. It was completely interactive, meaning that students were given prop weapons, dressed in ANZAC uniforms, walked through trenches and carried boats "onto shore" and various other experiences. The audience comprised of Finley High School students, students from several of our local primary schools and members of the public. I would particularly like to thank the Finley RSL Sub Branch for their generous donation to support the event.

### **CHS Swimming Championships**

Our swimmers did us proud in Sydney and I congratulate each of them for their wonderful efforts. I need to make a special mention to Sascha Jones who won two silver medals in the final of the 16 years 100 metre backstroke and 50 metre freestyle.

### **Visit from Major General Day and Member for Farrer Sussan Ley**

We had the honour of a special visit from Major General Day and The Hon Sussan Ley on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Major General Day is the co-ordinator for the drought taskforce and they spent an hour with the students listening and asking questions pertaining to the drought and the effect it is having on our community. The students who spoke were articulate, factual and passionate describing how the drought is personally affecting them, their families and the community. Both Major General Day and Sussan Ley were grateful for the time and were overwhelmed by the students responses.

### **Parent Teacher night**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April we held our Year 7 – 11 Parent teacher interviews. These interviews are probably the most significant opportunity parents have to gain an insight into the current level of both achievement and engagement of their child at school. It was fantastic to see so many parents support the evening with many staff booked solidly all evening. If you were unable to get to the evening or were unable to see a staff member don't hesitate to call the school to make an appointment.

## ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April

ANZAC day may fall in the school holiday's however I would like to extend an invitation to all of our students to join us for the ANZAC Day Service on the 25th April 2019. I will be attending the dawn service at the Memorial Park in Finley at 6am. I, along with the school captains, will be marching in Berrigan, Jerilderie and Finley. Our vice captains will march in Tocumwal as this march coincides with the Finley march. Students who would like to march are asked to wear full school uniform. It is a great honour to march on ANZAC day as we commemorate all those men and women who served and also all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

## Term 2 2019

Term 2 commences with a Staff Development Day on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, all the staff will be heading to Deniliquin High School where we will be combining with our colleagues from Hay, Deniliquin, Barham, Balranald and Toolybuc. All students return on Tuesday 30 April.

I would like to wish all the staff, students and their parents a safe and restful break, as well as a Happy Easter.

## P & C Report

Thank you to our wonderful P & C who have approved and funded the following programs at Finley High School:

Industrial Tech Timber	\$1804.00
K9Teach Animal Assisted Ed	\$1715.00
JStor – Uni Quality Resources	\$1249.00
Practical Pathways	\$500.00
Signwriting Baldwin Buses (2 buses)	\$1254.00
Signage Blinds	\$300.00
SRN Monthly Advert	\$400.00

At the P & C meeting held last night, they wanted to remind the school that any student who represents the school at CHS level, or in other areas (performing arts/leadership) can write a letter for funding support up to \$100.

The Berrigan Shire also has a similar policy of support, I am also happy to assist students up to \$100 when they reach these levels to assist with transport/accomodation. Not sure if all families know that help is out there if required.

Mr J Ward, Principal

## Positive Feedback

Hi Jeff and Michael,

A big thank you for organising the student helpers for our Deanery cross carnival. The students were polite and friendly and interacted positively with students and staff from all schools. They were fantastic representatives for your school.

The students helped with various roles on the day such as serving in the canteen, giving out place rulers at the end of the race and monitoring check points. They all did a fantastic job and we were very grateful to have their assistance on the day.

Thanks again,  
Renée Phelan  
St Joseph's Primary School Finley

## Promoting Finley High School

Recently Finley High School and Baldwins Buses formed a joint partnership to promote Finley High School in the wider community. You may have noticed that there have been buses in Berrigan and Tocumwal displaying the Finley High School name. This was a strategy identified by the marketing team as a way of promoting Finley High School in the community. If parents have any ideas about ways Finley High School can promote itself further in the community feel free to get in contact with me at the High School



Mr Whitty, Head Teacher HSIE

## Careers Report

### Year Ten

Reminder to Year Ten students that over the holidays they should be working on sourcing a placement and finalising the paperwork for their work experience. Reminder also that on the first Tuesday back at school many Year Ten students will be heading to Shepparton for the Careers Day Out. Full school uniform and lunch and morning tea are required for the day. If attending please ensure your child is at school on time that day.

Other Careers Events currently planned for Term 2

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May (Week 1 Term 2) Year 12 students will be travelling to Melbourne for the Tertiary Tour. Departing FHS at 6:30 am.
- 6<sup>th</sup> May at FHS - Whitecard Training
- 7<sup>th</sup> May At FHS Hutcheon and Pearce – John Deere Recruitment presentation
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Work Experience Block #1
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 and 12 Berrigan Shire Youth Futures Careers and Employment EXPO
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June At FHS Years 7-10 Future Moves Workshops

## Where are they now? – Kate Whiley

**Where are you originally from?** Finley

**What years were you a student at FHS?** 2009 - 2014

**What is your current position / vocation?** Registered Nurse at Austin Health

**How would you describe your pathway from FHS to this position?**

Very positive. The support I received from my teachers during the HSC period allowed me to study hard and gain the ATAR that I needed for my course at university.

**What was your Tertiary Education / Training?**

La Trobe University

**Where have you lived since High School?**

I moved to Melbourne to undertake my tertiary studies and still live there.

**What are your favourite memories of FHS?**

The year 12 area was a highlight of FHS, all the junior years lead up to this big moment of having our own 'area' which was awesome. Gaining that independence and being able to all be together at lunch and recess shared a true bond of our year group.

Oh and Mr Muller's surfing stories every morning at roll call, absolute classic.

**Greatest achievements so far?**

I completed my first half marathon last year (I'm not much of a runner) and it was the greatest feeling!

**Other relevant life experiences you have had?**

I have begun working at the Olivia Newton John Cancer Centre on the Oncology ward as my first rotation as a nurse which was my preference of ward and the experience thus far has been beyond amazing. The staff and patients are one of a kind and each day I leave my job loving it.

**Tips or advice for our current students.**

- Try not to overthink your ATAR, it is a very stressful time. You can only do what you are capable of once sitting down for those exams. My ATAR was not the greatest and I landed my dream job.
- Ensure the ATAR you are aiming for is enough to get you into university and once at university you can always change courses to suit your interests.
- Take care of yourself throughout this busy time and listen to your body.

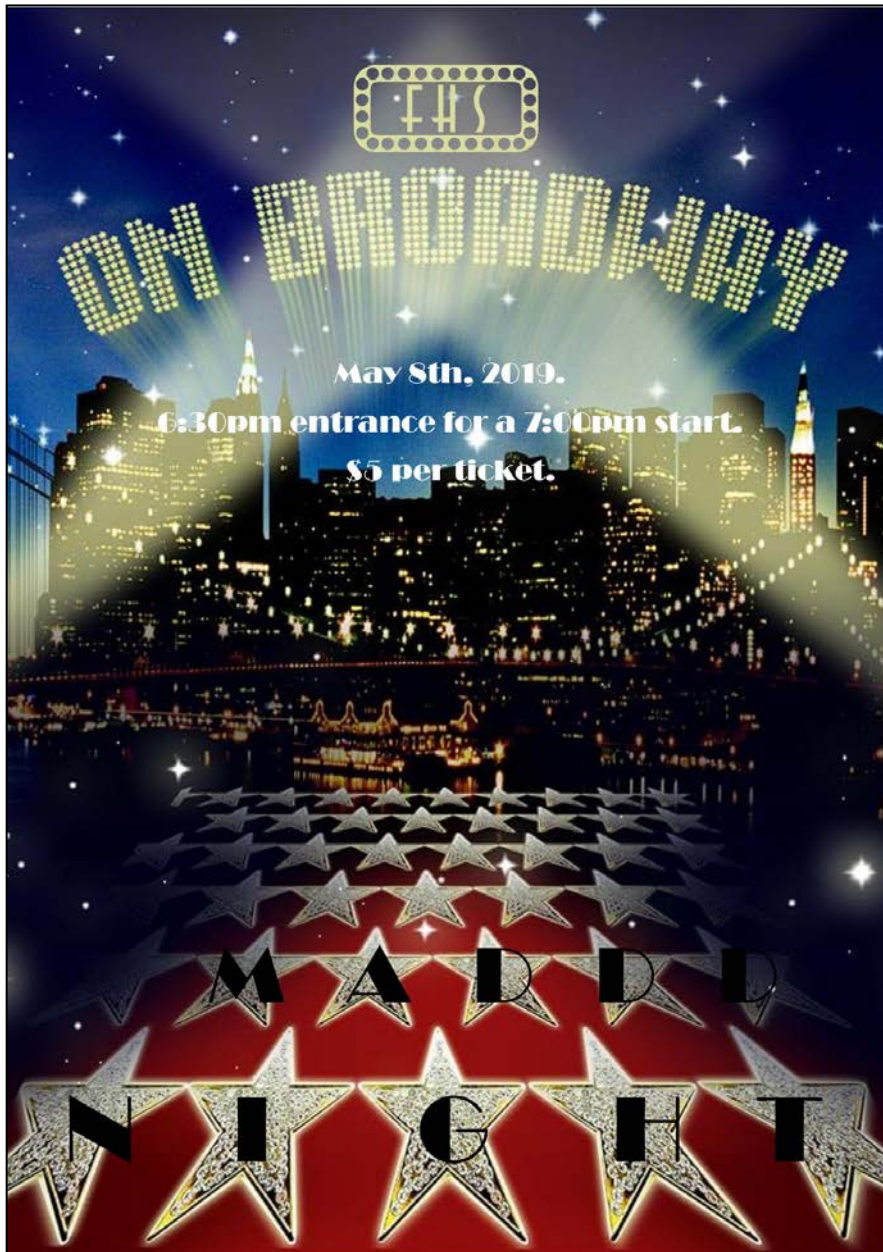
### Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 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.

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

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 Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105  
 ...LADIES, please note 10am start....

**April**  
**12**

**29** **Staff Development Day**  
**30** R Lockhart

**May**

**1** T Bauer  
**2** S Barlow  
**3** T Clarke

**6** M Read  
**7** D Pyke  
**8** J Chellew  
**9** A Lee  
**10** C Lawton

**13** M Kleinschmidt  
**14** C Alexander