



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

2nd May 2019

KEY DATES

May

- 2 - 3 Year 12 Tertiary Tour to Melbourne
- 6 Open Tennis and Bowls in Barham
U15 AFL Riverina Boys Trials in Albury
- 7 MADD Matinee
- 7-9 NSW CHS Netball
- 8 Year Ten White Card Training.
MADD Night
6:30pm for 7pm start in the school Hall.
- 9 Chess – Deniliquin Christian College
- 10 Athletics Carnival
- 13 – 17 Year Ten Work Experience
- 15 P&C Meeting 7pm
- 14 – 16 NAPLAN Exams
- 21 Boys and Girls Open AFL
- 28 15's Boys and Girls AF
- June**
- 3 – 7 Year Eleven Work Placement
- 4 – 6 NSW CHS AFL Boys and Girls
- 11 15's Boys and Girls Basketball
- 12 Careers Employment Expo
- 12 – 14 Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show

Anzac Day



Above: Students at the Tocumwal Anzac March



Above: Georgia Webb and Rose Chamberlain



Above: Students assembling for the Anzac March in Finley.



Above: Jerilderie Anzac Day

Right: Ben Chesworth, Ben Ashley - Cooper, Hayley Doohan speaking with Major General Day and the Hon Sussan Ley



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 9th 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.



Principal's Report

I hope all students and their families had a restful break and I welcome everyone back to another busy term. I would especially like to welcome Mr Sam Sharman who is our new visual arts teacher.

ANZAC Day 25th April

Can I thank everyone who was involved, supported or marched on ANZAC day. From the dawn service at Finley where we had many staff and students present through to all the marches in Berrigan, Jerilderie, Tocumwal and Finley our school was well represented. At Berrigan and Jerilderie we had equal numbers of around 20 staff and students march. We had a small group in Tocumwal and thank you to Mrs Deb White for assisting there. Whilst we had approximately 60 march in Finley. With many of our students involved in varying capacities. In my role as school Principal and as an ex serviceman I was extremely proud of the students and thank the staff for their support. It means a lot to the community to see the students turn up in big numbers. Well done.

On Wednesday 1st May the school held our own commemorative assembly. Thank you to Mr Whitty and all those students who spoke. It was a walk through history focusing on world war two, the Japanese invasion of Singapore and Australia and the celebration of when the war was over in 1945. A timely reminder of all those effected by war, to those who served, those that stayed at home waiting on news of their loved ones and those who lost their lives.

Staff Development Day

On Monday 29 April, all our teachers and school learning support officers ventured across to Deniliquin for a combined staff development day where we combined with our colleagues from Hay, Deniliquin, Barham, Balranald and Toolybut. Our keynote speaker was ex student and teacher Mrs Kate Littlejohn who spoke about Cognitive Load theory. Kate is currently working in state office as a curriculum advisor. We also had a presentation from Marina Laing from the curriculum standards directorate on differentiation. The key to the day was the opportunity for staff to collaborate and network in their key learning areas. The feedback from the day has been very positive and I would like to share the following:

I just have to say what a great day it was in Deniliquin! It felt great to be there as part of our school and also a part of the region. Sharing our knowledge and learning so much about how other schools are doing things was really worthwhile. I think it's such an invigorating way to begin a term so thank you again!

Cross country

Well done to all those students who gave 100% at the recent cross country carnival. I was busy at the end of the group but was immensely impressed with those students who ran past me covering the course in record time. Can I especially thank Mrs Sexton for her organisation of the event and to the staff for their support and commitment to the event. It was fantastic to have people participating and being role models to the students, especially with the inclement weather. I would like to wish those students going to the next level all the best.

Parent / Teacher evening

In the final week of last term we held our 7 – 11 parent teacher evening it was wonderful to see so many parents of our students attend to discuss their child's learning with their teachers. I believe that it is vitally important that parents/ carers and teachers work together in order to support and maximise their child's learning. If you were unable to attend or see a particular staff member please don't hesitate to contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Welfare/Wellbeing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those staff involved in the wellbeing/welfare initiatives held in term one. Led by our Head Teacher Wellbeing, Mr McCarney, our student support officer, Jodi Brown, and school counsellor, Karen Andrews, along with our wonderful year advisors, we continue to ensure our students are healthy, happy, engaged and successful.

Jeff Ward
Principal

Positive Feedback

Hi,
My name is Lyndall McLeod from Sacred Heart in Tocumwal. I was involved in planning our cross country event for the schools in our cluster- (the South West Deanery School in the Wagga Diocese) earlier this week. Seven students from Finley High School came along to our day and helped on the checkpoints, in the canteen and at the finish line. These students should be congratulated for their efforts on the day. They conducted themselves maturely and responsibly and were more than happy to do what was asked of them. Could you please forward on my thanks and appreciation to those students.

(Molly, Shelby, Isabella, Ruby, Jordan, Riley and Harry)

Many thanks
Kind Regards
Lyndall

Lyndall McLeod
Sacred Heart Primary School
Tocumwal

Vaccination

There are more vaccination consent cards available at Finley High School for those Year ten students who missed out on immunisation in April. The next vaccinations will take place in October. If students return these cards to the school, they will be included.

What's Happening in the Ag Plot?

Lambing season is upon us with most of our ewes lambing at the beginning of April. The Agriculture staff will be busy over the next few weeks collecting steers for this years Royal Melbourne Show. As part of these preparations, Sunrice were able to supply us with a load of rice Hulls, which is very much appreciated. Considering the lack of rice this season, this shows great support of our school and it's students and their families. The rice hulls were delivered for free by Downes Hulls from Deniliquin. They have also been long term supporters of our program.



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

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

NAPLAN is fast approaching in week 3. Students will participate in series of written tests over the week.

Organisation is as follows

Tuesday 14th May

Period 1 and 2 – Year 9 Language conventions and Writing exam.

Period 3 and 4 – Year 7 Language conventions and Writing exam.

Wednesday 15th May

Period 1- Year 9 Reading Test

Period 3 – Year 7 Reading Test

Thursday 16th May

Period 1 – Year 9 Numeracy test

Period 3 – Year 7 Numeracy test.

Students will require the use of a board approved calculator for this exam. If you do not have one, they can be purchased at the school for about \$30. Sharing of calculators and using phones is not permitted.

All students granted special provisions will be going to the MPR, so they can access their provisions.

If your child is unwell or absent during the testing period, a catch up day is held on Friday 17th May.

W. Coates

LaST teacher

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 15th 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.

fhspscassociation@gmail.com

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

May

1	T Bauer
2	S Barlow
3	K Litchfield
6	M Read
7	D Pyke
8	J Chellew
9	L Bryce
10	C Lawton
13	M Kleinschmidt
14	C Alexander
15	J Blackmore
16	A Lee
17	T Clarke

NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

See example NAPLAN questions at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit NAPLAN paper tests.

However, children in other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 17 May 2019.

NAPLAN 2019 timetable

	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 65 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

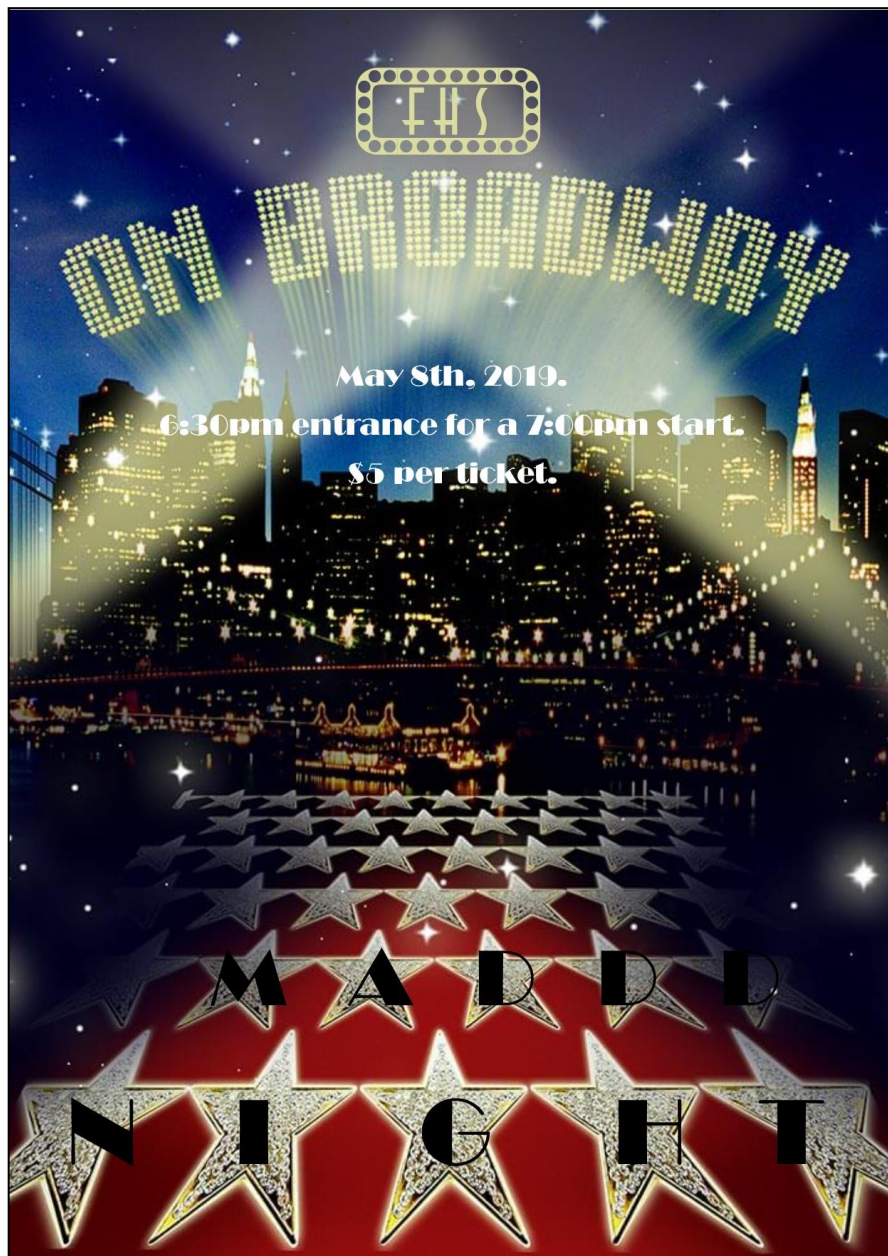
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



Come along and join in the fun:



Sunday, 12 May 2019

- Tocumwal Recreation Reserve, Morris St. Tocumwal
- 4km Walk ● 4km & 8km Run
- Starting at the Rec. reserve and winds its way down to Town Beach then along the beautiful River Walk along the picturesque Levee Bank to the New Bridge and back along our lush Foreshore Park
- 8.30am. Warm up ● 9.00am Event start

Register online at:
www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

Walk all over breast cancer