



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## KEY DATES

### May

13 – 17 Year Ten Work Experience

15 P&C Meeting 7pm

14 – 16 NAPLAN Exams

20 Athletics Carnival

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

14 Riverina Cross Country Gundagai

## Tertiary Excursion

### Year Twelve Tertiary Tour – Melbourne

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 20 Year Twelve students headed to Melbourne for a tour around some iconic tertiary institutions. First stop was LaTrobe Bundoora. After a coffee stop and bit of self exploration around the university social centre known as the AGORA, students had the opportunity to catch up with ex Finley High School students – Maddie Wooden, Jesse Read and Steph Wright for a quick brief on life at University and tips for surviving O-week. Students then attended a talk in a lecture hall about the ins and outs of university, the application process and what Latrobe has to offer before participating in a tour of the campus, recreational and sports areas and accommodation buildings.



Right: Year Twelve at LaTrobe University Bundoora.

The next stop was Melbourne University where students were sent in search of finding their own lunch on campus before completing another guided talk and tour through the prestigious grounds of the Melbourne University City Campus. Students got to take in the beauty and grandeur of the campus and learned some of the history about various landmarks on the campus especially the car park which is infamous in both Mad Max and MasterChef! The contrast for many between the sprawling “rural” Latrobe campus and “city based” Melbourne campus was vast. After visiting the Melbourne University campus students had a talk and tour through Newman College where we had the pleasure of catching up with Eloise Ashley-Cooper who kindly showed students her room.

The final stop for Day 1 was RMIT City Campus where students completed a “Race Around the Campus” activity taking in some of the major campus landmarks on the way.

After walking close to 12 kms during the day, the evening was well spent dining, watching movies, bowling and shopping at Melbourne Central before heading to the accommodation area. This was an experience in itself showing students what inner city hostel style living is all about.

An early start on day 2 saw students meandering around Vic Markets before doing a guided walking tour through William Angliss TAFE. Here students saw students in action baking, cooking and even making chocolate decorations. Students got to look in on the hospitality setup of commercial kitchens, dining rooms and 4 different styles of motel rooms. Several teachers popped out of class to speak with them and the chocolate teacher even came bearing chocolate tasters. Finally an Air Hostess safety demonstration presented by the current class ensured all students were pleased they were not aboard the William Angliss mock up plane. Morning tea was in the Bakehouse at William Angliss, before heading off again.



Above: VCE Expo, William Angliss TAFE

From here it was off to the VCE Careers EXPO where amid the thousands of other students, Finley High School students spoke with Tertiary and Service Recruitment personnel and gathered careers information and resources. It was hectic and busy but fruitful to see providers we didn't have time to visit.

Right: Christopher Wright, Duncan Clarke and Taylor Kleinschmidt at the VCE Expo, Master Builders Challenge.

The final stop saw the group heading out to Monash Clayton. Here students again spent time self navigating around the campus to find lunch – several were impressed at the lunch options available. A final talk and tour of the campus showed the sheer enormity of the Clayton Campus and the high tech resources it has to offer. A quick look at the accommodation saw many students flop tiredly on the bed declaring them the most comfortable ever – after all their walking any bed would have been comfortable.

Finally after another well rounded 10kms of walking the tired and weary students gratefully hopped on the bus for home. A new scenic route was taken by our new driver Roger who had many locally known short cuts up his sleeve. A final quick tea stop in Shepparton saw the weary group heading for home.



## Principal's Report

### Library

I would like to commend the work of Mrs Aileen Begbie, Ms Lois Manser and Mrs Sue Jarrott for their wonderful displays in the library. The current one, an ANZAC tribute, is first class and continues with their theme of promoting a current event. Well done to our library staff.

### Canadian exchange for Sascha Jones

Sascha Jones has been officially accepted as a WEP exchange student for a semester program to Canada departing in September 2019. Through an application process and personal interview, Sascha displayed curiosity and maturity, both of which are essential attributes of successful exchange students. To support the application, Sascha also received positive teacher recommendations.

Whilst in Canada, Sascha will live with a volunteer host family and attend a local high school full-time. We hope that Sascha will use this unique opportunity to improve communication skills, learn about a foreign culture, develop further self awareness and meet interesting new people.

### MADDD

A massive well done to every student and staff member who made the MADDD night performances extra special, to the organisers, caterers, performers, supporters, backstage crew, it was a terrific night. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to showcase their artistic talents and the performances were extremely entertaining. Well done everyone.

### Financial Support

I would like to pass on my gratitude to the Finley Community Help Group, where we recently received a cheque for \$2000. This money will be directed towards school excursions and it couldn't come at a better time when times are just a little tough with the drought and water allocation concerns. It's great to know local businesses are thinking of the students and giving them every opportunity to succeed in all facets of their education.

Right: Gwen James, Nella McNamara and Jeff Ward.



### Staff

I would like to wish Mrs Clarke and her family all the best as she takes maternity leave. Mrs Clarke will be missed and we look forward to her return in 2020.

I would like to welcome Mrs McLennan, who is replacing Mrs Clarke. Mrs McLennan is a very experienced teacher and we are most fortunate to have her.

### Director visit from Mrs Helen McRae

It was a blast from the past when Mrs McRae visited the school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. In her role as Director, Mrs McRae is spending time in her schools, interacting with staff and students, attending classes and meetings and getting a feel for what is happening in schools. Mrs McRae enjoyed her day with us and spoke fondly of her time here.

### **NSW All Schools Swimming**

Congratulations to Sascha Jones who at the NSW All Schools Swimming in the 16 year girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m backstroke and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m backstroke. She has been nominated for the NSW Team to swim at the School Sport Australia Championships in Melbourne in July. Well done Sascha.

### **Work experience**

As I write this report Year Ten are currently on work experience. I'm looking forward to visiting some of our students and hearing stories of getting up early, choosing a new outfit for the day, working on projects, interacting with people and finally coming home exhausted after a long day. I would like to thank all those businesses and employers who have provided an opportunity for the students, also a big thank you to Mrs Philpot for organising a successful work experience program.

### **Debutant Ball**

As previously reported in a newsletter I try and engage and work within the community as much as possible. I was most grateful recently to be invited to the two Debutant balls hosted by the Finley RS club. The students from Finley High School did themselves, family and the school proud. They all looked wonderful and seemed to be having a wonderful time. Mr McCarney and Mrs Philpot represented the school in accepting the students and they both gave inspirational speeches. Well done to Mrs Vicki Ackers for all the work she put into the evening and teaching the students their dance steps, as well as all the student helpers from Finley little athletics.

Mr Jeff Ward, Principal

## **Hutcheon and Pearce Presentation**

### **Hutcheon and Pearce Presentation**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May several year 9 and 10 students participated in a presentation by Matt Duffy from Hutcheon and Pearce on Careers on offer and their TOP GUN apprenticeship program. Matt spoke about the positions and roles available and the tasks and responsibilities involved in each role. He covered the learning opportunities throughout the apprenticeship from both on the job and TAFE perspectives and outlined the potential pathways through the business. Like so many of the 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs today, the boys walked away with the appreciation of the importance of developing their transferable skills of problem solving, time management, initiative and critical thinking. The importance of work experience and quality commitment at school were also strongly advised.



Above: Justin Lawton, Oliver Knight, Matt Duffy, Ben Anthony, Ben Chesworth, Jacob Doohan, Eli Sutton, Mitchell Spinner, Ben Bauer and Jaxson Bateman

## Cross Country

On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> May, students participated in our annual cross-country event. Once again, the whole school was active with all students and staff walking, riding or running in the event.

The results on the day were outstanding. The senior course was 4.9 kms and the overall winner was Will Sexton, with Aidan and Nick Lunn coming in second and third. Tiarna Burke and Hayley Doohan were the first females to return on the senior course. The first athlete to complete the junior course was Zander, and the first girl back was Jasmine Burke with her sister Sienna close on her heels.

Below is a summary of the best results of the day.

Age Group	First	Second	Third
Open Boys	Riley Dempster		
Open Girls	Tiarna Burke	Sharni Sykes	
17 Boys	Nick Lunn	Bailey Thornton	Jacob
17 Girls	Haylee Doohan	Niamh Mason	Mollie McGrath
16 Boys	Will Sexton	Aidan	Cooper Burke Brad Aylett
16 Girls	Ally Barlow	Nicola Denny	Meg Marsden
15 Boys	Zander	Adam	Justin Lawton
15 Girls	Jemma Coombs	Alanna Steel	Courtney
14 Boys	Harry Haynes	Matthew Whelan Travis Lawton	
14 Girls	Caitlin Griffiths	Kadeesha	Alyssa Denny
13 Boys	Caleb Thornton Harry Taylor	Matthew Fitzpatrick	
13 Girls	Jasmine Burke	Sienna Burke	Josie Coombs
12 Boys			
12 Girls	Erin Chesworth		

The students will now compete in Gundagai in the Riverina Championships



Above: Students running the cross country course.



Above: Jessica Hanmer, Caitlin Griffiths and Melina Tidcombe

## School Sports

### Finley High School girls trial for Riverina Combined High School Team

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Lily Sharp and Nicola Denny attended Trials at Wagga to gain selection in the Riverina Netball Team. There were 40 girls in attendance from various schools within the region. The trials involved the girls participating in 10 minute games in various positions and combinations. After a period, the squad was reduced to 16 with both Finley girls included in the group. Lily Sharp gained selection in the team as a defender and competed at the NSW championships in Sydney on the, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of May.



Lily Sharp



Nicola Denny

### NSW All Schools Swimming Championships

Sascha Jones recently competed at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships in Sydney. In the 16 years girls Sascha finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m freestyle with a 27.26 sec which was 0.20sec faster than her entry time, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m backstroke in an impressive time of 1:06.76 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m backstroke where she took 1.35 sec off her entry time to finish in a flying time of 30.15 sec. This tremendous result has meant Sascha has been nominated to swim as part of the NSW Team to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships in Melbourne in July. We congratulate Sascha on this fabulous result and wish her well for the next event.



### Riverina Football

At the end of last term five girls travelled to Wagga Wagga to trial for the under 15s Girls AFL Team. Olivia Cicolini and Charlotte Mason were selected as members of the team. They will travel to Sydney to trial for selection into the NSW AFL team on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

At the start of this term six boys travelled to Albury to trial for the Riverina Murray AFL Team. Shadeau, Archie Mason and Zander were selected as members of this team. They will travel to Sydney to compete in the State Carnival held between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. From this competition a NSW team will be selected.

I would like to congratulate these players on their selection and wish them the best of luck for their games in Sydney early next month.

## Tintern Grammar Interschool Horse Trials 2019

On the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April Finley High School students Georgia Lunn and Meg Marsden competed in the Tintern Grammar Interschool Horse Trials, held at Wandin Park. Throughout the weekend both students represented the school with pride and successfully completed all three phases of the competition. Both Georgia and Meg performed well completing clear show jumping and cross country rounds against very strong competition. Georgia Lunn placed first in her Eva95cm class against a large group of students from predominately private schools.



Left: Georgia Lunn and her horse 'Clarence Park Flying High' being presented with their prizes by one of the events sponsors.

Right: Meg Marsden riding her horse 'Clarendon Park Avatar' in the dressage phase.



Below: Meg and Georgia.



## Chess Tournament – Round Two

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, The Finley High School Chess Team travelled to Deniliquin Christian High School to compete in the chess tournament. As we walked in with our Finley High School blazers on in an attempt to intimidate them, we were drawn to their array of chess trophies. Slightly scared, we still tried our best but unfortunately came home defeated by a much stronger side.



“We tried our best, but we’re not that good” - Brad Aylett

Left: Brad Aylett, Edward Haynes, Will Anderson, Cooper Burke and Shirsho Roy.

## Student Wellbeing

### Wellbeing Report – Term Two Week One

As we embrace Term Two with open arms, it is important to reflect upon some of the wonderful wellbeing programs implemented at Finley High School in Term One. Some of our most successful group programs included Girlstrong, Drumbeats, Practical pathways and Peer Support. One of the highlights of the term was the Bullying No Way Day. Students involved in the Student Team of Mental Positivity (SToMP) organised activities and fundraisers throughout the day to promote awareness of the detrimental effects bullying can have on individuals. We welcomed our Year Seven students with a three day excursion to Howmans Gap and increased cohesiveness among Year Nine students with a trip to Aquazone in Yarrawonga. There were education workshops focusing on drugs and alcohol, disability and teen mental health. These are only a few of the wonderful things that happened last term and we look forward to another term of opportunities to promote wellbeing amongst our students.

Attendance is vital for wellbeing and we are proud to broadcast that our attendance last term was 90% which is well above state average. There are many wonderful opportunities available at Finley High School as well as some fantastic support services. Please continue to come to school every day as we work towards our goal that every student is known, valued and cared for at Finley High School.

Thomas McCarney  
Head Teacher Wellbeing





## MADDD

On Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> Finley High held their 6<sup>th</sup> annual MADDD Night. It is an amazing opportunity for the community to enjoy the wonderful artistic talents of our students. This year the theme was Broadway, where all performances were inspired by theatre productions. Over the course of Term One and early Term Two students, planned, practised and prepared for this fun filled night. Their hard work could be seen throughout the hall in the decorations, displays, photobooth, food stands, costumes scripts and performances. Thank you to all the staff and parents that helped out to make MADDD the success it was.



Above: Hailey McLean



Above: Sarah Orro

Below: Amalie Armstrong

Below: Isabella Jackson



**Peter Sherrit**  
**1970 - 2019**

Peter Sherrit was a friendly face when you needed on going into Year Seven. He made school enjoyable, he was a naturally light hearted guy, an admirable footballer, confident people person, and excellent house captain, very enthusiastic. He could lighten any situation. I loved my Jerilderie friends, wonderful people. I'm lucky where I live but I look forward to seeing old friends again, those connections are important bonds. You'll live on in our memory Pete and bring the rest of us closer together. I will make sure a word is said for you at a Finley High assembly, I can still see you in our school years, that's how it will stay.

He was a regular Finley High School footballer, House leader for Murray and student rep and prefect in 1988.

Matt Cuthbert

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

**May**

<b>16</b>	A Lee
<b>17</b>	T Clarke
<b>20</b>	J Burdon
<b>21</b>	C Moloney
<b>22</b>	R Sharp
<b>23</b>	L Knight
<b>24</b>	T Roe
<b>27</b>	J Orro
<b>28</b>	J Loughman
<b>29</b>	S Cracknell
<b>30</b>	T Anderson
<b>31</b>	T Doohan

**Finley High School**  
**P&C Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 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](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

**Finley High School**  
**P&C helpers needed for FADAMS**

Finley High School P&C are catering for the meals being served at FADAMS.

Helpers are needed to prepare and serve meals on the following dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Kitchen 4:30pm

Hall – time to be advised.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Kitchen 4:30pm


Hall – time to be advised.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Kitchen 4:30pm

Hall – time to be advised.

Please phone the canteen on 03 5883 1105 if you are able to help.



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

# FHS TRIVIA NIGHT

Form a group of 10 and get ready to battle it out.  
\$5 per head. BYO snacks. Drinks available to purchase on the night. Ring the front office to book your table TODAY!

June 5 | 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
Finley High School Hall  
Tocumwal Street, Finley NSW

FADAMS 2019 SHOWS

## GET YOUR BOARDING PASSES

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

THIS IS YOUR  
CAPTAIN  
SPEAKING...  
*By Cenarth Fox*



**DINNER SHOWS**  
*Sat 1st June , Fri 14th June,  
Sat 15th June*

Tickets: \$45pp and includes:  
2 course dinner BYO Drinks  
Show starts at 7pm



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Child under 14 \$10

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