



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

30th May 2019

KEY DATES

June

- 3 – 7** Year Eleven Work Placement
- 4** Youth Mental Health Forum STOMP
- 4 – 6** NSW CHS AFL Boys and Girls
- 5** K9 Teach
- 6** Chess Competition
TAFE YES Program
- 11** 15's Boys and Girls Basketball
Plains Wanderer field visit.
Author Visit
- 12** Careers Employment Expo
- 12 – 14** Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show
- 13** TAFE YES Program
- 14** Riverina Cross Country Gundagai
- 17** Zone Athletics Carnival
Formal Assembly 12:30pm in the school hall.
- 18** Plains Wanderer habitat day
AECG Meeting, 7:30pm in the staff common room.
- 18 - 19** Future Moves in School Workshops Years Seven to Ten.
- 19** K9 Teach

Year Ten Work Experience

Year Ten students completed their first week of Work Experience in Week 3.

The feedback I have received from employers and staff members who visited the students was overwhelmingly positive.

Some employers asked to “keep” their student, while others secured part-time employment after putting in a great week of work. Students went as far afield as Queensland, Melbourne, Griffith, Shepparton, Corowa and Sydney, as well as the local area.

Many thanks to the wonderful employers. This valuable program would not run without you.

Jenny Philpot
Careers teacher

Right: Jemma Coombs at the Melbourne Supreme Court with Sarah McNaught, a Barrister at the Victorian Bar.





Above: Oliver Knight at Flippa's Auto Electrics



Above: Sydney Matthews at Tocumwal Pharmacy



Left: Rory Knight at McCormacks Cabinets in Tocumwal

Below: Daniela Gargaro at Barooga Sports Club



Principal's Report

This edition of the newsletter marks the half way point of term 2. Reports will be completed and distributed in the coming weeks; this form of feedback is a sure guide as to the progress of your child. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you wish to discuss their progress. At our week 3 staff meeting there was a clear focus on high expectations and quality teaching and learning. Finley High School is a PBL school (positive behaviour for learning). We are focusing on rewarding those students who come to school every day to do their best, work hard, wear the correct uniform and follow the values of a respectful, responsible learner.

Mr Hugh Crapp (Crappy)

The staff and students would like to extend a huge get well and say our prayers for our much loved casual teacher Mr Crapp. Mr Crapp has been diagnosed with an illness that may prevent him from returning to Finley High School and he is in for a tough battle. Our thoughts are with him and his family. We miss you and hope you return to us in the near future.

Relieving Deputy Principal

Mrs Jackson is taking some well-deserved leave and in her absence Mr Campbell will be the relieving Deputy Principal, Mr Skinner will be the relieving Head Teacher of Mathematics. This will begin on the 11th June and continue for the remainder of term 2.

Dubbo Zoo Excursion

Last week selected students and staff from Blighty Public School, Jerilderie Public School and Finley High School travelled to Dubbo as part of the Plains Wanderer Project. What a great opportunity for our community of schools to work together to forge a greater understanding of science and various protected species. Special thanks to Mrs Taylor, Principal of Jerilderie Public School who coordinated the project.

NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association – Swimming

Congratulations to Sascha Jones who has been selected to represent New South Wales in Swimming at the Melbourne Sport and Aquatic Centre from Saturday 27th July to Wednesday 31st July. What a wonderful achievement. We wish Sasha all the best.

Youth Liaison Police visits

Senior Constable Paul Ebsworth visited the school last week and spoke to all the students in their year groups about important topics such as cybersafety and respectful relationships. This information is critical at a time when young people are using social media as a platform to bully, pass on content which is damaging, illegal and harmful and can affect a person for the rest of their lives. Cyberbullying and respectful relationships tied in well at a time when we should all value each other for being different and unique.

SASS Conference

Last week we were a little light on in the office as our SASS staff took some much time away for Professional Learning in Albury. They have been working exceptionally hard and the opportunity to work together in Albury for the benefit of the school will be evident in the months and years to come.

Athletics Carnival

On Monday 20th May we held a very successful Athletics Carnival and what a great day we had. Well done to Mr McCarney who did a fantastic job organising the carnival. The behaviour and efforts from the students overall was fantastic. Everyone who had a go and did their best should feel proud of their efforts. Congratulations to those students who broke long standing records, the age champions and to all the competitors who will be representing the school at the zone carnival.

Year Twelve Interviews

I, along with Mrs White and Miss Philpot, recently conducted Year Twelve interviews. This was a great opportunity to meet, discuss and plan for the remainder of year and the student's transition after the HSC. I was extremely impressed with the number of students who have a goal and are on their way to achieving this. Parents and staff can feel comfortable the students are focused and are looking forward to their final weeks, trial examinations and the HSC exams. Well done Year Twelve, we are very proud of you.

Men's shed lunch

Mr McCarney and I were guests at the men's shed luncheon held recently. It certainly had a school flavour as the school catered. The luncheon was a great way to meet members and establish links where the school and men's shed can work together to benefit our students. We are hopeful this opportunity will begin soon.

Canadian exchange for Max Cameron

Max Cameron has been officially accepted on a student exchange program to Canada departing in August 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity for Max and we are very proud of this achievement. We look forward to hearing many wonderful stories on his return in 2020.

Mr Jeff Ward
Principal

Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential and increase their career and life options. Schools, in partnerships with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.

The school is required to record explanations for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are only absent from school when they are sick or have another acceptable reason for not attending school. If you are able to explain any absences within 7 days of their occurrence we will adjust our records to reflect this reason. There are a variety of ways to contact the school to notify of an absence. This can be done via the schools email, the skoolbag app, a telephone call or with a note prior to an appointment or once your child has returned to school.

The school staff will make regular contact with you to receive an explanation as to why your child is not attending school. This process is part of the NSW Department of Education Attendance Policy.

Alternatively, if you wish to contact the school to discuss your child's attendance please contact the office to make an appointment.

Finley High School Uniform

Finley High School has a uniform policy. The wearing of our uniform demonstrates respect for our school and enables students to take pride in themselves as representatives of Finley High School. With the cold weather bringing the need for jumpers, please make sure your child presents to school in the correct school jumper. Sports hoodies are not part of our school uniform dress code. If you require assistance with uniform please contact the school.

Community and Family Studies Class visit Intereach

A huge thank you to Sharon Soule and Amy Whitten from Intereach, Finley. On Wednesday 22nd May they hosted our Year Twelve Community and Family Studies class to discuss Family and Carer support in our local area. We discussed the family links program, rural and remote disadvantages and possible careers and pathways in the social sciences domain.



Left: Sharon Soule, Kezley Murphy-Riddell, Zoe Barlow, Keeley Coates, Madeline Dundon, Emma Carey, Abbey Maconachie, Hayley Gow and Mr Maxwell.

Right: Students talking with Sharon and Amy from Intereach.



Berrigan Shire Youth Futures Employment Expo 2019

On Wednesday 12th June, Finley High School in conjunction with the Berrigan Shire Council will be hosting the Annual Berrigan Shire Youth Futures Employment and Careers Expo.

Students in Years Eleven and Twelve are all **expected** to participate in this compulsory event. On the day students will attend roll call and then they will meet Careers staff at the assembly dias for a quick briefing. Students will then walk to the Finley Recreation Reserve for the days activities.

The purpose of the day is to encourage and motivate young people living in our local area to consider training, living and earning and investing in our local area. It also serves to provide a positive link between young people and local employers. Students will get the opportunity to interact and engage both formally and informally with people who have a regional working or business career and to identify employment opportunities and pathways.

The program for the day will involve both small and large group sessions, where students will move between sessions. The program of the day will include:

- Key note speaker
- Hands on activities at the recreation reserve
- A farm skills challenge
- Visit and tour of the solar farm.

Students will be provided with a **free morning tea** (biscuits, slices and fruit) and **lunch** (salad rolls and soup) at the recreation reserve. Students who have special dietary requirements must inform Careers staff of this by Wednesday 5th June.

Students will be bused back and forth from the Solar Farm on Baldwin's Buses at no cost to the student. Whilst at the Solar Farm students will be provided with and required to wear HiVis vests for ease of supervision and safety. On the farm students will move about on a coaster bus operated by the Solar Farm.

Each year a theme is chosen and students are required to dress appropriately. This year we would like to see students dress appropriately for work on a farm. HOWEVER within this theme students MUST wear long pants/long sleeves and enclosed shoes – no exception. This is for safety on the Solar Farm.

Should you wish to discuss any matters relating to the Berrigan Shire Employment and Careers Expo please feel free to contact the Finley High School Careers Staff. As this EXPO will replace normal classroom activities for the day please encourage your child to attend this compulsory and very worthwhile and informative activity.

Please be aware that photos will be taken on the day for use during the activities and afterwards as part of the activity review and in the newsletter. Please, where possible, ensure your student has returned their media permission note. This can be done via the Skoolbag App using your phone or in person at the front office.

Permission notes have already gone home with students. Please return these to the Pay Office no later than Wednesday 5th June.

Mrs Deb White
Careers Advisor

Plains Wanderer Project, Western Plains Zoo visit

Finley High School was very fortunate to be asked to participate in the Plains Wanderer Project, to assist Jerilderie and Blighty Public Schools. Nine year nine and ten students travelled to Western Plains Zoo to learn all about this endangered bird and observe the captive breeding project at the zoo. The student mentors will also join a Habitat day at Jerilderie and attend the schools to help develop projects that promote awareness of the Plains Wanderer.



Above: David Parker with his detection dog, Mollie, and Alex, Jasmine and Sophie with students from Blighty.

The group slept for two nights at the zoo, in tents, and had a fabulous experience. There were early morning and late night walks and we had tours throughout the zoo. Ben was most pleased to see the Galapagos Tortoise he saw just born eight years ago. David Parker, a Plains Wanderer expert, had his detection dog, Mollie, there for the students to interact with. A stopover at the Parkes Telescope was also scheduled. Thanks Jerilderie and Blighty for this wonderful opportunity.



Right: David Parker, a Plains Wanderer expert, talking with students.

Below: Sophie Griffiths with primary school students and Mollie the Plains Wanderer detection dog.





Left: Ally Barlow, Alexander A'Vard, Oliver Knight, Ben Anthony, Rory Knight, Sophie Griffiths, Alexandra Patu, Justin Lawton and Jasmine Ackers.

Below: Sophie and Alex in front of the Pygmy Hippopotamus enclosure.



Left: Rory, Justin, Oliver, Ben, Alex, Ally, Alex, Sophie and Jasmine at Parkes Telescope

Opportunities for Indigenous Students

Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS)

This is an opportunity for Year Eleven and Year Twelve Indigenous students. It provides an opportunity to expand student's perspectives on engineering. Over six days, students will gain insights into what it's like to study and work in engineering. It is held between 6 – 13 July and it is fully funded. Students will stay at The University of Melbourne and will explore courses at The University of Melbourne, RMIT, Swinburne University and Monash University. For information on the program and eligibility requirements, and to enrol, go to <https://bit.ly/2tr0VPa> or contact Mrs Deb White for more information.

Experience Monash Indigenous Winter Camp

This is an opportunity for Indigenous students from Years Ten to Twelve to gain an in-depth insight into university life, while focusing on team-building, celebrating Indigenous culture, motivation, confidence-building, and health and wellbeing. The camp will be held between 9 – 13 July and is fully funded. Participants must be at least 16 years old. For information and to apply, go to <https://bit.ly/2J2czt0> or contact Mrs Deb White for more information.

Positive Feedback

To the Principal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to say Thank You and to highly commend the two young ladies, Shae and Isabella, (Yr 9), who helped me at the Shot Put event today at the South West Athletics Carnival.

They were most helpful, knowledgeable and encouraging of the younger participants and were a credit to both their families and their school.

Yours sincerely,
Ann Madden

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th 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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

May

31 T Doohan

June

3 K Lunn

4 C Alexander

5 G Ferguson

6 K Steel

7 T Clarke

10 **Queen's Birthday**

11 J Turner

12 J Chellew

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 1st June

Kitchen 4:30pm

Hall – time to be advised.

Friday 14th June

Kitchen 4:30pm

Hall – time to be advised.

Saturday 15th June

Kitchen 4:30pm

Hall – time to be advised.

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

FINLEY COMMUNITY GYM

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

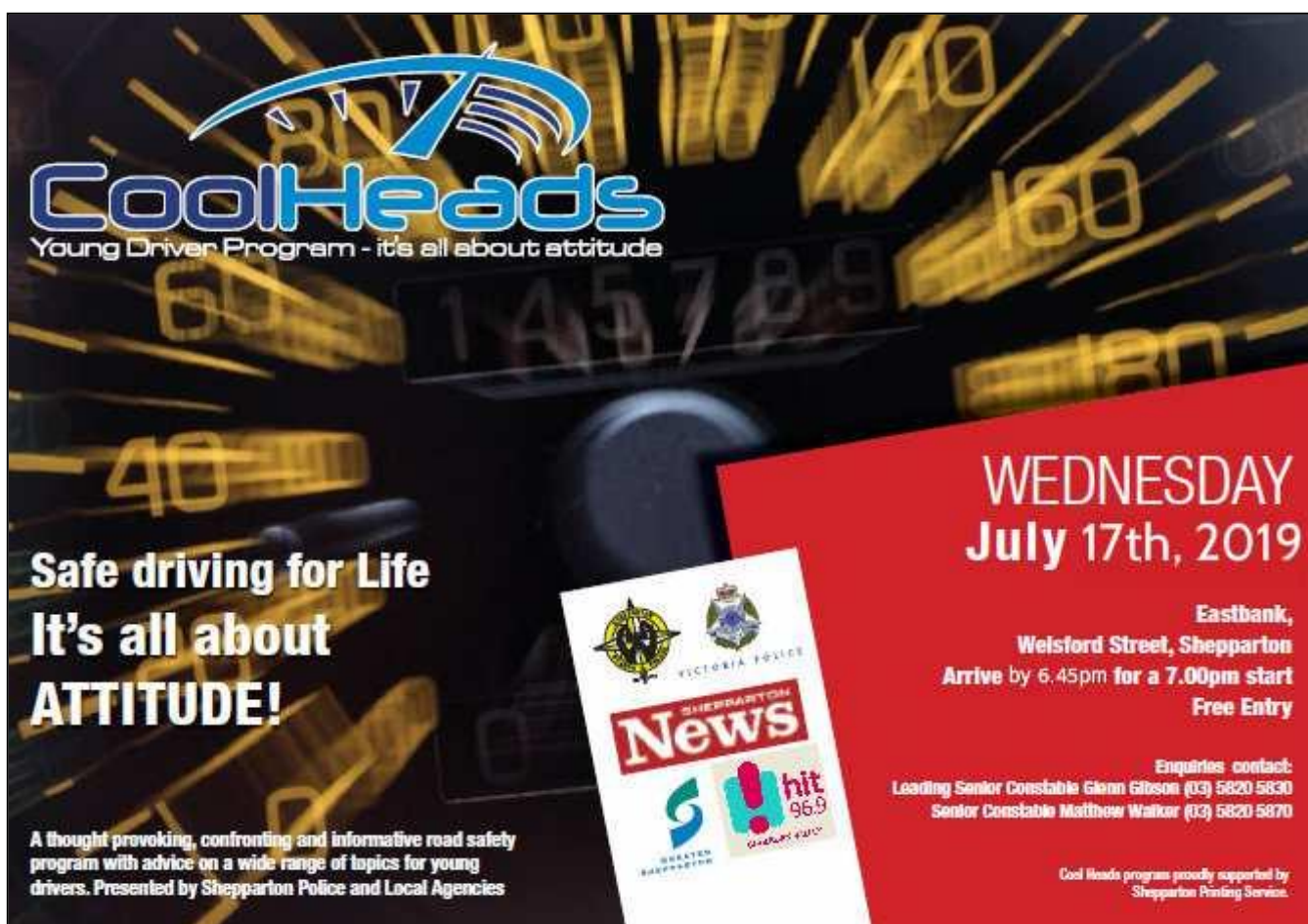
Sharon Hatty will be taking 1 hour classes (Pump, Spin, Boot camp, etc) on the following days starting TODAY and continuing for 12 months

Wednesdays 10.30am & Thursdays 4pm

This activity is funded by



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



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**WEDNESDAY
July 17th, 2019**

Eastbank,
Weisford Street, Shepparton
Arrive by 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start
Free Entry

Enquiries contact:
Leading Senior Constable Glenn Gibson (03) 5820 5830
Senior Constable Matthew Walker (03) 5820 5870

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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



MATINEE
Sun 2nd June at 2pm

Tickets: Adults \$20
Child under 14 \$10

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