



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13th June 2019

KEY DATES

June

12 – 14 Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show

14 Riverina Cross Country Gundagai

17 Zone Athletics Carnival

18 Plains Wanderer habitat day

Year Nine Courage to Care Excursion to Shepparton

AECG Meeting, 7:30pm in the staff common room.

18 - 19 Future Moves in School Workshops Years Seven to Ten.

19 K9 Teach
Community Connect

TAFE YES Program, Deniliquin

21 Ag Enrichment Day Wagga
Year Twelve HSC Legal Studies Day

27 Formal Assembly 10:06am in the School Hall
TAFE YES Program, Deniliquin

28 Boys and Girls Tennis Trials

July

1-5 NAIDOC Week

5 Last day of Term Two

22 Staff Development Day

TAFE YES PROGRAM

In June three Year Ten students, Liam, Mitchell and Jaxson are travelling to Deniliquin TAFE to participate in the TAFE YES program. This is a four week program that allows the students to try new skills and discover new career opportunities on their way to becoming job ready. The students are currently undertaking a Metal Art project that sees them learning what they can do and how they can work with metal. We look forward to seeing their completed projects at the end of the 4 day course. We would also like to thank Catherine Spinner for her time and commitment in getting the students to and from the TAFE and also the P&C for providing funding to support this program.



Mitchell Spinner - Deni TAFE

Principal's Report

My report this week comes from Manly, Sydney, where I am currently attending the 2019 NSW Secondary Principal Conference. This is my 5th Principal Conference and I always look forward to these opportunities to network with other Principals and sit through workshops and key note addresses from world class educators. I always find if I can gain one new idea and am inspired to formulate something different it can only make me a stronger leader and hopefully make Finley High School an even better place for the students and staff.

Once again I have had the opportunity to talk with the Minister of Education, Sarah Mitchell, who is very supportive of rural education having come from, and continues to live in, Gunnedah. I also spent some quality time with former Education Minister Mr Adrian Piccoli who now works at the University of New South Wales.

As I write this, and yes, I am looking out at the Pacific Ocean at Manly beach, I think how important it is for all of us to make the most of our opportunities, work smart but remember to enjoy what life has to offer. This certainly is a beautiful part of the world, if you have yet to experience it please do so, you will not regret it.

Trivia Night

Can I extend a massive well done to Miss Philpot and her Year Twelve Work Studies class on running a great trivia night last week. It was great to see so many people there to support the event.

Timely reminder about three key concerns.

1. Bullying behaviour

Occasionally I have to remind people that we do not tolerate bullying behaviour. In the time that I have been at Finley High School I have been impressed with the way that we treat each other. The following is a definition of bullying. Can I remind any student or parent that if you are a victim of bullying behaviour or you witness bullying behaviour, please report this immediately. We will not tolerate this form of behaviour at Finley High School.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

2. Respectful, Responsible Learners

Just following up from my last message. I would also like to reiterate that every student has the right to an education and every teacher has the right to come to work each day to teach. This environment should be safe, supportive and respectful. We do not tolerate swearing, behaviour that inhibits learning or the safety of others. Again this is just a reminder for the few. I continually remind myself how lucky I am to be the principal of this great school and how it would be great if all students can comply with our values of being respectful, responsible learners.

3. Uniform

Again it is only the few who cannot conform and wear the correct school uniform. We have an agreement with the P & C that Finley High School wears a school uniform and this is in place for a number of reasons. Pride, safety, cost, reduces peer pressure and bullying. Could I please ask that parents and students support this policy. If you cannot wear the uniform please bring in a note, if you cannot wear the uniform for other reasons including cost please do not hesitate to call the school. Those students who continually refuse to wear the uniform are not conforming and this can be determined as continued disobedience.

Mr Jeff Ward
Principal

HSC Earth and Environmental Science Excursion

The Earth and Environmental Science HSC class recently travelled out to a local geological site “The Blowhole” near Tocumwal as part of a Depth Study. They were able to observe this local phenomena and study the granite outcrop in the surrounding area looking at soil and rock formation and the human impacts on the local ecology.



Left: Dominic Johnson, Jacinta Curry, Isabella Jackson and Luke Bramley



Careers - GV Health Workshops

On Thursday 30th of May six Year Twelve students interested in careers in Health and Allied Health travelled to GV Hospital in Shepparton to participate in interactive workshops in various areas of Health Careers. The day saw students moving between The University of Melbourne teaching areas and the GV Hospital where they had the opportunity to touch, try and learn about different careers in the field of health. Students chose from areas such as paramedicine, aged care, midwifery, occupational health, optometry, pharmacy, speech therapy, medicine, dental, nursing, mental health, physiotherapy, exercise physiology, dietetics, medical imaging, health promotion, and Occupational therapy. Most of the workshops involved students doing hands on activities with specialised industry tools and equipment. For example: In the medicine workshop students worked on a simulation mannequin that presented as a bike crash victim and students interacted with them to access their HR, BP, blood oxygen levels and check their pupils. They also took blood from a mannequin arm, while the midwifery students delivered a simulated baby, and provided breathing assistance to a newborn. The workshops were a great way for students to see what sorts of activities were involved in each career and to have the opportunity to interact with personnel currently working and studying in these roles. They learned about the courses and possible pathways for a number of different health areas. It was a fabulous learning experience.

Below: Bella Jackson taking blood.

Below right: Wynta Brain providing breathing assistance
Above: Madeline Dundon assessing a trauma patient
to a newborn baby.



Berrigan Shire Youth Future Careers and Employment EXPO

On Wednesday 12th June students in Years Eleven and Twelve participated in the Berrigan Shire Youth Futures Careers and Employment EXPO held at the Finley Recreation Reserve. The day started with a keynote address from Albury Oncologist Chris Steer (pictured right) about his career pathway to date. It was interesting to hear of Chris' career choices and the opportunities that lead him to work both in larger cities and abroad before feeling the call to return to his roots in the country.



From here students then broke in to groups to rotate through a variety of workshops. One group headed out to the solar farm where Wayne Rentoul gave them a guided tour of the farm. Students were in awe of the size of the operation and many were surprised by the range of employment opportunities available on the site. This trip was an opportunity to look into renewable energy and the industries involved in the farms construction.

Students also worked with Debra Templar on a visual marketing workshop based on basic design principles. Here students learned about Debra's career journey and also about the key points of visual marketing. Students were shown examples of both good and not so good advertising strategies. They discussed what sells and why in advertising before creating their own visual marketing master pieces from collections on loan from the Tocumwal Rotary Opportunity shop.



Brooke Pitt (left) and Luke Bramley and Nicholas Burns (right) creating their own visual marketing master pieces



A final workshop saw students working with Next Wave on film making. This workshop focused on the importance of communication skills through the media of film.

Lunch time saw students well fed by Kaylene and Bernadette and their band of trusty home cooks in the Finley High School canteen. As usual the cakes, soups and rolls were delicious and kept the students well nourished for their busy day.

During the lunch break students also participated in the Farm Skills Challenge run by Leon from AgSkills Victoria. This activity saw students race the clock on farming activities from packing their swag, to planting out seedlings, sorting stock, drenching, and carting and stacking hay. This challenge was as entertaining as it was informative as to some of the daily skills and tasks required by farmers. The challenge was eventually won by Mollie, Meg, Niamh and Nicola.



Above: Ben Neessen and Saxon Burdon competing in the Farm Skills Challenge.

Finley High School would like to extend an enormous thankyou to all the people who were involved in the EXPO. A special thanks is extended to Chris Steer who presented his story and career experiences, to Baldwin's Buses for helping transport students to and from the solar farm and Wayne and his team for their time and support in showing the students around. We would also like to thank Colin Jones and the Tocumwal Rotary for their support in providing an assortment of items for the visual marketing activities. Presenters Debra Templar, Next Wave and the AgSkills Victoria teams also warrant our thanks for their time spent sharing their knowledge and skills with students. To Bernadette and Kaylene and their trusty cooks in the Finley High School Canteen thank you for the provision of delicious cakes and soups. To the Shire Staff who came in at last minute to help clean up the venue following the activities we are greatly appreciative. Finally to the Berrigan Shire team lead by Susie Escott and Merran Socha we extend not only thank you but also congratulations and well done on another informative and fabulous local EXPO. Students in attendance were blown away by the activities this year. Without your tireless efforts and the financial support of the Berrigan Shire this event would not happen.

Where are they now? – Amber Kelly

1. Where are you originally from?

Tocumwal

2. What years were you a student at FHS?

2009-2014

3. What is your current position / vocation?

Marketing Coordinator at Metricon Homes

4. How would you describe your pathway from Finley High School to this position?

Quick – finished High School straight into University and straight into full time work

5. What was your Tertiary Education / Training?

Bachelor of Business (Majoring in Marketing and Event Management)

6. Where have you lived since High School?

Melbourne

7. What are your favourite memories of FHS?

Experiencing Year 12 and my year group

8. Greatest achievements so far?

Living out of home, full time job, completed university, Travelled Europe

9. Other relevant life experiences you have had?

Buying a car

10. Tips or advice for our current students.

Working hard really does pay off in the long run.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

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....LADIES, please note 10am start....

June

14 J Armstrong, M Ryan

17 K Kleinschmidt

18 F Aull

19 K Nicholls

20 L Bryce

21 K Peacock

24 S Congram

25 J Blackmore

26 D Jewell

27 T Doohan

28

AECG Meeting

Tuesday 18th June at 7:30pm
in the
staff common room.

Feel Good in Finley Expo Health & Happiness!



10am - 4pm Sunday 23rd June

Finley RSC, 63-67 Tocumwal St Finley

Winter Wellness - Massage - Fitness
Healthy Food Demonstrations - Mini Makeovers
Organic Food - Supplements - Essential Oils
Kids Retreat - Kids Yoga & Jewellery Making
Products for a Healthy Home - Reiki
Reflexology - Crystals - Psychic Readings
Cosmetics - Fragrances - Scented Products -
Intimate Apparel and much more.

Entry \$5.00 includes Feel Good bag

(Children enter free with a paying adult)

Individual stall holders may charge a fee for services provided.



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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



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**WEDNESDAY
July 17th, 2019**

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

Enquiries contact:
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