



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## KEY DATES

### June

- 28** Riverina Tennis Trials – Wagga Wagga  
Year 12 Science HSC Study Day

### July

- 1-5** NAIDOC Week  
**4** Year 12 Business Studies Day – Wagga Wagga  
**5** Last day of Term Two  
**18 - 21** Bendigo Sheep Show  
**22** Staff Development Day  
**23** Students commence Term Three  
**31** Parent Teacher Night Years Seven to Twelve.

### August

- 2** Riverina Athletics Albury  
**6 - 8** NSW CHS Gymnastics  
**9** AECG Meeting 10am to 11am.  
**12** Tertiary Information Evening  
**14** P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room.  
**19** Snow Trip to Falls Creek  
**21** Defence Force Recruiting Visit  
Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening  
**26 – 30** Year 12 Trial Exams

## School Fee Payment IGA Raffle Draw Winner

Congratulations to Renee Burke who was the lucky winner of the \$100 IGA voucher. This was drawn at our recent formal assembly. Families who paid their school fees early were all entered in the draw.

## Principal's Report

As we come to the end of another busy term I would like to reflect on what I said to the students at the start of this term. That a new term is a great opportunity to start afresh, to build on term one and challenge ourselves to be Respectful, Responsible Learners. No one can ask anymore of you, if you are doing everything possible to improve and do your best. I hope that you can reflect on this and know you did everything possible to meet that challenge. As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish everyone a safe and well deserved holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on the first day of school next term, Tuesday 23 July.

### Secretary for the day

Congratulations to Meg Marsden who was successful with her application to the 2019 Secretary for a Day program on 4-6 August 2019 in Sydney. This is no easy task as approximately 140 students applied to be part of this program and they only take 20. The Secretary of Education is the highest education position in the NSW Department of Education and Meg will spend 2 days with key Departmental officials in the new Department of Education building in Parramatta actively engaged in discussions about current projects they are working on. What a wonderful opportunity for Meg and for her to have a voice for the Riverina.

### Helen Dalton Visit

This week Paul Jones (P & C President) and I had the pleasure of meeting with our new local state member Helen Dalton. It was an opportunity to present our school to her, our successes and what would make a difference. It was a positive meeting and I have invited Helen back for a tour and an opportunity to see the school in operation during a busier time of the day.

## **Counsellor office grant/upgrade**

Fantastic news for Karen Andrews our wonderful counsellor who was successful in her grant to receive a \$10,000 grant to upgrade her office at Finley High School. Karen does a wonderful job supporting our students and staff and I know Karen is already enthusiastically planning her new office space.

Dear Karen

I am pleased to advise your Expression of Interest for funding to refurbish your counselling office has been successful. The number of applications we received confirms the importance schools place on the value of school counselling services, and the impact the office environment has on young people seeking help.

## **Zone Athletics**

This year the Zone Athletics Carnival was held in Finley and I managed to find some time to get to some events. Congratulations to all our participants and the staff who were present on the day managing events and the team. All the best to those students who will be attending the Riverina Carnival in Albury.

## **Lions Dinner**

Recently I had the pleasure of speaking at the Finley Lions 50<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner. Congratulations on this milestone and thank you for 50 years of service and volunteer work and for all the support you give the community and particular our schools.

## **Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School Program**

Congratulations to Ben Neessen who has been accepted into the Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School Program (VIEWS). This is a big step towards UNI for Ben.

## **Year Twelve Student Interviews**

A highlight for me this term has been meeting with Year Twelve students with Mrs White and Miss Philpot. During the interviews we discussed future career goals, academic progress, support we could offer as they near the end of their HSC year and in the process I, in particular, got to know the Year Twelve students just that little bit better. As a group I was extremely impressed by their responsible, mature demeanour throughout the interviews. Next term is their last as they prepare for their final exams, we wish Year Twelve all the best.

## **FADS**

This year I experienced my first FADAMS (Finley amateur dramatic and music society) performance. I, along with a large number of volunteers helped prepare and serve meals at one of the three performances. Can I thank all those who volunteered, your contribution is very much appreciated as the school benefits financially from this.

## **Leadership Camp**

Congratulations to Jemma Coombs and Niamh Mason, who will be attending the 15<sup>th</sup> Australian National Leadership Camp in Sydney in July Holidays. These students were nominated and were successful in their application. What a great opportunity to work with and be surrounded by some incredible young leaders.

## Outstanding Sporting Achievements

I extend congratulations to the following students and wish them all the best as they compete in the coming weeks at the highest levels of their chosen discipline

- Olivia Cicolini – NSW AFL all schools U15 all schools team to play in Tasmania in July
- Shadeau – Player of the carnival at the recent NSW all school championships in Sydney  
Selected to play in the NSW AFL U15 all schools team to play in Tasmania in July
- Georgia Lunn – Qualified for the Inter School Nationals in Eventing, representing Victoria in September/October in Sydney
- Caitlin and Sophie Griffiths – Qualified through to the Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series in Dressage in September/October in Sydney
- Sascha Jones – National All Schools Swimming Championships in Melbourne in July
- Will Sexton - NSW/ACT Rams U16 National championships
- Lily Sharp – NSW/ACT Rams U16 National championships
- Mr Jeff Ward  
Principal

## Rural Medical Student Visit

Hannah Clements is a Bush Bursary Medical student on a scholarship that involves her spending time in the Berrigan Shire. Hannah visited Finley High School to present a workshop to students interested in the medical and health fields. Students listened to Hannah's personal journey and pathway into medicine and discussed the many roles filled by the health profession. The various roles were discussed and their general duties outlined so as students could become aware of the vast array of opportunities for employment in the fields of medicine and health. Thanks to the Berrigan Shire for bringing Hannah to Finley High School.



Left: Students listening to Hannah

## Deputy Principal Report

While there has been plenty happening at Finley High School, I would like to make mention of one exciting new development.

A joint effort between the SRC and the P&C has culminated in the development of the latest item of Official Finley High School Uniform.

I introduce the Finley High School beanie -



I would like to thank Miss Geeves and her amazing SRC team. The transformation the design went through from original concept to final product was amazing. Thank you to everyone who had some input into the design and to the P&C for their ongoing support. The beanies will be available during Week 1 of Term 3. To beat the rush and secure your beanie, you can prepay the cost of \$15 to the pay office at Finley High School.

### Reports

As you may or may not be aware FHS has made the time consuming and somewhat challenging transition to a new reporting system for 2019. The report team and all staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure we meet our deadlines. All things going smoothly, students from years 7-11 will receive their reports on Thursday of Week 10 (4/7/19). The report team trusts you will be happy with the final product.

Mr Nick Campbell, Relieving Deputy Principal



## Greasy Burgers and Fries Get the Better of the Junior Boys Basketball Squad

It almost didn't happen. The usual kaffuffle of finding parent drivers and staff to supervise a sports excursion like this almost prevented it from happening, but with the help of Mr Tooke, Ms Wheeler and Margaret Baldwin, we were able to make it happen.

Managing to avoid the first match of the day, we drove through thick morning fog out to Deni. The girls sang along to the radio in Ms Wheeler's car, while in my car the boys chatted about footy and what they were going to eat at McDonalds later on. The conversation was soon dominated by talk of various fast-food outlets – the greasy backbone of our nation's obesity problem, yet undeniably exciting and enticing to teenagers from a town with no fast-food like Finley.

I soon realised that the boy's ambition to win did not quite match their enthusiasm to fill their stomachs – they really just wanted Maccas. As noted by Harrison King that morning as myself and Lenny Datoli announced our desire to eat Subway for lunch: "I didn't come all this way for Subway".

Harry and Lenny were the younger contingent of players on our team. Both year 8 boys held their own on and off the court, with Lenny sledging his little heart out all day and Harrison putting in a solid defensive effort.

Leading the charge for the boys were Jack Ogilvie and Tom Loomes. Jack earned himself a spot as captain as he naturally slotted into this role – calling plays, devising strategies, rallying morale, supporting his teammates, and also playing really well. He even picked up their rubbish after the utter gluttony that transpired at lunch time.



I believe Captain Jack scored the most points for our team on the day, but Loomes wasn't far behind him. Tom dominated the key, jumping for those all-important defensive rebounds that had been eluding us all morning. He and Zye Treadway made up the majority of the meat and the muscle on the squad, and these boys weren't afraid to throw themselves around, earning quite a few fouls against themselves. I think they each sunk a couple of threes from downtown as well. Loomes's commitment to the team was highlighted by him headbutting the brick wall after overly-committing to an important defensive play.



Ed Haynes and Ray Sutton proved fairly handy, both defending like champions and constantly offering up morale support and positive encouragement to their teammates. I think they may have also even scored a few points!

A loss in the first match to Hay made the boys realise that they weren't playing as well as they could have been. We actually could have won that game.

After some "coaching" from myself and some inspirational words of wisdom from their young captain, they boys managed to play a whole lot better against Deni. When we slowed the ball down and played our own game we saw much more success. Fast breaks were consistently achievable due to our superior fitness (thank you Finley footy!), but fitness doesn't put the ball in the net, and unfortunately that's where we struggled.

We came back hard against Deni but still lost the match. The day wasn't over yet, though. We still had to play Barham, who were quite strong, and Balranald, whose basketball ability probably most closely resembled ours, only they were much shorter...

It was before these last two games that the boys crammed their guts full of such an exorbitant amount of McDonalds that the we probably collectively gained the weight of an eighth player just from that one lunch sitting. The sluggishness was obvious when we returned to the court to face Balranald. We actually came out on top, which was our only win for the day, but then the boys had to immediately front up to play Barham.

Being the only team forced to play two games in a row, I think it's safe to say that the boys were absolutely exhausted before this game was even half over. And with a fair bit of lip flying back and forth between the teams, the ref decided to call it a day with a few minutes left on the clock.

The score was something close to 22-2. We got completely flogged! But at least we managed to score one goal...

Maybe next time I'll suggest Subway for lunch instead of eating their own weight in Maccas!

Coach Smyth



## Under 15's Girls Basketball

The Under 15's girls played four tough games of basketball in Deniliquin on 11<sup>th</sup> June at Deniliquin High School. The team consisted of Shae Fennell, Ruby Russell, Charlotte Mason, Olivia Cicolini, Lucy, Alex Patu and Courtney Lunn. Some of the team were basketball novices but they all gave their best in the 4 games they played. The team had 3 convincing wins against Hay, Barham and Balranald. They only had one loss for the day, which was against a stronger Deniliquin side.



Left: Ruby Russell, Shae Fennell, Alex Patu, Courtney Lunn, Charlotte Mason and Olivia Cicolini.

## Riverina Cross Country in Gundagai

Well done to all our competitors who went to Gundagai for the Riverina cross country carnival. Also a big thank you to those parents who transported the students. All the best to the following students who will be going to state, Melina Tidcombe, Jasmine Burke, Sienna Burke, Ally Barlow and Aidan Fennell.

Pictured right: Jess Hanmer, Milena Tidcombe, Josie Coombs, Sienna Burke and Jasmine Burke.





## Youth Change Agents

A group of students from Years 7-10 participated in a three day workshop with the Young Change Agents. Students worked in groups of 4 or 5 to come up with ideas to create change in our community. The students identified a range of issues in the local area and then learnt the skills to develop a social enterprise to make a positive impact in the community.

The students developed their business ideas and created a business pitch that they presented to a panel of judges. All the pitches were of a very high standard, with the judges awarding 'No Plastic Here' Stevie Bateman, Erica Nicholls and Katie John as the winners.



Above: Students who participated in the three day workshop with teachers, Mrs Hurd and Mrs Baxter, and Finley High School P&C President, Mr Paul Jones.

Left: students working on an activity.



## Careers News

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Finley High School hosted the Future Directions Team from CSU. Groups of students from Years 7-10 worked through workshops and activities that looked at skills and mindsets required to aspire to future success post school. Students in Years 9 and 10 completed problem solving tasks and communication games whilst working collaboratively in small groups.

Year 10 Workshops focused on finding and matching skills/interests with a job they want to do and subject selection.

Year 9 workshops looked at skills for the future and the concept of there no longer being “a job for life”. They brainstormed and designed apps and products for the future world.

Year 8 students played a careers game of “life” where they experienced the concepts of balancing lifestyle payments and weekly bills on their set budgets. This also used a variety of literacy and numeracy skills, as well as IT skills in using the ipads to transfer money around in the game. The true expenses of life became quite real to a few who ended up bankrupt by the end of the activity.

Year 7 students completed the “Career In a Bag” game where they matched everyday life activities and tools to possible career pathways.

These workshops will now be followed up with interested students in Year 9 having the opportunity to attend an on Campus Day at CSU Thurgoona where they can attend university style tutorial workshops and do a tour of the campus facilities as they begin to plan their post school options.



Above: Abbey Jeffress.

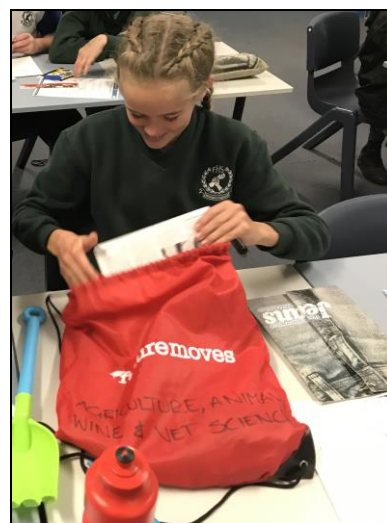


Above: Hayley Palmer, Mia Neessen and Cassidy Reynolds



Left: Harry Haynes

Right: Jasmine Burke



## K9 Program

The first round of our K-9 Teach program has concluded and I have given approval for this to be extended.

K9TEACH is a Animal-Assisted Intervention and Therapy Dog team, consisting of a dog named Boofred and his human companion, Melissa, who is also a teacher. Melissa and Boofred offer a range of Animal-Assisted Interventions such as:

- School (primary school, high school, or other) programs/visits with a curriculum based learning outcome
- School visits that are purely therapy focused
- Tutoring
- Workplace therapy visits for morale

The difference Boofred makes when he comes to school and interacts with the students has been remarkable.

Boofred has been visiting selected students through-out term 2 at Finley High School and the students are very enthusiastic participants in the program. Boofred is a welcome visitor to school who brings a great deal of calm to the classrooms he is working in.

Students participating in the program had been identified as needing support in social situations and with developing positive interactions with peers. Boofred has enabled these students to interact in a positive manner, be supportive of peers and develop empathy for others.

He has been able to develop connections with high needs students and the program has seen a steady increase of positive interactions between the students themselves as well as with Boofred. Boofred has the ability to assist in the development of communication with students we have seen significant improvement in eye contact.

## Second Hand School Uniforms

We are asking any families who may have unused uniform items to consider donating them to our school. We have always kept some spares at school in case of emergencies unfortunately this pile is running low.

These can be dropped in to the front office during school hours. We thank you for your support.

Jodi Brown

Student Support - Social Worker

## Thank you from Finley High School P&C

Recently the P&C catered for the annual FADAMS production. The P&C is unable to undertake this catering without the support of many people. The P&C would therefore like to thank all of the parents & carers, members of staff, students and members of community who helped out. Special thanks go to our canteen managers, Mrs Bernadette Brooks and Mrs Kayleen Dawe who organised the food and the helpers. Everybody's assistance is greatly appreciated.

Mr Paul Jones

Finley High School P&C President



### ACARA online testing in Term 3

Our school has been selected to participate in the ACARA item Trial, to be conducted using the Online National Assessment platform. Pearson has been appointed to administer the Item trial on behalf of ACARA. This is not a school readiness test for Naplan online.

The aim of the Item trial is to evaluate Naplan test items that are under consideration for inclusion in future tests. It will be conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for Year 7 and Year 9, which is next term.

Naplan protocols allow any student to be withdrawn on the basis of a disability or parent withdrawal based on religious or philosophical reasons. There are no special accommodations in the tests.

There are different sessions, assessing both Reading and Numeracy. Both exams are 85 minutes long, and have been scheduled for periods 1- 4, with a break in between. Permission notes will be sent out shortly with further information.

### Minimum Standards Test

Over the past few weeks Year 11 have been provided with an opportunity to fulfil the requirements of the Minimum Standards in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Results should be forthcoming within the term. Students can be provided in many opportunities to achieve the standards. The next sessions will be scheduled for early term 4.

### Best Start Assessment

Best Start Assessment occurred in Term 1 this year for all Year 7 students. Best Start Assessment results can be shared with Year 7 parents upon request. This will aid in identification of areas that your child may be experiencing difficulty in Literacy and Numeracy in previous stages of learning. Please contact the school for your child's results.

### NCDD

The National Collection of Disability Data has been collected. Parents should have been contacted and learning adjustments been implemented for students. If you believe that your child requires some adjustments due to a learning condition, please don't hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment.

### LaST targeted learning groups.

As the term comes to a close, student groups are reviewed and their progress evaluated. If your child has special learning requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the school for inclusion in targeted learning sessions in term 3.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment .

## Where are they now? - Derek Silby – FHS HSC 1984

1. Where are you originally from?

I grew up on a farm between Berrigan and Barooga.

2. What years were you a student at FHS?

1979 to 1984

3. What is your current position / vocation?

Founder of an app based tech start-up.

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

Went to University in Sydney. Initially studied Aeronautical Engineering before switching to Civil after first year.

I moved to the United Kingdom in 1991, initially working in my profession as a Civil Engineer. Fairly quickly I changed tack by starting as a management trainee with a national parcel delivery company owned by Mayne Nickless, beginning a fairly long association with Logistics.

After managing an operation calling on 4000 customers per day I moved from “parcels” to “warehouses”. This eventually took my young family to the US where I managed JCB’s North American spare parts operation embedding Lean principles. JCB implemented the large computer system “SAP” which was a disaster for six months. However it forced me to understand in detail how systems interacted with the physical operation.

I returned to the UK in a project management role. Initially this involved rearranging warehouses and group projects, however in time I found myself working for large IT departments – sometimes sorting out projects that had gone wrong.

The combined experience of operational logistics and IT allowed me to develop a solution to a thorny problem – continuous improvement of exceptions within the supply chain. We have since found this solution can be applied to other scenarios both inside and outside of supply chain.

5. What was your Tertiary Education / Training?

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from the University of Sydney.

6. Where have you lived since High School?

Sydney – during University.

UK – Birmingham, London, and Banbury.

USA – Savannah, Georgia.

7. What are your favourite memories of FHS?

I really enjoyed my HSC years. Up to Year 11 school was a bit of a drag, however from Year 11 I really started to enjoy both the study and friends. We had very good teachers at the time, a good head teacher, and we got on as a year group.



8. Greatest achievements so far?

I have always enjoyed my work – mainly because if I wasn't, I did something about it. I have only ever been fired from one job – or almost fired – by Mrs Wong who ran the café in the Grandstand Bar at Uni. I never wrote up the menu properly, as I frequently got her instructions wrong.

My bosses and colleagues have always been sorry to see me go.

9. Other relevant life experiences you have had?

I spent quite a long time working with a French company which took me to Germany, France, Switzerland, Portugal and Greece. My colleagues in these places were great ambassadors for their countries and we managed to have fun alongside work. Germany is a great place to visit, which isn't well known.

To stay fit I do a lot of walking with mates, and race flatwater kayaks with our local club.

10. Tips or advice for our current students.

Give things a good try, but if not working, adjust.

Leisure wise, if someone asks you along to do something new – if not illegal or dangerous - give it a go.

Get/stay involved with your local community, particularly as you get older.

Use social media sparingly.



Above: Derek Silby

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

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

### June

27 T Doohan

28

### July

1 J Burdon, D Jewell

2 S Robinson

3 K Chesworth

4 S Macleod

5

School Holidays

23 Sarah M

24 J Chellew

25 L Bryce

26 T Clarke

## Finley High School

### P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 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 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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Senior Constable Matthew Walker (03) 5820 5870

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