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Newsletter Week 5, Term 4, 2020

Key Dates

Date:	Event:
November 13	NAIDOC Indigenous Artist Visit
November 17	Year 6 Taster Day – experience a day as a Year 7 student
December 1	Year 6 Orientation Day
December 16	Last Day of Term 4

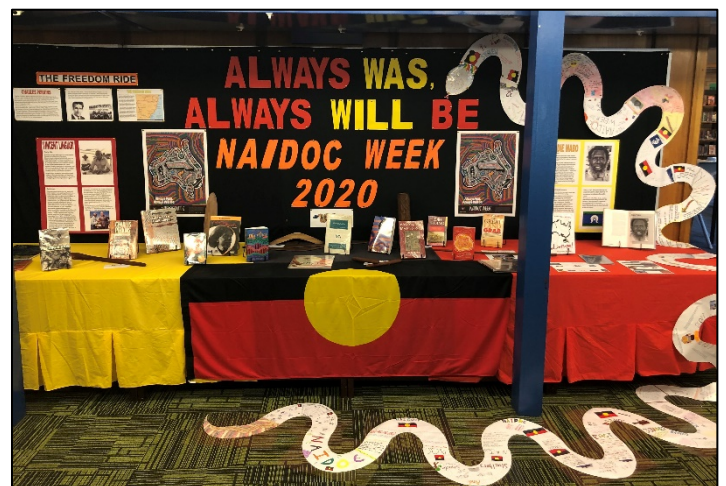
Principal's Report

We are halfway through the term and there seems to be so much going on and so much more to achieve. Living on the border we are all excited about the prospect of our borders opening up and the opportunity to travel into Victoria, which is a welcome relief for those who have family and friends they have not seen since July.

NAIDOC Week

This week we celebrate NAIDOC week and welcome guests into the school to help us celebrate. This year's theme is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' which recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

Always Was, Always Will Be acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land, the biggest estate on earth to sustainably provide for their future. (Pictured: our Library Display)





Remembrance Day

Finley High School celebrated Remembrance Day both at school and with a small group of students at the town's memorial park. On this day, we remember the 11th November 1918 when Armistice was declared, bringing to an end more than four years of horrible slaughter, particularly on the Western Front of France and Belgium, where millions had died, including almost 60,000 Australians. We also remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice in subsequent conflicts, World War 2, Korea, the Malayan

Emergency, Vietnam, Iraq, Solomon Islands, East Timor, Afghanistan and the many other wars and peacekeeping operations. We also remember those who have returned and bear the mental and physical scars as a result of their service, and we remember those who care for them.

Executive Director Visit

Our Executive Director Mr Dean White visited Finley last week and spent time at Finley High School. He spent that time in the Agriculture Plot talking with staff and students and engaging with the cattle in a very practical way. This was a welcome visit as we rarely see our Executive Director as his portfolio covers almost half the state. I was privileged to spend an evening with him, Mrs McRae Director, Deniliquin Network and Ms Jocelyn Robinson Principal of Finley Public School, discussing pertinent matters relating to education and what we are doing to make a difference in teaching and learning.



Uniform

The NSW DoE supports the wearing of a school uniform which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition inside the school and in the community and to protect students from injury. Finley High School expects all students to wear the uniform during school hours.

HSC Exams conclude

On Wednesday we held our last exam, Design and Tech. It's now all over for the HSC students who have been busy signing out. We wish them all the best when their results are released in December

Trainee Social Worker

Last week we farewelled Lisa Cullen. Lisa has been working alongside Jodi, our student support officer through term 3 and term 4. I commend her on the progress she had made and her contribution to the school in the short time she was here. We wish her well in her future endeavours and thank Jodi for being an outstanding mentor.

SRC planning day

The SRC had a planning day on Thursday 5th November. I was fortunate enough to get the day started talking about leadership and the impact the SRC can, and will hopefully make. I was able to join the group again for lunch. I'd like to thank Miss Geeves and Mrs Tobin for organising the day and all the activities. I look forward to seeing the initiatives come to fruition.

Practicum Teachers

This week we welcome four practicum teachers to our school and the community from the University of Newcastle.

Jessica Upton (TAS), Jack Maslen (Maths), Jye Blackman (Science) and Joshua Barden (HSIE). They will be here for a number of weeks.

School Signage

I hope everyone is impressed with the new school signage, I think it looks fantastic. The acknowledgement of country sign also looks great as you enter the school, this is another important addition to the school.

Jeff Ward, Principal

Careers News

Finley TAFE College – Yes Program



Students from Years Nine and Ten are participating in the Yes Program run by the Finley TAFE College. The program is a four week introduction to nursing. This week the students learnt to recognise their learning styles and ways to retain information as well as some practical skills regarding first aid. They learnt to bandage, make a sling and use different styles of knots. They were also shown the importance of effective hand washing using ultraviolet light which showed how much they missed! The students are looking forward to their next three sessions.



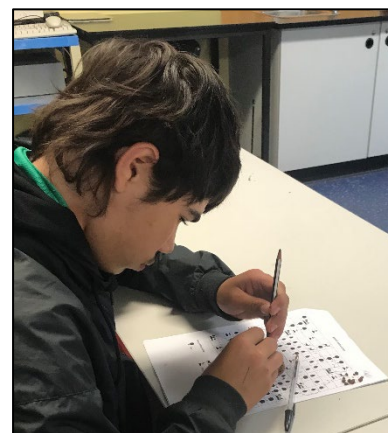
Year 10 Work Experience

Students are completing work experience during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term (30th Nov-4th Dec and 7th-11th Dec).

Students are encouraged to arrange their work experience as soon as possible. Due to COVID restrictions the usual dates in Term Two were cancelled. As a result, students are asked to organise **two** weeks of work experience. Forms have been given to all Year 10 students.

Science News

7A Science have currently been discovering how 'Geology Rocks!', with a unit on rocks and minerals. Student have been learning about the process of mining ores. Sadly taking students to an actual mine is a bit dangerous, so 7A just had to settle with mining chocolate chip cookies. Through the mining of chocolate chips out of cookies, students learn the importance of mining in a way that causes the least amount of damage to the surrounding environment. It is safe to say these students had a 'rock'ing experience.



Other News

Interschool Equestrian 2020

Finley High School had riders compete at the Scots Interschool Challenge on Saturday 7th November. Sophie and Caitlin Griffiths, Lucy Bramley, and Courtney Lunn, with Bianca Griffiths from Finley Public School made a composite team. The team was awarded Reserve Champion school from 43 school teams.

Results

Sophie Griffiths

- 2nd and 3rd Senior Elementary dressage

Lucy Bramley

- 5th and 5th Senior Elementary dressage
- 2nd and 2nd Senior 105cm show jumping
- 6th Senior show horse advanced

Courtney Lunn

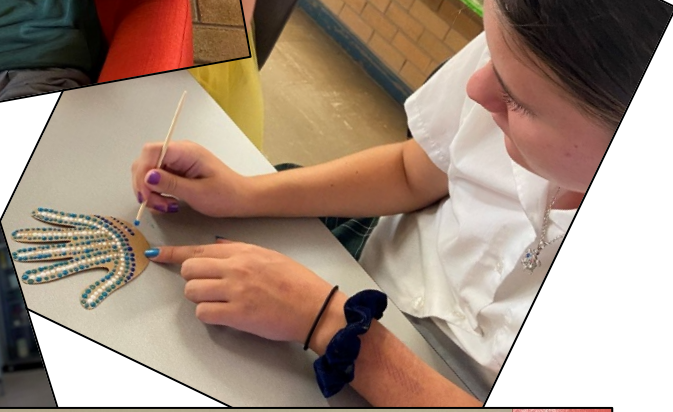
- 1st and 3rd Senior 90cm show jumping
- 6th and 6th Senior preliminary dressage

Caitlin Griffiths

- 1st and 3rd Intermediate Novice dressage
- 1st Intermediate show horse advanced
- 11th and 12th Intermediate 60cm show jumping



What's Been Happening at Finley High ?





Canteen Roster and Community News

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact -
0473 946 683

The Canteen/Uniform Shop is open from
8.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday

November

16	D.Pyke	23	J.Loughman
17	R.Lockhart	24	
18		25	M.Kleinschmidt
19	D.Jewell	26	M.Close
20	B.Belling	27	J.Chellew

Did you Know?

We have a new App SENTRAL

(Skoolbag will be unavailable in 2021)

Get on board so that you can see your child's school reports, newsletters, send notes and more.

For more information see page 8 of this newsletter or call the school office.

This may be of interest to someone who feels like cooking up a cultural storm.

William Angliss Around the World Master Class Free – Indonesian

18 November. 5pm to 6pm

Join in on this Virtual Cooking Class Session to learn about Angliss Alum Yoan Tjahjadi & Ivan Setyawan and their café, [Namelaka](#) and learn how to make Indonesian Flavoured Choquettes from scratch!

<https://www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/around-the-world-masterclass-with-namelaka/>

William Angliss Around the World Master Class Free – Indian

24 November. 6pm to 7pm

Join in on this Virtual Cooking Class Session to learn about Angliss Alum, and Lecturer Conan Gomes and his restaurant, [Yo India](#), and cook along with him!

<https://www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/around-the-world-masterclass-with-yo-india/>

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of school uniform items in lost property. If your child is missing items please have them check lost property located in the photocopy room. Remember to Label all items.



Sarah Mitchell

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning

Bronnie Taylor

Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 08 November 2020

MENTAL HEALTH HUB FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Students, parents and teachers will now have easily accessible mental health advice and support at their fingertips, with the NSW Government today launching their new online *Mental Health Hub*.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the website has been developed to ensure advice is available to anyone who needs it, at any time.

“Mental health support for our students has to be varied and accessible for everyone,” Ms Mitchell said.

“We know that overwhelmingly students do their own research before they reach out for help, so we need to make sure that information is accessible and designed for our school communities.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the *Mental Health Hub* will be a useful toolkit for students, parents and teachers.

“The hub has some really practical resources, from tips on how to start a conversation with someone doing it tough to finding ways to improve their own mental fitness,” Mrs Taylor said.

The website is broken down into three categories; information for parents, information for teachers and information for students.

“The hub has been designed for everyone in the school community, I encourage anyone who has questions, stressed or wants to know how to support people in their lives,” Ms Mitchell said.

The site can be accessed by teachers, parents and students across every school sector, including independent and catholic schools, and has had input from leading mental health advocacy groups, including ReachOut, headspace, Kids Helpline and Beyond Blue.

The Mental Health Hub: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/counselling-and-psychology-services>

OPENING WEEKEND

FINLEY SWIMMING POOL

Free Entry this Weekend
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November
Opening Hours 2-6pm

Monday to Friday
3.30pm to 6pm

DISCOUNTED SEASON TICKET THIS
SATURDAY

FAMILY \$160 NORMALLY \$180
SINGLE \$85 NORMALLY \$95



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