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Newsletter Week 7, Term 4, 2020

Key Dates

Date:	Event:
December 1	Year 6 Orientation Day
December 11	Interest Based Learning Program – All students
December 16	Last Day Term 4

Principal's Report

HSC Graduation

There is no doubt this year has been a tough one as we all faced challenges never seen before. As we slowly head back to some normality, I was again reminded of the impact this year has had as the 2020 HSC group plan for their graduation. We were given two choices, hold a non-school organised formal (organised by students and or parents and staff cannot attend) or a school organised formal (for students and supervising staff only). The students chose the non-school organised formal to be held at the Finley RS club. As staff cannot attend, I want to pass on a message of thanks to a wonderful year group and wish them all the best. They have almost all signed out now and I have been fortunate enough to say goodbye to many of these students. Our future is certainly bright when our next generation of young adults is as wonderful as they are.

Presentation day

Another tradition which has changed in 2020 is our presentation day. This week we held a special awards ceremony for each year group. Their awards were presented by the year advisor and SRC giving the day a special feel. A photograph was taken and this will be put into a booklet as a keep sake to remember the occasion. Smaller schools will probably move to a presentation day or evening but even with the easing of restrictions we could never comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating in the school hall. I think the presentation photo day went off pretty well.



Market day

Once again Mrs Baxter and her Year 9/10 commerce class have done an outstanding job with their annual market day. The stalls were exceptional and the customer service was outstanding. I think the tacos were a big hit. Mr Hay said, "I have had a lot of tacos in my time and the chicken variety were some of the best. Crisp and warm taco shells delivered the crunch that you always hope for in a hard shell taco and the combination of fillings worked in perfect harmony to deliver a flavour explosion". I think that sums up a great day.

Taster day

It was wonderful to see many of our 2021 Year 7 students attending the school on Tuesday 17th November. A wonderful program was put together where they attended many interactive and practical classes. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to ensure these students had a great day. Special thanks to Jodi for her organisation and to Mrs O'Bryan and Mrs Dempster who, as the 2021 year advisors, were there to support the students throughout the day. I'm very much looking forward to these students joining us next year.

Year 10 excursion and taster day

Due to Covid, Year 10 did not get their much anticipated trip to Sydney this year. Mrs Sexton has worked especially hard to give the year group as many opportunities as she can to fill that void. On Tuesday, many of the students ventured to Albury to experience a day out. The opportunity alone to spend quality time with friends was one they cherished and from all reports the students had a wonderful time.

Today Year 10 will participate in a taster day to experience what Year 11 will be like and the challenges and expectations they will face in 2021. Year 11 is a whole new ball game.

Staffing updates

I have received notification from the Education Department's staffing unit that Ms Tanya Momot will be joining us in 2021. I recently requested a maths teacher and Ms Momot is an incentive transfer from West Wyalong High School. This is great news and we look forward to meeting Tanya this week.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Natalie Clarke back from her short teaching experience at Orange High School. It's wonderful to have Mrs Clarke back, she will be taking relief periods for the remainder of the year before going back into the English department in 2021.

I am pleased to advise that Madeline Scott been assigned as a School Psychologist to our school in 2021. Karen Andrews and Madeline will share the counsellor position. More details on this arrangement will be provided in 2021.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Noble who has accepted the APLS (Assistant Principal Learning Support) position for 2021. This is a temporary role so we only lose her for 12 months. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Noble who works across many schools supporting students and staff.

I would like to wish Mrs Jackson all the best as she takes extended long service leave from her position as deputy principal. Mrs Jackson has taken leave till March 2022. Mr Campbell will be the relieving DP for the remainder of 2020 with Miss Walker the relieving Head teacher in Mathematics.

Jeff Ward, Principal

Interest Based Learning Program

On Friday the 11th December instead of the normal timetabled lessons all Finley High School students will participate in an interest based learning (IBL) program. Prior to this day students will be asked to select 3 activity based workshops. There will be a morning session, followed by recess, an afternoon session followed by lunch and then a final session.

The morning and afternoon sessions will see students choosing from activities such as learning to auctioneer like a professional, Making Mosaics, Christmas Craft – cards and bon bons, Christmas Baking, Garage Band Music and Music Writing, Mental Maths, Family Tree Research, Games & Puzzles, Yoga, Life Drawing Masterclass, Textile DIY Gifts, Home Maintenance 101 and much more.

The final session will see students selecting from either a session at the Finley pool or Movie Madness at school.

Please note that some of these activities will have a cost to participate and this money must be paid prior to the IBL day to the front office. There will be no refunds if students do not attend on the day as materials must be purchased in advance for the necessary workshops. There will be activities available that incur no cost. All students attending the pool must pay the \$5 entry fee unless they can show evidence on the day of a season ticket.

The purpose of the IBL day is to extend students learning into interest areas in order to develop skills of collaboration, creativity, communication and in some cases problem solving. All of these skills are part of the Enterprise Skill set that all young people entering the workforce need to develop and are highly valued by employers. That along with adding some extra fun into learning.

We hope that you encourage your child/ren to support the day and get involved in the activities.

Careers News

Melbourne University Kwong Lee Dow Scholars Program.

This is an academic enrichment program for students in Year 11 and 12. Scholars get the opportunity to experience university campus life through taking part in on campus activities and workshops that give

them a head start for their future studies and career. If they get the necessary ATAR in Year 12 they are guaranteed a position at Melbourne University and are provided with financial support for relocation to Melbourne. Finally, scholars taking up their Melbourne University course receive a scholarship for an overseas experience during their studies.

This year we had four Year 10 students apply for the scholars program – Ben Anthony, Lucy Jayne Burdon, Riley Klienschmidt and Shae Fennell. This was a great achievement as the application process itself involves the challenging task of writing about one's own resilience, leadership and motivation. Finley High School was fortunate to have Shae Fennell selected to be a Kwong Lee Dow Scholar in 2021/22.



Market Day

On Thursday, 19 November, the Year 9 and 10 Commerce students participated in a 'Market Day' where the students created stalls for the staff and students to purchase a variety of products that they had prepared including: nuggets, tacos, donuts, freak shakes, spiders and ice-creams.

During the term students have been investigating the requirements for establishing and running a successful business and the market day provided them with a fantastic opportunity to put into practice the things they had been learning.

Thank you to all those who assisted on the day to make it a very successful and fun event.

Mrs Baxter



Wellbeing & Community Partnerships

Eel Tailed Catfish Breeding Project



A group of students joined a representative from the Edward Wakool Angler's Association at the Finley Lake to introduce the Eel Tailed Catfish. The fish is a native species that was once an important food source and lived in abundance in the waters of this region. They are now under threat and the Finley Lake is an ideal breeding ground for the species. The Eel Tailed Catfish competes fiercely with the European Carp and could be a helpful solution in getting rid of carp in our waterways.

students from Finley High School helped release the catfish, learnt all about the flora and fauna of the Finley Lake and the prevention of wave erosion through sloping and planting.



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THE MATHS HATTER WITH THE LATEST MATHS MATTERS!



LATEST NEWS

Over the past three weeks, we've had the pleasure of Mr Maslen joining us from the University of Newcastle. He has one more week before he jets back up north so make sure you say hello before he heads off.

What subject are you teaching and what years?

Maths. Years 7 and 8.

How have you enjoyed your time at Finley High?

It's much more of a community feel than the last placement I did. Everyone is really friendly. It's much more rural and I got to see baby chickens so that was pretty cool!

(Note: Mr Maslen called them baby ducks originally).

How have you enjoyed your time in the area?

I've had lots of fun socialising with other teachers by going to trivia and the food markets. There's been lots of good food and I like the ice-creamery in Toc. All the locals are very friendly and willing to have a chat.

What is your favourite maths joke?

I don't think I had any before I came here but I've heard some good ones from Miss Walker!



EVERYDAY MATHS HUB

The Everyday Maths Hub is part of the NSW Mathematics Strategy designed to help NSW students to develop the mathematical skills they need to succeed in life.

It is an engaging and dynamic online platform for parents and carers of children in Kindy through to Year 10.

FEATURES:

- Mathematical bite-size content
 - Short creative videos to introduce topics
- Interactive everyday activities
- Inspiring reading and resource lists
 - Games and puzzles

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/key-learning-areas/mathematics/everyday-maths-hub>

PUZZLE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Gina has three children and one of them is a teenager. When she multiplies their ages together, the result is 770. How old is the teenager?

MATHS JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

I had an argument with a 90° angle... turns out I was wrong and he was right.

FHS 2020

What has been happening in the library?



Year 7 students researched those who died in war and decorated the lanterns with the names and information for the memorial display.



Dylan brought in medals and a cigarette tin, complete with tobacco. These tins were issued by Princess Mary to all those who were fighting at Christmas, 1914, the start of World War 1.



Memorial Display

Remembrance Day



NAIDOC



Students learnt about the Freedom Ride, Mabo and Vincent Lingiari/ the Wave Hill walk off. They then decorated the Rainbow Serpent with information they researched about Aboriginal culture, history or achievements.

Supporting Movember



What's Been Happening at Finley High?



CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact -
0473 946 683

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

December

30	K.Lunn	7	J.Burdon
1		8	
2	P.Neessen	9	T.Beaver
3		10	A.Lee
4	B.Denny	11	T.Roe

Uniform Shop will be open outside of school time
for Sales on

Thursday 17th December 8.30am - 12.30pm,
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January
8.30am – 12.30pm.



School Book Packs are now available at your local newsagents. For a full list of books/equipment required for Year 7 – 10 please visit our website on the link below

<https://finley-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes-home.html>

LOST PROPERTY

There is 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.

CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST FOR THE 2021

St Joseph's Jerilderie
**DEBUTANTE
BALL**

St Joseph's Jerilderie P&F are currently asking for expressions of interest for the 2021 Debutante Ball.

As we haven't held a Deb for several years, we welcome all 16, 17 & 18 year olds from Jerilderie & surrounding towns who have not made their Deb before.

Please contact Carmen on 5886 1475 to register your interest by 16 December 2020

Tentative Date: Mid 2021

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 call the school office, download the App or access the portal through our website.