



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

28th November 2019

KEY DATES

November

29 Formal Assembly 12:30-1:30pm

December

2-6 Year 10 Work Experience, 2nd session

3 Year Six Orientation Day

12 Rewards Excursion to Melbourne

17 Presentation Night 7pm-8:45pm

18 Last day of Term 4

19 – 20 Staff Development Days

January

27 Australia Day Holiday

28 Staff Development Day

29 Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve return to school

30 All students return to school

February

3 – 5 Year Seven Excursion to Howman's Gap

Year 10 Excursion to Sydney

During Week six, Mr Whitty, Miss Infanti, Mrs O'Bryan, Mrs Ingram and I travelled to Sydney with 37 year 10 students. It was a wonderful excursion, staying at the Rocks. We ventured to Bondi, Manly, North Head Q Station, Circular Quay, North Sydney, Darling Harbour and Homebush Olympic Park. It would be difficult to suggest what the highlight was but I could narrow it down to our evening walk around the Opera House, the walk over the Harbour Bridge, the ferry ride from Manly to the city, the scavenger hunt in the city or dinner at Darling harbour. I was privileged to be part of the excursion. Spending quality time with the students and staff only improves my leadership in getting to know, value and care for every student and staff member. Thank you for being such a wonderful group, I hope you have many wonderful memories.

RSL Sub Branch 100 Year Celebration

I was fortunate to be invited to the RSL Sub Branch 100 year celebration on the 16th November. The event recognised the contribution Finley locals have made to the services over 100 years and the support the sub branch has offered both returned servicemen and women but their families. Year 12 student, Kiara Warenycia, was a keynote speaker and spoke of her 2019 adventure on the Young Endeavour. It was a fantastic account and she spoke especially well. The other was ex Finley HS student Lieutenant Commander Peter Anderson. Peter left Finley HS at the end of Year 10 in 1984 to dedicate a career in the Navy. He spoke of his adventures serving his country and recognised all the past service men and women who attended Finley schools and the community.

HSC 2019

Can I pass on a big thank you to our team of 2019 HSC supervisors led by Mrs Cardwell. At the conclusion of the exams Mrs Cardwell said that this year's group of students would go very close to being the best ever. This is a great compliment to the students as Mrs Cardwell has been supervising the HSC for many years now and has supervised many students.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Class 2021

I was recently informed that Sascha Jones was successful in her application to the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Class of 2021 at the University of Melbourne. Young Scholars can look forward to forming a supportive community with the other members of the program and members of the University through a tailored program of events and activities. There were over 1600 applications from diverse backgrounds, all with impressive achievements. We look forward to supporting Sascha over the coming years to further enrich her studies and to help her reach her potential.

Meeting with Murrumbidgee Shire

Just this week I had the pleasure of meeting with Mayor Ruth McRae and General Manager of Murrumbidgee Council John Scarce. It was a great opportunity to see how we can work together to support all our students but more importantly our students living in Jerilderie. The meeting focused particularly on support for students leaving school and entering the local work force, as well as youth initiatives, support for families and in general building better relationships. I look forward to further meetings, including inviting our SRC to the Council chambers to discuss youth initiatives.

Mr Jeff Ward
Principal

Finley High School Dairy Team

The Dairy Team was given a wonderful surprise through the week from the Shaw Family. A sweet little heifer by the bull *Jacot* and one of their own Holsteins. We would like to thank the Shaw Family as they have been wonderful supporter of FHS Dairy Team throughout the years. There will be many more years of memories and experiences had from their generosity. We would like to wish the Shaw Family the very best for the future. Grand and Christine have been a great inspiration.

The students, Brian and I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2020 to you all.

Jenny and Brian O'Hora

Year 7 2020 Enrolment and Orientation Day

Orientation Day

We look forward to welcoming current Year 6 students as they join us for their Orientation Day on Tuesday the 3rd of December. They may travel to school in their usual manner (bus, walk, car) and should meet in the BBQ area. Students should wear their normal primary school uniform. They will be able to purchase a book pack for \$55 and a calculator for \$20. Student will also have an opportunity to try on the new school uniform. Excursion payment can also be paid on this day.

Enrolments

If you have a student attending FHS in 2020 and have not yet returned their enrolment form, please do so immediately. Please include a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport so the enrolment application can be completed.

Wellbeing Report

We have had lots happening around the school in the previous fortnight in Wellbeing. It has been a very busy term and I can't believe it is Week 7 already. Students and teachers are looking forward to a well-deserved break. There are only 15 school days left, but who's counting. It is important that students, teachers and parents look after themselves over the coming weeks as I am sure we are all exhausted after a massive year. It is our target as a Wellbeing team that every student is known, valued and cared for at Finley High School. So if you, as a student are feeling down or out of sorts, please seek out your Year Adviser or a member of the Wellbeing team for a chat. We are always open and willing to sit down and discuss the issues that are keeping you from being the best version of yourself.

Year 10 Excursion

Last week 37 Year 10 students and 5 members of staff travelled to Sydney for their excursion. So far I have heard nothing but good things about the excursion. Some of the highlights according to the students were:

"Bondi Beach" – Zander Nash

"Running out on ANZ Stadium and getting fresh kicks" – Robbie Hamann

"ANZ Stadium tour" – Mr Whitty (Where his beloved Dragons will not play a Grand Final for at least 20 years)

"Um.... The beach and Wednesday" – Lily Sharp

There will be a full report and photos of the excursion in the final edition of the FHS newsletter in Week 9.

Tomorrow Workshops

In Week 5 we had a team from the Tomorrow crew visit and present at Finley High School. Year 10 and 11 students were separated by gender and attended a 2 hour workshop on the role of men and women in today's society. Some of the issues they tackled were gender stereotypes, body image, mental health and reaching out. I was fortunate enough to sit in on the boy's workshop and must say I gained something myself. The big one for me was seeing so many boys grappling with the same issues but not talking to each other about it.

The workshops were well organised and delivered on the student's level using terminology they know and understand. A big thankyou to Riverina Bluebell and Gotcha4Life for funding the workshops and making them free for students. We definitely look forward to working with these guys again in 2020.

Boys Camp

I attended the annual Boys Camp outside of Wangaratta last week and had a blast. Seeing the boys in a different environment working together and achieving collective goals was definitely a highlight for me. This is a valuable excursion as I saw the boys learning basic responsibilities like cooking and cleaning up after themselves. The Year 10 and 11 students involved were fantastic. They conducted themselves admirably and I look forward to seeing the influence they will have on their 'Mentee's' in 2020. A big thankyou to Alex Smyth and Alex Hay for organising the camp and inviting me along.

Attendance

As we draw closer to the end of term, students seem to attend school less frequently. It is important to keep coming to school until December 18th. The Wellbeing team works hard to ensure every student can attend school every day and actively follows up on students who aren't attending as often as they should. Coming to school everyday maximises opportunities and learning outcomes. It also helps develop social skills and gives students greater access to support. The Department of Education requires all students to have a minimum attendance of 85% per year. If you are absent for any reason, please bring in a note explaining your absence and hand it to your roll call teacher. Likewise, if you are going away on a holiday or for any reason, please notify the school before your departure.

Mr Thomas McCarney
Head Teacher Wellbeing

Visual Art Workshops

On Wednesday the 20th of November, *Muralisto* arrived at Finley High School. They began a series of workshops with a student design team. The students had developed themes, ideas and concepts to develop conversation. This visual dialogue would later result as a large scale, four panel mural in progress

The conversation continued with a following workshop on Friday 22nd. By Monday 25th the painting had begun. We all noticed the results of a completed work by Tuesday 26th



"Working at Finley High has been an amazing and rewarding experience. The students have been really engaged. Their creativity and personalities are super inspiring. We collectively chose to respond to current issues around water rights, drought, privatisation and the mismanagement of natural resources. It seemed that environmental degradation encompassed most themes. On the flip side, we shared stories around our spiritual connection with water, our ancestry, the land and animals who call Australia home and, of course, each other"

We've made some beautiful and meaningful relationships during our time with the students.

We all believe this connection is reflected through the Mural.

Xander, Muralisto`

This collaboration between Finley High School students and Muralisto paints the story of the effect & importance of water in this region. The colourful serpent depicts the Murray River and we see the transition from lush, green, fertile lands and full waterholes slowly turn to cracked dry earth and skeletal remains of drought stricken land. We end with the tongue of the Serpent representing hope & sprouting the chance of regrowth through community awareness and action.

Katy, Muralista



Thank-you to everyone involved!

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Ya ta nay yo

Hey yo nah hey nay yo way

MURALISTO
MURALS FOR CHANGE

Mr Sharman

Visual Arts Teacher

SRC Grip Leadership Conference

On Wednesday the 13th November, I had the pleasure to taking School Captains Niamh Mason and Ben Neessen and Vice Captain Mollie McGrath to Albury for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. During the course of the day our school leaders attended a variety of workshops and lectures where they learnt about what it is to be a leader and how to set leadership priorities. They were inspired by workshops on leading exciting events and took opportunities talk to leaders from other schools and share ideas.

All three students represented the school in an exemplary manner and are keen to share their new knowledge with the other members of the SRC.

Miss Geeves
SRC Coordinator

Pictured: Niamh, Ben and Mollie



Thank You



We are grateful to Sophie O'Donnell who recently made a flag bag and has kindly donated it to our school.

REMINDER

Please label uniform items.

We have a large amount of unlabeled lost property.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

0473 946 683

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

November

29

2 K Peacock

3 R Lockhart

4 J Chellew

5 T Bauer

6

9 S Congram

10 T Clarke

11 P Neessen

12 J Turner

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Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th December, 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

Expressions of interest FHS Canteen

Due to the impending retirement of a team member, the Finley High School P&C is seeking to employ a suitable person to fulfil the role of canteen coordinator.

This position is a job share position, operating on a 6 day per fortnight basis during the four terms of the school year, totalling 40.5 hours per fortnight.

The suitable person would need to be able to work as part of a team with the existing canteen coordinator as well as volunteer helpers. The role also has times of working solo.

Duties include:

- Food preparation.
- Counter sales.
- Stock ordering.
- Stock reconciliation
- Banking.

Experience is not essential as training is provided.

The successful applicant would need to already possess or have the ability to obtain a working with children check and a food handling certificate.

Please send your expression of interest to fhspandcassociation@gmail.com by 30/11/2019

For any further information please contact Paul Jones on 0417 463 083.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

Active Farmers

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Rural Investment Corporation

Solutions4All Career Consultant

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Local beauticians, hairdressers and massage therapists

Health Check: Jerilderie Health Service

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Assistance with drought subsidy and forms: LLS



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CALLING FOR
EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST FOR THE
St Joseph's Jerilderie
**DEBUTANTE
BALL**

St Joseph's Jerilderie P&F are currently asking for
expressions of interest for the 2020 Debutante Ball.
Students from years 11 and 12 are welcome as are
those from surrounding towns.

Please contact Katrina or Carmen on 5886 1475 to register your
interest by 16 December 2019



Coleambally Swimming Club

Coleambally Swimming Club will commence on Friday 8th November starting at 5.30pm. Swimming Club welcomes all children to come and swim from those starting to swim 25m to those wanting to be competitive swimmers.

Membership needs to be paid online prior to swimming and can be done through Swim Central <https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au/>

Coleambally Swimming Club Development Meet

Saturday 7th December we will be holding a development meet with SISA Development coach Billy Nicholson providing a free training session at 11.30am. Racing warm up will be at 1pm with races to start at 2pm.

The race program consists of 12.5m, 25m, 50m, 100m and 200m events, please enter via swim central.

Please contact Naomi Jones 0418827914 if you are using your Active Kids Voucher or for further information and assistance with registration.

***Coleambally Swimming Pool has free entry for the
2019/2020 swimming season***

