



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

30th January 2020

KEY DATES

February

- 3 – 5** Year Seven Excursion to Howman's Gap
- 4 – 5** University of Wollongong Tour
- 12** Yr 7 Best Start Assessment (English)
- 13** School Swimming Carnival
- 18** Yr 7 Best Start Assessment (Numeracy)
- 19** Zone Swimming (Hay)
- 24** Open Boys Cricket (Deniliquin)
- 25** Yr 7 Vaccinations
- 28** Forensics Day

Pictured: Year 7 students,
Chelsea, Kade and Taylor
on their first day at Finley High School

Principal's Report

Welcome back to a new decade and a fresh start. I hope all our students, staff and families had a wonderful break. Our thoughts at this time are with all those communities and those effected by the devastating bushfires which raged across Australia. Also to all the families and students who have been affected by the Novel Corona Virus. If any of these have impacted on you directly, please don't hesitate in contacting me for advice or support.

A new year brings on new students and staff. This year we have started with a new uniform and it is fantastic to see our new Year 7 group in the full uniform and other students in the school embracing it as well. We have also started with a new mobile phone policy, where phones are banned at Finley High School. So far this too has been embraced positively.



New staff

I would like to welcome the following staff to Finley High School:

- Katherine Spence - English
- Rosemary Keighley - English
- Tegan Walker - Mathematics
- Geordy Pullen - Mathematics
- Chloe Treacy - TAS
- Tom Atkinson – Casual Teacher
- Emily Bird – Part time Student Learning Support Officer
- Toni Webster – Canteen

I would like to welcome back Mr Clark into Visual Arts after a year off. Mrs McLennan and Mrs O'Bryan will be working in HSIE in 2020. Kirstie Chesworth takes on the role in the front office. Congratulations also to Sue Jarrott who has been permanently employed for 2 days a week.

Farewell

During the holidays I was informed that Grant-Patrick Smith had taken up a position with a business in Jerilderie. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grant for an exceptional job and for the care and commitment he showed the students during his time here. Grant will be missed and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Australia Day Awards

It was fantastic to hear that three of our exceptional students received awards at their respective shire council award ceremonies. Congratulations to:

- Ben Neessen. Young citizen of the year for Murrumbidgee Shire
- Ruby Russell. Young citizen of the year for Berrigan Shire
- Dan Eldridge. Little Aussie Award from Murrumbidgee Shire (Dan has recently joined us in Yr 7.)

Both students give an incredible amount to their communities and are wonderful ambassadors and young citizens. We at Finley High are very proud of your achievements.

G'day USA

Seven students along with ex Finley High School staff member, Ms Downey, travelled to America during the break. With stops in San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles the students experienced many facets of life in the USA including living with a host family. I have managed to chat to a number of the students and each of them had a wonderful experience. Thank you Ms Downey.



Summary of HSC results 2019

Finley High School students received their HSC results on the 17th December 2019 and these results were met with excitement from students, parents and staff. There were 44 individual band 5's or above. A Band 5 amounts to 80% or above. This is a fantastic achievement. 37 students sat their HSC in 2019 with 9 of these students achieving 3 or more Band 5's. The breath of subjects achieving a band 5 or above was 14. With English Advanced, Community and family studies, PDHPE and Music topping our subject areas. Special mention goes to the following students who achieved the best results. Ben Ashley-Cooper, Tiarna Burke, Emma Carey, Riley Dempster, Abbey Machonachie and Georgia Webb. Georgia was the dux of year 12 just edging out Ben Ashley-Cooper. So many students did so well and success is attained only through the satisfaction of knowing you did everything within the limits of your ability to become the very best that you are capable of being. There are so many of these 37 students who I could also mention who did their very best and it's not always about a band 5 or above. Congratulations year 12 2019.

Swimming Carnival

The Finley High School twilight swimming carnival takes place on Thursday the 13th of February, 2020. The students will go to class as normal for periods 1 to 4 and the first half of lunch, unless they have entered the longer distance races. These students will go to the pool after roll call.

At the commencement of the second half of lunch there will be a quick assembly and then students will be walked to the pool, supervised by teachers. The carnival is expected to finish at approximately 7.30pm with buses running to the town centres of Jerilderie, Berrigan and Tocomwal.

Each student needs to bring \$3 for pool entry or their Berrigan Shire season pass (to be shown on the day). Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the entire day; however, clothing needs to be appropriate for school and suitable for any practical lessons, this includes fully enclosed leather footwear. It is advised that they also bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottles. Parents are welcome to come to the carnival and enjoy the activities. There will be an evening BBQ, and the kiosk, selling food and drinks.

On Friday the 14th the school will not be operating for normal lessons in lieu of the extended hours of the carnival. Therefore, students are not required to attend school on Friday. Should the carnival be washed out, normal lessons will be held on Thursday and Friday, notification of this will be via Facebook and the Skoolbag app. If washed out, the carnival will be postponed to a later date.

Corona Virus

The Department of Education is currently working with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international novel coronavirus situation. Advice has been distributed to NSW Public Schools in accordance with advice received from the Ministry of Health. There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Novel Coronavirus in New South Wales. In accordance with national public health guidelines, exclusions only apply for those who are a:

- Confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus – exclude until medically cleared
- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus – exclude for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case

Staff or students who have recently returned from overseas and are well, and are not close contacts of a confirmed case, are able attend work or school as normal. Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours. The Ministry of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the Ministry of Health. Consistent with current guidelines, staff and students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Further information and updates are available via NSW Health website; Factsheet:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus.aspx> FAQs:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus-faqs.aspx>

Wellbeing Report



No Way! It's back to school already! It's so nice to see all the familiar faces in the playground today and hear all the wonderful stories from the holidays. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for a big 2020! As we are only one day in, we don't have a Wellbeing report as such so as an alternative I thought we could reflect on some of the highlights in wellbeing from last year, define wellbeing and identify some of the main focuses for the Wellbeing team in 2020.

What is wellbeing? - A sustainable state of positive mood and attitude, resilience and satisfaction, with self, relationships and experiences at school

How does it affect learning? - An outcome and a process which facilitates children's progression towards learning and development.

As a parent, it's important to know that if there is an issue or concern with your child in regards to their wellbeing, and you are concerned, the first person you can contact is your child's Year Adviser. From there, he or she will make sure your child is offered the right support here at school. Concerns may include; bullying, low levels of self-worth, conflicts with other students, financial issues or you are simply concerned that your child is not having a nice time at school.

Last year in Wellbeing, we had some really beneficial experiences, highlighted by, the Boys Mentoring Camp, the inception of a Girls mentoring roll call, Bullying No Way Day, Year 9 Empowerment Day, the Year 10 excursion, Teen Mental Health First Aid and Tomorrow Man and Woman workshops. Some things to look forward to in the near future in Wellbeing are; a new Boys Adviser with a passion for self-development and health, the Year 7 Camp to Howman's Gap, Year 12 excursion to the University of Wollongong, Disability talks for Year 7 and the Swimming carnival in week 3.

On a final note, there will be a big focus this year on providing leadership opportunities for all students. Just like all heroes don't wear capes, not all leaders have to wear badges. If you, as a parent, would like some input or have any ideas how we can develop the capacity of our students as leaders, please feel free to contact me at the school. I would love to hear your thoughts.

In the next addition of the Newsletter you will get to meet the whole wellbeing team and put some faces to names.

Enjoy the weekend and look after yourselves

Thomas McCarney

Head Teacher Wellbeing

Positive Feedback

Morning Madeline ,

Baldwin Buses Drivers (Peter & Laurie from Yesterday's Charter) would like to congratulate you on the coordination of the day. Also the students behavior & manner, was a credit to you all.

Many Thanks

Lisa Baldwin

Canteen Roster and Community News

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

0473 946 683

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

February

3	M Read
4	F Aull
5	J Chellew
6	W Doolan
7	K Litchfield
10	J Burdon
11	D Pyke
12	P Neessen
13	S Barlow
14	No Canteen

Finley High School P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th February, 2020
at 7pm in the Staff Common Room
(Admin Building)

The P&C meet the second Wednesday
of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

fhsbandcassociation@gmail.com

Healthy School Canteen Accreditation

Congratulations and thank you to our
Canteen Staff for all the work that they put
into attaining this accreditation for our school.



Finley High School

Uniform Order Form

Orders must be returned to the front office with full payment



Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Student Name: _____

Year: _____

Item	Cost	Size	Quantity	Total Cost
Girls Uniform				
Shirt - White short sleeve with Finley High School emblem	\$25			
Shirt - White long sleeve with Finley High School emblem	\$28			
Skirt - Tartan summer weight fabric	\$43			
Skirt - Tartan winter weight fabric	\$50			
Shorts - Tailored grey	\$30			
Pants – Tailored long grey	\$35			
Boys Uniform				
Shirt - White short sleeve with Finley High School emblem	\$25			
Shirt - White long sleeve with Finley High School emblem	\$28			
Shorts - Tailored grey	\$30			
Pants - Tailored long grey	\$38			
Jumpers (Unisex)				
Wool blend	\$60			
Poly/cotton blend	\$42			
Jacket – soft shell with Finley High School emblem	\$48			
Sport Uniform (Unisex)				
Shirt – green polo with Finley High School emblem	\$32			
Shorts – green with Finley High School emblem	\$30			
Tracksuit pants – green	\$60			
TOTAL			\$	
TOTAL PAID			\$	

NB: Full payment is required with orders.

- Payment options: Cash, card, cheque
- Payment by VISA or MASTERCARD will incur a 1.5% surcharge

The School Uniform Shop will be run by the Finley High School P&C Association.

This is the only official uniform outlet for Finley High School.

Finley High School – 2020 Summer Menu

	Rolls	Sandwiches
Chicken Salad	\$5.00	\$4.50
Ham Salad	\$4.50	\$3.80
Tuna Salad	\$5.00	\$4.50
Salad (no meat)	\$4.20	\$3.50
Tuna	\$4.00	\$4.00
Roast Chicken	\$4.00	\$4.00
Ham	\$3.50	\$3.50
Cheese	\$2.50	\$2.50
Tomato	\$2.20	\$2.20
Egg/Curried	\$2.20	\$2.20
Vegemite	\$1.70	\$1.70
Peanut Butter	\$1.70	\$1.70
Ham and Cheese	\$3.50	\$3.50
Buttered	\$1.40	

Wraps

Roast Chicken	\$5.00
Ham	\$4.50

Hot

Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Hot Dogs	\$3.70
+ Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken Wrap	\$4.50

Toasted sandwiches

Ham and cheese	\$3.50
Cheese	\$3.00

Tubs of Salad

Roast Chicken	\$5.00
Ham	\$4.50
Tuna	\$5.00
Salad (no meat)	\$4.50

Recess

Cheese and bacon roll - large	\$2.40
Cheese and bacon roll - small	\$1.40
Hedgehog (Mon-Fri) small	\$2.00
large	\$4.00
Muffins	\$3.00
Large flavoured milk	\$3.80
Long life flavoured milk	\$2.20
Large orange juice	\$2.50
Small orange juice	\$2.00
Flavoured drink large	\$2.50
Water	\$1.70
Plain milk	\$1.70



International Women's Day Lunch



BERRIGAN SHIRE LIBRARY SERVICE



Rachael Treasure

Tasmanian-born Rachael Treasure gets as excited about dung beetle activity in the soil as she does by beautiful writing. By combining her love for the land and the written word, Rachael sparked a publishing boom in 2002 when her first novel *Jillaroo* woke the world up to contemporary women's stories beyond the city lights.

Join us to enjoy Sunday lunch with Rachael while she talks about her passion for writing and life as a Tassie farmer.

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2020

**12 NOON at the BERRIGAN
SPORTSGROUND.**

\$30.00 pp includes 2 Courses

Phone: Anne on 03 5888 5181

E-mail: annen@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au



Schools, sporting clubs, youth groups, and other organisations involved in supporting young people up to the age of 25 years, can now apply for a Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grant to receive funding for activities aimed at building resilience and positive mental health and wellbeing.

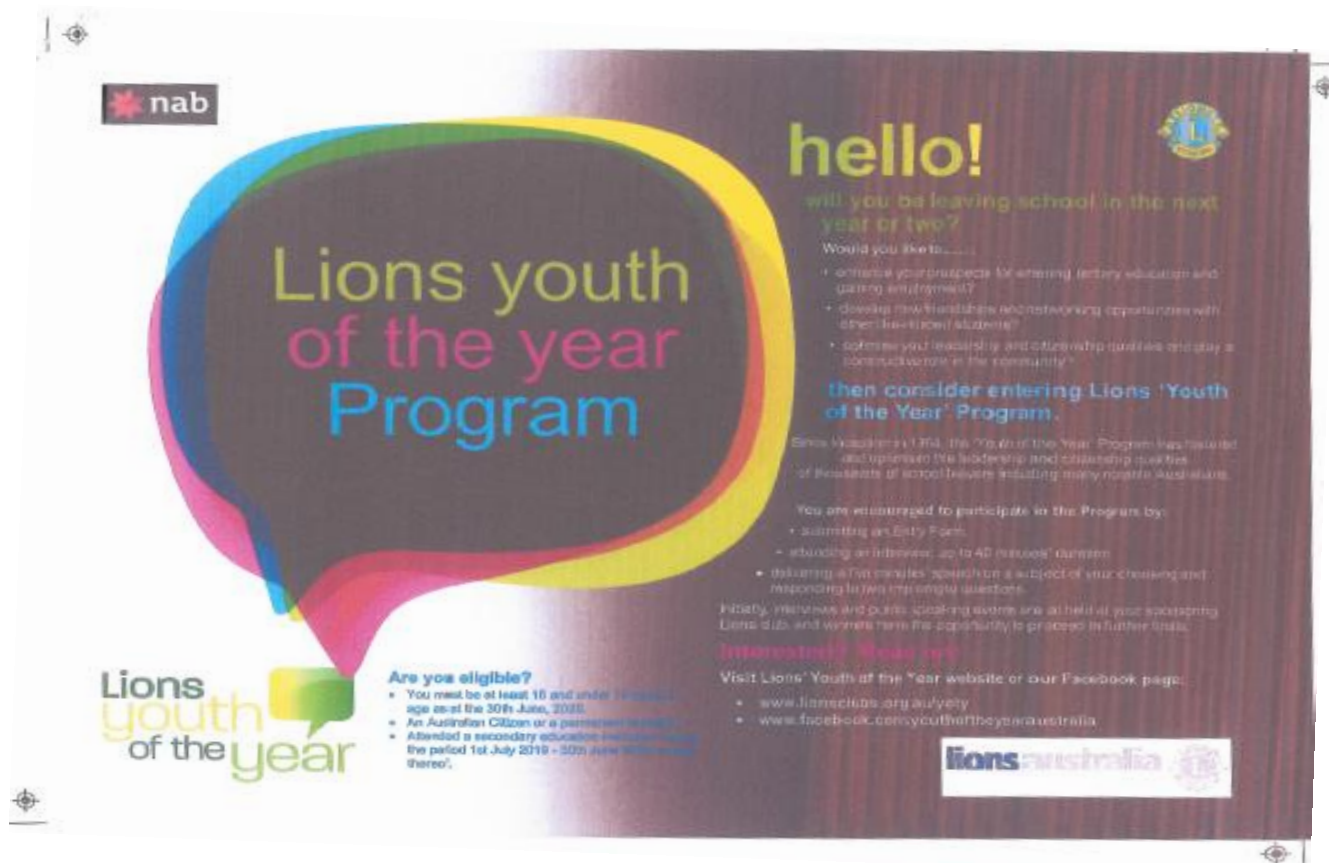
The initiative is part of Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network's (MPHN), Federal Government Empowering Our Communities funding to support mental health and wellbeing in the region's drought affected communities.

The Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grants have two funding levels, up to \$1,500 where a simple 250-word overview of the activity and a basic budget is required to apply. The next level is for grants of more than \$1,500 and up to \$5,000, which will require a 500 word overview and a more detailed budget and quotes. Application to approval of funding should take no more than two weeks.

Grant applications close on Friday, 27 March 2020 or when funding is exhausted. All grant activities must be complete by 30 June 2020.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency should call the Mental Health Line 1800 011 511, Lifeline 13 11 14 or call 000. Or to access the Head to Health website visit www.headtohealth.gov.au

For more information about the Murrumbidgee Youth Community Grants visit www.mphn.org.au or follow Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network on Facebook or Twitter.



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hello!

Lions youth of the year Program

will you be leaving school in the next year or two?

Would you like to...

- enhance your prospects for entering tertiary education and gaining employment?
- develop new friendships and networking opportunities with other like-minded students?
- improve your leadership and citizenship skills and play a constructive role in the community?

then consider entering Lions 'Youth of the Year' Program.

Since its inception in 1964, the Youth of the Year Program has selected and supported the leadership and citizenship qualities of thousands of school leavers including many notable Australians.

You are encouraged to participate in the Program by:

- submitting an Entry Form.
- attending an interview, up to 45 minutes' duration.
- delivering a five minutes' speech on a subject of your choosing and responding to two multiple choice questions.

Initially, interviews and public speaking events are all held at your supporting Lions club and winners have the opportunity to progress to further finals.

Interested? Please go to:

Visit Lions' Youth of the Year website or our Facebook page:

- www.lionsclubs.org.au/yety
- www.facebook.com/youthoftheyearaustralia

Are you eligible?

- You must be at least 16 and under 18 years of age as of the 30th June, 2020.
- An Australian Citizen or a permanent resident.
- Attended a secondary education institution during the period 1st July 2019 - 30th June 2020 (inclusive thereof).

Lions youth of the year

lions australia

FFNC JUNIOR NETBALL PRE-SEASON 2020

ALL CURRENT AND NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY, 2020 @ 5pm

17 & UNDER

15 & UNDER

13 & UNDER

TO BE FOLLOWED BY SENIORS @ 6PM

(11 & Under will commence at a later date)



Murray River WIREs

0427 493 716

Would you like to be volunteer?

The Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIREs) is a NSW volunteer organisation that rescues orphaned and injured wildlife, with the aim of returning them to the wild.

The local branch, WIREs Murray River, is hoping to run a training course in March.

- Volunteers must be 18, live in NSW and do a training course (RICC).
- Volunteers must be willing to:
 - go on the phone roster once a month
 - attend monthly meetings
 - be guided by more experienced members
 - rescue injured animals
 - follow NPWS guidelines
 - help with fundraising
- Some animals require a lot of care and hygiene is very important. Also, every effort should be made to NOT humanise wild animals.
- At times we need to make difficult decisions, with the welfare of the animal and its ability to survive in the wild in mind.

Our basic training course (RICC) has an online section and a practical part, that we are hoping to run in March. (cost \$125) To enrol go to:

<https://www.wildlifetraining.org.au/training/rescue-and-immediate-care-course>