



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

13th February 2020

KEY DATES

February

- 17 Open Boys Cricket (Deniliquin)
- 18 Yr 7 Best Start Assessment (Numeracy)
- 19 Zone Swimming (Hay)
- 25 Yr 7 Vaccinations
- 25 Winter uniform orders due
- 28 Forensics Day

March

- 2 Riverina Swimming (Leeton)
- 6 Open Boys & Girls Basketball (Deniliquin)
- 10 Truth Project (Yr 10, 11, 12)
- 12 Wether Challenge
- 13 Forensics Day
- 19 Open Boys & Girls Soccer (Deniliquin)
- 26 Formal Assembly
- 27 Open Boys & Girls Tennis (Barham)
- 30 Year 12 Half Yearly Exams begin

Principal's Report

The school year is well underway and I have been extremely impressed by what is happening at Finley High School. In my discussions with staff it is wonderful to hear that they are happy with their classes and very pleased with the attitude of the students. They are willing to learn and value our PBL mantra of Respectful, Responsible Learners.



Year Seven Camp

Year Seven had a fabulous time at Howman's Gap. The Year Advisor, Mrs M Jackson was impressed with the student's attitude, respect for each other and the way they supported each other at every challenge. Teachers and students alike got to know each other and made a very positive start to high school. Thanks to Mrs Jackson and Jodi Brown for organising such a great excursion and to the staff who supported them, Mrs P Jackson, Mr Maxwell and Mr Pullen.

Head of curriculum

As we start a new year I would like to remind all parents of the following staff who are here to support you and offer advice.

Mrs McNaught	English	Mr Tooke	PDHPE
Mr Campbell	Maths	Mrs Noble	Special Education
Mr O'Leary	Science	Mrs O'Leary	CAPA/TAS
Mr Whitty	HSIE	Mr McCarney	Wellbeing

Wellbeing team

The following staff are here to assist with all your student welfare/wellbeing needs.

Year 7	Mrs M Jackson	Girls Advisor	Mrs Baxter
Year 8	Miss Archinal	Boys Advisor	Mr Hay
Year 9	Mr Bird	School Counsellor	Karen Andrews
Year 10	Mrs Sexton	Student Support	Jodi Brown
Year 11	Miss Infanti	ATSI Coordinator	Mrs McNamara
Year 12	Mr McCarney	SRC	Miss Geeves

University of Wollongong tour

A big thank you to Mrs White and Mr O'Leary for taking a group of our Year 12 students to Wollongong to experience what it would be like at a tertiary institution as acclaimed as the University of Wollongong. From all reports the excursion was well worth the long road trip.

2021 Year Advisor

Even though 2020 has only just begun, we have commenced planning in order to give current Year Six students the best possible start at Finley High School next year. Therefore I would like to congratulate Mrs Kathy Dempster and Ms Jacqui O'Bryan who will be the Year Seven 2021 Year Advisors. I have contacted our local primary schools and will begin our transition program in the coming weeks.

Congratulations for service

Congratulations to the following staff who were presented with service certificates recently in front of all staff:

Brian O'Hora	30 years service
Jacqui O'Bryan	20 years service

Thank you for your dedication and support of all students and the community.

Welcome

Last week we welcomed all new staff. Can I also welcome Mrs Sasha Congram who has joined our SASS staff. Mrs Congram was successful at interview in gaining a position last year and has been eagerly awaiting an opportunity to start with us.

New School Uniform

Thank you to all students and parents who have supported our new uniform. The positive comments in the community have been fantastic and the students who are wearing the uniform look great. I would like to remind parents and carers that the P&C Association have taken on the task of being the official supplier of our uniform to ensure the uniform is affordable and non-sanctioned items do not make their way into the school. The uniform can be purchased from the school canteen. Currently it is our goal to ensure every student has at least one new uniform to wear to official assemblies, excursions and functions. Over time we ask that parents purchase the new uniform as old uniforms need replacing. If you require assistance to purchase a uniform please do not hesitate to ask as we are only too happy to assist all our students. Thank you again for your confirmation that we have made the right decision.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder we are a **NO mobile phone school**. Mobile phones are not to be seen at Finley High School.

School Upgrades

During the holidays the school was inundated with tradesman busy making repairs and upgrading the schools infrastructure. The following is a list of what has been achieved.

- New windows in Maths
- Painting completed in Maths and English classrooms
- Replaced the ceiling in the computer room
- Counsellor's office has been upgraded
- Music room and TAS. staff room floor has been replaced
- The hall floor has been sanded back and new lines and coating installed
- Front office painted
- Staff common room upgraded
- Airconditioning and new blinds installed in various offices

These upgrades have made a significant difference to the look and feel of the school, making it a happy and efficient place to work and learn.

PBL

Finley High School is a PBL school and we have a vibrant and active team who drive the agenda, weekly focus and rewards. The last few weeks we have been rewarding all students who have been wearing the new full school uniform. Students who are drawn out each week this term will each receive a \$5 voucher to spend at the school canteen.

Respectful, Responsible Learners achieving excellence together.

Swimming Carnival

This week we continue a long tradition of competition at the Finley Swimming Pool when students swim and cheer for their respective houses. Good luck to all our competitors. Remember its not about who wins but who gets in and has a go. This may be our last twilight carnival as we move to a day carnival in 2021. Twilight carnivals were very popular across country NSW for many years and we are one of the remaining schools to follow this tradition. To Coree, Tuppal, Finley and Murray houses, may the best house win.

Welcome Back Max

This term we welcomed back Max Cameron from his five month exchange to Canada. Max spent his time in Thunder Bay, Ontario and attended the local high school. Whilst in Canada, Max experienced the number one past time of Canadians, snow sports, in particular ice hockey and snowboarding. What an amazing opportunity Max. We look forward to hearing from you in an upcoming newsletter or assembly.

Howman's Gap

Last week Year Seven attended a three day camp at Howman's Gap. This camp is designed to help students get to know each other and to form healthy and positive relationships.

We left school at 7am on Monday 3rd. The trip to Howman's Gap took about 4 hours. I don't think we realised how far up the mountain it was! We had lots of sick kids on the bus. Thanks, Jodi, for being so prepared with mints!

Whilst at camp we undertook a range of fun activities. These were led by some amazing outdoor educators at Howman's Gap. Activities included; canoeing, challenge trail, giant swing, high ropes, bush cooking, rock climbing and archery. We have some very impressive students among us who took to the 15m high ropes like champions!!

We were very well fed at all times. The first night we had a beef and bacon casserole and chocolate mousse. Lunch on day 2 was 'build your own burger' and for dinner we had fettucine bolognese with fruit salad and ice cream for dessert. On night one we had trivia with some 'Minute to Win it' games thrown in. The second night we were *much* more tired and had a movie instead.

We would like to thank the staff at Howman's Gap and especially the Finley High School staff for taking us – Mrs Jackson (x2), Jodi, Mr Maxwell and Mr Pullen. Thank you! We had a great 3 days. We would also like to thank Bob, the bus driver.



Awareness Talks

On Thursday 30th January, Ms Wheeler and I facilitated the Disability and Differences Talk for all Year Seven students. The aim of the session is to make students aware of the differences we all have in our learning and social behaviours. The discussion included medical conditions such as diabetes, anaphylaxis and epilepsy alongside acknowledging how we all learn differently. It encouraged students to look after each other and speak to staff when things don't seem okay.



We also spoke about our PBL values of being Respectful, Responsible Learners in the classroom to ensure students all have the same opportunities to learn. The program has been running for a number of years and is well received by new staff and students. It emphasises the values of Finley High School, and where support at school can be found. A big thank you to Ms Wheeler for all the hard work she has done to ensure this program ran smoothly.

University of Wollongong Excursion

On the 4th and 5th of Feb Year 12 students headed off on the never ending journey to the University of Wollongong's Discovery Day. After a very long road trip there was a stop at North Wollongong beach and a chance to stretch the legs and feel the sand and water between the toes and the fresh salty sea breeze. Students explored rock pools and took in the 'lay of the land' of what Wollongong has to offer outside the University. From there it was off to the University campus where students booked into the student accommodation at Kooloobong Village to enjoy a taste of campus life and the life of a university student. The students were quite impressed with the rooms on offer and had the opportunity to sample both the single studio rooms and the 4 room apartment style living arrangements.

First point of call after checking in was a uni style dinner of tacos, nachos, pancakes, soft drink and red frogs in the common area with other visiting students. Following this Georgia and Decklin indulged in some lessons in being thrifty by checking out the uni recycle and share produce room. Elle, Niamh and Micaelie showed their engineering prowess with their mighty fine stacking efforts in the life size Jenga game. Tayla, Natasha and Sarah checked out the entertainment on offer, giving the musician the thumbs up on his performance for the evening. There was a brief game of pool played before it was time to explore the campus on foot. Led by Mrs White's reminiscing, students took in the main campus sights of duckpond lawns, the library, gym, pool, sporting fields, the shopping and café precinct and one or two wrong turns. After making it safely back to Kooloobong it was time to venture off for some 10 pin bowling action. Despite some amazing bowling efforts, early scoring saw Sarah dancing with delight as the leading bowler at halftime. Some fine finishing form however saw Niamh and Shianne come home strongly to be outright champions of their respective lanes. Despite their best efforts, Micaelie, Kiara, Meg and Taylor were outdone by Lachie the bus driver who overcame his 'old age' status to score a few strikes to take the lead. The evening finished with a final walk around the lighthouse at Flagstaff headland where Decklin, Saxon and Ben finally got to see Mr Harding's beloved Bluescope steel factory in full action.

The next day started early with a breakfast of bacon and egg rolls and juice on the main duckpond lawn at UOW campus. From here students joined a thousand other high school students in the very impressive University hall to listen to a guest speaker who entertained with his analogy of likening the HSC to bike riding and the Lion King's Circle of Life. From here students undertook four workshops of their choice around university topics that ranged from general university issues and transition concerns through to topics of interest from the various UOW faculties including global challenges, how marketing influences us, linguistic fingerprinting and criminal analysis, mining, exercise science, storytelling, chemistry and real life problems, investigation of epidemics, animation, democracy, photography, psychology, atmospheric physics and climate variability, fake news and journalism, nursing, education, law, engineering, philosophy, public health, nutrition, robotics, data science and so much more. Given the divine weather a casual lunch was provided again on the Duck Pond lawn where students were free to relax and explore the campus.

Despite the long bus trip and late night arrival home, students got a real taste of university life and culture whilst at all times being fantastic ambassadors for FHS. Their behaviour, manners and engagement in provided activities was exemplary at every turn. Thanks to Mr O'Leary for chaperoning and to Lachie from Baldwins for the long hours of driving the group around.

The Truth Project

On the 10th of March students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have the opportunity to participate in the Truth Project.

What is 'The Truth Project'?

The Truth Project is designed to empower students to create an inspiring vision for their future. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will engage in a one-period program that motivates, educates and resonates. It will enhance the student's knowledge and encourage a more positive post-school journey. The Truth Project program bridges the gap between young people and the real story behind industries, workplaces, education and their own self-belief.

If you would like to know more about this program please feel free to look on their website at <https://thetruthproject.com.au/nsw/>

The program will involve students listening to keynote speakers that are young and vibrant and range from musicians through to CEOs who will share their own journey from the teen years to life beyond school. Students will also participate in interactive workshop based activities that put the theory into practice. All the content has been developed to align with the National Career Education Strategy Framework and FHS has been lucky enough to have received funding to cover this project which normally runs at a cost of \$3500.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was the Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is a worldwide event that raises awareness about online safety and encourages everyone to help create a better internet.

Celebrated in 150 countries, Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission. In Australia, the eSafety Commissioner is responsible for managing and promoting Safer Internet Day.

It is important that your child knows how to keep themselves safe online when using the internet and social media profiles. Remember to start the conversation, talk to your children about what they do online. Keep them safe.

For great resources, tips and information check out the esafety website; www.esafety.gov.au

Top 5 online safety tips

- 1 Think of others' feelings before you post, like or share content.
- 2 Ask for permission before you share a photo or video with someone else in it. Respectful online relationships start with consent.
- 3 Be an upstander. Speak up if you see someone cyberbullying or sharing nudes in a group chat – let them know that's not okay. Report and delete it.
- 4 Use privacy and screen time settings to take control of your digital life and its impact on your mental health.
- 5 Ask for help. Cyberbullying and sharing intimate images without consent can be distressing, but eSafety can help remove them.

Safer Internet Day 2020 | Tuesday 11 February
Together for a better internet

eSafety young people | esafety.gov.au/young-people

Winter Uniforms

Please find attached the current Finley High School uniform order form. We are currently taking orders for winter uniform items. These have been highlighted on the form in yellow.

Please return your form by Tuesday 25th February to ensure your child's winter uniform is ordered. Payment is not required until uniform is collected from the canteen.

Students may go to the canteen before school or during recess/lunch to try on for sizing. If you have any questions, please contact the canteen on 0473 946 683

Canteen Roster and Community News

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number

0473 946 683

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

February

13	S Barlow
14	No Canteen
17	K Lunn
18	T Bauer
19	J Blackmore
20	L Bryce
21	C Lawton
24	S Congram
25	S Robinson
26	K Arnold
27	A Lee
28	

Finley High School P&C AGM

Wednesday 11th March, 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.

fhspandcassociation@gmail.com

Tocumwal Debutant Ball

Any girls interested in making their Debut in Tocumwal in 2020.

Please contact:

Sacred Heart Auxiliary on :

Telephone: 03 5874 2371

Mobile: 0428 741 834

Finley High School

Uniform Order Form

Please return orders by the 25th of February 2020



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			
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			\$	

**Winter Items – Orders for these items are due by the 25th of February.
Payment for these items will not be required until pick up.**

Summer and Sports Uniforms – These items are available from the school canteen and payment must accompany the order form.

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

**The School Uniform Shop is run by the Finley High School P&C Association through the School Canteen (Ph: 0473 946 683).
This is the only official uniform outlet for Finley High School.**

International Women's Day Lunch



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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.

Phone: Anne on 03 5888 5181
E-mail: annen@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au

\$30.00 pp includes 2 Courses



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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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>



Join the NSW Youth Advisory Council 2020



Represent your peers & make your voices heard



Apply before 1 March, 2020

acyp.nsw.gov.au



The NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) plays an important role in advising the NSW Government on subjects relevant to young people across the state.

The 12 positions of the council are open to young people from diverse locations, life experiences and backgrounds between 12 and 24 years of age living in NSW.

Feel free to contact the office on (02) 9348 0970 or acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au

Learn more online at: acyp.nsw.gov.au

