



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

27th February 2020

KEY DATES

March

- 2 Riverina Swimming (Leeton)
- 3 Wandana Aboriginal Cultural Incursion (All Years)
- 6 Open Boys & Girls Basketball (Deniliquin)
- 7 Deniliquin Show
- 10 Truth Project (Yr 10, 11, 12)
Agriculture Excursion (Yr 12)
- 12 Wether Challenge
- 13 Forensics Day
- 14 Numurkah Autumn Beef Classic
- 19 Open Boys & Girls Soccer (Deniliquin)
- 20 Visiting artist
- 26 Formal Assembly 12:30pm
- 27 Open Boys & Girls Tennis (Barham)
- 30 Year 12 Half Yearly Exams begin

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week 5. It's hard to believe we are almost at the halfway point of this term. I am starting to get around to more classrooms and it is fantastic to see that everyone has settled in. Those wearing the new uniform look great. The 'no mobile phone policy' has been accepted very well and the school is in a good place.

SRC

This week students and staff elected our Year 7 SRC representatives. Congratulations Angus, Dan, Charlie, Naomi, Rosie and Charlotte. We are sure that they will make a great contribution to our school.



Pictured: Year 7 SRC Representative - Angus Hay, Dan Eldridge, Charlie Baxter, Naomi Haynes, Rosie Steel and Charlotte Rafferty

Ambulance Scheme

Arrangements for the NSW Ambulance School and Group Cover Scheme are now in place for the 2020 school year. This scheme provides assurance that any student enrolled at a NSW public school, who has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, will have this cost met through the scheme. For the 2020 school year, coverage of the scheme will continue to include interstate travel for students attending fully supervised school activities within all States and Territories with the exception of South Australia and Queensland.

Term 2 and 3 Dates

We are moving the dates of our Term 2 and 3 School Development Days (SDDs) to Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May 2020. This will enable our staff to attend *Bridges Out of Poverty* which is a two day professional learning opportunity for teachers and develop a greater understanding of vulnerability in our families and across communities and how best to support them in education. Therefore, Term 2 will begin on Monday 27th April and there will be 2 consecutive pupil free days on the Thursday and Friday of that week. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Swimming Carnivals

Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents who participated, supported and coordinated our swimming carnival on the 13th February. It was a wonderful event and congratulations to Finley House for being the overall champion. I awarded the points to Murray House in the annual war cry competition but Mr Tooke told me there has been an appeal, which I'm looking into. I would especially like to thank Mr Tooke who did a great job of organising the carnival.

We had approximately 20 students travel to Hay for the Zone Carnival and a similar number are travelling to the Riverina Carnival in Leeton on Monday the 2nd of March. We wish all our swimmers the best of luck.

AECG Meeting

Mrs Jackson attended our first AECG meeting for 2020 on my behalf. Some of the key points to come from the meeting include:

- The AECG is currently organising a raffle to raise funds
- A visiting artist is coming to Finley on the 20th March
- PLP's have been organised for all our Aboriginal students
- NAIDOC week celebrations are currently being organized

We thank all those who attend AECG meetings and our hard working committee. The next meeting is the 19th May.

Lion's Public speaking event

Last week I was a guest at the Finley Lions public speaking competition between two of our amazing students, Jemma Coombs and Abbey Marshall. Both girls did an amazing job. There could only be one winner and Abbey will progress to the next round. It was a tough task for the three judges to separate the girls. As an aside, both girls looked great in the new uniform and I received compliments on how professional they both looked.

Gaye Maxwell

The P & C and school community would like to recognise Gaye Maxwell for all the time, effort and hours she contributed to the uniform committee to ensure we have a smart and presentable product for students to wear. Gaye gave up much of her own time and we are most grateful. We also wish Gaye a wonderful break as she heads off around Australia on what will be an amazing adventure. Gaye will return in Term 4. Mrs Congram will take over in the kitchen whilst Gaye is away.



New staff member

Next week we will welcome Ms Kate Bain to the school to teach English and Drama. Ms Bain is an experienced teacher who comes from Canowindra. We thank Ms Kathrine Spence who has been assisting in providing lessons and advice the last four weeks.

Art proposal

Mr Simon Clarke was successful in gaining \$700 from the school P & C to update the murals around the school. He will be looking for student involvement and input and we thank him for his time and efforts in undertaking this project.

Swimming

On Thursday the 13th of February the school ran its Twilight Swimming Carnival. Serious competitors went to the pool earlier in the day to compete in the 100 metre events. The rest of the school moved down to the pool at lunch time and everyone had the opportunity to enter as many 50 metre events as they wanted. It was a great day, with Finley showing too much class and being awarded champion house. Pictured below are the age champions and runners-up as listed in the table.



Boys	1st	2nd	Girls	1st	2nd
12yrs			12yrs	Ava Belling	Georgia Belling
13yrs	Kade Pyle	Dan Eldridge	13yrs	Erin Chesworth	Chelsea Winn
14yrs	Mason Maraldo	Lyle Ackers	14yrs	Dakota Pyle	Sarah Bauer
15yrs	Travis Lawton	Matthew Whelan	15yrs	Mia Neessen	Harmonie Tidcombe
16yrs	Zander Nash	Ben Chesworth	16yrs	Jemma Coombs	Sophie Roe
17yrs	Ben Neessen	Rory Knight	17yrs	Elle Rochford	Niamh Mason

Twenty-five competitors travelled to Hay for the Deniliquin Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 19th of February. There were a number of great performances, both individually and in relays. We wish the competitors travelling to Leeton on the 2nd of March for the Riverina Swimming Carnival the best of luck.

Open Boys Cricket

On Monday 17th of February our open boys cricket team travelled to Deniliquin to play in the first two rounds of the Davidson Shield. Playing Deniliquin first in a T20, we lost the toss and were asked to bowl. Oliver Knight (1/17) got us off to great start claiming a wicket with his third ball. His opening partner Matthew Whelan (2/13) was economical as ever and bowled great lengths to have the Deniliquin batters wondering where they were going to score. The bowlers bowled short sharp spells in the middle overs to try and mix it up. Travis Lawton's (1/16) off spin was nearly unplayable, at times turning the ball square. Ben Chesworth (2/9) was the chief destroyer in the middle to late overs. After their 20 overs Deniliquin finished on 9/108.

Chasing 109 to win was always going to be a challenge with the Deniliquin side having some handy bowlers. It got even harder when Alex A'Vard was dismissed first ball of the innings and Oliver Knight (4) followed shortly after, both falling to screamers of catches. It was left to Rory Knight (46*) and Justin Lawton (14) to get the chase back on track. The Deniliquin spinners tied things down until Knight decided it was time to have some fun and took 23 off one over, getting the Finley boys back in the game. Matthew Whelan (18*) and Harrison King (9) kept the score board ticking over however the continual loss of wickets was starting to hurt. Needing 5 off the last over, the game could have gone either way with Deniliquin missing a run out and a catch which would have won the game for them. Needing 1 off the last ball Knight cleared the infield (just) and scampered through for the single to win the match.

The final against Hay provided another close game. With Hay batting first the Finley bowlers continued their impressive form from the first game and restricted Hay to 74 off their 20 overs. Oliver Knight (1/6) and Matthew Whelan (1/3) started the innings well. They were backed up with the Lawton brothers Travis (1/8) and Justin (0/4) keeping the Hay batters under control. Harrison King (1/7) and Ben Chesworth (1/5) came on to try and clean the tail up but it was left to Rory Knight (2/9) to finish the job.

With the bat, the Finley openers began with confidence and Alex A'Vard (19) and Rory Knight (14) started to make light work of the target. However, with the fall of 4 wickets in quick succession it looked like the small chase was going to unravel. When Harrison King (12) joined Matthew Whelan (15*) things started to get back on track. King and Whelan worked the singles and with some quick running managed to turn singles into twos. They found the boundary when needed, but when King ran himself out trying to pinch a second run, it was left up to Whelan to finish the job with a punch over midwicket for two. Finley now move onto the next round.

Careers

ATSI – Latrobe University Presentation – Year 11 & 12

The Indigenous Academic Enrichment Advisor from LATROBE University is visiting Finley High School on March 5th at 10am to meet with Year 11 and 12 ATSI students about pathways and alternative entry programs for ATSI students into Latrobe University.

Charles Sturt University Visit – Year 12

CSU will be visiting Finley High School to discuss University options with Year 12 students on the 26th February. This is a great time for students to hear about university life and learning, obtain information on general course areas, accommodation options, early entry programs and much more. If students are considering any type of university study in 2021 and beyond this is an invaluable information session.

Tertiary Tour – Year 12

We are currently organising the Year 12 Tertiary Tour to Melbourne (30th April – 1st May). Expression of interest notes have been sent home and students will be required to return notes and payments by the deadlines on the note. Accommodation is booked based on the notes returned so late notes may mean a student misses out. Furthermore once students commit to attending there will be no refunds due to the prior payment for accommodation. Stay tuned for more details but it is a good idea if students wish to attend this excursion that they start saving for it now. The excursion will visit a number of tertiary institutions.

Work Experience – Year 10

Year 10 students should start planning their first round of work experience for 2020. Students are encouraged to think about their areas of interest and to make contact with possible places of employment to host them for the week. There is a significant amount of paperwork that needs to be completed prior to a student attending a work experience visit and thus we encourage students to get organised early. Should you need help with this please contact the Careers staff – Mrs Jenny Philpot or Mrs Deb White.

Truth Project – Year 10,11,12

The Truth Project team will visit Finley High School on the 10th of March to present sessions to years 10 to 12 about future aspirations and Year 13 or their first year out of school and beyond. The School has received funding to allow this visit to happen and we hope that it is well supported and worthwhile.

Senior Jumpers 2021

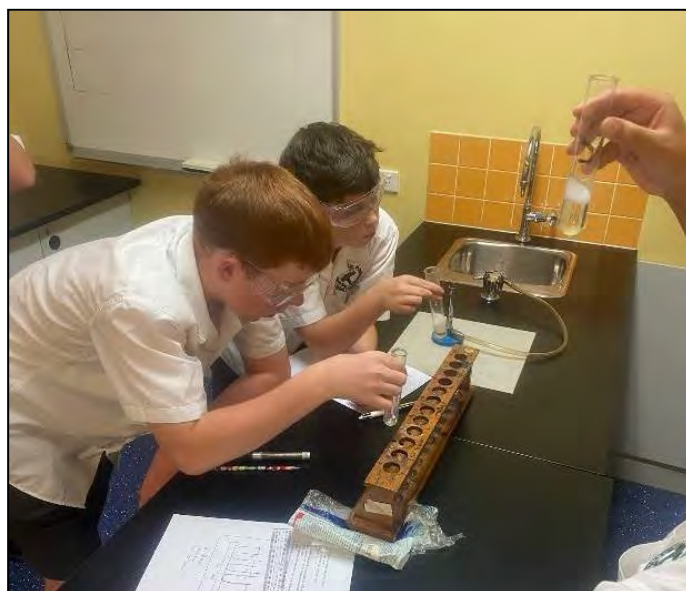
All Year 11 students should have received a note regarding purchasing senior jumpers. Orders are due back, with payment, no later than Friday the 3rd of April. However, if orders are returned earlier, we will be able to receive the jumpers sooner.

Year 7 Science

Year 7 science has started off with a bang (not literally). Year 7 Students actually worked hard, for the first three weeks of term, to understand the importance of lab safety, with many of them receiving their Bunsen burner licence (which is necessary if you wish to perform experiments with the Bunsen burner).

Currently, year 7 is studying a unit on separating mixtures. Within these photos students are performing an experiment that uses Silver Nitrate. They are discovering that in saltwater Silver Nitrate will react to create a milky looking solution, whereas in freshwater nothing occurs.

Pictured: Adam Casanova & James observing the changes to solutions when Silver Nitrate was added.



Agriculture Farm Developments

Stockbook

Finley High have been continually upgrading resources and equipment to try and model farm best practice and technology. Recent Primary Industries VET grants allowed us to purchase new Gallagher eID tag readers and data collectors that allow us to easily capture animal weights and treatments. The collected data uploads to a laptop where the information is managed by leading livestock management software from Practical Systems, *Stockbook*. *Stockbook*, with the embedded Live Entry module, allows us to collect, view and manage data on our animals in real-time. Chris Hinks, the local area manager, came to school recently to set up the program and provide training for teachers and students.



Year 12 students Nicola Denny, Niamh Mason, Mollie McGrath and Georgia Lunn using Stockbook for the first time.

Right: Stockbook representative Chris Hinks with Karla Nicholls and Brook Whelan



Pasture renovation

As part of their tractors unit, Year 12 Primary Industries students have been working to upgrade pastures. Each student has the opportunity to work as a team to prepare, sow and harrow, with the intention to grow an annual pasture to feed the livestock at school.

Pictured: Shianne Mason

CSU Presentation

On Tuesday 26th February Finley High School hosted Charles Sturt University (CSU) for a Year 12 presentation about life and study at CSU. CSU has many campuses, two of which are located in Wagga and Albury. Students met and spoke with 2 current CSU students about their own experiences, as well as general university information such as available courses, entry pathways, on-campus accommodation and scholarships. Students were introduced to CSU's Explore days and OPEN Days where they can attend campus and participate in workshops of interest. They also spoke on their ADVANTAGE Early Entry programs and the local adjustment factors for regional students. CSU provided a goodie bag for a quiz response. This was awarded to Jacob.



*Pictured far left:
Lachlan Osborne,
Taylor Simpson,
Elle Rochford and
Ben Neesen with
CSU staff*

*Shianne Mason
and Elle Rochford
talking to CSU staff*

School Uniforms

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you are aware Finley High School, with the support of the P&C Committee, has introduced a New School Uniform for the students this year. The new uniform looks fantastic on the students who have decided to wear it.

The P&C was approached by the School to become the sole supplier of the new uniform via the School Canteen. The P&C has agreed to undertake the supply of the new uniforms in a bid to supply the new official uniform at a more affordable price for everyone. Financial assistance for uniform purchases is available, please contact the School for further information.

The FHS Canteen is the Only Authorised Reseller of the New Official School Uniform. Do not be misinformed by other uniform resellers that what they are selling is the correct school uniform. If you have any doubt, please contact the school with your queries.

Uniforms can be ordered, purchased or picked up between 8:00am-2:30 pm Monday to Friday from the School Canteen. If possible, please avoid recess 11:10am-11:30am and lunch 1:30pm-2:15 pm. If these times are unsuitable, please call the Canteen on 0473 946 683, between 8:00am – 2:30pm to make an appointment. Eftpos and credit card facilities are available.

Thank you.

Paul Jones, President Finley High School P&C.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number
0473 946 683

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

February

27 A Lee
28

March

2 M Kleinschmidt
3 R Lockhart
4 C Rorato
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9 M Close
10 T Clarke
11 K Nicholls
12 L Knight
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**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 Debutante 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

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



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MURRUMBIDGEE

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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.

419 Squadron - Shepparton



Recruit Information Evening
Friday 28th February 2020, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 110 Sobraon Street Shepparton

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS
 REACH FOR THE STARS

For more information contact:
co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au



Health Hub

**FREE Health Checks
 for Children**

9am – 5pm



Services

Teeth*

- Comprehensive oral exam and teeth clean, including fluoride treatment

Ears

- Thorough ear function and hearing assessment
- Individual reports provided

Speech

- Speech/language screenings to detect communication difficulties
- Recommendations for further assessment or speech therapy intervention if needed

Occupational therapy

- Assess fine motor coordination, gross motor and self-care skills to determine the need for further evaluation

Dates & Venues

Wed 15 April

Berkeley

CareSouth, 2 Matilda Way,
 Berkeley

**EARS, TEETH, OT &
 SPEECH**

Thurs 16 April

Goulburn

CareSouth, 2/148 Sloane Street,
 Goulburn
 (Enter via Clinton Street)

**EARS, TEETH, OT &
 SPEECH**

Thurs 23 April

Deniliquin

344 Cressy Street,
 Deniliquin

TEETH, OT & SPEECH

EVERYDAY

CareSouth

Book online www.bookitlive.net/caresouth
 For further information contact us on **1300 554 260**
 or via email bookings@caresouth.org.au

* Free under the 'Child Dental Benefits Schedule' which offers \$1000 per child over a two year period (must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A or a relevant Australian Government payment).



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	rescue injured animals
attend monthly meetings	follow NPWS guidelines
be guided by more experienced members	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

