



# Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## KEY DATES

<b>April</b>	
<b>29</b>	First Day Term 2
<b>May</b>	
<b>11</b>	Phase 1 Return to School Commences ( <i>See page 2</i> )
<b>June</b>	
<b>10</b>	P & C Meeting 7pm
<b>30</b>	School photos
<b>July</b>	
<b>1</b>	School photos – catchup day

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope that everyone had a restful and safe break. It was a holiday that was different for all of us! I know many people stayed at home, indulged in a book, a TV series, some gardening, exercise and maybe an old-fashioned board game.

For the first two weeks of Term 2, schools will remain operational for students who need to attend. Where practical, parents and carers are encouraged to implement learning from home. In this newsletter (page 2) I have outlined plans for when the remainder of the students will begin to return to school from Week 3.

Wishing everyone a great start to Term 2.

## ANZAC day

Thank you to all staff and students who reflected on ANZAC day. There was a wonderful display of poppies around our school flags. I'm also aware of a number of students and staff who privately laid wreaths or committed to the early morning dawn service in their street.



*School Captains  
Ben Neessen and  
Niamh Mason  
commemorated  
Anzac Day*

## Staff Professional Learning days

Term 2 started with two professional learning days. These were essential in getting us up to speed for more remote learning and a phased return of students to school starting on May 11. Again I would like to thank our staff for the hours of work they have put in to ensuring every student is supported whilst they work from home.



*Staff Meeting with social distancing*

## Phase 1 Return to School

After considerable planning the staff at Finley High School have developed a model of learning that will support the Department of Education's proposal that students return to school a minimum of 1 day per week beginning the week of May 11. I have sent out a separate letter explaining this. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Mon 11th	Tue 12th	Wed 13th	Thur 14th	Fri 15th
Yr 12	Yr 12	Yr 11	Yr 12	Yr 12
Yr 11	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10

Mon 18th	Tue 19th	Wed 20th	Thur 21st	Fri 22nd
Yr 12	Yr 12	Yr 12	Yr 11	Yr 12
Yr 11	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10

**Have you moved house or changed your email address or phone number?**

If yes, please phone the school or email your new details to the school –  
[finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Year 7 – Altered Online Timetable

Year 7 students and their parents are advised that they will be working from a new timetable whilst the remote learning is taking place (or until advised otherwise). This was done in an attempt to ease the load of Year 7's, many of whom had disclosed that they were feeling overwhelmed by the work supplied near the end of Term 1.

The timetable below shows when teachers can upload work to the Google Classroom for their subject. Teachers may choose not to use both of their timeslots, however, it is advised that they only upload on these days to ensure it is easy for students to follow. If teachers don't use both of their timeslots, students should use that time to catch up on other work.

### Submission of Work

Students are also reminded that they *must* submit their work so that teachers know they are engaging in it.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Language	Music	English	PDHPE	Geography
Science	PDHPE	Art	Language	Music
English	Geography	Maths	Science	Maths
Art	Tech		Tech	

## Canteen Reopening

In line with school reopening to face to face teaching on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the P&C will reopen the school canteen. The canteen will offer the full winter menu. To reduce waste and have enough food available, it would be appreciated if students and staff could place orders for recess and lunch, where possible.

We will be operating the canteen with only one canteen staff member. In order to follow social distancing guidelines, volunteers will not be required until *all* students return. We look forward to welcoming our volunteers back at that time.

There will be social distancing markers on the ground which everybody will need to observe, and the serving areas will be washed down after each service period (before school, recess and lunchtime).

## Uniform Shop

Uniform orders will be available for collection from the front counter of the Canteen from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020. If you prefer that orders are sent home with your child please call or message the Canteen Supervisor on 0473 946 683.

Uniforms will be available to purchase from the canteen, however, only students will be allowed to try on the uniform within the canteen. If you feel that you need to accompany your child to try on uniforms, please ring the canteen staff and a space will be made available.

## Grounds Works

Over the holidays some significant improvements have take place:

1. Scaffolding has been erected to allow replacement of the Library and Gym roofs
2. Concreting and drainage has been done next to the BBQ area
3. We now have a new Gator to be shared between the Agriculture Department and our General Assistant.
4. We had 9 stumps ground down
5. The administration area has been opened up
6. Screen doors have been placed on a number of staffrooms
7. A new mower has been purchased for the General Assistant



## Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club have produced a virtual catalogue with this month's offerings. To order simply select the school, and add your child's name to the order form and select the books that you wish to purchase. All payments can be completed through the LOOP payment system online and you can nominate to collect or have the purchases sent home.

**All orders will still be delivered to the child's school as normal, but**  
getting the books into their hands is where we are asking for your help!

<p><b>Ready to Run</b></p> <p>Click below to access the Virtual Catalogue.</p> <p>Recommended return-by-date Monday 18th May.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here for your Virtual Book Club</a></p>	<p><b>Any questions or need help</b></p> <p>Please call us on 1800 021 233*</p> <p>We are here to help.</p> <p>*Please contact us by 1st May 2020.</p>
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Use the following link to the Virtual catalogue.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

# Agriculture Plot

*Exciting times in the Ag plot!*



*Right: Year 12  
Primary Industries  
Rye & Clover Crop  
grew well.*



*Our new calf has been named 'Rona'.*

*How cute are our adorable Poll Dorset Triplets?*



**New Gator and  
Irrigator**



Welcome back to another term of learning.

## Special provisions for HSC applications


Special provisions for HSC applications should be submitted to NESA as soon as possible for consideration. Please ensure that all required forms have been completed and returned to school, as soon as possible.

## NCCD

During this term, the National Consistent Collection of Data occurs. Data will be collated about students with disabilities and the level and type of adjustments that have been occurring within the classroom. Below is a letter to parents and carers that outlines the process.

Wendy Coates,

LaST teacher



Dear parents, guardians and carers

**Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

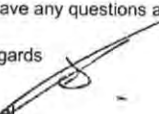
The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).




Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

  
Principal

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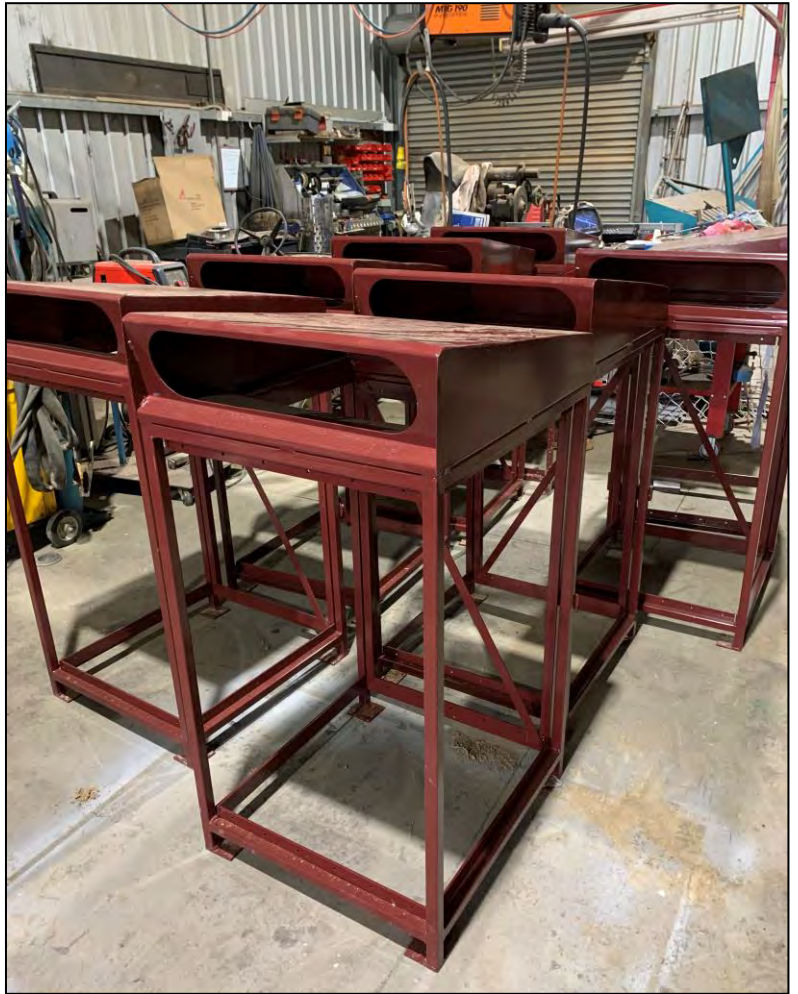


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## Finley High School Students in the Community

Ben Anthony has been busy during Term 1 and in the school holidays.

*"I cut, welded and powder coated 17 bins for the Jerilderie Shire Council that were built of steel and for decoration were mostly made with decking wood. I used a drop saw to cut out different pieces for each of the 17 bins. I also oiled and drilled the planks to be bolted onto the bins and have recently layed concrete slabs around town and dynabolted the bins down after completing."*



13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Good Afternoon,

The JeriBerriO team played Tocumwal Public School yesterday in Round 1 of the NSWPSA Boys Cricket Knockout. It was a geat day and everyone played well and showed outstanding sportsmanship.

Sincere thanks to Finley High student Justin Lawton for taking our training sessions in the lead up to this match.

Kind regards,

Nyree Taylor

Principal, Jerilderie Public School

# Jerilderie Swimming Club Inc

PO Box 144, Jerilderie NSW 2716.  
President: Carmen Lawton 0427242148  
Secretary: Rebecca Belling 0418162987

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Mr Jeff Ward  
Principal  
Finley High School  
Tocumwal st  
FINLEY NSW 2713

Dear Jeff,

The Jerilderie Swim Club would like to show our appreciation and give due recognition to three of your students who have this Swim Season gone above and beyond to assist our Club. We realise this is not directly school related but at a time when volunteers and assistance are difficult to come by Niamh Mason, Elle Rochford and Justin Lawton all happily put their hands up to assist. We understand everyone has time pressures and these students have many school obligations in their senior years so we have been most impressed by their willingness and ability to work with our swimmers on a weekly basis. Our swim season operates over 10-12 weeks and these students have made themselves available where possible for 2-3 hours a week. The improvement our swimmers have shown over the season is a direct result of their time and dedication.

We would appreciate if this information could be shared by the school as we feel it is very important to reward young people in our community who are willing to go that extra mile. Finley High School is obviously doing a great job to teach it's students the importance of giving back to the community and helping others.

Kind Regards



Rebecca Belling  
Secretary



Carmen Lawton  
President



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## JOINT NATIONAL STATEMENT ON UNIVERSITY ENTRY FOR 2020 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The disruption caused to 2020 Year 12 students by COVID-19 has led many to question whether entry to university will be different for them compared to previous years.

The Australasian Conference of Tertiary Admissions Centres (ACTAC), comprising admissions centres across Australia, has released the following information to help dispel any confusion for students and parents:

- **All tertiary admissions centres, universities, and education authorities are working together to ensure a pathway to university for those currently studying Year 12.**
- **The ATAR will be calculated in all states and territories as in previous years.**  
In Queensland, the introduction of the ATAR for the 2020 cohort will continue as planned.
- **The ATAR is widely used across Australia because it is a fair and nationally consistent tool for university entrance, in terms of both allocating places and predicting readiness for university study. Any changes to a state's examination and assessment processes in response to COVID-19 can be accommodated within the ATAR framework.**
- **As in previous years, other pathways that exist alongside the ATAR can be used by universities. For example:**
  - The use of other criteria such as interviews, tests and portfolios for specific courses
  - Special entry schemes for specific groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
  - The consideration of Year 11 results as part of some early offer schemes in NSW, ACT, and Tasmania
- **These pathways are in addition to the ATAR; they do not replace the ATAR.**
- **While universities have autonomy in their admissions processes and may adopt specific schemes in response to COVID-19, there is already a clear and nationally consistent process for Year 12 students that uses the ATAR as the primary basis of admission.**
- **Information about the admissions criteria for courses and universities will be available on tertiary admission centre websites by August. This will include final details of any special COVID-19 admission schemes that are offered.**

VTAC | April 27, 2020 at 3:01 pm



### NSW Education LIVE

To welcome our students and teachers back for Term 2, join us at 8.45am Wednesday 29 April for a special livestream with musician Guy Sebastian!

Prominent Australians have donated their time to help students kick start their day while learning at home.

Broadcast on the [learning from home hub](#), each live stream will run at 8.45am every school day morning until Friday 8 May.

### NSW Education LIVE schedule

- Wednesday 29 April – Guy Sebastian – musician
- Thursday 30 April – Matt Preston, Manu Feildel, Gary Mehigan – TV foodies
- Friday 1 May – Ollie Florent – AFL player, Sydney Swans
- Monday 4 May – Eddie Woo – mathematics teacher
- Tuesday 5 May – Costa Georgiadis – environmental educator
- Wednesday 6 May – Mel Silva – Managing Director, Google Australia
- Thursday 7 May – Ben Quilty – artist
- Friday 8 May – Alan Tongue – NRL community program

Note: schedule is subject to change.



# FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## ACCESSING WELLBEING STAFF DURING ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 isolation precautions, for the remainder of the school term and whilst school remain open, if needed the following support staff can be contacted via these details;

Karen Andrews- School Counsellor  
Deniliquin North Public School- 03 5881 1042  
[karen.andrews20@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:karen.andrews20@det.nsw.edu.au)

Jodi Brown- Student Support Officer  
Finley High School- 03 5883 1344  
[jodie.brown29@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jodie.brown29@det.nsw.edu.au)

Alternatively students can access Kids Helpline- 1800 55 1800, or for emergencies please call 000.

## Canteen Roster and Community News

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact  
0473 946 683

Canteen/Uniform Shop Re  
opens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020  
@ 8.30am

No volunteers required at this time..

### Finley High School P&C

*Due to COVID -19 restrictions, the May meeting has been postponed.*

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 10th June, 2020  
at 7pm in the Staff Common Room  
(Admin Building)  
subject to Government restrictions

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

[fhspandcassociation@gmail.com](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)