



Finley High School Newsletter

Principal: Mr J Ward

Deputy Principal: Mrs P Jackson

14th May 2020

KEY DATES

May

11 Phase 1 Return to School Commences

June

10 P & C Meeting 7pm
30 School photos

July

1 School photos – catch up day

Principal's Report

It has been wonderful to have students back in the classrooms this week. We started with Year 11 and 12, followed by Year 7 and a new year group each day after that. Each day we have taken the time to welcome year groups with an assembly in the hall with students spacing themselves out to ensure social distancing from their peers. I know how excited many of the staff have been to check in with students and assist with the learning they have been doing from home. We will continue with this model until further notice.

As we move into the colder months can I encourage students to purchase the winter uniform from the canteen, we also have the school beanie available. **If families need assistance purchasing a new uniform please don't hesitate to ask your Year Advisor or call the school.**



PBL rewards have started again as students make their way back to school. Staff have been busy giving out special gold tickets for students who have engaged with their remote learning.

Congratulations to Mrs M Jackson

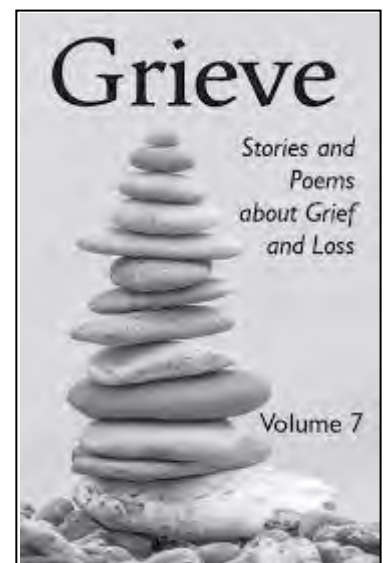
Mrs Madeline Jackson has been rewarded for her outstanding work in HSIE by being accepted for the Rural and Remote Marking Program (RRMP) 2020. She will be marking Modern History (Options). This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of Mrs Jackson.

Congratulations to Mrs Kate Littlejohn

I would like to congratulate Kate Littlejohn on her successful appointment as HSIE Advisor 7-12 for the State Office Secondary Curriculum team. Kate is currently employed as a teacher at Finley High School however she took an opportunity to work in the curriculum team two years ago. Kate's appointment is extra special as it is the first time for the State Office to have a lead curriculum advisor outside Sydney. Well done Kate! We wish you the very best and it's great to know we will have a rural voice in Sydney.

Thank You

I would like to thank Andrew Richardson for the kind donation of the book 'Grieve' to our school library. Andrew donated the book on behalf of his family and late wife Maree. The highlight of the book is the award winning poem written by ex student and staff member and daughter of Andrew and Maree, Kate Littlejohn, a beautiful poem titled 'Helpers'.

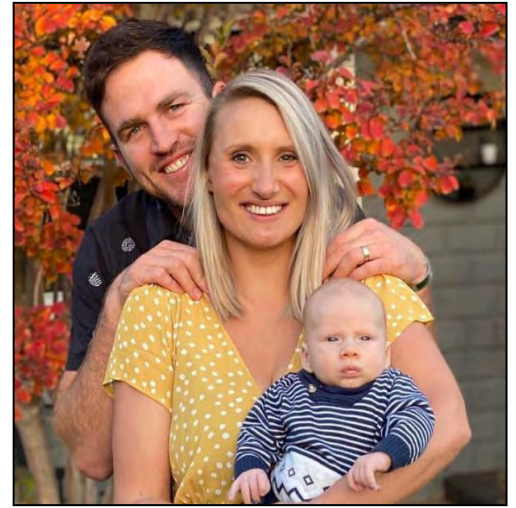


Mother's Day 2020

FHS hopes that all of our Grandmothers, Mothers & Carers enjoyed a little bit of spoiling this past weekend for Mother's Day. For many the restrictions of COVID19 meant the usual celebrations with family and outings had to happen in a different manner this year. There were cooked breakfasts, flowers and family activities. Below are a few photos of how some of the FHS community celebrated the amazing women in our lives from completing the virtual Mother's Day run to making cards in LOTE in French. In actual fact, one of the cards (Will McManus') went all the way to France to his Aunt!



Raymond & Kim Sutton



Mrs McCarney's 1st Mother's Day

The White Family



Betty & Micaelie Price



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

Jodi Brown- Student Support Officer
Finley High School- 03 5883 1344
jodie.brown29@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Important Notices

Submission of Work

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

PE Practical Lessons

A reminder to students in Years 7 – 10, there is a PE prac lesson each day that you attend school. Students are reminded to bring their prac uniform. Here are some photos of Year 7 enjoying their PE lesson.

Year 7 PE prac with Social Distancing.....



Week 4 Attendance Schedule (Green Week)

Monday 18 th May	Tuesday 19 th May	Wednesday 20 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Friday 22 nd May
Year 12	Year 12	Year 11	Year 12	Year 12
Year 11	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10

Canteen/Uniform Shop

The Canteen/Uniform Shop is open from 8.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday

The full Winter Menu is available for Recess and Lunch.

All Uniform orders are available for collection from the front counter of the Canteen. Please pay and collect your uniform orders as soon as possible. If you prefer that orders are sent home with your child, please call or message the Canteen Supervisor on 0473 946 683 to arrange this.

Uniforms are 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.

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

Careers

Despite the changes in the world due to COVID19 there is still a great deal happening for our Year 12 students as they plan to transition from school to university. Students receive a Careers Newsletter each week with recent news and updates. Never has it been more important for students to be reading this newsletter. The news includes links for virtual tours, information webinars, dates and much more.

What should Year 12 tertiary students have done by now?

Students bound for tertiary institutions should be working on VTAC / UAC applications. VTAC (Victoria) is not currently open but students should be researching potential courses and institutions and ordering these in a preference list. They could also be investigating early entry options and disadvantage applications.

UAC (NSW) applications are open now and students are encouraged to have applied so they can then also apply for early entry applications that are open now. Some of these close soon, so students need to have their NSW list of preferred courses organised so they know which institutions they need to look at for an alternative early entry program.

The beauty of early entry and direct entry programs is that they often do not use the students ATAR for selection into the course. The programs rely on a variety of other measures including things such as leadership experience, volunteer activities, school ratings, Year 11 results, written statements, etc. Each early entry application is different and has a different closing date, hence the need for the preference list so students can seek out specific information.

This year more than ever ALL students are encouraged to apply for applicable early entry programs and for ALL possible considerations.

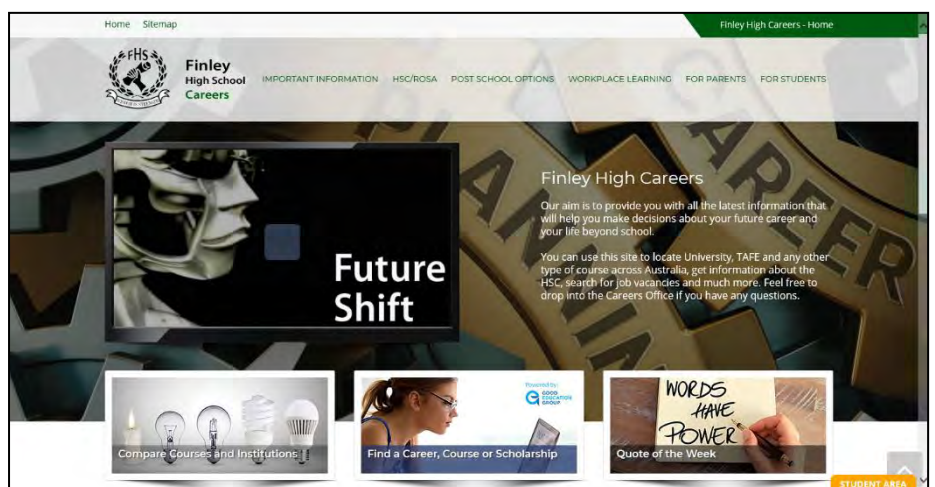
What should non tertiary bound Year 12 students be doing now?

For those students seeking employment and apprenticeship options for next year they should have finalised a copy of their resume and a cover letter or expression of interest (EOIs). They should be starting to develop a network list of potential employment contacts and start to send out their resumes and cover letters / EOIs. This should be followed up with a phone call to the employer.

Should you need support Mrs White in the Careers Department is more than happy to set up a parent/ student / teacher meeting to go through the processes. Meetings can be done in person in the Careers room, over the phone or via ZOOM. Please contact the school to book a meeting if necessary.

A great starting point for all year groups is our FHS Careers page. Check it out at

www.finleyhighcareers.com.au



Year 7 & 8 Technology News

Chef for the Night

Last term, Year 7 and 8 were challenged to cook a meal for their family. Lots of students created very tasty meals and all of the Technology teachers were very impressed with the effort that students put into this task. Below are some photo's that were submitted as part of the challenge.



Pictured(L-R): George Koschel, Dan Eldridge, Ava Belling, Charlie Baxter, Daisy Daniel, Chelsea Winn, Georgia Belling,Charlotte Rafferty.

Canteen Roster and Community News

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact
0473 946 683

Open Monday – Friday 8.30am
to 2.30pm

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.

fhspscassociation@gmail.com

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW family households with dependent children cover the costs of their energy bills. If you receive your bill directly from your energy retailer and you meet the [eligibility requirements](#), you can apply for the Family Energy Rebate online. **Note:** Applications for the 2019/20 Family Energy Rebate will close at 11pm on Thursday 18 June 2020.

To be eligible for the NSW Family Energy Rebate in a given financial year, you must:

- be a NSW resident
- be the account holder of an energy retailer
- have been the recipient of the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) for the previous financial year and have had your entitlement to the FTB payments finalised by Centrelink.
- ensure the person in your household who's registered as the FTB recipient, lodges the application. The recipient is the person who receives correspondence on FTB from the Department of Human Services (DHS).

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-family-energy-rebate-retail-customers>



Joss
Facility Management

CLEANERS REQUIRED



Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au



Check us out on Facebook [Joss Cleaning](#)

or visit our webpage
www.jossgroup.com.au

TWO WEEKS TO GO!

**\$100,000 in Youth Innovation Grants available.
Make a change - apply now**



HEY WIRE

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 26TH MAY!



PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ADHD ONLINE

This 3 week course developed specifically for parents/carers managing children with ADHD.

The course is suitable for parents carers, grandparents and community members.

Recommended for parents of primary/early high school aged children, but all are welcome.

The goal of this course is to inform and empower parents to work together with their child to cope with the many difficulties of ADHD by passing on practical, workable strategies that will make a difference in the lives of all family members.

An environment conducive to the engagement of parents through non-judgment, empathy and acceptance is a priority. Plenty of time will be allowed to discuss the home practice exercises to encourage parents to support each other in putting these ideas into practice and celebrate their successes.

An important goal of this course is to foster solidarity and support amongst the participants whereby they share and discuss their parenting experiences. This in turn can lead to lasting friendships, which offer parents the hope of ongoing support on their parenting journey.

Where: ONLINE via Microsoft Teams

**When: Wednesday 20th, 27th May & 3rd June
2020**

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Fees: \$30 standard or \$15 concession **BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

Facilitator: Maree and Tammy

Topics in the course include:

- What is ADHD?
- How does ADHD affect family life?
- Creating better routines & relationships
- Using rewards & consequences
- Managing difficult behaviour
- Working with schools
- Building self-esteem
- Family problem-solving

**For further information or to register your interest please contact Centacare South West NSW on
1300 619 379**



KEEPING KIDS CALM ONLINE

This online interactive workshop aims to enhance parent's understanding of their children's behaviour and provide practical strategies in supporting behavioural change and emotion coaching.

- Do you have a child/children aged between 0-8?
- Does your child struggle with big emotions and being calm?
- Do you find that your child's behaviour is sometimes challenging because of their emotions?
- Do you sometimes find it difficult as a parent/carer to help your child calm down which impacts on their behaviour?

Then this group is for you!

Centacare South West NSW, will be running an information session for parents who are wanting to learn about how to help their child be calm and better manage challenging behaviours.

Where: *Online via Microsoft Teams*
When: Tuesday 19th, 26th May and 2nd June 2020
Time: 6.30pm - 8:30pm
Cost: \$30 Standard \$15 Concession
Facilitator: Maree and Tammy
Bookings essential

Call today to book your place!

**For further information or to register your interest please contact Centacare South West NSW
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