



# Finley High School Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## #FHSGimme10 Challenge

### KEY DATES

<b>June</b>	
<b>22</b>	School photos
<b>July</b>	
<b>24</b>	School photos – catch up day
<b>August</b>	
<b>12</b>	P & C Meeting 7pm Staff Common Room



Congratulations Josie Coombs, winner of our #FHSGimme10 challenge. Josie has won a brand new Gilbert netball.

If you haven't seen her video, jump on our Facebook page, you need to have a look! Well deserved, her effort even got a mention from the Melbourne Vixens netball team. Keep up the good work Josie.

## Principal's Report

These last three weeks we have been busy getting back to some form of normality and it's great to walk into classrooms and see the students interacting with their teachers. Students have settled in well and have enjoyed seeing each other and learning together again. While things are not completely back to normal, school feels very close to what it was like prior to Covid-19.

### Donation from the Finley Community Help Group

Once again we were the recipients of a wonderful donation from the Finley Community Help Group to the value of \$2000. The donation is well received and very much appreciated. It has been a tough time for all businesses. We are especially grateful that a local business has reached out and supported us. The donation will help struggling families to send their children on excursions.



### Donation from Baldwin Buses

I would like to thank Baldwin Buses for their generous donation of \$1000. Baldwin's have asked that the donation goes towards children in need of items of school clothing, resources to support their learning, and opportunities to attend school excursions. We are so grateful for your support.

### HSC timetable

The Department of Education and NESAs have made the decision to put back the final day at school for HSC Students to Monday 19th of October, with examinations starting on Tuesday 20th October. This may change the usual process for the end of the Year Twelve formalities such as the farewell assembly and graduation dinner (if restrictions ease to allow assemblies to run). We will keep you informed when we have more information.

### Year Twelve Interviews

Mrs White, Mr McCarney and I are currently conducting Year Twelve interviews. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the students, discuss how they are progressing, review their report, discuss post school options and offer any additional support. We have been extremely impressed with the students mature approach to the process thus far.



### **PBL BBQ**

A massive thank you to Mrs Close and Mrs Maxwell along with all those who helped out with the PBL BBQ on Thursday and Friday. The students were very appreciative. What a great way to thank those students who worked so hard during the remote learning period.

### **Year Eight History classes**

I was invited to Mrs M Jackson and Mrs Baxter's Year Eight History classes' mock tour of King Tutankhamun's tomb. I was extremely impressed with the students knowledge and passion for the activity. Well done to everyone involved in this activity.

### **P & C Meeting**

The P & C met this week for the first time in three months. Practicing social distancing with a small group of parents and carers, it was fantastic that we were able to get together. Thank you to those parents, carers and community members who continue to support our school by attending P & C meetings. The next meeting is set for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Laptop devices and BYOD**

Part of our response to the COVID-19 situation was to loan out school laptops to a number of students to support their learning online from home. Students were able to retain these devices for the first few weeks of returning to full time school to ensure a smooth transition.

We now request that loaned laptops are returned to the school over the next week so we can refill our laptop trolleys for full use in classes. The only exception will be students in Years Eleven and Twelve. They are able to hold onto their loaned devices for a little longer, to support the impending HSC and Preliminary deadlines.

One of the positive aspects of the last few months is the increased number of students with access to their own devices. While the school maintains a number of laptops and desktop computers for use in lessons, we also have the desire to move to more BYOD. This allows students to use their own technology in all classes, as well as when they are at home.

### **Reports Years Seven - Eleven**

Year Seven – Eleven reports will have an altered format for this first half of the year, following recommendations by the Department of Education on responses to the changed learning situation over the last few months. The main changes and considerations are:

- no student will be disadvantaged for learning undertaken from home
- each student will be assessed in at least one learning outcome, depending on the data staff have that supports that outcome – some students may be assessed using different outcomes to others
- no overall grade (A-E) will be published as students will not all have the same outcomes
- comments will focus on work done and ways to move forward since returning to school
- there will be no position/rank information on the reports or available for parents to request, again due to different outcomes making such comparisons impossible
- the timeline for the publication of reports will be delayed by approximately two weeks to allow staff time to gather quality data to inform reports.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions about the revised structures and timelines.

### **HSC Drama class**

Well done to Miss Infanti and her Drama class who performed this week in front of an audience of staff and Year Eleven and Twelve students. The style of performance was black comedy. The students performed wonderfully, I especially liked Vamos' performance of a Drama teacher. Well done Tayla, Elle, Sarah, Manaia and Vamos. We look forward to further performances.



### **Special thank you to cleaning staff**

While all of our staff have been working hard during the COVID-19 pandemic, the efforts of our cleaning staff are sometimes overlooked. The cleaning staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that all areas of our school are sanitised and ready for students to return. We truly appreciate their hard work, so thank you for your time, effort and for working during the school holidays to ensure the health and safety of our school.

## Careers News

On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> June some Year Nine and Ten girls took the opportunity to participate in a zoom mentoring session through Beacon projects. The girls had the opportunity to speak with female mentors from a range of industry areas about their goals and aspirations as they transition through school and into the world of work.

Research shows that having a mentor can be a game changer. Young women with a mentor or role model say that mentoring can positively influence their career path. The aim of the MyRoad online career mentoring program is to empower young women and prepare them to make decisions about their future.

The girls covered topics such as imagining their future with motivation and picturing their future with curiosity. They also looked at digital communication, focusing on the value of online presence and connecting their future through building effective relationships that focus on the value of positive relationships. They finished the session with some work on resilience, how they can build the resilience to face workplace and life setbacks and then finally they had a mini celebration with time to reflect on issues that they had discussed.



*Lucy Bramley, Lucy Armer, Ruby Russell.*



*Phoebe Kennedy, Georgia Congram, Isabella Kelly.*

### Subject Selections and Careers

Soon students in Year Ten will be asked to think about what subjects they would like to study in Years Eleven and Twelve. One advantage of the Covid19 situation is that many institutions are providing free virtual sessions as students can not presently attend campuses. Find below an information session for students and parents regarding subject selection for your interest. It will be aimed towards UOW courses but there will be some great information of potential subjects for future study areas. Copy and paste the link into your browser to register.

University of Wollongong Year Ten Subject Selection Monday 22nd June @ 6pm

The Year Ten Subject Selection webinar is for students thinking about studying at university who would like to know more about degrees and choosing subjects that provide a good foundation for each study area. Staff from the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will go through the ATAR, how it is calculated, and touch on scaling. Use the link below to register. This might be a good starting point for families to start discussing subject selection.

[https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_W9cR1klgRKmqdkb9ssaKKg](https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W9cR1klgRKmqdkb9ssaKKg)

## PBL FOCUS TERM 2 WEEK 7

Always come prepared for learning. This means having your books, pens, pencils, laptop, A positive attitude to learning and any work you were asked to complete.



# Textiles

WOW! Check out the Textiles room renovation, it looks fantastic. Great Work Miss Treacy, you have done a wonderful job of making the textiles room into a fabulous learning and teaching space for all the textiles students at Finley High School to enjoy.

*Before the Renovations*



*After the Renovations*





# What's been happening at Finley High





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The Finley High School Agriculture department have recently been donated these two cutey's. **A big Thank You to the Marshall and Hawkins families.**

## Canteen Roster and Community News

### CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact  
0473 946 683

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

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, if you feel that you need to accompany your child to try on uniforms, please ring the canteen staff and a time will be made available.

### Finley High School P&C

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 12th August, 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](mailto:fhspandcassociation@gmail.com)

### Year 12, 2020 Graduation Fundraiser

**\$150 per cubic metre of red gum wood. The cost includes delivery within Finley, Tocumwal, Jerilderie, Berrigan and Blighty (further distances may cost extra). For purchasing information, people can view the Finley High school Facebook page or by contacting the school directly.**

## Year Eight History

Last week Year Eight History were working on recreating the dimensions and some of the artefacts found in King Tutankhamun's tomb. In each class students were divided into groups of five; one group per room of the pharaoh's tomb. Each group had to research the dimensions and purpose of their space and find at least three artefacts that were found in that space upon Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb in 1922. Each class invited some special guests to come and tour the tomb and students were required to be the tour guides of their chosen space. Thank you to all those who came for a tour, it was lovely to see you!



Keeley Peters, Macey McCallum, Sarah Bauer, Erin Chesworth and Allison Macleod of 8A stand in the burial chamber. This is the room in which King Tut's mummy was found along with his solid gold sarcophagus.



Destin Nshimirimana, Caleb Thornton, Franchesca Urrutia and Matt Fitzpatrick stand in their space, the Annex. The Annex was the smallest room in the tomb and contained artefacts like baskets, ceramic pots and a board game called Senet.



Hayden Keith, Yeoj Arcasitas and Cody Cardwell stand in their space, the Antechamber. The Antechamber was the biggest room in the tomb and contained over 700 items, most of them gold!! Here the boys are holding three artefacts found in the space – a wooden chest full of personal items, King Tut's gold-plated throne and a gold-plated lounge with the head of a cow on the armrest. The boys commented that the hall in the background even looks like a pyramid!! Very fitting.

### Winter Sports Uniform

The school uniform trackpants are currently unavailable from the canteen/uniform shop. Students are able to wear **Plain Black Trackpants** for sport and P.E until the correct uniform supplies arrive.

**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 at  
*finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au***





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Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Principal  
Jeff Ward  
Tocumwal Street  
Finley NSW 2713

Dear Jeff,

On behalf of the Finley RSC Board of Directors and staff body, I wish to extend heart-felt thanks for your support and assistance in our "Building Better Regions" grant application.

It has long been our vision to modernise our facility, and I am elated to advise we have received funding for a reinvigorated dining and kitchen space, along with new amenities and children's play area.

As the club continues to evolve, we look forward to fostering our partnership and thank you once again for your valued support- we really appreciate it!

Yours sincerely,

Sharen Parmley  
General Manager



## Calling all JNR players!

Berrigan Football and Netball Club are seeking all new and existing JNR players for the 2020 season commencing 11th July.

We understand due to COVID-19 some families will not wish to participate, both clubs understand and support this decision.

But, if your child is interested in playing, we ask that former players get in touch with their current coach

or for new netball enquiries contact Maddy Loats  
on  
0457 199 393

or new football enquiries contact Steph Reynoldson on 0490 219 172.

Training will commence for all junior teams on Thursday the 25th of June pending COVID-19 protocol updates in the coming weeks.