



# Finley High School Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Excellence in Teaching

### KEY DATES

#### July

- 3** Last day Term 2  
Pyjama Day
- 20** Staff Development Day
- 21** Students First day Term 3

#### August

- 3-4** Reality Now Drug and  
Alcohol Education  
Program
- 12** P & C Meeting 7pm Staff  
Common Room



### Congratulations to Amy Baxter and Madeline Jackson for excellence in teaching

Dear Jeff,

I am writing to recognise the contribution Amy Baxter and Madeline Jackson from Finley High School have made to the professional learning of teachers in NSW through their participation in the HSIE Statewide Staffroom. They shared vital information, skills, and experience with colleagues to ensure the ongoing quality of education delivery for students in NSW.

Amy and Madeline shared their practice through a live and recorded webinar and answered questions posed by participants. They supported teachers across NSW through their recording of a 'digital date'. They successfully and effectively guided teachers by using different strategies and pedagogies for teaching remotely using various technologies.

We thank Amy and Madeline for preparing and presenting this webinar so that teachers across NSW could engage with this valuable professional learning.

Kind regards,

**Deb Summerhayes**

Director, Secondary Education, NSW Department of Education

**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***

## Principal's Report

It has been another productive week of learning and I am continually reminded of the great things we do every time I walk into the school. The foyer is full of outstanding student work, with textiles, art and history all currently on display.

There have been many wonderful achievements to celebrate this last fortnight and I would like to recognise the efforts of all our staff and students who continue to go above and beyond. This is the last newsletter for term 2, a term that started with so much uncertainty, I wish everyone a well deserved break starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Staff return refreshed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July and students return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### Thank you and all the best to Suzanne Robertson

We recently farewelled Mrs Suzanne Robertson who was always available to fill in as our very reliable casual SASS staff member. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Suzanne as she took to all her tasks with ease and diligence and was always friendly to everyone. Suzanne worked in a number of roles at Finley High School for the last five years but was also a major contributor on the P & C for 15 years when her children attended the school. Suzanne has decided to spend more time at home gardening and enjoying some quiet time.

### Congratulations Sophia Ingram

Only last week I received notification from the Department that we can appoint Sophia Ingram to the vacant SLSO position at Finley High School. Sophia has been a long term temporary employee with the Department having worked in a variety of schools in the district. This is reward for many years of hard work. Well done Sophia.

### Welcome our new Head Teacher English

Miss Alyse Cox will be joining us at the beginning of term 4. Miss Cox was successful at interview and comes to us highly recommended as the current English Head Teacher at Colleambally Central School. We look forward to Miss Cox joining us for various meetings next term.

### Congratulations to Jemma Coombs & Abbey Marshall

Jemma Coombs and Abbey Marshall have been successful with their nominations into the New South Wales Rural Youth Ambassador program for 2020.

The RYA is a youth leadership program developed for Year 11 students as part of the Rural Inspire Initiative and is facilitated by the Country Education Partnership (CEP).

It aims to develop the leadership skills of rural and remote young people, as well as providing a collective voice for rural and remote students on issues affecting country education.

### Special thank you to Jenny Philpot and Gaye Maxwell

Thank you, Jenny and Gaye, who gave up their own time to cater for a local wake at short notice. The family were especially grateful and thanked the school for their assistance.



### Extended staff meeting

Last week we held our first full staff meeting this term. It was a wonderful opportunity to get back on track. I was able to present to staff with a particular focus on the what works best document, followed by an excellent session delivered by our PE staff on running a successful sport session. Mr Maxwell delivered a session on our new uniform and ensuring we are consistent in our approach with those who do not follow our uniform policy. Mrs McNaught and Ms Coates finished the evening with a session on leading secondary writing.



### Reports

We are currently preparing student reports and they will look very different this semester due to the disruptions. I encourage you all to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns or questions about their report.

## Hay Donations

We are humbled to receive a load of hay from our farmer friends. Thanks to Norm Braine and Marty Robertson for organising the donations. Thanks to our fabulous ex Show Team member, Jeremy Robertson, for doing the rounds collecting and delivering the hay. Thanks to Norm for twelve squares of pasture hay, Greg Brunt for six rolls of oaten hay, Graeme Nicholls for eight rolls of wheaten hay and the Robertsons for six squares of wheaten hay. Thanks to Bernie Roger's who unloaded and stacked the hay for us. We are truely grateful.



Above: Bernie Rogers unloading the hay.



Above: Jeremy Robertson and Norm Braine

## Careers News

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June Year Twelve students participated in an interactive Zoom meeting with Charles Sturt University (CSU). Finley High School would normally host CSU for a face to face chat but under the current conditions we were using the next best option.

Students watched some videos of the various campuses of CSU made from both the ground level and via a drone in order to see the layout of campuses. They talked through the various alternative entry programs for ATSI students and options for those who miss the ATAR requirements. Students were also provided with tips and hints for completing the CSU Advantage applications for early entry. Finally, students had an opportunity to post questions on their phones and participate in a poll questionnaire. The session was extremely informative and very valuable for those currently applying for CSU courses for next year.



### 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.

No tights, skins or leggings will be accepted.

# Library News

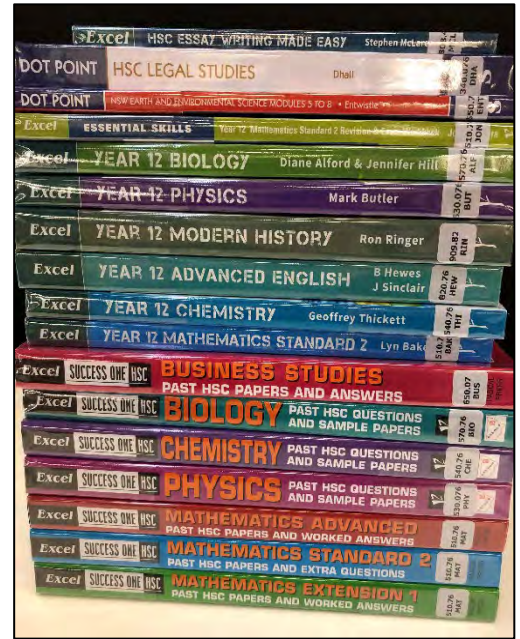
## HSC Study Guides

Check out these new study guides and past papers. They have been added to our collection to help our Year Twelve students prepare for the HSC.

**Available in the library.**

## Year 12 Homework Centre

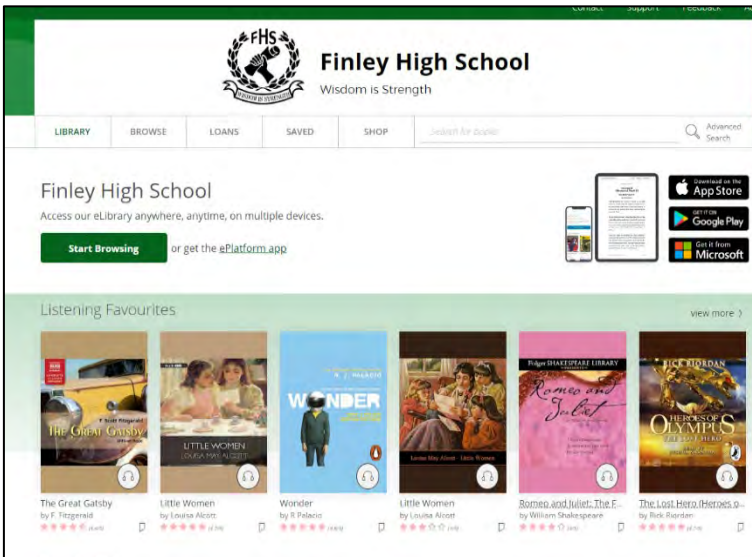
Each Thursday year twelve Homework Centre will run in the school library from 3:30 – 4:30pm. The Homework Centre is an opportunity for students to have an extra hour at school to complete homework or study.



## Ebooks and audio books

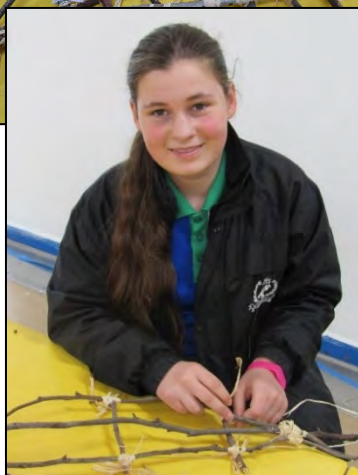
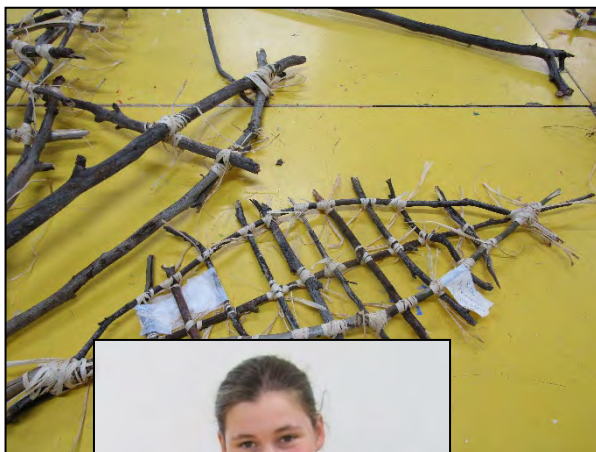


Don't forget that students can access books and audiobooks through the Wheeler's eplatform by using their school login and password. Available online at [finleyhigh.eplatform.co](http://finleyhigh.eplatform.co) or download the app.



# CAPA/TAS – Year Eight Art

Year Eight have been busy creating some very impressive 'stick fish', keep an eye out for these to appear around the school in the near future.



## CAPA / TAS SPOTLIGHT ON



**Years 7 & 8  
perfecting  
their  
drumming**



**Years 9-11  
working on  
independent  
pieces**



**Miss Geeves**

MUSIC TEACHER AND  
SRC CO-ORDINATOR

GRADE 6 FLAUTIST  
AND OUR FAVOURITE  
MUSIC TEACHER

# MUSIC WITH MISS GEEVES

## HSIE – Year Eight History

In our last week of studying ancient Egypt year eight worked on creating their own cartouche. A cartouche is an oval shaped clay plaque that was placed on a pharaohs coffin with their name, written in hieroglyphics, etched into it.

Firstly Year Eight worked on understanding the hieroglyphic alphabet and then writing their own name, using the symbols, into their workbook. Once they 'graduated' from this they used playdoh and clay to create their own cartouche.



## What's been happening at Finley High School



*Agriculture, Hospitality, Science and much more.....*

*Farewell to Mr Warren who finishes his time with us at the end of Term 2.*



### 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.



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Come to school in your PJ's and make a gold coin donation to raise funds for children in foster care.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number  
0473 946 683

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

#### July

20	Staff Development Day
21	F Aull
22	J Chellew
23	L Cullen
24	C Lawton
27	M Kleinschmidt
28	T Doohan
29	P Neessen
30	S Macleod
31	K Litchfield

#### FOR SALE

5 X Bernina 1020 Sewing Machines

Well used and pre loved by our Textiles classes, priced to sell at \$50.

Available from the front pay office.

### 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.

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