



# Finley High School Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

## KEY DATES

### August

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| <b>3-4</b>   | Reality Now Drug and Alcohol Education Program |
| <b>3-7</b>   | Education Week                                 |
| <b>5</b>     | Drama HSC Practical Trial Exam                 |
| <b>12</b>    | P & C Meeting 7pm Staff Common Room            |
| <b>20</b>    | Year Twelve TVET Trial Exam                    |
| <b>24-28</b> | Year Twelve Trial HSC Exams                    |



## Principal's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed a well deserved break, the staff and students whom I have spoken to did, with some lucky enough to get away. As we start Term 3, with COVID-19 still active within the community, we must all continue to work together to keep our school safe, promoting good hygiene and physical distancing practices amongst adults, as well as adhering to health advice for students and staff. I will continue to update everyone with information once it becomes available.

### Year Twelve

Term 3 always signifies the last term for our HSC class. I would like to wish this fantastic group of students all the best as they put 13 years of study together to prepare for these trials, final assessments and HSC exams in October. Last term Mr McCarney, Mrs White and I met with the Year Twelve group. These interviews are a great opportunity to review reports, progress, assist with study habits, wellbeing concerns and planning for a future beyond high school. We were very impressed with what the students had to say and where their dreams and aspirations are for the future.

### Principal visits

At the end of last term we were fortunate to be visited by a number of local principals. Mr Bryant from Koorringal High School, Mr Frazier from Junee High School and Mr Sheens from West Wyalong High School. They were here to observe a number of great initiatives we offer and were most impressed with our school. Depending on COVID guidelines I hope to visit some of my colleagues schools in the coming weeks, including Young High School, where I am due to participate in their external validation.

**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***

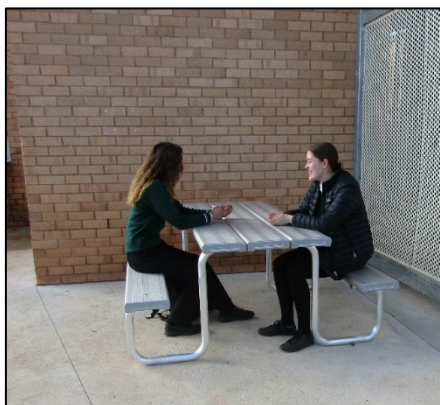
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## School improvements

During the break the school was again a busy place. Improvements were made in the following areas:

- Quad depression was corrected and re-concreted
- Irrigation placed in the area to be upgraded behind the Hospitality rooms
- Admin office upgrade with new carpet, desks and cabinets
- Concreting near maths classrooms and Library
- Plumbing improvements to the Admin block
- Half court basketball court established next to room 14
- New seating was placed around the school

I would especially like to thank Brian O'Hora, Mark O'Hora and Gerard Tessier who worked over the break to ensure this work was achieved.



## Staffing

As we begin another term, I would like to update you on a number of staff changes.

- We welcome back Mrs Natalie Clarke who returns after maternity leave
- We farewell Dr Rosemary Keighley who has returned to the central coast and thank her for her contribution to Finley High School
- We farewell Mrs Kate Bain who leaves us on the 7<sup>th</sup> August to take up a position at Coonabarabran High School
- Mrs Jan Noble has taken on the Assistant Principal Learning & Support position for Deniliquin network in terms 3 and 4. This is a wonderful opportunity and we know that Mrs Noble will do a wonderful job in this role
- Mrs Sally Marsden will be the relieving Head Teacher Special Education terms 3 and 4

## Thank you and well done

I would like to pass on some feedback from parents, who have made a number of positive comments about the Admin staff. The way they are greeted which is friendly and how efficient everything is running. We, the staff, are most grateful for the efforts our Admin team have been making especially during this COVID time, answering questions, getting out information and making daily reports on attendance. Well done team.

## Work studies class

Well done to Mr Whitty's work studies class who have reinvigorated the two gardens close to Tocumwal Street. This project required planning, budgeting and some hard work to get the areas looking as good as they do now. Thanks to Brian O'Hora and Mark O'Hora for their efforts as well.

## PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

I would like to extend a well done to the PBL team for all their efforts in ensuring we meet our goals and continue to support a school that thrives by the motto Respectful, Responsible Learners. At the end of last term we were able to reward the Year Twelve and Year Seven cohort for achieving the most reward tickets. Special thanks to Nicole Close for her leadership with the team and Robyn O'Leary and Gaye Maxwell for their work with the rewards day.





### CSU Future Moves Year Nine Workshops

In Week Ten of last term, Year Nine students linked up with Charles Sturt University to participate in their Future Moves Workshops. Normally these are run as interactive activities both at Finley High School and on the Charles Sturt University Campus in Albury. However, with 2020 throwing us a few curve balls, Future Moves resorted to Zoom to showcase to students possible career pathways. Students 'virtually' walked through the Port Macquarie Campus of CSU and spent some time looking at the simulated activities available in the Nursing and Paramedicine labs. They then toured the Vet Science labs at the Wagga Wagga Campus, where they were challenged to name the animal skeletons – a task easier said than done. Students had the opportunity to listen to course and institution information as well as ask questions. The pictures show a patient in the nursing lab who the students saw display a variety of symptoms of illness for University students to treat and one of the many skulls that they had to identify in the Vet Science lab at Wagga CSU.



### Has COVID19 caused you to lose a little focus? Are you ready to reset?

Skillsroad has released a fantastic series of resources for young people who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can download the sections that are relevant to you.

#### Get your head right

- 6 tips to get your life back on track
- 5 ways to deal with negative thoughts
  - How to become resilient
- What to do when your motivation is gone

<https://bit.ly/2ZNy5Ko> or <https://www.skillsroad.com.au/get-your-head-right>

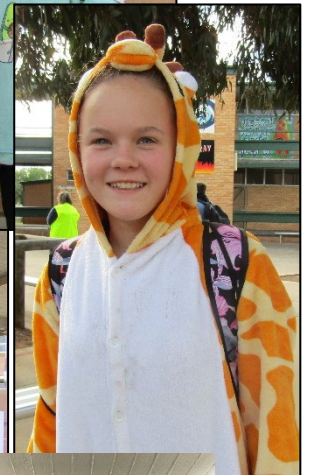
#### Make a plan

- How to make good decisions
- How to create goals and keep focused on them
- Why creativity can make your life better
  - How to stop procrastinating

<https://bit.ly/2OW2501> or <https://www.skillsroad.com.au/make-a-plan>



## What's been happening at Finley High School





## INDUSTRIAL ARTS WITH MRS TOBIN DURING TERM 3



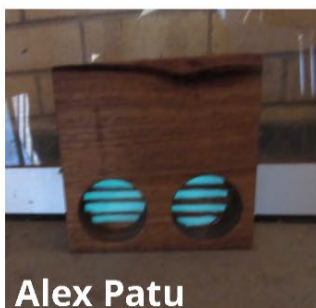
### PASSIVE SPEAKERS



### CATAPULT BATTLE



Eli Sutton



Alex Patu



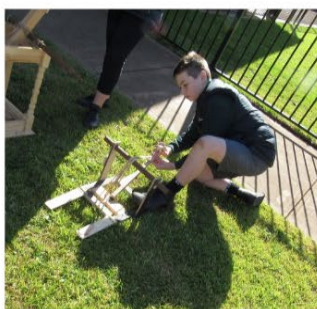
### GUMBALL MACHINES



### RUBBER BAND RACERS



Georgia Congram



### SILVER JEWELLERY

### 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.



**Are you aged between 12-25?** We need to hear from you!

For the successful development of the new Headspace Echuca, we believe it's essential for young people to have their input.

If you spend a few minutes filling out this survey, we can gain a better understanding of what's working well in the region, and what needs to be improved, in order to support the mental health of our youth.

Please join us in the creation of this exciting, new space!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/headspace>

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number  
0473 946 683

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

#### July

27	M Kleinschmidt
28	T Doohan
29	P Neessen
30	Volunteer required
31	K Litchfield

#### August

3	M Reid
4	T Clarke
5	J Blackmore
6	C Moloney
7	L Knight

### 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.

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

### 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.