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Newsletter Week 3, Term 3, 2020

Key Dates

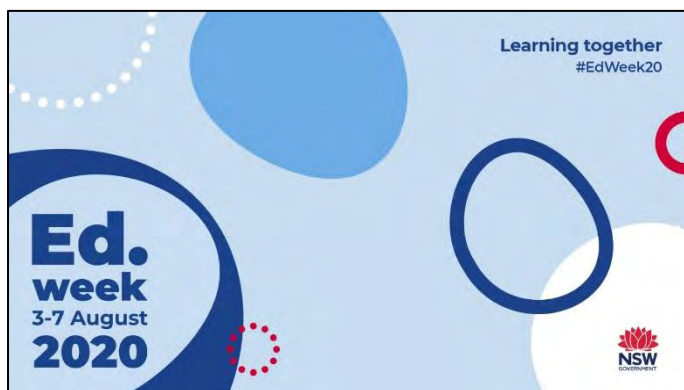
Date:	Event:
August 3-7	Education Week
August 11	Burn Bright, Years Five and Six, all day.
August 12	Burn Bright, Year Eight, all day
August 12	P & C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room. All welcome to attend.
August 13	Burn Bright, Year Ten, all day
August 14	Year Ten Subject Information Day
August 20	Year Ten Subject Selection Interviews
August 20	Year Twelve TVET Trial Exams
August 24-28	Year Twelve Trial HSC Exams

Principal's Report

This week we celebrated Education Week. The theme for Education Week 2020 is 'Learning together'. Our Director, Mrs Helen McRae attended our school for a special Education Week assembly for staff and students. Mrs McRae spoke about the importance of education, learning and the value of our teachers and what they have done to continue learning in a very difficult year. During the assembly a number of awards were given. The staff awards were voted on by their peers, whilst student awards were nominated by their year advisors. I would like to congratulate all our award winners and acknowledge that so many of our staff and students would have been worthy winners.

Congratulations to our 2019 School Captain Riley Dempster on his Certificate of Enlistment to the Royal Australian Air Force.





Director Educational Leadership Awards

Mrs Madeline Jackson
Mrs Amy Baxter
Mrs Kathryn Dempster
Mrs Robyn O'Leary



Principal Staff Awards

Mrs Nicole Close
Mrs Roslyn Braine
Mr Craig Burdon
Mr Alex Hay
Mrs Sue Jarrott
Mrs Jessica Laxton
Mr Dane Maxwell
Mrs Gaye Maxwell
Mrs Jenny O'Hora
Mrs Jenny Philpot
Mr Geordy Pullen
Mr Gerard Tessier
Miss Teagan Walker



Principal Student Awards

Adam Casanova
Jemma Coombs
Madison Kleinschmidt
Abbey Marshall
Niamh Mason
Mollie McGrath
Ben Neessen
Vamos Patu
Elle Rochford
Chloe Rorato
Taylor Simpson
Zye Treadway
Kiara Warenycia
Savannah Wilson



Netball Competition

Thanks to Mrs Sexton for her great work in putting together the lunch time Netball competition. It has been fantastic to see all the students having fun and working together.

Thanks also to all the staff and students who umpire each game, without showing too much bias. I want to wish the staff team all the best as they take on the students.



Student Presentations

We were most fortunate in gaining funding through the Murrumbidgee Community Youth Grants to have Joe Williams, ex NRL and world boxing champion, visit the school to speak about mental health and suicide prevention. Joe spoke about living with depression and how he overcame this and the stigma that surrounds mental health. The students and staff spoke highly of his presentation.

Life Education Visit

Over two days, 3rd & 4th August, we were fortunate to have Bobbie Macdonald from Life Education speak to our students about Drugs and Alcohol. Each year group participated in an hour long session where Bobbie facilitated discussion around influences, myths and facts, short term and long term consequences, ways to stay safe, skills in problem solving and decision making and also the laws of drug and alcohol use. Each session was age relevant and allowed the students to talk about their beliefs whilst working through scenarios and strategies. This is the third time we have had Life Education visit Finley High School over the years. It is a great opportunity to ensure our students have relevant and evidence based information about drugs and alcohol.

Kate Bain

We would like to wish Kate Bain all the best as she says farewell this week and heads off to Coonabarabran High School. Kate joined us early in term 1 from Canowindra High School and fitted in nicely within the English Department, teaching English and Drama.

Thank you Kate, you will be missed.



Finley Community of Schools Project

After considerable planning and professional learning we have developed a partnership with Finley Public School focusing on how to improve differentiation in the classroom. This will involve teachers from both schools observing lessons and giving feedback. I would especially like to acknowledge the work of Mrs McNaught and Mrs Coates from Finley High School, Ms Robinson and Mrs Haynes from Finley Public School and the team from school services in Griffith, Albury and Deniliquin. This is a very exciting project which aims to develop quality teaching, improved student outcomes and an important link between the two schools.



Face Masks for Finley Regional Care

I want to send out a big thank you to Miss Treacy and her students who are now busy making over 200 masks for the staff, residents and visitors of Finley Regional Care. A great community initiative.



Student support with driving licences

Thanks to Mrs Philpot, and Brett Naden from Birrang Indigenous Employment Program, for giving up their time to support a number of our Year Eleven students in obtaining their drivers licences. Now it's time to get some hours on the road as we start a program of driving lessons. Brett came down from Orange for the program and he was glowing in his praise for the students sending me the following message. Hello Jeff, everyone of the students was very respectful and polite. You should be very proud of your students there.



Tertiary Information Night

Given the current restrictions caused by Covid-19 the Finley High School Tertiary Information Evening will run a little differently.

This year we will offer a zoom session for parents and students who wish to learn more about the tertiary entry processes and pathways.

Because there is so much information generally and even more so this year with the impacts from Covid-19, we will run two separate sessions. One based on the NSW UAC system and the other based on the Victorian VTAC system. Although they are similar they do have differences and we believe separating them will help avoid confusion. This will also mean families will not have to come in to school on two separate occasions. Families can decide to attend one or both zoom sessions.

You will need to have created a zoom account beforehand in order to access the zoom webinars.

The links for the sessions will be posted below.

Deb White is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FHS VTAC (Victoria) Briefing 2020

Time: Aug 10, 2020 06:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68545544710?pwd=UUVEM1ZmYlZ6RkJOYkR0NE1RZ2N2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 685 4554 4710

Passcode: 795263

Deb White is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FHS UAC (NSW) Briefing 2020

Time: Aug 11, 2020 06:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 616 5299 5557

Passcode: 905104



Defence Visit

On the 23rd of July the Defence Recruitment Team from Albury visited Finley High School to discuss with students career opportunities available in the Australian Defence Force. We were fortunate to have a representative from both the Army and Navy attend our information session. Students heard personal stories from both of the recruiters about their own experiences in the Services including details about their own recruitment, training experiences, defence lifestyles and deployments. Sergeant Tara shared stories of her time spent in Iraq with the Australian Army while Leading Seaman Jason, shared tales of the life of a Chef on a patrol ship in the Navy. Students learnt about what options are available for entry, from Direct entry through to Officers as well as other avenues including Gap year options, sponsorship programs, ADFA and Reserves. The recruitment process and steps involved were outlined and then students had an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.



Year 10 TVET Information Session

You are invited to join us for a Virtual Information/Q&A Session for parents and students on TVET courses offered at Albury Corowa Deniliquin Campuses for 2021 on **Tuesday August 18 from 7pm to 8pm.**

The session will provide information on potential TVET courses available for the HSC, the learning environment and provide ample opportunity to ask questions.

Please join via the link below. It is not necessary to have Microsoft Teams loaded, simply click on the link to participate.

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If you receive a hard copy newsletter and would like the Teams meeting link emailed to you please contact the school.

Earth and Environmental Science Class

Year Twelve recently had an opportunity to have a Zoom session with Susan Filan from Australian Earth Science Education to revise some of their course work on ‘Hazards’. They are lucky enough to have another free session with her in a few weeks in preparation for their trial exams.



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1 day per fortnight 	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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VISUAL ARTS WITH MR CLARK

'Check in' on Year Nine Literacy and Numeracy

NESA has created a 'check in' on Year Nine literacy and numeracy because of the inability to complete NAPLAN this year. Students will complete online tests and results will be available to teachers within a week of completion. The results will enable teachers to better meet the learning needs of their students. These tests are not as long as NAPLAN. They will provide a brief overview of literacy and numeracy skills. More details to follow. It is proposed that these tests will occur in week 6 but this is to be confirmed.

Mrs McNaught
Head Teacher, Literacy and Learning



Get Candid with Covid competition.

Here is your chance to share your pandemic experiences. Entries can take any format such as a poem, short story (up to 500 words), cartoon/comic strip, picture, storyboard, song, rap.

Subject: Anything to do with Covid-19, the pandemic. For example: - your experiences, other peoples' experiences, what you did in lockdown, your feelings/reactions to news stories/images, tales of "Karen's", being part of an historical event. If you are unsure or have any questions ask Mrs White or Ms Begbie.

The competition is open to all students and staff. Submit entries in the library. Closing date Friday 4th September (week 7). Great prizes to be won in each category.

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

Roster

August 2020

10	K Peacock	17	D Pyke
11	R Lockhart	18	G Ferguson
12	K Nicholls	19	R Sharp
13	A Lee	20	L Walsh
14	T Roe	21	Volunteer needed

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

Great ideas are always
worth the wait



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- Parents will be able to log in with credentials from the parent portal. For new users without a parent-portal account, they can easily create one in the app to log in.

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- Parents can now filter information and see prioritised and relevant items highlighted.

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