



# 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 | Finley High School



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Newsletter Week 5, Term 3, 2020

## Key Dates

Date:	Event:
August 20	Year Twelve TVET Trial Exams
August 21 – 28	Year Twelve Trial HSC Exams
August 24	Year 10 Subject Selection Submissions
September 7	Year Twelve Parent/Teacher/Carer Interviews

## Principal's Report

Congratulations to the HSIE team who have been successful with their application for The ClimateClever Schools Program. This program was developed from years of university research and pilots, and is underpinned by a set of innovative, engaging online tools that help students to measure, manage and reduce their school's carbon footprint and become leaders in sustainability and climate action. The program also provides exceptional opportunities to integrate STEM, digital technologies and sustainability throughout the curriculum. The organisers commented that "We think that Finley High School is perfect for our program and we can't wait to welcome you to the ClimateClever school community".

The HSIE team have also been successful with their application to be a part of the Teaching Quality Unit's General Capabilities - Critical and creative thinking initiative.

**Congratulations and great work HSIE.**



## New School Plan 2021 – 2023

Last week, principals from across the Deniliquin Network participated in a planning session in preparation for our new School Plan. We reflected on the new school planning cycle and how it fits with What Works Best and the School Excellence Framework (SEF). This week we underwent further training in putting together our situational analysis.

**Respectful, Responsible Learners**

## **Burn Bright**

Years Five and Six students travelled from surrounding feeder primary schools to Finley High School to participate in a Burn Bright Primary Leadership Day. We thank the staff and Catherine Healy from Capable Minds for their efforts in securing a grant for this event from Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network through the Australian Government's PHN Program and Empowering Communities Program. All the students participated well and hopefully got a lot out of it. The facilitators were very impressed with our school community. A huge thanks to Mrs Maxwell, Mrs McNamara and the Hospitality classes who helped cater each day. The food was amazing! I would like to thank the staff who helped make Burn Bright possible. Most importantly our student support officer Jodi Brown who was the main organiser of the event.

## **ANZAC Mural**

At the recent RSL Sub Branch meeting we discussed a proposal to pay for a mural at the school depicting something representing lest we forget or remembrance. There are a number of schools putting in their own garden or mural. I have sent a message to the HSIE department asking for their thoughts. Is this something you think we should do? If yes, where could we put this mural and what would be a fitting tribute? I googled Anzac murals and there were some fantastic images. I look forward to updating everyone on this project in the near future.

## **P & C Donation**

Last week at the P & C meeting we were fortunate to receive \$10,000 towards a number of projects that we have implemented this year. Mollie McGrath also received \$1000 towards her girls project and support for her Murrumbidgee grant. Thank you to our P & C for these generous donations they are most appreciated.

## **Uniform Expectations**

- It is our goal to have every student in the new uniform starting in 2022.
- Every new student entering Finley High School is to wear the new uniform.
- Every Year Seven student starting in 2021 will get one free white school shirt.
- In the meantime we are also asking that every student has at least one new full school uniform to wear to official assemblies, excursions and functions.
- Over time we ask that parents purchase the new uniform as old uniforms need replacing.
- In 2021 we request that all students wear the new school black jacket. Kathmandu and Riverina sport jackets will not be acceptable.
- The school continues to provide assistance to all our students who require a uniform.
- We encourage students to donate uniform items back. We are currently looking at a credit system for donations of used uniforms.

## **Student leadership**

The election of captains for the 2021 year will take on a new chapter. No longer will the team take on the historical approach of a boy captain and girl captain. Selection will be based on the qualities of all applicants and who is best suited to the role. The SRC will continue in its present format; however, the team will reduce in numbers to have greater impact. Year groups will have two representatives except for the Year Twelve group which will include all members of the leadership team. The aim is to improve student leadership by developing and improving:

- Middle Year Leadership
- Junior Leadership
- Boys & Girls Leadership
- Junior AECG
- STOMP
- House Captains



The library stairs have been given a facelift. This initiative has been led by Ms Begbie, with students nominating their favourite books, with prizes given to the students whose books were chosen. The stairwell looks great, inviting and celebrates reading. Thank you Glen Strauss from Albury who made and installed the boards. We have four other stairwells in the school so let your imagination run free. Please feel free to send in your thoughts and ideas to the school.



We had carpet installed in the music storerooms recently, Miss Geeves uses these as break out rooms and this will make a big difference to these learning spaces. They look more professional and I am certain the students will value this.

Congratulations to Ally Barlow! Ally achieved a perfect score in her Stage Six Food Tech assessment. Ally studies this subject via distance. Her excellent result is a credit to her.



## A photograph of three young women standing behind three large sheep in a grassy field. The women are wearing green school sweaters with white collars. The sheep are white and fluffy, facing away from the camera. The background shows a fence and trees under a blue sky.

Finley High School should be very proud. Our No. 1 team of Merino wethers placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Riverina Competition and were 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Over fifty schools competed in the 2020 Schools Merino Wether Challenge.

Fantastic work by Mr Webb and the Year Nine Agriculture students. Mr Webb was instrumental in bringing this challenge to the Riverina. He does a fabulous job liaising between organiser Ben Watts and the Riverina teachers. Thank you, Mr Webb.

Good luck Year Twelve in your Trial Exams.

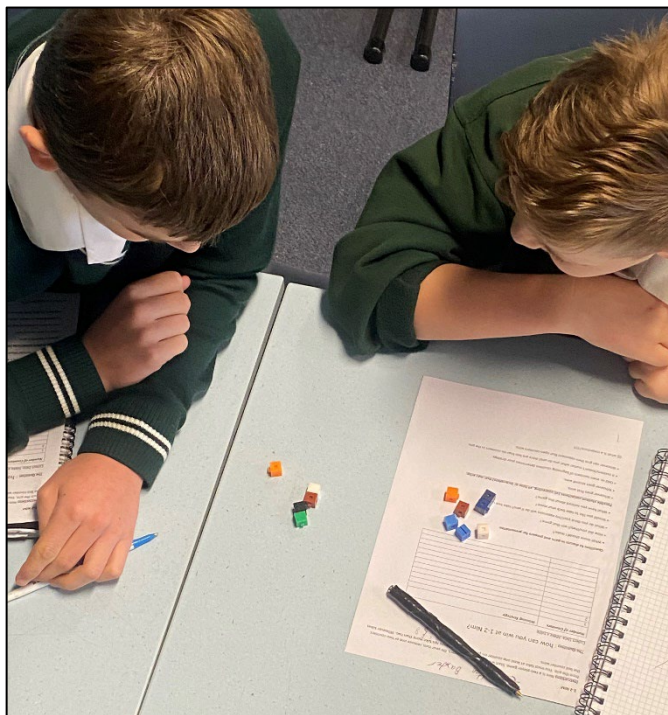
*Jeff Ward*, Principal



## Maths News

### Year Seven Maths Rich Task 1-2 NIM

A simple but challenging and sometimes frustrating game. The rules - Nim is a two-player game. Start with a pile of ten counters. On your turn, remove one or two counters from the pile. You must take at least one counter on your turn, but you may not take more than two, whoever takes the last counter wins. Challenge a Year Seven student to a game!

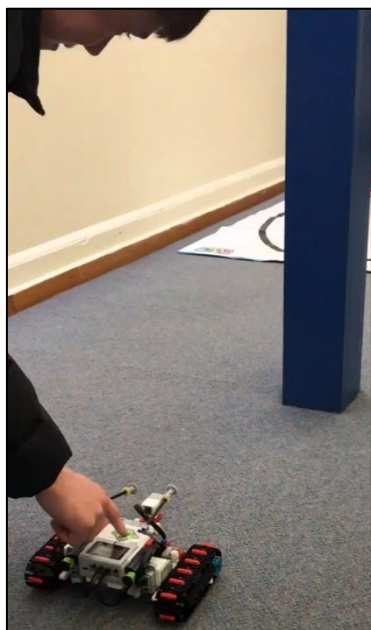


7C Students in Action.



### Rick Roll the Robot

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, the Maths Department had a special interest day, building and programming Rick Roll the Robot. PJ Beaver and Jye Litchfield are pictured below constructing and testing Rick.





## Science

### Year Eleven Biology Boat Rock Reserve Study

On the Monday of the last week of Term 2 the Year Eleven Biology students went on a field trip to Boat Rock Reserve, near Savernake. We arrived at Boat Rock at around 9:40 am and split up to survey the area in search of interesting objects and organisms. We performed tests on the water temperature, air temperature, pH levels of water in the well and measured the air humidity. We found that wombats have reinhabited the Boat Rock ecosystem, which was evident through the extensive freshly renovated burrows, fresh scat and footprints that we discovered. We studied a number of different species of native flora and fauna, including various birds such as the Flame Robin. We also based our study on numerous different mosses and lichens in the reserve. Overall, Year Eleven Biology students had an exceptional day full of rich experiences. Hopefully, this field trip will continue to run for many years to come, so that the students of Finley High School can continue to study and analyse the changes that occur in the natural wonder that we know as Boat Rock Reserve.

Rory Knight



## Year Eight Sport

This term Year Eight have been participating in house sports every Wednesday and Thursday. The focus being on participation, enjoyment and a love of physical activity. Each team plays off in a series of different sports. So far we have played basketball, soccer, netball and capture the flag.

Both boys and girls teams have learnt a lot this term, the teachers have been particularly impressed with some of our more skilful students' maturity. They are working hard on bringing every student into the game to make sure it is enjoyable for all.

Keep up the good work Year Eight.





## Student Wellbeing

### Burn Bright Programs

Last week we were fortunate enough to have the team from Burn Bright visit us to run a number of their programs to our Years Eight and Ten students, as well as students in Years Five and Six from surrounding primary schools. Finley High School and Catherine Healy, from Capable Minds, successfully secured full funding for the not for profit organisation to facilitate at Finley High School. This opportunity was made possible with a grant from Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network through the Australian Government's PHN Program and Empowering Communities program.

The Year Five and Year Six students participated in the Leadership program which encourages students to become strong and resilient leaders by integrating a range of key leadership messages through interactive activities.

Our Year Eight students spent the day exploring their strengths in 'Its in our DNA'. This program is Burn Bright's friends and passions program that seeks to explore peer relationships and the importance of finding and following what you are passionate about, with those around you.

Our Year Ten students participated in discussion and activities about developing the attributes of a person of great character, which is a lifelong journey. This program explores the concept that as we approach the great heights of our high school journey and look ahead, it is crucial that we explore the foundations of our character.



This was a fantastic opportunity for all involved. The students were engaged throughout the day; making new connections, developing and building on strengths and having fun.





# THE MATHS HATTER WITH THE LATEST MATHS MATTERS!



## LATEST NEWS

Congratulations to all the superstars who sat the Australian Mathematics Challenge on Thursday 6th August. You must be  $90^\circ$  angles because you're all-right!

Good luck to all our Year 12s sitting their trials over the next fortnight- remember  $1+1=2!$

### REMINDER:

Make sure you are arriving at class with all the materials needed for your maths class. Calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$20.

## PUZZLE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

How can 1994 be written as sum of consecutive positive numbers? What are the numbers?

First person to see Miss Walker in the maths staffroom will win a small prize. (Don't Google it!)

## YEAR 7 MATHS PATHWAYS AWARDS

OVER 100% GROWTH FOR THE CYCLE!

Montana Aylett	Georgia Belling
Naomi Haynes	William Doolan
Jonty King	Chelsea Mason
Rebecca Lock	Lindsey Matheson
Isaac Lunn	Chloe Rorato
Kade Pyle	Ryan Nelson
Charlotte Rafferty	Angus Hay
Reece Simmons	Remmi Wardlaw
Roselyn Steel	Shaylee Burt
Dan Eldridge	Cheyenne Tucker
Charlton Baxter	Skye Verran
Nicholas Taylor	Finlay

## WHAT'S COMING UP THIS FORTNIGHT?

### Miss Bower

Year 10 Assignment Fri W5

### Miss Walker

Year 8 HW Tue W6

Year 9 Assignment Fri W6

Year 11 HW Assignment Fri W6

## MATHS JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

There are three kinds of people in the world... those who can count and those who can't.

FHS 2020



## CAPA/TAS SPOTLIGHT ON TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY



**LEARNING  
ABOUT  
PADDOCK  
TO PLATE**



**WE'VE  
COOKED  
SCONES**



**AND PORK  
TACOS**

**WE'RE  
DESIGNING  
OUR OWN  
HAMBURGERS**



**MISS  
TREACY &  
MRS TOBIN**



# SASS Recognition Week

Next week is School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week, a time to acknowledge and thank the often unsung heroes in our public schools.

Our SAS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter a school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community.

Our SAS staff work in school offices, the library, hospitality rooms, photocopying, science labs and maintaining and caring for school grounds and buildings. They are often the ones to tend to students when they unwell and they ensure the efficient management of school financial and administration functions.



## 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

**August 2020 Roster**

24	M Kleinschmidt	31	B Kennedy
25	W Doolan	1	S Robinson
26	L Walsh	2	P Neesen
27	T Bauer	3	L Walsh
28		4	



10am-2pm  
one day per term  
nominate the  
weekday that you  
are available.

Bernadette &  
Toni are friendly,  
helpful and make  
the job easy. No  
pressure!

Help assist the P&C  
who contribute to  
many great  
programs at the  
school.

FHS P&C CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

Are you  
available  
4 hours a  
term?

Please call Bernadette or Toni on  
0473946683 to discuss when you can  
help.



# What's Been Happening at Finley High School

