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Newsletter Week 7, Term 3, 2020

## Key Dates

Date:	Event:
September 4	Cross Country, Period 5
September 7	Year Twelve Parent/Teacher/Carer Interviews
September 7-9	Quad and 2-Wheel Motorbike Training Year Eleven & Twelve
September 9	Sisters For the Future – Year Seven to Ten Girls
September 10	RUOK? Day
September 14 - 18	Year Eleven Yearly Exams
September 25	Last Day Term 3

## Principal's Report

Student learning is underpinned in excellent schools by high quality teaching. Teachers take shared responsibility for student improvement and contribute to a transparent learning culture, including through the observation of each other's practices. I have been privileged to sit through a number of classes lately and want to acknowledge the great work of the teachers and students in these classes.



Mrs Baxter's 9/10 commerce class held a debate on, 'global travel should be restricted to improve global outcomes', the students researched and debated. It was fantastic see them supporting each other and being extremely engaged in the lesson. Well done.

I was also fortunate to attend Mrs McLennan's Year Eight History lesson where students presented their assessment on medieval history. Once again, I was extremely impressed by the standard and efforts the students went to.

I would like to congratulate Cassandra Renneberg and Rose Chamberlain, whose presentations I sat through in Mrs McNaught's Year Eleven English extension class. They were nothing short of amazing, the quality, deep understanding and language used was exemplary. Well done

### **HSC Drama students**

This week the HSC drama students sat their HSC Drama performance. I hope it went well and thank you to Miss Infanti for all your hard work in getting the students ready.

### **AECG Meeting**

It was fantastic that we were able to hold an AECG Meeting via zoom after such a long absence due to COVID restrictions. We were able to discuss all the wonderful initiatives taking place to support our Aboriginal students. I would especially like to thank Mrs McNamara for coordinating these initiatives:

- A whole day cultural immersion program delivered by Wandana;
- Joe Williams - Mental Health Awareness Speaker;
- NADIOC Public Speaking Competition (Jemma Coombs and Kadeesha Conlan);
- Held a student meeting with Cathie Egan a great source of ideas and knowledge;
- Planning to celebrate NADIOC week;
- Students suggested an assembly, guest speaker and student lead activities;
- Suggestions included a teacher/indigenous student game, cooking Johnny Cakes over a camp fire, painting of boomerangs or clap sticks;
- Students cooking and providing a celebratory morning tea;
- Students write an acknowledgment to country that was authentic to Finley High School and the possibility for forming a Junior AECG; and
- Started a Cultural Day at Tirkandi Inaburra for Aboriginal boys aged 12-15.

The AECG has also asked that families support a raffle. The funds raised being available to all our local schools and hopefully benefit as many students in our area as possible to educate our kids about cultural practices, customs, history, language and art. The prize for the raffle is awesome. Local Aboriginal artist, Roslyn Lockhart has agreed to donate a portrait painting of the person of your choice valued at \$1000. Any help you can provide by purchasing tickets or selling them for us will be greatly appreciated.

### **Staffing update**

We welcome the following staff:

Mrs Boake who relieves for Mr Clarke who is on leave for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Rorato is a welcome addition to our SAS staff.

Lisa Cullen is doing her work placement in Youth Work.

Melinda Mumford is doing a teacher practicum in Agriculture.

### **Police Talks**

Senior Constable Amy Epstein spent time talking to year groups recently reminding students about the dangers of cyberbullying, sharing personal information, sexting, abusive texts and emails, maintaining privacy and grooming. The students were receptive and asked excellent questions.

## Year Twelve

Our Year Twelve students have experienced an unprecedented year impacted with COVID restrictions, remote learning, virtual university tours and now uncertainty on how they will celebrate their final year of schooling. As they come to the end of their secondary schooling, I want to wish them all the best. They have just completed their HSC trial exams and now have five school weeks to work with their teachers in preparation for the HSC exams which start on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. On the 25<sup>th</sup> September there will be a ceremony to acknowledge the Year Twelve students. This will be attended by staff and students following strict COVID guidelines.

## School Fees

A reminder to all parents who are still owing school fees that these are now due. School fee invoices were posted out during term one, also at the start of term three and will be sent out again this week. We would appreciate if you could pay these as soon as possible.

We currently have approximately \$33,000 in arrears for elective subject fees and school contributions.

We will have another \$100 IGA voucher draw which will be drawn at the Tuesday morning assembly in the last week of Term Three. Again, Congratulations to Tracey Shalders who won last semesters IGA raffle voucher draw for paying school fees.

## SRC Fundraiser 'Beanies for Brain Cancer'

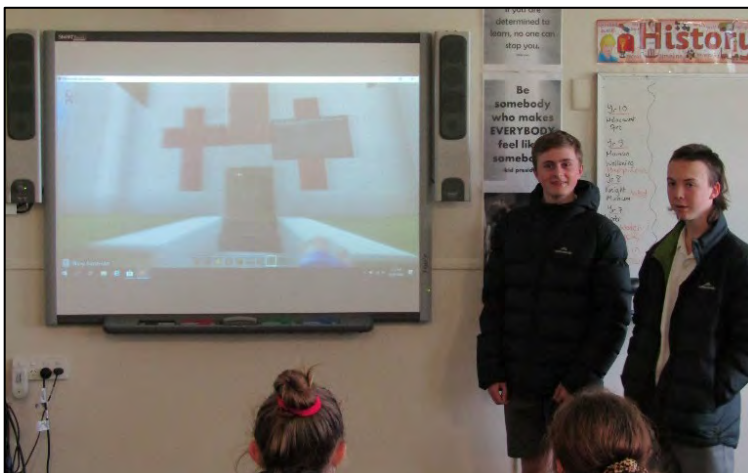
Congratulations to the SRC who organised and ran a very successful Beanies for Brain Cancer fundraiser. It was great to see everyone get behind this wonderful cause. Standing on assembly it was fantastic to see so many beanies. The SRC also prepared a great lunch where everyone received a plate of food and a drink for only \$5. Altogether they raised \$721.75 to donate to Carrie's Beanies for Brain Cancer.

*Jeff Ward, Principal*



## History

Ms McLennan's Year Eight History classes created magnificent slideshow presentations, posters, minecraft worlds, scripts and artifacts for the topic of Medieval Times. The audience was taken back into the days of knights in armour.



## Senior Drama

Senior Drama 2020 – what a rollercoaster. Mostly ups and a couple of downs, the last few years have been one crazy ride for all of us. What started off as a large Year Nine/Ten Drama Class three years ago, ended as a class of five students who were determined to make Drama recognised in the school community. For me, the class was a challenge that I happily accepted. As my first HSC class, the pressure was on and it's safe to say that the students have seen my teaching change and develop over the years. From being unable to explain how to play improvisation games, to attempting to teach a group performance on zoom (attempting, being the key word) and then all the way to their HSC, the last few years have completely shaped me as a teacher.



I have been privileged to be able to work with a group of students who I have such great respect for and have made me laugh so hard that I've cried (on more than one occasion). They are creative, passionate, funny and dedicated. It has been a pleasure to see them grow and develop. As one of the first HSC Drama Classes to go through Finley High School in a while, it has been my goal to inspire more creative students to come forward and embrace their inner Drama Queen or King.

I wish Tayla, Sarah, Manaia, Elle and Vamos all the best in the future and I can only hope that I have inspired them, the way that they have inspired me.

Sarah Infanti  
Senior Drama Teacher

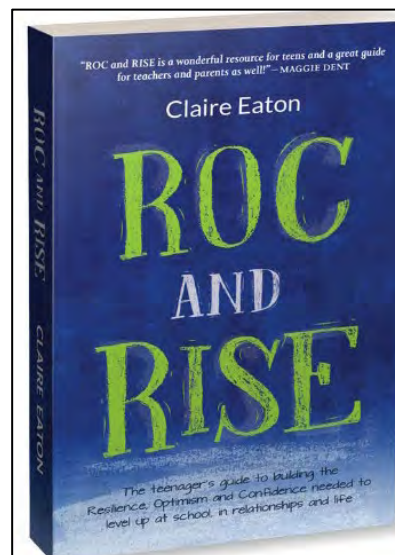
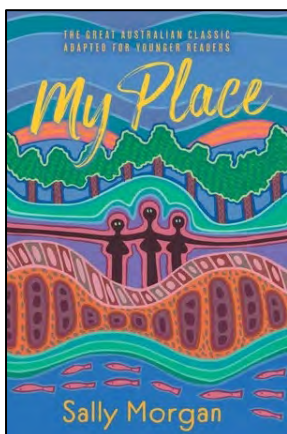
## Careers News

REMINDER: Year Twelve Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 4-6.30pm. Please check emails for Zoom Links. Bookings close Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September @ 4pm. Please contact the school if you require further information.

Year Twelve – Parents and Students please don't hesitate to contact Mrs White if you require support with applications to University, TAFE, or employment.

## Library News

Check out some new books available in the Library.



Science

Year Eight cheese tasting - curds and whey experiments.





# THE HSIE BUZZ

WHATS NEWS IN HSIE?

SEPTEMBER 2020



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Year 10 have been given their History assessment on Genocide and the Holocaust. This is due week 9.

Year 11 End of Year Exams - Week 9

Year 7 French - French Revolution assessment - due week 9

Year 9 Geography - Human Wellbeing - Due week 9

## HSIE TRIVIA

**THE FIRST 5 STUDENTS TO GET THEIR CORRECT ANSWERS INTO THE HSIE STAFF ROOM WINS A PRIZE!**

**Qn 1:** What are the 5 largest countries in the world in land mass?

**Qn 2:** Four sitting US presidents have been assassinated while in office. Name two.

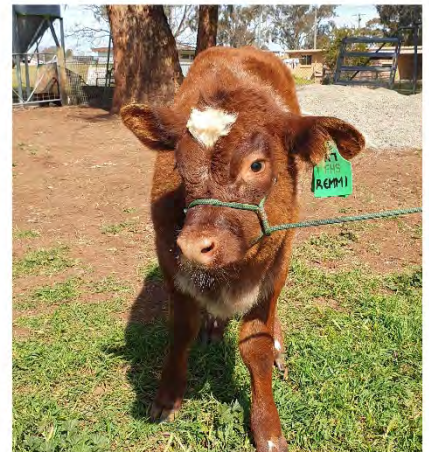
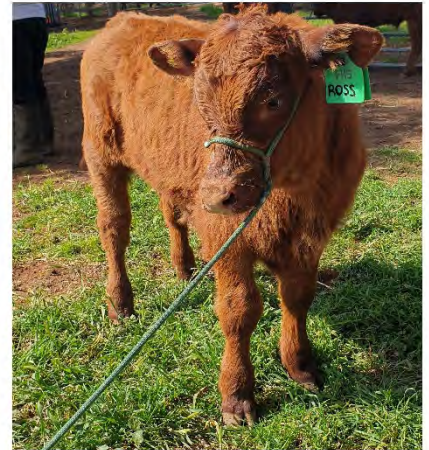
**Qn 3:** Which country ends with the letter Q?

**Qn 4:** Which of the following inventions was first to be patented: dishwasher, rubber band, cash register or chewing gum?

**Qn 5:** The Titanic sank in 1912. In which ocean did the Titanic sink?



## CAPA / TAS SPOTLIGHT ON



# OUR NEW CALVES WITH MRS O'LEARY

# What's Been Happening at Finley High School



## Canteen Roster and Community News





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.

### CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact -  
0473 946 683

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

September 2020 Roster

7 J Orro	14 K Arnold
8 J Loughman	15 J Burden
9 C Moloney	16
10 M Close	17 K Steel
11	18 N Nash

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,  
THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT

# CAPA/TAS FEES

are now overdue. If your child is a member of any of the following classes, could you please contact the office to arrange your payment. This will allow all of our students to continue to complete amazing projects.

Stage 6	Industrial Technology (Metals)	\$140
Years	Primary Industries (VET)	\$60
11-12:	Visual Arts	\$100
	Hospitality	\$300
Stage 5	Industrial Technology (Metals)	\$100
Years	Industrial Technology (Timber)	\$80
9-10:	Food Technology	\$90
	Textiles	\$30
	Music	\$20
	Visual Arts	\$40

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT.

# The Tinderboxers


Friday 2 Oct 2020 4.30PM LIVE ON  zoom

**FREE CONCERT**  
AND BAND Q&A

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**unearthed**  
PARTY IN THE Paddock  
**WINNERS**

tassie indie rock band  
**The Tinderboxers**

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