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Newsletter Week 4, Term 1, 2021

## Key Dates

Date:	Event:
February 22	Year Twelve CSU Visit
February 22	Open Boys Cricket
February 23	Immunisations
February 24	Zone Swimming Deniliquin
March 1	Riverina Swimming
March 5	Open Boys & Girls Basketball
March 10	P & C AGM
March 15	School Photos
March 18	Open Boys & Girls Soccer

## A word from Mr Ward

Welcome to Week 4! Term 1 is now in full swing and we have established some sound learning routines. I have spoken to our students and explained that our school expectations are they will be safe, respectful and responsible at school. It is great to see so many students in the new uniform and adhering to our mobile phone policy. As we work towards a new school plan, it is our priority that we are achieving growth in literacy and numeracy and all students and staff improve every year.



## Student leadership

I would like to acknowledge the contribution Abbey Marshall and Jack Hay made to our school as student leaders. Abbey's contributions have been endless over a long period of time, culminating in her selection as School Captain in 2020. Jack came to our school in 2020 and was immediately elected on the SRC. Both students have unfortunately left our school; however, with change comes opportunity and I would like to congratulate the following:

- **Rose Chamberlain** – School Captain with Jemma Coombs
- **Dakota Pyle** – Year 10 SRC

Rose has made a significant impact as a Vice Captain and her promotion to Captain was a very easy one to make. Dakota is a past SRC member who contributes a lot to the school. We are excited by their new roles.

## Welcome Mr Noonan

I would like to welcome Mr Dan Noonan to Finley High School and the Riverina. Mr Noonan, who joins us from Normanhurst Boys High School in Sydney, will be based out of the PD/H/PE staff room.

## Congratulations Miss Cox

Miss Cox has been selected to work with NESAs to help ensure the new NSW curriculum delivers improved student outcomes. To be selected to the Teacher Expert Network is recognition that Miss Cox knows the curriculum needs of students and what works in the classroom. The Teacher Expert Network will meet regularly over the next four years using their teaching knowledge and expertise to provide feedback on draft syllabuses and support materials before they are rolled out.



## Equestrian Team

At our recent formal assembly, we acknowledged the following students: Bianca Griffiths, Caitlin Griffiths, Lucy Bramley, Courtney Lunn and Sophie Griffiths. These girls participated in the 2020 Scots Interschool Equestrian Challenge, where they were the Reserve Champions. Each student was awarded a Reserve Champion sash, whilst Bianca, Caitlin and Lucy were awarded a saddle blanket. Well done girls, the school is very proud of your achievements and hard work.

## P & C

Our P & C met for the first time this year with a good turnout. Special thanks to the members for the kind donation of funds to support an upgrade in the ag plot and the purchase of new cameras for the creative arts faculty. Next month we will be holding the AGM, I encourage new members to join especially if you are new to the school. It is a great way to hear about what is happening in the school and to have your concerns addressed if necessary.

## Swimming Carnival

We held our first day carnival for a very long time in humid weather. It was fantastic to see so many students as well as staff (student/teacher race) actively participating. Congratulations to all those students who competed and cheered on their house. All the best to those students who will now head to the Zone Carnival in Deniliquin.



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or phone number?

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new details to the school –  
[finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## FHS 2021 Swimming Age Champions - Boys

12 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Tom White

13 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Rourke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Daniel

14 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Kade Pyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Eldridge

15 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Mason Maraldo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Ackers

16 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Cruz Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Travis Lawton

17 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Archie Mason



## FHS 2021 Swimming Age Champions - Girls

12 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Remi Pyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Astill

13 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Evelyn McCallum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Imogen Nash

14 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Erin Chesworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Remi Wardlaw

15 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Dakota Pyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Bauer

16 Years – No participants

17 Years – 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Roe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily Sharp



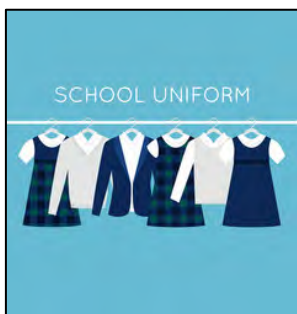
## Year 7 BBQ

Thank you to everyone involved in the Year 7 BBQ on Tuesday evening. Many staff helped prepare, cook and chat to parents, it was fantastic. We had a wonderful turnout, probably the best since I've been at Finley High School.

*Jeff Ward, Principal*



## Uniform Shop Information



All visitors to the school must sign in. If you are attending the uniform shop located in the school canteen, please enter via the front office and sign in as required.

All winter uniform requirements will have to be ordered by the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021. Please indicate on a uniform order sheet what you will require, no payment will need to be made until orders arrive. Due to production requirements we cannot guarantee delivery of items ordered after the cut-off dates.

# Literacy

## Literacy Goals

The improvement of literacy, especially reading, is one of our school's main targets. We are focused on helping every student improve every day, in every subject. A number of projects have been or are in the process of being undertaken so that students become better readers, meaning that they have an improved level of understanding of what they read across the school curriculum. Knowledge of basic punctuation is essential. To help this, at the end of last year, some Year 8 students created ten literacy posters for every classroom so that teachers and students would always have a resource to use so that their use of capital letters and various sentence structures continue to develop.



An extension reading group was created for Year 9 students. They were chosen using Year 7 Naplan data and the aim is to extend these students so that we reach our target of having more students in the top bands. The selected students were band 9, 8 or the top of band 7 in the Year 7 Naplan test. They will have one lesson a fortnight and the first one was last week. These students enjoyed learning about the origins of words.

Community support is essential for these programs to have maximum impact. How can you help? Please encourage your child/children to read. It does not have to be a long novel to be useful. Reading anything is helpful – comics, graphic novels, football cards, advertisements, your shopping list...

Encouraging them to improve their vocabulary would also be extremely helpful. Make a game of it. It's easy to find new words with the help of a computer or dictionary. They can access a word of the day on a computer or their phones. Ask them about the new words they have been learning in different subjects at school. Talking about them helps cement understanding. In addition, all students have a login to Education Perfect and there are many activities on this online platform that extend vocabulary.

Please encourage your child to aim for continual improvement and excellence because that is what his/her teachers are aiming to do every day.

Mrs McNaught

Head Teacher Literacy and Learning

## Careers

### UOW Excursion

On the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February, some Year 12 students headed off on the never-ending journey to the University of Wollongong's Discovery Day. Unfortunately, we lost a couple of travellers before beginning due to the Victorian lockdown which was disappointing for these students. However, after a very long road trip we pulled up at North Wollongong Beach for a chance to stretch the legs and feel the sand and water between the toes and the fresh salty sea breeze. Students explored rock pools and took in the lay of the land of what Wollongong had to offer outside the university. From here it was off to the university campus where students booked into the student accommodation at International House to enjoy a taste of college life and the life of a university student. The students had the opportunity to reside in the single studio rooms and ate in the dining hall whilst following the COVID distancing restrictions. After dinner it was time to venture off for some Ten



Pin Bowling action. Despite some amazing bowling efforts, early strikes and spares saw Karla Nicholls taking the leading bowler title at halftime – though Mickeely Cole and Jemma Coombs also started strongly. Some fine finishing form; however, saw Rose Chamberlain come home strong to be outright champion across all lanes. The very long day finished with a final walk around the lighthouse at Flagstaff headland and 7Eleven run for the much-coveted Krispy Kreme doughnuts.



The next morning saw an early start with a breakfast of bacon and egg rolls and juice on the UOW campus followed by Mrs White's walking tour of the campus. From here students joined a thousand other high school students to undertake a series of workshops of their choice around the university. Topics that ranged from general university issues and transition concerns through to topics of interest from the various UOW faculties including Global challenges, how marketing influences us, health, nutrition and exercise science, storytelling and creative writing, Investigation of epidemics, atmospheric physics and climate variability, law, engineering, data science and so much more. Given the rather wet weather, students managed to find some on campus cafes serving lunch and were free to relax and explore the campus and all it has to offer. Unfortunately, COVID this year put restrictions on the keynote speaker address and activities on the lawn. However, it was still a great opportunity to visit and experience a working university campus. UOW is beautiful with lush tropical grounds and modern facilities which even on a wet day with COVID restrictions was still a good sell.



Despite the long bus trip and late-night arrival home students got a real taste of university life and culture whilst at all times being fantastic ambassadors for Finley High School. Their behaviour, manners and engagement in provided activities was exemplary at every turn. Thanks to Clive from Baldwins for the long hours of driving the group around.



# THE MATHS HATTER WITH THE LATEST MATHS MATTERS!



## LATEST NEWS

We have had some changes to the maths faculty this year but are excited to be back and doing some mathematic with our students.

We welcome Ms Momot who has joined us from West Wylong High School and is settling in to Fincity.

We also say a sorrowful 'cal-culator' to Mr Piggin, who has gone on long service leave but is still around Finley, and to Mr Campbell, who has moved home to Newcastle.

Miss Walker is currently relieving as Head Teacher of Mathematics.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Year 12 Standard 2 Task 2 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of February (W5).
- Year 11 Standard and Advanced Task 1 in Week 8.
- International Pi Day on March 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday between Week 7 & 8)
- Year 12 Half-yearly exams in Week 9

Last Tuesday (9/2/21) 8 teams entered the thunder dome of room 54 to face a gruelling tournament. Bot against bot, friend against friend, but only one team would rise to the top and claim the ultimate prize: Bragging rights and a packet of mentos.

## PUZZLE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Billy has some bananas to give to his friends. If he gives each friend 3 bananas, he will have 5 left over. He cannot give each friend 4 bananas because he would need 7 more bananas. How many bananas does Billy have?

See Miss Walker if you think you know the answer- first from each year group will receive a small prize.

You must be able to explain your working!



## MATHS JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

What did the zero say to the eight? Nice belt.

FHS 2021

## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) or consent signed in 2020.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw\\_consent.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx).

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the time of vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Wilson MLHD Immunisation Coordinator, Albury PHU on 1300 066 055.



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**Cobram Roar FC**



2021 Soccer season commences in March.

Registrations now open – please see our Facebook page for details and links.

**New players welcome.**

(U12, U13, U14 and U16 boys, U12, U14 and U16 girls, Senior women and men).

Please call 0457 797076 for more information.





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**Demonstration Day**  
Tuesday 9th February  
5.30pm

Then weekly during school terms starting Tuesday 23rd February  
*Times may change based on numbers*

5 to 8s 5.00 to 5.45pm  
9 to 12s 5.45 to 6.30pm  
13 to 16s 6.30 to 7.15pm

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**CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP**

Canteen Contact -  
0473 946 683

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

**February**

- 22 K.Arnold
- 23 J.Loughman
- 24 J.Chellew
- 25 K.Steel
- 26 T.Roe

**March**

- 1 L.Walsh
- 2 C.Rorato
- 3 J.Blackmore
- 4 W.Doolan
- 5 N.Nash

P & C  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the  
Staff Common Room  
ALL WELCOME

Finley Football Club  
U17 Training 5pm Wednesdays



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The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding.

419SQN Shepparton will hold a virtual information night on Saturday 27 February 2021. To register your interest or to receive a virtual information pack please contact [co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au) 0481111305.

To be eligible to enrol you must be between 12 -15.



### **You! We need you...**

To volunteer as an Australian Army Cadet and become a part of our unit.

#### **Who?**

33rd Battalion's 307 ACU based in Deniliquin.

#### **What?**

We are a non-profit Australian Youth Organisation who encourage those between ages 13-18 to become an Australian Army Cadet.

#### **When?**

Starts Wednesday 17th of January 2021 and continues each Wednesday night until school holidays.

#### **Where?**

At the Deniliquin RSL Sport Complex before 7:00pm

#### **Why?**

So you can become an essential member to our growing team and learn many skills in self-discipline, army drill, first aid, field engineering and much more! You can learn skills if you're looking to join the Army or if you just want something fun to try out!

#### **Additional Info...**

Our parading times are between 1900hrs (start) - 2130hrs (finish) (7:00pm-9:30pm)

Age requirements are 12 years (turning 13 in the same year) - 17 years of age

No uniform requirements (Just some - appropriate - casual clothes and sneakers)

Joining fee: \$25 (includes uniform, equipment and more)

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an Australian Army Cadet please contact CPTN Crampton on **0427 102 172**, or SGT Selwood on **0432 425 809**

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