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Newsletter Week 4, Term 2, 2021

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Key Dates

Date:	Event:
May 21	Athletics Carnival
May 24	Girls NSW CHS AFL
May 26 - 28	Holbrook Sheep Show
May 27	Swan Shield Boys & Girls
June 1 – 2	Berrigan Shire Careers Expo
June 1 – 3	NSW CHS Netball
June 8	MADDD Matinee
June 11	MADDD Night
June 11	Riverina Cross Country
June 17	Formal Assembly
June 25	Last Day Term 2

A word from Mr Ward

Why is student attendance so important?

Student attendance is a key priority for the NSW Department of Education and Training. A focus on improving and maintaining high attendance rates reflects the findings of international research that demonstrates a strong correlation between student learning, attendance at school and improved life outcomes.

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success and increase their career and life options.

Student attendance has been identified as an important aspect of a student's wellbeing and failure to receive an education has been identified as a risk of harm factor.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and disadvantage them in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

Communities benefit from students who regularly attend school and are achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community wellbeing and a sense of connectedness for all.

Cross Country

Our students participated in our annual cross country event on Friday the 30th April. The weather was perfect and the event was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the students who participated in the cross country and for the manner in which you conducted yourself in the community during the event. I would like to make special thanks to Mrs Sexton who organised the carnival and those teachers who ran the cross country with the students.

Debutante Ball

It was an absolute privilege to be invited to the Debutante Ball which was held at the Cobram Civic Centre on the 1st May. 28 students were presented that evening of which 25 were current students, with two ex-students and one student the son of a current staff member, so the evening was very much all about Finley High School. "The Deb" is shorthand for Debutante Ball, traditionally an event intended to introduce wealthy young women to society once they came of age. The Australian version, over time, has become something unique. Girls dress up in flowing white dresses, boys don sharp black suits, and for weeks beforehand they come together to learn ballroom dancing in the lead-up to the event. Special thanks to Vicki Ackers for coordinating and preparing the students and to Mr Hay and Mrs Philpot who received the students and responded on behalf of the school.



NSW Rural Ambassador Program

Archie Mason has been selected into the NSW Rural Youth Ambassador program. Archie will join other young people from across rural New South Wales in a range of forums and discussions exploring key areas of interest relating to rural life and education. This will provide him with a range of opportunities to further develop his leadership skills with other sensational rural young people. Well done, Archie, we are proud of your achievement. Archie follows on from Jemma Coombs and Abbey Marshall who were NSW Rural Youth Ambassadors in 2020.

Year 10 Work Experience

One of my favourite weeks of the year is to see our Year 10 students venture out into the community to do work experience. I was fortunate to visit some of the students and they were engaged, happy and looking very professional. Special thanks to Mrs Philpot for her organisation in getting and giving the students every opportunity to experience work. A huge thank you to our employers and organisations for allowing the students on to their work sites and providing such a wonderful experience.

Year 6 School Visits

Our school visits continued on from the last newsletter and it was fantastic spending time with the students at Jerilderie PS, St Joseph's Jerilderie, Tocumwal PS, Barooga PS and Blighty PS. If you are interested in attending Finley High School now or in the future please don't hesitate in contacting us for a school tour.



Professional Learning in Sydney and Junee High School

As we slowly get back to some normality so does my requirement to venture out of the school for professional learning. This week I travelled to Sydney to partake in discussions and work together with other principals across the state on the Disability Implementation Strategy, Attendance and Behaviour Strategies, Access Request and Placement Panel Processes, Behaviour Management, Student Counselling and student inclusion. My visit to Junee High School was important as I work with local Riverina Principals on strategies to improve student learning and staff development.

Second Hand Shop Donation

Thank you goes to Finley Community Help Group who have made a generous donation of \$2000 to the school. This is an annual donation made from a community organisation run by volunteers. The school is extremely grateful for the donation and will use the money to support welfare programs, disadvantaged students and to better resource the school.

Jeff Ward Principal

Careers News

2021 Youth Futures Careers and Employment EXPO

For Students in Years 11 and 12 this is an event not to be missed. The Careers Department and Berrigan Shire are excited to announce we will be running the 2021 Youth Futures Careers and Employment EXPO on the 1st June at the Finley Recreation Reserve. Attendance at the event is expected by all Year 11 and 12 students. The event is free of charge and students are provided with lunch and morning tea. Parents/carers are also welcome to come along and hear from a keynote speaker, join panel discussions with employers and apprentices, have a look at a drone demonstration, listen to some live music and speak directly with the musicians, jump on the bus for a mystery worksite visit and more. If as a parent/carer you wish to join us please let Mrs Deb White in the Careers Department know so numbers can be confirmed. Students with dietary needs are to speak with Mrs White ASAP.

New and Exciting in 2021!

This year the Careers Department in conjunction with Berrigan Shire Council are also running a Year 10 Careers and Employment EXPO. This event will be held on the 2nd June at the Finley Recreation Reserve and will be free of charge. All Year 10 students are expected to attend the event. They will be provided with lunch and morning tea. There will be a guest speaker, Q&A panels on careers, and some interactive workshops. If parents / carers would like to join us for the day please contact Mrs Deb White in the Careers Department to confirm numbers. Students with dietary needs are to speak with Mrs White ASAP.

Fortitude Frames - Building Strong Local Business Connections through Careers Education Opportunities

(a) GAP YEAR

Finley High School in conjunction with some local employers are looking at offering a paid local GAP year. Currently on board we have Fortitude Frames offering engineering, construction, detailing. During this GAP year, there will be the opportunity to build work skills, develop soft skills like communication, team work etc, earn money, and possibly undertake some minor qualifications. Any Year 12 student interested in finding out more, they need to register their name on the list on the Careers room door to attend the information session in the MPR on 22nd June. Parents/carers are also welcome to attend. Presentation will start at 9:15 am. Any businesses wishing to get on board with this program are also encouraged to speak to Mrs Deb White in the Careers Department.

(B) SBAT - School Based Traineeships & Apprenticeships

Year 9 & 10 students interested in undertaking a school based traineeship / apprenticeship (SBAT) as one of their subjects in Year 11 are strongly encouraged to attend the talk from Fortitude Frames on 22nd June. In conjunction with Fortitude Frames, Finley High School is aiming to offer an SBAT in construction /engineering. TAFE and local employers will be at the presentation to discuss how it will work, the qualification you get and what the on the job part of the SBAT will involve. Students need to put their name on the Careers room door if interested. Parents and Carers are also welcome to attend on the 22nd June at 9.15am in the Multi Purpose Room. Any businesses wishing to also be a part of this presentation are encouraged to contact Mrs Deb White for more information.

Tertiary Information Services Excursion (TIS)

Several Year 12 students travelled to Shepparton last Monday to attend our local TIS day. Recruitment staff from about 15 Victorian tertiary institutions were on hand to speak to students about their courses, early entry options, accommodation, scholarships and pathways. This was an extremely



informative event with students able to directly ask questions of the Future Students Team. Students had direct access to both TAFE and universities all in the one location. Thankyou to Kelly Cole for assisting on the day with transport in order to ensure all interested students attended this event.



Soups, Cakes & Slices Needed



The P & C are catering for the Careers Expo on the 1st & 2nd June and we need your help! Please contact the Canteen on **0473 946 683** if you are able to donate items. Thank You

Work Experience

Once again, a huge thank you to our local businesses, schools, preschools and families for your support of the Work Experience Program. It would not be possible without your continual and reliable help.

Hopefully our students were of assistance to you; however, Finley High School acknowledges that it takes time and patience to accommodate a new, young and inexperienced person in your businesses and institutions.

I have had some very excited and happy students regaling me of their experiences over the past week. It's great to see and hear their enthusiasm.

For those who didn't put the required effort into finding an interesting placement and therefore didn't have a very exciting week- take the time to get organised for the second week of Work Experience (Term 4 Week 8 22nd-26th November).

I have been very pleased to read so many positive reports form employers. It is wonderful to hear that our students are polite, show initiative, go out of their way to be helpful and are generally mature young people who illustrate a great work ethic.

Jenny Philpot.

Work Experience Co-ordinator.



Extra Curricular Activities

On Sunday 2nd of June Year 10 student, Kade was invited to attend Winton Motor Raceway where he met ex Finley High School student, Dallas Brooks. Kade was able to enter the pit lane, sit in a Porsche and do 5 laps of a race in Dallas' race car in which they achieved a lap time of 1min 38secs. Kade's favourite part was racing down the straight, which is the fastest part of the track. Since leaving Finley High School, Dallas has become a qualified automotive technician for HSV, Mercedes Benz and currently works with Porsche Melbourne. Racing on weekends is his hobby and he is also fortunate enough to work with Porsche Racing Team through his job. Thanks Dallas for sharing your race enthusiasm with Kade and thanks to Kade for sharing your story about your experience on the race track.



Cross Country Report 2021

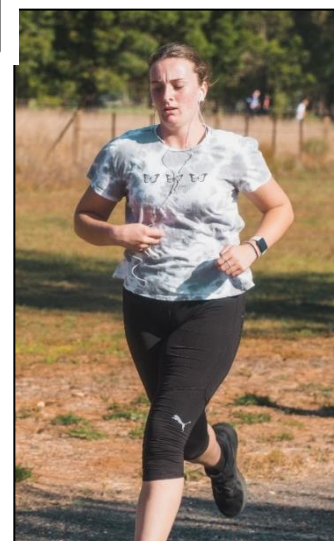
On Friday the 30th April, Finley High School participated in the annual cross-country event. Once again, the whole school was active with all students and staff walking, riding or running in the event. Students and staff were encouraged to participate in their house colours. The day was uncharacteristically warm, which was challenging for the competitors.



The results on the day were outstanding. All students and staff competed in the one event on the same course, allowing staff, seniors, juniors, girls and boys to all compete to be the first athlete to cross the line.

In lightning pace, Aidan Fennell was first back, closely followed by Matt Whelan and Archie Mason. Within sight was Charlie Baxter, completing the course in 15.40 earning himself the title of Junior Boy Champion. The pace achieved was impressive, with Aidan running the 4.2km course in 15.08, averaging 3 min 36 pace. First female to cross the line was Kadeesha Conlan. The fastest teacher to complete the course was Mr Hay, and Ms Bower was first female teacher. The overall house winner of the day was Finley. Below is a summary of the best results of the day.

Age Group	First	Second	Third
Open Boys	Aidan Fennell	Brad Aylett	Rory Knight
Open Girls	Cassandra Renneberg	Allyssa Thornton	Jackie Sharp-Shorney
17 Boys	Archie Mason	Adam Aylett	Justin Lawton
17 Girls	Alanna Steel	Courtney Lunn	Ruby Russell
16 Boys	Matt Whelan	Hamish Cameron	Harry Haynes
16 Girls	Kadeesha Conlan	Meg Marshall Alyssa Denny	
15 Boys	Kohan Joseph	Riley Webb	Jacob Armer
15 Girls	Erica Nicholls Melina Tidcombe		Dakota Pyle
14 Boys	Charlie Baxter	Angus Hay	Will Doolan
14 Girls	Erin Chesworth	Montana Aylett	
13 Boys	Ben Rourke	Hunter Groutsch	Jeremy Doolan
13 Girls	Bianca Griffiths	Bethany Loughridge	Nevaeh Webb
12 Boys	Tom White	Logan Agnew	
12 Girls	Chessa Morley	Jessica Wilkinson	
Female teacher	Ms Bower	Ms Clarke	Ms Geeves
Male Teacher	Mr Hay	Mr Johnson	Mr Sharman



Basketball Under 15's Deniliquin Gala Day

On Friday, the boys and girls under 15's basketball team headed to Deniliquin for the Gala Basketball Day. It was a great day had by all and the teams proudly represented the school.

Both teams had some close games with moments of brilliance; however, did not quite get the win. The girls team had a nail-biter against Barham going down by a point after having a shot in dying seconds. The boys team had a close game with Barham with the lead changing several times to go down by three. Both teams had a great attitude on court never giving up and showing great sportsmanship. Well done to all those who participated and we'll see you back on the court next year.



Soccer News

On Thursday 6th May our boys soccer team played against Albury High School. Although they did not win they had a great day and represented our school in high regard. Please read below a letter received from the referee of the game. Well done to our boys Soccer Team.

To whom it may concern,

I had the pleasure of refereeing the match today between Albury High and Finley High School. Though the match was a little one sided, your boys played with a joy and cheerfulness that belied the score card.

I had concerns that as the tally against them mounted some spite and disregard may have crept into their game, but no.

They continued to strive, still displaying cheer and good spirits, as Albury kept the pressure on. A credit to your school.

Regards
Erin Hilton
Referee in AWSRA.

Canteen Roster & Community News

P & C Meeting



Wednesday 9th June,
7pm in the Staff Common
Room
ALL WELCOME

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Canteen Contact -
0473 946 683

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

If you cannot fill your rostered day or you swap please notify the canteen on the phone number above. Thank you.

May

17 TBC	24 TBC
18 J. Loughman	25 K. Nicholls
19 A. Johnson	26 P. Neessen
20 W. Doolan	27 A. Lee
21 K. Dawe	28 E. Hurlston



THE HSIE BUZZ

WHAT'S NEWS IN HSIE?

MAY 2021

Last week we welcomed Megan Sturges to HSIE faculty from the University of New England. Megan will be completing her teaching practicum at Finley High School for six weeks teaching Business Studies, Legal Studies and History.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HSIE?

Week 5

History Extension task #1 due (Wed.)

Week 6

Year 11 Half Yearly Exams (Mon-Wed)

Year 8 History King Tut's Tomb task due (Friday)

Week 7

Year 12 Modern History task #3 due (Fri.)

Year 10 Life of an ANZAC Soldier task due (Fri.)

Week 9

Year 12 Geography task #2 due (Thurs.)

Week 10

Year 12 Legal Studies task #3 due (Mon.)

Year 11 Modern History Historical Investigation due (Wed.)

HSIE TRIVIA - GEOGRAPHY EDITION

THE FIRST 5 STUDENTS TO GET THEIR CORRECT ANSWERS INTO THE HSIE STAFF ROOM WINS A PRIZE! RECESS AND LUNCH 2 ONLY!

1. HOW MANY COUNTRIES DOES THE UNITED STATES SHARE A LAND BORDER WITH?
2. WHAT IS THE SMALLEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD?
3. HOW MANY TIME ZONES DOES RUSSIA HAVE?
4. WHAT COUNTRY HAS THE MOST NATURAL LAKES?
5. ALONG WITH SPAIN AND FRANCE, WHAT IS THE OTHER COUNTRY TO HAVE BOTH ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN COASTLINES?



Recently, year 8 have been learning about Ancient Egypt and the mummification process. Students are now mummifying an apple to see what will happen to the control apple with no additives and an apple that has been covered with salt and bi-carb soda and documenting the differences.

THE MATHS HATTER WITH THE LATEST MATHS MATTERS!



LATEST NEWS

Congratulations to Larshya Sutharsamohan on a fantastic presentation for Year 12 Mathematics Extension 1. The quality of your presentation, the depth of your content knowledge and your preparation is to be commended.

Year 7 have homework booklets this term that are due every Friday White (4, 6, 8, 10). Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Don't forget to buy a calculator from the front office for \$20.

PUZZLE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

Use the numbers 1, 9, 9 and 6 exactly in that order to make the following numbers: 28, 32, 35, 38, 72, 73, 76, 77, 100 and 1000.

You can use +, -, \times , \div , $\sqrt{\quad}$, \wedge (power symbol) and brackets.

E.g. $1 \times 9 + 9 \times 6 = 63$

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!

SENIOR CALENDAR

- Year 10 Half-Yearly Mathematics Exam (in class)- Week 5
- Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams- Week 6
- Year 12 Standard 1 & 2 In Class Task- Week 7
- Year 11 Advanced Investigation- Week 8

NUMERACY LESSONS

Year 7 have been partaking in numeracy lessons once a fortnight. This term, the focus has been breaking down worded questions into achievable chunks using a proforma created by our very own Ms Momot. Students are finding this very valuable in allowing them to pick out the important parts of worded questions and discovering different strategies to solve them.



MATHS JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

Not all maths jokes are terrible... just sum.

FHS 2021



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Valuing the teaching profession — an independent inquiry

What every parent and carer needs to know about the Gallop inquiry

The first inquiry into the work of NSW public school teachers since 2004 has just handed down its final report. The Inquiry, headed by former WA Premier Dr Geoff Gallop, has recommended major changes to the salaries and working conditions of teachers.

The report states the changes were urgently needed to help address teacher shortages, improve teaching and ensure we can recruit enough teachers to cater for rapidly increasing enrolments in public schools.

Four key findings

1. The inquiry found the dedication and commitment of teachers remains high but workloads have become unsustainable. All aspects of the work of teachers have been altered due to constant policy changes, advances in technology, curriculum changes and the increasingly complex needs of students. Teachers now have heavy administration workloads outside the classroom as well, including data collection and reporting and compliance work. On average, teachers work 55 hours a week.

2. Salaries of teachers have fallen compared with other professions. While the work of teachers has become harder and more complex, their salaries are now significantly below the average of all professions. This dangerous combination is leading to recruitment and retention issues and making it more difficult to attract the high achievers we need for the future.

3. Student numbers in NSW are set to increase and teacher shortages must be addressed. The inquiry found teacher shortages are an issue across NSW and said this had to be addressed ahead of a record increase in enrolments – 200,000 extra students – expected over the next 20 years.

4. Teachers need more time for collaborative work, planning and preparation. The time teachers have each week outside the classroom has not increased since the 1950s for secondary teachers and the 1980s for primary teachers. The inquiry found teachers need more dedicated time to prepare and collaborate with their colleagues, particularly given the increase in the number of students with higher needs.

Recommendations for change

Increase the preparation time teachers have. The number of hours outside the classroom should increase from two to four per week in primary schools and there should be a reduction of two hours in the face-to-face teaching hours of secondary teachers. This time should be dedicated to assessment, lesson planning and collaboration.

Reset salaries. An increase of between 10 and 15 per cent in 2022 and 2023 to recognise the increase in teachers' skills and responsibilities, help overcome shortages and recruit the additional teachers needed to cope with enrolment growth.

Lift the number of school counsellors. An urgent increase in counsellor numbers to reduce waiting times and address rising student mental health issues. There should be one counsellor for every 500 students by 2023.

Improve staffing levels. Permanent teacher numbers should be increased to overcome the shortages of casuals. The excessive use of temporary teacher employment should be addressed. Support services, previously provided by the Department of Education in areas such as curriculum implementation, student welfare and behaviour and special education, should be restored.

Investing in teachers. Acting on the recommendations of the Inquiry will help improve teaching and learning in NSW public schools. It will also make teaching more attractive so we can keep our best teachers in the classroom and recruit the additional ones required to meet rapidly increasing enrolments.

These changes are an investment in our future that will pay off for our kids and our country

More information about the inquiry, including a copy of the full report, can be found at nswtf.org.au/inquiry.
You can also register at nswtf.org.au/forms/parents-citizens-contact to receive regular updates on matters of importance to your child's education.

For more information visit nswtf.org.au/inquiry

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that's huge!

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WATERSKI
Club's got

Calling for auditions!

Whether you sing, play a musical instrument or have an entertaining act? we want you to share it!

Download an application form from our website: www.mulwalawaterski.com.au or contact the Ski Club and book an audition!



YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

ENTRIES OPEN 12TH MAY, 2021 AND CLOSE 30TH JUNE, 2021

Open to youth in the Murrumbidgee local health area

THEME: FREEDOM

CATEGORIES

Junior: 7-12 years

* Colour Photography

Senior: 13-18 years

* Colour Photography

* Black & White

JUNIOR PRIZES

1st prize \$50

2nd prize \$25

3rd prize \$10

SENIOR PRIZES

1st prize \$100

2nd prize \$ 50

3rd prize \$ 25



Entry is open to youth in the Murrumbidgee local health area.

Entrants may enter up to 2 photos in each category.

Photos may be taken with a digital or SLR camera, or a mobile phone.

Entries must be the entrant's own original work.

Entries to be sent in jpeg file to finleyartsnetworkcomp@gmail.com.

Please include name, date of birth, title of photo(s) and entry category for each photo.

Please note: Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.

For more information, please email finleyartsnetworkcomp@gmail.com