

MORE THAN A WORD



National  
Reconciliation  
Week 2021

27 May – 3 June

#NRW2021

## 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 | Finley High School

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### Key Dates

Date:	Event:
May 26 - 28	Holbrook Sheep Show
May 27	Swan Shield Boys & Girls
June 1 – 2	Berrigan Shire Careers Expo - <b>POSTPONED</b>
June 1 – 3	NSW CHS Netball
June 8	MADDD Matinee
June 9	CoolHeads Driver Safety Shepparton
June 11	MADDD Night
June 11	Riverina Cross Country
June 17	Formal Assembly
June 25	Last Day Term 2

### A word from Mr Ward

This week we acknowledge National Sorry Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and National Reconciliation week starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Observed annually on 26<sup>th</sup> May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of stolen generations survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

National Reconciliation theme for 2021 is "More Than a Word". Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation and in playing our part, we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Soups, Cakes & Slices  
Needed**



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**0473 946 683**

if you are able to donate



### **Matt Lieschke**

Our much-respected chaplain, Matt Lieschke finished with us on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. Matt has accepted a position working on a farm near Ardlethan, his other passion in life. Matt will be missed and we wish him and his family all the best as they make the move north.

### **Practicum Students**

The last couple of weeks we have been joined by Megan Sturges in HSIE, from the University of New England. Megan has worked closely with Mrs Baxter and it is wonderful to be able to accommodate



our future educators in our school. Soon we will be welcoming Bethany Johnston from the University of Wollongong who will be doing a placement in English. We also have Taylah Bignell will be completing her practicum training as an SLSO one day a week at Finley High School.

### **External Validation**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May our school was externally validated. Our team, comprising of Mr Whitty, Miss Cox, Miss Walker, Mrs Baxter and myself, has worked very hard to present Finley High in line with the school excellence framework. The meeting went for two hours and we were very proud to present our school to a panel of principals in Sydney.

### **Athletics Carnival**

What a wonderful day we had with over two thirds of the school attending the athletics carnival. Thank you to all the staff especially the PE staff who ran the carnival. It was wonderful to see so many students having a go. I would like to wish our students all the best at the zone carnival in Finley on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Riverina Sport Representatives**

Congratulations and all the best to the following students:

- Cooper Burke - Squash in Coffs Harbour
- Jasmine Burke - Squash in Coffs Harbour
- Sienna Burke - Squash in Coffs Harbour
- Ruby Russell - Netball in Orange
- Lily Sharp - Netball in Orange
- Matthew Whelan - Golf in Batemans Bay
- Nicola DiLullo - AFL in Albury



### **Debating**

It was fantastic to be able to sit in on our debating team, who went head to head with Barham High School. I was so impressed with the team of Alison Kleinschmidt, Sarah Bauer, Charlotte Hurlston and Sophie O'Donnell, who did a wonderful job arguing the negative that STEM subjects should be compulsory in schools. Congratulations team on your great victory.

### **Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair**

Just want to wish all the students and staff all the best at the Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair. It's wonderful to see the school getting involved again in these worthy events after what happened in 2020. Thank you Mr Webb and Mrs O'Leary for the organisation of our team and the attendance of this event.

### **Jeff Ward Principal**



## Careers News

### Future Choices Virtual Transition Expo

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 from 9am-5pm

This long-running transition Expo is the only event of its kind in the State, attracting over 150 local, state and interstate exhibitors including leading education and training providers. The event connects young people with disability and their families to employment services, employers, education/training providers, apprenticeship/traineeship services, disability providers and government services to help them make informed decisions about their future and highlight the support that is available.

The Expo footprint is regional, rural and remote NSW and ACT:

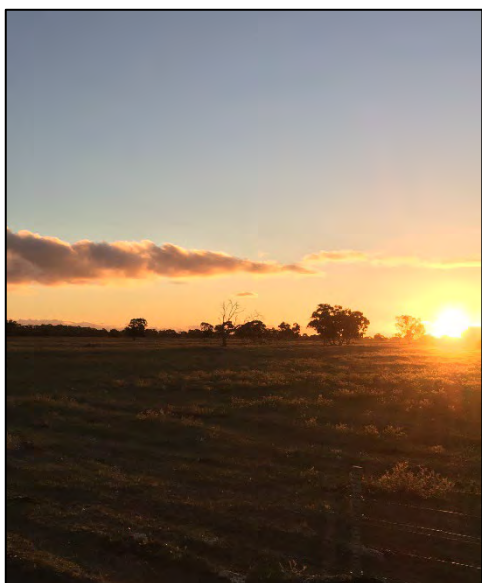
You may not think of yourself as having a 'disability' but the definition is broad and includes learning disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, medical conditions, mental illness, physical conditions, sensory impairments, intellectual disability and more.

People need to register prior to the event, which allows them to log in on the day. See the link to register and for more information.

<https://futurechoices.vfairs.com/>

## Work Experience Stories

Liam Rafferty was fortunate to have work experience with Fox and Lillie Wool Traders in Melton where Mrs Close' brother Sean Flint is the Store and Administration Manager. Liam was able to experience the whole process from arrival to export of wool, visit the show floor where buyers view wool samples, attend the wool auction and assist in sorting and blending wool for export.



Tamzin Bell went to Willalooka, South Australia for her work experience where she was able to work on a large farm that is a major beef supplier to various Australian buyers such as Coles. It was hard work but a lot of fun. One of the many highlights was the beauty of the landscape and sky. Tamzin enjoyed it so much she intends to return there one day soon.



## SRC

Congratulations to our SRC who hosted a successful cake stall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May raising over \$300 that will be donated to WIRES. Our SRC thought this was an important fundraiser due to the 2020 bushfires where 18,636,079 hectares were burnt and an estimated one billion animals were killed.

## Vocational Education & Training

Mrs White had the pleasure of attending the TVET beauty class at Albury TAFE on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Billie and Lilly were busy pampering customers with manicures and pedicures. Mrs White reported her favourite part of the day was the Paraffin treatment performed by Billie. Both girls were extremely professional in their customer relations and their nail skills were impressive.



## Work Studies

Year 12 Work Studies were successful on Monday with their Enterprise Project Proposal to Mr. Ward, to upgrade the Year 12 outdoor area. Congratulations Dela, Lilly, Billie, and Marlon, we look forward to seeing the end results of your project.





**CoolHeads**  
Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Greater Shepparton Police and Local Agencies

Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Wednesday 9 June, 2021**  
Eastbank Welsford Street Shepparton 7pm start

Enquiries contact:  
Leading Senior Constable  
Glenn Gibson (03) 5820 5830

Online registrations open April 2021  
follow Facebook 'Eyewatch Greater Shepparton Police' for updates



VICTORIA POLICE





Year 11 & 12 students from Finley High School are invited to attend CoolHeads Young Driver Program. Finley High School is providing a bus to the event - notes for Year 11 and 12 students must be returned by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May to the pay office, if you did not receive a note please collect one from the pay office. The bus will depart Finley High School at 5pm and return approximately 11pm. Students may wear neat casual attire. Should you require more information please contact Hilary Knight at Finley High School on 03 5883 1344.

## Athletics Carnival



## Hospitality



## Canteen Roster & Community News

### P & C Meeting



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

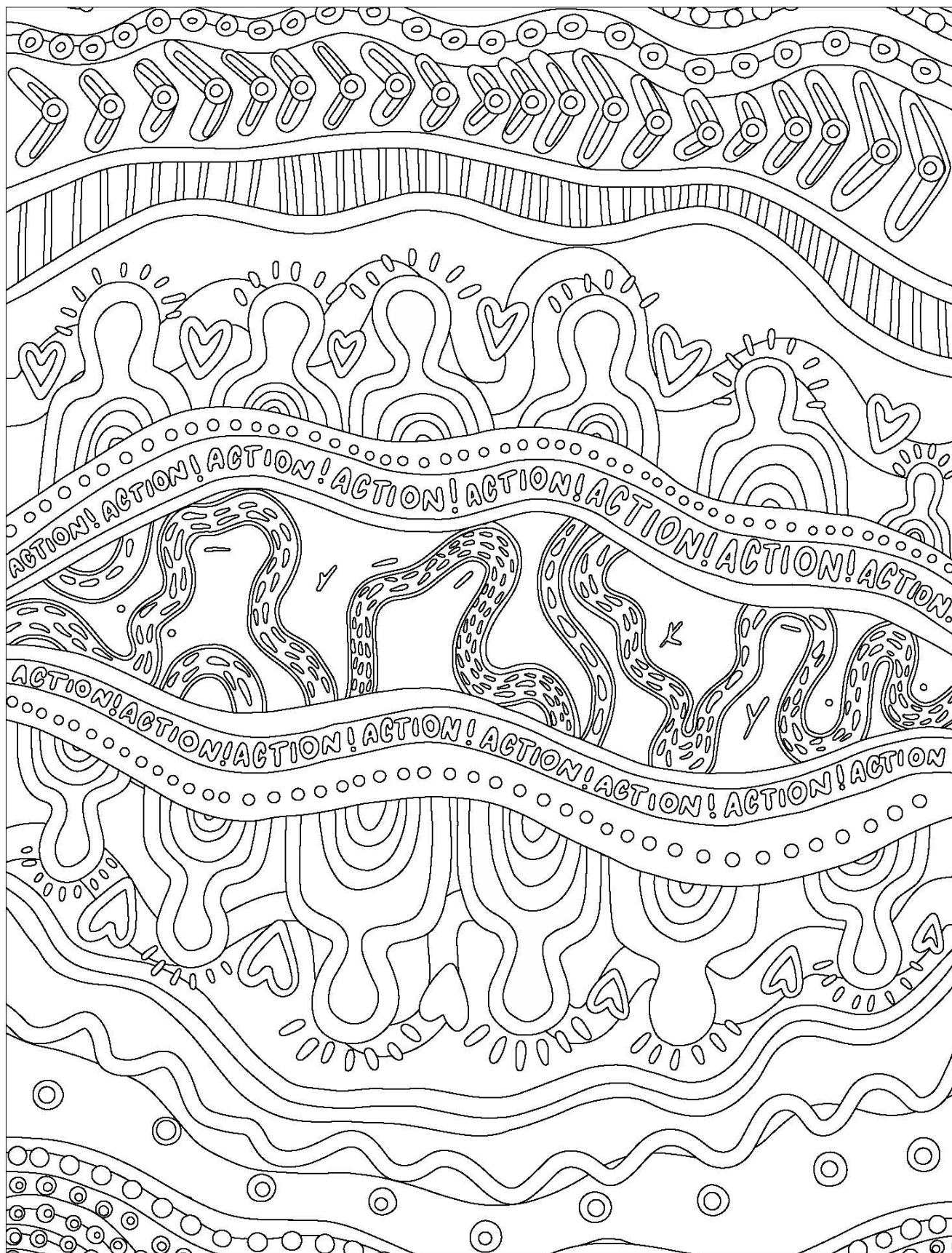
If you cannot fill your rostered day or you swap  
please notify the canteen on the phone number  
above. Thank you.

### May/June

30 P. Neesen	7 J. Orro
1 G. Ferguson	8 M. Close
2 L. Bryce	9 D. Jewell
3 T. Beaver	10 K. Steel
4 B. Belling	11 R. Lockhart(Jerilderie)

# Colour for Reconciliation

Action by Jessica Johnson



**Action is the story of the land and community sharing the united call for action on reconciliation.**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples have been listening to the heart beat of the land and sea for generations. With their rainbow shaped souls the spirits ask for us to join and make reconciliation more than a word, take action. We all have a role to play.