



24th June 2021 | Finley High School

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Newsletter Week 10, Term 2, 2021

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Key Dates

Date:	Event:
June 25	Last Day Term 2
July 12	Staff Development Day
July 13	First Day Term 3 – All Students return to school
July 15 - 18	Bendigo Sheep Show

A word from Mr Ward

Welcome to Week 10, the final week of term. I congratulate students on their application and achievement over the semester and wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. Staff return to work on Monday 12th July for the Term 3 School Development Day (SDD). Students resume classes on Tuesday 13th July.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week 2021 will be held from Sunday 4th July to Sunday 11th July. Finley High School will celebrate NAIDOC activities on Monday the 19th of July. There will be an assembly and we will be running a variety of activities during the day, including damper making, artwork and a morning tea. The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Finley Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG).

Congratulations to the following office bearers of the Finley AECG
 President - Roslyn Lockhart
 Vice President - Norma Gowans
 Secretary - Fiona Burton
 Treasurer - Peta Neessen
 Two delegates elected for the Regional Council – Norma Gowans and Peta Gowans.



Burn Bright Leadership Camp

I would like to congratulate and wish the following students all the best when they attend the National Leadership Camp. This was to be held during the school holidays in Sydney but has since been postponed to a future date.

Lucy-Jayne Burdon, Mackenzie Hannan and Isabella Kelly, whilst Jemma Coombs will attend as a leader mentor, having attended the program in 2019.

The camp is a highly interactive, challenging and motivating program that brings together students from across Australia. The program focuses on developing personal character and a sense of value, identity and purpose whilst also enhancing leadership and character resiliency skills.

Riverina Cross Country in Gundagai

The students representing Finley High School were a credit to the school and themselves. They wished each other luck, cheered at the finish line and were genuinely excited when others did well. There were some lovely comments from the parents who attended, about their behaviour on the day. All students ran really well with four making it to state; Week 1 next term - Aidan Fennell, Charlie Baxter, Ben Rourke and Tom White.

Wellbeing Programs

This last fortnight we have been busy conducting the following wellbeing programs:

Year 7 Empowerment Day a number of Year 10 and 11 students volunteered their time to facilitate activities for our year 7 cohort. The day was about identifying strengths, building connections and enhancing relationships.

Lovebites for Year 10 is an interactive program aimed at recognising unhealthy and healthy relationships through discussion and activities of domestic violence and sexual assault. The program is run by a group of trained facilitators from our school as well as external agencies.

Be Wise for all Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 students. The Be Wise Presentations deal with youth violence and a tragic death from violence. This presentation is run through the Pat Cronin One Punch Foundation.



Tirkandi Inaburra

Congratulations to Tyrell Taylor who has graduated from Tirkandi Inaburra. Tyrell's graduation was attended by family and staff. The program is for Aboriginal boys to strengthen cultural identity, self-esteem and resilience. Tyrell's teachers were full of praise for Tyrell and what he has achieved this term.

Staff updates

Ms Tanya Momot has taken up an opportunity to relieve as the Head Teacher Mathematics at Deniliquin High School in Term three & four. Mrs Sarah Singleton will be working out of Blighty Public School for terms three and four (Monday's only). We wish these staff all the best.

SRC's MND fundraiser

The Big Freeze will take place on Friday under the COLA, starting at lunchtime and running through period 5. There are 13 teachers participating. There will be a small auction before each "drenching" for students and teachers to bid and gain the honour of tipping water and ice over someone's head. The SRC are still selling raffle tickets with the major prize being a trailer load of firewood (courtesy of Charlie Baxter). They are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The SRC has also run a car wash and bacon and egg roll fundraiser this week.

Jeff Ward Principal

Year 12 Work Studies Raffle

Congratulations to Jenny O'Hora and Veronica McNaught for coming 1st and 2nd in the Work Studies Raffle, many thanks to all for your generosity and encouragement of these students. They really enjoyed it. Mrs O'Bryan and Work Studies.

Mrs Pam Donaldson

Condolences to the family of Mrs Pamela Donaldson (Lovely). Mrs Donaldson was a former teacher at Finley High School, where she taught Cooking and sewing and many life skills to past students.

Wellbeing

As we approach the school holidays, we ask that you take the time to check in with your young person and support them to connect and seek help as needed. Continue to have open conversations with your young person, encourage self-care and let them know that you're there to support them. If you notice changes in your young person or become worried over the holidays, we encourage you to please seek support.

Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	1800RESPECT 24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse 1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au
Lifeline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Suicide Call Back 24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	QLife LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)
If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.			



Debating Team

Our Year 9/10 debaters had another win against Hay recently, they have won both debates they have participated in. The challenging topic was on sport and our team had to argue that any sport that involved animals should NOT be banned.

Our third debate in the Premier's Debating Challenge will take place by the middle of next term against Murrumbidgee Regional High School which is in Griffith. Because of the wins so far, we should get the opportunity to participate in more debates.

Each debate has been via Zoom and the students have coped well. One advantage of this is that we are able to access experienced adjudicators.

Congratulations to Alison Kleinschmidt, Sarah Bauer, Charlotte Hurlston and Sophie O'Donnell.

V McNaught
Debating Coordinator

Year 7 Science

Mr Webb and Year 7 Science have been looking at 'wet mount slides' recently in science.



Careers



Fortitude Frames and TAFE Visit

Finley High School hosted Dennis Sutton from Fortitude Frames and Robyn Campbell from Finley's Riverina Institute of TAFE to speak with students about GAP year options, post school pathways, School Based Apprenticeships (SBATs), TVET programs and Work Experience options. The information presented was very informative. Dennis provided students with both an employer's perspective on what employers are looking for and a personal recount of his experiences and pathways through finding work, completing an apprenticeship and eventually owning his own business. Dennis provided some great tips on finding work, how to make yourself employable and the benefits of a GAP

year for students. Robyn walked the Year 10 students through SBATs and explained not only what students can do but how SBATs work and the benefits at the end of school. This provided some food for thought for students thinking about their next work experience placements. Finley High School would like to thank both Dennis and Robyn for making time to speak students but in particular Dennis Sutton for initially driving this presentation.

Year 9 Careers

Year 9 have just finished studying a unit on investigating careers. This week culminated with them playing "The Careers Game" across between monopoly and the game of life. Students learned a few real life lessons about how their limited income had to be divided across life expenses from insurance, shopping, bills, rent, groceries and more whilst also navigating what life threw at them. This included babies, accidents, buying cars, losing their jobs and more.



Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school.

If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on the role, and how to apply for the position:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atso>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278, or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au



Reminder: Behaviour on Buses

Parents and students are reminded that the following behaviours are examples of unacceptable behaviour on buses.

- Distracting the driver by persistent noise or calling out to the driver
- Displaying materials of an offensive, obscene, pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory nature on a device such as mobile phone, iPad or laptop computer
- Failing to wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Smoking a product e.g. tobacco or a similar substance, including e-cigarettes
- Using offensive or racist language
- Playing music loudly and being a general nuisance
- Bullying, intimidation and harassment of other passengers
- Stopping others from disembarking at their stop
- Verbally threatening the driver
- Fighting with other passengers
- Causing damage to property in buses

These and a range of other behaviours can result in penalties of up to 10 weeks suspension. For further information please visit <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/reports-and-publications/guidelines-for-managing-school-student-behaviour-on-buses>

Year 11 Metalwork – Oxyacetylene Welding



Canteen Roster & Community News

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

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.

July

12 Staff Development Day	19 J. Orro
13 R. Groutsch	20
14 R. Sharp	21 L. Bryce
15	22
16 C. Lawton	23 T. Roe



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