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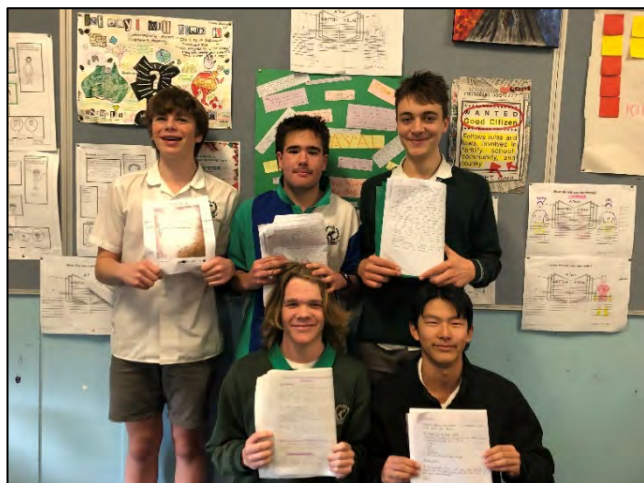


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Newsletter Week 4, Term 3, 2021

Key Dates

| Date: | Event: |
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| All August | MS Readathon |
| August 11 | Year 10 Parent Information Evening – Year 11 Subject Selections TBC |
| August 11 | P & C Meeting |
| August 12 | Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews TBC |
| August 16-20 | Trial HSC Exams |
| August 23 | Careers Expo TBC |
| August 24 | Year 12 VTAC Information Zoom Meeting |
| August 25 – 27 | NSW CHS Athletics TBC |
| August 27 | Wear It Purple Day |
| August 31 | Year 12 UAC Information Zoom Meeting |
| August 31 – September 2 | Boys NSW CHS Tennis TBC |
| September 6-10 | Year 11 Yearly Exams |





JOIN THE SRC AS WE READ OUR WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

TO REGISTER, GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.MSREADATHON.ORG.AU/JOIN/FINLEY-HIGH-SCHOOL](https://www.msreadathon.org.au/join/finley-high-school)

A word from Mr Ward

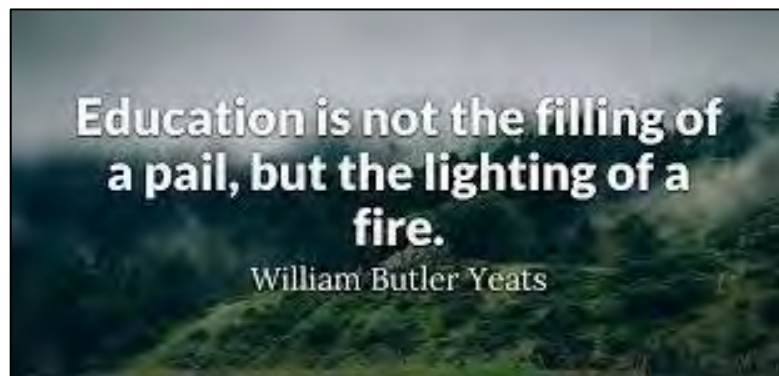
Education Week Awards

Each year we nominate and celebrate staff and students who are making a difference at Finley High School. This year we had a significant number of staff nominated, as well as some exceptional students. One of the greatest leaders of all time, Nelson Mandela the South African President from 1994 – 1999, said that 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. So, what does that mean?

An education provides you with the tools to improve your quality of life. An

education enables us to make the right choices in life. A good education gives you greater choice, to be more employable, to earn a decent wage and to enjoy the better things in life. Whilst the building blocks for success are laid down by your teachers, it's now up to you to add to these.

At our fortnightly formal assembly, we heard from four of our exceptional young leaders about what education means to them. Thank you to Archie Mason, Rosie Steel, Charlotte Hurlston and Rose Chamberlain. See below some of their speeches.



Archie – Education is different for everyone, and for me I didn't appreciate the importance of it early enough. I understood that I needed an education but I didn't understand how I had to work for it to gain the benefits. Education is something that I will need to have for everything I ever do, from tractor driving to working in class. At the start of Year 11, I started to put in more effort and now reap the rewards and benefits of that.

Rosie - To me, as a Year 8 student, education means learning building blocks of all future education. It is the basic skills and knowledge which will help us through the rest of schooling and life.

Charlotte- To me, education is the gateway to success. Education is important to me as it grows my knowledge, setting me up for my future success. Education allows me to take advantage of new opportunities and experiences.

Director Awards

- **Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan** - This staff member implements outstanding classroom practices and routines and has been a very supportive colleague across a number of faculties for many years. Her positive interactions with students ensures they are valued and cared for at all times.
- **Mr Gary Webb** - This staff member is an outstanding educator who gives much of his time to support students especially in Agriculture. His commitment to extracurricular activities ensures he is highly respected in the school community.
- **Mrs Deb White** - This staff member goes above and beyond to make sure every student is valued, she always communicates effectively and positively and is always happy to assist others.
- **Shelby Hislop** - This student continually tries her best in all aspects of education. Her resilience and dedication to learning is second to none.
- **Larshya Sutharsamohan** - This student is commended for her outstanding efforts and achievement in all subjects, especially in HSC Maths. She is an exemplary role model for the whole student community.
- **Jade Selwood** - This student always completes every task to the best of her ability. She goes above and beyond to seek feedback and demonstrates diligence and a commitment to her studies, which is highly commendable.

PBL

PBL has slightly changed in the way that is being run throughout the school. Each week there will be a weekly behaviour focus but instead of individual tickets being handed out, the classroom teacher will fill out a ticket if they believe that their class has displayed 'positive behaviour' and acted as respectful, responsible learners. Every fortnight at the whole school assembly two classes will be drawn from the box and that class will be rewarded for their efforts. The reward will be negotiated among the teacher of that class, the students and the PBL team. Our first draw this week was Year 9A English (Mr Burdon) & Year 11 Agriculture (Mrs O'Leary). Congratulations on being selected as the award winners, I look forward to sharing their celebrations with you.



Boat Rock excursion

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the Year 11 Biology excursion to Boat Rock with Ms Archinal and her class. I was totally absorbed in her enthusiasm for the environment, Aboriginal sites, the moss growing over the rocks, wombat droppings, the variety of birds, Murray Pines and introduced species impacting on the environment. The students were fantastic as they completed their experiments and went in search of wombat holes and possible sightings.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their hard work, commitment to learning and striving to give their best. They exemplify what it means to be a quiet achiever giving 100% everyday.

Year 7

Logan Agnew
Bethany Loughridge
Lilly McNamara
Ben Rourke
Farron Urrutia



Year 8

Chelsea Singleton
Angus Hay
Dan Eldridge
Naomi Haynes
Rosie Steel
James McNamara



Year 9

Cutta Dundon
Alison Kleinschmidt
Daisey Daniel
Roree Wallis
Franchesca Urrutia

Year 10

Mia Neesson
Hayley Palmer
Tamzin Bell
Abi Litchfield
Travis Lawton
Matthew Whelan



Year 11

Olivia Ciccolini
Ben Bauer
LJ Burdon
Riley Kleinschmidt

Year 12

Jennah Moraldo
Jacob Gow
Justin Lawton

I would like to acknowledge some of our past winners:

Miss Geeves Mr O'Hora Mrs Baxter
Mrs Jackson Mrs O'Leary Mrs Dempster
Jodi Brown, a recipient of a Minister's Award



Jeff Ward Principal

Careers

After a few false starts with COVID cancellations and swapping between NSW and VIC presenters we finally managed to get our STUDY SKILLS day with Elevate up and running. Due to restrictions, the presentation was done virtually over Zoom. Although this wasn't as ideal as face to face, the presentations were still clear and interactive.

Years 9-11 students completed Study Sensi sessions covering things like how to using the syllabus to check content knowledge, time frames for study and review, taking notes with the benefits of using space & colour and loose leaf pages for ordering. They worked through how to use study tools such as mind maps and setting these up as effective visual tools with sub branches and trigger words for easy exam recall. Extra readings, finding quotes, facts and counter arguments was shown to be a way to make students stand out from the crowd with their exam / assessment answers.

Year 12 looked more at how to ACE THE EXAMS identifying 7 steps for preparation excellence. This was based around identifying areas of weakness to create followup focus areas, using traffic light colours to identify areas of focus and working together with peers and teachers to ensure students understand what a great answer looks like. That is, what does a high scoring answer really look like. They looked at how to plan goals using an exam planner template and identified some tips to stay calm before exams.

Parents and students can also access Elevate resources from home at <https://au.elevateeducation.com/> for students and parents.



Year 12 Tertiary Information Night - Virtual

Parents, carers and Year 12 students seeking information on the Tertiary application processes are invited to join Finley High School Careers Adviser Deb White in a virtual Zoom meeting on Tuesday 24th August for VTAC (Victorian Institutions) and Tuesday 31st August for UAC (NSW Institutions). The meetings will start at 6:30pm and will run for approx 45 min - 1 hour. The Zoom link will be emailed to all Year 12 students' DET email. It will also be on the Sentral Parent portal and sent to those who regularly subscribe to the Career news. If you would like a link sent to you personally please contact the school. The meeting will cover the application process, applying for consideration of disadvantage, as well as touching on early entries, accommodation and scholarships. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

Tutoring

Tutoring has resumed this term and it is fantastic to see so many students ready to get back into the swing of things. If you wish to come along to tutoring outside of Finley, please let Miss Walker know. Teachers will not travel if we have no takers.

Below are the latest days and times:

Finley High School-

8:00-8:45am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

3:30-4:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tocumwal Public School Library- with Mrs Braybon

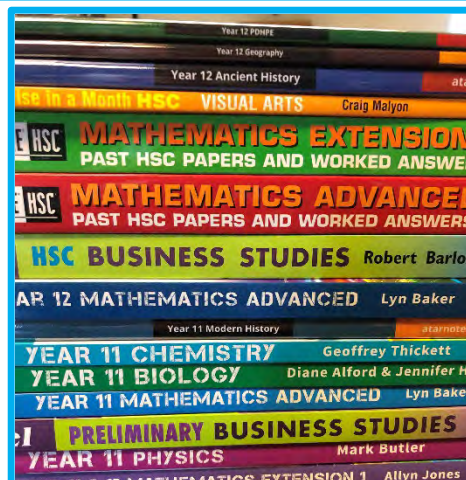
4:00-5:00pm on Wednesday

Jerilderie Library- with Ms Archinal

4:00-5:00pm on Wednesday

Berrigan Library- with Miss Walker

4:00-5:00pm on Thursday



New study guides are available NOW in the Library for Year 11 and 12 students. Hurry in to check out these titles and many more to borrow in time for your exams.

Agriculture

Year 11 Primary Industries and Agriculture spent the day at John Hawkins "Springfield" farm marking lambs. They participated in all facets of the lamb marking process, successfully demonstrating their competence. The students also put ewes through the footbath. A big thanks to John Hawkins, Matt Mueller and John Braybon for hosting us for the day.

We had an awesome time gaining real life industry experiences.



COVID - Mask Rules

REMINDER FOR BUS STUDENTS:

School buses are considered public transport.

Face masks are mandatory on public transport in NSW & VIC.

When travelling on public transport you must wear a fitted face mask covering your nose and mouth and ensure you wear it for your entire journey. Wearing a face mask helps keep you and others safe.

There are exemptions for children under 12 years, individuals with breathing difficulties, and those who have physical conditions that make it difficult to wear a face mask.



Boat Rock

Year 11 Boat Rock Excursion

On Tuesday 27th July, the Year 11 Biology class went to Boat Rock to practise sampling techniques. We used line transects and quadrats, but the best part was counting reopened Wombat burrows. We saw many beautiful birds, foxes, rabbits, kangaroos and battled with helicopter mosquitoes.

While we didn't see wombats, as they are nocturnal, we saw plenty of evidence, including scat and footprints in each of the three reopened burrows.

The weather was great and we had a lovely time. We had a very quick stop in Berrigan at the bakery for their delicious donuts on the way home. Thanks must go to Mr Ward for driving the bus.



What's Been Happening at Finley High School

Lunch Time Walking Group commenced on Monday. This was inspired by Sophie Roe and 7 students enjoyed the first walk, sunshine, exercise and conversation.



NEXTWAVE
REGIONAL. YOUTH. FILM

Enter a short film into the Nextwave Youth Film Competition for your chance to win awesome awards and prizes, including Best School, and have your film premiere at SWIFF 2022 on the Coffs Coast!

If you like being creative, and want to have a go at filmmaking, SWIFF wants to see what you can do!

The rules are simple:

- Make a film under five minutes
- Include a pineapple
- Enter before October 12th to win!

For full terms and conditions, visit www.nextwavefilm.com.au

THE MATHS HATTER WITH THE LATEST MATHS MATTERS!



LATEST NEWS

Welcome to Mr Jim Mackintosh who has arrived at FHS this term from Hay via Coleambally. He covers for Ms Tanya Momot who has accepted the Relieving HT Mathematics over at Deniliquin High School for the rest of this year. Congratulations Ms Momot on this fantastic opportunity.



YEAR 7 MATHS

Year 7 have been working hard to build their key numeracy skills. So far this term we have focused on multiplication and division using gamification strategies.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Australian Mathematics Competition on 4th August
- Year 12 Trials in Week 6
- Mathematics Advanced and Standard 2 on Wednesday 18th of August
- Mathematics Extension 1 on Friday 20th of August
- Year 11 Yearly Exams in Week 9



PUZZLE OF THE FORTNIGHT!

A farmer has seventeen sheep. All but nine of them die. How many sheep does he have left?

See Miss Walker in the Maths Staffroom with your explanation. One person from each year group may claim the prize.

MATHS JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

Why do plants hate maths? It gives them square roots

FHS 2021

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Contact - 0473 946 683

August

- 9

K. Steel
- 16

M. Kleinschmidt
- 10

R. Matheson
- 17

F. Aull
- 11

L. Knight
- 18

T. Bauer
- 12
- 19

A. Lee
- 13

N. Wilkinson
- 20

E. Hurlston

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.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits



It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education



Every day
COUNTS!



| When your child misses just ... | that equals... | which is... | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... | This means, the best your child can achieve is... |
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| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days each year | 4 weeks each year | Nearly 1 ½ years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 11 |
| 1 day each week | 40 days each year | 8 weeks each year | Over 2 ½ years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 10 |
| 2 days each week | 80 days each year | 16 weeks each year | Over 5 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 7 |
| 3 days each week | 120 days each year | 24 weeks each year | Nearly 8 years of learning | Equal to finishing Year 4 |

School success starts with attendance