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Newsletter Week 6, Term 3, 2021

Key Dates

Date:	Event:
August 16 – 28	Lockdown – Home Learning

A word from Mr Ward

As I start to contemplate what to include in this newsletter, it is challenging to consider the difference a week can make. This year is a year like no other, following the previous year like no other! Of course, the resurgence of COVID-19 and in particular, the Delta variant has occupied everyone's time. Unlike 2020, when the entire state was sent home at the end of Term 1 knowing that we would commence Term 2 Learning from Home, then gradually managing the staged return to school across the state, this time around there was no lead in time for schools in regional NSW. Saying that I am very proud of the way our staff and students have quickly embraced remote learning and from all reports students are working well and staff are busy keeping the students on task. Thank you everyone for your cooperation during this difficult period.

Please be advised that home learning will continue in regional NSW for another week until the 28th of August.

To keep up to date on the latest information regarding home learning and other events please ensure to check your emails regularly or check our facebook page or website for information.

Visit from CEO Berrigan Shire

Last week we welcomed Karina Ewer, CEO of the Berrigan Shire, to the school. Karina had a quick tour of the school, meeting staff and students as well as a lunch session with the SRC. During this session Karina was able to talk about her role, the role of council and listen to ideas and suggestions from the students on how the council can support the youth in the area. Karina also had a productive meeting with our Careers Advisor, Deb White, on forming an arrangement with the school to promote traineeships and apprenticeships, keeping young people in the area.



STAY SAFE
together we will get through this

Respectful, Responsible Learners

Debating Champions

Congratulations to Mrs McNaught and our Debating Team who defeated Murrumbidgee High School on Friday.

The Year 9/10 Debating Team won their third debate, which means they are Zone Champions. The team consists of Alison Kleinschmidt, Sarah Bauer, Charlotte Hurlston and Sophie O'Donnell. We were the affirmative in our recent debate and the topic was 'That we should hold a national vote on any major social changes.' This was a difficult topic and the girls rose to the challenge. Our zone includes students from Hay, Barham, Griffith and Deniliquin. We will hear within a week or so, which zone winners from around the state we will compete against next.

Welcome – Practicum Student

At the start of Week 5 this term we welcomed practicum student Bethany Johnston to our English faculty. Miss Johnston comes from University Of Wollongong and is with us for 6 weeks. The students and staff are getting to know her and we hope she enjoys her time here at Finley High School. If you see Bethany around our school or community please welcome her.



Please take care and stay safe. Keep up the high expectations with home learning and remember to reach out if you or anyone you know needs help.

Jeff Ward Principal

Distance Education

Congratulations to Jade Selwood. She was awarded a perfect score for her HSC task written report. Jade studies Textiles and Design through Distance Education which creates an extra dimension to her studies. Jade is pictured modelling her major textiles project- a Gothic Victorian costume. She has worked on this project all year; concentrating on her costume in Term 2. It features a boned bodice (improvised with cable ties rather than whale bone!), fitted waist coat, a 3 tiered ruffle skirt and shirred sleeves. Intricate button holing is a feature of the bodice. It is an amazing piece of work. Good luck Jade. We look forward to hearing your results.



Agriculture

Community Hay Production Program for Finley High School



The Agriculture Program at Finley High School is blessed to have such loyal and supportive community members who have banded together to help provide hay to feed livestock. Noel A'Vard has been the main driver of the hay production for many years, sourcing local paddocks that he could sow and then cut for hay.

Last year, local businessmen, Roger Sutton and Sean McAuliffe generously came on-board, offering land on which to cut hay, and once again they have loaned land in 2021 to support the school. Over 200 round bales of hay were baled in 2020, which have been invaluable to support the intensive Shorthorn and Poll Dorset studs at school.

Alan Thwaites and Russell Anderson both freely contributed their time and machinery to bale the hay after Noel and Neville Sleeman had cut and raked the crops. The constant support from David Marsden, regularly carting straw and hay has been amazing, as well as Alan Callaghan who has transported hay back to school to be fed out to livestock.

Earlier this month Russell once again did a beautiful job sowing these same paddocks for the 2021 hay production, as well as also providing the seed. Greg Ingram generously offered his support and sprayed paddocks in preparation for seeding. All is set, and now with continued rain it is hoped that it will be a bountiful hay cut in 2021.



Year 11 Primary Industries completed Farm Motorbike training on August 5th and 6th. TAFE instructors attended to train the students in safe operation of 2 and 4 wheel motorbikes.



What's Been Happening at Finley High School

Year 12 Morning Tea



Careers – Leaders of Tomorrow Workshop showcasing career journeys of aspiring women architects, engineers & property professionals.



SHOUT OUT'S

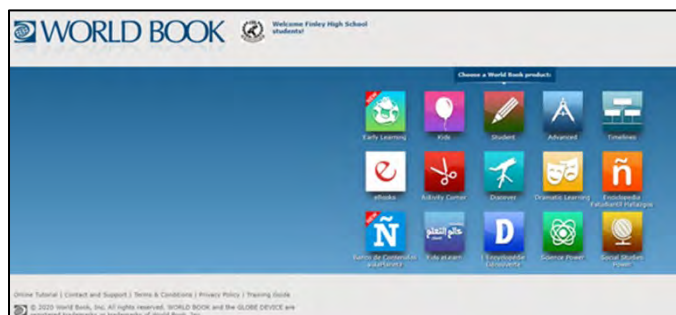
- Ms Archinal's Year 9 Science class and congratulate them on their efforts with their topic test.
- Mrs McNaught's 8C and 7C English classes. Students enrolled in zoom lessons on Tuesday and requested another one the next day.
- Year 12 Modern History are smashing it! Gold stars from me – Mrs Jackson

Wanting to escape lock down?

Escape to another world by reading or listening to a book in the comfort of your own home. All students and staff have access to a massive collection of eBooks and audio books through ePlatform by Wheelers.

You can go online to finleyhigh.eplatform.co and sign in using your school login or download the app on any device. To access the books, click on "find your library" and select Finley High School. Use your school username and password to login. Then all you have to do is choose your book and hit the Borrow button. Dyslexia friendly: If you need larger font or a different coloured background for reading, you can change this in your settings, see the clip below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uUaU3KEjRc>



Don't forget, you can also access a huge amount of information, eBooks, even learn French or Spanish through Wordbook online.

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and login with user ID : **finleyhs** password: **library**.

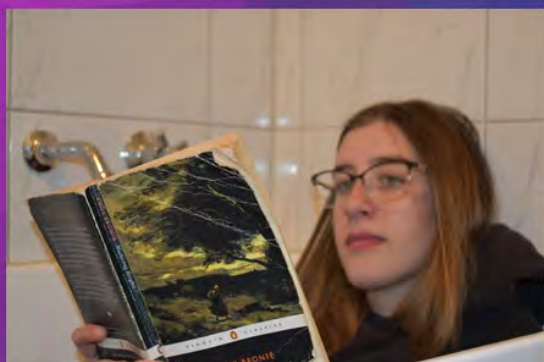
Happy reading!
Ms Begbie

SRC UPDATES



Social CANCELLED

DUE TO COVID, THE SRC HAS HAD TO CANCEL THE BEAUTY AND THE BOGAN THEMED SOCIAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING THIS EVENT AFTER COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.



Nomination FORMS

NOMINATION FORMS FOR THOSE WISHING TO APPLY FOR 2022 SCHOOL CAPTAIN OR THE 2022 SRC ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND CAN BE EMAILED BACK TO THE SCHOOL DURING LOCKDOWN. REVISED DATES FOR CAPTAIN SPEECHES AND VOTING WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN FACE TO FACE LEARNING RESUMES.

ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MISS GEEVES OR MRS TOBIN.



MS READATHON

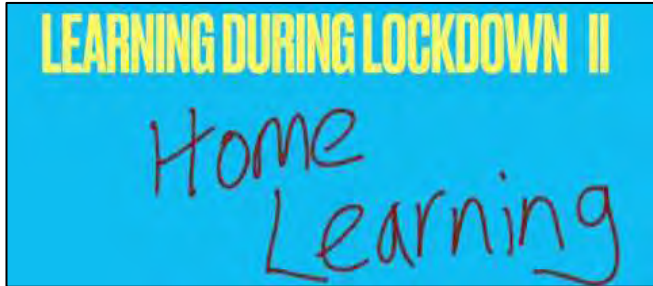
THE SRC ARE SUPPORTING THE MS READATHON DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO SIGN UP AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6

Many thanks to those parents already using the online platforms to order books from scholastic bookclub. Congratulations also to the students that spotted the printing catalogue error on the previous catalogue. We received the following advice from scholastic book club. There is the temporary option of parents having a home delivery option for any orders. This means that you can place and receive orders while your student is receiving home learning. As usual payments are made online through the Loop system. Simply search for Finley High School, select one of the teachers listed and your order can be processed. At this stage no physical catalogues are available, please use the following link. <https://scholastic.com.au/parents> Miss Coates



Canteen Roster & Community News



Please ensure your child/children are engaging in their learning from home. If you need help or have any queries please contact the school. If anyone has pictures they would like us to share of the students participating in learning from home please email them to the school: finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Contact - 0473 946 683

August

30 K. Nicholls

31 M. Kleinschmidt

1 W.Doolan

2 A. Lee

3 B. Belling

September

6 M. Close

7 F. Aull

8 L. Bryce

9 T. Bauer

10 R. Lockhart(Jerilderie)

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.



FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

ACCESSING WELLBEING STAFF DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Due to the current stay at home orders, for the remainder of the lockdown, if needed the following support staff can be contacted via these details;

School Counsellor- Madeline Schirmer

madeline.scott11@det.nsw.edu.au

Student Support Officer- Jodi Brown

jodie.brown29@det.nsw.edu.au

Alternatively, students can use online & phone services available such as Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800, or for an emergency please call 000



Application for School Captain 2022

The role of the Finley High School Captain is one of the most important and prestigious roles within the school. It is important that the school captain clearly understands the role and the responsibilities involved in undertaking the role.

To apply for the role of School Captain, you will need write a letter to Mr Ward which outlines the following:

- Why do you wish to be school captain of Finley High School?
- What experiences do you bring to the role?
- What can you do for the student body of Finley High School?
- What qualities do you believe a leader should have and how will you demonstrate these qualities if you are elected?

Nominees will need to get their letter endorsed (signature) by the following people:

- parent/guardian
- staff member
- Principal

Nomination letters will be read by the Principal and the SRC Coordinators. They will have the right to veto any nomination based on students not meeting our whole school values of respectful, responsible learners.

The nomination letter is to be submitted to Mr Ward by **3.15pm** on the **Friday of Week 6 (20th August)**.

Students will be expected to present a 2 minute speech (maximum) at the **Tuesday morning assembly in Week 8 (31st August)** addressing the criteria from their nomination letter. This speech is to be submitted for proofing no later than **3.15pm Thursday of Week 7 (26th August)**. Speeches are to be given to Miss Geeves or Mrs Tobin. If students fail to submit their speech for proofing, they will not be able to deliver their speech therefore making them ineligible to run for Captain/Vice-Captain.

Nominees will also be required to have an interview with the Principal, SRC Coordinators and a student representative. This will take place in Week 8 after the speeches have been delivered.

Voting will occur during Week 8 and the new school captains along with the new SRC representatives will be inducted during a leadership assembly in Week 1, Term 4.

If there are any queries regarding this application, please see SRC Coordinators Mrs Tobin or Miss Geeves.



FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

SRC NOMINATION FORM

(FOR CURRENT YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS)

NAME: _____ **YEAR:** _____

Why do you want to be a member of the SRC?

Whilst not essential, what previous leadership experience have you had? This could be at school, sport or through work.

What qualities do you believe a leader should have and how will you demonstrate these if you are elected?

Nominee Signature: _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____

Staff Signature: _____ **Principal Signature:** _____



Rural Road Safety Month

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Rural Road Safety Month is a national awareness campaign targeting regional and rural road safety. With two in three road deaths occurring on regional roads, the Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) encourages all road users to get involved and to take the pledge to Choose Road Safety during Rural Road Safety Month in September.

Statistics

- Rural road crashes account for more than 65% of the Australian road toll
- The rate of serious road-related injury among residents in rural areas is nearly twice that of those in major cities
- In 2020, 773 people lost their lives on Rural Roads
- Road trauma is the biggest killer of children 1-14 years in Australia

There are many ways to get involved: from changing behaviour on and around the road, to hosting an event in your local community, school or workplace.

Get involved

- Host a pledge event in your Workplace, School or Community
- Promote road safety across your social media platforms and in newsletters
- Get your Year 9 and 10's [RoadSet](#)
 - Find out more about this FREE online Edtech tool, educating students to be safer better road users
 - 10 engaging modules covering road safety issues relating to pedestrians, passengers, cyclists, skateboard and scooter riders and ultimately becoming a safe driver.
 - 90 minutes of road safety education
 - Find out more at www.roadset.com.au

Road safety is a community issue, it's on all of us to minimise risk of crashes and to save lives. We work with partners, governments and likeminded groups to find new innovations and practical solutions that address the issue.

The ARSF has developed a variety of FREE digital and supporting collateral that will help you support a Rural Road Safety Month activation in your school or community.

In addition we have a variety of products available for purchase.

It's a chance for all of us to be involved in making the roads safer.

Email us now to find out more about Rural Road Safety Month and receive a free e-collateral pack to host an event.

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Acknowledgement of Students

Congratulations and well done to our staff and students that attended the PSSA athletics recently to lend a helping hand, well done!



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7th August 2021

Finley Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival

Dear Mr Ward,

I am writing to you on behalf of Barooga Public School to send my wholehearted thanks to your staff and students who supported us in the running of our annual zone athletics carnival.

Thank you Mr Whitty for receiving my email requesting assistance and sending it on to the head teacher of PDHPE, Mr Tooke. Mr Tooke put together an amazing group of Year 9 students who represented Finley High School with enthusiasm and finesse. They looked immaculate in their school uniforms, spoke clearly and listened attentively. They were assigned roles and completed all tasks that were asked of them promptly without question or complaint which included wearing masks and sanitising regularly. They were courteous and polite for the duration of the event. I was privy to conversations where your high school students praised their younger counterparts' athletic prowess and made a genuine effort to congratulate all competitors for their efforts. I hope they understand the importance of their comments and the impact it had on our younger students. We were also delighted with a show of high school athleticism when the boys versed the girls in the relay.

I did convey our utmost thanks to them and reiterated to all schools that we could not have run such a successful carnival without the support of these amazing Finley HS students.

KInd regards,

Laura Keech
Athletics Convener