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Today's banner: *The Christmas elves have been out and about at
Finley High*

Key Dates

Newsletter Week 8, Term 4 2022

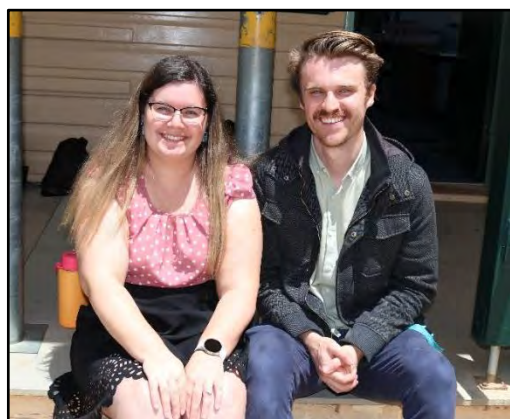
Date:	Event:
5 th to 9 th December	Year Ten Work Experience
9 th December	Year 11 Rewards Excursion
12 th December	Presentation Night – 6.45pm for 7pm start
14 th December	Years 7-9 Rewards Excursion
16 th December	Last day for students
19 th December	Staff Development Day
20 th December	School closed

A word from Mr Ward

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, I am continuously reminded of the great students and staff we have at Finley High School. This edition of the newsletter is full of these stories and many more.

I was recently asked to attend a class with Mr Maxwell in the hall playing pickleball where I paired up with Tyler Hall. Getting back into the classroom, seeing students display respect for each other and the teachers whilst giving their best is what education is all about. I then went to the Textiles room to see Mrs Wadsworth working with students in a lunch sewing class. The previous week Mrs Sexton gave up her time at lunch to take students to the hall to play basketball. This is just a small sample of great things happening at Finley High.

Miss Walker & Mr Pullen



At the end of every year we stop, thank and celebrate the work and legacy of those staff who will be leaving us.

Sadly, we announce that Miss Walker and Mr Pullen will be finishing with us at the end of the year. Miss Walker, who held a scholarship with the Department of Education, was selected to join our school at the start of 2020. We were even more fortunate that her partner Mr Pullen joined us in what was a massive coup for our school. Those three years have gone very fast and the contribution which they have made is enormous.

Miss Walker became the relieving head teacher in only her second year. She led the strategic support into numeracy and the numeracy team. She also led the Homework Club and was inspirational in revitalising the rewards program. Miss Walker is also an outstanding educator; her methods, support and guidance of students are first class. Whilst her enthusiasm for math was infectious, she made math fun.

Mr Pullen too will be sadly missed, he is a popular teacher who is very patient and supportive. Mr Pullen's expertise with technology is outstanding. He was instrumental in developing the iStem class and was the Aurora coordinator. Always calm, easy going and relaxed best sum up Mr Pullen.

Together Miss Walker and Mr Pullen have made a significant contribution to the school and will be sadly missed. We wish them all the best as they plan to travel for six months before settling somewhere closer to home.

School Spectacular

Miss Bower has reported from Sydney where Kassidy Cole and Taralee Graham performed at the 2022 School Spectacular. She said that the girls were remarkable and were a credit to the school, community and Department of Education. We are very proud of Kassidy and Taralee's achievements and hope the memories they have last a lifetime. Well done girls.

Year 10 Excursion to Melbourne

It was an absolute pleasure to spend three days in Melbourne with 28 outstanding Year 10 students and three sensational staff members last week. I would like to thank Ms Archinal for organising such a wonderful, fun-filled excursion. Her energy and enthusiasm was infectious. Mr Hay led from the front as the king of the kids and got involved in everything. His effort on the ice skates was a mixture of tenacity and tears of laughter. Mr O'Hara was a wonderful support and true professional as the bus driver. Thank you to the students; you were amazing, especially the way you approached every activity with vigour.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to Sarah Bauer who was successful with her application to the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program, Class of 2024. Over 1300 applications were received and successful applicants of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program will become part of a supportive university community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities in January at the Parkville campus. Well done, Sarah.

Curious Minds Program

Alison Kleinschmidt has been successful with her application to participate in the Curious Minds program for 2022-23. This is a terrific accomplishment as the program received an overwhelming response from students keen to be considered from around Australia. Curious Minds empowers girls who are passionate, high performers in STEM subjects. Well done, Alison.

William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship

Congratulations to Olivia Campbell in Year 9 who has been selected as the recipient of the William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship. Olivia was selected because of her dedication and commitment to her studies, high attendance and her willingness to continue on to Year 12 and beyond with her studies. Olivia is a very deserving recipient.

Nicola DiLullo

Another outstanding student achieving wonderful success is Nicola DiLullo. Nicola has been selected as a leader at the Burn Bright Leadership Camp in 2023. Nicola has also been accepted into the future VET kids camp in Sydney during the school holidays.

International Rules Tour to Ireland

We wish Isaac Lunn all the best as he heads to Ireland with a junior representative team to play International Rules Football. Isaac will join boys from NSW, VIC, QLD and WA on the tour for 16 days. We wish Isaac all the best on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Jeff Ward
Principal

Assembly

Principal Awards were presented to the following students



Back:

Jacob Orro, Brock Bear, Nicola DiLullo, Rosie Steel, Mr Majernik, Sienna Burke

Front:

Chelsea Winn and Taralee Graham



The following students were presented with certificates for consistent effort and achievement in CAPA/TAS.

Back: *Chloe Rorato, Cassidy Reynolds, Meg Marshall, Jonathan Shen, Callum Lindner, Matt Whelan, Tess Middleton, Sam O'Hora, Lincoln McCallum and Amanda Stevenson*

Middle: *Hayley Kernaghan, Tiana Cowan, Sophie O'Donnell, Kade Buckley, Summer Parker, Ryan Bauer and Jarred Hislop*

Front: *Jordahna McIntyre, Laura Hamilton-Watts, Ammy Brown, Jaidyn White, Farron Urrutia and Nicholas Kernaghan*

Years 7-9 Rewards Excursion

The rewards excursion scheduled for Wednesday 14th December will go ahead. Years 7-9 will be transported by bus to Albury, visiting Bounce, Escape Room and then time for some shopping. On return, buses will drop off in central locations in Tocumwal, Berrigan and Jerilderie before returning to Finley. Albury leave times will be posted on social media on the day.

Mrs White - Coordinator

Year 8 - Experiencing Electrostatics!

Ms Archinal's Year 8 Science class have had quite a hair-raising experience with their latest subject.



RDA Christmas Breakup

Taralee and Kade have travelled to Cobram Riding Develops Abilities (RDA) throughout the year to participate in activities on horseback. Taralee and Kade have improved amazingly over the 12 months, demonstrating great balance and dexterity to complete activities whilst mounted on a horse.

Kade and Taralee attended the "Anything Royal" fancy dress Christmas break up party and enjoyed lunch and activities including a ride in a horse drawn carriage fit for royalty!

Black Betty patiently ensured that all the participants enjoyed a safe horse drawn carriage ride. This, along with a lovely lunch and a visit from Santa Claus to present the trophies rounded off a successful year of RDA activities.



Mrs Sally Marsden - Coordinator



New Arrivals to the Ag Plot

One day old chicks were being proudly shown off by these students last Thursday:

Summer Parker, Monet Vinecombe, Tahni Dunne, Tarlia Doll, Ella Gane, Bryce Conn is holding the box.



Operations In Action

Mr Maslen's Year 12 Business Studies class have been putting their theory into practice. This term, students have been learning about business operations and the transformation of inputs (raw materials) into outputs (finished products).

As part of this, Finley High School placed an order to the three sub-corporations of Year 12 Business Studies for 90 paper airplanes (30 each) for a paper airplane throwing contest. Students were given a set time to conduct research and development on the most aerodynamic design and produce the required 30 paper planes. Groups of planes were then selected a random over 10 rounds to determine the winning business, 'Bofa Pty Ltd'.



School Based Apprenticeship Training (SBAT)

Congratulations to Courtney Lunn on achieving her Certificate II in Hospitality. Courtney undertook a School Based Traineeship (SBAT), which involved her working the equivalent of one day per week whilst also undertaking online study. Courtney was supported by the Country Club Hotel and my sincere appreciation goes to them. Courtney showed great discipline in succeeding with her Certificate II. She worked independently with much of her theory work and then put it into practice at work.

Courtney is currently employed by the Country Club Hotel and is pictured with the chef Priuljith Chonkulangaraunnikris (Jithu)



Work Experience

Some students have completed their Work Experience outside the set time to accommodate various employers and travel etc.



Riley Sutton and his family travelled all the way to the Northern Territory to Crocodylus Park. Riley has been feeding the crocs, assisting with visitors, maintaining the cleanliness of the park and generally having a great time.

Erica Nicholls was at Banksia Park Puppies last week. Here is Erica- hard at work!



Mrs Jenny Philpot
Careers

Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) Hike



On Friday 18th November a group of 19 elite PASS students, 3 teachers and one SLSO travelled to Porepunkah to participate in "The Big Walk." A 13.5 km, grade 3, 4 hour, 1.2km gain in altitude, hike. After a minor setback with the bus, and some toasties to get us through, we arrived at our destination an hour late. We had some time to make up.

The first section of the hike was definitely the hardest, but we all got through it. The students' (and teachers') fitness was tested but we pushed ourselves onward and upward to our first rest spot at the base of Rollason's Falls. After a lunch stop it was time to

move on. As we snaked up the mountain through the forest, the terrain began to change to a more rugged, rocky landscape. As we got higher there were many lookouts to stop and admire the view, which is very different from home.

We were lucky enough to see numerous waterfalls. The last section was definitely challenging as some of us were pushed toward breaking point. Many students demonstrated great resilience in getting to the top. This was the hardest thing some of them had ever done.

Huge thanks to Mr Tooke for driving the bus and Mr Maxwell, Mr Hay and Keeley Coates for coming along.

Mr Maxwell – *"Every day is a good day at Finley High School but this was a great day"*



Wellbeing

Life Choices – Make Bullying History

Our students were fortunate enough to have Brett Murray come speak to them today about making bullying history.

Years 7,8, 9 and Year 10 students who did not attend the Melbourne excursion attended the presentation. Brett is a passionate and engaging presenter who experienced bullying as a teenager and has since made a big difference in many lives. His message was strong and focused on remembering that what is happening for you right now is just temporary, you are valuable, you are worthy. He encouraged the students to have a dream, set a goal and go for it.



Visual Arts – Years 9/10 Ceramic Busts



Tracey Huang



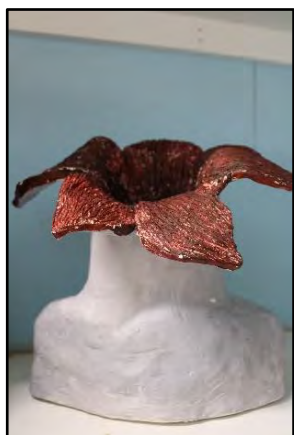
Kohan Joseph



Alison Kleinschmidt



Hailey McLean



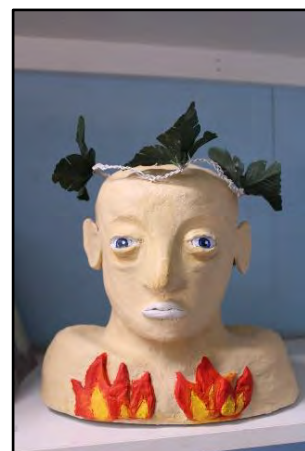
Macey McCallum



Kohan Joseph



Nicola DiLullio



Olivia Campbell

YEAR 10 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 23rd of November 28 Year 10 students and 3 teachers (Ms Archinal, Mr Ward and Mr Hay with Mr O'Hora driving the bus) embarked on an ambitious project of winding the curriculum into an excursion to Melbourne. This was, in fact, an easy task to do.

The Zoo and Aquarium were Ms Archinal's favourite places as they covered the Biology aspect. Shopping covered Economics and Mathematics, the vast number of photos/Bereel/videos were made for PDM; surfing, ice skating and Funfields for Physics and PDHPE; the vast amount of communicating ideas when it came to where we would go and how we would get there for English; the reading of maps and timetables for Geography and the critiquing and taste testing at Mr Hay's suggestions for Food Technology. All this before we even consider the fun that was had!

From the conversations I overheard on the way home a lot of students had trouble working out which activity was their favourite! A great time was had by all, and all the teachers were very impressed with the behaviour of the group that we took away.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ward, Mr Hay and Mr O'Hora for their time over the three days.

Ms Archinal



Year 7 LOTE

ROLE PLAYING

Year 7 students are pictured as they practise their French dialogue in a restaurant setting

School Spectacular

Early last week, Miss Bower, Kassidy Cole and Taralee Graham set off for Sydney to be involved in the annual Schools Spectacular, which The Arts Unit puts on. Over 5000 students performed in this production. Kassidy and Taralee were 2 of only 130 students accepted into the D'Arts Ensemble out of the 450 students who applied for it. There were two full days of rehearsals before they had four performances across Friday and Saturday (2 matinees and 2 night performances).



The week was full of so many ups and downs. Kassidy and Taralee took the challenges in their stride, adapted to changes, made friends, helped other schools by doing their makeup and represented their school to the best of their abilities.

The show will be televised on **Channel 7 on the 17th December 2022 at 7 pm.**

Miss Taneya Bower
Coordinator

Presentation Night and Waterwheel Sponsorship

Thank you to the businesses who have generously sponsored the Finley High School Waterwheel Magazine and the Finley High School Presentation Night for 2022

Kelvin Baxter Transport
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Victoria Mott
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Southern Riverina News
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Jerilderie Sports Club
Finley IGA
Finley Community Help Group
Dempster Seed & Grading
Berrigan Caravan Park
Bee News & Lotto
Andrew Cherry
Finley Bakery

Trade Trafficker News

The second half of the year saw a very hard-working Commerce class build their knowledge and skills in a wide range of areas. One of the highlights was the Running a Business unit, during which students operated their Market Day operations. The followings are some samples of their work from the unit including some conclusions from the assessment tasks:

Starting a business From Scratch

Identifying an opportunity in the market and starting a brand new business

OPPORTUNITIES TO START FROM SCRATCH

- An individual with a **unique idea** not already in the market
- **Growing market** requires more business to meet consumer demand
- Current business not satisfying customer needs.

ADVANTAGES

- **Freedom** in management
- **Flexibility** in selecting products, market and location
 - No goodwill losses
 - Easy to start smaller scale
- **Less costly**
- **Business control**
- Ability to build a personalised image

OTHER TIPS

- Identify a clear **gap or opportunity**
- Organise a comprehensive **business plan**
- Choose market and **reach an audience**
- utilise **networking**

HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS

- Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
- AusIndustry
- NESB: New Enterprise Assistance Scheme (for new business assistance)
- Government Grants
- Start-up Business Grants

DIFFICULTIES TO CONSIDER

- **High risk**
 - Initial cash outlay
- **Time to establish a profitable business**
 - Slow start-up - minimal profits
- **Hard to attract customers** against competitors

I do not believe our business would not be sustainable at school as they would not comply with the healthy schools standards. It would also not be as popular during the warmer terms 1 and 4. I also think students and staff would become uninterested in nuggets.

The results of the customer satisfaction survey were very positive as 45% of people said it was very good and 43% of people said it was good. We could have improved by being more prepared and getting more time to cook the chicken nuggets. We also could have marked each bag with a T for tempura, C for crumbed and D for Dino chicken nuggets which would have made things easier. The average of our customer service satisfaction survey was 85.551%.

During this topic of 'Running a Business' I learnt how to manage finances and make a cost benefit analysis. I also learnt that things in a business can change and you have to think of a way to accommodate the changes quickly and efficiently. You also have to be able to communicate with your business partners and the customers. You also need to have plans in places to aid you in running your business." - Rosie

Promotional poster for different types of businesses by Sarah.

What I have learnt about running a business through market day is to never overestimate the number of products you should produce. In our case, this just leads to food waste and gross old toasties at the end. Listening closer to your customers and market can help guide business owners on how much they should make. Early on in the lunch time period people could realise how unpopular our store was, therefore expecting a price drop. This meant no one really wanted to purchase the cheese toasties for the original price and just waited until they dropped. This was quite negative for our business as we were not making the estimated amount of profit." - Samantha

"Things I have learnt about running a market day stall is that it is a little bit of work to trying set up and to plan what you are doing but after you figure all of that out it is quite fun running it, it was great to be able to experience what it was like and it was a good learning experience for all of us. Another thing I have learnt is advertising is important, the way your shop is presented is also quite important and the products you are selling are important. Our prices were quite cheap but I think that's why people kept coming back and buying lots more of what we had to offer, also we made a decent profit which we were all happy

about. So that is what I've learnt about running a stall, I think it was great fun and would definitely do it again." - Kyra

"I think what I have learned about running a business is that you need to be aware of all the variables when attempting to run a business. Our group didn't consider the fact that the toasties would go cold and soggy and so we prepared them all ahead of time. In hindsight we only needed two people at the actual stall as Cutta and Sam had already finished all of the toasties and were just left standing around not really doing anything so I think that is we were to attempt it again doing toasties again we would prepare a batch of toasties before lunch and then prepare the rest of the toasties throughout lunch. Another variable that we didn't consider was how the toasties actually tasted. We never made a toastie beforehand using the ingredients that we used on market day so we didn't know whether or not they tasted good and I believe if we had prepared one beforehand we would have added ham to the toasties to make them taste better. I also believed that we should have attempted to market our toasties better as people might have brought the lack of ham up before market day which might have let us make a last minute change to our recipe. Also I made an observation I made about the other groups. They offered more options for customers to choose from and it appeared that they were more successful so perhaps we should have offered more than cheese toasties and a guess to win a jar of jelly beans. In the end we did end up with a profit so it was still a success." - Jye

The students chose to donate funds from Market Day this year to Finley St Vincent de Paul.



Demi, Dan and Rosie present Mr Greg McNamara of St Vincent de Paul with \$400 on behalf of the Commerce class of 2022.

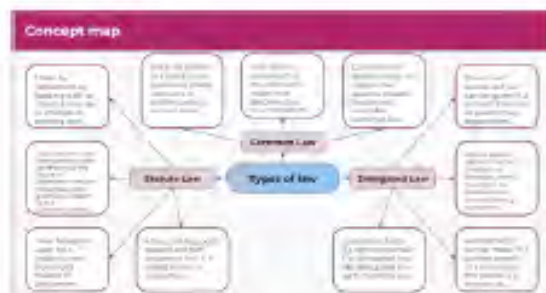
But Commerce is not all about money and trade. It is also about law and our political system. The following are samples of some of the student work in this area:



Fishbone diagram considering government responsibility in Australia by Erin



Jam Board considering Victorian law and how it relates to NSW law by Dan.



Concept Map looking at how laws are made in Australia by Cutta



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Respectful
Responsible
Learners

Dear Parent/Caregiver.

Finley High School introduced a new program called "IXL" (*I excel*) in 2017.

How does IXL Run?

- IXL is run for Years 11 and 12 will run as a 3-period block once per week.
- Teachers of years 11 and 12 will provide work for students in their classes to complete during IXL. **These tasks are compulsory.** Teachers set, check and monitor that these tasks have been completed. In some circumstances, the tasks form the foundation of future learning in the classroom.
- Students will be provided with a booklet that they will complete each week. In the IXL booklet, students will plan their IXL time to ensure that all their allocated tasks are completed. This booklet will be kept and monitored on a weekly basis by the IXL coordinator.
- ***ATTENDANCE AT IXL SESSIONS IS COMPULSORY. Parents of absent students will be contacted each week.***

What are the goals of IXL?

- We want all students who leave Finley High school to have skills for life. IXL is to encourage senior students to become lifelong independent learners and develop organisational and planning skills. Students will develop responsibility and accountability for more of their learning.
- Reducing face-to-face teaching in the HSC course by 1 period per subject per cycle has enabled 1 extra subject to be offered on each line.
- This has broadened the curriculum in the senior school.

Where does IXL occur?

- IXL sessions occur in the VTR and library which have been refurbished for this program. The library is be closed to all other classes during these times and will be for the exclusive use of Year 11 or Year 12.

Who will supervise IXL sessions?

- IXL sessions will be supervised by the IXL coordinator and the teacher librarian.

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Year 11 and 12 Teacher Responsibilities

- Each week teachers set meaningful and compulsory learning activities for students to complete during IXL sessions (preferably with written instructions).
- Appropriate tasks could include: *Reading and note taking from texts, answering exercises and questions from texts, answering exam style and past HSC questions, working on assessment tasks, preparing topic summaries, watching videos or movies that are directly related to course work (students must supply own earphones/buds), completing interactive tutorials and animations.*
- Check and mark any set work and follow up with appropriate communication with the student and home. Record this in the HSC Monitoring folder.

Year 11 and 12 Student Responsibilities

- **BE RESPECTFUL:** to each other, to staff and to the library, following all rules on behaviour and attendance during IXL.
- **BE RESPONSIBLE:** be punctual and bring everything you require for 3 periods of independent learning during IXL each week.
- **BE LEARNING:** make wise use of your time; do your best to work hard and maintain your focus; develop some self-discipline and academic rigour. Your teachers will have supplied learning activities for you to do!

Michael O'Leary
(IXL Coordinator)

Jeff Ward
(Principal)

Canteen Roster

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Contact – 0473 946 683

Volunteers are asked to be at the canteen by 10am sharp.

December

6 th	M Close
8 th	T Bauer
13 th	G Ferguson