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Newsletter Week 4, Term 1, 2022

## Key Dates

Date:	Event:
Tomorrow, February 18	All students – Swimming Carnival
February 28	Zone Swimming Carnival in Hay
February 28	Open Boys Cricket
March 1	Yr 7 & 10 ~ Immunisations
March 3	Open Basketball ~ Boys & Girls
March 7	School Photos
March 8	Yr 12 Standard 2 Math ~ Task 2 Yr 12 Advanced Math ~ Task 2
March 9	P & C Meeting & AGM
March 10	Police Liaison Officer visiting Yr 12 Standard 1 Math ~ Task 2
March 28 – April 1	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

## A word from Mr Ward

It has been one of the best starts to a school year that I can remember. The students have settled in very well, staff are excited about the prospect of undertaking extra curricular activities, classrooms seem settled and the playground is a calm and safe place to be. We have had our challenges, especially with staff and students away sick, but we have been resourceful and have managed. Getting back into the classroom myself this year and teaching has given me further appreciation of what great students we have in this wonderful school.

This year we have finally transitioned into the new school uniform and I am encouraged by the number of students, staff, parents and community who comment on how smart the school looks. Thank you for your support of the new uniform.

We continue to do everything to stay safe from Covid, mask wearing is mandatory indoors and on buses. I am aware of the challenges of wearing masks, but we must continue to do this to keep everyone safe. Please think of others who are more vulnerable such as your grandparents or those at serious risk. Also, continue to RAT test twice a week, socially distance, maintain the highest standards of hygiene by washing our hands regularly and stay home if sick.

## Retirement of Mrs Patricia Jackson

This week I received notification from Mrs Jackson that she would be officially retiring on the 13th March. For our new students and parents, Mrs Jackson is our substantive Deputy Principal and has been on leave since November 2020. Mrs Jackson attended Finley High School as a student from Year 7 to 12 before leaving to attend teacher's college. She returned as a HSIE teacher, specialising in Business Studies, later becoming Head Teacher of HSIE before taking on the role of the Deputy Principal in 2016. In 2018 when Mrs McRae left, Mrs Jackson became the Acting Principal before I arrived in Term 4 that year.



This is a wonderful legacy and one very few people could say they have done. To go from Year 7 to Principal is an exceptional accomplishment. In the two years I worked with Mrs Jackson her passion was around supporting those students who did it a little tough and would go that extra mile to support them. She was also very supportive of school sports and the arts. Mrs Jackson can often be seen out on the golf course or supporting the Finley Cats. Mrs Jackson took some leave in 2019 to travel to South America and she would often share what a wonderful journey that was for her. The school would like to thank Mrs Jackson for over 30 years of service and dedication to thousands of students and wish her all the best in retirement.

Mr Whitty will continue in the relieving Deputy Principal role. Advertising for a new Deputy Principal will occur later in the year.

## Year 7 2022 Day Trip to Murray Life Adventures, Torrumbarry

Congratulations to Mr Webb for his work and initiative in putting together the day excursion for Year 7 on Friday the 4th February. With the Howman's Gap excursion put back this year to the start of Term 2, Mr Webb knew how important it was to get the students together at the start of a new school year. The students had a 'blast' and came home exhausted, experiencing the big swing, flying fox, rock climbing, archery, canoeing and other team building activities. Special thanks also go to Mr Tooke, Miss Geeves, Hilary Knight, Jodi Brown and our student leaders who came along to supervise, they were fantastic.

## Girls Advisor 2022

I would also like to congratulate Ms Bower who has accepted the Girls Advisor position for 2022 and beyond. Ms Bower was successful through an EOI process and has been passionate about welfare for some time. She is especially keen and she adds this role to already a growing list of exciting positions in 2022. Mrs Bower is heading to Sydney with a group of students soon for the Resilience Arts Program. This year she is also running an accelerated math program, she coordinates MADD and runs the school dance program after school.

The outgoing Girls Advisor is Mrs Baxter. She has done an exceptional job for the last two years. Mrs Baxter stepped down from the position to focus on her Executive role. Mrs Baxter was instrumental in mentoring and supporting many of our students and a lot of her work often goes unnoticed due to the confidential and discreet nature of the role. Thank you Mrs Baxter.

## 1981 Dux Andrew Cherry

This week I was fortunate to meet and spend some time with our 1981 dux Andrew Cherry. Andrew is very supportive of our school and donates prizes to our high achievers in math and science. Andrew is also keen to continue this support for which we are most grateful. He also provides an "Acacia Scholarship" through the Public Education Foundation that is available to a student from our school region.

Andrew grew up on a farm outside Berrigan and attended Finley High when it had a school population of approximately 800. He values the time spent here and considers it set him up for later successes. He spoke highly of his teachers, particularly recently retired teacher Mrs Braybon and her influence. After his HSC Andrew attended Sydney University where he completed a Bachelor of Science, with majors in Statistics and Pure Mathematics. This led to a consulting career in the Information Technology arena. He still considers himself a country boy and says he has never forgotten his time at Finley High School.



## Youth Engagement Officer, Amy Epstein

This week we had a visit from our youth engagement officer, Senior Constable Amy Epstein. Amy has been working with the school for some time now, assisting us with advice, support and education. Amy works out of the Albury PCYC building and travels across regularly.

## Canteen news

The new storeroom for the canteen has been completed and is already being fully utilised. The canteen staff and their volunteers have been especially busy and are always keen for new volunteers. Please offer to help out, it's a great way to get to know new people and interact with the students. Volunteers can contact the canteen on 0473 946 683.

## P & C

The first P & C meeting was held on the evening of the 9th February and it was great to see some new faces at the meeting. The P & C support is essential for the smooth running of a school, especially the financial support.

Miss Treacy presented on a number of projects and received funding to take the Stage 6 (Years 11/12) Hospitality students to a Trade Fair in Melbourne.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## Hannah Taylor

Next Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> February we farewell one of our wonderful SLSOs, Hannah Taylor. Hannah has been with us for a year and is a much loved member of staff and the support she gives the students has been outstanding. We wish Hannah all the best as she and her family pursue new adventures overseas.



*Jeff Ward, Principal*

## Dodgeball

Frenzied scenes were in play last Thursday at the Grand Final of the Dodgeball Competition. In fever pitch conditions the Year 12 team displayed great ferocity in a very frantic game that saw them the victors over the Year 10/11 side. Congratulations!



## Year 7 day trip to Murray Life Adventures at Torrumbarry

Year 7 had a fun, and challenging day to get to know each other at Murray Life Adventures. The adrenaline rushing giant swing and flying fox off the 12-metre tower were two highlights, as well as the massive climbing wall.

Plenty enjoyed the "bush surfing" to cool down a little on the hot day. A challenge trail, blindfold canoeing and archery rounded out the activities. Well done and thanks to the 6 SRC senior members who also came to support the year 7's.

We were incredibly thankful to the P&C who funded this excursion, with the generous support of the Rotary Club of Finley, and the Rotary Club of Jerilderie. Thankyou, this enabled everyone to have the opportunity to go and get to know new friends.

I asked some students how the day went ...

Their biggest challenges ...

"The flying fox because of how high it was. It was frightening at first, but it was really good". (Harry)

"Ordering my food at Maccas" (Bobby)

"Going to the top of the giant swing" (Monet)

"Climbing the "extreme" rock climbing wall, that was my highlight of the week" (Amelia)

Their favourite things ...

"... the big swing, going to the top was amazing but it is scary once you say "go all the way to the top"" (Ebony)

"The giant swing was my favourite even though I was very nervous, it was so fun" (Lucy)

"The big swing or the zipline because they were super high and fun" (Milena)

"Going on the big swing because it filled me with adrenaline" (Ryan)

"Spending time with other students; I got to know other people that I didn't know" (Emma)



## Career News – Year 12

Last Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February a Tertiary Information event happened outside the Careers Office and in the MPR. Year 11 and 12 students were able to meet with recruitment officers from LaTrobe Uni, Charles Sturt Uni, Wodonga TAFE and Riverina TAFE. Students had the opportunity to speak with the recruiters about what their institution has to offer students and their procedures around applications. This was a great opportunity for Finley High School students to connect with our locally based institutions. Both of the Universities involved offer early entry programs and over the years we have seen many Finley High School students apply and be successful in gaining university entry under such programs. The TAFE options are also growing in popularity as we see more students look to take up TAFE courses and traineeships / apprenticeships in preference to studying at university in the current COVID climate.



Each week Year 12 students receive to their DET email account a Careers newsletter with events happening in Careers, upcoming dates, job vacancies, university and TAFE information such as course updates, scholarships, dates and much more. Any parents or carers who would like to receive their own digital copy of this news may contact the school office with your email address so as it can be added to the mail out.



**PBL Winners**  
Year 7 Bryce Conn  
Year 8 Rayleisha Diwell  
Year 9 Nevaeh Webb  
Year 10 Oscar Gilham  
Year 11 Lenny Dattoli  
Year 12 Riley Klienschmidt

*Weekly Focus: "As a responsible Learner I will work to the best of my ability."*

**Respectful, Responsible, Learners achieving excellence together.**

**Respectful, Responsible Learners**

# School Student Travel

## Term 1 2022



### School student travel information for parents and students

#### School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Terms of Use

**Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

#### 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.

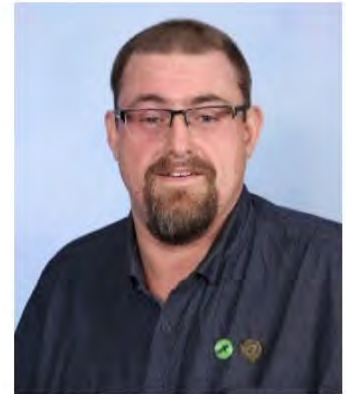
There are exemptions for children under 12 years, individuals with breathing difficulties, and those who have physical conditions that make it difficult to wear a face mask.





Mr Jeff Ward  
Principal

## Finley High School Wellbeing Team 2022



Mr Matthew Whitty  
Relieving Deputy Principal



Mr Alex Hay  
Head Teacher  
Wellbeing  
Year 12 Advisor  
Boys Advisor



Ms Tanea Bower  
Girls Advisor



Mr Gary Webb  
Yr 7 Advisor



Mrs Kathy  
Dempster Year 8  
Advisor



Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan  
Year 8 Advisor



Mrs Deb White  
Year 9 Advisor



Miss Chloe  
Treacy Year 9  
Advisor



Ms Michelle Archinal  
Year 10 Advisor



Mr Daryl Bird  
Year 11 Advisor



Mrs Di  
Sexton Year  
12 Advisor



Mrs Madeline Schirmer  
School Counsellor



Miss Louisa Quiddington  
School Counsellor



Mrs Jodi Brown  
School Support  
Officer

The Wellbeing Team work closely together to ensure the needs of students are met. The team aims to create opportunities that promote positive wellbeing in individual, group and whole school settings.



## CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

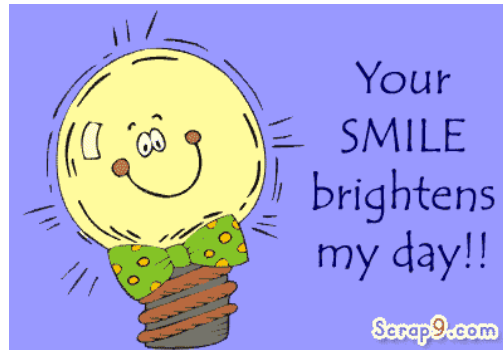
Contact – **0473 946 683**

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

If unable to attend on your rostered day please change with someone else.

If unsuccessful please ring the canteen on 0473 946 683 only in an emergency.

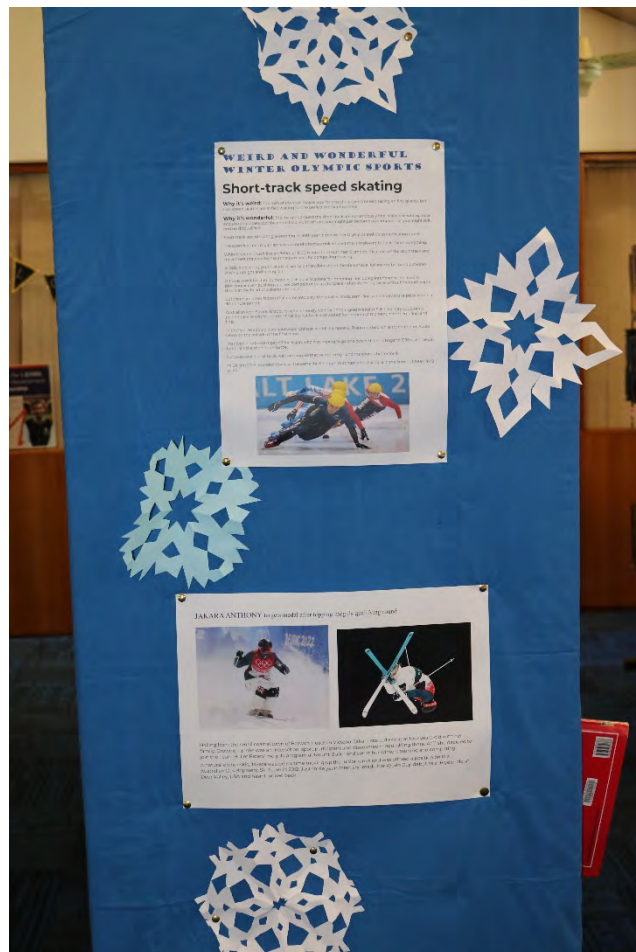
<b>February 18</b>	Swimming Carnival
21	M Close
22	
23	P Neessen
24	
25	N Nash
28	C Rorato
<b>March 1</b>	
2	K Nicholls
3	
4	E Hurlston



**The Canteen  
& Uniform Shop  
is open  
from 8.30am –  
2.30pm  
Monday to Friday**



Have you seen the amazing Winter Olympics display in the Library



## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2022 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) or consent signed in 2021.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw\\_consent.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx).

**A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Wilson MLHD Immunisation Coordinator, Albury PHU on 1300 066 055.

SUMMER TOUR 2022

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Or Finley Library (9.30 to 12pm) Sat Jan 29<sup>th</sup> and Sat Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Rose Tilley Ph. 0419 130 929 for more info

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# Finley High School

Photo Day 2022  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March



To Order Photos:

Go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and click "Order Photos". Enter your child's personalised shootkey and follow the prompts.

Order your School Photos before midnight 14<sup>th</sup> March

Late Orders can be accepted after 14<sup>th</sup> March by contacting 03 5482 3190. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day with the unique shootkey on the Family form. These are available from the school office. One shootkey per family.



03 5482 3190  
admin.mrr@msp.com.au  
[www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

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WHITTON, WHITTON PARK	16 MAR	HILLSTON, STAN PETERS OVAL	24 MAR
JERILDERIE, MONASH PARK	17 MAR	IVANHOE, SAHARA OVAL	25 MAR
HAY SHEAR OUTBACK	18 MAR	EUSTON RECREATION RESERVE	26 MAR
WAKOOL RECREATION RESERVE	19 MAR	POONCARIE RACECOURSE	27 MAR
KYALITE PUB	20 MAR	BYO CHAIRS, DRINKS, NIBBLES	

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