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Newsletter Week 2, Term 1, 2022

Key Dates

Date:	Event:
February 4	Yr 12 Assessment Task
February 4	Year 7 Day Trip – 7am ~ 6pm
February 7 - 9	Year 7 Best Start
February 11	Years 11/12 Charles Sturt University visit
February 16 – 17	Year 12 University of Wollongong Excursion
February 17	All students – Early Swimming Events
February 18	All students – Swimming Carnival

A word from Mr Ward

Welcome back. I would like to welcome all new families to the Finley High School community. It has been a nice, settled start to the year and I have had the privilege to visit many of our classrooms and witness the enthusiasm and engagement of our students in learning. Our teachers are well prepared for the year ahead and it's critical that our students attend school regularly and be well prepared for learning. This means having the necessary books, stationery and charged electronic devices.

New uniform

After a two year transition, the new uniform is all the rage and it is fantastic that our students are embracing the change. Please contact your year advisor, Mr Whitty or myself if you are having any issues in regards to the new uniform.

New staff

I would like to welcome the following staff to Finley High School:

Kim Denny - TAS

Charlie Perry – Visual Arts

Louisa Quiddington – School Psychologist





Jack Maslen – Maths
Tim Buckley – SLSO
Keeley Letson – SLSO
Keeley Coates – SLSO
Chelsea McDonald – SLSO



Farewell

Mrs Kerene McLennan has taken up a position at Cobram Special School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kerene for the wonderful contribution she made to the school and for the care and commitment she showed the students during her time here.

Staffing vacancies

I am currently working with the recruitment department to fill three permanent vacancies. (Head teacher maths, PDHPE teacher, HSIE teacher). However, in the meantime we have all classes covered with temporary and permanent staff. I am even excited myself as I'm back in the classroom teaching a year 10 History class.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the following students and community member who at their respective Australia Day Award ceremonies were recognised. We at Finley High are very proud of your achievements.

Mrs Carmen Lawton (P & C treasurer), Murrumbidgee Council Citizen of the Year.

Matthew Whelan, Berrigan Shire Young Sportsman of the Year.

Ruby Neessen and Zara Williams were awarded the Little Aussie Award from Murrumbidgee Council.

HSC results 2021

Finley High School students received their HSC results on Thursday 20th January 2021 and these were met with excitement from students, parents and staff. After a tough two years, enormous credit goes to the students and their teachers. We had 70 individual scores in the top 3 bands (70% above) and 22 individual scores in the top 2 bands (80% above).

Our top achievers were Cassandra Renneburg who achieved a Band 6 (E4) in English Extension 2 and Larshya Sutharamohan who achieved a Band 6 in Advanced Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 (E4). Larshya's achievement is even more exceptional as she has just completed Year 10 and these were the only subjects in the HSC she completed along with her Year 10 studies.

Congratulations also goes to Ally Barlow who achieved 4 Band 5s, Rose Chamberlain achieved 3 Band 5s, Cassandra Renneberg achieved 3 Band 5s along with her E4 in Extension English. Other students who achieved excellent results include Rory Knight, Sydnee Matthews, Annabel Middleton, Jade Selwood, Lily Sharp and Emma Vidler.

12 subjects achieved a Band 5 or above. Of the 2021 cohort, 16 have early entry to university, with another 8 going into local apprenticeships or traineeships. A number of students are taking a gap year. Many students did so well. Success is attained only through the satisfaction of knowing you did everything within the limits of your ability to become the very best that you are capable of being. There are so many students who I could also mention who did their very best and it's not always about a Band 5 or above. Congratulations Year 12 2021.

Jeff Ward, Principal

Rapid Antigen Tests

Next week's Rapid Antigen Tests are available from the front office. Please send in your family's representative to collect your allocation before 3pm Friday.

IBL Report

On the last day of Term 4 2021, FHS held IBL – Interest Based Learning. Students selected 2 workshops of interest from a range of activities including rearing baby goats, fishing, gym, papercraft and card making, games and puzzles, tie dying, waterpolo, jewellery making, escape rooms, rock art, cattle clipping, canvas art, cycling, cookies in a jar and more. The final session saw students choose a movie or head to the pool for some free swimming. The day was

centred around fun and learning new skills. Thank you must go to members of the community who came in and supported the activities including David Bolton who helped out with cattle clipping and Siona Wilson who ran the tie dying session. This is a great opportunity for students to develop interests and find new hobbies and skills. See some of the photos of our students in action.



Finley High School runs a program called “IXL” (I excel).

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.

Year 11 and 12 Teacher Responsibilities

- Each week teachers should set some 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!

Canteen Roster & Community News

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.

February

4	C Lawton
7	R Groutsch
8	
9	K Culton
10	J Loughman
11	T Roe
14	J Orro
15	
16	T Beaver
17	
18	Swimming Carnival



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

TAFE NSW ~ Finley Campus is offering the following:

COURSE: Responsible Service of Alcohol
DATE: Sunday 20 March, 2022
TIME: 9:00am to 4:30pm
COST: \$165.00
VENUE: Finley Football Clubrooms - Tocumwal Street, FINLEY
REGISTER: Nola Pinnuck - **MOBILE:** 0439 996627 or call into the TAFE NSW Finley Campus - Denison Street, FINLEY

This course will be face-to-face with a TAFE trainer. It has been scheduled to meet the needs of three local football clubs (Finley, Blighty and Barooga). Any community member (18 years and older) is eligible to attend. There is a maximum number for participants so get in early to secure a spot.

Scholastic Book club.

Scholastic book catalogues are now available from either the front office or the for use within the school.

Orders need to be completed by the 21st February 2022. All orders and payments are made online through the parental LOOP payment system.

To order, visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP, then select FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL and select a teacher to place the order with. Complete the ordering processing as per normal and make the payments online using a credit card. Vouchers etc can also be redeemed if you have them. Once the order is processed after the due date, the orders generally take about 2 weeks to arrive at the school. You can opt to have them delivered to your home address. If you opt for school delivery, then the order is either taken home by the student or can be collected from the front office.

Reading is such a vital skill, that even just 10 minutes each day can improve your child's reading comprehension skills.

Miss Coates

APPLY ONLINE

The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2021
TO 31 MARCH 2022.
START DATE FEBRUARY 2022.

airforcecadets.gov.au

#AirForceCadets

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding.

419SQN Shepparton is recruiting again for 2022 and will hold an information session on Friday 18th February 2022. To register your interest or to receive more information please contact co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au or 0481 111 305

To be eligible to enrol you must be in high school and 12 (turning 13 in the calendar year) -15.



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Finley High School Learning Support Team Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Feb 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 students will participate in the Best Start Year 7 Assessments in Term 1, 2022.

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary students that assess key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. In online assessment in writing will completed to assess student writing skills in response to a stimulus. This will be conducted online, and students will be able to edit their work. For assessment purposes, all automatic functions in Microsoft word, such as spell and grammar check are disabled.

The 2022 assessment window is: 2nd February to 4th March 2022.

Our school has decided to hold these online examinations during Week 3. This is to ensure that all necessary documentation has been supplied to confirm your child's enrolment at our school. Delays in processing will result in students completing their assessments outside of their peers scheduled time.

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 assessments is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs. Feedback can be shared with students and parents and carers by appointment after the assessment has been completed.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments that the school uses to assess students.

Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment. This should be completed by no later than 4th February 2022.

Student will be asked to bring their own headphones or earbuds that plug into the computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Ear buds used to mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact the LaST teacher, Miss Coates. As these are part of the required book lists, all students should have their own.

Students may prefer to use their own computer devices, provided a school network connection is available. Computers will need to be set up, shortly after enrolment with the computer technician.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wendy Coates
LaST teacher
Finley High School

Mr Jeff Ward
Principal
Finley High School

REFERRAL TO THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST OR STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER



<https://qr.page/q/ghDf4M2Va>



FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL 2022 SUMMER MENU

Standard salad includes meat, lettuce, tomato & cheese - with the Lot includes meat, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, carrot, onion & mayo

	ROLLS	SANDWICHES	TOASTED SANDWICHES	RECESS
Chicken salad	\$ 5.40	\$ 4.90	Ham & Cheese \$ 3.70	Cheese & Bacon Large \$ 2.70
Chicken salad with Lot	\$ 6.20	\$ 5.70	Cheese \$ 3.20	Roll Small \$ 1.60
Ham salad	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.20		Hedgehog Slice Large \$ 3.40
Ham salad with Lot	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.20	TUBS OF SALAD	(Mon & Wed) Small \$ 1.70
Tuna salad	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.70	<i>Meat, lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, pineapple, egg, onion, cheese & mayo</i>	
Tuna salad with Lot	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.20	Roast Chicken \$ 6.20	Muffins (Tues & Thurs) \$ 3.40
Salad no meat	\$ 4.70	\$ 3.90	Ham \$ 5.20	Donuts (Friday) \$ 3.40
Salad no meat with Lot	\$ 5.20	\$ 4.70	Tuna \$ 5.20	
Tuna	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	Salad no meat \$ 5.20	
Roast Chicken	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20		
Ham	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.70	WRAPS	
Cheese	\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20	<i>Meat, lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese & mayo</i>	
Tomato	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	Roast Chicken \$ 5.40	
Egg/Curried	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.40	Ham \$ 4.90	
Vegemite	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.90		
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.70	DRINKS	
			Water \$ 2.00	
			Plain Milk \$ 2.20	
			Lge Flavoured Milk \$ 4.00	
			Sml Flavoured Milk \$ 2.50	
			Lge Orange Juice \$ 2.70	
			Sml Orange Juice \$ 2.20	
			Nippy's Apple/Apple \$ 2.40	
			Blackcurrant Juice \$ 1.40	
			Prima Apple Juice \$ 1.40	
HOT FOOD				
Chicken Burger -lettuce & mayo	\$ 5.20			
Chicken Burger + cheese, lettuce & mayo	\$ 5.40			
Hot Dog	\$ 3.90			
Hot Dog + cheese	\$ 4.20			
Chicken Wrap (chicken tender, lettuce, cheese & mayo)	\$ 4.70			
Sweet Chilli Wrap (Sweet Chilli tender, lettuce, cheese & mayo)	\$ 4.70			



**Wear a face mask.
It's a condition
of entry.**



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The New South Wales Government COVID-19 Information System

