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Newsletter Week 6, Term 1, 2022

Key Dates

Date:	Event:
March 7	School Photos
March 8	Yr 12 Standard 2 Math ~ Task 2 Yr 12 Advanced Math ~ Task 2 Riverina Swimming Yr 7 Welcome BBQ ~ 5.30pm – 7.00pm
March 9	P & C AGM 7pm Staff Common Room ALL WELCOME
March 10	Police Liaison Officer visiting Yr 12 Standard 1 Math ~ Task 2
March 11	Yr 12 English Standard & Advanced ~ Task 2
March 17	Open Boys & Girls Soccer
March 18	Yr 8 History Assessment due Yr 11 Physics Assessment due Yr 11 Standard 1 Math ~ Task 1 Yr 11 Advanced Math Assessment ~ Task 1
March 21	School Photo Catch Up day
March 28 – April 1	Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
June 6 th – 10 th	Round 1 Work Experience

A word from Mr Ward

We started out this week with news that wearing masks was no longer mandatory for secondary school students or staff. This was welcome news as I am aware how tough this has been on all of us especially with the heat. I would like to thank all our students for the way they approached the mask wearing. Overall the majority of the students were compliant and just got on with it with little fuss. It's also welcome news that all visitors and parents, regardless of vaccination status, will be allowed on school sites. Parents and volunteers who work on a school site must still meet the mandatory double vaccination requirements. Plans are already in place for our first parent visit, the Year 7 welcome BBQ, which is scheduled for Tuesday 8th March.

Year 7 SRC representatives

It gives me great pleasure in announcing the 2022 Year 7 SRC representatives. Congratulations to Ella Coombs and Logan Eldridge who were successful after nominating and being elected by their peers. I was able to make this announcement at a recent Year 7 assembly; however, a more official presentation will take place at the next formal assembly.



2022 Swimming Carnival

This year we held our swimming carnival over two days with long distance events on Thursday 17th February for competitors only and all students attending on Friday 18th February. There was a great atmosphere at the carnival and in the wonderful way the students approached the day. Many students involved themselves in as many events as possible. In the end, Tuppal House just nudged out Finley house by 4 points to be the champion house.

The top performers attended the zone carnival in Hay and we have a number of students qualifying to attend the regional carnival in Leeton. Thanks especially to Mr Tooke for his organisation and management of the teams.

Art Resilience Program

It was wonderful to receive such glowing reports and terrific photos from Ms Bower and Emily Bird who, along with Tarralee Graham and Hailey Mclean, travelled to Sydney for the Art Resilience Program. Ms Bower applied and received approval to attend this program and we are immensely proud of her efforts and all those involved.

Senior Hospitality Excursion

A massive thank you to Miss Treacy, Dimitra Wright and Gerard Tessier who took 11 students to Melbourne for the Foodservice Australia Trade show at the Convention Centre. From all accounts the students had a wonderful time.

Welcome Mr King

Mr Maxwell is taking some well-deserved leave and we welcome Mr Nathan King who joins us from Tooleybuc Central School. Mr King will be teaching PDHPE and also assisting in a number of other faculties.

Mandatory First Aid training

This week all the staff completed mandatory first aid training. This required four hours of pre reading and testing followed by four hours of additional questioning and practical examination. This additional professional learning will count for hours at the end of the year when we were due to meet on the 20th December.

Parliament

On another positive note our school and, in particular Cassandra Renneberg and Larshya Sutharsamohan, were mentioned in Parliament last week by our local member Mrs Helen Dalton. I have included Mrs Dalton's transcript.

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs HELEN DALTON (Murray)—Madam/Mister Speaker, today I would like to congratulate the following distinguished achievers of the 2021 Year 12 cohort at Finley Regional High School for outstanding results in their HSC - Cassandra Renneberg and Larshya Sutharsamohan. The disruptions of last year presented

many challenges that, together, these students worked to overcome. From home-schooling to multiple changes to exam date they have shown real resilience in the face of adversity, and demonstrated that hard-work and determination really do pay off. They are role models to their school community and their success during such a disruptive period in our history makes their achievements even more commendable. I congratulate Cassandra and Larshya on this fantastic accomplishment.

Mr Whitty CHS Umpire

Congratulations to Mr Whitty who was selected to umpire at the recent Girls CHS Cricket carnival in Albury. This is a wonderful achievement to be selected and have a hand in watching our next generation of champions develop.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to deserving recipients of Principal Awards at the Formal Assembly last week.



Back: Tracey Huang, Georgia Congram, Chelsea Singleton, Sophie Roe, Olivia Campbell, Harry Campbell, Meg Marshall

Front: Elliott Loughridge and Logan Eldridge

Jeff Ward, Principal

Curious Minds

During the Summer holidays, Year 10 student Sarah Bauer took part in the Curious Minds Summer Camp. Sarah has shared some of her experience with us.

"Between the 12-15th of December 2021, I completed the Curious Minds Summer Camp. In this camp, I participated in a variety of subject-based activities (eg. maths, physics, engineering), learnt about science communication, careers in STEM, university, met some amazing girls and talked to some inspiring women in STEM. On the last day, I was able to meet my coach whom I am working with for the next 6 months learning about opportunities in STEM and completing a project. I have been partnered with Katie Scott, a cloud architect at Microsoft. I catch up with Katie every 3 weeks and have a great time learning about her career pathway, role at Microsoft and Quantum computing.

In January, Katie offered me a scholarship position in the Quantum Computing Summer Camp run by Sydney Quantum Academy. This event ran between the 17th and 21st of January aiming to introduce Australian High School Students to Quantum Computing. This was a fantastic experience that allowed me to learn about all aspects of quantum- mechanics, circuits, algorithms and protocols and how this knowledge is applied. During the course, I was also able to hear from some incredible speakers from a variety of disciplines in both quantum academia and industry. On the 21st and 22nd of February, Katie invited me to a Quantum event she is ran for university students, the Hackathon. I am very excited to participate in the activities on quantum optimisation, talk to students and hear from speakers during the two days. I will make sure to update you on how this goes.

Thank you for supporting my participation in these STEM programs, they have all been incredible and inspiring experiences. I am looking forward to continuing learning with my coach, the Hackathon and the Curious Minds Winter Camp in July."

Here is a link for more information on the course:

<https://www.sydneyquantum.org/news/high-school-students-use-holidays-to-study-quantum-computing/>

School Based Apprenticeship and Training (SBAT)

Congratulations to Liam Rafferty, who was recently signed up by Kennedy Builders of Yarrawonga to complete an SBAT with them.

Liam will complete his Certificate II in Carpentry over a two-year period. He will attend work one day per week with Kennedy Builders and complete the rest of his HSC subjects at school.

Liam was very proactive in securing this SBAT and I am very confident that he will be an asset to any work site. Well done Liam.

Mrs Jenny Philpot
CAREERS



Career News – Year 12

Round 1 of work experience will be held Week 7 of Term 2 (**6th- 10th June 2022**).

Students will be receiving work experience sign up information and forms in Careers lessons. However, we encourage all families to start thinking about possible placements with their students. Feel free to contact employers and arrange a placement for these dates. If students require the paperwork earlier, they can speak to Careers staff for a copy.

Parents / Carers can also support their students by helping them obtain a USI online at <https://www.usi.gov.au/>

It is important that all work experience is arranged by the due dates as some students will also need to complete Whitecard training in order to enter construction sites, whilst others may need to arrange travel and accommodation. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the Careers staff.

Yr 7 Welcome BBQ

Now that we are able to welcome parents and carers back onto the school grounds, we are having our annual Year 7 Welcome BBQ next Tuesday 8th March. This is an informal way for parents to meet the Year 7 teachers and support staff. The BBQ will be held in the Year 7 area 5:30pm to 7:00pm. All welcome.

Audio Life Story Project

Finley High School has been invited to participate in a program with Amaroo Aged Care Berrigan, engaging with elderly people living in our towns. In this program, students will work with mentors and trainers to create a personal history podcast, using "A Lasting Tale" life story app. These students will have the opportunity to meet, connect and listen to the life story of an elderly resident. They will also be trained in audio recording, journalism skills and active listening.

The story will be passed on to the residents, their family, the Berrigan Library and the community.

This wonderful opportunity will begin this term, and is open to Year 10 and 11 students. Students can register their interest at meetings held at school or in the HSIE Staffroom.

Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan
HSIE

FHS 2022 Swimming Age Champions



Back: Dakota Pyle, Hugh Burton, Jackson Tooke, Mason Maraldo and Kade Pyle

Front: Jack Culton, Kizzi Moore, Erin Chesworth and Ella Coombs

Boys	
12yrs 1 st Jack Culton	2 nd Elliott Loughridge
13yrs 1 st Jackson Tooke	2 nd Nick Chesworth
14yrs 1 st Ben Rourke	2 nd Doug Billings
15yrs 1 st Kade Pyle	2 nd Seth Lawrence
16yrs 1 st Mason Maraldo	2 nd Lyle Ackers
17yrs 1 st Hugh Burton	2 nd Cruz Nash
Girls	
12yrs 1 st Ella Coombs	
13yrs 1 st Amelia Hay	2 nd Lillianna MeyerVale
14yrs 1 st Kizzi Moore	2 nd Evelyn McCallum
15yrs 1 st Erin Chesworth	2 nd Charlotte Rafferty
16yrs 1 st Dakota Pyle	2 nd Sarah Bauer
17yrs 1 st Sophie Roe	2 nd Mia Neessen & Mackenzie Hannan

Final House Results :

Tuppall 1161 **Finley** 1157 **Murray** 811 **Coree** 377

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Congratulations to our latest PBL Award winners



L to R:
Chloe Rorato,
Ben Anthony,
Yeoj Arcasitas,
Nikita Willemsen,
Lilly Baker and
Chloe McKenzie

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Finley Zone PSSA helpers

On Friday 25th February ten Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Cobram to help with the running of the Finley District PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. The students were busy time keeping and acting as runners for the organizers. The students are to be commended on their efforts for the day. They represented themselves and Finley High School to the highest of standards.



Further to this story, Mr Ward has received communication from Tocumwal Public School Principal, Mr Darren White.

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for allowing 10 of your students and Mrs White to assist us in the duties of the Finley Zone swimming carnival last Friday 25th Feb at the Cobram swimming pool. The students who attended were exemplary. They carried out their duties required of them with enthusiasm and confidence. All students were a credit to Finley High School and their families. They interacted positively with each other and all other members of our school community. They were instrumental in our carnivals success by providing the time keeping and messaging roles. I can't thank you enough for sending us your finest students. I hope we can have them support us again if need so they can again fly the flag for Finley High School by demonstrating the wonderful leadership and community spirit they possess.

I know you would feel very proud of these outstanding ambassadors for your school."



Library News



Ms Begbie & Mrs Jarrott are looking right at home behind the new counters up in Library reception. Take a meander up the Stairway of Literature to have a bo-peep!

Respectful, Responsible Learners

Art Resilience Program



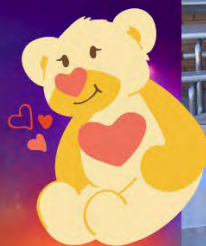
Alongside 170 other students from across the State, Taralee Graham and Hailey McLean, with Ms Bower and Emily Bird, were nominated and selected to participate in the Resilience Arts Program held in Sydney from 22/02/2022–24/02/2022. The group arrived in Sydney in the afternoon of the 22nd and participated in a traditional Welcome to Country. There was a planned Opera House lights display that night however, the rain meant this sadly did not go ahead. The following day the group participated in a movement workshop with a NIDA (National Institute of the Dramatic Art) tutor, attended a performance of Hamilton and had a Q&A with cast members after the show. This was an amazing and exhausting experience for all who attended.

Valentine's Day



This year for Valentine's Day the Year 12 cohort got together and organised some ideas to raise money to go towards our graduation. We planned a love-themed bake sale that was a huge success! Thanks to all year 12 and families who really got behind this idea, we had an abundance of sweets. Prior to the day, we organised roses and song dedications to be delivered throughout the day. Students and teachers were full of love and smiling faces.

We raised over \$800 in total from this day!
Thank you to the school for all the loving support.
Lots of love, Year 12



SWIMMING CARNIVAL WRAP

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

AT THE
pool



The Finley High School Swimming Carnival was held on Friday the 18th of February. The students were somewhat reluctant to get in the water initially with a fresh breeze.

However, when conditions warmed up, so did the participation and results. As usual, the houses with the greatest attendance and participation began to pull away from the rest. In the end the overall result was decided by four points, with Tuppal being crowned the winners.

Congratulations to all participants for another great carnival, especially to the Age Champions for 2022.





House Captains 2022

This year's House Captains were announced at last week's Formal Assembly. Congratulations to all our sports leaders



Finley:
Raymond Sutton & Ruby Russell



Tuppak:
Lucy Armer & Zye Treadway

House Captains 2022



Coree:
Cate Turley & Shannon Neilson



Murray:
Sophie Roe & Hugh Burton

Wellbeing referrals

At Finley High School, we have three key people who provide individual psychological support to students. This includes our Student Support Officer, Jodi Brown, and two provisional School Psychologists, Madeline Schirmer and Louisa Quiddington.

You can receive confidential counselling and support through the following referral pathways:

- Scan the QR code located in this newsletter and around the school to fill out a referral form.
- Put a paper referral form under the School Psychologist's door.
- Knock on the Student Support Officer or School Psychologist's door.
- Speak to your Year Advisor or another trusted member of staff.
- Request an appointment at the front office.



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HOMEWORK CLUB

When: Monday and Wednesday
afternoons from 3.30pm-4.30pm

Where: FHS Library

Why: For a quiet space to study or
some help with school work



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.

March	
4	E Hurlston
7	K Dawe
8	L Jeffress
9	E Brooks
10	
11	R Lockhart
14	A Johnson
15	C Rorato
16	T Bauer
17	
18	A Williams

The school
canteen has
had new
uniform stock
arrive. Shirts
in all sizes
are now
available for
purchase



10am-2pm
one day per term
nominate the
weekday that you
are available.

Kate & Sharon are
friendly, helpful
and make the job
easy. No pressure!

FHS P&C CANTEEN CURRENTLY
PROVIDES FINLEY ST JOSEPH'S &
FINLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH
CANTEEN. WE ARE LOOKING FOR
MORE HELPERS

Are you available
4hrs,1 day per term?

Please call Kate or Sharon
on 0473946683 to discuss
when you can help.

BE AMBITIOUS

CONNECT USING TECHNOLOGY



Information Session – Friday 4 March 2022



SESSION DESCRIPTION:

An information session will be held at TAFE NSW Finley Campus on Friday 4 March 2022 at 10:00am to 11:00am.

If you would like to improve your confidence and skills with digital literacy and technology then this proposed “short course” is for you...

This information session will be used to identify what technology skills you are interested in developing and the types of technology that you use.

Come along to the Information Session with your ideas.

Classes to be held Fridays 9:00am to 12:00pm from 11 March 2022.

Phone: 03 58839702

INFORMATION SESSION SNAPSHOT

Location:
TAFE NSW
Finley Campus
60 Denison Street
FINLEY NSW 2713

Date: Friday 4 March 2022

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

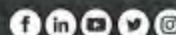
Cost: Fully subsidised training

CONTACT US 131 601 tafensw.edu.au/course area



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Finley High School

Photo Day 2022

Monday 7th March

To Order Photos:

Go to www.msp.com.au and click "Order Photos". Enter your child's personalised shootkey and follow the prompts.

Order your School Photos before midnight 14th March

Late Orders can be accepted after 14th 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.




msp
photography

03 5482 3190
admin.mrr@msp.com.au
www.msp.com.au

MURRUMBIDGEE TOWARDS 2032 Community Strategic Plan



Help us plan for the future in our Council area!
Use the link or QR code and complete the survey.
Both surveys are also available in Council offices
and on our website.

Closing date is 5 pm, 31 March 2022.



Youth Survey General Survey

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