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**Newsletter Week 8, Term 1, 2022**

## Key Dates

Date:	Event:
March 21	School Photo Catch Up day
March 22	Yr 12 Physics Assessment due Yr 12 Business Studies Assessment due
March 23	MADDD Rehearsal #1 Yr 12 Legal Studies Assessment due Yr 11 Business Studies ~ Task 1
March 24 - 25	Forensics Day – Yr 6
March 25	Yr 10 Science SRP due Yr 8 English Assessment ~ Task 1 due Yr 7 English Assessment ~ Task 1 due
March 28 March 28 – April 1	FORMAL ASSEMBLY Parent Teacher interviews – bookings open Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
March 30	Yr 10 English Assessment ~ Task 1 due CAFS Prelim Assessment due Yr 11 Chemistry Assessment due
March 31	U15's Soccer
June 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Round 1 Work Experience

## A word from Mr Ward

This week and next we celebrate three significant dates: 'Close the Gap' Day on the 17th March, the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday the 18th March and Harmony Day on the 21st March.

Close the Gap Day aims to bring people together to share information, and most importantly, to take meaningful action in support of achieving health equality for First Nations Peoples.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence theme for 2022 is Kindness Culture. By building Kindness Culture together, we can promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students in schools across Australia.

Whilst Harmony day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

The common theme with each is about understanding people, respect, support, belonging and kindness. We can all celebrate these days by just taking a moment to think of others and the positive way we can celebrate each other's differences. Please make a difference and make the world we live in just that little bit better.

### **International Womens Day Assembly**

On the 8th of March we celebrated International Women's Day with a special assembly and a guest speaker, Carly Marriott, the Deputy Mayor of Berrigan Shire Council. Carly spoke at length about her journey, her life, and achievements. She interacted with the students and staff and had everyone engaged. Her story reflected on growing up in a rural background where female voice wasn't really heard, but she did have a voice and got involved in agri business, farming, writing on rural matters and most recently being a voice for those farmers in the Southern Basin negatively impacted by the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Carly is often referred to as a champion of the local area and her presentation was terrific. Her appointment as Deputy Mayor is just another one of her amazing achievements.



### **Year 7 Parent BBQ**

Last Tuesday evening we held a Year 7 parent BBQ. It was a wonderful turnout of parents, students, and staff. Thank you for all those who attended. It was a great opportunity for Gary Webb, the year advisor, and I to speak as well as staff to introduce themselves. Thanks, Gary for your organisation and to Gerard and Jodi who made sure everyone was well catered for. I thought 2021 was the best turn out at this event but 2022 topped it.

### **Year Advisor 2023**

Congratulations to Ms Charlie Perry on being appointed our 2023 Year Advisor. Charlie recently started at Finley High School as our new Visual Arts teacher. However, she comes to us with experience leading Wellbeing programs at Chatswood High School and Ryde Secondary College. Charlie is very excited about her new role and we will be starting a transition program visiting our feeder primary schools in the coming weeks.

### **P & C AGM**

Last week we held the P & C AGM and once again the P & C were supportive of the school making donations to support teaching and learning initiatives and dance uniforms. The P & C is an essential body in the school, and we rely heavily on their support. At the AGM we only had one position re-elected - the treasurer Mrs Carmen Lawton, thank you Carmen. The other positions are all in caretaker mode and a letter has been sent to all parents/carers asking for your support. Please consider helping, we need you!!

### **Riverina Swimming**

This year we have 14 students who have qualified for state swimming in Sydney. This is a wonderful achievement for a school our size and it is a credit to all your hard work and dedication. We wish you all the best and congratulations

### **Show Team**

The Show Team has had a successful start to the year at both Numurkah and Euroa. Thank you to all those involved in the Show Team. The days start very early and finish late in the evening. Your efforts are to be commended.

## Debutante Ball



Congratulations to a significant number of our students who made their debut on Saturday 5th and 12th of March. I was fortunate to be invited to both nights where couples were presented to Mrs Di Sexton and Mr Gary Webb on the first evening and Mr Webb and Mrs Maddi Jackson on the second evening. The students did a wonderful job, looked great and danced flawlessly. Special mention to Olivia who managed to dance after sustaining a serious knee injury and Raymond Sutton who stepped in to partner Ruby after her partner became unavailable. Izabella and Shae spoke on behalf of each group and both did a wonderful job. This all wouldn't be possible without the support and hard work of Mrs Vicki Ackers, thank you Vicki.

## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all those awarded at last week's Assembly.



Back: Kate Tilley, Bethany Loughridge, Maddi Wilson, Grace Cameron, Stevie Bateman, Milena Sneddon, Nicola DiLullo  
Front: Lilly O'Hehir

*Jeff Ward, Principal*

## Year 10 History

My History class ventured up to the Memorial Park earlier in the week. They are an amazing group and it was a pleasure spending time with them as they asked so many pertinent questions about the wars and locals who served. I am a very proud teacher.

*Mr Ward*



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## Career News – Year 10

Round 1 of work experience will be held in Week 7 of Term 2 (**6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Work Experience

Work Experience- Charlotte Rafferty

Charlotte Rafferty is completing some Work Experience at Finley Regional Care. Charlotte is interested in pursuing a career in nursing so decided to see what it's like firsthand.

No doubt the residents love to see such a lovely young face and someone brimming with energy. Good luck Charlotte and well done on showing such initiative.

*Jenny Philpot.  
Careers*



### Apex Club of Jerilderie – Working Dog Auction

A huge thankyou to students Hugh Burton, Alanna Steel and Jebediah MeyerVale for lending assistance at the recent Jerilderie Working Dog Auction. The Auction proved a great success with 55 of the 57 dogs selling on the day. The Apex Club of Jerilderie, custodians of the Auction, have gifted our Agriculture department with a wonderful donation from the day's proceeds. Thank you.

### Year 11 English Studies

Year 11 English Studies listened to Guest Speaker Therese MacDermid for their module "Achieving Through English". Therese spoke about being an employer and an employee, and the industries she has worked in. She gave realistic advice on resumes, application letters, interviews and the traits employers are seeking, such as enthusiasm and "a smile". Many thanks to Therese for this valuable opportunity.

*Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan  
English Studies*



## Welcome Mr Nathan King

Greetings to all members of the School Community. My name is Nathan King. I am new to Finley High School, although I have taught the subject of PDHPE since 2002. I grew up on a Rice Farm within the Jerilderie Shire and was educated at a small central school. I have gained valuable experience in a number of Victorian schools between 2002 and 2012 and I have been employed at numerous central and high schools within the Southern Riverina since 2011. I enjoy many aspects of teaching and learning but my favourite curriculum area is Physical Activity and Sport. I hope to meet as many members of the school community via all modes of communication and public events during 2022.

Best wishes,

*Mr Nathan King*

*PDHPE/Maths Teacher*



## Sports News

### Riverina Swimming

Finley High School had over 30 students qualify and attend the Zone Swimming Carnival in Hay. We had a very successful day with nearly all competitors qualifying to compete at the Riverina Championships in Leeton.

The school had 28 students attend the Riverina Swimming Championships in Leeton on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The students swam really well and we recorded one of our strongest results for a long time. There are 14 students who have qualified to attend the State Carnival in Sydney later in the term. These include:

- Ella Coombs - 100m Breaststroke
- Dakota Pyle - 100m Backstroke
- Kade Pyle - 100m Backstroke
- 12yr Boys Relay - Jack Culton, Connor Fita, Elliott Loughridge and Bobby Moore
- 13yr Boys Relay - Nick Chesworth, Logan Eldridge, Heath Mansell and Jackson Tooke
- All Age Boys Relay - Jack Culton, Jackson Tooke, Doug Billings, Kade Pyle, Lyle Ackers and Hugh Burton

## Equestrian Success

Congratulations to the Griffith girls who recently represented Finley High School at the Geelong Grammar Interschool dressage in Werribee. It was wet, windy and a bit miserable at times, however they showed great determination to post some excellent results for Finley High School.

Caitlin was crowned Champion Elementary. With Sophie and Bianca placing high in their classes. Finley High school is currently in a great position on the school teams leader board.



The week before, the girls travelled to Sale for the Pony Club State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. Congratulations to Caitlin who was Champion Grade 1 in Dressage. Sophie was Reserve champion Grade 1. A massive effort to be 1st and 2nd in the state together. Bianca was 12th in Grade 2 dressage (youngest rider up in this level)

## Basketball wrap



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Finley Spiders participated in the Opens Boys and Girls Basketball in Deniliquin. All students were subject to rigorous testing and trials to make the team and it was clear in the first game for the respective sides that they were there to put in a strong performance.

On the boys' side of the draw, we came up against a formidable Hay High School who were well structured across the court. This was only to be undone by the mystical ball handling of Ray Sutton and long-range shooting of Jacob Orro to seal a hard-fought win. Game 2 saw Finley take on Barham which have traditionally started well and it was no exception on this occasion. A stirring fightback lead by Kohan 'airtime' Joseph was a master of the fast break away while Hugh Burton's defensive efforts left it all out on the court to inspire a

historic come from behind win. The Final game was against the arch nemesis Deniliquin High School who had taken out the last 35 wins – needless to say that the Spiders were keen to sway the ledger. Archie Mason, who had fought hard all day, hit his first three pointer from 28 attempts to lift the side just before half time. It proved too little too late as Deni asserted themselves in the second half to take the win. Ben Anthony again was strong under the ring. Special mention must go to Cruze Nash who was awarded MVP after swishing a half-court shot in the final game and celebrated as if we had won the state final. Great effort Boys.

The Girls side of the draw saw lightning fast passing and minimal footwork almost as if they were playing a different variation of the game. In game 1 vs Hay High School Shae Fennell's reliance on the defence higher up the court was well placed and found plenty of space out the back to bank up the points. Mackenzie Hannan led through action in the second half as she and Ruby Russell intercepted everything that came their way. Ruby found her groove and showed exceptional ball handling skills down the court which was well finished with a highly skilled 360 through the legs left-handed lay-up. Unfortunately, Barham were not able to produce a team for the day so the Spiders went straight into the final again against Deniliquin. There was some friendly banter before L-J Burdon enforced some authority on Defence chasing every loose ball down and fighting tooth and nail. Meg Marshal and Jordan Gray showed their class and were clear that they were taking no prisoners. Meg's lightning quick anticipation and Jordan's ability to hit multiple 3 pointers had them close although it was not enough to close out the match with Deni being the eventual winners. Thankyou to Coach Chelsea McDonald for your hard work in training the girls – it certainly showed. Well done to all students involved. We'll get them next year

- Coach Carter Hay



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Well done to our latest PBL Award winners



Back: Hayley Palmer, Shae Fennell, Shannae Thomson, Josie Coombs, Charlie Johnson  
Hayden Keith

Front: Dan Eldridge, Sara Hayes, Elsie Fisher, Olivia Campbell and Mackenna Taylor

## Parent Teacher Interviews 2022

Welcome to Finley High School Parent Teacher interviews for Term 1 2022.

Interviews will be held on **Wed 6th April** in the Finley High School Hall from **4:00-6:30pm** for all year groups 7 to 12.

Bookings can be made through the Sentral Parent Portal. *Bookings will be open from 8:00am on the 28 March and close at 9:00pm on the 3 April 2022.*

To do this open your Sentral parent portal and click on the interview tab.

This will open the available interview options for your child or children. Select your child that you would like to make bookings for and then select the available bookings. Keep in mind the black time slots are available spaces, where as the greyed out ones are unavailable. Please note some staff are not available on the night due to other commitments. Interviews can be arranged with these staff at another time if requested.

You will notice there is a time out banner at the top of the page. This shows how long you have left to finalise your bookings. This is to allow all families a fair opportunity to access bookings and time slots. At the completion of your booking you will see a listing of the bookings made. That is the teachers and times.

If you do not have access to the parent portal you can manually make bookings using the booking form. To do this your child needs to collect a booking sheet from their year adviser. This sheet must be signed by a parent or carer before any bookings can be made. The student then takes the sheet around to the necessary teachers who will make your booking and record it on your booking sheet. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



## Parent & Carer Teacher interviews

Parent & Career Teacher interviews will be happening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the FHS Hall. Interviews are for all year groups 7-12 starting at 4 through to 6pm.

To make a booking on Sentral through the Parent Portal please see the following instructions. If you choose not to use the online booking process students can obtain a paper booking sheet from their Year Adviser. Bookings can only be made on this sheet if the sheet has been signed by a parent.

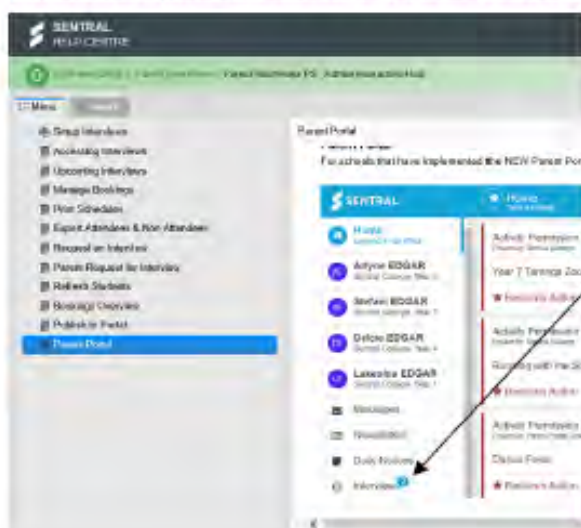
Should you need support with making bookings please contact the school office.

## Sentral Parent Portal

These are the instructions for parents who use the Parent Portal for booking Interviews.

1. Go to the school's website page: [www.finley-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.finley-h.schools.nsw.gov.au) scroll down to Sentral Parent Portal icon, then enter you details or use the URL below to do the same.

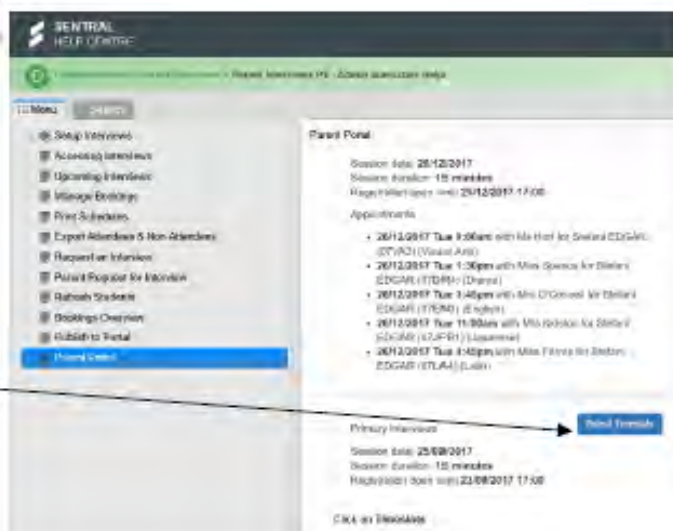
<https://finlevhs.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>



2. Click on the Interview Icon

The screen will display the current interviews available to the parent for their child/ren.

3. Click on Timeslots



**4. Available timeslots are noted in black and unavailable are greyed out. Click on the available timeslot and a message will appear confirming the booking.**

**If you are not planning to attend:**  
Click on the **Not Attending** option and a message will appear confirming your choice.

Available timeslots are noted in black and unavailable are greyed out. Click on the available timeslot and a message will appear confirming the booking.

Booking ☒ **Attending** ☐ **Not Attending**

If you are not planning to attend, click on the **Not Attending** option and a message will appear confirming your choice.

To get the work provided, you will see your timer banner in the top bar of your screen to advise how long you have to finalise your bookings.

Your session will timeout from inactivity in **9:19**  
Please confirm your selection before leaving this page

You will see your timer banner in the top bar of your screen to advise how long you have to finalise your bookings.

*As there is often a large volume of parents and teachers making bookings, this will ensure that all parents have the chance to schedule a booking with the required staff members.*

5. Click on **Save Bookings** for confirmation.

A list of your Interviews and timeslots will now display (see below).

**Parent Portal**

**Staff members**

Click on **Save Bookings** for confirmation.

A list of your Interviews and timeslots will now display.

**Parent's Interviews**

Session date: 25/08/2017  
Session duration: 15 minutes  
Teacher/therapist: 25/08/2017 17:00

**Appointments**

- 25/08/2017 Mon 5:15pm with Mrs Sarah McDougall (SENCO)
- 25/08/2017 Mon 5:45pm with Mr David Cragg (SENCO)
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# Melbourne Food Expo Excursion

TUESDAY 1ST MARCH



The Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes left Finley early on Tuesday 1st March to attend the Foodservice Australia Expo in Melbourne.

We had an amazing day exploring the Expo and developed a greater understanding of all the factors that contribute to hospitality. We were very impressed by the huge range of industry experts and in particular the MANY samples they had to offer. We were also fortunate to watch the semi finals of the Chef of the Year competition that was very intense and mimicked a mystery box challenge off MasterChef - even Gary Mehigan made an appearance.





We would just like to thank our bus driver Mr Tessier, who knows his way around Melbourne almost as well as his way around computers. Also Dim Wright for giving up her time and taking lots of photos of the day. And lastly, our generous P &C who sponsored the trip and made this day possible for our students. We appreciate it and are very grateful.

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### 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.



<https://qr.page/g/qhDf4M2Va>

## From the Wellbeing Tea

### 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



NSW  
GOVERNMENT

COVID-19  
Mask rules for  
Back to School

To Parents/Caregivers,

The Finley High School P&C Association is a group of people who meet once a month throughout the school year. The aim of the P&C is to raise funds to donate to the school to supplement the operation of the school. Most of our funding is derived by operating the school Canteen & the school Uniform shop. For the Canteen and Uniform shop to operate successfully, we need a functioning committee.

Money raised from the operation of the Canteen/Uniform shop has supported the school in various ways over many years:

- 2022 Year 7 excursion to Torrumbarry
- Paid for a bus to take students to catering trade show in Melbourne
- Donated funds for costumes for dance students.
- Purchase an instantaneous hot water system for BBQ area for breakfasts.
- Provided funding for the beatification of the quad area for student use
- Paid for drainage works in the ag plot area.
- Provided funding to purchase lights for MADDD.
- Supported students representing the school at state sporting events.

At our recent AGM held on 09 March 2022, we had members of our executive committee looking to retire from their positions. Unfortunately, we were unable to fill these positions so we have held these positions over until our next scheduled meeting which will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022.

We are seeking to fill the positions of President, Vice president & Secretary. Please consider taking on a role with the committee to allow for the continued operation of the P&C along with the Canteen & uniform shop.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jones

President

Finley High School P&C

**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	
21	M Kleinschmidt
22	
23	P Neessen
24	
25	K Arnold
28	S Lockhart
29	J A'Vard
30	W Doolan
31	
April 1	M Close

**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.