



# 25th August 2022 | Finley High School



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## Key Dates

## Newsletter Week 6, Term 3 2022

Date:	Event:	Assessments:
August 26	Yr 10 Subject Selection Information Day	Yr 11 Biology Depth Study due
August 29	Yr 10 Parent/Carer Subject Selection Information Evening ~ 7pm	
August 30	Yr 11 Mock Interviews	
August 31 – Sept 1	Yr 10 Interviews	
Sept 3-4	Finley Show	
Sept 6	FORMAL ASSEMBLY	
Sept 8	Open Girls Cricket at Hay	
Sept 12 – 16	Yr 11 Exams	
<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting ~ 7pm Staff Common room in Admin block</b>	
Sept 19 – 23	Yr 11 Work Placement	
Sept 20 – 25	Melbourne Show	
Sept 21	Yr 12 Final Assembly	
Sept 22	Yr 12 Graduation Dinner	

## A word from Mr Ward

### Audio Stories

Last week I attended the presentation and conclusion of the audio stories project held at Amaroo in Berrigan. It is not often I am moved but the relationship and bonds the students had developed with their residents was incredible and it was evident that they did not want this to end. After several speeches, each resident was given a gift, their story as a keepsake. I would like to thank the following: Berrigan Shire Council for their support, the management and board of Amaroo, Ros Rowe, Catherine Healy and the driver Dimity Brassil from a *Lasting Tale*, Mrs O'Bryan the coordinator and all those teachers who drove the students over each week and finally, the residents and students who were the champions. Well done.

### Year 12

We wish our Year 12 cohort all the best for their trial exams this week. A prelude to the HSC exams in October, this is a wonderful chance to challenge themselves and delve into what they have learnt thus far. Their teachers are equally excited as it is a wonderful guide for them when marking and giving feedback. The final weeks of term 3 are then left to consolidate and prepare. Thank you to Mrs Sexton who organised a morning tea for the cohort, wishing them well and ensuring everyone had our full support these final weeks at Finley High.

## Staffing Announcement

I would like to congratulate Mr Matthew Tobin from Deniliquin High School who has been appointed the HSIE Head teacher starting in 2023. Matt is currently the HSIE Head Teacher with close to 10 years experience at that level, he was successful in his transfer to Finley High School. We look forward to welcoming Matt hopefully in the very near future. Mrs Baxter will continue leading the faculty till the end of the year. Both Mrs Baxter and previously Mrs Mad Jackson have and continue to do an outstanding job.

## P & C Meeting in Jerilderie

This is a shout out to our wonderful P & C for all their support. In week 4 we travelled to Jerilderie and I would like to thank the P & C for their generous donation of \$5000 to assist with the food technology room upgrade. Thank you also to our school community who support our school canteen; without your support, these donations would not be possible.

## Congratulations to Alison Kleinschmidt

Alison Kleinschmidt has been successful with an outstanding submission to participate in the pilot Civics & Citizenship National Program to be held for the first time at the NSW Parliament on Thursday 27 October. Mrs Baxter played an important role in this submission mentoring Alison. They both receive funding to attend. Well done we are very proud of your achievement.



## Welcome to Toni – Lea Porter

We welcome Toni-Lea Porter who will be joining the English faculty on a practicum placement. Toni – Lea is studying at the University of Wollongong and is in her final placement. Please make her feel welcome.

## Dinner Meeting with Mr Dean White

Several of our executive joined other executive from local schools for a dinner meeting with Mr Dean White in Finley. Dean White is the rural southwest executive director who oversees 300 schools covering half of NSW. It was a wonderful opportunity to share and listen and gain an insight into the direction of education, the challenges and excitement to come.

## Burn Bright

Congratulations to Nicola, Claire and Alison who participated in the Burn Bright leadership camp in Sydney during the last school holidays. This week they were recognised at assembly and shared their experience with the whole school.

*Jeff Ward,*  
**Principal**

## Burn Bright Report (Nicola DiLullo, Claire Ingram and Alison Kleinschmidt)

On the 6th of July in the first week of holidays Nicola, Alison and I, along with about 90 other people from different schools across Australia (even Perth) flew to Sydney for 4 days to attend Burn Bright 2022 National Leadership Camp. Words can't even begin to describe how amazing our experience was at NLC. The theme for this year's national leadership camp was "Entrada" which means an expedition into unexplored territory so a lot of our activities were about exploring more about others, ourselves and how you can be part of a team and also a team leader.

We were at the camp for 4 days and each of those 4 days we focused on a particular word. Day one we focused on values, day 2 was service, day 3 was grit and day 4 was vision so we learnt how to incorporate the meaning of all those 4 words into our daily lives.

Burn Bright had 5 speakers come to share their inspirational stories and to share their wisdom. We met Maxi from Bondi Rescue, Layton Fraser Chief Operating Officer of Burn Bright, Nathan Strempele who commented at the 2012 London Olympics, Robyn Moore who was the voice actor for Blinky Bill and Hannah Darlington the bowler for the Sydney Thunders in the Womens' Big Bash League.

We truly feel that NLC has definitely changed our perspective on how we see things and has definitely furthered our knowledge about leadership. We made so many incredible friendships and memories. The amount of trust and the bonds we had with these complete strangers at the end of our journey or Entrada you could say was incredibly magical. We will cherish these moments and memories for the rest of our lives. We definitely recommend this program for anyone looking to benefit themselves and anyone who would like to learn more about being a leader.

... and remember it's just a bad day, not a bad life.



## Assembly



Those who received Principal Awards included:

*Daisy Daniel, Alison Kleinschmidt, Erica Nicholls, Erica Hammond, Claire Ingram, Nicola DiLullo, Riley Sutton and Joseph Newton*

Science and Agriculture awardees were:



**Back:** Jonathan Shen, Meg Marshall, Alison Kleinschmidt, Abi Litchfield, Sarah Bauer, Brock Bear

**Centre:** Shaylee Burt, Cheyenne Tucker, Olivia Campbell, Lara Willemsen, Charlotte Rafferty, Bethany Loughridge, Ryan Bauer, Tom White, Elliott Loughridge

**Front:** Monet Vincombe, Amelia Hay, Tracey Huang and Tiana Cowan

## NAIDOC WEEK



To celebrate NAIDOC Week at Finley High School, students were involved in a t-shirt design workshop. The workshop was run by Tyrelle Ingram from Albury TAFE and students also worked with Indigenous designers. Students were asked to create an image that represented their history or something that was important to them. These designs were then used to create a t-shirt for the NAIDOC theme GET UP, STAND UP, SHOW UP.

*Mrs Kim Denny*

*Students Kizzi Moore, Cassidy Reynolds, Lucy Armer, Tex Flack, Shannon Neilson, Mia Neessen and Elyssa Scott are pictured with Tyrelle.*



## Boat Rock Excursion

On Thursday 18th of August, the Year 11 Biology class went for the annual trip to Boat Rock. We undertook the obligatory sampling and spent considerable time walking through the fence enclosure and observing the plants and animals that we could identify.

Over the four years Year 11 Biology classes have been going to Boat Rock, we have been watching the movements of wombats in the area - we think there may be two. They have reopened a few burrows and are using at least 3. This year we have also seen rabbit diggings, which appear to have moved the wombats to other spots.

We know that wombats are in the enclosure because we continue to see fresh scats, footprints and the moss, which is widespread, is often dug up as they eat it.

This year, also, we discovered a small rock pool with lots of large tadpoles. We have yet to have them identified.

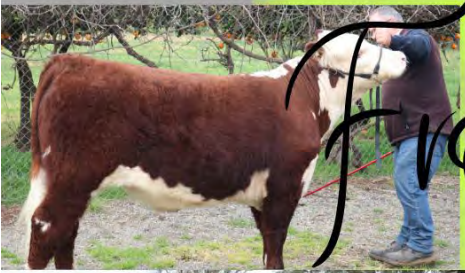
Boat Rock is an interesting place to go to as it shows the competition between lichens and moss, has wombats and never ceases to interest the Biology class of that year.

*Ms Michelle Archinal*





# From the Ag Plot



All is coming together as students ably led by Mrs O'Leary and Mr Webb prepare the school cattle for next month's Finley and Melbourne shows.

Ag students have assisted in grooming the cattle to look their pristine best.

This week the cattle have had their hooves trimmed, their coats clipped, been washed, blow dried and then paraded to have their photos taken for their upcoming judging.

Thanks to Mr David Bolton (Chairman of the Royal Melbourne Show Beef Cattle Committee) for his demonstration on clipping.



## Art Club

Art Club numbers are growing this term with students from all year groups coming together to get creative. Art Club runs on Thursday lunchtimes white week and Friday lunchtimes green week. It is a great opportunity for students to make new friends and further develop skills in drawing, painting and ceramics.

Miss Charlotte Perry



## Audio Stories

The Audio Stories group have completed the historical recordings for their partner resident at Amaroo Berrigan. On Wednesday these were presented to the residents, by the students, in a specially boxed USB. This presentation event was a heartfelt finale to the program, in which the students and their partner have become well known to each other as the interviews progressed throughout Term 2. We are extremely proud of this group and what they have achieved and will acknowledge them and the parties involved at a future assembly.

Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan



## Careers News

### Top Gun Apprenticeship Program



On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> August, Matthew Van der Burg (new Manager of Hutcheon and Pearce) and Maisy Edwards ( a first-year diesel mechanic apprentice) spoke to a group of interested students about the Top Gun Apprenticeship Program offered by Hutcheon and Pearce. It was great to see the gender balance changing ever so slightly. Maisy spoke of her love of mechanics, learning, and support that she receives as part of the program. It was very interesting and meaningful for the students. Matthew welcomes any student, who would like to see if that is the industry for them, to go to Hutcheon and Pearce and apply for some work experience.

Mrs Jenny Philpot.

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## CAREERS NSW

During Term 3, Finley High School students from Years 9-12 will be participating in a virtual trial from Careers NSW that seeks to add further support to current careers guidance in schools. Over the coming weeks Finley High School students will receive flyers that outline the services available to students and parents/ guardians. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be able to book a career consultation with a Careers Practitioner online.

Students will be able to discuss topics related to career development including: understanding their interests, skills and values, job opportunities, industries and employers, networking, developing a resume, preparing for an interview, choosing future courses, training and education and much more. Parents and guardians of these students will also be able to book an online information session to discuss questions related to their child's career development. This might focus around how to best help them with identifying their interests, skills and values, identifying job opportunities and exploring industries, future courses, training and education and much more. For further information about the service scan the attached QR code. Bookings can be made using your MyServiceNSW Account.

### Online information session for parents and guardians of high school students

Parents and guardians of high school students in years 7 to 12 (attending eligible NSW state schools) will be able to book an online information session with a Careers Practitioner.

Parents and guardians will be able to discuss questions related to their child's career development including: helping your child to recognise their interests, skills, and values; identify job opportunities; explore industries and employers' networks; choose future courses, training, and education; develop a resume; prepare for an interview; and more.

### More information

For further information about the services being offered and the schools participating in the trial, visit the Careers NSW Schools Hub (accessible via the QR code). Bookings can be made using your MyServiceNSW Account.



Just a reminder that students and parents need to book their appointments through the Careers NSW Schools Hub webpage. Separate booking links are available for students or parents to book.

Link to student bookings: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/careers-nsw-schools-hub/students/student-eligibility>

Link to parent bookings: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/careers-nsw-schools-hub/parents-and-guardians>

## Police Recruiting

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, four Finley High School students travelled to the Deniliquin Police Station to meet with the NSW Recruitment team. The students sat through a very informative and thorough information session where they were walked through the process of applying and training with the NSW Police. This included some great information around issues such as body modification through tattoos and piercings as well as around driving records and what they mean for your application with NSW Police. Students were then able to try their hand at some of the physical fitness activities that are required as part of the application process.

*Mrs Deb White*



*Mackenzie Hannan, Ruby Russell, Isabella Kelly and Erin Chesworth all enjoyed hearing about opportunities with the NSW Police*



## AFL Girls Under 15's



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr Tooke and I took the Finley High School under 15s girls AFL team to Wagga to compete in the Southern Riverina AFL Competition.

Amid fairly atrocious conditions and very strong competition the girls were fantastic. The way they played, their stamina in the light of strong defeats from Xavier College, St Francis College and Mater Dei College showed tenacity and that “never give up” attitude.

The worst performance of the day was their singing on the way home and was much harder to take than their defeats!

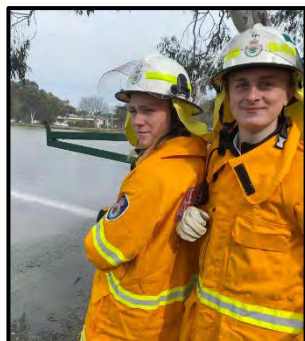
Special mention to Chloe Rorato, Kizzi Moore, Charlotte Rafferty, Milena Sneddon and Amelia Hay.

*Mrs Jenny Philpot*

## Fire Cadet Training

As part of sport, six Year 10 students – Brock Bear, Marko Bonic, Sienna Burke, Erin Chesworth, Lincoln McCallum and Riley Sutton, are completing Fire Cadet training. So far, they have learnt about the fire trucks and hoses, communications using the radios and clearing areas using hoe rakes and blowers. Each week their skills and confidence are growing. Thanks to Dave Turner for leading the training along with the Tocumwal and Finley Rural Fire Brigades.

*Mrs Nikki Bird*  
Coordinator





## CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

Contact – 0473 946 683

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

If unable to attend on your rostered day

Please change with someone else.

If unsuccessful, please ring the canteen on the above number

### August

26<sup>th</sup>

Carmen Lawton

30<sup>th</sup>

Tash Nash

31<sup>st</sup>

Janine A'Vard

### September

7<sup>th</sup>

Kristeen Culton

8<sup>th</sup>

Tanya Bauer

15<sup>th</sup>

Cath Rorato

16<sup>th</sup>

Tania Roe

20<sup>th</sup>

Marg Close



Create an artwork to show what fun means to you!  
It could be about your favourite place, people, activities or anything you can think of to represent you at your happiest and healthiest. Artworks can include drawings, paintings, photographs, digital illustrations or videos.

The competition is open to all children and young people up to the age of 18 living in NSW. It's not about being a good artist, it's about finding inspiration and sharing your voice through art.

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday, 7 October 2022**

Age group categories: Under 5, 6-11, 12-18

9 winners will receive an award and prize:

1st Prize – \$200 gift card, 2nd Prize – \$100 gift card, 3rd Prize – \$50 gift card

For more information and to enter, use the QR code:





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