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Today's banner: Our library's reflection on Queen Elizabeth II

Key Dates

Newsletter Week 10, Term 3 2022

Date:	Event:	Assessments:
Sept 20 – Oct 3	Melbourne Show	
Sept 22	Yr 12 Graduation Dinner	
Sept 23	Final Day ~ Term 3	
Oct 10	Students Return ~ Term 4 Begins	
Oct 17 – 21	Yr 10 Exams	

A word from Mr Ward

Welcome to the Final Week of Term 3 2022.

The world is mourning the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who passed away at Balmoral on September 8, aged 96. Following her passing, as a mark of remembrance and respect and in accordance with protocol, our Australian National Flag has been lowered to halfmast and will continue to be during this time of mourning. Vale Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022. The Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, made the announcement on Sunday that a 'one-off public holiday' would be held on Thursday 22 September as a national day of mourning, after the Queen's funeral on September 19.

In reflecting on our amazing past monarch, whether you are a monarchist or republican, I believe we have much to learn from such a gracious lady. Lessons to take away from her leadership with thanks to Roshan Thiran:

- 1. Be adaptable and embrace change
- 2. Keep calm and be a leader.
- 3. Always ask questions have an inquisitive and curious mind.
- 4. Have a clear purpose and be committed to it.

"I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together." *Queen Elizabeth II (during her speech at the United Nations General assembly in 2010)*

Schools Spectacular 2022

It fills me with great pride that two of our students Taralee Graham and Kassidy Cole, have been accepted to perform at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney on Friday 25th November and Saturda, 26th November (a matinee and a night performance each day) at Qudos Bank Arena. The girls will be a part of the D'Arts Ensemble. Students were required to submit an audition video demonstrating their abilities which was reviewed by a panel before being accepted.

There will be up to four rehearsals next term, before they head to Sydney for almost a week prior to performing. The event will be televised on Channel 7 at a later date.

This is the first time in the history of Finley High School that we have had students accepted into the Schools Spectacular. We are the only school in the Deniliquin Network to have students accepted this year. There are 334 public schools across NSW involved in Schools Spectacular, with roughly 6500 students performing in the event (across 16 different categories).

Youth Health Ambassador

Congratulations to Sarah Bauer who will be speaking at the regional conference for Local Health Advisory Committees in Finley these coming holidays. I'm sure Sarah will do an outstanding job.

Congratulations to Hailey McLean

At our formal assembly last week we heard the beautiful vocals of Hailey McLean. Hailey also performed last month in the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod in the under 16 vocal competition and received a gold medal for the contemporary vocals and a gold medal in the Australian song category.

Congratulations to Mrs Baxter

Mrs Baxter has been successful with her application to lead as a Head Teacher with the Rural Learning Exchange for Term 4. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Baxter to mentor, coach and drive improvement not only at Finley HS but at other schools in rural NSW.

Melbourne Show

Good luck to all our staff and students as they head off to the Melbourne Show this week. I'm sure like every year they will do our school and community very proud.

Year 12 2022

This is the final week for our Year 12 cohort and I feel privileged to have known such a wonderful group of young people who were in Year 8 when I arrived at Finley High School. This week the students have had an opportunity to express themselves with themed days, games and a mock assembly. The formalities include a formal graduation assembly today and a graduation dinner tomorrow night.

A long standing tradition of mine is to take the leadership team out to lunch to celebrate and thank Archie, Shae, Maddison and Olivia for their service. We reflected on their time at Finley High School and shared many memories.

I also know that many teachers have taught their final lesson with a light celebration and the students who have had mentors have enjoyed a final catch up. I would like to thank the staff of Finley High School for their contribution to the successes that our Year 12 students have achieved. In particular, I would like to thank their Year Advisor, Mrs Sexton, for the support and advice which she has given this year group for the past 6 years. All the best Year 12 for the upcoming HSC exams and the future that lies beyond.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. School resumes for all staff and students on Monday 10th October.

Jeff Ward, Principal

Class of 2022



School Administration and Support in Schools (SASS) Week

We recently celebrated SASS Week at Finley High. SASS staff work in administration and support (nonteaching) in the school.



University of Tasmania (UTAS) Trip

On the weekend of 11/12 of September, Christopher Moore and I went to the Open Day at the University of Tasmania. Christopher has provisional early entry to Marine and Antarctic Studies. We spent Sunday looking at accommodation options and doing a tour of the facilities on the campus.

At the end of the day, we went to the IMAS (Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies) building which is located down on a dock on the bay – the mouth of the Derwent River – a most extraordinary place. Here there were displays of fish and some PHD students talking about their projects. One, in particular, was on the handfish (a most unusual fish with hand-like fins that it uses to walk on the ground under the water, of which there are only 100 known individuals left); another on the retreating giant kelp forests on the west coast.

One of the most interesting displays was about drilling Antarctic Ice. Year 11 Biology have been learning about how we find out information on the earth and the major geological and biological events that it has experienced. Here we were able to see Antarctic land ice sitting on a bench in a lab at -18°C ready for further research (see photos). We also found out that the Australian Antarctic Division, CSIRO and UTAS were working together on a major project to determine what the conditions on earth were like 1 million years ago as we have no answers about why the ice age patterns have changed since then. We both found it very interesting.





Michelle Archinal

Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) Industrial Technology - Silver

In Silver, students have been learning to use a range of techniques to develop silversmithing skills. In Semester One, students created a Wedder Band using skills such as annealing, hallmarking, filing, and soldering.

In Semester Two students have built on that knowledge to create a Built-up Ring. This process involved the making of four individual rings, sizing, and soldering the rings together. Some of our students were also able to showcase their rings to a local jeweller who was very impressed with the quality of work.







Dekota Shumack

Lily Kocks
Respectful, Responsible Learners

Yeoj Arcasitas

Industrial Technology - Metal

Students in the Yr 9/10 Metalwork class have been busy constructing barbecues this term. Finishing touches were being applied last week.



Cody Cardwell



Hayley Kernaghan



Hayden Keith



John Noakes



Sam O'Hora



Angus Bain and Kade Pyle



Sport

Athletics - State



Year 8 student Cooper Sutton represented Finley High when he travelled to Sydney on September 7th to compete in discus at the state athletics championships. Cooper did an outstanding job competing against 18 competitors. He was placed 12th when he threw an amazing 30 metres!. In preparation for the competition Mr Ken Gardiner as trainer, was able to impart some handy tips to Cooper. The extra training has certainly paid off! Congratulations and well done, Cooper

Kade Sydney Athletics State - 5th to 10th September 2022

Kade Buckley qualified through the Riverina Zone Athletics to compete at the state finals at Sydney Olympic Park in the 100m, 200m, and 800m races.

The atmosphere at Olympic Park was amazing and Kade competed over five days in his heats and finals. Kade ran 5th in his 200m which is an awesome effort. Kade also competed in 100m and 800m where he did himself and the school proud, and gained confidence to try again next year!

Kade made new friends and in his true style was very supportive and encouraging to his fellow competitors. Kade is looking forward to 2023! Congratulations Kade. Brilliant Effort.

Sally Marsden Special Education

Tennis - Riverina

Jasmine Burke travelled to Stanhope Gardens in Sydney last week after being chosen to represent Riverina in tennis. Being her manager, it was a privilege to take her away and she represented Finley High School in an excellent manner. She was very courteous on and off the court.

This was Jasmine's first year in the team and she played in the number three position in singles. She improved over the three days and tried her hardest at all times. Jasmine played both singles and doubles and had a number of very close matches.

Riverina achieved an overall position of 9th in the State. The last day was a washout, which could have potentially placed the team as high as 7th. Jasmine was awarded the Riverina Medal for encouraging others by cheering while off the court and being positive on the court (plus sharing sour worms with her opposition after a match)

Vicki Breust (Riverina tennis convenor & Riverina girls manager) Temora High School

Volleyball

The new volleyball nets are receiving some serious action. Year 8 students were caught showing off their skill and expertise this week!







The dirt road took me out to the fields. The canola shone yellow, as bright as a summer's day. Broken clouds covered the sky above me like a blanket. I gazed out as the tree line in serenity. A gentle breeze brushed against my face and rippled through the crops. The cats by my side were luscious and green, a good crop. The nature surrounding me was peace to my mind. I inhaled deeply, appreciating our beautiful world.

By Elliott Loughridge

The weather was cloudy with a little bit of breeze as the sun was breaking through I could see a big yellow canola field with trees in the distance. I walked along the dusty path that fenced the canola from the path I felt a light breeze that blew my shirt from side to side as I walked down the path heading towards the daylight

semier Binns

He stood on the wet dirt road, feeling rain hit his face every now and again. The sky was full of clouds thick like pillows, with the occasional light grey sky breaking through. He looked to his right and deep green crop met his gaze. A few of the crops were climbing the fence like grape vines. He turned his gaze to the left where he was astonished by the canola that was as bright as sunshine. It clashed brilliantly against the rain filled clouds. He turned his attention back to the road. The bright yellow canola and beautiful green crops were separated by a brown muddy road.

I took my first step on the beach and the sand brushed along my feet in the howling wind The clouds were darkness. I walked along the beach Some more, I reached the sea The Water touched my toes like ice oubes. The wind was as loud as thunder, I Walked back onto the sand, the sand was colder than before. By Milena Sneddon

YEAR 7 CREATIVE VIGNETTES

The stench wafted through the air and hit me like a brick wall. The mud was squelching from the cleaner's boots. The mountain of rubbish seemed to keep rising higher and higher, like a pile of pure rotting waste. The contaminated air ran through my hair like big waves. The poor families cleaned tirelessly, to no avail as I picked up piece after piece, the heat was turning my head into a church bell, relentless pounding. As breathing became loud and louder, the tower slowly leaned, the tower and smell of rot and old fish were falling over. As it landed children's toys, plastic bags and slimy water sprayed everywhere.

By Jackson Tooke

As I step into the cold wet water I look up to see the dark black sky. I feel scared because of the chilling breeze. My legs are itchy because of the sand My pain stops as the nice cold tied hits it. I look up and am brightened by a cloud that takes the shape of a dinosaur. Ny feet are attacked by all the different feelings like the sand and choppy. cold water. Patrick Billings

Dark broken clouds start caving into the beach as I'm having my afternoon walk I don't think much of it considering I quite like storms. Cold rain starts pouring and strong winds arrive. The crystal clear light blue ocean started turning gloomy and grey. The rain drops drenched my clothes I heard some thunder crashing in the distance. The moon hid behind the clouds like a mouse hiding from a cat. The stars stopped shinning, they looked as dead as a tree in winter. The loud crashes of the waves and thunder gave me an adrenaline rush. By Marley Glanvill

Careers News



school trial Our school is participating Link to virtual schools communications <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-</u> <u>pathways/careers-nsw-schools-hub</u>

Link to Careers NSW Schools Hub for student bookings:<u>https://book.service.nsw.gov.au/categories/student-career-evaluation</u>

Link to Careers NSW Schools Hub for parent information sessions:<u>https://book.service.nsw.gov.au/categories/parent-guardian-information-session</u>

A Shout Out To Local Business

George Henderson-Cooper is currently completing some work experience at Close's Engineering.

George enjoys the work and is contemplating a career in engineering. He is being mentored by a range of qualified workers who share their expertise and time.

Finley High School really appreciates Close's for always being prepared to give our students a chance to see what work is really like.

Mrs Jenny Philpot Careers



Apply For The 2023 Regional Youth Taskforce And Lead Change In Your Community

Applications are open for the 2023 Regional Youth Taskforce, an advisory group that shares feedback and ideas for change to the Minister for Regional Youth and the Office for Regional Youth about issues that affect young people living in regional NSW.

The Taskforce offers youth throughout rural and regional NSW an opportunity to meet with government and inform decision making that will have flow-on benefits for their peers and communities.

The Taskforce is comprised of 18 members aged 12-24, each with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and with two people representing each of state's nine regions. The group meets four times throughout the year either online or in person. Travel costs, meals and accommodation are covered when travel for meetings is required.

If you want to make a difference to your community, we encourage you to apply. Being part of the 2023 Regional Youth Taskforce will allow young people to connect with like-minded people and talk about issues such as entering the workforce, mental health, public transport and connectivity in the regions.

Applications open on 12 September and close 23 October 2022 and young people aged 12-24 living in regional areas are eligible to apply. The fourth Taskforce will be appointed from January 2023 until 31 December 2023.

To find out more or apply, visit <u>nsw.gov.au/RegionalYouthTaskforce</u>

A Little Bit Of Year 12 Mayhem And Mischief



Canteen Roster & Community News

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			
October			
11 th	Kelly Nicholls		
13 th	Tanya Bauer		
18 th	Warwick Doolan		
21 st	Kirsty Marshall		
24 th	Jill Orro		
November			
3 rd	Anne Lee		



2022/23 Junior Cricket Season Expression of Interest

Training for our U12's, U14's & U16's Commences Week 1/Term 3 (Days and times to be confirmed). To prepare for the season could you please send your Child's name/DOB/Contact Details via Email: juniors.finleycc@gmail.com or Phone (Kristin): 0438688301

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Sunday, 23rd October, 2022

MAPS ON SALE FROM NARRANDERA PARK ON THE DAY 9.00AM – 2:30PM

GARDENS OPEN UNTIL 5.00pm

\$20 per person including Devonshire Tea & Plant Stall at Uniting Church Hall

Light lunch available at "Yarrum Heights" - Cost \$10 pp

In aid of Narrandera Can Assist Enquiries: 0428 597 655 Email: julie.roffe@gmail.com

