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Year Eight Visual Art students during a recent outdoor classroom experience.

Key Dates

Newsletter Term 4, Week 2 2023

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 24 th October	Year Six Taster Day
Tuesday 24 th October	GRIP Leadership Conference
Tuesday 24 th October – Thursday 26 th October	Years Seven to Eleven - Crime Story Workshops
Wednesday 25 th October	Numurkah Show – Ag Show Team
Friday 27 th October	Blue Day – Mental Health Awareness Day
Friday 27 th October	World Teachers' Day
Saturday 28 th October	Cobram Show – Ag Show Team
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Year Ten Exams
Monday 30 th October – Thursday 2 nd November	State Cricket - Boys
Monday 6 th November – Tuesday 7 th November	Year Eleven Primary Industries Motorbike Safety Training
Thursday 9 th November	Year Twelve Riverina Visual Arts Workshop
Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December	Year Ten Work Experience

A word from Mr Ward

Welcome back to Term 4 2023, I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Term 4 is an exciting one as our Year Twelve cohort begin their HSC exams and Year Eleven start their HSC studies. Planning is now under way for end of year reward excursions and 2024 is beginning to take shape, especially with the newly elected student leadership team bringing fresh ideas to the table.

Congratulations to our Agricultural Show Team

I spent the start of the holiday break with the agriculture team at the Melbourne Royal Show where I gained a greater appreciation of what they do and the work that goes on from the moment they wake around 5am through to getting back to the cabins around 9pm. I cannot thank the following staff enough; Mr Webb, Mrs O'Leary, Mr O'Leary, Mr O'Hora and the parent helpers in Craig Matheson, Tessa McNamara, Gayle Ferguson and Tanya Bauer. Everyone helped in some way, from cooking breakfast, making lunches, folding washing, medical support, emotional support, preparing cattle, helping other schools and conversing with the public. To see the way the students work, support and invest in their roles is something to behold. The school achieved significant success which was recognised in the national media. Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved.

Students Triumph in the holidays

Mikayla McDonnell travelled to Singapore and Darwin with staff and students from across NSW as a part of the NSW Premiers ANZAC scholarship. Mikayla had a wonderful time and experience, which she will never forget.

Sarah Bauer and Jasmine Burke were in Sydney at the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy. Again, this is an exceptional achievement and both girls gained so much from the experience on all levels.

Wonderful achievements, from outstanding students.

Practicum Students

We welcome to Finley High four teaching practicum students, Brooke Delamere in Visual Arts, Joshua Chen in HSIE/English, Koh Saito in HSIE/English and Yasmin McGrath in Social work.

Brooke is from Corowa, Joshua and Koh are from Sydney and Yasmin is a local. We wish you well with your experience both at Finley High School and in our great community.

(Koh, Yasmin, Brooke and Joshua are pictured left)

Mock Interviews

Well done to all our Year Eleven students who

recently completed their mock interviews. This is a fantastic initiative and a big thank you goes to the coordinator Mrs Deb White. We extend a special thank you to local businesses and employers for taking the time to interview and support our students.

Berrigan Show success

Congratulations to Sophie O'Donnell who won the Marilyn Baxter Trophy for the most successful Junior photographer at the Berrigan Show. This is the second time she has won this award. Sophie also won the Victorian Agricultural Show Junior 'Animals in action' competition, which means that she will compete at regional level next year. Teagan Dart and Sophie were asked by the Berrigan Show committee to photograph the Berrigan show next year.

Week 3 Crime Story Literacy workshops

I urge all parents/caregivers to log on to School Bytes and provide permission for their child to participate in our upcoming literacy workshops, being run next week. This is a fantastic opportunity and we would like every student to be involved.

Girls Can Too Workshops

Good luck to Chelsea Coulson and Demi Marshall who start a 6-week series of trade workshops in Deniliquin this week. I look forward to hearing about the program.

HSC Exams

The HSC exams commenced with the English paper last Wednesday 11th October and the final exam at Finley High is Design and Technology on the 1st November. From all reports the students were quietly confident and looking forward to finishing all their exams.

P & C

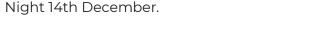
Thank you to our P & C who work tirelessly to support the school. They meet each month. They volunteer and run the school canteen and work to raise money for the school. Their latest fundraiser is a raffle which is advertised on our Facebook page. Tickets are available at a number of local business houses, our front office or online. Prizes are;

1st \$1000 Deni Travel Voucher

- 2nd \$600 IGA Voucher
- 3rd \$250 Yeti Cobram Outdoor Value Pack

Tickets are \$10 each!!! Drawn at Presentation Night 14th December.







Australian Geography Competition

Twelve Finley High School students participated in the Australian Geography Competition earlier in the year. The competition was online and comprised of 40 multiple choice questions which tested their skills and knowledge of the world. This included using topographic maps, synoptic charts, interpretation of graphs and tables, and knowledge of human and environmental processes. Well done to all students who participated.

Congratulations to Alison Kleinschmidt who achieved a High Distinction.

Pictured right are

Back: Sarah Bauer, Alison Kleinschmidt, Cutta Dundon, Georgia Linder-Mason, Charlotte Rafferty, Lindsey Matheson

Front: Remi Pyle and Sophie O'Donnell



Assembly

Our first assembly for this term was held on Tuesday. Many students were acknowledged for their achievements.

Principal Award recipients were:



L to R

Back: Callum Belling, Jordan Sykes, Will Frost, Cutta Dundon, Georgia Linder-Mason **Front:** Phoenix Cole, Lucy Mueller, Sophie O'Donnell and Erica Hammond

Awards from the Maths faculty



- **Back:** Sarah Bauer, Alison Kleinschmidt, Marko Bonic, Ryan Nelson, Logan Eldridge, and Finlay Laing
- Mid: Matthew DiLullo, Daisy Daniel, Charlotte Fleming, Dan Eldridge, Bethany Loughridge, Philippa Bain and Olivia Campbell
- **Front:** Ben Rourke, Remi Pyle, Lillianna MeyerVale, Matilda Burton, Maria Somera and Stella Williams



The Finley High School P&C is desperately looking for volunteers to assist our canteen staff. All that is required is your time one day per term or even one day a year, whatever you can offer. The busiest time of the day is 10am-2pm, however we would be happy with any assistance offered.

In order to maintain reasonable pricing and provide some funding towards the school, volunteers are needed to work alongside our canteen staff. Like a lot of nonprofit organisations, volunteers are key. You would not be expected to do anything difficult if you're not comfortable handling money the ladies can utilise your help in other ways.

If anyone can help anytime please contact Carmen 0427242148 or the canteen directly 0473946683.

Thanks very much Finley High P&C

URGENT CALL FOR PERMISSION NOTES/PAYMENT

Crime Story – Experiential Learning for Literacy – 23-26th October 2023



There are still several outstanding permission notes and payments for the upcoming wholeschool *Crime Story* program. The permission note was sent out via **School Bytes**. A lot of organisation has gone into getting this program to come to our small town, so we'd hate for students to miss out on this unique learning opportunity. <u>Please ensure you log on to</u> <u>School Bytes and give permission</u> for your child so attend the workshops as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, any student who <u>has not</u> received permission by the day of the program will be unable to attend and will complete alternate literacy development work separately.

The Crime Story program is a series of workshops produced by Luke Taylor and recently featured on the channel 9's Today show. During the workshops, students investigate a crime scene that involves several exhibits and participate in forensic procedures such as fingerprinting and the gathering of DNA/trace elements. As investigators, students use their **literacy skills** by establishing authentic dialogue, using research and evaluation skills, construct deep imagery, and developing intriguing characters. It is a hands-on, immersive investigation facilitated by two former NSW Detectives and English teachers. The crime scenes are trauma-free and limited only to the imagination of the participants!

Check-in assessment for Year Seven, Eight and Nine

During Term 4, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year Seven, Eight, Nine students during Weeks 3-7.
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

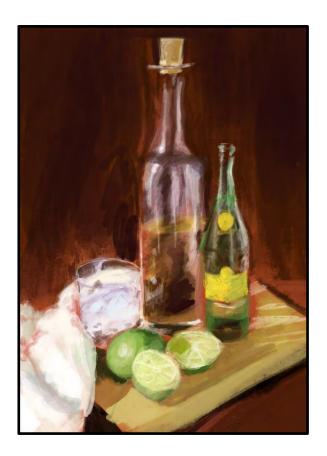
Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a USB. If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact Miss Coates to book a pair.

Visual Arts

Aiden Hopkins was selected to attend the school holiday workshop *Introduction to Concept Art* run by renowned artist Simon Scales at CDW Studios. He was able to build his skills in Adobe Photoshop and create these three magnificent digital designs. Aiden is amongst 19 other students who make up Finley High School's new Year 12 Visual Arts 2024 class. A big congratulations to Aiden.

Miss Charlotte Perry Visual Arts Teacher







Year Eight Excursion -

At the end of Term 3, Year Eight students went on a Visual Arts excursion to Karen Daniels' flower patch in town to do some *en plein air* painting. Students have been doing a unit of work on Australian Flora and Fauna with a focus on watercolour painting. They have repurposed books from the local op shop, filling them with a series of painting experiments and studies. We had beautiful weather both days and students have produced some wonderful work.





SRC Update

Term 4 saw our newly elected SRC begin their role as student leaders. Our Senior Leadership Team have initiated discussions around what the SRC would like to achieve over the next 12 months with MND, Harmony Day and other events already in the pipeline. The SRC is working with Jodi to run activities for Blue Day on Friday 27th October and look forward to everyone dressing up in blue on the day.

UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy

During the school holidays from the 3rd - 5th October, we both had the fantastic opportunity to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy (UBSYWLA) hosted by the investment banking company in their Sydney office. The program aims to introduce Year Eleven girls to contemporary women leaders, demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in finance and promote leadership in aspiring young women. After being encouraged to apply by our Economics teacher, Mr Maslen, we were thrilled to be involved in the 18th UBSYWLA event. Over the three days, we learnt about investment banking at UBS, including a tour of the largest trading floor in the southern hemisphere, presenting and communicating confidently, and a collection of other professional skills and opportunities. In addition to this, we were able to network with a range of likeminded girls and numerous leaders in the finance sector. We



both had a very exciting and valuable few days learning about the finance world and interacting with some amazing individuals.

Jasmine Burke and Sarah Bauer Year Eleven



Careers Year Eleven Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 11th October, Year Eleven students undertook mock interviews. Students had

prepared resumes and cover letters and practised their interview skills in the weeks leading up to the mock interviews. We were fortunate enough to have several local employers donate their time and expertise to put the students through their paces under real world interview conditions. Students were required to dress appropriately for their interview and were asked a range of random interview questions. There were standard questions such as "tell me about your strengths and / or weaknesses", as well as behavioural ones such as "tell me about a time you have shown problem solving skills". Although students had prepared answers for a range of questions, they were not sure which questions they may get asked. For some lucky students there were also some curve ball questions such as "If you had an elephant that you could neither sell nor give away what would you do with it?". This certainly got some of them thinking fast on their feet.



Glen Braybon is pictured interviewing student, Jordan Sykes

This process is a great opportunity for students to experience the process of preparing and attending an interview and is a valuable learning experience for many. At some stage many students have an interview for a job, a scholarship a university offer, a leadership role and much more. Having this experience behind them helps settle nerves about what to expect in an interview situation.

Finley High School would like to extend a sincere thank you to the employers who undertook the interviews. Your support of this program is greatly appreciated. We would like to thank:

- Kate Murray Finley RS Club
- Glen Braybon Blue Frames Design
- Katie Friedlieb Senior Project Officer Regional Industry Education Partnerships Training Services NSW
- Rick Shaw -Country Club Hotel
- Christie Watkins Berrigan Shire Recreation Officer
- Matt Clarke Eagle I
- PJ Pether and Tony Irving Hutcheon & Pearce

Over the coming days the employers will submit evaluations of the interviews and as the jobs were only for mock positions, students will be given some evaluative feedback. The student who the employers deemed most suitable from the interview process will be awarded a small prize.

Mrs Deb White Careers Teacher

Students Nicola DiLullo, Alison Kleinschmidt, Brock Bear and Aiden Hopkins were dressed to impress!



Adventure of a Lifetime

September 22nd was finally here! Bound for Singapore, my fellow scholar recipients and I were accompanied by teachers, representatives for the Office of Veterans Affairs and a military historian. Whilst in Singapore, we had the opportunity to explore various WWII sites, museums and culturally significant places. This experience transported us back in time, allowing us to walk in the footsteps of people who lived it. It provided enlightening perspectives regarding the Fall of Singapore as well as developed our understanding of the events and outcomes of WWII.



From iconic landmarks like the Old Ford

Factory and Bukit Chandu to the Changi Chapel and Museum as well as the Kranji War Memorial, our trip was full of unique and educational experiences. We learnt how to not just observe artefacts or absorb information, but instead, how to understand, make connections and draw our own conclusions. For me, my interest in museums has completely changed. Before this Scholarship, I would simply walk through a museum, admiring the medals, photographs or displays. Now, after being immersed in history and world-changing events, I try to place myself in their shoes, imagining their life and circumstances in an attempt to form a deeper connection between myself and the soldiers.

After a jam-packed educational week, alongside some social events like Gardens By the Bay, we packed our bags and headed to Darwin. This next week of exploring and learning hit a lot closer to home and it was surreal to be standing on the beaches where the bombs struck 81 years ago. We undertook a Darwin Harbour Cruise, floating above sunken Navy ships such as the MV Neptune and USS Perry. We also explored the Royal Flying Doctor Museum, Darwin Military and Aviation Museum as well as Doctor's Gully and Adelaide River War Memorial, among other sites. As part of our role as scholars we had to plan and execute 2 memorial ceremonies in which ashes were spread and wreaths were laid. These tasks gave appreciation and recognition to those who represented Australia during its most vulnerable time and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Throughout the entire tour, the group visited over 45 historical sites, gaining an extensive understanding of WWII events and impacts on places as well as people. This unforgettable experience has allowed us to forge forever friendships and memories. It was an absolute privilege and honour to be a part of this tour and I certainly encourage any Year Ten or Eleven student who is passionate about history to apply for the Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship, it doesn't disappoint.

Mikayla McDonnell Year Eleven





Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 23 October** and **Friday 3 November 2023**. The test takes approximately 75 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus (2018). Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- · understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- · ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values about science.

VALID Science 8 contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones** or earbuds that connect to a device. Schools will indicate if students need their own device.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2024. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

The principal of your child's school can provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Wood Executive Director, Educational Standards

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School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details <u>before</u> **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit <u>transportnew.info</u> <u>trip planner</u> to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 12024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

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Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local</u> <u>bus operator</u> to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the <u>Student code of conduct</u> and <u>Opal terms of use</u>.



Further information can be found at Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info

Enquiries can be submitted at Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info

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2023 Melbourne Royal Show

Students participated in 3 major sections of the Melbourne Royal Show: Sheep, Beef Carcase and Beef Cattle. During the Sheep and Beef Carcase competitions, we had 31 students from years 7-11 competing. As well as parading livestock, students also competed in the School and College Paraders competition. 8 students from years 9-11 represented the school for the STUD beef cattle week. Finley High School was at the Melbourne Royal for the entirety of the show, from Thursday the 21st of September, returning home on Monday the 3rd of October.

Sheep Highlights

- We were extremely excited to take out the Supreme Ewe of the Show AND the Supreme Ram of the Show, both of the major awards for sheep at Melbourne.
- We were also the most successful Poll Dorset exhibitor.
- Thank you to Gordon Close and Phill Murrowood for their work in the preparation for the show and the Frost family of Hillden for their donation of semen, and Genstock for help with Al.



Beef Carcase Highlights

- In the Beef Carcase Paraders competition we are proud of Year 11 student Hayley Kernaghan for winning Reserve Champion Intermediate Handler and we also would like to congratulate all the other students that paraded in their classes.
- Jerry, donated by Jack Nelson, was Reserve Champion Domestic steer or heifer
- Finley High School bred steer, Theo, won the Heavy Domestic class on the hook.
- Theo's results won us the Highest School or College Bred and Prepared Steer or Heifer award.
- Finley High School also received the John Crilly Memorial Trophy for the Highest Scoring Shorthorn Steer or Heifer.
- FHS Turbo was 3rd in the Export class.
- Thank You to all the providers of steers for this year's show; Peter Falls, Jack Nelson, Michael Tooke, John and Maree Doyle, Paul and Tanya Bauer and Andrew and Kirstie Chesworth.
- Thank You to Lochie Falls who transported the carcase animals to Melbourne.
- Thank You to the staff and parents who gave up their time to attend, without your help the event would not be so successful. Thanks to Tanya Bauer, Craig Matheson, Tessa McNamara, Brian O'Hora, Mr Ward, Mr O'Leary, Mrs O'Leary and Mr Webb.





Beef Cattle Stud Highlights

- FHS Stephanie with her 9-day old bull calf, FHS Unstoppable, won her class and was crowned Grand Champion Shorthorn Female.
- FHS Stephanie was entered into the Senior Female Interbreed class where she and her bull calf were up against all the other Champion Senior female breeds there that day. Stephanie was then chosen into the top 5 and received equal 4th out of all the other Champion Senior females at the show.
- FHS Millie took out the title of Reserve Champion Senior Shorthorn Female
- FHS Thor took out the title for Reserve Champion Senior Shorthorn Bull
- Our Shorthorn sire's progeny class including FHS Tammy, FHS Tiffany and FHS Thor won first place.
- FHS Tori who was paraded in the Junior Shorthorn Female Class 2 was sold at the Royal Rumble auction at the show and we wish her new owners every success with her.
- Massive thanks to Gayle Ferguson who attended for the last 4 days to help out at the show.
- Thanks to Peter and Geoff Falls who donated hay and also semen from their top bulls.
- Huge thanks to David Marsden who transported the stud cattle to Melbourne and then returned a week later to return them to Finley.



- The students paraded FHS Uptown Girl in the Calf Classic dress up competition as Barbie and received first place!
- Year Nine student Maggie Bramley and Year Eleven student Claire Ingram also delivered gifts and a speech on behalf of the 2023 show team to express their gratitude towards Mrs O'Leary and Mr Webb.

Report by Claire Ingram Year Eleven

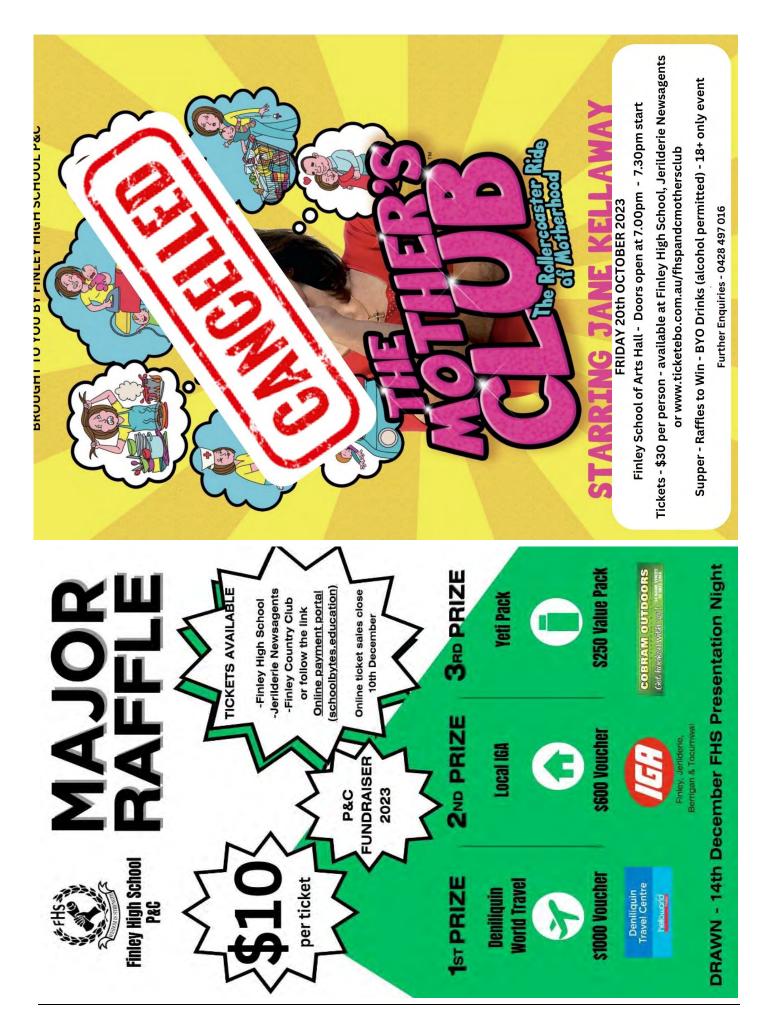
Canteen Roster

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Volunteers are asked to be at the canteen by 10am sharp.		
If you are unable to attend, please change with someone else.		
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27 th	C Tanner	
31 st	C Lawton	
NOVEMBER		
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3 rd	L Walsh	
6 th	M Close	
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