



# 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 | Finley High School

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## Key Dates

## Newsletter Term 4, Week 6 2023

Date:	Event:
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Finley High P&C Uniform Open Day – 3:15 to 5pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Finley High Art and Tech Exhibition – 6pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Schools Spectacular – Aboriginal Arts Ensemble
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Schools Spectacular – D'Arts Ensemble
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	SRC 'Movember' fundraising day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Yea Show – Ag Team
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year Ten Work Experience
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Six Orientation Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Formal Assembly at 12:30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Ten South Coast Excursion
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Rewards Excursion to Melbourne
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Night – 7pm to 8:30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Students Last Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Days

## A word from Mr Ward

This week marks the end of Week 6. With only four weeks to go, I feel the rush to get everything done before the end of the year. Planning has well and truly begun for the start of 2024. **The last day for students is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** Staff have two scheduled days for professional development on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December. This is an opportunity for staff to upskill, plan and collaborate with their colleagues to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of all our students.

## Student Behaviour Policy

This week I travelled to Wagga to engage with 200 other principals on the revised Student Behaviour Policy. The NSW Department of Education is introducing a revised Student Behaviour Policy and new Suspension and Expulsion Procedures from Term 1, 2024. The policy and procedures support an inclusive and safe learning environment for your child, staff and every child in NSW public schools. With the revisions to the policy, we now have clarity and consistency of how we manage disruptive and challenging student behaviour in the classroom, so our teachers can teach, and our students can learn. When developing individual plans, the guidelines allow us to work closer together with you to support your child to behave positively and respectfully with clear expectations, so they can achieve their best. We have many practices in place to help our students engage respectfully with each other and their

learning. You can find out more about these and access advice and support strategies to help you work with us to achieve positive outcomes for your child through the Department's Behaviour Support Toolkit. Violence in our schools is never acceptable. Suspension is a critical safeguard for ensuring the safety of our students, teachers and staff. You can read a preview of the policy and procedures on the Department website.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the *Behaviour Code for students*. It is important that staff, parents and students understand this document and what we expect from every student at our school.

### **Remembrance Day**

It was wonderful to see our school leaders in uniform, along with Sophie O'Donnell in her Girl Guides uniform at the local Remembrance Day service in Finley. Several of our staff were also present as we stopped to remember all those who gave their lives or served our country. Special thank you also to those who recently purchased a pin or pen to support the 'Poppy Appeal'. The money raised helps support serving and ex serving men and women who have suffered or continued to suffer from their service.

### **Movember**

You may have noticed some staff and students doing their best to grow a moustache this month as we raise the awareness of men's health issues by recognising 'Movember'. Men are less likely to talk about their health or act on health concerns, a growing number of men – around 11 million globally are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides.

So, to all of us, speak up, don't be afraid to talk about your health concerns and remember to check in on our friends and family. Thank you to everyone supporting this initiative, we look forward to checking in on those moustaches at the end of November.

### **CWA Melbourne Cup Luncheon**

Well done to the following students who assisted the local CWA at their Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Faith Vidler, Erica Nicholls, Aiden Hopkins and Stevie Bateman, were nothing short of outstanding, their practical skills were excellent and definitely industry standard. Many of the patrons were complimentary of the food and presentation, but mostly the behaviour and professionalism of the students. There's no greater advertisement for Finley High School than these functions.

Special thank you to Mrs McNamara for your encouragement and support.



*Faith Vidler, Erica Nicholls, Stevie Bateman and Aiden Hopkins are pictured with Mrs Philpot and Mrs McNamara*



## Ten Pin Bowling Success

Congratulations to Mrs Marsden and the ten-pin bowling team of Kade, Jack, Arabelle and Paige who travelled to Sydney for the state finals. We are immensely proud of them. Thank you also to Mr Saito and Mrs Munson for supporting the team on the trip.

*Jeff Ward*

Principal

## Assemblies

Two school assemblies have been held over the past two weeks. It has been an opportunity for several student groups to be recognised for their efforts.

## Principal's Awards



**Back:** Chelsea McKenzie, James McNamara, Marko Bonic and Keeley Peters  
**Front:** Milly Beatt, Sophie Urquhart, Chelsea Singleton, Mikayla Simpson and Max Knight

## GRIP Leadership Conference



Daisy Daniel, Riley Sutton, Roree Wallis, Rosie Steel, Chloe Rorato and Olivia Campbell



## Finley Show Art Awards



Holly Arthur, Sophie O'Donnell and Elliott Loughridge

## “The Australian Mathematics Competition” – Certificates of Achievement



**Back:** Nick Chesworth, Kate Tilley, Sarah Bauer, Olivia Campbell, Elliott Loughridge, Ryan Bauer

**Front:** Monet Vinecombe, Lillianna MeyerVale, Bethany Loughridge, Arabelle Taylor and Ben Rourke

## 2023 Fire Cadet Program participants display their certificates of completion



**Back:** Tom White, Harry Daniel, Jeremy Doolan, Group Captain Mr Dave Turner (organiser)  
Ryan Thornton, Arabelle Taylor and Lilly McNamara  
**Front:** Erica Hayes and Georgie Nelson

## Sam McPaul Cadet Championships held in Holbrook – Junior team participants



**Back:** Senior Captain Mr Ian Hovenden (trainer), Erica Hayes, Group Captain Mr Dave Turner,  
Arabelle Taylor, Lilly McNamara, Captain Tamara Graham  
**Front:** School Coordinator - Miss Tanea Bower



## Sam McPaul Cadet Championships – Senior team participants display their trophy for winning the Comms Converse event

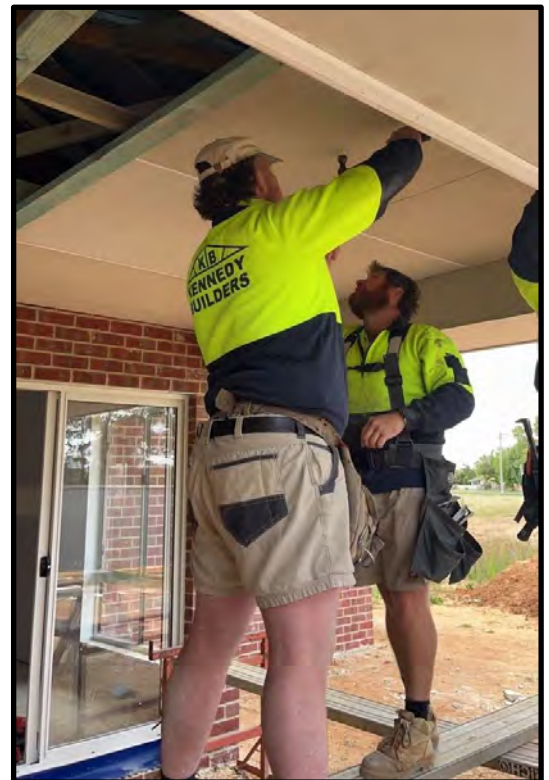


**Back:** Senior Captain Mr Ian Hovenden, Sarah Bauer, Sienna Burke, Miss Tanea Bower, Group Captain Mr Dave Turner, Marko Bonic, Captain Tamara Graham  
**Front:** Georgie Nelson and Erin Chesworth

## Year Ten Work Experience

Jonty King has completed a week of Work Experience with Kennedy Builders. Jonty really enjoyed his week and is considering a career in the building industry. He is pictured here working locally, building new dwellings at Alumuna.

*Mrs Jenny Philpot*  
Careers Advisor/ Work Experience Coordinator





## Crime Story Unleashed:

### Engaging Students as Detectives at Finley High School

Week 3 brought a thrilling adventure to our school as the English Faculty hosted the *Crime Story* incursion, a whole-school program that left our students buzzing with excitement! This unique experience allowed students of all ages to step into the shoes of detectives, immersing themselves in the captivating world of crime-solving.

Our students wholeheartedly embraced the program and found it not only educational but also incredibly enjoyable. The immersive workshops had them playing detectives, analysing evidence, forming inferences, and crafting creative narratives. Their enthusiastic engagement was a testament to the program's effectiveness in making literacy exciting and relevant.

The *Crime Story* program was brought to life by the talented program creators, Luke and Brenda Taylor, who travelled to Finley to make this enriching experience possible for our students. Their dedication and expertise enhanced our students' learning journey in a way that was truly unforgettable.

In addition, teachers from the English and HSIE faculties were lucky to complete a professional learning session on experiential learning. We are committed to providing well-rounded and engaging educational experiences that continue to inspire and empower our students.

Ms Jess Laxton  
Head Teacher English





## Primary Industries

Year Eleven Primary Industries completed the Farm Vehicle Safety Training course last week. The students thoroughly enjoyed the course, why wouldn't they, riding 4-wheeled and side by side vehicles over two days.

The TAFE instructors gave glowing feedback on our wonderful students; they were a delight to train.

Mr Gary Webb

Agriculture/Primary Industries/Science teacher



## Science – Year Nine

Mr Bird had a captive audience when he conducted this *Elephant's Toothpaste* experiment with his Year Nine class last week.





# SRC Update

## MOVEMBER

We are currently halfway through our Movember campaign and have raised over \$2,300. Currently 27 students and staff are participating in Movember, by either growing a Mo, walking or running 60 km, or doing a personal challenge. Our team has currently completed 262 Kilometers in fitness.

On **November 23rd**, Finley High School is having a Movember fundraising day for the 60 male lives suicide takes globally every hour. On this day we encourage students to dress up as their favorite dude and bring a gold gold donation, to support men's mental health. There will be a range of activities for all students to get involved in, and there will be prizes for the best dress and trivial games. To make a donation go to [au.movember.com](http://au.movember.com) and search for Finley High School.

## SOME OF OUR MO BROS



## SRC PLANNING

The 3rd November was the 2024 SRC's official planning day. The SRC had an opportunity to get to know each other. The newly formed connections allowed for a better environment to be confident to share ideas. The SRC started brainstorming ideas for charity fundraisers, school fundraisers, moral boosters, and school improvements. Now the SRC will consolidate plans for 2024.







# Industrial Technology Mandatory Christmas

Year Eight students are completing a Christmas Unit which includes Cooking, Art and Timber. At the end of the Unit all students will be selling their Gingerbread Houses that they have made during the term. Students are pictured with some of their festive wares.



## SPORTS

### Ten Pin Bowling State Finals

Kade Buckley, Paige Hammond, Jack Maude and Arabelle Taylor travelled to Sydney with Mrs Sally Marsden and Mr Koh Saito to compete at the state finals of ten pin bowling. It was an exciting opportunity. These students represented Finley High to the highest standards and placed a credible 14<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams in the state. This is an amazing result as we were competing with teams who have access to regular practice.

Special thank you to Finley APEX club, who made a generous donation and to Mrs Fay Munson for her assistance with transport.

*Mrs Sally Marsden*

*Coordinator and Support Teacher*



### Table Tennis Action

Year Nine/Ten students tried their hands at table tennis last week. Pictured are Chelsea Winn and Miley Conn going head-to-head, Ava Belling and Rosie Steel keep score.





## Golf

At the Finley Junior Golf Championships last weekend, Finley High School students did very well along with students from Finley Public School.

Cooper Sutton took first place, with Sam Hurlston coming in second. This is the second title that Cooper has won as he also took out the Tocumwal Junior Championships last month.

*Mr Brett Murphy*

*Technology Teacher/Digital Classroom Officer*



Pictured left are:

L to R

**Back:** Jacob Smith, Harry Daniel,  
Sam Hurlston, Cooper Sutton  
and Reece Simmons

**Front:** Jackson Pyle, Lincoln Price

## Shuttlecock Showdown

The thrill of badminton has taken centre stage at school sport recently. The hall was buzzing with energy as players showcased their skills and sportsmanship.

The round robin format allowed every player to face off against others in a hotly contested doubles tournament. The intensity on the court was matched only by the encouragement and support from our enthusiastic audience.

Among the standout performances were the dynamic duo of Isaac Lunn and Reece Simmons who proved to be a force to be reckoned with on the court. Their synchronised movements and strategic plays left spectators in awe, making them a team that opponents won't easily forget. Keep an eye on these two; they are definitely ones to watch in future tournaments. Miley Conn and Chelsea Winn brought their A-game to the tournament, proving themselves as strong competitors. Olivia Campbell's tennis skills also came to the fore proving very useful. Agility, quick reflexes, and competitive spirit added an extra layer of excitement to the matches.

A big thank you to Mr Maxwell for his dedication to making school sports competitive and enjoyable.

*Mrs Amy Baxter*

*Head Teacher Teaching and Learning*





## Behaviour code for students

### Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

**In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:**

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

**All students have a right to:**

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW

Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

#### **Behaviour code for students: Student actions**

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

**To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.**

#### **Respect**

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

#### **Safety**

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

#### **Engagement**

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

## Canteen Roster

### CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

**Contact – 0473 946 683**

Volunteers are asked to be at the canteen by 10am sharp.  
If you are unable to attend, please change with someone else.

#### NOVEMBER

21 <sup>st</sup>	K Dawe
22 <sup>nd</sup>	T Bauer
23 <sup>rd</sup>	S White
24 <sup>th</sup>	L Hawkins
28 <sup>th</sup>	G Ferguson
30 <sup>th</sup>	S Frost

#### DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	C Tanner
4 <sup>th</sup>	S Arthur

## FHS P&C UNIFORM OPEN DAYS

**MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER**

**3.15pm - 5pm**

**FINLEY HIGH CANTEEN**

**ENTRY VIA HALL CAR PARK**

## All Welcome

An opportunity to  
**TRY - BUY - ORDER**  
for Year 6 students upwards.

For all enquiries or alternate  
appointments contact  
FHS Canteen - 0437946683

The School Uniform Shop is run by the Finley High School P&C Association.  
This is the only official uniform outlet for Finley High School.



FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

# ART & DESIGN

## EXHIBITION

**Opening night**

November 20th  
2023

Doors open 5:30pm

20-21ST  
NOVEMBER

**6  
PM**

GOLD COIN  
DONATION

**\$2**



**AT FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL HALL**

TOCUMWAL STREET, FINLEY, 2713

NIBBLES  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE  
ARTWORK AUCTION





Finley High School  
P&C

# MAJOR RAFFLE

## \$10

per ticket

### TICKETS AVAILABLE

- Finley High School
  - Jerilderie Newsagents
  - Finley Country Club
- or follow the link  
Online payment portal  
([schoolbytes.education](http://schoolbytes.education))

P&C  
FUNDRAISER  
2023

Online ticket sales close  
10th December

### 1st PRIZE

Deniliquin  
Travel Centre



\$1000 Voucher



### 2nd PRIZE

Local IGA



\$600 Voucher



Finley, Jerilderie,  
Berrigan & Tocumwal

### 3rd PRIZE

Yeti Pack



\$250 Value Pack



DRAWN - 14th December FHS Presentation Night



## CLEANERS WANTED

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other sites in this area. We are looking for local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining our Company as a Cleaner.

A Joss cleaner's role includes: Cleaning, stocking and supplying designated facility areas (dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, restroom cleaning etc)

Joss Facility Management provide staff with a uniform, training and a supportive work environment.

We invite you to register your interest in working with Joss by sending an email to [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au) or call 02 6051 1900.

Joss welcome you to visit our website [www.jossgroup.com.au](http://www.jossgroup.com.au) for further information on our Company. We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.

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