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Some of the art on display at last week's exhibition

Key Dates

Newsletter Term 4, Week 8 2023

Date:	Event:	
Monday 4 th December	Year Ten Driver Education Day - Deniliquin	
Wednesday 6 th December – Friday 8 th December	Year Ten South Coast Excursion	
Tuesday 12 th December	Rewards Excursion to Melbourne	
Thursday 14 th December	Presentation Night – 7pm to 8:30pm	
Friday 15 th December	Students Last Day	
Monday 18 th December – Tuesday 19 th December	Staff Development Days	
2024 ~ Term 1		
Tuesday 30 th January – Wednesday 31 st January	Staff Development Days	
Thursday 1st February	Students in Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve return	
Friday 2 nd February	Students in all Years return	

A word from Mr Ward

This is my last newsletter for 2023 as the 1st December is my last day before heading off on leave. It's always difficult finding the right time to take leave as a principal because you are always going to miss something. This year it will be the final presentation evening and attending local primary school presentation days and nights. I will be thinking of all those award winners and will miss marvelling at their wonderful achievements. I have asked our school captains, Roree Wallis and Sarah Bauer, to present the Principal's Address at our presentation evening on the 14th December.

It has been a terrific year and we have achieved so much. I consider it an honour and a privilege to be the Principal of this wonderful school and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024. Travel safe and have a wonderful Christmas break.

Relieving Principal and Deputy

From Monday the 4th to Tuesday the 19th December, Mr Whitty will be the relieving Principal and Mrs Baxter will be the relieving Deputy Principal. They are both looking forward to this opportunity and I know the school will be in very safe hands.

Farewell to the following Staff

At this stage of the year, we say goodbye to some staff members.

Mr Ford, you starred for the Finley cats, but we were so lucky to have you join us this year where you also starred as a wonderful member of staff.

Therese Macdermid has been with us for three years in the front office, taking photos and producing the newsletter and SRN articles. We will all miss your positivity and friendly caring nature.

Isabella Kelly, there's nothing better than inviting an ex-student back and seeing them embrace a staff role. You will be missed, and we thank you for all your support of our students.

Hailey McLean



Congratulations to Hailey McLean who recently performed for Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, KC, Governor of New South Wales at the South West Music regional Conservatorium. Hailey said it was a once in a lifetime experience that she will cherish. Well done, Hailey we are very proud of your achievements.

School Spectacular

Congratulations to Taralee Graham, Lacy Turner, Matilda Burton and Erica Hammond who recently performed at the Schools Spectacular in Sydney. Taralee performed in the D'Arts section whilst Lacy, Matilda and Erica performed in the Aboriginal Dance. We are very proud of their achievements. Thank you to Ms Bower who coached, mentored and supported the girls through the entire process.

Art and Design Exhibition

It was a pleasure to immerse myself with a large gathering of staff, students, and the community at our recent Art and Design Exhibition. The students' work was exceptional and the performances from our students made the evening even more special. Congratulations to all those involved.

Orientation Day

This week we held our Orientation Day for Year Six students coming to high school in 2024. It was a tremendous day with lots of activities, a variety of classes and lots of smiles. It was great to hear all the positive reports from students and staff who said they are a great year group. If you have any concerns or require information relating to next year, please call Mrs Bird or Jodi Brown.

'Girls Can Too' Program.

Mrs White and I recently attended the 'Girls Can Too' graduation at Deniliquin TAFE. Congratulations to Demi Marshall and Chelsea Coulson who represented Finley High School and gained so much from the program. The program promoted girls in trade and gave the girls many opportunities to hear from and experience life as a tradie.

William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship

The William Rubensohn Foundation offers a scholarship program for schools with the aim to assist students who are motivated to apply themselves to their studies and wish to succeed at school. The scholarship program follows students from Year Nine through to the completion of their secondary studies in Year Twelve. Scholarship funds are administered directly to the students through the school.

In 2024 the new recipients will be:

Tiana Cowan, Blake Vidler (Year Nine) and Aiden Hopkins (Year Eleven). Current recipients include:

Year Nine Erica Hayes and Nicholas Kernaghan Year Ten Olivia Campbell and Ryan Nelson

Year Eleven Keeley Peters

CWA Scholarship

Congratulations to Hayley Palmer who is the CWA scholarship recipient for 2024. Hayley receives \$1000 towards her future studies in nursing. Hayley is pictured receiving her cheque with Murray Hut CWA President Mrs Nola Pinnuck.



Yea Show

The 2023 Ag show team program concluded for the year at the Yea show.

Congratulations again on the team's wonderful achievements, their success is reflective of the hard work they put in prior to and at every event. Well done to all the students, staff, parents and community members who support our Ag program.

Movember

Congratulations to the SRC and all those who grew a mo, ran or donated to this worthy cause. We raised approximately \$4000 and every cent and every discussion goes a step closer to supporting men's health. Well done Finley High School.

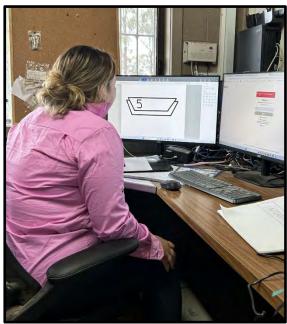


Year Ten Work Experience

Year Ten students are currently undertaking a week of work experience. Below some students are captured at their work placements.

Mrs Jenny Philpot Careers Advisor/ Work Experience Coordinator







Isaac Lunn Marshall Ag

Demi Marshall *Marshall Ag*

Georgia BellingBrad Belling Engineering

GIRLS CAN TOO DENILIQUIN - 2023 PROGRAM

Girls Can Too Deniliquin is a joint venture between NSW Department of Education and Training, TAFE NSW and SQUAD. The program has been designed to introduce female students into non-traditional trades areas. The objective of the program is to encourage girls to pursue further education and training or commence a career in a non-traditional trade. This could be though a School Based Apprenticeship, full time apprenticeship or traineeship or through VET Training.

The program ran on Wednesdays for six weeks. In this time the girls undertook workshops and classes around work readiness and workplace preparation such as a mock Interview. The girls completed some industry tours with Essential Energy and Deniliquin Aluminium Windows. They further undertook some practical workshops and trade tasters in automotive, construction and carpentry and fabrication and welding before completing a week of work experience in their chosen trade area. Demi chose to work in automotive and Chelsea in plumbing.

The girls were provided with a full uniform including a long sleeve shirt, pants and steel cap boots as part of the program from SQUAD which they kept at the culmination of the program. Each day the girls were also provided with lunch.

On graduation day the girls heard from other women in trades including Maisie and Sammy from Hutcheon and Pearce, Finley and Maddy from Cummins who provided a trades Q&A.

On Wednesday 22nd the girls had a Mini Graduation for the last day of the program where they were presented with a small toolkit and certificate. Mr Ward and Mrs White had the pleasure of attending the graduation ceremony to hear about the program and the wonderful job Demi and Chelsea had done.

Finley High School would like to thank Kristy Marshall who transported the girls to and from Deniliquin each week to allow the girls to participate.

Mrs Deb White Careers Adviser



Chelsea and Demi are pictured with their Graduation Certificates.

School Uniform Sale Days

School uniforms can be purchased on the following days prior to the commencement of 2024 school year.

Day	Time	Place
Monday January 29th	11:30am – 1:30pm	Canteen
Tuesday January 30 th	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Canteen
Wednesday January 31st	10:00am – 12:00pm	Canteen

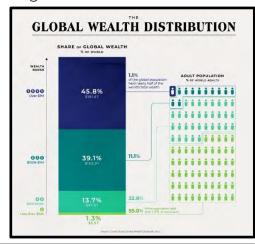
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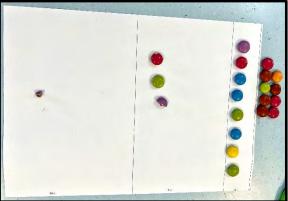
Year Twelve Economics have been learning about 'The Global Economy', and more specifically inequality in the global economy. Students had to use smarties (or skittles for those allergic to chocolate!) to distribute what they thought was a 'fair' distribution of global wealth and then

guess what they thought actual global wealth distribution would look like. Each smartie/skittle represented 5% of global wealth. Students were shocked to learn that the wealthiest 1% of individuals own 45% of global wealth while the poorest 55% of individuals collectively hold just 1% of global wealth! (Credit Suisse Global Wealth Databook, 2021).

Mr Jack Maslen Mathematics and HSIE Teacher







Year Twelve Biology

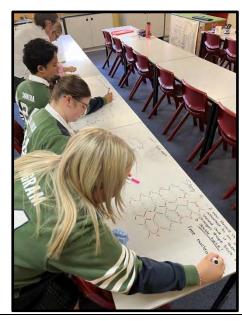
In the Year Twelve Biology course, modelling concepts has become increasingly important. Pictured below are Year Twelve students modelling the process of DNA replication, using whiteboard markers and the desks. This process assists them to recall what happens, and they

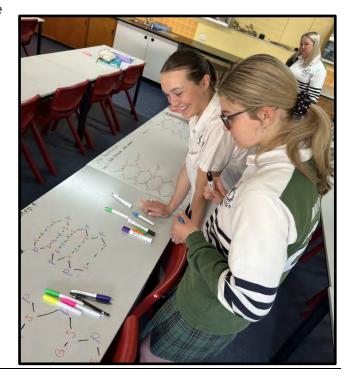
can quickly clarify their understanding and make corrections when needed.

It's not often graffiti becomes a teaching

strategy, but it is one they enjoy and can learn from easily. This is also an easily transferable learning strategy.

Ms Michelle Archinal Year Eleven Advisor 2023 Biology Teacher





Technology

In Year Nine/Ten ISTEM this term, we have been working with microdrones, learning to pilot them manually and code their pathway of an aerial survey of Melbourne city as shown.

Mrs Nicole Close

Information and Communications Technology Coordinator/Teacher



Pictured above:

Ava Belling shows Georgia Belling, Miley Conn and Shikaya Hall how it's done.

Career News - Year Twelve

Career conversations at results time: Support your young person's wellbeing and help them plan their next steps.

Tuesday 12 December 1:00pm (AEDT)

The end of the year can be an anxious time for senior secondary students as they await their exam results, and also an anxious time for parents. Some will celebrate, some will be disappointed, and many will just be uncertain about what it all means.

Join us as Dr Michael Healy shares practical tips on how parents and carers, teachers, friends and others can support young people to understand their results and plan their next steps accordingly. Learn how to help your young person recongnise and manage their emotions at results time (both positive and negative), discover post-school pathway options for them to consider, and how they can make good career decisions and approach the next chapter of their journey with confidence.

Register now:

https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8455594496524133470?source=professional-associations

History

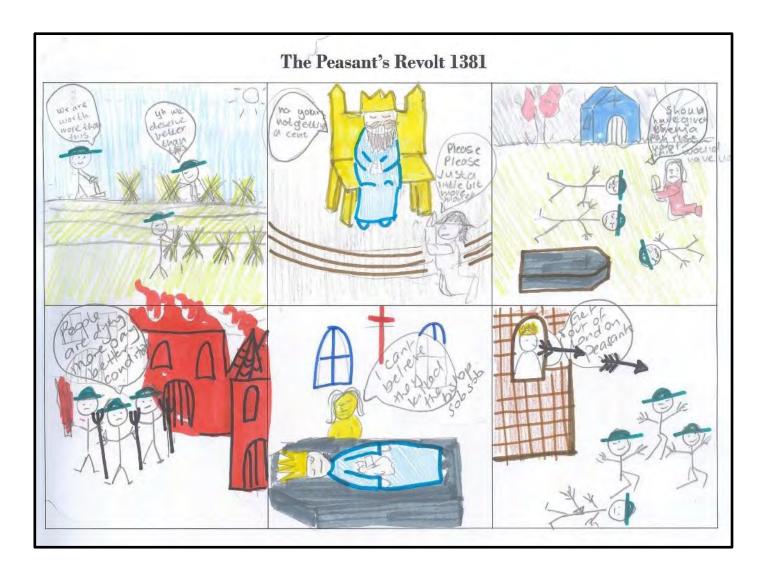
This term, our enthusiastic Year Eight students have delved deep into the captivating world of Medieval Europe and the turbulent events surrounding the Black Death. As part of this historical exploration, students had the opportunity to unravel the complexities of the 1381 Peasants' Revolt.

The Peasants' Revolt of 1381 was a pivotal moment in history, when peasants rose against oppressive conditions, demanding social justice and change. To bring this intriguing period to life, students were tasked with reading a short story about the Peasants' Revolt. But that was just the beginning! The real challenge lay in translating their newfound knowledge into creative expression through the art of comic strip creation.

Through the creation of their own comic strips, students honed valuable skills such as critical thinking, storytelling, and visual communication. It was a journey that allowed them to not only understand the historical context of the Peasants' Revolt but also to communicate their insights in a unique and creative manner.

Attached for your enjoyment is the stellar comic strip crafted by the talented 8B student, Lincoln Robertson. Prepare to be transported back in time as you witness the vivid storytelling and artistic prowess displayed in Lincoln's interpretation of this historical event.

Mrs Madeline Jackson HSIE Teacher



Language Other Than English (LOTE)

Year Seven Languages (French) have been working on French role-plays, based on eating and drinking. They performed their plays in Week 6 in their groups, and some volunteered to perform again for Year Six on Orientation Day.

Mrs Jacqui O'Bryan HSIE Teacher





Orientation Day Wrap

Some very excited Year Six students were snapped during their various activities on Tuesday's Orientation Day. Thanks, Mrs Bird for the photos.













On November 20th and 21st, Finley High School hosted their first Art and Design Exhibition featuring student works from Year Seven through to Year Twelve major Body Of Works in visual arts, wood and metal. The exhibition showcased the diversity of talent we have here at Finley High School and our value on the creative arts. A selection of talented musicians performed live at the opening night and the SRC showed off their brand new popcorn machine in the canteen while hospitality students put together a feast of treats. Thank you to all who were involved.

Miss Charlotte Perry CAPA/TAS Teacher



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.

DECEMBER

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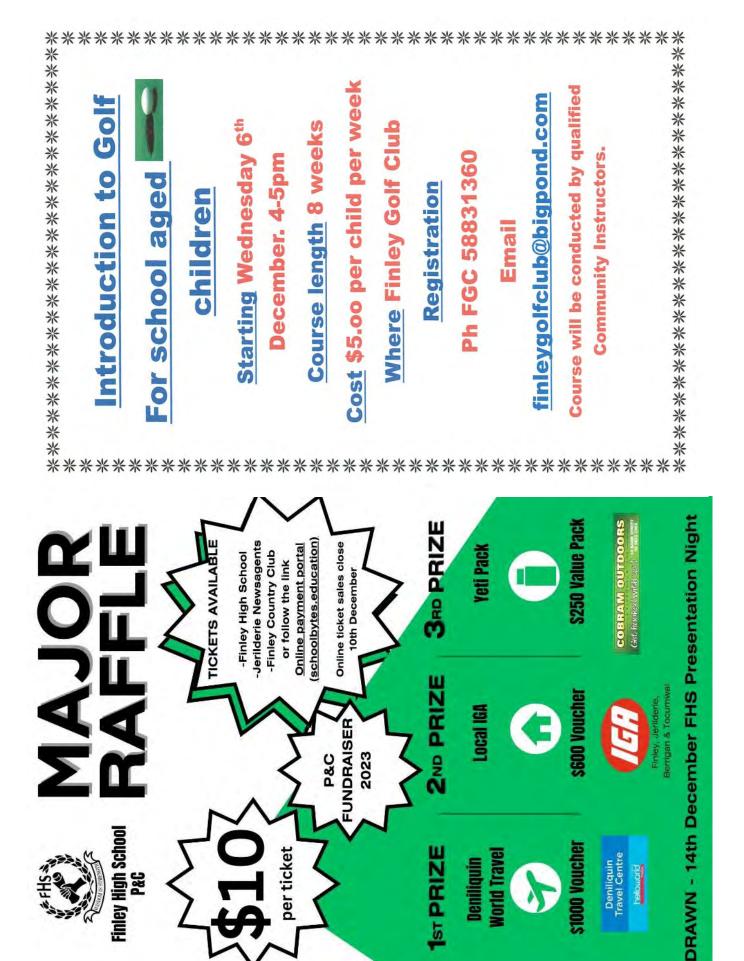
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8th A Williams

13th K McDonnell







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