

17th March 2023 | Finley High School

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Year Eight Engineering on display in the foyer

Key Dates

Newsletter Term 1, Week 8 2023

Date:	Event:
Monday March 20 th	Riverina Soccer Trials – Boys Riverina AFL Trials – Girls NAPLAN – Years Seven and Nine Reading Tests
Tuesday March 21 st	Harmony Day Riverina Golf Trials – Open NAPLAN – Years Seven and Nine Language Conventions
Wednesday March 22 nd	Years 5 and 6 Open Night – 4pm to 6pm NAPLAN – Years Seven and Nine Numeracy Tests
Friday March 24 th	Open AFL
Mon 27 th March – Wed 29 th March	Year Twelve Half Yearly Exams
Thursday 30 th March	Under 15s Soccer - Deniliquin
Friday 31 st March	<i>Formal Assembly – 12:30pm to 1:30pm</i>
Mon April 3 rd – Tues April 4 th	State Swimming in Sydney
Tuesday April 4 th	Open Soccer – Deniliquin
Thursday April 6 th	Term 1 finishes
Monday April 24 th	Staff return for Term 2
Tuesday April 25th	ANZAC DAY
Wednesday April 26 th	Students return for Term 2

A word from Mr Ward

International Women's Day

It was wonderful to once again pause and recognise International Women's Day on the 8th March. Starting early the staff came together for a breakfast treat of a bacon and egg roll, fruit, juice, and a coffee. We then held a special assembly to officially acknowledge International Women's Day, where our school captains spoke of the history and significance of the day. Our special guest Dr Julia Cornwell McKean spoke about her significant rise to businesswoman and Shire Councillor.

Later that day a group of our Student Representative Council female students together with Mrs Parr and Mrs Tobin travelled to Berrigan for a Berrigan Shire sponsored luncheon. It was a great day and I take this



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opportunity to thank all the important women in our lives and to recognise that around the world we still have so much to achieve to bring attention to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women.

Year Seven Student Representative Council (SRC) Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at the International Women's Day assembly and inducted into the SRC in front of their peers, staff and parents. It is a tremendous honour to be on the SRC and I look forward to working with each of you.

Ava East
Bella Rourke
Evan Lawton
Corey Dundon



Riverina Swimming

At the Riverina swimming carnival in Leeton we had six students qualify for the State swimming championships in Sydney. We congratulate the following students and wish them all the best.

- Erin Chesworth
- Nick Chesworth
- Logan Eldridge
- Jackson Tooke
- Jayden White
- James White

Year Twelve Interviews

It was a pleasure for Mrs White and myself to sit and discuss future plans and current study habits with half of the Year Twelve cohort recently. Our future is bright as students discussed career aspirations which included nursing, pharmacy, teaching, police, army, agriculture science, vet science as well as trades such as welding, plumbing, beauty and personal training. Mrs White has been especially busy as she recently took a group of students to the University of Wollongong as well as hosting a Careers Roadshow at Finley High, where past student Maddy Dundon (2019) represented Charles Sturt University and spoke of nursing studies.

School Social

The recent school social was a success with close to 90 students attending on Friday night. A big thank you to those staff who gave up their Friday evening to supervise and to Mrs Parr and Mrs Tobin who worked tirelessly with the SRC for the evening to be a success.

Deniliquin Show and Euroa Beef Show

Once again, our cattle and dairy cattle were a major success at the Deniliquin Show with many complimenting the program including our local member Helen Dalton who grabbed some promotion time with our team. Thank you to Mrs O'Leary, Mr Webb, Mr and Mrs O'Hora for organising and supporting the students. We also thank the Show Team who were at the Numurkah Beef Show the week before and the Euroa Beef Show over the Victorian long weekend.

Year Seven

Year Seven recently had a pool excursion as a reward for those students who are working well. Thank you to Jodi Brown who cooked the BBQ, to Miss Perry for her organisation and Mr Tooke who supervised.

Year Seven parents also attended a welcome evening and BBQ. There was a terrific turn out of parents and staff. It was wonderful to hear so many positive reports.



Finley Mensed

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the Finley Mensed for their generous donation of \$5000 towards wellbeing projects most notably our Breakfast Club. I recently went to a morning tea at the Mensed where I received the cheque and was overwhelmed by this act of kindness. Thank you.

Jeff Ward
Principal



Assembly

At last Wednesday's assembly Principal Awards were presented to:



Back Left to Right:

*Nikita Willemsen, Claire Ingram,
Erica Hammond, Abi Litchfield,
Hailey McLean, Maggie Bramley*

Front Left to Right:

*Erin Chesworth, Nichole
Arcasitas, Faith Vidler, Erica
Nicholls and Rosie Steel*

Students were recongised with Show Team awards for their efforts at both the Numurkah and Deniliquin Shows

Back Left to Right:

*Lilly McNamara, Shaylee Burt,
Amanda Stevenson, Angus Bain,
Rosie Steel and Maggie Bramley*

Middle Left to Right:

*Erin Chesworth, Claire Ingram,
Erica Hammond, Chelsea Singleton,
Erica Hayes and Lindsey Matheson*

Front Left to Right:

*Pip Bain, Lilliana MeyerVale,
Cheyenne Tucker and Sara Hayes*



International Women's Day

Mrs Parr and Mrs Tobin accompanied female SRC students to the International Women's Day lunch held in Berrigan. Author, Margaret Hickey was an inspirational speaker following the lunch.



Back: Dakota Pyle, Mrs Parr, Mrs Tobin and Meg Marshall

Front: Sarah Bauer, Hailey McLean, Erica Nicholls, Claire Ingram and Faith Vidler

Left to Right: Mrs Parr, Meg Marshall,

Margaret Hickey (Guest Speaker), Claire Ingram, Sarah Bauer, Erica Nicholls, Dakota Pyle, Faith Vidler and Mrs Tobin

Agriculture Department Fundraiser Auction

The agriculture department are raising funds to construct an outdoor learning space in the Ag Plot. Data and stock records are regularly collected by students and uploaded into the Stockbook platform or digitally recorded into spreadsheets to be analysed or manipulated to suit learning needs.

The intention is to have a space in the Ag Plot where students can work comfortably and safely using technology and/or their workbooks. The agriculture area is well utilised with between 50 to 80% of our students involved in formal agricultural activities.

Sally Dizgalvis has donated an original oil painting by Margaret Rees (see picture) to the school.

We are running an online auction for this artwork on our Facebook page. The starting bid has been placed by our school Principal with an offer of \$500. Make your bids in the comments box, auction ends 31st March 2023 @3.30pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/FinleyHighSchool>



Year Ten History

Year Ten are currently learning about World War One. As part of their study, they consider the types of weapons that were used and the nature of trench warfare. To consolidate their learning, students played a version of 'battleships' set in the context of a trench system. Students were asked to consider why a gas attack gave four casualties' but going 'over the top' resulted in more casualties for the attacker than defenders

*Mr Matt Tobin
History 10B/10C*



Year Eleven Geography

On Monday afternoon 27th February, as a part of their studies about the hydrosphere and to prepare for an upcoming field trip, Year Eleven Geography headed to the lake to take some samples and test the water quality. In particular, they used turbidity tubes to measure the turbidity of the water, measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units. They used universal indicator paper to measure the pH of the water. Additionally, the students used Geographic Information Systems to record location data and cameras to survey the location for further analysis.

The students worked incredibly well as a team and delegated roles accordingly to gather data from two locations.

*Mr Craig Burdon
HSIE teacher*



Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews

Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Term 2, Week 2 – Wednesday 3rd May. The interviews will cover all Years Seven to Twelve. They will be held in the school Hall from 4pm until 6:30pm.

Bookings will be electronic and made through Sentral. Those who don't have access to Sentral are welcome to have their student/s collect a paper form from their Year Advisor to make their bookings. Bookings will open 8am Monday 24th April and close 5pm Saturday 29th April.

PARENT / CARER / TEACHER BOOKINGS THROUGH SENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for parents using the **Parent Portal** for booking Interviews.

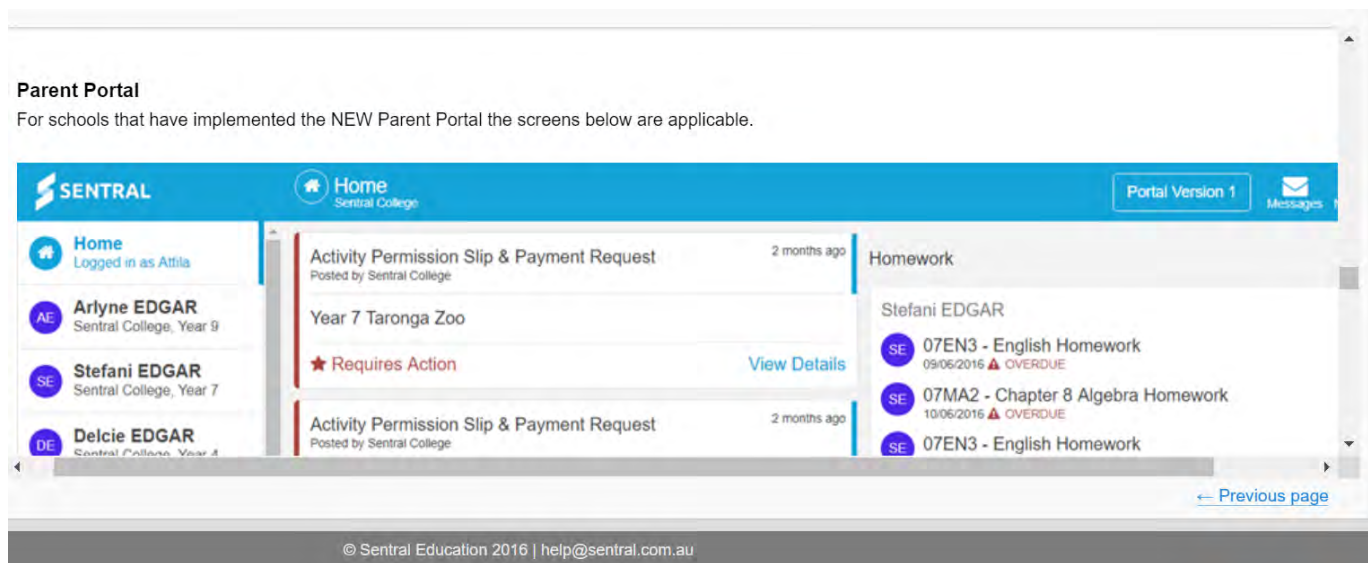
To make a booking on Sentral through the Parent Portal please see the following instructions. If you choose not to use the online booking process students can obtain a paper booking sheet from their Year Adviser. Bookings can only be made on this sheet if the sheet has been signed by a parent/carer.

Should you need support with making bookings please contact the school office.

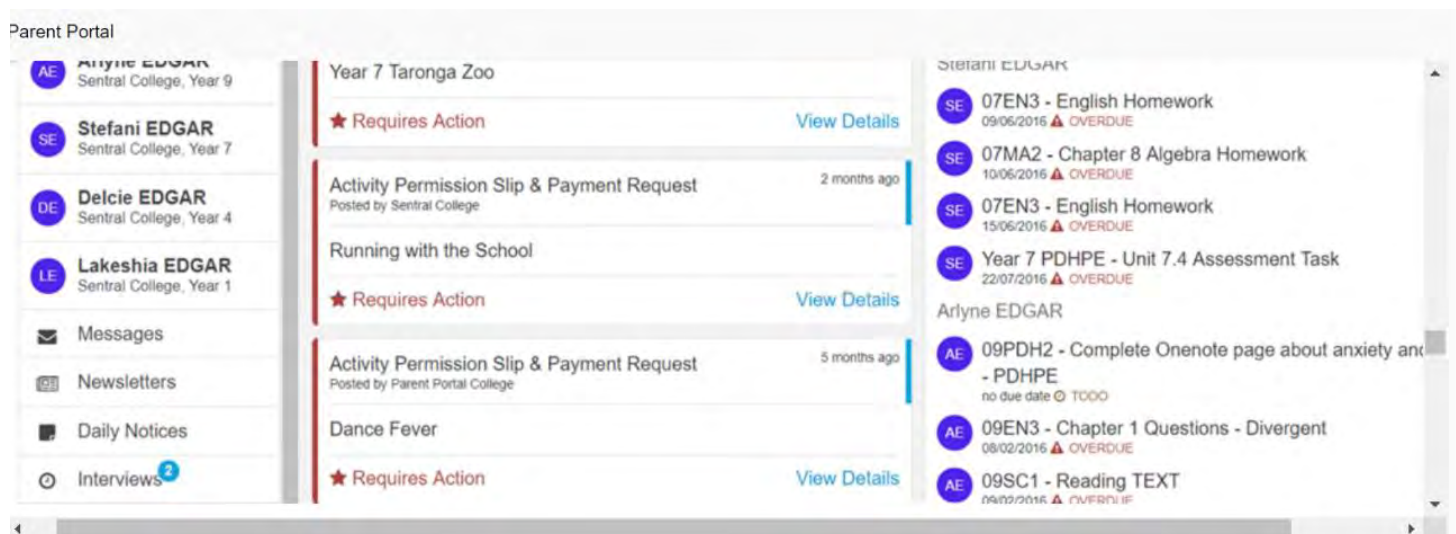
ONLINE BOOKINGS WILL OPEN 8.00am MONDAY 24th April and CLOSE 5pm SATURDAY 29th April. You will not be able to access bookings outside of these times.

1. Go to the Sentral Parent Portal

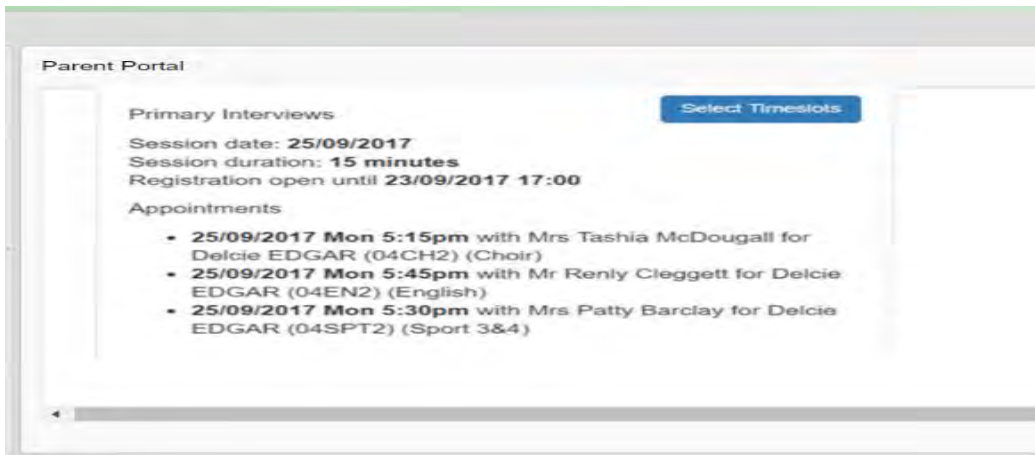
<https://finleyhs.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>



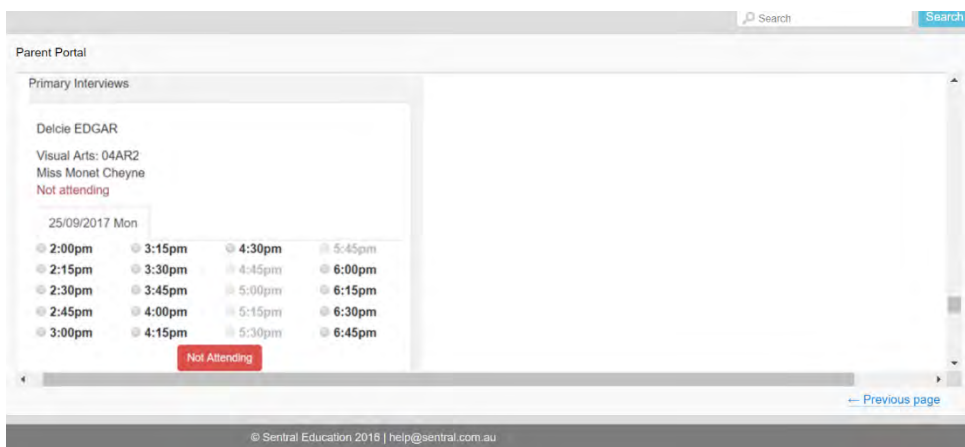
2. Click on the **Interviews** icon



3. The screen will display the current interviews available to the parent for their child/ren



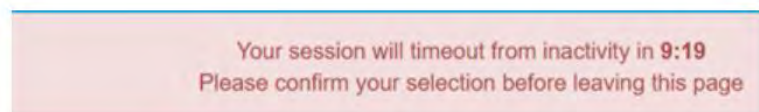
4. Click on **Timeslots**



Available timeslots are noted in black and unavailable are greyed out. Click on the available timeslot and a message will appear confirming the booking.

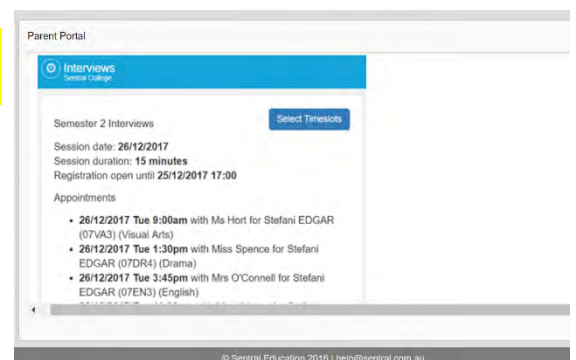
5. If you are not planning to attend, click on the **Not Attending** option and a message will appear confirming your choice.

You will see your timer banner in the top bar of your screen to advise how long you have to finalise your bookings.



As there is often a large volume of parents and teachers making bookings, this will ensure that all parents have the chance to schedule a booking with the required staff members.

6. Click on **Save Bookings** for confirmation.



A list of your Interviews and timeslots will now display.

Careers

On Thursday 9th March Finley High School hosted the Travelling Tertiary Roadshow. This saw presenters from Charles Sturt University, LaTrobe University, Wodonga TAFE and Riverina TAFE NSW attend Finley High.

Students were presented with a general overview of University and TAFE including information on accommodation, scholarships and pathways. At the end of the presentation students had time to liaise directly with the presenters to ask questions and gather relevant information.

This is a great opportunity for students to gather information without having to travel to campuses or wait on emails and phone calls. We were also lucky this year to have ex Finley High School student Maddie Dundon presenting from Charles Sturt University about her experiences. As part of the activity the institutions ran a raffle for student engagement where students were awarded raffle tickets for asking and answering questions.



The winners on the day were:

Charles Sturt University - Jonathan Shen, Dakota Pyle, Erica Hammond and Sarah Bauer

LaTrobe University - Kassidy Cole and Keeley Peters

TAFE Wodonga and TAFE NSW - Hayley Palmer

Thanks to CSU, Wodonga TAFE, TAFE NSW and LaTrobe University for your support of Finley High School.



Year Eight History - Cookie Excavation

This term, Year Eight History students have been studying how archaeologists investigate the ancient past. To extend their learning students simulated the process of archeological excavation as they excavated the chocolate chips from cookies. Students then mapped the results of their 'dig' on the grid worksheets and discovered that archeology can be both destructive and informative.

Mrs Amy Baxter

Head Teacher - Teaching and Learning



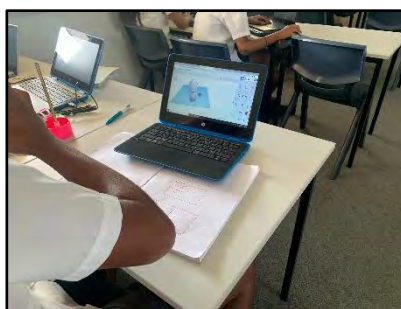
Year Eight English – 3D Modelling

This week, our Year Eight English classes stepped momentarily away from their novel study of 'Parvana', by author Deborah Ellis, and into the world of 3D modelling! Mr Murphy shared his technological wizardry with students in teaching them how to use the Tinkercad software to start creating models of characters or items from the novel. The overall aim of this cross-curricular task is for students to create 'playing pieces' that will be used in a 'Parvana'-themed boardgame of their own creation, a fun activity which will be carried out at the end of the term.



Ms Jess Laxton

Relieving Head Teacher - English



Chess Club



At last week's Chess Club these keen players were trying some strategic moves to try and out manoeuvre their online tutor!



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Deniliquin Show – Ag Show Team (Dairy)

These three young Year Seven boys did an amazing job at the recent Deniliquin Show, big classes 12+ heifers in each. Congratulations boys, you did yourselves and Finley High School proud! Congratulations also to Tamzin Bell on winning the junior judging competition. Tamzin will now travel to Sydney for the next stage. Well done, Tamzin!.

Mrs Jenny O'Hora – Show Team



Patrick Hibbard
with Allegant Hoper



Corey Dundon
with Woodman Neive



Bayden Moritz
with Mayberry Grace

Diary Rewards

Students pictured below have been seen to be using their new school diary to their best advantage. As a reward they have been presented with canteen vouchers.



Left:
Alison Kleinschmidt is congratulated by Mr Ward

Right:
Milly Hanmer and Piper Pyle with their reward vouchers



Riverina Swimming

Finley High School recently dispatched a swimming squad to represent the school at the Riveria carnival in Leeton. Some of our squad are pictured below:



Left:
Abbey Tanner, Sophie Urquart, Charlie Gatty and Ella Coombs

Right:
Chloe Rorato, Ella Coombs and Kizzi Moore



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.

MARCH

20 th	S Hawkins
23 rd	J A'Vard
24 th	R Lockhart
27 th	S Peasley
28 th	L Jeffress
31 st	A Williams

APRIL

4 th	R Groutsch
5 th	S White

FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 5&6 OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Between 4pm – 6pm

Finley High School BBQ Area

OPEN TO YEARS 5 & 6 STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The following will be on offer-

- Guided Tours
- Meet the Staff
- Information Sessions
- Interactive Activities

Come along and experience some of the amazing opportunities
Finley High School has to offer.

Working together to ensure the best possible High School journey.

2024 Year 7 Advisor Nikki Bird - Finley High School - 03 58831344



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SRC Update

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 21st
March**

Harmony Day

International Women's Day

On the 8th of March Mrs Tobin, Mrs Parr and our Senior SRC girls headed to Berrigan for an International Women's Day luncheon at the Berrigan Sportsground. Local award-winning author Margaret Hickey from North-East Victoria was the event's guest speaker. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and focuses her novels on crime, mystery, rural lives and communities.

Margaret was an inspiration to everyone.



HARMONY WEEK

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Harmony Day is coming up on Tuesday the 21st of March.

The SRC invites staff and students to wear their own cultural dress or orange. Orange has signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. Canteen vouchers will be awarded to the best dressed.

Students will get the opportunity to learn about different cultures throughout the day, as the SRC and other students and teachers will be running cultural rooms. Each room will be dedicated to a specific culture and students will participate in a range of activities throughout the day.

At lunch-time students will be able to sample a range of cultural food. The SRC would like to thank the Food Tech and Hospitality classes who have helped prepare the food as well as the parents who have offered to make something for this day.

After lunch students will learn about the Holi festival, and Finley High will have their own Festival of Colour with students participating in a colour run. Students are asked to bring a white shirt to change into for this fun afternoon activity.

All students who catch a bus will need to change back into clean clothes prior to 3:15pm.

Outback Theatre and Shopfront Arts Co-Op present...

Holiday Film School



More info and enrol: admin@outbacktheatre.com



Join us for 5 days of fun and film-making!

Two artists from Shopfront in Sydney will be in town to develop skills in movement, acting and visual storytelling

Places are limited - email us now to enrol

11 - 15 April
2023



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AT THE WAR
MEMORIAL
HALL,
BERRIGAN



**OUTBACK
THEATRE
FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE**



**BLIGHTY REDEYES
SIGN ON DAY**

**FAMILY FUN COME AND TRY DAY
18TH MARCH 11AM-2PM**

FUN FOOTY SKILLS

Mixed footy/netty game

JUMPING CASTLE

COFFEE VAN

Food

EVERYONE WELCOME