



2nd June 2023 | Finley High School

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Key Dates

*From the recent Staff Development Day –
A bale of turtles on display in the library*

Newsletter Term 2, Week 6 2023

Date:	Event:
Monday June 5 th – Friday June 9 th	Year Ten Work Experience
Tuesday June 6 th	Year Seven Immunisations
Thursday June 8 th	Year Eleven and Twelve 'Elevate' study program
Tuesday June 13 th	Year Twelve Tertiary and TAFE Melbourne Excursion
Wednesday June 14 th	School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday June 14 th	<i>Finley High P&C Meeting – Admin Staffroom at 7pm All welcome</i>
Friday June 16 th	Riverina Cross Country
Tuesday June 20 th	MADDD Matinee
Wednesday June 21 st	MADDD Night Performance
Thursday June 22 nd	Berrigan Shire Council Careers EXPO - Years Eleven and Twelve
Friday June 23 rd	Zone Athletics - Finley
Thursday June 29 th	Formal Assembly
Friday June 30 th	MND Fundraiser

A word from Mr Ward

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day is held on May 26th and marks the day that the landmark 'Bringing Them Home' report was tabled in Federal Parliament in 1997. It is a time to remember the forced child removal and sad and painful stories of the stolen generations.

Everyone has a role to play in Reconciliation Week which runs from the 27th May to 3rd June with this year's theme, 'Be A Voice For Generations', which asks each and every one of us to use our words and our actions to create a better, more just and equitable Australia for all. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians and at the heart of this journey is the relationship between the broader Australian community and First Nations peoples. These dates commemorate two significant milestones, the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

This week a number of our students with Aboriginal Education coordinator, Mrs Denny, ventured to Finley TAFE to take part in a Reconciliation ceremony and tree planting.

Rural South and West Principal Conference in Sydney

Last week I attended the Rural South and West Principal conference. It was excellent. Key addresses from our relieving Secretary Murat Dizdar and relieving Deputy Secretary Deb Summerhayes were well received. During the conference, we completed workshops in supporting early career teachers, driving improvements in Reading, Attendance, Aboriginal Education and Leadership.

Respectful, Responsible Learners

It was great to be there with other local principals from Tocumwal, Jerilderie, Blighty, Berrigan and Barooga. Our Director, Helen McRae, and Executive Director, Dean White, also addressed those in attendance. I also met the new Principal of Finley Primary School, Owen Gill, who starts next term.

Erica Hammond Success

Congratulations to Erica Hammond who has been awarded a prestigious Acacia Program Scholarship by the Public Education Foundation. There were many high-quality applications and winning this scholarship is a significant achievement. Erica was presented with her award in Sydney and was supported by Ms Laxton.

Congratulations To The Following Students On Their Early Entry Into CSU

Jebidiah MeyerVale	Bachelor of Agriculture Business Management in Wagga
Abi Litchfield	Bachelor of Animal Science in Wagga
Cassidy Reynolds	Bachelor of Education Early childhood/Primary in Albury
Hayley Palmer	Bachelor of Nursing in Albury
Dakota Pyle	Bachelor of Nursing in Albury

Hailey McLean and Sophie O'Donnell - The National Art School In Sydney

In the last school holidays, Hailey McLean and Sophie O'Donnell attended the Dobell Drawing School at the National Art School in Sydney. A unique experience to further their studies in their chosen fields. Great work.

Well Done Year Twelve

Well done to Year Twelve and their year advisor Mr Bird who recently supported the Finley Ricestrippers ball and with that received a donation towards their final year celebrations. Below is a letter we received from the P & C president Mr Jones.

*G'day Jeff,
Yesterday, as you know, Year 12 participated in the cooking and service of breakfast as well as the clean-up and packing up of the Finley B&S site.
The students who were in attendance did a fantastic job at whatever job they were assigned. No matter the task, there was no complaining or whingeing, they just got in and got the jobs done.
Orchestrated by the maestro Daryl Bird, the morning went off without a hitch.
Members of the Apex club complimented the students on their work ethic, adding, we should have the school involved years ago.
You should be proud of the way these students represented the school.
It was a pleasure to work with them yesterday.
Regards,
Paul Jones*

Sporting Success

A shout out to the following teams and students who recently represented the school, zone or region (Riverina).

- Ben Rourke, Sienna and Jasmine Burke as they play for the Riverina in state squash in Coffs Harbour this week.
- Boys and Girls AFL teams as they compete in Swan Shield in Barham.
- Boys and Girls Squash teams in Hay.
- Bianca and Caitlin Griffiths in Equestrian Victorian Interschool State Championships.

Holbrook Sheep Show

Mrs Robyn O'Leary and Mr Gary Webb have done an outstanding job with their hard-working Show Team. At the Holbrook Sheep Show last week among their many wins was the outstanding 'Most Successful School' title. Congratulations team on an amazing result.



Proudly displaying the winners' ribbon are students: Angus Baine, Mikayla McDonnell, Claire Ingram and Erin Chesworth with judges Paul Jarick (left) and Ken Hulme (right)

AI (Artificial Intelligence) At School

I recently attended a presentation by Charles Sturt University on AI. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized society, including education, offering valuable tools to streamline tasks. However, the dangers of misusing AI can undermine the essence of genuine learning. I want to flag for students and their families some of the dangers associated with AI and its misuse in education.

One danger lies in relying on AI-powered tools for content generation. While they provide quick information, they often lack accuracy and context, resulting in shallow understanding and misinformation. Students who solely depend on AI miss out on deep engagement and fail to grasp complex concepts thoroughly. Misusing AI can also foster a culture of plagiarism. With easy access to AI-generated content, the temptation to present others' work as one's own grows. This erodes students' growth and cultivates an environment devoid of academic integrity and originality. Where a teacher at Finley High School has stipulated that AI may NOT be used in the creation of a student response or submission, if a student is found to be in breach of this, an automatic zero result will apply, and an N-Award warning issued in response.

Welcome Miss Dixon



We welcome Jorja Dixon to Finley High School as she undertakes a practicum in Mathematics.

Final Comment – The Gift Of Reading.

I was sitting in a café in Sydney last week with some colleagues and across from us sat two young students who were talking about the books they were reading. The excitement they were generating from this discussion was amazing, they almost screamed in delight when they spoke of certain books they were reading and how they were reading every night to get through as many books as possible. I would have loved to capture this moment to share with our students, priceless and magical.

Jeff Ward
Principal



Kade Buckley, Paige Hammond, Addie Baker and Arabelle Taylor attend Riding Develops Abilities in Cobram every fortnight. The students participate in a range of activities whilst mounted on horseback. Horseback riding is an excellent activity as the balance required helps to engage both sides of the body and brain. Balancing on a horse stretches muscles and develops core strength whilst having fun directing tennis balls down a chute, tent pegging and shooting hoops. Yes, all from horseback with the help of the wonderful RDA volunteers. The smiles on the faces of the students who participate is an absolute sight to behold.



Homework Centre

Homework Centre is once again up and running for the term. Students are invited to attend sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, to complete their homework or assessments. Sessions run from 3.30 pm to 4 pm in the library. Thanks, must be given to the P & C for providing afternoon tea for the students.

Students are asked, if possible, to indicate their attendance by signing up on the sheets outside the Support staffroom.



Minimum Standards

Students in Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve have been completing their Minimum Standards exams this term.

To be eligible for a HSC certificate, students are required to pass online exams in reading, writing and numeracy. They must achieve a band 3 or above. Students have one opportunity each term to sit these exams. Assistance is offered to the students to help guide their progress towards reaching these learning targets.

Check In Assessment

Students in Year Eight have begun to complete the annual semester 1 check in assessment in Reading and Numeracy. These are conducted in students' English and Mathematics classes. These self-paced online exams, provide an indication of the student progress in their learning, and identify areas of excellence and areas of concerns.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

This term we have started the process of collating information about students who are receiving adjustments to their learning in 2023. It is a record of adjustments that are occurring within the classrooms to support the students' learning and wellbeing. At the end of the term, parents will be notified if their child is receiving adjustments and to what degree.

Ms Wendy Coates
Support Teacher

WANTED

The Wellbeing Hub is asking for donations of Lego and/or containers. The Lego will be used for students who attend the hub with an aim to set up a Lego Club. If you can help, please contact Mrs Sami Whitty or Mrs Nikki Bird through the school's front office – 5883 1344

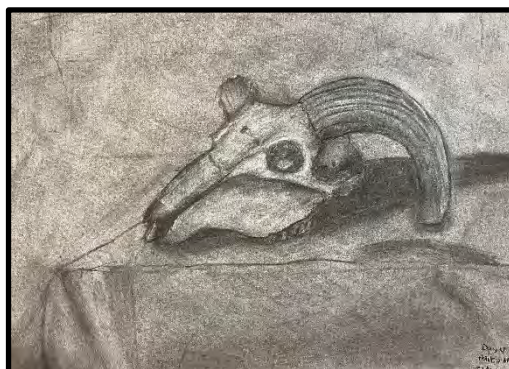
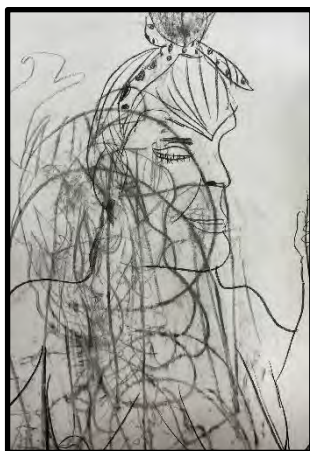
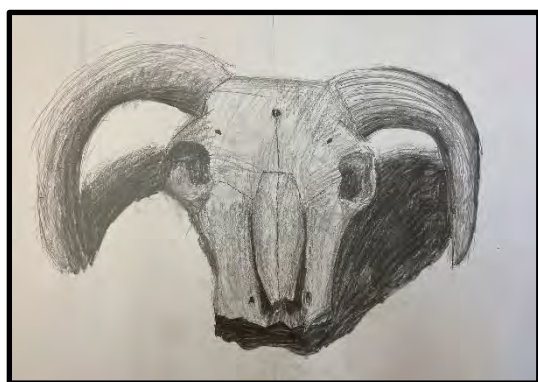
National Art School - Dobell Drawing School

From Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st April, Hailey McLean and myself had the opportunity to attend The Dobell Drawing School at the National Art School, Sydney. The classes ran from 10am- 4pm with a one hour lunch break. The regional students stayed at the Song Hotel. 75 people in NSW were chosen; 20 people were chosen from regional NSW and the rest of the students were day trippers who lived in Sydney.

There were 5 different courses to choose from. Hailey chose a different course from me to experience techniques in Observational Drawing taught by a different teacher. I chose the course called Figure in Context. The other 3 drawing classes were drawing the nude, portrait drawing and experimental drawing. On Friday we had an exhibition to showcase all our artworks across the five classes.

Thank you to our teachers Claire Ryan and Bethanie Johnson who walked us to and from the art school and took care of us out of class.

Sophie O'Donnell
Year Eleven student



Year Eleven Economics

Recently, Year Eleven Economics had an incursion run by the Reserve Bank of Australia. This covered the role of Monetary Policy and current economic conditions both domestically and globally.

Mr Jack Maslen
Mathematics and HSIE teacher



Year Twelve Fundraising

On Sunday the 21st of May, Year Twelve were invited by Finley Apex Club to help those poor people recover from The Rice Strippers Ball.

It was a very early start to a Sunday, but 12 brave volunteers made their way to Finley Showgrounds for the 6 am start. They were immediately put to work cleaning up under the marquee, which helped warm us up on a rather chilly morning. From there we cranked on the barbeques and proceeded to whip out an impressive 700 plus bacon and egg rolls.

Some excellent barbequing skills were on display this day. The first 10 or 15 rolls might have been a bit rugged, but we soon had all the necessary skills of experienced short-order cooks to make culinary masterpieces that were quickly scoffed down. Shannae, Dakota, Hayley and Dimitee each flipped hundreds of eggs while Meg, Nikita, Matt, Darcy, Harry and Harrison plied their newfound skills at cooking bacon to perfection. Alyssa was the queen of construction, putting the buns together as we kept production up for three and a half hours.

After the barbeque we helped pack up some of the gear. Harrison was worked to exhaustion by Matt and Darcy. Thankfully Harry was there to help him.

Year Twelve would like to thank Finley Apex Club for the opportunity to earn some money towards their graduation and carry out some community service. This was further enhanced when Finley Apex Club donated some sausages to go towards the Year Twelve barbeque for the Athletics Carnival later this term. We greatly appreciate the support of the Apex Club for Finley High School.

Mr Daryl Bird
Year Twelve Advisor



Science – Year Nine Student Research Project (SRP)



Students designed experiments to carry out to complete their Student Research Projects. The experiments ranged from testing the burn time of different firelighters, to testing the absorbency of different types of paper towel and whether Mentos creates a fountain in soft drinks other than Coke. They will now write up a report about their experimental design and submit it as an assessment task.

Mrs Amy Sharp
Science and Agriculture Teacher

Marj Maxwell OAM

HSC Community and Family Studies students are studying the Aged group. The focus has been learning the positive contributions of this group, and the impact it has on wellbeing.

The Aged make significant contributions as volunteers, in childcare, as they transition from the work force, and by providing experience, wisdom and guidance.

To compliment their learning, the students were fortunate to have Marj Maxwell as a guest speaker. Marj is a local resident who has been recognised for her significant volunteer work in the community and was presented with an Order of Australia in January 2023. Marj spoke of her vast contributions to local community, expanding from Aged Care, Pony Club, the Red Cross, Secondhand Shop and her famous chocolate roll that she makes available for local street stalls. Marj was a positive advocate for volunteering, speaking of the physical, mental, and social benefits she has gained from her service. The students greatly enjoyed Marj's visit.

"She was really inspiring", "Amazing and so generous with her time", "Relatable, and seems really content" were some of the comments made by the students.

Mrs Dian Sexton
PD/H/PE Teacher



Marj Maxwell (seated) shows her Order of Australia medals to CAFS students:

L to R Nichole Arcasitas, Nikita Willemsen, Cassidy Reynolds, Amarlee Price and Alyssa Denny

Equestrian – Victorian Interschool State Championships

Sisters Caitlin and Bianca Griffiths have been very busy with their equestrian pursuits. In April, both girls attended the Interschool Victorian State Championships, hoping to be selected for the National competition to be held in September.

With Caitlin winning State Champion in both the Senior Novice Dressage and Combined Training events she is assured a spot in the Victorian team. Bianca will also represent Victoria with her State Champion wins in the 80cm Show Jumping event and State Reserve Champion Intermediate Novice Dressage. Congratulations girls.



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Squash - Riverina Finals

On Monday 22nd May, eight students travelled to Hay to play in the Riverina Squash Finals. Four boys and four girls competed against Hay Memorial High School.

The boys' team of Reece Simmons, Ben Rourke, Will Doolan and Isaac Lunn (reserve: James White) lost three matches to one. Hay was simply too strong and went on to beat Leeton as well.

The girls' team of Jasmine Burke, Sienna Burke, Bella Rourke and Piper Pyle (reserve: Milena Sneddon) won their first final against Hay with three matches to one. In the final against Leeton, we were tied at two matches each and so it came down to games. Finley High School took the title seven games to six.

Finley High girls' team now move to the state finals to play against a Sydney team at a time and place to be determined later this year.

Congratulations to all involved on your great respect and team support representing Finley High School.

Mr Brett Murphy - Coordinator



L to R: Ben Rourke, Reece Simmons, Will Doolan, Isaac Lunn, Bella Rourke, Sienna Burke, Jasmine Burke and Piper Pyle

AFL - Girls Riverina

Finley High students, Chloe Rorato, Milena Sneddon and Kizzi Moore were selected to play in the Girls AFL Riverina team. The carnival was held in Albury earlier this week. Although unsuccessful in their games, Kizzi Moore's performance has been rewarded with selection in the state team to play in Ballarat in July. Congratulations Kizzi.



Thanks to Cath Rorato for capturing the trio sporting their Riverina uniforms.

Soccer - Senior Boys Riverina CHS Semi Final

On Friday 26th May 2023, Finley High School hosted Murrumbidgee Regional High School in the Semi Final of the Riverina CHS Soccer Championships. Both the withdrawal of a number of key players before the event and the condition of a few of the remaining players meant that this game was going to be extremely difficult to play out. To the credit of Finley High School, our boys did not relent or let the offensive onslaught of our opponents affect the spirit of the game or the level of decency that they displayed for the duration of the game.

Although the final score was 15-0. I would contend that much more rigor was put forth by our boys than the scoreline suggests and that our opponents would be in a good position to take out both the Riverina and possibly the NSW CHS Final later in the year.

*Mr Nathan King
Team Manager
Finley High School - Senior Boys Soccer*



Finley High School

P&C MEETING

Join us in the Admin staffroom.
All welcome!

Wednesday 14th June, 7pm

Burn Bright

We are excited to have had the leading provider of experiential programs, Burn Bright, facilitating several programs to our school this week. Burn Bright programs help students understand they can make a difference by equipping them with the ability to support wellbeing and build positive relationships.

They delivered the following programs to our community-

Tuesday 29th May - Year 6 - Global Citizens

Wednesday 30th May - Year 12 - SHIFT

Thursday 1st June - Year 10 - Altitude

Friday 2nd June - Year 8 - It's in our DNA

These programs are proven to increase student leadership and wellbeing. The student and staff feedback were extremely positive. The programs entailed activities that provided an opportunity to build relationships and recognise values and strengths within self and each other. There were moments of powerful realisations and connection for students.



Year Twelve students enjoyed their session on Wednesday

A huge thank you to our local organisation Southern Riverina Wellbeing Collaborative who have been working hard behind the scenes to make this happen. Funding has been provided by Headspace Canberra and Lifeline, as well as meals subsidised by Berrigan Shire Council. Thanks is extended to our amazing Hospitality team who provided catering each day.

Jodi Brown

Student Support Officer – Social Worker

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.

JUNE

5 th	S Lockhart
8 th	J A'Vard
12 th	K Nicholls
13 th	L Jeffress
14 th	S White
19 th	S Peasley
20 th	M Kleinschmidt
23 rd	T McNamara
26 th	R Lockhart



Finley High School MADDD

Music Art Dance Drama Design

Wednesday 21st June 2023

Doors open at 6:30pm

Starts at 7pm

\$10 entry Food Included Drinks \$2

Poster by Year Twelve English Studies students ~ Kyden Wellman

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

MND FUNDRAISER



**Our MND Big Freeze will be held on Friday 30th June.
Our fundraising target is \$5000!**

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale at recess on Friday 9th June.
Items will be priced at \$2 and under.

MND Beanies

The 2023 MND beanies have arrived. These are available
at the front office for \$25 each.

Trivia Night

The SRC will be hosting a trivia night on Friday 16th June.
Doors will open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.
This event is suitable for the whole family and should be lots
of fun!
Tables of 10 can be booked through the school's front office.
Tickets are \$10/person.

Recycling

For all of next week, we will be collecting 10c Earn and
Return bottles and cans. The money collected from these
items will go towards our MND fundraiser.
If you have any 10c bottles or cans at home and would like to
donate them, please bring them to the driveway behind our
school hall and place them in the shuttle.

Raffle

Keep an eye out for raffle tickets that will be coming home
with students in the next week. Tickets will be \$5 each.

First Prize - 30min adventure flight along the Murray River
donated by Tocumwal Aviation Museum
Second Prize - Load of firewood donated by the Bauer family
Third Prize - Esky and meat pack donated by the Ingram family
and Evan's Butchery
Fourth Prize - InterSport Bennetts prize pack
Fifth Prize - Beauty prize pack

The raffle will be drawn on the 30th June.



MND is a Beast. It is an insidious disease without any effective treatment or a cure.
But over the past nine years, FightMND has been able to make real change. With your
support, we have invested over \$69.3M in research that is beginning to show real
promise.

We don't know when the big breakthrough will come, but when it does, every single
person who buys a beanie or donates to FightMND can know that they played a part in
making it happen. – Fight MND

VAPING: A CLOUDY FUTURE FOR YOUR MIND AND LUNGS

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS

A Vape-Free Action Group was formed in November 2022 by Murrumbidgee Local Health District to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders including young people, representatives from local high schools and health and community organisations to share knowledge, facilitate the development of ideas and build community capacity to respond to vaping by young people.

As part of the project we want to share a range of resources available to high schools and community organisations working with young people.

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

1. [Do you know what you're vaping? toolkit](#)
2. [Your Room - NSW Health and the Drug and Alcohol Information Service](#)
3. [NSW Education vaping resources - PDHPE curriculum](#)
4. Vaping Bingo Game ([instructions](#) and [cards](#))
5. Vaping and Young People Education Awareness Workshop presentation with interactive activities (available upon request)
6. [KidsQuit: Brief Interventions in Smoking Cessation e-learning](#)
7. [Quitline - 13 QUIT \(137848\)](#)
8. More teacher resources are available on the [MLHD website](#)



"Our involvement in the Vape- Free Action Group with MLHD has allowed us to share evidence based information and resources with our school community"

Lake Cargelligo Central School

For more information or to discuss how we can support your schools needs, contact us on mlhd-hp@health.nsw.gov.au

Holbrook Sheep Show

24th - 26th
May



In the pair of ewes class
Lillian Baker with ewe 2222
and Lilliana MeyerVale with
ewe 2224 were
awarded 1st place



Maggie Bramley
and ewe 2216 took
out 1st place



Lilly McNamara
and ewe 2205 were
awarded 2nd place



In a huge 4-tooth ewe class
Mikayla McDonnell with
ewe 2121 and her lamb,
2301 paraded by Demi
Marshall took out 1st place



In the 2-tooth ewe
class Cheyenne Tucker
and ewe 2220 were
awarded 1st place



Tom White paraded ram
2206 into 3rd place in
the 2-tooth ram class

We want to work with Aboriginal owned businesses.

First Nations Engagement in School Infrastructure program



School maintenance work is available

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across NSW. To do some of this work, we are looking to engage local Aboriginal businesses and local businesses that employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for a variety of maintenance services and trades including:

- Plumbing
- Glazers
- Carpenters
- Gasfitters
- Electrical
- Test and tag
- Lighting
- Pest control
- Construction
- Gutter cleaning
- Equipment construction and maintenance
- Engineering
- Fencing services building and repairs
- Roofing
- and more

How can I get involved?

Scan the QR code below to register your interest or go to edu.nsw.link/FNESI

Need help?

We have Aboriginal Senior Program Officers who can assist you with:

- understanding the types of services we are looking for
- how to register your business as an Aboriginal owned business or one who employs Aboriginal people
- connecting with businesses who want to employ Aboriginal apprentices or trainees.



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Contact us:

Email an Aboriginal Senior Program Officer
enquires.fnesi@det.nsw.edu.au

