

Deniliquin Show, pictured left, Cheyenne Tucker with judge Nick Lawrence from Bordertown SA with ram 2303, who was judged Champion Sheep of the Show. Center, Cheyenne and Sara Hayes with the rams that took out first and second place in their class. Right, Erica Hammond, Sara and Cheyenne taking out first place in the Poll Dorset Group.

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Key Dates Term 1

Newsletter Term 1, Week 7 2024

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 12 th March	Riverina Swimming
Wednesday 13 th March	P&C AGM and general meeting at 7pm in the Finley High School staff common room NAPLAN – Writing, Years Seven and Nine
Thursday 14 th March	NAPLAN – Reading, Years Seven and Nine
Friday 15 th March	NAPLAN – Language Conventions, Years Seven and Nine
Monday 18 th March	NAPLAN – Numeracy, Years Seven and Nine
Thursday 21 st March – Thursday 28 th March	Online bookings open for Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews on Sentral
Friday 22 nd March	Harmony Day - whole school event
Wednesday 27 th - Thursday 28 th March	Forensics Day – Year Six
Friday 29 th March – Monday 1 st April	Good Friday Public Holiday/Easter Monday Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd April	Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews in the Finley High School Hall 4pm-6:30pm

A word from Mr Ward

NSW Public Education is the largest education system in the southern hemisphere, with some of the best teachers, principals and other staff in the world, and the Secretary, Murat Dizdar, wants us to remind our communities of all we have to offer and make public schools the first choice for educating more of our children and young people. I was reminded of this recently when I had the honor of presenting to my peers at a Principal Conference last week at Deniliquin North Public School (DNPS). I said proudly, "who would have thought when I was in Year Six at DNPS in 1980 I would be back again as a principal talking about leadership". I am proud to continue the legacy of providing a high-quality education for all. The tradition of excellence is a testament to the commitment of providing students with a well-rounded education that serves as a solid foundation for lifelong learning and success. The success stories of past students serve as a source of inspiration, showcasing the impact of NSW public school education in realising goals and dreams. I am confident that the education we provide will empower many to pursue their aspirations just like the generations who have thrived and excelled through the opportunities provided by the broader NSW public education system.

Swimming

In the last newsletter we celebrated the success of the school's swimming carnival. Congratulations to Tuppal, the Age Champions, and especially to those students who participated. The school did exceptionally well at the Zone Carnival in Hay and we wish all our swimmers the very best at the Regional Carnival to be held in Leeton. A special thanks to Mr Tooke for all his hard work organising and managing the team.

Presentation of Year Seven Student Representative Council (SRC) & House Captains

Congratulations to Eloise Harris and Tye Irvine, pictured right, who were elected by their peers to the SRC. We held a special presentation at our week five assembly where they were recognised along with all our house captains and vice captains. Thank you for your service and we look forward to many new and exciting ideas coming to fruition.



Tertiary Roadshow

Years Eleven and Twelve were given a great opportunity to plan and hear from presenters from a range of tertiary institutions recently. What was even more pleasing was the feedback from the presenters who commented on the behaviour and engagement of our students – they said they have never seen a group of students so well behaved and listening attentively. Thanks to Mrs White for your organisation.

School Excellence Framework

The staff at Finley High School recently engaged in professional learning, focusing on the School Excellence Framework to determine where we align with learning, teaching and leading. I look forward to sharing these results and what we aim to do to continue our focus on improvement.

Peer Support Program

Thank you to Ms Archinal and Jodi for coordinating peer support. From the training of the leaders to the support of Year Seven it was again a successful program focusing on resilience, friendship groups, communication and speaking up against bullying behaviour.

Deniliquin Show

It was great to see so many Finley High School staff and students involved in many activities at the Deniliquin Show recently. We were involved in the beef, dairy and sheep showing. Along with students in the shearing shed, and in the arena, competing in the equestrian events. Thank you to all our staff who gave up their weekend to support our students and the school - Mr Webb, Mrs O'Leary, Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs O'Hora and Mr and Mrs Close.

Pictured right, Year Eight student Darby Edwards-Parsons at the Deniliquin Show.

Jerilderie Working Dog Auction

Thank you to Erica Hammond, Lilly McNamara, Cheyenne Tucker,

James McNamara and Charli Momot who volunteered at the Working Dog Auction in Jerilderie. A special thank you to the P & C who volunteered in the canteen and to Mr Webb who supported the students.

Yasmine McGrath

Last week we farewelled Yasmine McGrath who completed her social work placement. We enjoyed having Yas in the school and we wish her all the best as she completes her studies and moves into this new field of work. Thank you Jodi for your guidance and support of Yas.

Pictured right, Mr Hay, Yas and Jodi Brown.

All the best to Hailey McLean and Erica Hammond

These two talented students have submitted applications for featured artists at Schools Spectacular. This is only the first round of auditions; if they succeed, they will have another two rounds to get through before they are featured artists. However, this is huge for our school, and we wish them all the best.

Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Welcome and congratulations to our new Aboriginal Education Coordinator, Mrs Ann-Marie Hay. Mrs Hay will work once a fortnight starting Friday 8th March. Ann-Marie's priority will be to meet with the community and set up Personalised Learning Plans for the students. Ann-Marie comes with extensive knowledge and currently works two days a week at Deniliquin High School as their Aboriginal Education Coordinator.

International Women's Day, "Count Her In: Invest in Progress."

On Friday 8th March we recognised and celebrated all the wonderful women in our lives, at home, at work and in the community. We thank them, whilst also focusing on women's rights including gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women. On behalf of the school, I'd like to thank our wonderful women on staff and all the amazing women who support our school in every capacity.

Jeff Ward - Principal





Deniliquin Show

Finley High School had a great day with the sheep at Deniliquin Show on Saturday 2nd March, with nine sheep skillfully shown and handled by Cheyenne Tucker, Sara Hayes and Erica Hammond.

Our ram 2303, led by Cheyenne, won 1st place in its class, Poll Dorset Ram under one year, followed by Sara leading 2314 who came 2nd. 2303 went on to win Champion Poll Dorset Ram. Sara then led him to take out the Champion Ram of the Show and Erica led him to take out the Champion Sheep of the Show. This ram was also part of the group of One Ram and Two Ewes Under One Year that won 1st place in the Poll Dorset section. Our Ram Over One Year, Thunder, led by Erica, won 1st place in his class.

With our ewes, Cheyenne and Sara took out 2nd and 4th place respectively, in the Poll Dorset Ewe Under One Year class. Cheyenne once again led her ewe out to win the Reserve Champion Poll Dorset Ewe. Our pair of ewes, led by Sara and Erica, won 1st place. Cheyenne, Sara and Erica also assisted other exhibitors throughout the day, helping them to prepare, show, load, and unload. Well done to these three students on their results, successes, and willingness to help and have a go.

Mrs Sharp Science and Agricultural Teacher

Peer Support Program

The Peer Support Program we implement at Finley High School is an introduction to Year Seven, the correct way to behave in classes and how to treat their peers respectfully. There are a number of activities we cover over five periods (usually over two days in two weeks) that cover issues such as: building relationships with peers, how to deal with challenges, how to rewire our thinking in a positive way, looking at our strengths and weaknesses, developing strategies to deal with tricky situations, cooperation, wellbeing and learning how to celebrate our personal victories as well as those of others.

This year some fabulous students in Years Nine and Ten were involved, James Kite, Arabelle Taylor, Matilda Anthony, Charlotte Flemming, Bethany Loughridge, Lilly McNamara, Lillianna MeyerVale, Ruby Neeson, Lucy Pyle, Remi Pyle, Miller Simpson, Milena Sneddon, Kate Tilley, Monet Vinecombe, Logan Eldridge and Jackson Tooke. Ordinarily they would have been trained a couple of weeks prior to implementation, however, competitive swimming constraints were placed upon us, and they were trained the day prior to beginning. This meant that students had little time to consolidate their learning before implementation and added an extra demand on them. They did, however, all rise to the challenge and ably demonstrated their leadership skills guiding the students through the various activities.

Most Year Seven students were able to learn about some aspects of themselves they hadn't identified before. Whether it be the ability to include their peers that sit outside their own friendship group, acknowledge their own personal strengths, identify the presence of leadership attributes in themselves, or now having the knowledge that someone in Years Nine or Ten can support them if they need it.

We rounded off the last day with a BBQ and an icy pole, which was a great way to finish a hot week! Ms Archinal Year Eleven Advisor Biology Teacher

Years Eight and Nine Cooking

Miss Taylor's Year Eight and Nine cooking classes enjoy some delicious treats! Milly Beatt, pictured left, with her vegie fritters, Milena Sneddon, pictured center, and Xavier Cox, pictured right, with their Milo whoopie pies.



Principal's Award Recipients



The Principal's Award celebrates the outstanding achievement by dedicated students in the realms of academics, sport, arts, and other exceptional contributions to our school, and at last week's assembly we recognised the efforts of a handful of students. Mr Ward was overjoyed to be handing out these awards to such deserving students. Left to right, Maisie Armer, Milly Hanmer, Ava East, Erica Hammond, Lucy Mueller, Lacy Turner, Riley Sutton, Harrison Warenycia, Cooper Gurciullo and Luke Cullen, Harrison Bodey not pictured.

House Captains for 2024

During our assembly on Tuesday morning our ever-enthusiastic house captains were presented with their badges for 2024, pictured right. Everyone is eager to battle it out on the track to be crowned the Athletics Carnival Champions! Go Coree! **Swimming Carnival Results:** Tuppal: 888points Murray: 778 points Coree: 732 points Finley: 690 points



Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Boys

13 Åge Champion: Jason Hay
14 Åge Champion: Evan Lawton
15 Åge Champion: Jackson Tooke
16 Åge Champion: Matt DiLullo
17 Åge Campion: Lyle Ackers
Girls

13 Age Champion: Emilee Sneddon
14 Age Champion: Abbey Tanner
15 Age Champion: Matilda Burton
16 Age Champion: Ella Baldwin
17 Age Champion: Erin Chesworth
Age Champions and Runners up pictured below.

Runner up: Jordan Swann Runner up: Elliot Loughridge Runner up: Jaiyden White Runner up: Harry Daniel Runner up: Riley Sutton

Runner up: Daisy Flanagan Runner up: Ella Coombs Runner up: Lilliana MeyerVale Runner up: Bethany Loughridge Runner up: Jasmine Burke



Years Five and Six Open Night, and Year Seven Welcome BBQ

On Wednesday the 6th of March Finley High School hosted its first Years Five and Six Open Night for 2024. Many staff and students very generously gave up their afternoons to showcase some of the amazing opportunities we have available at Finley High School alongside a BBQ.

We had a great variety of rooms hosted by different faculties including English, Maths, Science, Careers, Art, Music, Industrial Arts, History/Geography, French, PDHPE, and Agriculture. We had pancakes being flipped, cattle being led, plays being made, probability games, wooden rulers being made and pickleball tournaments just to name a few.

Thank you to all the families that came to see the school. We had a great turn out from a wide variety of primary schools. Looking forward to what is next! *Mr Maslen*

Year 7 2025 Advisor Mathematics and HSIE Teacher





Careers

Welcome to Biralee's new recruit! Lindsey Matheson, pictured right, has started her School Based Traineeship with Biralee Preschool. Lindsey's Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care will allow her to work in any childcare in Australia. This two-year part-time course allows Lindsey to gain her HSC and leave Year Twelve with an excellent, sought after qualification. It is hard work, but Lindsey is prepared for it. *Mrs Philpot Careers Advisor*



Open Boys Cricket

NSW Combined High Schools Davidson Shield State Knockout 2024 Riverina Region Round 2 vs Deniliquin High School Friday, February 16, 2024



Back Row: Daniel Eldridge (c), Lachlan Whelan, Jonty King, Isaac Lunn, Logan Eldridge, Harvey Sneddon Front Row: Ryan Bauer, Tom White, Evan Lawton, James Winn, Jackson Tooke, Nick Chesworth

Finley won their round one match by forfeit to Hay High School and travelled to Deniliquin to play the winner of Barham High School and Deniliquin High School. In that match, Deniliquin ended up winning by one run off the last ball of the match. A very close game indeed. The game format was reduced to a limited 15/15 over match as time was impacted by the previous game going longer than was estimated. This meant that our batsman had to play with a very positive mindset. Right from the first over we delivered on this objective.

BATTING Highlights: Finley High School finished on **4/119** from their 15 overs. An average of almost 8 runs per over.

Dan Eldridge retired on 40.
Tom White run out for 13.
Harvey Sneddon bowled for 3.
Jonty King caught for 19.
Logan Eldridge run out for 22.
Jackson Tooke not out on 9.

BOWLING Highlights: Deniliquin High School were dismissed at 10/71 (including 2 x runouts).

Jackson Tooke 3/17 (3 overs) Lachlan Whelan 2/10 (3 overs) Evan Lawton 1/3 (2 overs) Tom White 1/20 (3 overs) Harvey Sneddon 1/8 (2 overs) Dan Eldridge 0/13 (3 overs)

Finley HS will now proceed to the Riverina Qtr Final.

The opponent will be the winner of the following group:

Hillston HS / Leeton HS / Yanco Ag HS / Narrandera HS

Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Carer/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 3rd April in the Finley High School Hall from 4pm-6:30pm for all year groups. The interviews are set at 5 mins per interview. Online Sentral bookings will open on the 21st March at 9am and close on the 28th March at 5pm. This is the only time parents and carers will be able to access the online bookings.



When logged into the Sentral Parent Portal, select

interviews, choose your student and the interviews required. If you need further assistance, please contact the school. Families not on Sentral will be able to book using a hard booking sheet which students will be able to get from their Year Advisers. Once this is signed by a parent or carer, students can take it around to staff during the booking period and staff will make their individual bookings by writing them on the booking sheet.

Please note some staff may be unavailable on the night. If this is the case generally, they will not appear as available to book with on Sentral. If you would like to speak with a staff member who is unavailable, please contact the school to arrange a meeting at another available time. *Mrs White*

Careers Advisor

Interschool

Finley High School Year Eight student, Holly Arthur, represented our school at Girton Grammar Horseland Bendigo Interschool Dressage & Showjumping Championships 2024, held on Friday 1st March and Saturday 2nd March. Holly started off with show jumping in 60-70cm class. She rode beautifully but unfortunately had a few too many rails down to place. On Saturday she rode in Preliminary Intermediate A, she won the first 1.2 test with a score of 76.6% and placed 4th in the 1.3 test with a score of 65.72%. She also won Reserve Champion Overall. Holly said she was proud to represent her school, well done Holly!







Year Eight Archaeological Dig

This term, Year Eight students have delved into history through the topic 'Investigating the Ancient Past'. Throughout this topic, students have learnt about why and how we study history.

To provide a hands-on understanding of the processes of archaeological digs, students participated in a simulated archaeological excavation. During this experience, they unearthed replica artifacts, mapped the discovery locations using a grid method and documented their findings.



Year Ten History

Students in Mrs Jackson's and Mr Tobin's Year Ten History classes recently visited the Finley War Memorial as part of



their study of World War One. The visit was organised around a site study of the various plaques located around the park. They found memorials to many service personnel from both World Wars and other conflicts such as the Vietnam and Boer Wars. Students were encouraged to consider involvement in multiple conflicts and surnames they



recognise. This was a great opportunity for students to engage in hands-on learning outside the classroom.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be running again this term every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 8:50am in the Year Seven BBQ area. All students are welcome to come and grab a FREE milo, toast, and a piece of fruit, you might even like to stay and have a chat with Jodi and our lovely SLSO's.



P & C

The Finley High School P & C would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped in the canteen at the Jerilderie Dog Auction on Saturday 24th February. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the P & C. Thank you Carmen Lawton and all the generous and motivated helpers on the day.

COOKING FOR THE CANTEEN



This year students in Year 9 & 10 have been given the opportunity to cook during sport periods.

The food prepared goes to the canteen for sale at recess. All profits go to our P&C and therefore directly benefit our school.

So far we've prepared cupcakes, watermelon cups, garlic bread, caesar salad and jelly cups.

If you have any fresh produce tha<mark>t you</mark>'d like to donate to this initiative, please f<mark>eel</mark> free to contact the school.



Our school canteen is seeking parent or carer volunteers to help with lunch preparation and over the counter service for 2024. Volunteer hours are 10am – 2:15pm Monday – Friday and there is no prior experience necessary. Our amazing canteen managers Peta, Donna and Kate are here to help you. If you can volunteer on a regular basis or on any singular day, please contact the canteen on 0473 946 683 or the school front office on 58 831 344.



Finley High School are desperately seeking any secondhand uniforms. If you have any secondhand summer, winter or sports uniforms for boys or girls please consider donating them to our school. Items can be donated to the front office during school hours. Thank you.

Finley Zone Swimming Volunteers

On Friday 1st March Mr Tooke and eight Year Eight, Nine and Ten Students volunteered their time to help at the Zone Swimming Carnival held in Cobram. Mr Ward would like to recognise these students for their exceptional efforts and congratulate them on representing Finley High School in such a professional manner. Below is a letter of commendation to Ella Baldwin, Ruby Baldwin, Matilda Burton, Elliot Loughridge, Heath Mansell, Bella Rourke, Evie Wane and Lachlan Whelan.



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Finley High School P & C Meeting and AGM Wednesday 13th March at 7pm in the Finley High School staff common room.

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.			
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We want to work with businesses within our Deniliquin community

Work is available maintaining our schools

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across all parts of NSW. To do this work, we are engaging local **small to medium businesses**, including Aboriginal owned businesses and Aboriginal employees, to maintain the schools within their local community.

We want to go local

We have changed our approach. We now directly manage our school facilities and have enlisted the support of new facilities maintenance contractors and tradespeople to work directly with us. We want to engage **local businesses** to support their **local schools**. This is an opportunity for small to medium businesses to deliver meaningful work to their school communities.

Why go local? We want to:

- be more responsive to maintenance issues reported by schools
- ensure we are working with local trades and spending our money in our local communities
- provide better working conditions for local tradespeople, including market rates and faster payment terms
- increase employment opportunities for apprentices and trainees in local communities.

Opportunities for Aboriginal businesses

As part of our engagement of local contractors, we are also seeking to grow the number of local Aboriginal businesses we work with and increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal employees, apprentices and trainees. Our Aboriginal Senior Program Officers are on hand to help sign up Aboriginal businesses, and local contractors who already employ or are looking to employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

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NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure

At the moment we are looking for maintenance providers in the Deniliquin area, for the following services:

- Pest Control
- Landscaping

Plumbing (including roofing

 Painters
 Plumbing and gas) Building, Carpentry & Handymen

- AQF3 Tree Removal
- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics
 - Carpet Cleaning
- Floor Coverings
- Landscapers

Concreters

Tilers

Glaziers

- Locksmiths
 - Septic & Grease Trap Cleaning

How can I participate?

In addition to those above we're looking for a wide variety of maintenance services and trades to work with us. Come and talk to our team to find out more and they will guide you through the process of signing up to work with us. To register your interest, you will need your ABN and licence details and your pricing. It's as simple as that!

On approval you'll be setup in our systems and onboarded, with induction covering how to work with us and use our systems. It's easy to work with us!

Our team will be in the Deniliquin area on Wednesday 13th March. Call in and chat to one of team members on the great opportunities we have for your business to work with us.

- When: Wednesday 13th March
- Where: Deniliquin Education Office, Harfleur Street, Deniliquin
- Time: 8:00am-1:00pm

Get in touch

If you would like to receive information prior to the session or cannot make it please reach out to our team. The Deniliquin area is managed by our Southern NSW Regional Office. Please email us on snsw.fmct@det.nsw.edu.au and we can tell you more.

If you are an Aboriginal owned business, you can contact our Aboriginal Senior Program Officer on allan.hall14@det.nsw.edu.au











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- medicare card details for you and your child – the name of the high school your child is attending in 2024.

If you or your child do not have a medicare card, you can provide consent using a paperbased consent form at your child's school.

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Year 10

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