Principal’s Report

A huge welcome to all of our new students and staff – we really hope you enjoy your time at our school. To our returning students I wish all of you every success this year and implore you to work hard to get the very best out of yourselves in 2013.

Newsletter Distribution

By the end of Term One we want to totally move to the newsletter being emailed home but for those without email a hard copy will still be available. The huge advantage of the e-mail system is that we can guarantee that it gets home, it comes home in a better quality, and we do not waste a massive amount of paper or printing.

In the next few weeks we will be sending a letter home to confirm all email addresses.

New staff

We have a number of new teachers this year – Mr Wayne Cowan (Industrial Arts), Mr Hamdy Soliman (Maths), Ms Mimi Zivodinovic (HSIE), Ms Mirelda Wales (School Counsellor), Mrs Jodi Brown (Student Support Officer) and we have Ms Kathrine Spence and Ms Heidi Burgess returning to us after being on leave last year. I ask all students and parents to make our new staff welcome to our communities, and we wish them every success.

Diaries

Next week we will be distributing a diary to each of our Year Seven and Eight students for their personal use and we want them to ensure that they have it with them at all times. Students in Years Nine to Twelve will have a copy e-mailed to them but should they wish to have a hard copy they can collect one from Mr Roebuck. In the past we have had the diaries professionally printed but as the costs of this have risen enormously we will print our own diaries this year.
A ten point plan that will make a difference to success at school

1. Be at school every single day unless you are really sick or injured.
2. Come to school with a positive, ‘can do’ attitude and approach.
3. Use your class time wisely – be switched on in class time, use the breaks to socialise.
4. Use a diary to write down all the things you need to remember, including homework and assignments.
5. Be prepared to do some work each night after school – even if it is just going over what you did in class or finishing off some class work.
6. Plan ahead – have a calendar at home with the dates of assignments written up so you know when things have to be done by.
7. If you need help - ask for it – teachers will willingly assist if you show you are keen and interested.
8. Get involved in the opportunities that school offers in many different area – that way you get to enjoy the things that you like
9. Work hard on developing self belief – ‘I can make it, I can do well, I am a good person, I always do my best’.
10. Be prepared to make some sacrifices and work hard.

2012 HSC results

By now I am sure that many people will be aware of the achievements of our Year Twelve students in the HSC results that came out just before Christmas. By any standard the achievements of our Year Twelve class were exceptional. This was a great reward for the many students who worked exceptionally hard and to their many teachers who supported and pushed and encouraged them over the year.

Highlights of the 2012 results were-

- **The vast majority of the year group were able to get the absolute best out of themselves.**
- Three students Tina Lang, Isaac Milburn and Maddison Williams attained exceptional results. All three students secured four band 6 results and 2 band 5 results.
- Five students - Tina Lang, Isaac Milburn, Shenae Gibbs, Ian Congdon and Maddison Williams attained ATAR scores above 92 which placed them in the top 8% of all students who sat the HSC. In addition we had a very large number of students who had an ATAR score between 80 and 90.
- There were eighteen cases in eleven different subjects where students were placed in Band 6 of a subject – the highest achievement level. They were as follows – Charlotte Close – Senior Science, Ian Congdon – Biology, Shenae Gibbs – Extension 1 & 2 Mathematics, Tina Lang – Extension 1 Mathematics, Advanced English, 2 Unit Maths, PDHPE, Isaac Milburn – Ancient History, Extension 1 & 2 Mathematics, Physics, Emily Price – Visual Arts, Daniel van Beek – Senior Science, Maddison Williams – Ancient History, Advanced English, Extension 1 English, 2 Unit Mathematics
- There were 72 cases in 23 different subject areas where students were placed in Band 5 or above, which means that they scored...
over 80% for a subject. By any standard this is a significant achievement.

- In thirteen different subjects student’s achievements were either at, or above, the state average for the subject – in many cases well above.
- There were some outstanding performances in individual subjects –

**Advanced English** 90% of the students were in Bands 5 and 6 – the top performance bands, **Standard English** - 56% in the top two bands, **English Extension 1 & 2** – 100% students in the top two bands, **Mathematics Extension 1 & 2** – 100% students in the top two bands. In the case of Extension 1 - 60% in the highest band, **Ancient History** - 100% of the students in the top two bands, **Senior Science** - 62% of the students in the top two bands, **Visual Arts** - 55% of the students in the top two bands, **Primary Industries** – 100% of the students in the top two bands, **Business Services** – 100% of the students in the top two bands, **Hospitality** - 50% of the students in the top two bands

As always if any student or parents has any concerns or needs some assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Bernie Roebuck, Principal

**Careers News**

**Local Vacancies**

There are currently three positions available for apprenticeships (Welders and Fitter machinist) with Batescrew in Tocumwal. If you are interested please see the Careers Staff for further details.

**Website Reminder**

A reminder that all Year Twelve students have now been issued with login access to the Finley High School Careers website [www.finleyhighcareers.com](http://www.finleyhighcareers.com)

We encourage all students and parents to access this site as a point of information for careers.

**Work Experience**

A reminder to all Year Ten students that Work Experience Blue cards are due back to school this week. That means students should by now have contacted an employer or company and sought a one week placement. If for some reason there has been a problem finding this placement please contact the Careers staff ASAP.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

LADIES, Please note 10am start....

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**Admit ONE Child (under 16)**

**Saturday**

**February 16**

**THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES ONE CHILD A FREE ENTRY INTO THE 2013 MODIFIED TRACTOR PULL**

**TWILIGHT EVENT** — Finley Showgrounds

**Gates Open at 3pm, Main Event 5pm**

**Finley High School students (under 16yrs):**

**Cut this out or pick up your free pass from the front office.**
Community Announcements

Jerilderie Junior Cricket
Under 12’s cricket starts this Saturday, 2nd February, with an away game v Finley at Finley High School.

Under 12’s training this Thursday, 31st January, commencing at 4pm and finish by 5:30pm at the latest.

Under 14’s who are half way through their first game of the new year, will start training at 4:30pm as per usual.

Michael Howes will attend training at around 5pm, could any unpaid subs please be paid then, as players will not be selected from this Thursday on if subs remain unpaid.

Good luck to both teams for the remainder of this season.

Finley Football Club – Thirds and Fourths Training
Thirds training to commence this Friday, 1st February, at 5pm at the swimming pool, please bring runners and swimmers.

Tuesday 5th February, thirds and fourths training at 4:30pm at football ground with Geelong football club players.

Cobram Soccer Club
The Cobram Soccer Club will commence preseason training on Wednesday, February 6 at St. Joseph’s Primary School.

With age groups from Under 11 through to senior level, the Club is inviting all children or adults, male or female, to come and experience the game.

Junior age groups start at 5:30pm and senior teams start at 7pm. Under 11’s will start late February. All are welcome to attend.

For more information call President, John Ventre on 0417328670 or Vince Lannucci on 0488712330.

Finley High School Newsletter

Finley High School would like to distribute our newsletter by email where possible to help reduce the enormous amount of paper being used at the school. We are finding that the fortnightly printed newsletter is often not making it home, even though it is distributed to students in the classroom, so we would appreciate your cooperation with this.

In order for this to be achievable, we need the support of you, the parent/carer, to provide us with your email address. If emailing is not an option we can post you a copy, but we will need you to contact us with your full contact details.

The newsletter is always accessible on the school website at www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please complete the slip below and return it to the front office, or phone (03) 58831344.

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Parent’s Name: ________________________________________

Student’s Name: ________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________