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14th February 2013

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Principal’s Report

We start the year with a much larger enrolment than the last two years which is great and hopefully this will result in some additional staffing for us. It has been great to see so many students quickly getting back into their school life after the summer holidays. Especially for our senior students every week is important and keeping on top of assessment work and constantly doing some revision of class work is really critical.

Action now that can prevent disaster in the future –Cover up in the Sun

Can we encourage all students to be certain that they are wearing hats during breaks and during outside activities? Sadly we continue to ignore all the warnings about the dangers of skin cancers and melanomas. Melanoma is now one of the leading causes of death in Australia, and too often these cancers could have been prevented if people had simply protected themselves earlier in life.

So a simple solution is for all students to carry a hat with them at all times. Hat hair might look a bit
funny, some hats might look a bit funny, but skin cancer and melanoma are not laughing matters.

What we expect of all of our students

As it is the start of the school year it is an opportune time for us to remind all students of our School Charter that is listed below. The vast majority of our student body comply without any problem and I need to emphasise that these are the things we expect all students to do at all times.

Respect, tolerance and care

- Treat all people with respect. Encourage, care & support others
- Put downs, bullying or harassing others will not be tolerated
- Never engage in physical, emotional or verbal abuse of others
- The use of abusive, foul or offensive language is unacceptable

Responsibility and co-operation

- Follow all staff instructions and requests at all times
- Act safely, care about other people and their property
- Wear full school uniform at all times
- Never bring weapons, illegal or dangerous substances to school

Learning and personal excellence

- Come with the full intention of learning, and with a positive approach
- Complete all tasks at all times to the best of your ability
- Do not disrupt the learning of others
- Bring all the equipment you need to every class

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 email 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. (See form on the back of newsletter to advise us of your email address or any change to your email address).

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

Mobile phones, i pods and the like

These things still cause us real concern. Used properly they are a great asset, used inappropriately they can lead to a multitude of problems. In relation to all personal electronic devices students and parents need to be aware of the following

1. Students who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility or liability for the damage or loss of such devices.
2. Mobile phones and other devices must be turned off during all classes. Student learning and school activities must not be disrupted.
3. Students must not access social networking sites such as Facebook at school.
4. Students must not use such devices or have ear buds visible when reporting to, or getting help from, staff.
5. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones or other electronic devices in examinations or formal assessments.
6. Mobile phones must not be used to by-pass school procedures. In this regard -
   - In emergencies, parents should contact the school office and we will inform the student.
   - If students are sick they must first report to sick bay and not phone parents directly.
   - If it is a discipline matter students must not text or phone parents prior to that matter being discussed with the Deputy Principal or Principal.
7. Personal electronic devices must not be used to invade the privacy of others or breach the law in any other way-
   - Students must not use a personal electronic device to bully, harass, threaten, abuse, vilify or embarrass other students or staff
   - Students must not photograph, video or record the images or voices of students or staff at any time without their specific permission or use such images to bully, harass, threaten, vilify, embarrass or improperly represent others
Key calendar dates

I have attached later in the newsletter a list of the key dates for the school year as a help to students and parents. In addition I will be writing to all parents and students in Year Eleven this week with some additional information as they progress into the first year of their senior studies.

Bernie Roebuck, Principal

Update Medical Details

Can parents please make sure their child’s medical details are updated at the school?

If your child needs an epipen or asthma puffer, please make sure you provide one for the sick bay that is in date and clearly labelled with your child’s name.

It is also important to update emergency contact details if these have changed since your child’s enrolment.

HPV Vaccination for boys to commence in NSW

Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered to:
- Year Seven boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program.
- Year Nine boys as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014 only.

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. Most people who are sexually active will have a genital HPV infection at some time in their lives. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body, including the vulva, vagina, penis and anus.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. As well as protecting males from HPV infections, immunising young men will also help protect women from infection. The vaccine is registered for use from ten years of age and is only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year Seven or Year Nine.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents in early 2013. To consent to vaccination, parents are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child’s school.

Students in Year Seven will also be offered vaccination against other diseases, including diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (dTPa), hepatitis B and varicella (chicken pox).

The first immunisation at Finley High School will be on Monday 18th March, 2013. For more information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

Learn About Yourself

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
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 co-operation 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: ____________________________________________________________

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Canteen Roster
Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

…LADIES, Please note 10am start….

February
14 C Shaw, B Agosta
15 CLOSED DUE TO SWIMMING CARNIVAL
18 D Pyke, M Read
19 S Holmes, K Barry
20 N Curtin, R Sharp
21 G Smith, C Milburn
22 G Gale, M McCaw
25 D Jewell, W Cleve
26 J A’Vard, K McLennan
27 S Taylor, P van Beek
28 L Bryce, K Ferguson

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For Sale
Hospitality uniform, as new condition.
Shirt size 97cm
Pant size Large
Phone 5883 1941
Community Announcements

Jerilderie Tennis
Wednesday evening adult social tennis – teams of four players.
Friday evening adult/high school age kids social tennis – teams of four players.
Names to Rozie by 15th February, phone 5886 1772 or email mail@genstockaust.com.au
We will put teams together to play tennis on Wednesday 20th and 27th February, 13th and 20th March (adults only)
Friday 22nd February, 1st, 15th and 22nd March (adults and high school kids) Playing for four weeks until the end of
term one and excluding the March long weekend.

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents
Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the Roads and Maritime
Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop
for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

Two FREE parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches, the first on Monday February 25th at the Monash
Room (behind the library) in Jerilderie from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The second is at Berrigan in the Library Community
Room on Tuesday February 26th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning David on 0434 964764.

Enrolments at South West Music Regional Conservatorium

We currently have Chris Bodey delivering guitar lessons at Finley on Tuesdays during school hours. Limited vacancies
are available. Chris is able to teach all styles of guitar. He can also teach ukulele, mandolin, banjo and double bass!!
ENROL NOW - To secure a place on the timetable you must complete the 2 step enrolment process. This applies to
both new students and those who were enrolled in 2012.
1. Submit an enrolment form.
2. Pay the invoice for the term.
Contact our office now and we will send you an enrolment package.

WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS DOES SWM OFFER?
At our Deniliquen studios we can offer lessons in drum kit, piano, vocals, brass, flute, and music theory
Ph: 03 5881 4736, Fax: 03 5881 5484, Email: admin@swmusic.org.au

Whole School Assessment Due Dates

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Calendar Dates 2013

Term 1

February  
14  FHS Swimming Carnival  
15  Day off in Lieu  
26  Zone Swimming – Deniliquin  

March  
1  Interim Reports for Year 11 distributed  
11  Riverina CHS Swimming  
21  Formal Assembly – period 2, 9:50am  
27/28  Preliminary Exams  
28  HSC Half Yearly Exams commence  
29  GOOD FRIDAY  

April  
1  EASTER MONDAY  
2-5  HSC Half Yearly Exams continue  
3  First Day of HSC Course – Year 11  
4/5  CHS State Swimming

Term 2

April  
29/30  Staff Development Days - Programming  

May  
20 – 24  Year 10 half yearly exams  
29  Parent Teacher Night  
31  Zone Athletics – Finley  

June  
5  Science Competition  
10  QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
12-14  Mid Year HSC (11)  
14  Riverina Cross Country  
17  Writing Competition  
18  Spelling Competition; Round 2 Giants Cup – Wagga  
24  Senior College Prospectus due  
24-28  Year 10 Work Experience  
28  Last day of Term 2
## Term 3

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## Term 4

| October | 8  | Term 4 commences                     |
|         | 10 | HSC starts                           |
|         | 10 – 18 | Year 10 exams                   |
|         | 21 – 25 | Year 10 Work Experience            |
| November | 11/11 | Roll Over Day                        |
|         | 28/11 | Formal Assembly                     |
| December | 12/12 | Presentation Night                  |