Principal’s Report

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this year we have quite an increased enrolment on 2012. We currently have 460 students and as result we are entitled to some additional staffing to what is currently the case. This will allow us to run some additional classes. We will let parents and students know as soon as possible what changes there will be to our organisation and I would expect we will have a permanent timetable for the year by later on this term.

Supporting our school

Over the past few weeks I have had a number of parents come to the school to discuss matters about the school that are causing them some concern, and that is not unusual. I am very pleased that they have come forward and brought matters to our attention, because without that feedback we cannot provide the quality of schooling that is essential for all of our students.

I would encourage anyone who is worried or has concerns to feel very comfortable to ring us and make an appointment to see myself, my Deputy, Helen, or any staff member. If you cannot attend in person by all means feel free to ring us or email the school at the address on the front of the newsletter. It is very important to me that people feel they can come and talk through issues however controversial.

We cannot promise to fix every problem. We accept that some things we have and do are not perfect, but I do believe there are so many positive aspects to what happens here. I encourage the whole community to talk up the achievements of our school and students. We also want and need constructive criticism and innovative ideas that might make this a better place.

As a final note on this matter this week we conducted a survey on the Year Twelve class of 2012 – although
there were a few we have not been able to track down it is worth noting that of that class 37% have taken up employment, 49% gained university entrance, 5% have enrolled in TAFE, and several others are currently overseas travelling. This shows just how successful our students are and any school would be proud of those achievements.

**Student Email**

A reminder that all students have a dedicated email address that is given to them through the school computer system. Students are free to use this email address for any purpose, not just on official school business. The email system is one way that we can communicate directly and very quickly with students and we encourage all students to check their email regularly. If you are having any problems with it please speak to Mrs Close, our computer co-ordinator, and she will help you.

Last week all students in Years Nine to Twelve were emailed an electronic version of the school diary that they can download onto their computer or print out.

There is also a very simple survey that has been sent to Year Seven and Year Eleven students – if they could reply to a few questions it would be much appreciated.

**Year Nine Laptops**

All Year Nine students will receive a note very shortly to invite them and their parents to a special meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is vital that all students and parents be in attendance so that we can discuss issues surrounding the loan of a laptop computer to the students.

**Swimming Carnival**

My congratulations to all the students who were such willing and enthusiastic supporters and competitors at our carnival. As we keep saying it’s all about getting in and having a go and doing your best and I applaud the many students who always take that approach. A huge thank you especially to the PE staff who worked so hard to make it all happen. This week we had many of our swimmers qualify for the regional carnival and we wish them all the best at that level.

Above: Olivia Cameron and Molly Sexton preparing for the carnival.

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

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.

Bernie Roebuck
Principal

**Careers News**

**Year Twelve students**

There is currently available a $20,000 p.a scholarship for the entire duration of your course at ANU (Canberra). The Tuckwell Scholarship applications open 4th March and closes 2nd April. See [http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/teacher](http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/teacher) for further information on the application process and selection criteria. Remember you should apply for as many things as possible if you meet the eligibility criteria.

Year Twelve students currently receive a careers newsletter in their school email inbox. This newsletter
covers all the news from the Careers department including scholarship information, university and TAFE information, local job vacancies and much more. It is vital that students are reading this information to stay up to date with the application processes. Should you wish to receive a copy of this newsletter at your home email address please contact the careers staff with your email address to have it added to the distribution list.

Planning has started for the Year Twelve Tertiary trip to Melbourne. The trip is planned for the Thursday and Friday of Week One Term Two. Expressions of interest notes have gone home so as numbers can be booked. Please stay tuned for updates on this excursion. It is invaluable for students considering tertiary study.

**Mathsonline**

This year the school has enrolled every student that studies any level of Mathematics in the mathsonline tutorial program. It is an excellent website that is particularly useful for students who may be struggling with a particular aspect of Mathematics. Many Maths teachers set classwork or homework from this site, so most students will be familiar with it.

Should any parents wish to check it out, go to [www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au) and log in under the Parent Area.

Parents can also monitor their child’s work in this website if they wish.

If there are any questions regarding mathsonline, please contact Mr Oddie or your child’s Maths teacher.

**Check this out @ the Library**

A selection of our latest books:

- Diary of a wimpy kid: The third wheel
- Crescendo – sequel to Hush, Hush
- Burning Blue
- Something in the world called love
- The Diviners
- Great Australian ute stories
- Inside out and back again
- Dick Johnson Racing 30 year anniversary
- Holden Racing Team 20th anniversary

Graphic Novels and Magazines:

- The Recruit
- Tegami Bachi – Letter Bee – Shonen Jump Manga
- Vampire Knight 3
- Australian Art Review

- Free rider Motocross
- Inside Sport

**Something Special:**

**RINGMASTER**

Darcie Lock, girl on the run

When Darcie’s father is taken hostage in Kenya, she finds that the only way to save him is by joining the British Intelligence Service.

Going undercover as Agent Zebra, Darcie has to take on the big cats of the criminal underworld – not to mention some unwanted attention from the creep, Hugo Kraus.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

….LADIES, Please note 10am start….  

**March**

1  J Congdon, M Haintz
4  C Alexander, D Campbell
5  S Holmes, K Barry
6  D McLean
7  N Nash, S Congram
8  T Clark, J McAllister
11 C Moloney, Dim Wright
12 S Taylor, F Aull
13 D Dalgliesh
14 R Beazley, C Milburn
15 T Clark, H Lewis
**Finley Poultry Sale**
Saturday April 6th 2013
Finley Showgrounds commencing at 10.00am
Contact Gordon Close on 0417279102 or 03 58831985

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**Whole School Assessment Due Dates**

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**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](http://www.finley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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

________________________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________________________

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________
**Community Announcements**

**Tocumwal Netball Club**
A general meeting will be held on the 28th February for all interested parties at 6pm. Enquiries: Eleanor Haynes 03 5874 2822 or 0438205144.

**Australian Air Force Cadets 419 Squadron - Shepparton**
Information Night will be held on Friday 1 March 2013 at 7pm 110 Sobroan Street Shepparton (Somme Barracks Tri Service Depot)

Girls and Boys 13 to 18, are welcome to come along and find out about the Australian Air Force Cadets Organisation.

Cadets learn the skills associated with leadership, good citizenship and youth development. They experience many training programs and opportunities such as powered flying, gliding, ceremonial parades, navigation, adventure training, firearms training, and many other activities. Cadets are encouraged to explore their full potential as valued members of a team and the local community, develop confidence, pride and self discipline in a supportive environment.

For Further Information on becoming a cadet or staff member, Contact - cxo.419sqn@aafc.org.au

**Tocumwal Mothers Day Classic**
The Tocumwal Mothers Day Classic is fast approaching on the 12th of May and we are seeking some volunteers to help with the organization on the day as well as prior to the event.

If you would like to be involved on the day, areas we need assistance with on the day include the following formal positions:
- Registrations
- Time Recorder
- Information Officer
- Course Marshal
- Showbag Distribution
- Drink Station
- Track Inspector

If you wish to participate in the event don’t forget to register online at [http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/register-online](http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/register-online). If you are able to help with any of these activities / positions please contact Anita Hunter 0419 550 096 | anita@luminousbiz.com.au.

**Cup Cake Decorating** - Back by popular demand.

Flex those creative talents - come along to the market and decorate your very own cupcake for $1.

While you are there talk to the Market Co-ordinator about going on the ‘Young Entrepreneurs Stall’.

Have you always wanted to sell items you have made at our local market on an ongoing basis? If so, contact the Finley Farmers’ Market for information about their “Young Entrepreneurs’ Stalls”. Items can range from toffee apples to wooden Zebra’s and is limited only by your imagination. Applications are available at [finleyfarmersmarket@hotmail.com](mailto:finleyfarmersmarket@hotmail.com) Cost per month is $5 for a small table and $10 for a trestle table. Stall spaces are limited so make sure you apply early to avoid being disappointed.
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 Deniliquin 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

Cool Heads

Young driver program - it’s all about attitude. An interactive road safety program presented by Shepparton Police and local agencies.

Wednesday 13th March 2013 at 7pm in the Harder Auditorium - Go TAFE, Fryers Street, Shepparton. Entry is FREE.

For all enquiries please contact Leading Senior Constable Thelma Bull on (03) 5820 5777.