9th October 2014

KEY DATES

October
13   HSC Exams Commence
20 – 24 Year Ten Exams
22   Shakespeare Production
27 – 31 Year Ten Work Experience
31   Fundraiser Night at the Finley Bowling Club, meals from 6:30pm, raffle starting at 7:30pm

November
2 – 8   Year Ten Excursion
4   HSC Exams Conclude
6   Year Twelve Graduation Dinner
12  P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room.
13   Immunisation Year 8 and Year 10 boys

December
4   Year Six into Year Seven (2015) Orientation Day

Principal’s Report

The most beautiful weather has led us into the beginning of our last term of the 2014 year. I hope everybody had a chance to refresh over the holidays, catch up on family time and get ready for the downhill run to Christmas.

The end of term three saw us farewell a fantastic group of young people who have contributed a great deal to Finley High School over the last six years. We all enjoyed their activities on the last day when they demonstrated some well hidden talent for performing. The final farewell with families and staff will be held on Thursday 6th November, when the HSC exams are finished.

HSC examinations start on Monday 13th October with English and Hospitality and finish with History Extension on Tuesday 4th November. Please check exam timetables carefully and remember to make the most of the teachers as part of final preparations. I wish all our Year Twelve and Year Eleven students the best of luck in their upcoming exams, and remember one of my favourite sayings - the harder I work, the luckier I get.

The school seems very quiet without our senior students. Whilst it is lovely to see them grow up and move on to the next, more independent, stage of their lives, they leave a gap.

Thanks to Mrs O’Leary, Mr Webb, Mr O’Leary and especially Ms Brain for taking a large group of kids to different shows in the holidays resulting in very successful and enjoyable experiences for all involved.

On Wednesday morning I joined the breakfast club run by Jodi Brown and Josh Renn to lend a hand and have a chat to the kids. This is a fantastic initiative, generously supported by Finley Lions Club, Menshed, Car Club, Apex Club, RS Club, SRN and the Retreat Hall Committee. It is a great chance for the kids to have a healthy breakfast with cereal donated by Kellogs, whilst having a catch up with Jodi, Josh and each other. From the chat around the milo counter it seems most kids had a quiet, peaceful break and were pretty keen to catch up with mates again back at school.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The note that went home for the Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival stated that we would leave at 9am and return at 3pm. There has been a slight change to these arrangements and we will now be leaving at the start of period 2, 10:06am. We will still be returning at 3pm. However students will be expected to come to school prepared for period one. We apologise for this late change.
On a sad note two of our families suffered sad losses over the break: our condolences go to the Clarke family with Allan’s father, Bill, passing away at the farm. We also lost a long-time friend and tireless supporter of the school in Robyn Mott after a battle with cancer. Robyn’s contribution to our school and community has been enormous and we are extremely grateful to have known her. Condolences to Peter, Tori, Andrew and Christopher.

No doubt other families have had to deal with trials and loss recently that we aren’t aware of. If the school or staff can help in any way, please let us know. The more we can be there for each other the better life can be.

We have a full and busy term ahead of us as we complete our final 5 weeks of the school year and roll-over into the new school year starting November 11. I hope all students work hard in class and make the most of all opportunities offered to them including extra-curricular activities such as the Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival, Year Ten work experience and Gold Coast excursion, the rewards excursion, Macbeth and U14 netball.

Tricia Jackson
Acting Principal (whilst Helen McRae is enjoying some fantastic experiences in Canada and North America on long service leave)

Finley High School Public Speaking Evening

We held our annual public speaking evening in the last week of last term. Sixteen students participated and all speeches were of a very high standard. Members of the audience were highly impressed with the standard of all students. A special mention must be made of the year 7 students, many of whom were participating in a public speaking event for the first time. They all presented speeches which indicated that they were employing higher order thinking. Jo Boake and Frances Bowtell from Tocumwal adjudicated for the evening. The winners were: Riley Dempster, Year Seven; Emma Marsden, Year Eight; Courtney Sexton, Year Nine; Josh Barrett, Year Ten and Chloe O’Bryan, Year Eleven. Thank you to McNaughts Transport for sponsoring this event.

Finley High School at the Royal Melbourne Show

The Finley High School show team began its annual stay at the Royal Melbourne Show on the 19th of September. The last members returned home tired but happy with their efforts on the 30th of September.

The first team of thirty four students all participated in a junior paraders competition. They also prepared and showed fifteen steers for the beef carcase competition. The second team of thirteen students also participated in paraders competitions, prepared and showed ten of our shorthorn cattle, prepared and showed cattle for other exhibitors and participated in the calf classic.

The Finley High School Show team thanks all of our supporters. There are dozens of people who assist to make this trip possible. We could not undertake this massive program without the passionate support of our local community. Our stock were transported to the show by Bernie Rogers, Brian Morham and David Marsden. While we were at the show the students were fed by a great team of galley slaves. These included Tanya Clarke, Dim Wright, Cherilyn Taig, David Marsden and Lianne Williamson. Lianne spent eleven days at the show working in the kitchen during the day, transporting students to the show and washing their clothes, we can’t thank her enough. Getting such a large team of stock to the show and over forty students fed would be logistically impossible and far too expensive without the support of these fantastic people. Another one of those fantastic supporters of our community is Robyn Mott. She has assisted the show team for many years through her involvement with the CWA. We were very pleased to see Robyn in the CWA rooms at the show this year. It was her 40th consecutive year working in the CWA rooms to raise money to support all country communities. She is a real treasure.

Our team for 2014 is a very young and fairly inexperienced team. The dedication and passion that they have displayed is to be commended. We were delighted in the paraders competition when at the end of the day twenty nine of our thirty
four students had received a ribbon for a place in the top six. There were over two hundred and twenty competitors in this competition which draws participants from schools and colleges across Victoria and New South Wales. All of our students did a fantastic job and were obviously very well trained as gaining a place is a very impressive result at the Royal Melbourne Show.

The competition was held in age groups. The following students achieved a 3rd place in their age group. Kylee Hustwayte, Daniel Hustwayte, Lauren Clarke, Zoe Heath, Hannah Heaney, Zac Barlow, Mitchell A’vard and Ben Ashley-Cooper. Second place winners were Karly McCormack, Jorja Daniel, Victoria Alexander, Isaac Arnold and Hayley Doohan. Our students who came first in their age group were Nikki Williamson, Melanie Kantarias, James McCaw and Kimberly Montgomery.

The animals that we prepared for the beef carcase competition looked fantastic but were up against one hundred and sixty two very impressive stock from other schools and commercial breeders. Two of our steers were chosen to represent their breed in the prestigious Borthwick Trophy; a Murray Grey from P & A Cowell and a Limousin from B & S Griffiths.

The judge for the led steer part of the carcase competition was Ben Davies. Ben is an ex Finley High School student who participated in the Agriculture program when he attended Finley High School. He is currently working with Australian Meat Group. It was great to see one our students doing so well in the beef industry. Our team did a great job preparing and parading our steers. We obtained some excellent results on the hoof and as shown in the table below.

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After achieving so many excellent results across the led steer and paraders competition we were very excited to receive ‘The Most Successful School or College Award’. A significant achievement from a small comprehensive country high school.

The change over from the beef carcase competition to the beef cattle show occurred on Friday the 26th of September. Our Shorthorn stud is very small but the genetics we access are 1st class, again through the support of breeders that we meet at local and major shows. The team performed exceptionally well this year. We received a 1st place with Virginia, Jazz and Josie, 2nd with Hazel, 3rd with Holly and 4th with Leah. Virginia went on the win Senior Reserve Champion. Our star was Josie who was sired by a $45000 bull, Spry’s Patents Ace. She is just twelve months of age, but has a real presence in the ring and went on to be Junior Champion Heifer. A Highlight of the show was Nikki Williamson winning The State Champion Parders Competition. She will go on to represent Victoria in the National competition at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney in 2015.
Above: Alex O’Leary (pictured right) with the Murray Grey Borthwick Team

Above: Ally Barry
Above: Ashleigh O’Leary

Above: Emma Marsden
Above: Hayley Doohan

Above: Jorja Daniel and Reserve Champion School Steer
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We still have several spots left on the bus for interested students but notes and money need to be returned no later than Tuesday 14th October 2014.

Careers Department

Term 4 is a busy term in Careers. Year Twelve students have nearly completed all of their Tertiary Applications and are ready to start their exams. Please remember though that the Careers Advisers are happy to help with any questions or issues with the applications, offers and enrolments as they arise. Just be sure to try and avoid leaving problems to the last minute.
Next Friday the 17th of October we have a large number of students attending the Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival to investigate the variety of jobs and career options available within the field of agriculture. Students will gain a first-hand look at how food makes its way from the paddock to their plates and all the processes involved in getting it there.

On Wednesday 15th of October running for 6 weeks, we have ten Year Nine boys starting a TAFE construction program that will see them work onsite at Finley High School alongside Riverina TAFE personnel to complete a couple of small projects. These include the design and formation of a memorial garden for Lucas McCaw and a concrete path in the Ag plot. We look forward to seeing the completed projects.

In Week Four we have Year Ten students out on Work Experience and we look forward to hearing about their week in the working world upon their return. We have some great placements from wildlife parks, to spinal clinics and even the Sydney Cricket Ground.

We will also be starting the Year Six Career Engagement programs that will see the Careers Advisers visiting local primary schools and working with some of the local Year Six students to begin the investigation of Career Exploration and Tertiary Aspirations.

Remember that Finley High School has a careers website that contains some great information for parents and students alike. It covers a range of career options from apprenticeships, to tertiary to Defence, to scholarships and much more. See www.finleyhighcareers.com

A Shakespeare presentation is coming to Finley!

RS CLUB AUDITORIUM

1.30 PM WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2014 (Term 4 week 3)

All year levels are encouraged to make the most of this rare opportunity. Macbeth is studied in Year 9 but this performance is suitable for all year groups.

Who is Bard on the Beach? - Bard on the Beach (BOTB) is an exciting and vibrant Sydney-based Shakespeare company. Their aim is simple: to bring the works of the world’s greatest playwright to life as intended: with raw, honest, storytelling, with an experienced and professional cast, from the page to the stage.

This event is subsidised by the school so students only have to pay $5.

Please complete the attached form and return it to the pay office as soon as possible.

Any enquiries to Mrs McNaught

‘Bard on the Beach’
Macbeth
Teacher: Mrs V McNaught

Please complete and return with payment of $5 to the pay office

I give permission for my child _____________________________ (child’s name) to attend the ‘Bard on the Beach’ Macbeth presentation on Wednesday, 22nd October 2014, to be held at the RS Club auditorium at 1.30 pm.

Signed: ________________________________ (Parent’s signature)
Community Announcements

Hearing Tests
Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend Finley Community Health Centre on
Thursday 14th October, Thursday 13th November and Tuesday 9th December

If you have any concerns about speech, learning or behavior, please ring Tocumwal Hospital on 5874 2166 to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test. Children must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold. If any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

2014 Sir John Monash Education Bursary
Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay on the subject: My Observations on Living in the Jerilderie District, and Where to From Here? Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Jerilderie Shire who are considering entering into post secondary education through university, college or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. Entries close at 4pm on Thursday 23rd October 2014. The bursary is valued at $2000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Saturday evening 15th November 2014. Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from council’s website www.jerilderie.nsw.gov.au

Fashion Flashback
The Berrigan Shire Library Service will have on display a ‘Fashion Flashback’ travelling exhibition from Friday 17th October to Friday 31st October at Finley Library, courtesy of the State Library of NSW.

We wish to invite all interested people to attend the Finley Library on any Wednesday, Friday or Saturday (morning) during this timeframe to enjoy 50 years of Australian Fashion.
Finley High School P & C Association

Finley High School P & C, are happy to announce our Fundraiser for this Term is the

**Tuppal Food & Fibre Festival**

**Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2014**

This Year, with your Support we are In Charge of Selling

**“Fruit Salad”**

A Time will be arranged just prior for the cutting up of the Fruit!

We are paid $15.00 per hour, per person (with no costs)

If you are happy to volunteer, you will receive a Free Entry to the Festival,

along with knowing your support is greatly appreciated,

the funds made come back to benefit our wonderful students within our school.

The following roster is an indication of the times of shifts and how many people are suggested for each shift.

- **8am – 10:30am** - 2-3 people
- **10am – 11:30am** - 5 people
- **11:30am - 2pm** - 7 people
- **Winding down**
- **2pm to 3pm** - 5 people
- **3pm – 4:30pm**(closed) - 3 people

If you are able to Help on any of the above mentioned dates, can you please fill out

the bottom slip and Return to School Office, Please

Name…………………………………………………………………………

Shift time your able to help………………………………………………

Contact Ph Number…………………………………………………………(Held by Excutive only)

*If you have any Questions please don’t hesitate calling Linda : 58831941 or Suzanne  0417405107-58859229*
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www.tuppal.com
Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival
Savages Road, Tocumwal NSW 2714
0458 88 77 25
TRIVIA NIGHT

WHERE: FINLEY BOWLING CLUB

WHEN: SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2014

TIME: 7PM FOR A 7.30 PM START

COST: $10 per person (BYO SUPPER)

BOOKINGS: Call Finley Bowling Club (58 831324)

Raifles
Lucky Door
Winning Table

WHO IT IS FOR: 8 SWIMMERS AND 4 ATHLETES WHO ARE COMPETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES IN LAKE MACQUARIE FROM THE 6TH-11TH DECEMBER 2014. THESE CHILDREN ARE REPRESENTING THE BERRIGAN SHIRE.
COME ALONG FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL KIDS!