**Principal’s Report**

A lot of our students had the opportunity to attend the Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival last Friday which showcased the value of agriculture to our nation. Everyone I spoke to on Friday afternoon had a smile on their face and indicated what a positive experience it was. I had a most enjoyable morning out there on Sunday, particularly watching two of our students, Jess Lock and Shinae Harrison modelling beautiful clothes in the fashion parades. The organisers and volunteers deserve a big pat on the back for their amazing efforts. Thanks also to the band of parents and friends who whipped up and sold delicious fruit salad on behalf of our P and C.

Two of our Year Ten students, Caleb Catena and Georgia McGrath, took up the offer of attending a two day camp linked to the festival which visited a cross section of local agriculture and highlighted the career opportunities which stem from the industry. They were accompanied by Ms Eldridge and all enjoyed the experience.

Our Agriculture team and staff have again been busy showcasing our animals and students’ ability at the Benalla Show on the weekend. They always do us proud.

Mrs Sexton took away the u14s netball team to Wagga, unfortunately we were not successful with any of the games played but the girls still had a fun day.

And now onto the important stuff – what is happening in the classrooms. As we approach the end of our scholastic year the students in the junior years are completing assessment tasks and tests which hopefully they have prepared well for. The new school year is only just over two weeks away so it is time for everybody to start getting organised with new books and equipment. To mark the end of the school year each year group will be having a special assembly, celebrating the achievements of the students. There is also a rewards excursion to Melbourne organised by Mr Oddie.
By the time the next newsletter is written we should be able to announce the new Principal of Finley High School. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work of Helen McRae who has acted in the position for the past two terms. Her positive outlook and leadership have seen the school remain steady and strong since Mr Roebuck’s retirement.

Next week the school executive are travelling to Sydney for Professional Learning on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be visiting two progressive Western Sydney High Schools which have continually improved student results. We will be observing their programs, interacting with executive and class teachers and participating in meetings. I’m sure our school will benefit from the knowledge gained. Should there be any concerns please contact Mr Oddie who will be relieving Principal on Wednesday and Mr Tooke who will be relieving Principal on Thursday.

Year Ten have a busy time ahead of them. They have completed their end of course exams this week. Next week all students will be participating in work experience thanks to the support of our wonderful local and regional employers and the efforts of Mrs White, the Careers Advisor. In the following week a group will be enjoying an excursion to the Gold Coast with Mr Davis, Miss Laxton and Mrs O’Leary.

The Construction course for Year Nine, which is running one day a week for part of this term has started with its TAFE teacher last week. The boys are constructing a path and garden bed in the school grounds. This will give them valuable skills and a taste of the construction industry whilst creating two assets for the school.

Tricia Jackson  
Acting Principal

**Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival**

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped over the four days, cutting up fruit at the canteen or serving out at Tuppal. A special mention to Kaylene and Bernadette from the canteen for their efforts over this time, this was greatly appreciated. The Finley High School P&C will be paid by the Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival committee for our volunteer hours. We will report at the next meeting, Wednesday 12th November 2014 at 7pm in the staff common room.

**Blighty Community Football Club Inc**

The Blighty Community Football and Netball Club thanks the contribution made to our club by students from the Finley High School who play for and support our great club.

New players are always most welcome.
Year Nine End-of-year Assembly

Parents and Caregivers of Year Nine 2014

The End-of-Year Assembly for Year Nine students is fast approaching.

Save this date!!!!

Thursday, 6th November at 12:30pm
in the Finley High School Hall

It will include musical performances by our own Year Nine students and
the announcement of the “Finley 15” academic awards.

As in previous years, only students of Year Nine and their families are
asked to attend.

We hope to see you there.

Fundraiser Night at Finley Bowling Club

Friday 31st October 2014

Meals from 6:30pm, raffles commencing at 7:30pm

We would like to invite all parents, carers, teachers and community members to attend a raffle fundraising evening at the Finley Bowling Club. All proceeds raised from the raffle will be donated to Finley High School. Meals are available from 6:30pm, raffles commencing at 7:30pm. Please call Finley Bowling Club on 5883 1324 for all bookings.

There will be a separate raffle prize for a 1 hour flight (kindly donated by Field Air) for three people $5 per ticket.
Community Announcements

Hearing Tests
Nurse Audiometrist, Shane Atkinson, will attend Finley Community Health Centre on 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.

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.

Vocal Trio at the Finley School of Arts
South West Music and South West Arts are proud to present Aluka - Melbourne’s finest experimental a cappella group. Expect some aurally exhilarating sounds. Flitting between pop, avant garde, experimentalism, hymnals, hiphop and jazz, Aluka will fascinate you and your ears with its truly subtle and charming storytelling.

The concert is free for under 18’s. $15 Tickets available at Daisy Mae’s gift shop or call South West Music on 5881 3736 for more information.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105

….LADIES, Please note 10am start…. 

October
24 K Arnold
27 D Pyke
28 H Harris
29 J Blackmore
30 J Orro
31 T Clarke, C Moloney

November
3 M Read, J Russell
4 S Robinson
5 N Curtin
6 S Barlow
7 A Lee, J Chellew

Finley High School
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2014
7pm in the staff common room.

Finley High School P&C meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm in the staff common room. We look forward to seeing you there.
Where:
Barooga
Collie Park
When: Wednesday
22 October

Where:
Berrigan
Apex Park
When: Tuesday
21 October

Where:
Finley
Rotary Park
When: Friday
24 October

Where:
Tocumwal
Library Park
When: Thursday
23 October

Cost: Free
Time: 4 pm –6pm
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)

Raffles
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!