KEY DATES

November
2 – 8  Year Ten Excursion
7  Rewards Excursion to Melbourne leaving at 6:15am, returning approximately 8pm.
12  P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room.
13  Immunisation Year Eight and Year Ten boys
(Please note these students would have been in Years Seven and Nine from the start of the year until 7th November 2014 but will be in Years Eight and Ten on the date of immunisation due to school roll over)
26  Formal Assembly, 10:06 am in the school hall.

December
4  Year Six into Year Seven (2015) Orientation Day
11  Presentation Night
19  Last day of Term Four

Principal’s Report

It is with great pleasure that I can announce Helen McRae as the new Principal of Finley High School. Her leadership throughout the year has been valued and permanency should allow her to build on the existing programs and introduce new ones to further improve our school.

It was anticipated that Mrs McRae would be writing the Principal’s report this week but unfortunately her mother passed away unexpectedly and she has returned home to Bathurst to be with family. Our deepest sympathy is with her at this sad time.

As you read this newsletter the end of our 2014 school year is upon us. Each class has been finalising learning in lessons as teachers complete their program of studies. The reporting process is under way and the junior year levels will receive their 2014 yearly reports in the next few weeks. To mark the end of year, Year Advisors organised special activities for their students for today to celebrate their achievements over the past 12 months.

On Friday (tomorrow) some students from Years Seven to Nine will be travelling to Melbourne on the rewards excursion where groups will be enjoying a variety of activities including bowling, shopping and Circus Galactica, under the supervision of teachers. Thanks to Mr Oddie for organising this excursion and the other teachers for helping to make it happen. I hope you have an enjoyable day visiting the big smoke.

Miss Notley will be leaving us at the end of this week to get married and travel overseas. I thank her for her efforts and wish her and Jono all the best for their future together. She will be returning to work with us again early in 2015. Her overseas travel should add valuable knowledge to the Geography and Business programs.
Thanks to the P and C for organising a great raffle night at the Finley Bowling Club last Friday night. It was great to see families and a large number of staff having a social dinner. The major raffle of a scenic flight for 4 was won by A MacDermid. Thanks to the Bowling Club for their ongoing support of community organisations. It is greatly appreciated.

A reminder to all students and parents that the new school year begins on Monday, so hopefully everybody is organised with new exercise books and equipment. Should anybody have concerns in this area please feel free to contact Year Advisors at the school.

Mrs T Jackson
Acting Principal

**Careers TAFE**

The Year Nine TAFE Construction boys have been busy working on the Lucas McCaw memorial garden. Under careful guidance from their RIT teacher, Brendon, they have been busy learning how to safely operate various tools and have been preparing the garden site. Over the next few weeks we will share updated photos of the group’s progress.
Work Experience

Year Ten have just completed their final round of work experience. Again some great experiences were had with students getting a taste for the working world. It was great to see the students in the work places challenging themselves with new tasks and skills. It was also great to see the students step up to the adult world of work and transform themselves from school students to engaging members of the work force. It was a treat to meet with the students and discuss the activities they had been involved in over the course of the week. We would however like to take this opportunity to thank our ever committed local business houses and personnel for their support of this program. Without your hosting of students these placements would not be able to take place.

Above Left: Vanessa Hayes-Beetson at Rusties Hairdressing
Above Right: John Devreede at Mark II Automotive
Below: Brodie Beazley at Batescrew Engineering.
Under 15 Netball

Recently Finley High School competed in the Riverina under 15 netball carnivals. This was a demanding day with the girls playing five games in their pool. Each game consisted of two, 10 minute halves. Finley’s team consisted of the following students: Eloise Ashley –Cooper, Piper Hicks, Chelsea Taylor, Skye Nash, Isobelle Bradford, Dora Miaoudis, Katie Archer, Holly Robinson, Kezley Murphy-Riddell and Abbie Maconachie. The girls won two of their games against Temora and Mount Austin, but unfortunately Deniliquin, Bahram and Billabong proved to be too strong on the day. Special thanks go to Suzi Taylor, Deb Murphy-Riddell and Fran Langham for transporting and supporting the girls on the day, Sally Bickerton umpired on the day, which was greatly appreciated by the girls.

Nail Care Program

Year Eight girls have been involved in a nail care program at the Berriquin Nursing Home. This has once again proven to be an outstanding success. The program involves all Year Eight girls volunteering to visit and provide nail care for the residents once a week for a five week block. This program has many benefits for both the residents and students. The development of empathy, communication skills, resilience have been noted as some of the advantages. The girls really enjoy the experience with many offering to visit more than the schedule five times. Special thanks to Wendy Sutton at Berriquin and Jodi Brown who have assisted in the success of this program.

Numurkah Show

Finley High School Agriculture Team had a great day out at the Numurkah Show on the 22nd October.

The school Shorthorns had a fabulous show. It is the second year that beef breeds have been shown at Numurkah and there was a field of 35 head exhibited.

In class 1, 6 month old Kathleen took out first place.
In class 2, 13 month old Josie took out first place.
In class 3, 18 month old Jazz was placed 3rd.
Kathleen and Josie, along with the winner of class 3, went out for the Junior Championship. Josie won this and Kathleen was crowned Reserve Junior Champion.
In class 4, Virginia won her class.
In class 5, Holly was placed second.
We had no entries in class 6.

Next was the judging of the Senior Champion Cow and Virginia was the winner of this class.

The final individual judging of the females was the Supreme female. Josie and Virginia competed against each other for this title and Josie won.

Judging then progressed onto bulls, of which we had none to exhibit. Then we had group and pair classes. We won the group of 3 out of the 3 groups which were exhibited.

The last event for individual animals was the Supreme Exhibit of the show. In this class Josie came up against the Grand Champion Bull. We were very excited when the judge announced Josie to be the winner.

In the first group of pairs there were 7 entries and we were placed 1st and 3rd. In the final pair which was to be a pair exhibited by a school we were placed 1st and 2nd.

Students then competed in the Junior Handler’s event. There were two sections for our students 12 – 15 years and we had nine entrants and 15 – 18 years where we had five entrants.

In the 12 – 15 age group Hayley Doohan placed 2nd and Ben Ashley-Cooper placed 3rd out of eleven entrants.
In the over 15 age group Jorja Daniel placed 2nd and Victoria Alexander placed 4th out of ten entrants.

The final event for our students was the Junior Judging, again there were two classes. 12 to under 15 years, Darcy Webb placed 1st and 15 to 18 years Jorja Daniel placed 2nd and Kitty Lawton placed 3rd.

In the Sheep section we exhibited nine sheep. We are pleased that we won all of our Poll Dorset classes except for the group of 3. We then went on to win both the Champion Ewe and Champion Ram titles.

For Sale

4 POLL DORSET RAMS. Finley High School Bred Exceptional genetics 18 months old. Need to sell, reasonable offers considered. Please phone Gary on 0429359002 or Finley High School on 0358831344

Numurkah and Cobram shows

Finley High School show team recently attended its last two shows for the season at Numurkah and Cobram. Both shows were well attended by exhibitors and provided good competition. Our students again performed exceptionally well and were a credit to the school and their families. Our sheep over the two shows achieved some exceptional results. Amongst a string of placings in each class we were the supreme exhibit at both shows with a young ewe bred at the school.

Our Shorthorn cattle also performed very well, achieving a large number of placings and managing to win supreme exhibit at both shows. “Josie”, the heifer that won these awards is showing tremendous prospects for the future, having also won Junior Champion Shorthorn at Melbourne Show this year.

Our students performed admirably in the ring parading the stock and participating in junior judging competitions. In junior judging Zac Barlow took out 1st place, Steph Wright 2nd place and Darcy Webb 3rd. In the senior section ex-student Tom Isedale was a standout 1st place with Ashleigh O’Leary 2nd, Jorja Daniel 3rd, Alex Chester from St Mary’s 4th and Jack Nelson of St Mary’s 5th. I must commend Alex Chester and his family who were instrumental in bringing the beef cattle section of the Cobram Show back after not running for 5 years. In the parade section Ashleigh O’Leary was named the Overall Champion parader which entitles her to compete in Melbourne at next years Royal Agricultural Show.

We have also been busy trying to gather fodder for our stock for the next few months. We are very lucky to have received help from Noel A’Vard and Troy Alexander. Noel over the last few years has worked and planted a block for growing hay and Troy has then come and done a fantastic job raking and baling it for us. We have 70 bales from this block which will go a fair way to seeing us through the Christmas holidays. We will be needing more fodder to get through next year, so if anybody can help please contact Michael O’Leary or one of the Agriculture teachers at Finley High School. Thanks must also go to Russell Chaplin and Kelvin Fenaughty who have kindly agisted some of our stud cattle over the last few months on their farms.
Above: Ben Ashley-Cooper and Stephanie Wright with Champion Senior Cow at Numurkah Show

Above: Ashleigh O’Leary, Grand Champion Parader at Cobram Show.
Above: Judging winners, Kane Sparks judge, Tom Isedale, Ash O'Leary, Jorja Daniel, Alex Chester, Jack Nelson at Cobram Show.

Above: Mary Alexander and Cherilyn Taig helping at the Melbourne Show.
Above: Tanya Clarke and Robyn O’Leary at the Melbourne Show

**Presentation Night and ‘Waterwheel’ Magazine Sponsors 2014**

Finley High School sincerely thanks the following businesses for sponsoring the 2014 Presentation Night and ‘Waterwheel’ Magazine.

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LADIES, Please note 10am start....
**Community Announcements**

**Can you host an exchange student in 2015?**

Hosting an exchange student gives you the chance to experience a new culture in your own home. It’s a fantastic opportunity. For more information please call Fiona on 0417 325 915.

**Meet and Greet**

You are invited to an afternoon tea to be held on Sunday 9th November at 2pm at the Finley Sports and Recreation Committee Room (Football Grounds).

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and find out more about the town. Everyone is welcome especially those who have recently come to Finley and the district.

Come and join in this get together.

RSVP – Joan 5883 1091, Margaret 5883 9432, ‘Shabby to Chic’.

Organised by Soroptimist Club of Finley (no charge).

**Hearing Tests**

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

**Morundah Market Day**

Sunday 14th December 2014, 10am to 2pm. Held in and around the Morundah Palladium. Lots of stalls. Café with sandwiches and cakes (including gluten free).

If you would like to have a stall or need further information please contact Paula Trengrove on 0428 371 275.
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)

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!