4th December 2014

**KEY DATES**

**December**
- 11: Presentation Night
- 17: Students last day for Term Four
- 18-19: Staff Development Days
- 19: Last day of Term Four

**January**
- 27: Staff Development Day
- 28: Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve return to school
- 29: All students attend school

**February**
- 12: Swimming Carnival
- 19: Boys and Girls Open Basketball
- 24: South West Riverina Zone Swimming

**Principal’s Report**

The end of the year has arrived all too quickly. We are all still busy getting to know our new classes, welcoming year six students for their orientation day and preparing to celebrate the successes of our students on Presentation Night. Yet there is still time to squeeze many activities into these last two weeks.... Keep reading!

**Leadership Group**

The leadership Group is encouraging students to come dressed in festive clothes on the last day of school (17th December) to celebrate Christmas. Instead of a gold coin donation, we are encouraging students to bring a non-perishable food item to school that we can donate to local church groups to distribute in our local communities.

As Christmas is the season for giving, we hope that every family can bring one or two food items into the staff common room. We would hope to distribute these food items on the last day of school.

**Transition**

Today is the Year Six Transition day when all students from our feeder schools come to Finley High School for a day of fun and learning. Tessa McNamara and Melissa Stratton have put together a terrific program for the day including a scavenger hunt, lessons is classes and a barbecue lunch. We look forward to welcoming them to Finley High School in 2015 as Year Seven students. The Senior Leadership Group will be involved with this day.

**Presentation Night**

Preparation is well underway for our 2014 Presentation Night. The evening will commence at 7pm sharp and we encourage as many family and friends of the students at Finley High School to attend as possible. I would like to thank Anne Braybon, Jessica Turner and Sarah Singleton for the time and effort they have put into this evening.

**Proud and Deadly Awards**

Jodi Brown and I had the honour of taking several students over to Deniliquin for the annual Proud and Deadly Indigenous Awards. The student host for the day was our own Tayla Edwards who did an outstanding job. Award winners included Tayla Edwards, Temequa Turner, Trent Neilson, Natalie Pitt, Warren Pitt, Tom Burton and Dora Miaoudis. Congratulations to all these great ambassadors for our school.
Sick Bay
I would like to remind students and parents that if they are sick, students should go to sick bay. Mrs Braine will assess the student and phone parents if necessary to collect their child from sick bay.

I would ask parents not to make arrangements to pick up their sick students if they phone home as the school must keep records of when students leave the school. I seek the support of parents in referring their sick child to sick bay should they call home themselves.

Last Day for 2014
The last day for students to attend school will be Wednesday 17th December. Lessons will run as normal up to and including this day as we have rolled over to the new year and we are in effect “mid-term”.

KRAM Award winners for this week were:

I Pod
Jacob Turley

I Tunes Vouchers
Chelsea Dempster, Rebecca Pierce, Li’i Vitale

Canteen Vouchers
Fraser Haintz, Katarina White

Handballs
Cody Anderson, Darcy Morris

Congratulations to all those students. Keep those KRAMS coming in!!

Merry Christmas
As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish all the students of Finley High School and their families the very best of Christmases and a happy and safe holiday.

See you all in 2015.

Merry Christmas!

H McRae
Principal

Careers
Mock Interviews
Year Twelve students will be participating in the Mock Interview program on Wednesday 10th December. Students have been working on Interview Preparation in class throughout the year and next will attend an interview in Finley under realistic conditions. Students will walk to and from their interview within school hours and return to Careers before going back to class. Good luck to these students and a big thank you to the members of the Finley community for supporting this program by holding interviews. If anyone would like to be involved please let us know by contacting the school.

Mrs J O’Bryan and Mrs D White

Illegal Drugs
What You Need To Know
The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales was commissioned by the Australian Government Department of Health to develop an illicit drug resource package for Australian secondary schools. This was part of the National Drugs Campaign.

Part of this package is a parent book which provides credible evidence based information on illicit drugs. The booklets are available via www.positivechoices.org.au or there are a limited number of hard copies available at the front office of the school.
# Presentation Night and ‘Waterwheel’ Magazine Sponsors 2014

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

- Alison Kable Financial Services
- Andrew Cherry
- Apex Club of Jerilderie
- Barooga Sports Club
- Berrigan Economy Harrows
- Berrigan Pharmacy
- Berrigan Shire Council
- Blighty Football Club
- CA and JM McNamara
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- Finley Bowling Club
- Finley Community Help Group
- Finley Golf Club Limited
- Finley High School P&C
- Finley Newspapers
- Finley Returned Soldiers Club
- Finley Tyre Service
- Gavin’s Bike and Small Engine Repairs
- Griffith Skills Training
- Hand and Furniture and Bedding
- JE & EN Close
- Jerilderie Lions Club
- John Williams Member for Murray-Darling
- Joyce McDonald
- K & A Foods
- KM & WM Kelly & Sons
- Riverina Garage
- Lions Club of Berrigan
- Lions Club of Finley
- Lodge Riverina Thompson
- Lumley’s Solicitors
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- MICEEP Incorporated
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- St Vinnies
- Sussan Ley
- Taylor and Whitty Solicitors
- The Red Chair Coffee Lounge
- The Vault Clothing
- Tocumwal Big 4 Tourist Park
- Tocumwal Pharmacy
- Tuppal Dairy

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# Finley High School P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 11th February 2015**

7pm in the staff common room.

The P&C meet every second Wednesday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend.
Community Announcements

Berrigan Shire Council
Accommodation Scholarship 2015

Eligibility
Students who live in the Berrigan Shire and who are enrolled fulltime in any year in an undergraduate degree at any Charles Sturt University Campus in 2015

Conditions

Applications
Applicants should complete (December 2014) the on-line Charles Sturt Foundation Scholarship Application Form and include copies of supporting documents

Enquiries
Prospective students
Contact info.csu 1800 334 733

Finley Farmers’ Market
Santa will be coming to Saturday’s Finley Farmers’ Market....and so will lots of stalls with a Christmas theme. Food, toys, craft, music and children activities, something for the whole family.

Finley Farmers’ Market, Saturday 6th December at the Finley Lake 8am till 12noon.

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.

Intereach Ability Links NSW
Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities.

Ability Links assists people with disability to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. Ability Links also supports those communities to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.

Ability Links co-ordinators, known as the ‘linkers’ work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, goals and hopes, and help make these possible. Linkers work in partnership with people with people with disability, placing them at the very centre of decision making about how they want to live their lives.

Community members, clubs, groups and businesses can also contact a Linker for information or support to be as inclusive and welcoming for people with disability as possible.

For more information please email abilitylinks@intereach.com.au or call the Deniliquin office on (03) 58905200