Principal’s Report

Term Two is well underway amidst a few changes in staffing. With the retirement of Bernie and Kim Roebuck, there have been a number of changes. I will fill in as acting Principal for the rest of the year. Tricia Jackson will fill in as Deputy Principal and Matthew Whitty will become the Head Teacher of HSIE. Kim has been replaced by Amanda Street for the remainder of the year to work as a Learning and Support Team teacher.

NAPLAN

This week Year Nine and Year Seven students have been sitting for the annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Assessments in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy were held from Monday to Thursday this week in the hall. Any student who missed these exams will have the opportunity to catch up on Friday. I thank Mrs Coates for her organisation of these exams and the English staff for their support. Results will be mailed to parents later in the year. Should you have any questions about these assessments, please feel free to contact me.

Careers Expo

Last week Year Twelve students took the opportunity to travel to Melbourne with the careers staff to visit tertiary institutions. This is an invaluable excursion as students can see first-hand what campus life is like. It has been valuable in students deciding their future learning and career path and I thank Mrs White, Mrs O’Bryan and Mr Davis who took the students.

Leadership Visit

School Captain Miliana Naicori and fellow Year 12 student Tamiqua Turner travelled to Sydney last Thursday. The trip was for school leaders to meet the Governor of NSW Marie Bashir and to see how NSW parliament works. Both girls enjoyed the experience and learned a lot, not only about our state leadership, but also about navigating their way to catch planes, trains to and around Sydney.
College Reports
Year Eleven and Twelve students should be receiving their reports at the end of this week. This will be followed next Wednesday by a parent/teacher evening for parents of senior students only. The time frame for these interviews will be 4pm to 6pm in the school hall. Students will be given an interview sheet this week to collect interview times. Letters have been sent to some parents by staff specifically requesting an interview. I urge all parents of Year 11 and 12 students to come to this evening to talk to the teachers about the progress of their child in these very important final years of schooling.

Junior reports will be issued in Week Seven after the June long weekend.

VET in Schools Finalist
Miliana Naicori has been nominated by the RS Club in Finley for the NSW VET in Schools Student of the Year Award. This award is open to all students who do a VET traineeship through schools across NSW. Miliana was interviewed last Wednesday and has now been named a finalist for the Riverina. This is a huge achievement and we wish her all the best in Wagga at the Riverina Dinner Event on June 12th where the winner for the Riverina region will be announced. Should she win there she will go to Sydney as a State finalist representing the Riverina.

School Hats and Caps
The school bucket hats and caps are selling well. Many students are beginning to purchase them. They are available from the school canteen only at a cost of $15.

What’s coming up?
In the next two weeks students will have the opportunity to participate in the Year 10 “Careers Day Out” in Shepparton, Year Ten “Future Moves” workshops at CSU, Computer skills competition, Zone Athletics and the Junior Social. I encourage all students to make the most of the opportunities offered to them at school and wish them well.

Mrs H McRae
Acting Principal

School Hats
Last year the School Leadership group approached us about having a school hat. This was an excellent initiative as many parents have also requested that as part of a sun safe policy we have students wearing hats. With some help from the P&C the hats are now here at school and we want as many students as possible to wear one. There are three types of hats available – a bucket hat that is reversible with house colours inside, a truckers cap and a normal baseball type cap - all are $15 and can be purchased at the canteen.

Junior Social
A Junior Social will be held on Wednesday 28th May from 6pm to 9pm for students in Years Seven to Nine. The theme for the night is to wear something starting with F, H or S.

Dairy Team
Rochester Show
Rosie Archer with Waltopso Perseus Ding won her class and went on to claim Junior Champion heifer.
Katie Archer came 6th with Lochgelly Park Symon Nellie-Red.
Rachel Barnes came 6th with Coldara Damion Brevalee

Junior Handlers class - Rosie 1st place, Katie 6th place
Senior Handlers - Georgina Hanson placed 2nd, Meg Campbell placed 3rd and Rachel Barnes placed 6th.
Deniliquin Show
Again Rosie won her class with Ding and then claimed Junior Champion heifer.
Nellie came 2nd with Jessica Knight on the halter; Jessica did an awesome job for her very first show.
Rachel Barnes came 2nd with Galaview Gilly Butter.
Melanie Kantarias came 6th with Coldara Damion Brevalle

Juniors Year 7-9 Handlers class - Rosie Archer placed 1st, Jessica Knight placed 5th.
Senior handlers - Rachel Barnes placed 2nd, Melanie Kantarias placed 4th.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Meg Campbell and Georgina Hansen for their help prior and during these shows, they are wonderful mentors for the younger members of the Dairy Team, thankyou.

FOR SALE
The Dairy team has 2 heifers for sale.
Galaview Gilly Butter DOB 29/9/2012
Galaview Reginald Ava DOB 11/9/2012
Both heifers have been Al’d to Afterburn (Aftershock x Goldwyn, carries the Variant Red Gene!!)
For all enquiries please contact the Jenny and Brian O’Hora on 0419 476 861

Career News
Future Moves with CSU

Over the course of the year students in Years Nine and Ten will be working with CSU Albury / Wodonga hoping to build aspiration for tertiary study amongst rural and regional students. The program aims to encourage students to become more engaged in school studies and more confident in considering tertiary study as a realistic option within their career path. The program will see students participating in school based workshops presented by CSU personnel and for some student’s campus visits. The program will look at exploring options and pathways to university as well as identifying perceived and real barriers and ways to overcome them. If you would like to know more about this program please feel free to contact the Careers Staff.

From the Ag Plot
The year is flying past with plenty happening in the Ag Plot. Recently the senior Agriculture class completed a competition where they raised poultry for the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. The students did not win any major prizes but learnt a great deal about the poultry industry and are keen to have another go next year.

Mr Webb and Mrs O’Leary are busy preparing for the upcoming Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair. This will take place between the 11th and 13th of June. The livestock have been very productive with lots of new lambs and shorthorn calves on the ground. It is great watching their antics at dusk.

Over the last few weeks the Ag staff have been busy collecting stock for this year’s Royal Melbourne Show. We currently have thirteen animals. The steer program is a linchpin for the whole Agriculture program and we thank the many people who support us in this. This year our steers have come from John Montgomery, Nathan Everingham, D & D Sexton, I & A Mason, Cameron Robertson, G & J Knight, R & M McCaw, Amanda Watkins, B & K Morham, A & P Cowell, B & S Griffiths, R & M Chaplin and J & M Doyle.

Our shorthorn cows have been very productive and are consuming our hay supply at a rapid rate. If anybody is able to help us out with some round bales of hay it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at school or on 0429831311.
P & C News

The FADAMS production is coming up with the matinee show on Sunday 1st June at 2pm. The other performances will follow on Fridays 6th and 13th and Saturdays 7th and 14th of June at 7pm. This is a major fundraiser for the year.

We require biscuits and slice for afternoon tea at the matinee. Helpers are needed at the school and the hall to prepare meals and wash dishes over the four evening performances.

Please contact Robyn Mott: robyn@moggosborne.com.au or 58832366 if you can assist in any way.

The P&C are serving supper at the Drug Forum evening on Tuesday 3rd June at 6:30pm in the Finley High School hall, if you could bring along a plate on the night or take a plate to canteen during the day this would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105
….LADIES, Please note 10am start…..

May
19 A. Woods, J. Russell
20 H. Harris, R. Lockhart
21 D. Dalgliesh, A. Lee
22 L. Bryce
23 N. Nash, G. Gale
26 M. Read, D. Pyke
27 C. Girdwood, M. Robertson
28 V. Bryce
29 T. Anderson
30 J. Coombs, L. Whiley

Finley High School
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th June 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.
Community Announcements

Lost Property

A pair of 2XU Compression tights have gone missing from a student’s bag. If anyone finds them can they please be handed in to the office.

Enrolments at South West Music Regional Conservatorium

South West Music congratulates our Finley High School students on the progress they have made in their piano and flute lessons this term. Individual lessons are delivered at your school by Delena Gaffney (piano and flute) on Fridays.

Enrol now for term two. The secure a place in any of our programs for Term Two contact our office immediately and request an enrolment package from our office. 03 5881 4736.

Had your teeth checked lately?

You can have a free check-up and dental treatment at the Berrigan or Deniliquin Dental Clinic if you are under 18 years old (at school or not) and have a Medicare card. Just phone 1800 450 046

Banjo and a Bushdance

Free tickets are available for Finley High School Students from the schools front office for students interested in attending. These free tickets must be validated for catering purposes. Parents are required to SMS their child’s name to 0410491315 by 5pm Wednesday 21st May 2014.
FINDING WAYS TO TALK TO, AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE AROUND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ISSUES

Partying and drugs can strike fear into the hearts of any parent. Drugs, alcohol and binge drinking are scary topics to talk to our children about – so how do you do it in a way that doesn’t make your kids say “whatever – what would you know? “

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TIME: 6.30PM
WHERE: FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL
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THEN GET READY TO DANCE & GRIN WITH

“CORA & THE CROP BOYS”

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