From the Principal

At the end of last term I thought I was writing my last Principal’s report forgetting that we had one in the first week back. However it is opportune that today I had a great send off from the students and I was truly humbled by their many kind words.

As is most often the case, we have a very busy term heading our way. Year Ten have their short mid year exams in Week Two, and Year Twelve have their Tertiary Excursion to Melbourne, as well as the Athletics carnival next Tuesday. In Week Three Years Seven and Nine students have their Naplan tests.

As of next week Mrs McRae will be the Acting Principal and Mrs Jackson the Acting Deputy Principal and I ask the whole school community to please give them your full support so that we can continue to have a top quality school.

Lucas McCaw

As you would all be aware our school term started off on a terrible note with the passing of one of our Year Nine students, Lucas McCaw, during the school holidays. Lucas was an amazing young man who, despite having a significant disability, came along each day with a great smile on his face and got on with things to the very best of his ability. There is no such thing as a good funeral but on Monday it was a sign of the respect in which he and his family are held that such a large number of people, including many of our students, came to share in the celebration of his short life. As I said to all of our students on Tuesday we can all learn from this young man. If every student adopted his positive, keen and happy approach even when things are very tough our world would be so much better off. On behalf of the whole school community we extend our deepest sympathies to his mum Kim and his dad Trevor. We will miss you Lucas but we will never forget you.
Anzac day

A huge thank you to the many students who represented the school at the various Anzac commemorations held in each of the communities. As the son of a World War 2 survivor it is wonderful for me to see so many young people being involved and showing their respects to those who made enormous sacrifices for our country.

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.

Above: Kate Whiley wearing the truckers cap.

Above: Ebony Mohr-Clarke wearing a bucket hat

Above: Liam Matthews wearing a baseball cap.

Above: Liam Matthews, Daniel Bryce and Rowan Smith wearing the three different types of hats.
Youth Day

A huge thank you to the SRC and Miss Turner for their work in organising Youth Day on the last day of last term. We have a very active student leadership group at the moment and I encourage all of them to keep taking a key role in the activities within the school.

On that note I will sign off and once again thank everyone for the support they have given me in my time at Finley High School.

Bernie Roebuck

Ps –Judging from the photo below we already have found the next Principal!!
Photos from Youth Day
Above: Caitlin Pettit and Chelsea Groves

Photos from Berrigan Shire careers Day

Above: Dimity Sharp and Libby Small
Above: Luke Congram, Matthew McVeigh, Liam Matthews and Daniel Bryce

Above: Shania MacCullagh, Chelsea Groves, Taylor Dalton, Natalie Pitt, Caitlin Pettit
Immunisations

Immunisations will be held on Monday 12th May 2014. There will only be one injection, Gardisal Vaccine for Year Nine boys and Gardisal for ALL Year Seven boys and girls.

If you have any queries please contact Lynda Whiley at Finley Hospital on (03) 5883 9100.

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.

Allied Health Rural Visit

On the 13th of May final year students from CSU’s Multidisciplinary Albury Rural Health Society will be visiting Finley High School to promote rural health pathways and careers. Students involved will get the opportunity to hear what study and university life is like, be informed as to what they can expect from different health career paths and engage in hands on activities such as plastering and using stethoscopes. If you would like more information please contact the Careers Staff.

Berrigan Shire Careers and Employment Expo

On Wednesday 9th of April Finley High School hosted the Berrigan Shire Careers and Employment EXPO at the Finley RS Club. Students in Years Ten to Twelve came along dressed for success at interview and participated in a series of seminars and workshops on employment opportunities and options within the local community. Several local business identities and local guests joined the students as part of the workshops and also for lunch. Local sports legend Don Elgin was the guest speaker for the day and provided some great food for thought on what it takes to be a champion and how to get the best out of the opportunities that are presented in life. On behalf of the students at Finley High School we would like to thank the Berrigan Shire for providing yet another fantastic learning experience for our students, in particular Merran Socha and Susie Escott for their organisation and also to the local community members who supported the day through their involvement in the workshops or for joining students as a mentor for lunch. Congratulations to Sarah Cameron for winning the prize kindly donated by the National Australia Bank for her multimedia presentation of what it means to Live, Learn and Earn locally.
Above: Chelsea Groves and Shania MacCullagh

Above: Luke Congram and Matt McVeigh

Above: Miliana Naicori and Zoe Richardson

Above: Alex Williams
Above: Tyson Peters and Joshua Barrett

Above: Don Elgin and Daniel Bryce

Above: Maddison Haintz, Bronte Russell and Charlee Webster
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 – 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests; one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16th May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter
for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

**Canteen Roster**

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

**May**

2  J Chellew, J Congdon
5  C Milburn, M Read
6  J Knight
7  D Dalgliesh, R Sharp
8  J Walliss
9  S Congram, M Morris
12 H Mortlock, J Russell
13 S Holmes, K Barry
14 L Knight
15 J Chellew
16 M Haintz, T Clarke

**Finley High School P&C Meeting**

Wednesday 14th May 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.
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? “

WHEN: TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014
TIME: 6.30PM
WHERE: FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Community Announcements

Tocumwal Mother’s Day Classic

The MDC is happening again in Tocumwal on Sunday 11th May at the Tocumwal Football Oval. Online registrations will be available soon at http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/events/regional.

Come along and spend the morning with family and friends for a walk or run along the beautiful Tocumwal foreshore.

Stay for a coffee and a piece of cake or even a sausage sizzle and face painting.

Dress up in PINK to show your support for cancer research and possibly win a prize.

If your family, group or business would like to donate a small prize for the day, maybe in memory of someone special who has fought the cancer battle, please contact Anita Hunter (0419550096) during March. Please be sure to include the name of the family or group donating the prize so it may be acknowledged on the day. More details will be forthcoming as the event gets closer.

If you would like to be involved in assisting with the organization of the event please contact Anita Hunter on 0419550096. We look forward to making 2014 an even more memorable event than 2013.

Audiometrist

Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist, will be attending Finley Community Health Centre on Tuesday May 13th 2014. If your child has had any ear infections in the past or you have any concerns about their speech, learning or behaviour, please ring Tocumwal Hospital on 0358742166, to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test.

Lost Property

A pair of reading glasses was handed in following the swimming carnival at the Finley Swimming Pool. Please contact the High School front office if you are missing such an item.

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

Finley Farmers’ Market

The Award winning Finley Farmers’ Market is on again this Saturday 3rd May at the Finley Lake from 8am to 12 noon. Bring along your mother for home-made scones, jam and cream whilst you all wander the market. Or bring the whole family to watch the Finley Fire Brigade’s demonstration of the kitchen fat fire simulator…. It’s a spectacle worth knowing about.
10am start
$20ad $12sen $10ch
family tickets
Register online or
9am on day

Participate • Volunteer • Fundraise
Come along for a great family day,
music and fun kids activities

4km walk/run, 8km run
Tocumwal Football Oval, Morris St

SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014
Walk or run for breast cancer research

mothersdayclassic.com.au
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SATURDAY THE 24TH OF MAY
JERILDERIE RACECOURSE
THE STORY BEHIND OUR UNOFFICIAL ANTHEM

Waltzing Matilda

“THE MAN THEY CALL THE BANJO”

THEN GET READY TO DANCE & GRIN WITH

“CORA & THE CROP BOYS”

GATES OPEN 5PM. SUNSET DRINKS. BAR AVAILABLE. SEATED FOR 6PM.
COMPLEMENTARY SUPPER 8 - 9PM. FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT DANCE.

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$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment, and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

APPLY ONLINE NOW!