**KEY DATES**

**June**
- 27th: Bright Happy Colours Day
  - Last day of Term 2

**July**
- 14th: Staff Development day
- 15th: Students return to school
- 16th: Open Boys Football, Wagga Wagga
- 17/18: Bendigo Sheep Show
- 18th: Year Ten student information day
- 21st: Year Ten parent and student information night.
- 21 – 25th: VET Work placement week.
- 22nd: Melbourne Court Excursion
  - College Students
- 29th: ICAS English
  - CSU Workshops

**August**
- 5th: Riverina Athletics
- 6th: Year Twelve Study and Information Night
- 12th: ICAS Mathematics
- 13th: P&C Meeting, 7pm in the staff common room.
- 18-20th: HSC Trial Exams

**September**
- 18th: Year Twelve Formal Assembly
- 19th: Last day of Term Three

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**Principal’s Report**

As the term draws to a close I wonder where the year has gone. We have all had a very busy term and even in the last week of term, students are participating in a range of activities both in and out of the classroom, which are designed to assist them in the future.

**Miliana Naicori**

We are very proud of the achievements of Miliana Naicori in being named the Riverina VET in Schools Student of the Year. This award is open to all students who do a VET traineeship through schools across NSW. Miliana competed with over 250 students across the Riverina and was awarded the honour at the awards dinner in Wagga Wagga on June 11th. Miliana will now travel to Sydney to compete at the state level at the end of July. We wish her every success, and know she will represent Finley High School and her employer, the Finley RS Club in an outstanding way.

**Public Speaking**

Chloe O’Bryan represented Finley High School at the State Semi-Finals of the Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking competition. She spoke for 8 minutes on the topic: “Children of the Third World”. As usual she gave an outstanding speech and we are very proud of her achievements.

The regional semi-finals for the Junior Public Speaking Competition will be held in Coolamon on 25th July. We wish Katie Archer and Emma Marsden every success in this competition and know they will do themselves and their school proud.

**Formal Assembly**

On Tuesday over 220 students received awards for their outstanding effort in class at the Formal Assembly. I was unable to attend, but would like to congratulate the students who achieved awards for their commitment to learning and the effort they are giving in all their classes.
Year Six Parent Information Evening

Last Wednesday evening, Finley High School held a parent evening to welcome Year 6 students and parents to Finley High School. After a tour of the school, parents and students were entertained by Isabella Jackson who sang the song “Riptide” by Vance Joy and by Duncan Clarke and Emma Carey who spoke of their experiences coming into Year 7 this year. Thank you to Isabella, Duncan and Emma as well as all the other students, parents and teachers who ventured out into the cold. The Year 7 Advisers for 2015 will be Tessa McNamara and Melissa Stratton who are available to talk to any parents who have concerns regarding their children moving into Year 7 next year.

Good Food Talks

On Monday, Year Seven participated in some activities surrounding making healthy eating and lifestyle choices. It was an eye opener for the students who learned about the importance of eating healthily and learned some truths and myths about smoking. The interactive workshops were presented by the Riverina Health Promotion Team from Griffith. The presenters were very impressed with our Year Seven students who asked sensible and meaningful questions about the presentations.

Health Forums

On Wednesday, Year 9 engaged in forums on teenage health, organised by the Department of Health. The presentation was made by Dr Alam and Dr Mohan who gave up most of their day to present interactive and engaging workshops about health issues involving teenagers. Topics ranged from having healthy relationships, facts and myths about sex to STD’s and other teenage issues. I would like to thank both doctors for giving their valuable time and knowledge to the students of Finley High School. Students who attended found the sessions very worthwhile and informative.

Future Moves

Also on Wednesday, 6 Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend the “Future Moves” program over at Charles Sturt University. The students had a lecture and tutorial and were then able to participate in practical activities surrounding “Exercise Science” and “Environmental Science” where they were involved in the radio tracking of animals. All the students enjoyed the day, with some determined to go to university now as a result of this trip. Thanks to Mrs O’Bryan who took them over to Albury for the day.

Love Bites

Today, all Year 10 students are involved in “Love Bites” seminars. These seminars are run by the team from Vinnies and Katie Wright (Youth Sexual Assault Counsellor) from Deniliquin who along with Ms Wales (our counsellor) and Jodie Brown (our Student Support Officer), Mr Singsam, Mr Davis, Mrs Tobin and Miss Turner. The sessions revolved around activities based on relationships and cover topics including healthy relationships, domestic violence and sexual assault. Students found the topics interesting even if a little challenging to talk about. All learned how to recognise difficulties in relationships and how to reasonably respond.

Regional Athletics

Due to the inclement weather across the Riverina, the Riverina Athletics has been postponed several times. The latest date for the carnival is now Tuesday, 5th August. I would like to thank Miss Heath, the students and parents involved for their patience with this.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another busy term in Term 3.
Congratulations Miliana Naicori

At the VET training awards held in Wagga Wagga last week Miliana was recognised for her excellence as a School Based Trainee.

Out of 266 students in VET within the region Miliana was awarded VET in schools student of the year. She will now go on to an interview in Sydney at the end of July for consideration as NSW VET student of the year.

The school wishes you every success for your interview at the next level!

The Harmony Tree is finally on display!

The SRC are very happy to have the Harmony Tree, created on Harmony Day in term one on display in the playground. The tree was created with students hand prints to be a reminder that they can work together to create a harmonious school. It has been placed in a central section of the playground as a visual cue to all students! It is also a new bright, colourful addition to the playground!
Zone Athletics

On Tuesday the 10th thirty two students from Finley High School travelled to Deniliquin to participate in the Zone Athletics carnival. The students, who ranged in age from 12 through to 17, represented the school with distinction and achieved some great results. Any student who placed 1st or 2nd in an event qualified to attend the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on the 24th of June.

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Above: Ashleigh O’Leary competing in high jump.

Above: Jarrod Morham competing in high jump.
District Cross country

On Tuesday the 17th of June eight Finley High School students travelled to Gundagai to participate in the District Cross Country. It was a cool day of 12 degrees which made it great for running but not so great for waiting for your turn. Each age group was strongly contested with more than twenty starters in most age groups and over thirty in the 13 year age group. The most successful runners from Finley were Bailey Coombs who ran 3rd in the 12 year old boys, Jade O’Bryan who ran 8th in the 15 year old girls, Tiarna Burke who ran 12th in 13 year old girls and Ashleigh O’Leary who ran 1st in the 17 year old girls. The top 6 place getters in each age group Qualify to go to Sydney to participate in the NSW State Championships on the 18th of July.

Above: Ashleigh O’Leary 1st 17 year girls
Above: Bailey Coombs 3rd 12 year boys, Bailey first on left.

Above: Bailey ringing dad, “Dad I’m going to Sydney”
Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair

Twenty five Finley High School students travelled to Holbrook last week to participate in the annual Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair. This year the fair had entries from twelve schools from NSW and Victoria, along with another ten private exhibitors. The three day event includes a schools day where the focus is on competition between the schools and educational workshops where students learn the art of judging sheep for their fleece and carcase. The students performed very well in the various competitions that ran throughout the fair. There were competitions run in several age groups. Eloise Ashley-Cooper was first in Meat sheep judging overall and first in Fleece judging. Rosie Archer was second in Meat sheep judging and Merino sheep judging. Hayley Doohan won Merino sheep judging in her age group. Rosie Cleve won the open sheep judging competition judging both Border leister and Poll Dorset sheep. Our sheep were expertly prepared by Gordon Close and achieved some excellent awards. These included Grand Champion ewe and Supreme champion. We were also the most successful Poll Dorset exhibitor and most successful school.
Above: Hayley Doohan 1st Junior Merino Sheep Judge.
Above: Victoria Alexander and Emma Marsden with Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe.

Above: Victoria Alexander, Ned Beazley and Caleb Catena with 1st place group of a Ram and two ewes
Winter Uniform

As the holidays are approaching this is a good opportunity for you to check your son/daughter’s uniform to ensure they have no need to be wearing other items when they come back to school. The cold weather has meant that some students are wearing hoodies, tights and tracksuit pants, which are not part of the school uniform. We respectfully ask that if your daughter/son does need to wear something other than uniform that they bring a note to the boy/girl adviser and we can issue them with a uniform permission note for school for the day.

Leather school shoes are also required according to the Workplace Health and Safety laws, and many students are wearing canvas shoes which do not protect their feet adequately. Please ensure that your son/daughter is wearing the correct footwear each day. Any other shoe worn for sport must be carried in their school bag. Again, the student will need to report to the girl/boy adviser for a note in the morning prior to roll call.

Any student who is out of uniform without a note from home is required to complete a short lunchtime detention and is reminded that they need to bring a courtesy note if they are out of either sport or school uniform. Students who do not follow this rule will be placed on the loss of privileges list and are not able to attend various excursions throughout the year. As the rewards excursion is fast approaching students need to put some thought into organising themselves into correct uniform as they leave home in the morning.

We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Ms Archinal/ Mr Cleal

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CANTEEN ROSTER

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

June
27  J Chellew, J McAllister

July
14  Pupil Free Day
15  H. Harris
16  N. Curtin
17  S. Robertson
18  K. Litchfield, M. Haintz
21  M. Read, J. Blackmore
22  F. Aull
23  D. Dalgleish
24  B. Agosta
25  M. Morris, S. Congram

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Finley High School
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 13th August 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.
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE
FINLEY LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the community are invited to join the
Murrumbidgee Local Health District’s Finley Local Health
Advisory Committee (LHAC).

The Finley LHAC is a central connection between the
community and health service activities. The committee works
with the Finley Health Service and Hume Medicare Local to
identify local service needs, ways to improve access to
services and to assist in planning and development.

This is a great opportunity to advocate for your community, be
involved in planning, priority setting and evaluation of
strategic and service planning, and provide support for the Local
Health Service. The LHAC also provides valuable input into
planning health services and sharing information with the local
community.

TO APPLY:
Pick up an application kit from the
Finley Health Service in Dawe Avenue

Or contact
Setchen Brimson
Community Engagement Manager
02 6933 9100 or email:
setchen.brimson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Government
Murrumbidgee Local Health District

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