17th July, 2014

**KEY DATES**

**July**
- 17/18 Bendigo Sheep Show
- 18 Year Ten student information day
- 21 Year Ten parent and student information night.
- 21 – 25 VET Work placement week.
- 22 Melbourne Court Excursion College Students
  - Jerilderie 9:30am
  - Berrigan 11:00am
  - Tocumwal 1pm
  - See information on page two for venues.
- 29 ICAS English CSU Workshops

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

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

**Principal’s Report**

Welcome everyone back to a cold start to school.

Term 3 will be a very busy term as we start preparations for 2015.

**Staff Development Day**

On Monday, the staff of Finley High School participated in several professional learning events.

The school support staff travelled to Deniliquin to combine with staff from other schools to take part in a variety of workshops aimed to improve their capacity and understanding. Workshops were held on front office administration and processes, new financial procedures, wellbeing and changes to the code of conduct. All who went found the day very beneficial.

The teaching staff remained at school and participated in workshops on identifying students’ literacy abilities and needs and to access resources on how best to improve the literacy of our students. They then had some time to reflect on the state of the school indicating the strengths of the school and areas they consider needed improvement. This marked the beginning of the first stage of developing the FHS School Improvement Plan for 2015 – 2017.

The staff were then expected to complete an online course on making adjustments and then to complete programs for the National Curriculum for 2015. Unfortunately the internet was down and some staff were given permission to leave school in the afternoon to go home and complete these tasks on their personal computers.
Parent and Community Input into School Improvement Plan 2015 – 2017

Schools are moving to a model of Local Schools, Local Decisions where funds are given to the school for the school to spend on programmes and resources to best suit the needs of the Finley High School students and the whole school community.

It is therefore important to have input into how this funding should be spent from the whole school community. To that end, I would like to invite parents of Finley High School students or future students, and the wider community to a meeting in their local towns at the following venues

Jerilderie – 9:30am on Friday 25th July 2014, in the Community Health Rooms at the Jerilderie Hospital. Entry through hospital main entrance.

Berrigan – 11:30am on Friday 25th July 2014, in the Community Health Rooms at Berrigan Doctors Surgery.

Tocumwal - 1pm on Friday 25th July 2014, in the Community Health Rooms next to Tocumwal Hospital.

Finley - 9:30am on Monday 28th July 2014, in the Bowls Room at the Finley RS Club.

Anyone unable to attend these meetings will also have the opportunity to contribute at the August P&C Meeting on Wednesday 13th August.

If parents would prefer to participate via email, please send me an email to finley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and I will forward you three questions to complete and send back.

I look forward to talking and meeting with as many parents as possible to understand your ideas on the possible future direction of the school.

Senior Subject Selections 2015

On Friday this week, Years Ten and Eleven will receive their prospectus of subjects for next year. Year Ten will meet on Friday Periods 2 and 3 to work through the rules and requirements of the HSC and their teachers will spend the following week answering any questions they have regarding subject selections.

On Monday evening, 21st July at 7pm in the school Library, parents and students of Year Ten are invited to come along and meet with teachers to discuss subjects and HSC requirements. Students will nominate their subjects for the HSC and hand them in to Mr Whitty by the following Monday, 28th July.

I encourage all Year Ten parents to attend with their children to be well informed about making these important decisions for the future.

The rest of the junior school will be able to nominate electives for next year later in the term.

Keen And Interested

This term will see activities and opportunities for keen and interested students to undertake. Courses will be offered by the staff for one day workshops to develop specific interests.

Courses will include Italian cooking, Cake decorating, Tie Dyeing, Basic Car Maintenance and perhaps an historical adventure over several weeks. Stay tuned for details.

Mrs H McRae
Acting Principal
Keen and Interested Programs

This term will see several Keen and Interested Programs being offered by the CAPA/TAS Department. Programs will include:

- Cooking the Italian Way (13th August)
- Creative Cakes (5th and 12th of September), and
- Fabulous fabric dying techniques (17th September)

These are one day programs and allow students to extend on their current skills in a fun and creative environment. There is a minimal cost of $10 per student for each activity to cover material costs. Further information and permission notes for these programs are available from Mrs McNamara in the CAPA/TAS staffroom. Please note that student numbers for each activity are limited.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Canteen Contact and Number
Mrs Kaylene Dawe 5883 1105
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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.
Community Announcements

YOU ARE INVITED to a...

BLIGHTY P & C Fundraiser

FOR the great art auction

AT Blighty Recreation Reserve

Featuring prominent local artists. Admission $25 Adult (inc. 1 drink and nibbles)

Friday 25 July 2014 at 6.30pm

RSVP bazbron@harboursat.com.au Bron Atkinson (03) 5882 5900
Lions Club of Finley
Together with the
Emma Simpson Fundraising Group
Presents

Family Fun Day

Sunday August 3rd 2014 at the FINLEY LAKE

Activities Include:

Fun Run - 3.5kms (2 laps) 9:30am $10
Fun Walk - (1 lap) 10:00am $5
Kids Activities from 11am
Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Crafts, Cupcake Decorating etc
Catch & Release Fishing Comp - 1:00-3:00pm $10

Registration tent for the Fun Run, Walk & Fishing Comp open at 9am
For more information call 0407 577 574

All proceeds go to the Emma Simpson Fundraiser

Food & Drinks will be available!
Fanny Lumsden & The Thrillseekers
+ Ruby Boots (WA)

Country Halls Tour 2014

Tooma Hall
Friday 18th July

Weethalle Hall
Friday 25th July

Rand Hall
Saturday 19th July

Jugiong Hall
Sunday 20th July

Grong Grong Hall
Saturday 26th July

All shows start 7pm
Entry by donation ($20 suggested)
Fannylumsden.net