31st August 2014

**Principal’s Report**

**Parent and Community Input into School Improvement Plan 2015 – 2017**

Thank you to the parents who attended the meetings in Jerilderie, Berrigan and Tocumwal last Friday and Finley on Monday. Your input about how you feel Finley High School is operating is invaluable and will help to lay the foundations of the strategic directions for the school over the next few years.

The SRC also had input into the process this week and all their comments have also been taken on board.

If any parents or community members could not get to their local meeting, they are welcome to come to the August P&C meeting on Wednesday, August 13th in the staff common room at 7 pm. This will be the final opportunity for input into the school improvement plan as future directions will be determined soon after to begin planning for 2015 and beyond.

Anyone preferring to participate via email, please send me an email to the school account and I will forward you 3 questions to complete and send back.

**Senior Subject Selections 2015**

The process for initial subject selections is closing this week for Year 10 and Year 11 students. From their expressions of interest, lines will be formed from which they can make their final selections for 2015.

Students in Years 8 and 9 will learn about the electives on offer for next year on Friday and will make their choice over the following week.

Thank you to Mr Whitty, Miss Downey, Mrs O’Leary and Mrs O’Bryan for their work so far on the subject selections for 2015.
Scoliosis Checks

During the week I received a letter from the Spine Society of Australia, asking me to promote the importance of girls in Years 7 and 9 getting their spine checked for Scoliosis.

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). Screening in the age range 11 – 13 years is a sound preventative health measure.

More information about scoliosis can be found on the website www.scoliosis-australia.org

I encourage all parents of girls in Year 7 and 9 to go to this website and download the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis or discuss a Scoliosis Check with your doctor when next you attend.

Brainstorm

This term the school is focusing on student welfare by organising several workshops for students around school and social issues. It will start on 12th August when Brainstorm Productions will present a play on bullying to all students in the junior school. This will be followed up with a workshop immediately after. Also planned for later on in the term are workshops on building resilience and self-esteem and the Police School Liaison Officer from Albury will be coming to Finley to talk about legal issues surrounding improper use of Facebook, partying and sexting. Many thanks to Jodie Brown for her organisation of these programs.

Official Visit

On Thursday 14th August, Finley High School will host the Secretary of the DEC Dr Michele Bruniges for lunch. Dr Bruniges will meet with the School Captains and the Senior Leadership Group for lunch before touring the school to look at the Auto-shed, Agriculture area and a History lesson. She will visit us on the way to the Primary Principal’s Conference in Moama. It will be a unique opportunity to showcase the school and promote the pride we have in our students and staff.

Senior Interim Reports

Year 11 and Year 12 have received their interim reports this week. They are a brief indication of how students are doing as they enter their final stages of preparation for their HSC Trial examinations. Some teachers have requested interviews and I ask that parents make an appointment to come to Parent/Teacher evening next Wednesday to discuss their child’s progress.

Parent/Teacher evening

On Tuesday students received invitations to take home for Parent/Teacher night. Parents are invited to negotiate times with their students’ teachers to come and talk about their progress. Parent/Teacher evening will be in the hall next Wednesday evening from 4pm. I look forward to seeing you there.
DesignTECH Excursion

During Week 1, the Design and Technology class visited the Museum of the Riverina in Wagga to view the DesignTECH display. Our students were able to see selected Band 6 projects from last year’s HSC. This was a valuable excursion for our students, as major projects are due in mid-August.
Community Announcements

FREE Junior Golf Clinic
Free Junior golf clinic for primary and high school students on Fridays 3:30pm to 4:30pm at the Berrigan Golf Club commencing on Friday 25th July (9 week program).
The clinic covers basic technique, skills and various aspects of the game. To register your interest or for more information please contact David Brockie, Golf professional, on 0402 488 978 or email davidbrockie@optusnet.com.au

Enrolments at South West Music Regional Conservatorium
Would you like to learn piano, flute, guitar, ukulele, banjo, mandolin or double bass???? We have two qualified teachers who deliver lessons to both adults and children during school hours in Finley. Chris Bodey is available to teach guitar, ukulele, double bass, mandolin and banjo. Chris is in Finley on Mondays and he has vacancies on his timetable. Delena Gaffney teaches piano and flute at your school on Fridays and there are vacancies on her timetable.

If you would prefer to come to our studios in Deniliquen after school, then you can choose from guitar, ukulele, double bass, mandolin, banjo, cello, vocals, drum kit, brass, flute, piano, keyboard, violin (via video conference) AND the Young Musicians Club PLUS our latest program Tiny Tots Music Playtime for 2-4 year olds.

Enrol now for Term Three. To secure a place in any of our programs for Term Three contact our office immediately and request an enrolment package from our Administration Officer, Chris van Zeyl on 5881 4736.

SWM is funded by Dept Education & Communities

Finley Farmers Market
Finley Farmers Market is on again this Saturday 2nd August at the Finley Memorial Hall from 9am till 12noon ... rain, hail or shine. You will find all the delicious seasonal fresh and locally grown produce that you need for winter.
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
Cobram Genealogical Group Inc

Presents Speaker
Mark Grealy
Archival Access Victoria
For
Family History Month
3rd August
Registration: 10:30 am
at
Old School House, Punt Rd, Cobram
Lunch and Refreshments supplied
$10 entry fee

- Learn about records available at the Public Records Office of Victoria and how they can be used for family and local history
- A demonstration of high quality digital showing examples of a variety of records, including local Cobram (and surrounds) records.
- Learn how to read parish maps and track down land files, as well as title records
- Look at how to use the PROV catalogue to find records

For more information contact Nicole Close 0408831985
You are invited to attend a FREE 2 hour information session on Thursday 28th August

This workshop is designed to enhance your knowledge and understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD's)

What you will learn:

❖ The Characteristics and Impact of ASD’s
❖ Strategies to assist students in the school environment
❖ How to use the Positive Partnerships Planning Matrix

Workshop Details

Where: Ian Gilbert Room
      Jerilderie Civic Hall
      35, Jerilderie St.
      Jerilderie NSW 2716

When: Thursday 28th August

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Please RSVP by email to: Sue Low slow@autismspectrum.org.au
NSW Coordinator- Positive Partnerships
By Wednesday 13th August

Telephone: 0448 259 632 if further information is required
FREE one day workshop for PARENTS/CARERS and COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS of school age children

One day workshop 2014NSWPC19 - Jerilderie

What will you learn?

As a result of participation in the workshop as parents/carers, you will gain
- A greater understanding of the impact of autism on children at school, home and in the community.
- Knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school, teacher and community partnerships.
- Strategies on how to:
  - Support children’s participation at school and in the community.
  - Support and manage challenging behaviours.
  - Access local school and community systems.
  - Develop local networks.

Where:  Ian Gilbert Room, Jerilderie Civic Centre
         35 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie NSW 2716

When:  One day workshop on Thursday 28 August 2014

Time:  9.30 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 9.00 am)
       Morning tea and lunch provided

The workshop is an opportunity for families to come together to discuss the issues that are important to them about their child/children.

The workshop is a safe environment where participants can talk about autism and other behavioural and learning needs that may be affecting children at home, school and in the community.

Registration opens Thursday 17 July 2014, and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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FREE one day workshop for PARENTS/CARERS
of school age students on the autism spectrum

Registration Form

To Register please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet.

This form allows you to register to attend the Parent/Carer Workshops and some information sessions
Each person attending must complete their own form even if from the same family.

The locations and dates for each of the Parent/Carer Workshops and Information Sessions were chosen through
a collaborative planning process in each state and territory.

For more information, please contact parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au or call 1300 881 971
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop

**Code: 2014NSWPC19  Location: Jerilderie  Date: Thursday 28 August 2014**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Title: [ ] Mr  [ ] Mrs  [ ] Ms  [ ] Prof  [ ] Dr.  [ ] Other: ___________________________

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name(s): ___________________________

Email 1: ___________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)

Email 2: ___________________________ (for confirmation and reminders)

Mailing address: ___________________________

City/Suburb: ___________________________ State: ___________ Postal Code: ___________

Phone (daytime): ( ), ___________________________ Phone (home): ( ) _______________________

Mobile Phone: ___________________________

Access to internet: [ ] At home  [ ] At work  [ ] At home and work

Computer internet skills: [ ] Low  [ ] Moderate  [ ] High

How many children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum do you have/care for:
[ ] Zero  [ ] One  [ ] Two  [ ] Three or more

What type of educational program is your child/are your children receiving?
[ ] Mainstream with support  [ ] Autism specific special class  [ ] Non autism specific special class
[ ] Autism specific special school  [ ] Special school  [ ] Other

Diagnosis: [ ] Autistic Disorder  [ ] Rett’s Disorder  [ ] Childhood Disintegrative Disorder  [ ] Asperger’s Disorder
[ ] Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS  [ ] Atypical autism  [ ] Autistic Characteristics  [ ] No Diagnosis
[ ] Other

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
The following information will help the Positive Partnerships facilitators best support you during the workshop.

Please answer by ticking (√) the appropriate box
1. Are you [ ] Male?  [ ] Female?
2. Would like to attend the workshop as [ ] Parent?  [ ] Grandparent?  [ ] Fulltime Carer?
Kiddies Talk

Paediatric Speech Pathology

Lauren Braine- Speech Pathologist
Rao Medical Centre- 11 Morris ST, Tocumwal 2714
1.5 days per fortnight

For appointments please call Lauren on:
0428 574 673 or email kiddiestalk@gmx.com

Children and adolescents 0-18 years

- Speech sounds (producing the correct age appropriate sounds)
- Receptive language (being able to understand what has been said. Example: following multiple step instructions)
- Expressive language (being able to express their needs and wants. Example: sequencing ideas correctly, vocabulary)
- Literacy/phonological awareness (example: letter/sound recognition, rhyming)
- Pragmatics/ social skills (example: eye contact, maintaining on topic of conversation)
- Stuttering
- Eating and swallowing difficulties (example: difficulty eating/ swallowing different textures or coloured foods etc)
- Voice disorders (example: voice is harsh, husky, nasal etc)

Kiddies Talk is currently:
- Medicare registered (see your GP to see if your child is eligible)
- registered with private health insurance companies