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**Principal’s Report**

**Trial HSC Exams**

Starting tomorrow, Year Twelve and Year Eleven students will be sitting their Trial HSC Exams. These are the most important and final school assessment tasks that the students will complete before their HSC exams in October.

After these exams, students will finish their course work and begin courses of revision in every subject leading up to their last day of school on 19th September. On this day, Year Twelve will have their final formal assembly in the hall at 12:30pm. Mark this on your calendars as this is our opportunity to say good bye and good luck to our terrific Year Twelve group.

Year Eleven will return to school on 10th November after their HSC exams to commence studies in Year Twelve.

**Timetable**

Preparations are underway for building the school timetable ready for the roll over on 10th November. I would like to thank Mr Whitty for his time and preparation of students in making their subject selections. Lines will be determined over the next few weeks based on the interest expressed in subject preferences submitted last week.

**What’s been happening?**

It has been a busy time at school over the last 2 weeks. Mrs McNaught has organised virtual excursions so students can view via video link the NSW State Public Speaking and Debating finals. Mrs Brown has organised a very successful Brainstorm production called “The Hurting Game” where all students in the junior school watched a thought provoking play on bullying and then attended a workshop to discuss further implications of bullying and cyber-bullying and completed a variety of activities. Poll Dorsett Youth day was attended by thirty six students from across the school last Friday organised by Mrs Close, Mrs O’Leary and Mr Webb and our first “Keen and Interested” workshop on Italian Cooking took place on Wednesday under the supervision of Mrs McNamara. Many thanks to the staff who organised these opportunities for our students.
Dr Michele Bruniges Visit

Dr Michele Bruniges, the Secretary of the DEC is visiting our school today to have lunch catered for by our senior hospitality class. She will meet the School Captains, the Senior Leadership Group, the School Chaplain and Student Support Officer as well as some teachers from across the school. She will then visit the Auto Shed, Ag farm and a Year Eight History Class taught by Mrs Littlejohn. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our fantastic rural school to the upper management of the DEC.

Senior Student Music Evening

Year Twelve music students will hold a performance evening next Wednesday evening to showcase the musical pieces prepared for the HSC. The evening will commence at 6:30pm in the music room. All interested parents and students are welcome to attend.

Technical Support Officer

Following the removal of our Technical Support Officer (TSO) from the school, Finley High School has decided to share a TSO with Deniliquin High School for the remainder of the year. Michael Ladson will be at school in this role every Wednesday and Thursday and is also volunteering his time to assist students in the Senior Music class by donating his musical talents. A belated welcome, Michael.

More Success From Our Agriculture Students

Liana Prentice completed her HSC at Finley High School last year. On Tuesday 12th August she competed in the national finals for wool judging at the Ekka in Brisbane (Queensland equivalent of the Royal Melbourne Show). Liana was successful in placing as the Reserve Champion Sheep Fleece Judge at the show. It was a matter of ‘oh so close’ as she was beaten by only ½ a point. Liana competed against finalists from each state of Australia and New Zealand. She gained this opportunity through attending many sheep shows with Finley High School last year. We are thrilled for Liana whose education at Finley High School has resulted in her outstanding success. Congratulations to Liana, Reserve Champion Fleece Judge in Australasia.

Winners of last Week’s Kram Awards:

- I pod – Georgia Webb
- Itunes Vouchers – Hayley Doohan, Nikki Williamson and Karly McKormack
- Canteen Vouchers – Kylie Hustwayte and Spencer Hawkins
- Handballs – Mollie Leslie-Evans and Kim Montgomery

Congratulations to all of those students and I encourage everyone to keep those Krams coming in. Next Draw is Tuesday 19th August.

Mrs H McRae
Acting Principal
SRC Camp
On the 23rd of July four SRC students Chelsea Dempster, Courtney Sexton, Tyson Peters and Joshua Barrett travelled to Deniliquin with the supervision of Miss Turner for a two day camp. On the first day we met at Deniliquin High School along with six other schools to speak with Vicki Hutton, she told us about ways we as an SRC could improve, and what each individual school does well and not so well. That night we stayed at the Deniliquin Big 4 which was an awesome experience, all the schools got along really well. That night all the schools went out for dinner, which Vicki had planned, after dinner we drove back to the big 4 and settled down for a good sleep. Once morning came around it was back to Deniliquin High School to speak with Vicki again, this time we talked about the different priorities that we should have and put into action when we return to school. The day also consisted of listening to guest speakers who shared their ideas about leadership and discussed ways to help out with the SRC. These two days have helped us a lot, and already we are coming up with new ideas for the school.

Above: Chelsea Dempster, Tyson Peters, Joshua Barrett and Courtney Sexton.

By Tyson Peters

Cooking The Italian Way

On Wednesday eighteen students from Years Seven to Ten rolled up their sleeves and enthusiastically prepared traditional Italian dishes from scratch. Ricotta cheese, pizzas, focaccias, tomato sauce and pasta were all made over the course of the day. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to using their new found skills at home.
Below: Two photo collages from the ‘Cooking The Italian Way’ Keen and Interested Day and a recipe the students cooked.
Focaccia/Pizza Dough

2 teaspoons (7g) instant yeast
½ teaspoon salt
2 ½ cups (375g) plain flour
1 cup (250ml) warm water
1 tablespoon olive oil

1. Combine yeast, salt and sifted flour in large bowl; mix well. Gradually stir in combined water and oil.
2. Knead on well-floured surface for about 10 minutes or until smooth and elastic.
3. Place dough in large oiled bowl; cover, stand in warm place about 30 minutes or until dough doubles in size.
4. Preheat oven to 200°C. Oil 2 trays.
5. Punch down dough with fist; knead on floured surface until smooth. Divide in half; roll into desired shape.
6. Bake pizzas about 15 minutes or until crust is golden and cheese is bubbling. Sprinkle with basil just before serving.

Cooking Up A Storm

Students in Years Nine and Ten have been very busy over the past two weeks preparing and presenting their practical Assessment Tasks. Students in Year Nine selected and prepared a dish containing a staple food item from a country that they had selected. All countries studied focused on the issue of food equity and availability.

Likewise, Year Ten students prepared dishes suitable for a selected dietary disorder with disorders including diabetes, heart disease and hypertension. It was great to see students working independently and preparing quality food items that were delicious!

Street Art Project

In April during the school holidays three Finley High School students attended a Street Art Workshop organised by the Berrigan Shire for Youth Week.

They had the opportunity to meet with a local professional Street Artist who taught them about Street Art. The first day was a workshop which talked about colours, techniques, legalities and design. The second day they completed a Street Art piece each at the Berrigan Skate Park.

Since then the Berrigan Community has nominated our students Warren Pitt, Georgia Hammersley and Sabrina Taylor for Young Legends Awards through Keep Australia Beautiful. The Berrigan Community has also used photos of the student’s work on town exits “Do not Litter” signs.

On Thursday 7th August the students went to Berrigan to meet with the Keep Australia Beautiful assessors, who were very impressed with the art work.

We are very proud of Warren, Georgia and Sabrina! Great Work!
Above: Sabrina Taylor with her street art.

Above: Warren Pitt with his Street art.
Above: Georgia Hammersley with her Street art

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer
Student Support

This semester at Finley High School we will be focusing on whole school welfare. Over the next two terms all students will be involved in various programs, presentations and activities that relate to current social issues. Topics that will be covered include bullying, healthy relationships, cyber smart, sexting, resilience, self-respect and esteem. Our staff will be joined by various services; Centacare, Brainstorm Productions, Vinnies Services and our High School Youth Liaison Police Officer, Senior Constable Amy Epstein, to deliver numerous sessions throughout the remainder of the year.

We also have a number of programs running at the moment which are designed to target smaller numbers of students. They include but are not limited to; Menshed Mentoring, Auto Shed, GirlStrong, Drumbeat, Nursing Home Connections, Media Hub and Connect Peer Support. They are aimed at assisting students to form positive friendships, build on leadership skills, enhance communication skills, explore interests, foster a sense of belonging etc.

We are also continuing our Brekky Club. This runs every Wednesday morning from our BBQ Area and is open to the whole school. We provide toast, fruit, cereal, juice and milo free of charge to all students and staff thanks to the generous donations of local services and clubs.

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer

Brain Storm Productions

On Tuesday the 12th August students from Years Seven, Eight, Nine and Ten had the opportunity to see a Brainstorm Productions performance. The students watched a skit called ‘The Hurting Games’ which focused on current social issues in regards to bullying, cyber safety, sexting, relationships and changes throughout youth. Afterwards students were split back into their classes where they were involved in discussions and activities in relation to the performance and the issues highlighted. This gave the students the opportunity to ask questions and explore aspects of healthy relationships, social media and general wellbeing.

The feedback has been very positive from staff, students and parents. We will continue discussing these issues through the use of resources purchased alongside the performance.

Our next whole school welfare program will be held on the 26th of August. We are fortunate enough to have Senior Constable Amy Epstein, the School Liaison Officer, coming to speak to our students about these issues, the legalities and potential consequences. We look forward to our students meeting with Senior Constable Epstein.

Jodi Brown
Student Support Officer

Poll Dorset Youth Day

On Friday 8th October 36 students from Finley High school attended the South West Poll Dorset Regions Youth day. This day was run by local Poll Dorset breeders and was designed to teach students about selection, breeding, preparing and showing sheep as well as taking part in a Junior Judging competition. There were about 100 students from schools all around the region such as Moama Grammar, Deniliquin High, St Paul’s of Walla Walla and Scots School of Albury. Students from Finley High School went very well in the Junior Judging competition with Ned Beasley getting second place and Victoria Alexander third place in the experienced section. Eloise Ashley-Cooper was placed first, Katie Archer second, James McCaw third and Sophie Lostroh the Encouragement award in the intermediate section. While in the novice section Jack Sexton received third place. The students all did very well and did a great job helping to pack everything up at the end of the day.

Mrs Close
Above: Finley High School students who participated in the day.

Above: Eloise Ashley-Cooper – 1st Place, Katie Archer – 2nd Place, James McCaw – 3rd Place and Sophie Lostroh – Encouragement Award
Above: Mr Gordon Close giving a demonstration on how to present and show sheep.

**Careers Website**

Reminder to parents and students that the Finley High Schools Careers website has invaluable information and resources for school leavers, as well as students remaining on at school.

Be sure to regularly check it for current careers newsletters and information. [www.finleyhighcareers.com](http://www.finleyhighcareers.com)

**Year Ten Work Experience**

Year Ten students are working at finding placements for their second round of work experience. Yellow cards and insurance forms (SRP's) are due back by Week Six of this term. If you or your child require assistance with this please contact the careers staff. Completion and return of all paperwork by the deadlines given is essential.

**Finley Show Raffle**

Finley High School P&C have been allocated the raffle at Finley Show this year. Any parents or carers able to assist with selling raffle tickets on show day please contact Lynda Whiley on 03 5883 1941 or Suzanne Robertson on 03 5885 9229. All proceeds go to the P&C.

**Science Department**

It has been very busy over in the science labs with some interesting practical experiments in the last couple of weeks, Mr Bird has had success keeping his students engaged with these 2 experiments.

Year Nine students were able to see first-hand the results of how a catalyst (helper) speeds up an exothermic reaction, this will help them to understand their current topic of chemical reactions. This experiment is commonly known as ‘The Elephant’s Toothpaste’.
During the experiment not only foam was created but also heat, the foam is created by oxygen being removed to create bubbles and the chemical reaction also caused the foam to heat. The class enjoyed this experiment with an encore necessary to gain the full effects.
Year Eight made slime, this was used to teach the topic of Liquids, Solids and Gases and how some properties can be present at the same time.

This experiment is one that could be tried at home and would be very popular with children of all ages, the instructions are below.

What you need:
1 cup cornflour
2 drops of food colouring
Small amount of water

In a small container add food colouring to cornflower then gradually add water mixing until it forms a thick paste.

Above: Piper Hicks playing with the slime made in class.
A career in the Australian Defence Force?

Last week we had two officers from the Australian Defence Force come to school for a presentation providing students with information about career paths in the army, the navy and the airforce.

Students from years 7 –12 have begun competing in the early rounds of the 2014 Finley High School chess comp. Finals will be played later this term.

Audiobooks

The library has recently acquired a variety of new release audiobooks which the students are able to borrow. Titles include, Divergent, To kill a mockingbird, learn Spanish, Mr Stink and Drop Zone (terminal velocity).
Community Announcements

Cobram Amateur Basketball Association - 2014 Spring Registration Nights

Registrations for the Spring 2014 season will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of August from 6pm to 7pm at the Cobram Sports Stadium Campbell’s Road for juniors and adults.

The season is planned to start the week of the 25th August 2014. Registrations this season will be done online and payment of fees will be via credit card at time of registration. Assistance for online registration will be given at the registration nights or complete the registration form via the attached link yourself.

Registrations online will be required by Wednesday 20th August so as teams can be arranged. If you have any difficulties please contact Rod Armstrong at jennrod@bigpond.net.au or phone 0418 148 942

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-770-0-0-0

Registration fees: $20 for players who registered in the Autumn competition or who are registered with Basketball Victoria Country (BVC) in 2014 or $50 for new players, which includes $34 for BVC affiliation and insurance.

Please select the correct payment option when completing the online registration form.

Free skill sessions will also be offered for younger children on Tuesday nights. This is aimed at children aged 6-9 years of age who are not playing, but is open to all children playing in the junior competition who may want to improve their skills. If anyone is interested please respond to Rod Armstrong via email or phone.
Netball Victoria Super Camp

We have recently launched the Netball Victoria Super Camp for the October school holidays. The clinic was a huge success in January and we will look to replicate a similar model for October.

The clinic will be held on **Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd October** at the State Netball Hockey Centre. The age groups are:

15 – 17 year olds will have specialist sessions on day 1 and participate in a coaching or umpiring accreditation course on day 2.

All participants will be put through their paces during fitness testing and a recovery session to finish off day 1. Participants will be coached by Melbourne Vixens, ANL players and coaches and past players who all have many years’ experience.

The Camp is $250 and includes a Super Camp singlet, drink bottle and lunch and snacks on both days. Places remain for the 15 – 17 years age group.

We thank you for your support of our clinics and camps and hope to see some of your members in October.

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Stacey O’Neill | Community Participation & Development Manager | Netball Victoria
p: 03 9321 2271 | f: 03 9321 2233 | m: 0419 264 894
Are you a high school student? Curious about the world? Interested in experiencing school life in another country?

AFS has the perfect overseas experience for you! Come along to our upcoming Student Exchange Open Day to see if an AFS program is for you.

**When:** Sunday 24th August, 9am-11:30am  
**Where:** Wagga RSL Club, Dobbs Street, Wagga Wagga

AFS Open Days are interactive, fun and informative. You will find out where in the world you can go and how becoming an AFSer will change your life forever!

Bring your parents along to meet our Volunteers and have all of your questions answered.

For more information and to register your attendance visit [www.afs.org.au/opendays](http://www.afs.org.au/opendays)
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

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism Package. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.
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 1800 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?