11th September 2014

Principal’s Report

School Improvement Plan

Based on the data collected from students, staff and parents the school has decided on the following strategic directions for the next few years of planning at Finley High School. They are:

Learning A respectful and inclusive learning culture
Teaching Quality, meaningful and innovative teaching practices
Wellbeing Working together to build positive relationships

At this week’s staff meeting, teachers further developed these strategies with the aim of coming up with a purpose statement for each strategic direction. We will continue developing our school plan next term. Any parent or community member interested in being a part of this process, please let me know.

Naplan

NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of students in Years Seven and Nine this week. Should any parent wish to discuss their child’s results, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Year Twelve

Year Twelve are now entering their last week of secondary school. It is an exciting time for them as they prepare to embark on the next stage of their lives. They will be completing some community service activities next Thursday at Yallambee and the nursing home and on Friday will entertain the school with a mock assembly. Their final assembly will commence at 12:30pm on Friday, 19th September where they will receive their reports and their official farewell from the school. We ask that all guests attending this assembly be seated in the hall by 12:20pm.

Public Speaking Evening

Change of Date

Please note that the Public Speaking Evening is now being held on Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 7pm in the VTR. (not Tuesday 16th September)

Change of date is due to a lot of students being involved in netball training on Tuesdays.
School Captain 2015 Elections

2015 School Captain elections took place last week. All students and staff were able to vote. I would like to thank Miss Scott and her Stage 5 Commerce class for running the election and for their feedback to me regarding the election process. School Captains for 2015 will be announced next Friday at the Year Twelve farewell assembly.

State Representatives

My apologies in the last newsletter for failing to acknowledge Bailey Coombes and Hayley Doohan who represented Finley High School and the Riverina at the State Athletics Carnival in Sydney last week. Both Year Seven students achieved personal best times and did themselves and their school proud. Well done to both of these students.

Formal Assembly

Last week’s formal assembly was held on Wednesday. Over 275 Students received awards for their efforts in class throughout the term. SCAN awards are determined by a staff point score system where students are allocated 0, 1 or 2 points on their attendance, participation and contribution to learning in the classroom. The other awards come from the KRAM boxes and depend on the number of KRAMS a student has placed in the box. I congratulate all award winners on their efforts this term.

School Fees

School fees are an essential part of the income of the school. They are broken down into two components:

1. **Voluntary contributions** – which are voluntary and help to cover the administrative costs of the school. We strive to keep these costs to an absolute minimum each year to encourage as many parents as possible to contribute. This year these contributions are $50 per student or $80 per family.

2. **Subject fees**: When students elect to undertake their electives, it is made clear to parents that these electives may incur costs. Parents are billed according to the subjects that their students are studying. Without payment of these subject fees, the school cannot cover the costs. Eg Food Technology fees are used to cover the costs of the food used by the students to cook and consume at the end of a prac.

Invoices for school fees will be reissued at the start of next term. I encourage all parents to pay their fees if they have not yet done so as this will help us to balance the books at the end of the year and enable us to continue to offer a wide range of courses in 2015.

Term 4

I will be absent for the first two weeks of next term. Patricia Jackson will be filling in as Principal at this time and will be happy to address any issues as they arise. I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and send my good wishes to the students in Years Eleven and Twelve who will be sitting for their HSC exams beginning on October 13th, 2014.

Helen McRae
Acting Principal

Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy

Transport for NSW is launching an online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

**PVC Online** will improve the process for families, making it simpler with rapid confirmation to give families more clarity and certainty about their application.

State Athletics

Bailey Coombs and Hayley Doohan, both Year Seven students at Finley High School, represented their school at the NSW State Athletics Carnival in Sydney last week.

Bailey competed in the 100 and 200 metres and came 10th in the state in both events. He also achieved a personal best in the 200m. Bailey has previously represented Finley Little Athletics at State Level.

Hayley Doohan competed in the 800m and came 6th in her heat. She recorded a PB of 3 min 10. Hayley also competed in the discus and came 9th in the State, competing against 19 girls in this event. Hayley threw 22.06 meters

Congratulations to these highly talented students.

Above: Bailey Coombs and Hayley Doohan.

Both students had a great time and hope they can represent the school again.

Veronica McNaught

Combined High School Tennis

The future of tennis at Finley High School was on show in April in the Combined High School (CHS) Knockout Tennis Competition. Sixteen students travelled to the fast grass courts at Barham to face teams from Hay, Deniliquin, Balranald, Tooleybuc and, of course, Barham.

The Open girls team of Mia Taig, Sarah Walliss, Courtney Sexton, and Lauren Clarke played some very good tennis despite going down 6 sets to 2 to eventual finalists Barham. Courtney won her singles 6-3, while Mia and Sarah teamed well to win one of their doubles matches. All girls were much more competitive in their second round games against Balranald, with Mia and Courtney forming a good combination.
Our second girls side of Rosie Archer, Natalie Pitt, Leah Dalgliesh and Georgia McGrath found their 1st round opponents challenging, as did our Junior boys side consisting of Zeke Carruthers, Luke Bramley, Duncan Clarke, and Jack Sexton. Both teams faced skilled opponents, with our Year Seven boys up against Year Twelve students. All players from these teams experienced significant success in the second bracket of matches against Balranald and Hay, respectively.

The most successful team of the day was the Open Boys side of Allister Clarke, James Bramley, Harrison Curtin, and Liam Matthews. These boys easily disposed of Hay High School 8 sets to 0, conceding only 4 games over the 8 sets played. In the 2nd round, our boys faced a talented Balranald outfit. After losing 2 tight doubles matches 6-4 and 6-5, Harrison prevailed 6-2 in his singles rubber, but was the lone winner resulting in a 5 sets to 1 defeat. All singles matches were very tight, with Balranald working hard for their win.

Above: (Back Row) Allister Clarke, Natalie Pitt, Mia Taig, Lauren Clarke, Georgia McGrath, Courtney Sexton, Rosie Archer, Duncan Clarke, Jack Sexton, (Front Row) Zeke Carruthers, Sarah Walliss, Harrison Curtin, Leah Dalgliesh, Liam Matthews, James Bramley, Luke Bramley.

All players represented Finley High with honour through their competitive spirit and sportsmanship. With Mia, Sarah, Allister, and Liam all playing for the final time, the current crop of keen and talented youngsters who accompanied them gained valuable experience during the day. They are already talking up next year’s competition.

Finally, a huge thank you to our drivers Fran, Kathy and David for making sure that Finley High was represented in such an impressive way. Bring on 2015!

John Lethbridge
Red and White Day

Thursday August 21st saw the first ‘Red and White Day’ held at Finley High School. Initiated by Year Nine, the day was held in honour of Lucas McCaw who passed away in April of this year.

The whole school was asked to dress in Red and/or White signifying Lucas’ love for the Sydney Swans. Students and staff supported the theme wholeheartedly, and it was humbling to be met with a ‘sea of red and white’ when arriving at school that morning.

Funds for a memorial dedicated to Lucas were raised by donations, and through a cake stall. Thanks must go out to the Year Nine students (and parents, siblings and grandparents, etc) who supplied a great many cakes, slices, biscuits and lollies for sale. Some people obviously went ‘above and beyond’, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

The most gratifying outcome of ‘Red and White Day’ was the generosity of the students and staff of Finley High School with over $1200 being raised. This will be used for a plaque and garden in memory of Lucas within the school, plus a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Above: Year Nine at the end of Red and White Day 2014
Creative Cakes Keen and Interested Workshop

Last week saw Years Seven and Eight students develop their skills in the kitchen as they created a variety of delicious and decadent cakes. Chocolate cake was baked then transformed into Chocolate Gateaus filled with Chantilly cream and berries and the basic butter cake had a make-over to create ice-cream cup-cakes and whooppee pies topped with buttercream frosting. It was fun filled and students worked well together to get all their cakes finished. Congratulations to all the students who did a fantastic job in creating their delicious looking (and tasting) cakes!

Above: Photo collage of Years Seven and Eight students baking and decorating their cakes at the Keen and Interested workshop.

Mrs McNamara
ICAS Writing Competition

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the ICAS Writing Competition. A special mention to the following student’s who achieved outstanding results. Zoe Barlow, Ellie Jones, Sabrina Taylor and Maxine Harris achieved credits. Georgia Webb received a distinction and is in the top 7% of students in Australia who entered the competition. Chloe O’Bryan is in the top 1% so was awarded a high distinction. An outstanding effort.

Above (L-R): Zoe Barlow, Ellie Jones, Sabrina Taylor, Maxine Harris, Chloe O’Bryan and Georgia Webb.

Mrs McNaught
English Head Teacher
Hospitality Barista Course

On the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} September, Years Eleven and Twelve Hospitality students participated in a Barista Course. Under the guidance of Jim Creed, Wagga TAFE, students spent two days learning and perfecting the art of coffee making. They learnt a variety of skills including preparation of the machine, stretching and texturing milk, preparing an espresso shot, pouring coffees, coffee art and cleaning the machine.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and from time to time the caffeine levels fuelled their enthusiasm. Staff were also lucky enough to score a few free coffees as they passed by.

Above Left: Tayla Cicolini making a coffee
Above Right: Temequa Turner making an espresso
Right: Hot Chocolate
Senior Social

On Wednesday the 20th August students from years ten to twelve enjoyed a night of dancing and catching up with friends at the senior social, organised and run by the S.R.C. This year’s theme was ‘Snowflake Ball’ and snowflakes, disco balls and fairy lights definitely set the scene for a night of dancing and fun, with the help of a great D.J. and the support of various teachers who supervised the evening. The night was a success with roughly ninety students attending. This was a good result for the S.R.C who took into consideration the pros and cons of past socials at Finley High and planned for a night that would reward the seniors for their efforts over the past year. The S.R.C hopes to continue this event annually as students give feedback on new ideas and themes for future years. Thankyou to all teachers who supervised and took photos. It was greatly appreciated.
Congratulations to the HSC Design and Technology class on the completion of their Major Projects. Make sure you are at the TAS/CAPA Showcase to see this range of innovative projects.
A Shakespeare presentation is coming to Finley!

BARD ON THE BEACH
MACBETH

Where: RS Club Auditorium (School hall is being used for exams)

1:30pm Wednesday 22nd October 2014 (Week Three, Term Four)

All year levels are encouraged to make the most of this rare opportunity. Macbeth is studied in Year 9 but this performance is suitable for all year groups.

Who is Bard on the Beach? - Bard on the Beach (BOTB) is an exciting and vibrant Sydney-based Shakespeare company. Their aim is simple: to bring the works of the world’s greatest playwright to life as intended: with raw, honest, storytelling, with an experienced and professional cast, from the page to the stage.

This event is subsidised by the school so students only have to pay $5.

Please complete the attached form and return it to the pay office as soon as possible.

Any enquiries to Mrs McNaught

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‘Bard on the Beach’
McBeth Presentation
Teacher: Mrs V McNaught

Please complete and return with payment of $5 to the Pay Office

I give my child ___________________________________________ (child’s name) permission to attend the ‘Bard on the Beach’ McBeth presentation on Wednesday 22nd October 2014, to be held at the Finley RS Club Auditorium.

Signed: ____________________________________________ (Parent’s signature)
## GREAT IDEAS FROM THE LIBRARY

**LEARN A NEW SKILL OR TRY SOMETHING NEW:**

**RECIPE BOOKS**

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*Borrow one today!*
CANTEEN ROSTER

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

September
12  C Moloney, K Arnold
15  S Robertson
16  J Loughman
17  A Lee
18  A Woods
19  K Litchfield

Finley High School
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8th October 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.

Finley High School P&C Show Raffle Winners

1st Prize – Mr Hugh Crapp
2nd Prize – Mrs Belinda Denny
3rd Prize – Ms Michelle Archinal

Congratulations to these people.

Donations from Aussie Wool, Finley High School Art students and Outdoor and More were much appreciated

We would like to thank everyone who supported this raffle.
TAS and CAPA SHOWCASE

Tuesday 16th September
4 - 6pm in the Hall

The showcase will allow students of all TAS (D&T, Food, Metal, Wood, Textiles, Auto) and CAPA (Visual Art, PDM, Music) subjects to display their work and be proud of what they have achieved during 2014.

Make sure you are there to see: HSC Major Projects, student projects and interactive displays.

A BBQ will also be available on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there!!
Community Announcements

Finley Tennis Club
Registrations are being taken for Junior inter town tennis competition and teams/individuals for Adults Thursday Night competition beginning early Term 4. Names to Cherilyn Taig (5883 2010) or Terri Lea Anderson (5883 1730) by September 17th for our next meeting.

Hearing Tests
Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend Finley Community Health Centre on

Thursday 14th October
Thursday 13th November
Tuesday 9th December

If you have any concerns about speech, learning or behavior, please ring Tocumwal Hospital on 5874 2166 to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test.

Children must be free of cold at time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold.

If any queries ring Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

To Give Away
1 x single bed and base on castors
1 x single mattress
both in good condition.
Discretion assured. Please enquire at front office or with Jodi Brown. Items will be available for one week then sent to the second hand shop.

2014 Sir John Monash Education Bursary

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary. Applicants are invited to submit an essay on the subject: My Observations on Living in the Jerilderie District, and Where to From Here? Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Jerilderie Shire who are considering entering into post secondary education through university, college or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. Entries close at 4pm on Thursday 23rd October 2014. The bursary is valued at $2000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Saturday evening 15th November 2014. Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from council's website www.jerilderie.nsw.gov.au

Craig Moffitt
General Manager
Finley High School P & C Association

Finley High School P & C, are happy to announce our Fundraiser for this Term is the

Tuppal Food & Fibre Festival

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2014

This Year, with your Support we are In Charge of Selling

“Fruit Salad”

A Time will be arranged just prior for the cutting up of the Fruit!

We are paid $15.00 per hour, per person (with no costs)

If you are happy to volunteer, you will receive a Free Entry to the Festival,

along with knowing your support is greatly appreciated,

the funds made come back to benefit our wonderful students within our school.

The following roster is an indication of the times of shifts and how many people are suggested for each shift.

8am – 10:30am - 2-3 people
10am – 11:30am - 5 people
11:30am - 2pm - 7 people
   Winding down
2pm to 3pm - 5 people
3pm – 4:30pm(closed) - 3 people

If you are able to Help on any of the above mentioned dates, can you please fill out

the bottom slip and Return to School Office, Please

Name………………………………………………………………
Shift time your able to help……………………………………
Contact Ph Number…………………………………………………(Held by Executive only)

If you have any Questions please don't hesitate calling Linda : 58831941 or Suzanne 0417405107-58859229