



Finley High School

4th April 2025



Girls and boys 15s soccer teams with Jack Biset Shield at Bill Turner Soccer Cup

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Newsletter Week 10, Term 1, 2025

A WORD FROM MR WHITTY

This term has been incredibly busy, filled with an exciting array of opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities. Our school has offered 26 unique experiences, with highlights including the Year 7 camp, swimming carnival, Agriculture show team events, sporting competitions, and our annual Forensics Day. We also had the memorable Virtual Reality session with the Defence Force and the engaging 'Are You Boggled Mate?' activities on the final day of term. Each of these events reflects the vibrant, dynamic spirit of Finley High School and the many exciting things happening every day here.

It was truly inspiring to see so many individuals recognised at our formal assembly for their outstanding commitment to learning. The energy and enthusiasm in our classrooms is palpable, and yesterday's assembly was a true reflection of that. Congratulations to Elliott Loughridge and Lindsey Matheson, the winners of our Gold Draw. They each received four tickets to Funfields Theme Park, generously donated by Funfields. We are grateful for their support and are already looking ahead to the next three Gold Draws scheduled for the remaining terms. If anyone has suggestions for future prizes, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

A special congratulations to the Under 15s boys and girls soccer teams, who participated in the Bill Turner Cup in Hay this week. Both teams were undefeated in all three of their matches - a fantastic achievement.

Attendance: A Key to Student Success

We are thrilled to recognize over 30 students who achieved 100% attendance this term. In addition, 89 students have maintained an impressive attendance rate of 95% or higher. School attendance is a priority for both the NSW government and Finley High, as regular attendance plays a critical role in student success. Did you know that missing just one day every fortnight adds up to 40 days of school over the course of a student's education - equivalent to four weeks of lessons? While missing a day here or there may seem insignificant, these absences accumulate quickly and can have a lasting impact on your child's progress.

ANZAC Day

As ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays this year, I would like to encourage all students and staff to participate in local marches and ceremonies to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. ANZAC Day holds deep significance for our nation and is a time to reflect, show respect, and express our gratitude. We would love to see as many of our students and staff as possible attending in full uniform to honour those who have given so much for our freedom.

Here are the assembly points for the town marches:

- Berrigan: 8:45am outside the Post Office
- Jerilderie: 9:45am at IGA
- Finley: 10:30am at the Police Station
- Tocumwal: 10:30am at the Big Fish

Let us come together to remember and pay our respects to those who served.

As we head into the holiday break, I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful autumn weather, gets some well-earned rest, and indulges in a few easter eggs and hot cross buns - just don't overdo it! Have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for the next term.

Matt Whitty - Relieving Principal



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

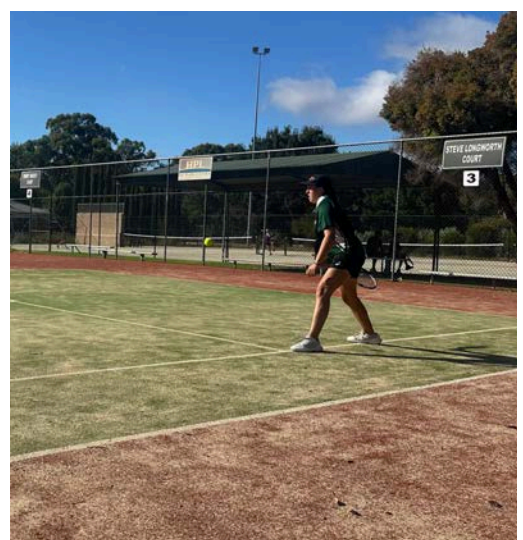
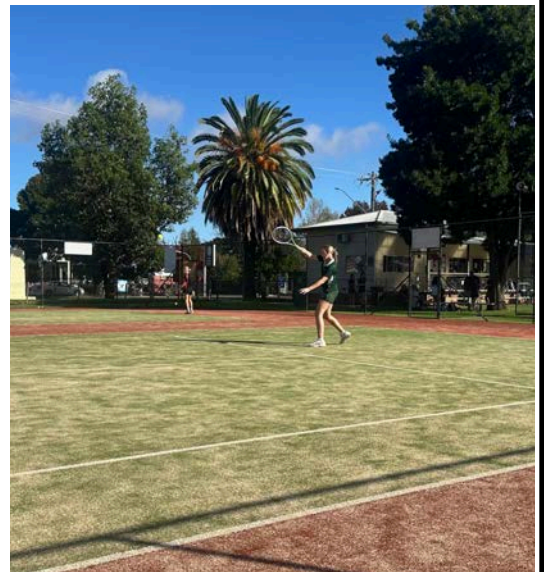
Tuesday 8th April	Open Soccer Deniliquin
Wednesday 9th April	Year 11/12 Visual Arts Excursion
Thursday 10th - Friday 11th April	Year 12 Ancient History Excursion
Thursday 10th April	Round 1 NSW Chess Comp Vs Hay
Friday 11th April	Last Day Term 1 & Dress Up As Farmer Day
Monday 28th - Tuesday 29th April	Staff Development Days
Wednesday 30th April	All Students Return Term 2
Thursday 1st May	Legal Studies Melbourne Excursion
Wednesday 7th May	School Cross Country
Thursday 8th May	Year 10 Careers Day Out
Thursday 15th May	Year 8 HSIE Excursion
Friday 16th May	15s Basketball Deniliquin
Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd May	Holbrook Sheep Show

Finley High School Open Tennis Team Competes in Hay

On Friday, 21st March, the Finley High School Open Tennis Team travelled to Hay to compete in a regional tournament. The team showcased their skill and determination throughout the day, representing the school with pride and sportsmanship.

In the opening match against Deniliquin, our players demonstrated excellent teamwork and consistency, securing a comfortable victory. Their strong serves, precise shot placement, and strategic play ensured a dominant performance, setting the tone for the rest of the competition. Advancing to the final, the team faced a formidable opponent in Hay. Despite their best efforts and some hard-fought rallies, the Finley squad encountered stiff competition. The match tested their resilience, and while the result did not go in their favour, they displayed commendable perseverance and sportsmanship throughout the contest.

Congratulations to all players for their dedication and effort on the day. Representing Finley High School were Olivia, Milena, Emilee and Evie. Their hard work and positive attitude continue to uphold the strong sporting reputation of Finley High School. Well done, team.



Formal Assembly



Year 7



**Lindsey
and Elliot -
Gold draw
winners**



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



Performance by Elliot

House Captains



Murray: Chelsea, Harvey,
Tom and Miley



Coree: Matthew and
Georgia

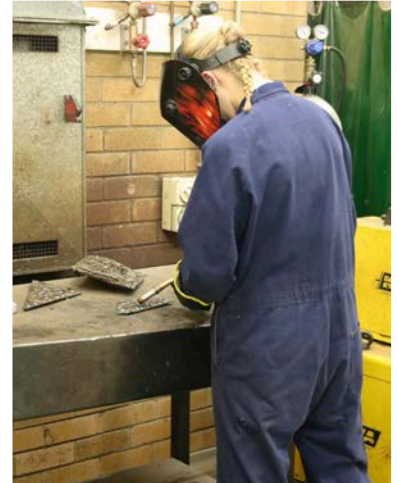
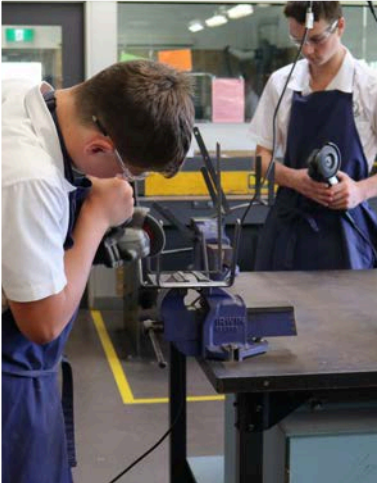


Finley: Chelsea and
Charlotte



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and Cheyenne

Year 9 Metal - Making Hose Reels



Year 9 Science - Mystery Powders



9/10 Silver



Lucy



Monet



Charlie



Nathan



Darcy



Rylee



Lillianna



Ella



Sara



Marley



Mia



Lillian



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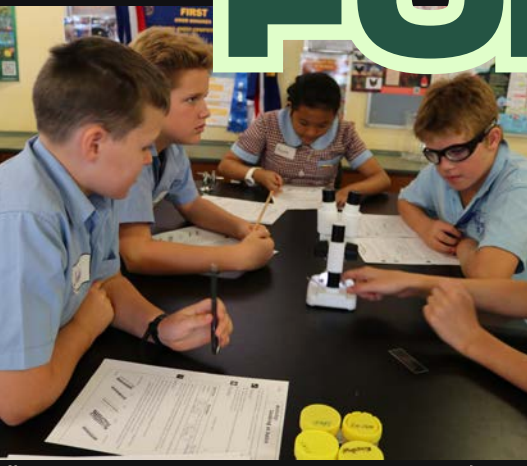


Nikita



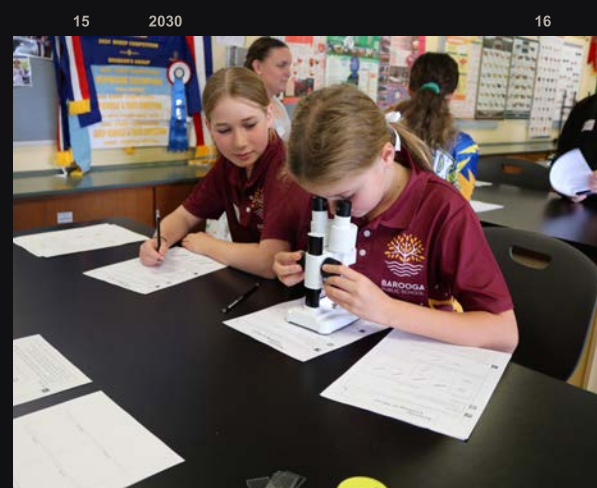
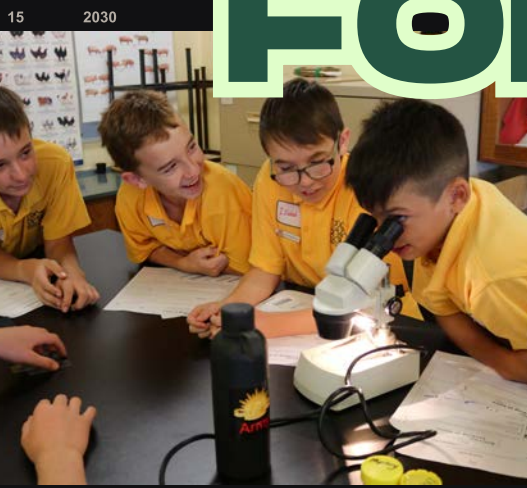
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Year 10 History

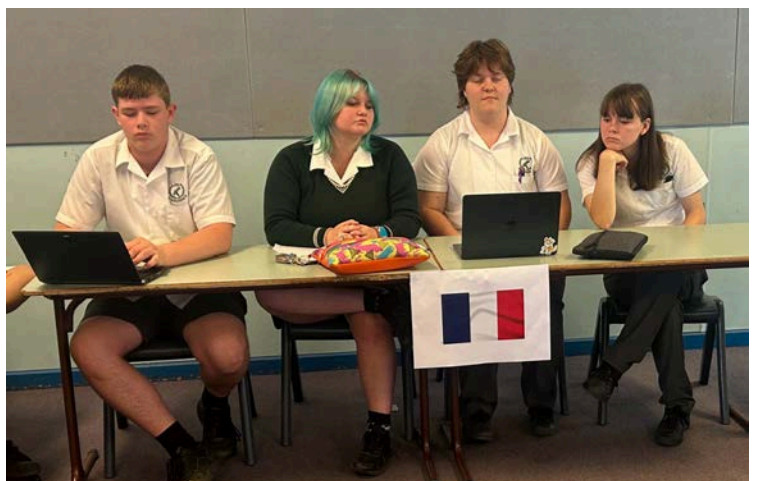
Year 10 Historians Debate the Causes of WWI

Our Year 10 History students recently took part in a debate, stepping into the shoes of key nations involved in the outbreak of World War One. Acting as representatives from Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Serbia, Great Britain, and France, students passionately argued their cases—blaming one nation as the primary instigator while defending their own country's innocence.

The debate was fierce, well-researched, and highly engaging, with students drawing on historical evidence to support their arguments. In the end, the class reached a unanimous decision (except for Germany, of course!)—blaming Germany as the main aggressor, while Germany firmly pointed the finger at Serbia.

It was fantastic to see students embracing their roles, thinking critically, and engaging in such high-level discussions. Congratulations to all participants for their enthusiasm and effort!

Mrs Madeline Jackson



STEM Visit

On the 1st and 2nd of April Finley High School hosted the Defence STEM team. Students (and staff!) had the opportunity to fly the virtual Blackhawk helicopters and challenged themselves to fly around Sydney, between buildings and under the Harbour Bridge. Some managed this successfully whilst others not so and consequently managed to crash their helicopter and felt the impact through their virtual seats. Students also used virtual reality goggles to learn about the helicopters and some of the physics of flying them. They used the VR equipment to experience riding in a Tiger helicopter that was firing weapons. They further rode on a high mobility rocket launcher and stood on the rocket launcher of a gun line continuously firing shells. Students had an opportunity to speak with the Defence personnel about employment opportunities, experiences in Defence, work experience and much more.



Where are they now?

Jesse McDonald

Jesse's career path is a very inspiring one. He left Finley High School in 2013. He turned 18 soon after.

Jesse worked on the harvest and then took a job at Landmark in the Merchandise section where he earned a minimal wage. He decided that that was not where he wanted to work for too long, so he enrolled at La Trobe University in Shepparton to study a bridging course of 4 units, in which he had to gain a score of at least 70%.

Jesse succeeded with his bridging course and then studied in Bendigo for 4 years to earn his Bachelor of Education.

Jesse now works at Mackillop College in Swan Hill where he is a house leader and responsible for 150 students.

Jesse finds his job very challenging at times, but rewarding in so many ways!

His quote to students is "I should have behaved at school, got an ATAR and saved two years of my life!"



Emily Raleigh

Emily completed Year 12 in 2011 at Finley High School. After high school, Em went on to study a Bachelor of Environments, majoring in Construction Management at the University of Melbourne. She worked in construction & property development in both Melbourne and Sydney for a number of years and loved it but spent too much time in the office behind a computer and desk.

"I would have done an apprenticeship to become a builder or gone into the military to become a pilot when I finished school, if that was an option for me at the time. A lot has changed for young women in the last 10 years in terms of our options for careers, particularly coming from a regional area where you don't have as much exposure to all the job options and pathways that exist. Just because you score well in your HSC doesn't mean you have to go to university or do a field of study that your teachers or parents think would suit you"

During Covid, Em trained to become a commercial helicopter pilot and is now pursuing a career in aviation and happily spending a lot more time outside. She is currently flying choppers in the Northern Territory.



Canteen News

Finley High School Canteen and Uniform Shop

Contact – 0358882030

Volunteers are asked to please be at the canteen by 10am

Term 2 Roster

Week 1	Friday 2nd May - T Bauer
Week 2	Wednesday 7th May - R Groutsch Friday 9th May - C Tanner
Week 3	Monday 12th May - S Arthur Friday 16th May - C Lawton
Week 4	Tuesday 20th May - L Walsh Friday 23rd May - A Redegalli
Week 5	Monday 26th May - J Williams Tuesday 27th May - Carina Rorato Friday 30th May - C Tanner
Week 6	Monday 2nd June - H Bryce Tuesday 3rd June - M Close Friday 6th June - T Bauer
Week 7	Tuesday 10th June - S Frost Friday 13th June - E Dundon
Week 8	Monday 16th June - S Arthur Tuesday 17th June - L Walsh Friday 20th June - G Lawton
Week 9	Friday 27th June - C Lawton
Week 10	Tuesday 1st July - K Dawe

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P & C News

The next FHS P&C meeting is Wednesday 9th April at 7.00pm in the Finley High School staffroom.

P & C Fundraiser

2025 SCENTSATIONAL

Fundraiser

FUNDRAISING NEVER SMELT SO GOOD!



Fragrance Flowers for Mothers Day



Complete your order form online by scanning the QR code. Get a gorgeous gift, and help raise funds for our school.

ORDERS CLOSE: FRIDAY APRIL 11th

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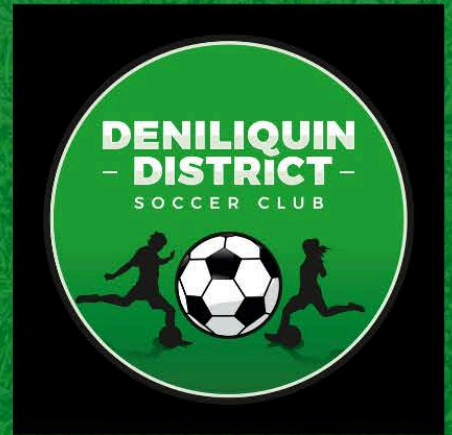
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SOCCER 2025



**Registrations are now open!
please use the QR code below**



**Open to Boys & Girls 3-17 Years old
Team players \$120 / Kangas & Joeys \$100**

**Tuesday 22nd April - online registrations close
Thursday 1st May 6pm at the RSL - info night
Saturday 3rd May - season starts**

THE HAYLAND GATHERING

**SATURDAY 12TH
APRIL 2025**



**Lachlan Street Parade
10.30am**

Tennis Courts to IGA Carpark

**On the Greens
HAY SERVICES CLUB
From 11.30am**

**Pipe Bands
Highland Dancing
Highland Muscle Heavy Events
Golf Tournament
Kids activities
Stalls**

Fun for all the family

Traditional Ceilidh 7pm

*Entry by
gold coin
donation*



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