



Finley High School

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Howmans Gap Excursion

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Newsletter Week 4, Term 1, 2025

A WORD FROM MR WARD

As we conclude week four, it's hard to recall a beginning to the year quite like this one. With classes now in full swing, I've been truly impressed by the way teaching and learning are at the forefront of our daily routines. Add to that a swimming carnival, Year 7 camp, Numurkah Show, a University of Wollongong excursion, and a Year 12 retreat, and it's clear that our students are embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and energy.

It's been a whirlwind of activities, but it's been incredible to see how each event contributes to the growth of our school community. The engagement from both students and staff is inspiring, and it's evident that everyone is committed to not only academic success but also personal growth and development. Well done everyone on a great start to 2025.

Year 7 Camp

This year, 65 enthusiastic and eager Year 7 students, along with 6 dedicated staff members, ventured to Howmans Gap for the annual Year 7 camp. I had the privilege of spending 24 hours with them and was incredibly impressed by their remarkable displays of friendship, kindness, and cooperation. It was truly heartwarming to witness the way they supported one another, made new friends, and fully engaged in the camp activities.

The camp offered a wide range of exciting experiences, including rock climbing, the big swing, canoeing, abseiling, high ropes, and archery. These activities not only challenged the students but also allowed them to develop essential life skills such as teamwork and resilience.

A special thanks to Miss Taylor, Jodi Brown, Hilary Knight, Mr Hay, Mr Noonan, and Ms Bower for giving their time to attend the camp and support our students in making it such a memorable experience. We also want to extend our gratitude to the incredible bus driver, whose contribution made the trip smooth and enjoyable.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience, and I am so proud of the Year 7 students for their positive attitude and teamwork.

Anzac Community Grant and Finley RSL Sub Branch support

I'm delighted to share that Finley High School has received an ANZAC Community Grant to the value of \$1500. With this money the school is going to dedicate an area for a bench and potentially in the future a mural or garden that commemorates and continues to educate our students about the service and sacrifice of our service men and women.

I'm also delighted and want to thank the Finley RSL Subbranch for their financial donation to the school. They will contribute to the purchase of a bench to the value of \$3600.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual school swimming carnival was an outstanding day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and spirit. It was a joy to see our students participating wholeheartedly, whether they were racing in the pool or supporting their peers from the sidelines.

Congratulations to all our swimming champions and we wish you all the best at the zone carnival. Special thanks goes to Mr Tooke for coordinating such a great carnival and the parents and friends who came along to support the students. Well done to Tuppal house who were declared champions of the carnival.

Congratulations to Mrs Baxter

We are always proud when one of our staff gets selected by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) to work with them on curriculum writing. Mrs Baxter will work with a writing team to develop the Business studies 11 – 12 draft syllabus for 10 days. This is not only a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Baxter but also our school as Amy is then able to impact valuable knowledge and support to our staff on the processes involved. Mrs Baxter will be away from the 19th February to the 4th March.

Numurkah show

Congratulations to our show team who had an excellent day. Matilda Burton had the golden touch, the heifer 'Unreal' that she led won every class she was in to be supreme exhibit. Matilda also won champion parader. Our bull 'Unstoppable' was Grand Champion bull as well.

We are very grateful to Gayle Ferguson who helped out on the day and also to Sofia, the HSIE practicum teacher who came for a new experience. Appreciative to Mr O'Leary who drove the truck and Mrs O'Leary and Mr Webb for their organisation and support of the students as always.

Jeff Ward - Principal



Principal Award recipients at Tuesday morning assembly

Valentines bake sale

Year 12 Fundraiser



Year 7 Excursion - Howmans Gap



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Swimming Carnival Results

Age Champions	1st	2nd	3rd
12 years	Levi J		
13 Years	Toby L Chelsea K	Samuel H Piper K	Elijah T/Riley G Hayley S
14 Years	Jason H Emilee S	Jordan S	
15 Years	Evan L Ella C	Elliot L Abbey T	Charlie R Charlie G
16 Years	Nick C Amelia H	Logan E Matilda B	Remi P
17 Years	Cooper S Bethany L	Matt D Ella B	Jeremy D Remi W



Left: Piper, Chelsea, Hayley, Riley, Toby, Elijah, Levi, Samuel

Below: Ella, Emilee, Charlie, Abbey, Jordan, Jason, Elliot, Charlie, Evan



Left: Amelia, Matilda, Ella, Bethany, Nick, Logan, Cooper, Jeremy, Matt

Swimming Carnival



University of Wollongong Excursion



Where are they now?

Marlon Webster

Marlon finished school at Finley High in 2021. He has since pursued a career in the butchery industry. Marlon works fulltime at Ashely Haynes Butchery. He has his Certificate III in Meat Processing.

Marlon enjoys his work and takes great pride in creating ready to eat meals for busy people.

(his chicken kiev's are the BEST!)



Jess Jackson (Congram)

Jess completed Year 12 at Finley High School in 2006. She moved to Bendigo to study Diploma of Children's Services at Bendigo then worked in childcare and nannied for a few years before enrolling in a Bachelor of Education. She had lots of experiences including teaching in Sweden and in a remote Indigenous Community in the NT.

Her first teaching job was a Kindergarten class at Finley Public School which just so happens to be the current 2025 Year 12 cohort. Jess now works at Finley Public School and has had various roles in the school such as classroom teacher, learning support teacher and relieving Assistant Principal.

She has been settled back in Finley since 2018 raising her 3 boys and giving them the same country lifestyle that she had growing up.



Black Dog Institute

This Black Dog Institute webinar is free and open to all parents, caregivers, and anyone interested in supporting the mental health of teens in their care.

Topic: Teen Mental Health Matters: For Parents and Carers

Date & Time: Mar 3, 2025, 06:30 PM

Description: Webinar focused on providing strategies and resources to help you in supporting your teen.

Co-hosted by: A Clinical Psychologist facilitator, and Black Dog Institute lived experience presenter

Areas of exploration:

- How to make sense of adolescence.
- Identify signs of mental health struggles
- Understand how to support your teen
- Know where you and your teen can get support.

Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NERrmKCOQe6GIq2hpRd_tg#/registration



Black Dog Institute

Will you be transporting students to any excursion this year?

If yes, then you will need to have a Working with Children Check (WWCC - volunteer) and provide a copy to the school before transporting any students to an excursion.

Obtaining a WWCC-V is an easy process through Service NSW which can be done online or in a Service Centre. The application is free for volunteers.

You will need to provide a WWCC-V if you want to:

- transport students other than your child or relative to school-sanctioned events (e.g. excursions, school sport competitions, etc);
- attend an overnight school excursion;
- you will not be able to access any NSW Department of Education schools for child related activities until an appropriate declaration has been received;
- provide personal care services to children with disabilities;
- volunteer more broadly in the school (or other schools) outside of groups/classes with your child or close relative, or as a mentor; and/or
- volunteer through a formal organisation, mentoring service or program (including Duke of Edinburgh volunteers and special religious or ethical education volunteers)

If you have a NSW WWCC-V, you are encouraged to provide this within the Digital Declaration to give you as much flexibility to volunteer in our schools as possible. Providing a WWCC-V will grant you increased access to volunteer or work with student groups or for other purposes that do not involve your child or close relative (including in other schools).

P & C Information

This year Finley Pool committee agreed on a fixed price to cover access to the pool for the swimming carnival and school sport. This is a fantastic deal and the school community are most grateful to the Finley Pool committee for providing this opportunity. To assist the school, Finley High School P & C committee has donated \$1000 to cover much of this expense.

The next P & C meeting is the AGM to be held on the 12th of March at 7:00pm in the FHS staffroom.

Canteen News

Finley High School Canteen and Uniform Shop

Contact – 0358882030

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

Week 5 Monday 24th Feb - Tanya Bauer
 Thursday 27th Feb - Corrine East
 Friday 28th Feb - Tanya Bauer

Week 6 Tuesday 4th March - Liz Walsh
 Friday 7th March - Alicia Williams

Week 7 Friday 14th March - Tanya Bauer

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Photo Day 2025

Tuesday 4th March

To Order Photos:

Go to www.msp.com.au and click "Order Photos". Enter your child's personalised shootkey and follow the prompts.

Order your School Photos before midnight Monday 10th March

Late Orders can be accepted after 11th March by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra \$20 for postage and handling.

Family Photos – Please order online prior to photo day with the unique shootkey on the Family form. Extra Family Envelopes are available at the School Office.

1 Family Shoot Key per Family.

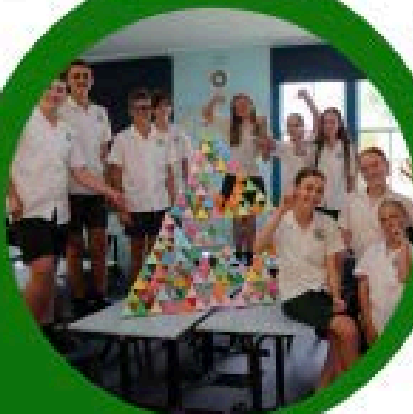



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Finley High School **OPEN NIGHT**



**Wednesday 5th
March
4pm-6pm
BBQ Area**



ALL WELCOME

**Community Members -
Primary Students - Families**

**Information Sessions
Interactive Activities
Guided Tours
Meet the Staff**

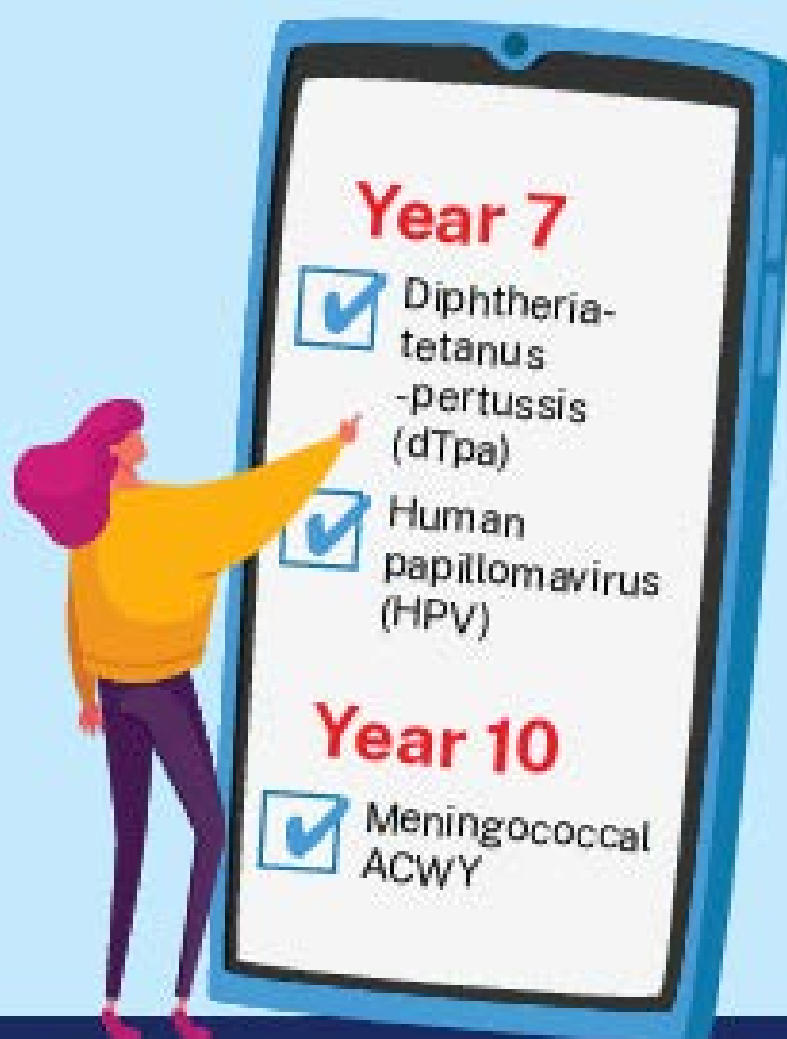


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Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online



Scan the QR code to
give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
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