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Newsletter Week 2, Term 2 2025

A WORD FROM MR WARD

Welcome Back To Term Two

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Whitty, Mr Tobin, and Mrs Jackson, who stepped in to relieve in higher duties during my absence. The school was in great hands, and they each did a terrific job. I'd also like to welcome back Mr O'Leary and Mrs Bird and thank Mr Webb and Mrs Whitty for relieving in their absence.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Noble will continue relieving at the district office for the remainder of 2025, with Mrs Baxter continuing her excellent work leading the Inclusion Faculty. Congratulations to Mrs Singleton, who will relieve as the SAM at Blighty Public School for the remainder of the term (Wednesday–Friday). We warmly welcome Ms Jess Johnson to our administration team.

This term, Mrs O'Bryan and Mr Noonan will be taking some well-deserved leave.

ANZAC Day

A big thank you to all the students and staff who proudly represented our school at ANZAC Day marches in their local towns. Your time and contribution to this important and reflective day are deeply appreciated.

I was privileged to speak at the Blighty PS ANZAC service on Friday 2nd May as president of the RSL Subbranch.

Staff Development Days

The first two days of term were dedicated to staff professional learning. Our staff engaged in High Performance and Gifted Education (HPGE) training on the Monday, whilst on the Tuesday staff focused on programming and preparing lessons to ensure we have an excellent term ahead.

Congratulations Holly

Congratulations to Holly Arthur who competed in the Interschools State (Victoria) Equestrian for Finley High School. Holly won the Intermediate Combined training dressage event. Holly now goes on to represent Victoria at the Nationals in Sydney in September.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the school cross country on Wednesday 7th May. All the best to those who will now go onto the zone carnival in Balranald. Special thank you to Mrs Sexton for her exceptional organisation.

Primary School Visits

This term Jodi Brown our student support officer, Ms Tanea Bower our 2026 year advisor and I have been travelling to local primary schools. The visits have been terrific as we engage with the students and answer a vast array of questions. In week one we visited St Joseph's Finley, Tocumwal Public School, Barooga Public School and Blighty Public School. In week two we visited Jerilderie Public School and St Joseph's Jerilderie, with scheduled visits to Finley and Berrigan Public Schools in week 3. If you would like more information or a tour of the school, please don't hesitate to call our front office

Are You Bugged Mate?

On the last day of Term 1 we held the 'Are You Bugged Mate?' day. An opportunity to discuss men's health especially in rural areas. Well done to the SRC and Mrs Sharp for their organisation, trivia, colour run and the gumboot throwing. All funds raised have gone to this great organisation.

NSW CHS AFL

In week one, five of our boys competed for Riverina Murray in the NSW under 15 AFL championships. The boys were undefeated in their pool and played off in the final against Riverina Southwest. Unfortunately, they lost this game, however they were declared silver medallists which is still a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Archie Chellew, Jordan Swann, James Winn, Jack Magill and Charlie Rorato who were members of this team. Charlie has been selected in the NSW team which is an incredible achievement.

Good luck to Maddy Price who plays in the championships this week on the Central Coast of NSW.

Congratulations Levi

A big shout out to Levi Jakeman who won and is now the National Champion in the Under 13 high jump. Levi jumped 1.60m to win the gold medal at the Australian Athletic Championships in Perth last month.

Jeff Ward - Principal

Respectful, Responsible Learners

Anzac Day Celebrations



Cooper S marching for NSW Fire and Rescue and Lily M representing FHS in Finley



Tocumwal



Berrigan



Jerilderie



Finley



Sam O'Hora (2024 cohort) marched out in Kapooka on Anzac Day proudly watched on by family members



Are you bogged mate?





Colour Run



RDA

Week 10 last term marked a special milestone as our students participated in their first session of Riding Develops Abilities (RDA) at the Cobram Showgrounds. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as everyone embraced the opportunity to develop new skills while enjoying the thrill of horseback riding.

Harrison wasted no time, confidently hopping on his horse and riding off like a seasoned pro. Chance showed a natural talent for riding and is already eager to pick up the pace in future sessions. Emily not only looked the part with her stylish riding boots but also fully immersed herself in all the activities, making the most of this fantastic experience.

Beyond the fun and adventure, RDA provides students with invaluable opportunities to improve their balance, coordination, and fine motor skills. This program fosters confidence, independence, and joy, ensuring that every participant benefits both physically and emotionally. We can't wait to see what our riders achieve in the coming weeks.

Sami Whitty

Inclusion Teacher



Girls Squash

Last term our esteemed girls squash team headed down the highway to Leeton in the hopes of replicating the stunning success that last year's team had as runner up state champions.

The team comprised of Milena and Emilee Sneddon, Bella Rourke and Piper Pyle took on annual competitors Hay High School in what would be 4 thrilling sets of squash. Piper was first up, defeating her opponent in emphatic style, not dropping a game. The second set would have the tenacious Emilee up against a classy and fleet of foot opposition and unfortunately was not able to take the points, although she certainly went down swinging as only Emilee could! Milena was next up and to put it bluntly, wiped the floor clean in an absolute demolition. No ball would go unpunished as every angle of the court was explored. Finally, it was Bella taking on the first seed in what would turn out to be an absolute epic. Although she wasn't able to register a set, she fought hard for every single point only narrowly going down.

The scores would nearly be set on a count back however Finley was eventual winners by a solitary set. This meant that we would progress onto the second round with the next opponent being Leeton which would always be a difficult card given the home court advantage.

Piper and Emilee, holding the 3rd and 4th seed respectively stunned the home crowd initially with 2 comprehensive wins to kick off proceedings. Next was Milena shaping up in an important clash with the result potentially deciding the fate of both teams. Yet again it was Milena who would take the early ascendancy, throttling the ball with such power it was as if Odin himself was striking the ball with thunderous might. Nonetheless, she took the win in straight sets.

Finally, it was down to Bella to finish the job in what was shaping up to be a David and Goliath type encounter - Bella replacing the slingshot for a squash racket. Again, every point was fought with painstaking effort, in a grueling showcase of blood, sweat and tears who would eventually take the win in an absolute epic way! An amazing effort in a high paced and wonderfully skilled match.

So, the road to glory continues as we await our next challengers!

Once again, the girls represented the school with absolute distinction, in their sportsmanship, manners and overall behaviour.

Stay tuned for the next instalment of the CHS Girls Squash "The Road to Redemption".



Year 12 Ancient History Excursion

Year 12 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs, allowing us to charge parents a reduced rate for the excursion.



15s Riverina Football



In week 1 Charlie, Jack, James, Jordan and Archie represented Riverina at the Boys NSWCHS 15s AFL Championships. The boys came away 2nd in the state going down to the other Riverina team. Charlie received the Riverina medal and was selected in the NSWCHS team to compete in June.

This week Maddy travelled to the Central Coast to represent Riverina in the Girls NSWCHS 15s AFL Championships. At the time of going to print Maddy's team has made the Grand Final.



Canteen News

Finley High School Canteen and Uniform Shop

Contact – 0473946683

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

Term 2 Roster

Week 3	Monday 12th May - S Arthur Thursday 15th May - A Lee 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 Wednesday 4th 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 Friday 4th July - Cath Rorato

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Where are they now?

Sabrina Taylor

Sabrina graduated from Finley High School in 2018 and has since pursued a career in healthcare and medical research. After completing a Diploma of Health Sciences and a Bachelor of Biomedical Science majoring in Medical Biotechnology with Deakin University, Sabrina has worked with the Deakin School of Medicine on research into 3D bio-printing organs, contributing to research papers for the annual Australian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering (ASBTE) conferences. Currently, Sabrina is a Sleep Scientist at Epworth Healthcare, where they conduct sleep studies to diagnose and manage sleep disorders, helping improve patients' overall health. In addition, she is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing with the goal of working in Surgical and ICU Nursing to gain deeper insight into the care of patients requiring organ transplants and how they can further research efforts to reduce the need and wait for organ donors.



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- ✓ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- ✓ An aspiring athlete?
- ✓ Aged 13-17 years old?
- ✓ Attend school in Southern Region?

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