



# Finley High School

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**Newsletter Week 6, Term 3 2025**

### **A WORD FROM MR WARD**

#### **MADDD 2025**

'Wow' this year's MADDD production was incredible. We were once again privileged to witness incredible talents and acts. From the matinee performance for students to the evening show for families, staff, and the wider community, audiences were blown away by the quality and energy of the performances. I truly believe this year's showcase was one of our best yet. A heartfelt thank you goes to our student artists who dedicated countless hours to creating the stunning backdrop that added so much to the atmosphere of the night. We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff, whose time, guidance, and support made this event possible, most notably Ms Bower and Mr Burden. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this special celebration of the arts at Finley High School.

#### **Life Ed Vaping Presentations for Years 9–12**

This term, students in Years 9 to 12 participated in important presentations led by Life Ed, focusing on the risks and realities of vaping. The sessions provided valuable information about the health impacts of vaping, the addictive nature of nicotine, and how to make informed choices in the face of peer pressure. The interactive presentations encouraged open discussion, helping students understand the short and long-term consequences of vaping, as well as strategies to resist temptation and support friends. We thank Life Ed for delivering these crucial messages and our students for engaging thoughtfully with the topic. Raising awareness about vaping is an essential step toward promoting healthier lifestyles across our school community.

#### **School Captains 2026**

We have officially begun the process of selecting our 2026 School Captains. Once again, we have had some outstanding students nominate making the selection process much more arduous. The announcement will take place at our final formal assembly on Friday 19th September.

## **Barpa Constructions & Finley Hospital Upgrade Project**

Sharree Goesch and myself, along with five of our wonderful students, recently had the opportunity to attend the Finley Hospital Upgrades project which is being delivered by Barpa Constructions. Barpa is a majority Indigenous-owned commercial construction company and has expressed interest in visiting Finley High School to speak with our Indigenous students about pathways into the commercial construction industry. We're grateful for this opportunity and look forward to building a positive connection between Barpa and our school community.

## **Congratulations to Madelynn – 2025 Goulburn Murray League Rising Star**

We're thrilled to share the exciting news that Maddy P was named the 2025 Rising Star for the Goulburn Murray Women's and Girls League. At the recent league vote count held in Shepparton, Maddy was nominated by her coach for the prestigious award, alongside 14 other talented young women from across the league. To be recognised among such strong competition is an honour in itself - but to be named the overall Rising Star is an incredible achievement. Well done Maddy.

## **HSC Mandatory Projects**

Congratulations to Mr Harding and Mrs Tobin for all their hard work in ensuring Year 12 timber and metals classes submitted their major projects on time and are of the highest quality. They will be marked on September 3rd. Their submissions include:

Timber:

- Demi – Hall Table
- Cheyenne – Desk

Metals:

- Dan – Work Bench
- James – Sheep Crate for Ute
- George – Ute Tray
- Harleigh – Horse Jump

## **Ten Pin Bowling Team**

Congratulations to Mrs Marsden and the ten-pin bowling team of Paige H, Eli K, Harry W, and Chance P, on their impressive 9th place finish at the Riverina competition in Albury. This is an outstanding achievement, especially given that the team does not have the advantage of regular training.

## **Year 12 Trial Exams**

Year 12 Trial Exams recently concluded, providing students with an important opportunity to prepare for their final HSC exams in October and November. These exams serve as a vital rehearsal, helping students identify their strengths and areas for improvement before the official HSC begins. We commend our Year 12 students for their dedication and hard work throughout this crucial time and encourage them to use the feedback gained to guide their final preparations. A special thank you to their teachers who give so much to ensure our students have every opportunity to succeed.

*Jeff Ward - Principal*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Ag Plot Open Day</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 9/10 Visual Art Excursion Bendigo Art Gallery</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ag Team Finley Show Prep Day</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Ag Team Finley Show</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 10 Burnbright</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 11 &amp; 12 Burnbright</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Future You Careers and Confidence in Beauty Workshop</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Anne Frank Exhibition Deniliquin</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Term 4 Formal Assembly and Presentation of School Captains</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 12 Final Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Ag Team Melbourne Royal Show</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3 Year 12 Graduation Dinner</b>

# Tuesday Morning Assembly



# HPGE



At Finley High School, we are committed to fostering the growth and success of our High Potential and Gifted students.

**High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)** aims to identify, nurture, and extend students' abilities so they can achieve personal excellence and thrive in their areas of strength. The NSW Department of Education recognises four HPGE domains: intellectual, creative, social-emotional, and physical. At FHS, we strive to recognise students' high potential and giftedness across these domains, and to provide rich, challenging opportunities that encourage them to excel and reach their full potential.

Each fortnight, we will shine a spotlight on one HPGE domain, faculty, class, teacher, or student who has demonstrated excellence in HPGE.

**This fortnight's HPGE Excellence in Focus is...**

## CREATIVE Domain

This week we highlight the creative talents of SJ Nolan, Marley Ferres, Tiana Cowan, Sienna Ferres, Miller Simpson and Jordahana McIntyre, who have been working in Art Club, on painting our Mooving Art cow. Art Club, run by Miss Taylor each Monday lunchtime, provides a supportive space for interested, high potential and gifted students to extend their creativity and showcase their work beyond the classroom while also extending their potential and giftedness through new skills, innovation, and opportunities to showcase their work.



# *15s Netball Report*

The Riverina under 15's netball carnival was held in Albury on the 14th August. There were 18 teams participating on the day, which were divided into 3 pools. Finley was in Pool A, the results from these scheduled games were as follows; Finley 31 def June 1, Finley 25 def Coolamon 6, Finley 24 def Murrumbidgee Griffith 2, Finley 23 def Narrendera 9, Finley 28 def Murray 4.

Due to Finley's strength in these games, the rolling subs promoted various combinations to be developed between the players, and court time shared, allowing all girls to be confident leading into the semi's. The four teams that made the semi's were Albury high defeating Koorringal, and Finley defeating Billabong. The final result of the game was 18-15 in Finley's favour.

Finley's team was led by Captain Ruby N who was relentless with her attack on the ball. She played the majority of the games as Goal Attack, she was key in setting up court play whilst consistently gaining ball back by interceptions or defensive pressure. She combined cohesively with Maisie A in the goal circle. Maisie played the majority of the time as Goal Shooter and was phenomenal. She shot a high percentage of Finley's goals, which was in excess of 90 goals for the day. She shot with confidence and proved havoc for the opposition.

In the mid court Bella R and Ava E alternated between Centre and Wing Attack, both being valued for their balanced, fast release passing. They supported their goal shooters to ensure speedy play within the circle, creating defensive imbalances for the opposition. Adelaide H also contributed in the Centre, Wing Defence and circle defense. Her body positioning to ensure front position resulted in intercepts and deflections. She too was pivotal in carrying the ball through the centre zone. Marlee S was "terrier-like" in Wing Defence. She had hands up over every ball, and created a timely turn over, at a pivotal time in the final. Marlee's positive talk was encouraging to the team and kept spirits high.

Emilee S was inspirational all over the court. She played in both circles and mid court and was unbeatable. The team required her skills as Goal Defense in the final and she created turnovers and rebounded strongly, winning back the ball for her shooters to capitalise. Emmilee is to be commended for her high work rate in all positions played. Maddy P was exceptional at both ends of the court. She combined beautifully in the attacking circle whilst being vigilant in guarding the post defensively. Maddy proved to be flexible in attacking and defending when required. Stella W also played defense. She too created dismay for goal shooters taking intercepts, rebounding strongly and putting defensive pressure over the ball. Stella too, is commended for her ability to play any position, without hesitation.

Unfortunately, the weekend prior to the competition, Addie B was injured in local netball forcing her to withdraw from the team. Addie was selected as a defender and hopefully will be representing Finley High at the State Carnival in November.

The students were well supported by their families. A big thank you for parents coming for the day and being positive. Elyse Price was Finley's umpire, she did a wonderful job and is to be thanked for her efforts.

The girls are now off to the State Finals in Woolongong on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Mrs Sexton**  
**PE Teacher**

# 9/10 Industrial Technology Art Metal



Marley



Rylee



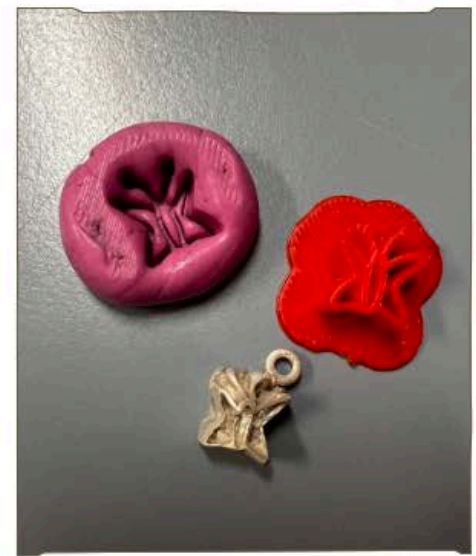
Lillian



Zara



Mia



Eliza



Sativa



Lillianna



Siena

The silver class designed their pendants in TinkerCAD. They were 3D printed and used to create a silicone mold. Students pressed silver clay into the mold to create their designs. As part of the task, students also developed packaging and advertising as seen in the photos. Congratulations to all students.

# *Spotlight on SBATs*



Connor is completing his Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology at Marshall Ag Repairs.

He absolutely loves the work and the staff only have wonderful things to say about him!

Connor's subjects include-

Diagnose & repair compression ignition engine management systems

Test, charge and replace batteries and jump-start vehicles

Diagnose and repair charging systems

Diagnose and repair starting systems

Diagnose & repair heavy vehicle air braking systems

Connor works one day per week and also Saturday mornings.

## *Defence Force Visit*

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August FHS hosted the Defence Force. After a brief presentation of what Defence has to offer, pathways in and the application process students were put through some of the PT sessions that would be required for entry. As part of this students were challenged with a timed test which included sit ups, push ups and a beep test. Jack R was to be commended for his great form on the push-ups scoring the highest of 32 in the allocated time period, whilst Logan E and Heath M were equal second with 25 - all performed on their toes. Princess and Cherish also scored in the 20s for push-ups on their knees. The sit up test was a little easier with the sit ups performed to a specified cadence metre and most of the group succeeded in hitting 50 in the time allowed. Unfortunately, though the students may have seen this differently we ran out of time to complete the beep test. Hopefully though this gave students some ideas of markers they need to meet and has allowed them to set some personal goals for hitting the required targets for Defence testing.

# Defence Force Visit



# Shout Outs



Thank you to Howlong Nursery for generously donating 6 trays (60 punnets) of seedlings. Students in Years 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory classes have planted them in the front ag plot garden beds as part of the Hamburger unit.

## Year 11 Mock Interviews

On Tuesday the 26th of August Year 11 students undertook their Mock Interviews. Students had spent class time preparing and prepping for these interviews. They had written resumes and cover letters for the advertised mock positions and dressed appropriately for their interview in professional business attire. Students met with local employers at various locations in Finley where they were put through their paces in a formal interview. The students are to be congratulated on the professionalism and pride they showed in preparing for these interviews. They looked the part in their work attire and all presented themselves professionally during their interviews. FHS would specifically like to thank Matt Hannan from Finley TAFE, Nola Pinnuck, REIP Officer Katie Friedlieb and both Matt Kook and Shylie Priestly from the Finley RS Club who all made themselves available to interview the students. This employer support is essential for these interviews to happen and provide an invaluable opportunity for students to practice and hone their interview skills. FHS is privileged to have such generous employers situated locally. From all reports the students did a fantastic job of answering questions and engaged with the employers extremely positively and professionally. We look forward to holding a small celebration at school to award the best candidate for each job with a small reward.

# *Year 11 Mock Interviews*







# FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## AG OPEN DAY

WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND SEE THE WORK BEING  
DONE BY STUDENTS AT FINLEY HIGH IN PREPARATION  
FOR THE FINLEY AND ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW



THE OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 1ST OF  
SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 10AM-2PM, A ROAST BEEF ROLL  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH AT 12:30, TEA & COFFEE  
WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED  
FOR CATERING PURPOSES  
PLEASE RSVP WITH THE QR CODE ABOVE





# BERRIGAN RURAL FIRE BRIGADE 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Recognised as the Birthplace of the NSW Rural Fire Service

Help us celebrate our humble beginnings

20th September 2025  
from 11am – 3pm

Berrigan RFS Station  
& Apex Park  
Cobram Street, Berrigan



**Vintage Furphys,  
Trucks and Equipment**

Includes local items and  
items displayed by  
NSW RFS Heritage



**Kids activities  
& games**

Including **free face painting**



**BBQ cooked by the  
Berrigan Squash Club**

Berrigan CWA rooms open –  
cuppa & slices

In conjunction with the Berrigan District & Development Association (BDDA) Local  
**Handicraft Stalls**

# JOIN IN ON THE FHS FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

A CHANCE TO  
WIN 5 PRIZES!

**PRIZE 1. SUTTO'S MINI  
EXCAVATIONS  
4 HOUR VOUCHER**

**PRIZE 2. BBQ SET UTENSILS  
AND A YABBY WATER  
BOTTLE**

**PRIZE 3. THREE GIRLS  
HOMEWARE GIFT BOX AND  
\$30 FINLEY HARDWARE  
STORE VOUCHER**

**PRIZE 4. \$50 BUNNINGS  
VOUCHER AND  
CHOCOLATES**

**PRIZE 5. ASSORTED  
HAMPER**

WINNERS  
DRAWN

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

COLLECT FROM THE  
FHS FRONT OFFICE

Thank you to  
everyone who kindly  
donated prizes.



**SUTTO'S**  
Mini Excavations  
0409 633 745

*three girls*  
HARDWARE

**MARSHALL AG**  
SALES & SERVICE  
HARDWARE

**FINLEY**  
HARDWARE

# Finley Public School

## CELEBRATING 130 YEARS IN EDUCATION

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am - Gates open - school displays, open classrooms
- 11am - School Song FPS Choir & Jade Camden
- 12pm - Performance item
- 2pm - Official Welcome & cut cake
- 4pm gates closed

Lunch available  
Rub n Smoke  
Odesi Coffee  
Van here

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- 8:30am - School displays open and open classrooms
  - Breakfast available
  - 11am - Thankyou & gates close
- find us on Facebook  
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Years Celebration



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to remember  
those lost to  
suicide.

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COLLECTIVE WILL BE AT  
THE LAKE WITH HER  
COFFEE VAN

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Join Us at the Finley Lake  
between 8am & 10am and Walk  
to remember those lost to suicide,  
and help Australians in crisis.



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