



# Finley High School

## 7th November



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*Year 8 Rewards Excursion*

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**Newsletter Week 4, Term 4 2025**

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

#### **World Teachers' Day**

We celebrated World Teachers' Day, and it was terrific for all the teaching staff to receive a small gift acknowledging their hard work. We love this job and there is no finer gift than seeing a young person grow and achieve. To all our teachers thank you.

#### **Year 10 Exams**

Last week Year 10 sat their yearly exams. These exams are important as they prepare students for senior studies and future assessments. They help develop study habits, time management, and exam techniques. The results guide subject choices for Years 11 and 12, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement, and build confidence for future academic and career pathways.

#### **Year 8 Rewards Excursion**

I dropped in and assisted at the Year 8 rewards excursion in Barooga on Friday 26th October. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Bird along with Mrs Whitty. The students had a wonderful time, a just reward for their hard work and respectful behaviour in term 3.,

#### **Cobram Show**

It was terrific to see our Ag Team (beef and sheep) doing such a wonderful job at the Cobram Show on the 27th of October. Thank you again to all the staff who gave up their Saturday and hours leading up to the event. It was so rewarding seeing the personal development in a lot of our Ag students as they prepared the animals and led them for judging.

#### **November**

This year we are again supporting Movember to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. By growing moustaches, hosting events, or setting personal fitness goals, we'll join millions of people around the world who are helping men live happier, healthier, and longer lives.

**Respectful, Responsible Learners**

## William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship

Congratulations to Sienna Keeley and Tye Irvine our newest recipients of the William Rubensohn Foundation Scholarship. Current recipients include:

Year 12	Year 11	Year 10
Gemma Wise	Tiana Cowan	Logan Peasley
Erica Hayes	Jordahna McIntyre	Eliza Godfrey

## Student Voice

We value student voice and regularly survey and interview students to gain a perspective on how the school is going, how their education and wellbeing opportunities are being supported and what can we do to improve. We recently interviewed Year 12 and asked what message could they give the younger students?

Here are some of their responses.

*“Try your best, don’t change yourself for others.*

*Put the effort in, big and small.*

*Don’t pressure yourself, stress is overwhelming, try your best.*

*Make the most of every moment and opportunity.*

*Don’t drop out.*

*You will get through.*

*Develop a balance of school and social life.*

*Study for exams.*

*If you care the teachers will too.*

*School isn’t that bad.*

*Enjoy it whilst it lasts.*

*Get the work done.”*

## Remembrance Day

Next Tuesday the school will hold a special Remembrance Day observation at 9am to proudly unveil our new commemorative mural and ANZAC bench. Special guests will attend along with staff and students as we pay tributes to the spirit of service, courage, and sacrifice that define the ANZAC legacy. The mural reflects our ongoing commitment to remembering the past, while the bench offers a place for quiet reflection and remembrance. We are currently selling pins, pens and wristbands on behalf of the Finley RSL subbranch.

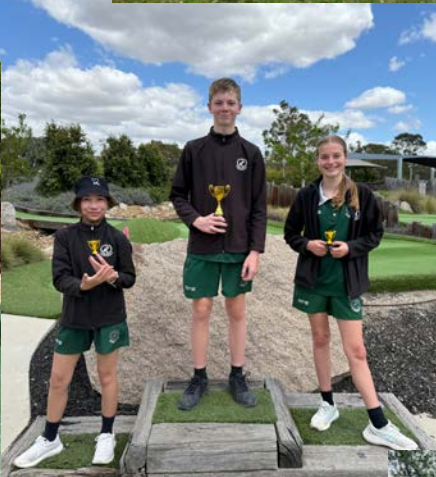
## Under 15s Netball

Well done to Mrs Sexton and Mrs Price who travelled to Wollongong last week with our Under 15s netball team. The girls faced off against some of the top high schools in the state. They showed great determination and teamwork, coming away with 3 wins, 1 draw, and plenty of valuable experience. A fantastic effort with lots of improvement and spirit on display throughout the carnival, they did Finley High very proud.



*Jeff Ward - Principal*







# *Primary School Collaboration Project*

Last week, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Jackson visited two of our local primary schools to kick off an exciting collaborative History project for Term 4.

The goal of this project is to help strengthen transition links between Finley High School and our local primary schools, and, of course, to share our love of History.

Each week, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Jackson will spend time running fun, hands-on History activities with Stage 2 students. Last week's lesson explored the journey of Captain Cook and his voyage to Australia.

It was fantastic to meet so many enthusiastic young historians. We can't wait for next week's lesson.



## *Christmas Spirit Club at Lunchtime*



Students are invited to join our Christmas Spirit Club, held each Thursday at lunchtime in the Art Room. The club offers a fun and creative space for students to enjoy Christmas crafts, carol singing, and discussions about the Christian origins and traditions of Christmas.

All students are welcome, and participation is completely optional. Discussions focus on the nativity story and shared themes of kindness, generosity, and community during the festive season.

The Christmas Club will continue until the end of Term 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school or Ms Taylor.



# English

## Year 7 Creative Writing excerpts

### Andrew Frost

He sat there on the beach, suddenly overwhelmed by memories that hit him like a big wave crashing down on the shore. He tried to figure out where all the energy from his younger years had gone. Now thirteen, he realised that he'd been addicted to his phone for the last few years. He wanted to change that. He wanted to go back to the days when he would race out in his 23-foot centre-console boat with his dad. They would bounce out through the waves, then fly across the glassy open water.

### Piper Kydd

My eyes fly open. I'm lying on the hardwood planks, battered and bruised from rolling around on the floor of my once newish ship. We are in the middle of the biggest sea storm I have ever seen; the waves build up and I am flung to the other side of the ship, landing hard. The angry waves are splashing over the side, freezing me. A blinding flash of lightning lights up the sky overhead, a crack of wild thunder rips through the sky chilling me to the bone. How are we supposed to survive when we are in the heart of this evil storm?

## Year 8 Gothic Horror Creative Writing

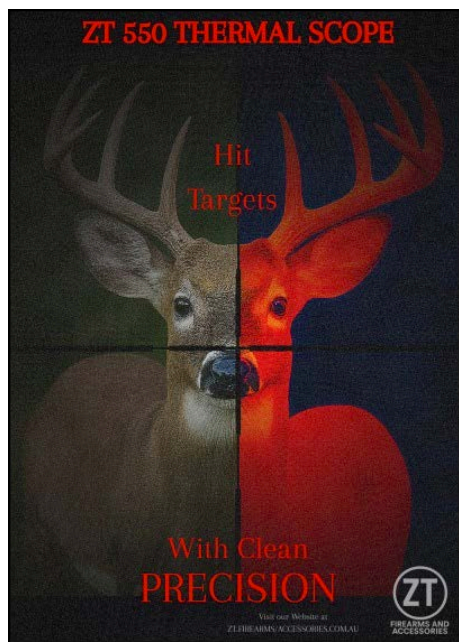
### Eloise Harris

My gaze slowly drifted toward the lady sitting at the top end of the table. Her long grey hair, bright blue eyes and wrinkled black dress sent a shiver up my spine. Her eyes were locked with concentration, and I noticed that the clicking sound had returned... At first I thought it was the lady making the noise with her tongue. But as I looked down to her hands I could see two wooden knitting needles working together to create a beautiful blanket. The colours were woven together with such care, I had never seen anything so mesmerizing. I looked closer, and there were different shapes threaded through the blanket... Suddenly, without warning, her icy blue eyes caught mine in an inescapable stare that sent a jolt of goosebumps up my arms. Out of the corner of my eyes, I saw her hands put the knitting needles down. She grabbed the loose strand that connected the blanket to the colourful ball of wool, and tore the thick strand between her crooked teeth. Her shaky hands pulled the needles out from both ends, leaving the blanket lying on the table. Unfinished.

## Year 9 Advertisements



Bella Rourke



Patrick Hibberd



Abbey Tanner



# *TAFE Yes Program*

This term sees the TAFE YES program fire up again in construction. Last Wednesday was the first day of a 5 week block at Finley TAFE. Stay tuned for the fabulous project these students will complete.



## *Year 10 Work Experience*

A reminder that work experience is **24th-28th November 2025 (week 7).**

Thank you to those families who have already organised their work experience and used the QR code to enter their information.

Please reach out to Mrs Philpot if there are any concerns.

**REMINDER**





# Bangarra Dance Performance

Mrs Baxter and Sharee recently took a group of First Nations students to see the Bangarra Dance Theatre performance of 'The Light Inside' at Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. The show was an interpretation of the cultural connections between the First Peoples of Australia, the Torres Strait Islands, and Aotearoa (New Zealand). The dancers told stories through movement, music, and emotion, celebrating identity, culture, and connection to Country.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to see how culture and storytelling can be expressed through dance in such a creative way.



## Year 11 Physics

Our Year 11 Physics class recently calculated what you would have to do to kick the AFL ball over the Mirrool silos. They worked out that you would need to kick it at an angle of 69 degrees and at a speed of 27m per second.

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$
$$c = \sqrt{(9.8)^2 + (25)^2} = 27$$
$$u = 27 \text{ m/s} @ 69^\circ$$





# Australian History Competition

Well done to the students who participated in the Australian History Competition earlier in the year. Of particular note was Elliott Loughridge who achieved a Distinction in the competition. Certificates were awarded to the following students:

Amelia Hay, Thomas Marshall, Blake Vidler, Monet Vinecombe, Ruby Baldwin, Marley Ferres, Jasmine Good, Sativa Morgan, Eloise Harris, Max Haynes, Emily Mansell, Lachlan Marshall, Laura McManus.



## Tuesday Morning Assembly



Principal Awards



SRC Footy Kicking Competition



Australian History Competition



Royal Melbourne Show



# *Minimum Standards Test*

It is at this time of year, where each senior students' eligibility for HSC certificate are examined. One requirement is successful completion of the Minimum Standard exams.

All HSC students must pass an online reading, writing, and numeracy test that assesses everyday literacy and maths skills. These Minimum Standards exams are based on the Core Skills Framework. To be eligible for their HSC certificate, students need to achieve Level 3 or above in each test. The online tests are available from Year 10 and can be completed any time up until a student's final HSC exam.

The Minimum Standard Reading online exam is an adaptive forty-five multiple choice questions. It can assess comprehension, spelling, and punctuation skills.

The Minimum Standards Writing online exam provides a choice of narrative/imaginative text or an essay. The question format is usually based on a visual or writing prompt, where the student is required to write a 500-word response to the stimulus.

The Minimum Standards numeracy exam consists of forty-five multiple choice questions. It is adaptive to the students' responses. It can encompass areas such as area, rates and ratios, volume, time, and probability. These are examples only.

Online information is readily available from the NESA site.

Student access to disability provisions is provided as per HSC disability standards. They are for students with permanent conditions, such as vision or hearing loss, temporary conditions, such as broken arm or intermittent conditions, such as back pain when sitting for prolonged periods. The online platform has features that allow manipulation of font size and background colour. Principal determined provisions are also available such as rest breaks, additional time, reader, and scribe. You do not require a diagnosis to access these provisions.

Year 10 students sit their exams during core classes of English, Maths and HSIE. Year 11 and Year 12 students complete the exams during IXL. Students have one attempt per term to pass these exams. Once these exams are successfully completed, by the student, at the required standard, the student no longer needs to sit the exam.

**Miss Coates**  
**LaST Teacher**





Wodonga  
Squash & Racquetball



# PSA SQUASH WODONGA OPEN 2025

NOVEMBER 21 - 23

MENS OPEN  
WOMENS OPEN  
GRADED EVENTS  
JUNIOR BRONZE

\$3K PRIZE POOL



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Swim 25m in any stroke

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Registrations now open

- Free 2 week trial -

Register at [swimcentral.swimming.org.au](http://swimcentral.swimming.org.au)

### Monday

4:50pm Junior  
Squad training  
5:50pm Senior  
squad training

### Wednesday

4:50pm Junior  
Squad training  
5:50pm Senior  
squad training

### Thursday

5:45 Club night  
(Race night)  
All ages

Please note: If you have previously participated in a free trial you will be required to purchase a membership in order to continue training

Contact: [president.finleyasc@gmail.com](mailto:president.finleyasc@gmail.com)  
Or come see us at the pool!

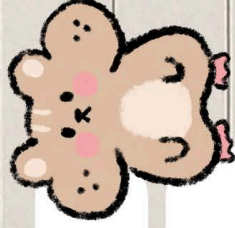


# FCC Youth Group

## term 4 2025

YEAR  
7-12

7pm-  
9:30pm  
FRIDAY



24/10 Bible study @ Retreat

31/10 Games Night @ Retreat

7/11 Bible study @ Colin & Leanna's

14/11 Tournament Night @ FHS Hall

21/11 Bible study @ Colin & Leanna's

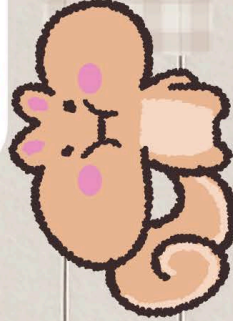
28/11 Combined Youth Wangaratta

5/12 Bible study @ Dave & Fiona's.

12/12 POOL PARTY !!! Year 6 welcome!

Contact: Leanna Loughridge

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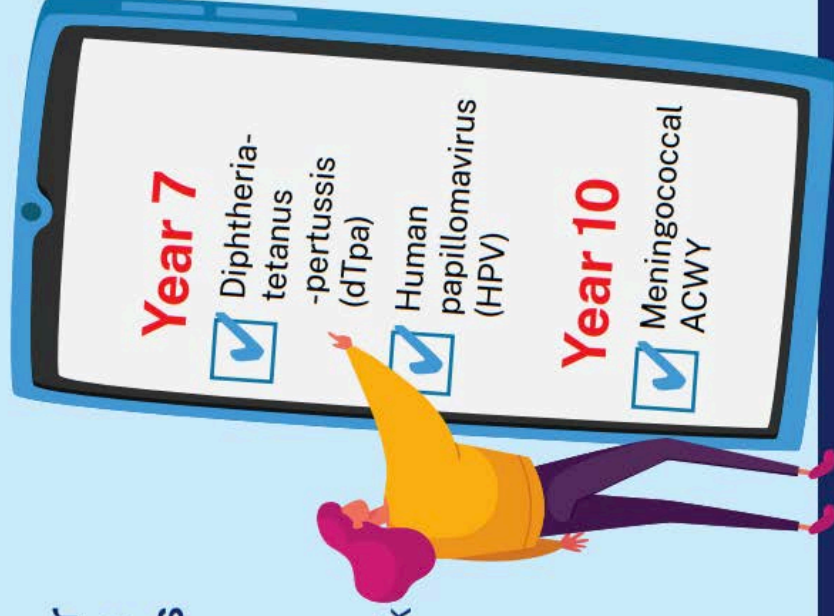
# Jan Cathcart Scholarship 2026

*Applications are now open  
for the 2026 Scholarship.*

# Will your child be in year 7 or 10 next year?

Provide consent for  
your child's routine  
school vaccinations  
online.

At the beginning of the  
school year, your child's  
school will share the link  
to complete the online  
consent form.



More information on the school vaccination program:  
[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

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