

# The Channel

## Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Wednesday of this week our U16 Rugby Union team travelled to Parkes to play in the semi finals of the Combined High Schools Buchan Shield competition.

Our opponent was the highly fancied Farrer Agricultural High School from Tamworth. The team started the match in scintillating form and despite being repeatedly swooped by an outraged magpie our boys piled on the tries and raced to a 28 - 0 lead at half time. The second half was hard fought with some attacking tremendous rugby played by both sides. The final score was Murrumbidgee Regional HS 38 - Farrer AHS 14.

Best players for Murrumbidgee Regional High School were Utuloa Asomua (who created carnage in the Farrer defence) and Riley Serafin who covered a number of positions.



**Utuloa Asomua    Riley Serafin**

Coach Mr Richard Wiseman said "As a team the boys dug deep and it was a fantastic team effort."

We play in the grand final of the

Buchan Shield next term against Tomaree High School (Port Stephens) at Dubbo.

Congratulations to Mr Wiseman and his team.

We are hoping this will be the first of many NSW Championship trophies to find their home at Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

Likewise one of our students Nicole Taylor in Year 7 recently swam at the School Sport Australian Swimming Championships in Melbourne.



**Nicole Taylor**

This is the highest level for young swimmers in Australia.

Nicole won three silver medals - 100m Butterfly, 4 x 50m Individual Medley Relay (Breaststroke leg), 4 x 50m Freestyle relay. Nicole also won two bronze medals - 50m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley.



**MURRUMBIDGEE**

**Regional High School**

**TERM 3 - WEEK 9 - 2019**

WHAT'S ON AT MRHS?

TERM 3 -

WEEK 9

**Monday 16 September**

\*MRHS P&C meeting - Griffith Site - 7.00 - 8.30pm

**Monday 16 September - Friday 27 September**

\*Year 11 Preliminary Examinations

**Wednesday 18 September**

\*10FTB Restaurant Day - Wade Site

**Thursday 19 September**

\*SISP FlavourTech excursion

**Friday 20 September**

\* 10 FTC Restaurant Day - Wade Site

WEEK 10

**Monday 23 - Friday 27 September**

\*Year 11 Preliminary Examinations

**Wednesday 25 September**

\*10FTA Restaurant Day - Wade Site

\*Year 12 Mystery Bus Tour - Wade Site

**Thursday 26 September**

\*Year 6 Middle School Period 1 - Wade Site

\* Combined Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

**Friday 27 September**

\*Farewell Yr 12 Assembly - Wade Site

\*Farewell Yr 12 BBQ - Wade Site

\*Farewell Yr 12 assembly - Griffith Site 10am-12pm

\*School holidays 30/9/19 to 11/10/19

TERM 4 -

WEEK 1

**Monday 14 October**

\*Students return to school

To further add merit to her achievements Nicole was swimming in the 13-16 years category.

Nicole is currently 13years old and can swim in this category for another two years!!

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement Nicole.

All the best

**Mr Peter King**  
**Executive Principal**



# GRIFFITH SITE OFFICE

Griffith Site office will be unable to take any monies Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September until Term 4, as the office is being relocated.

Year 12 Graduation Ball Tickets will not be available to purchase on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September until Term 4.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

## Year 8 Report - Wade Site

Nearing towards the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark of the year, Murrumbidgee Regional High School has seen its fair share of changes with both new policies and procedures being implemented and the construction on both sites now underway. Therefore, as it was said in Term 1, with change often comes a new attitude towards the daily grind.

Year 8 are currently preparing for their first real change in their education with their electives for Year 9 being organised. Students are encouraged to choose what they are passionate about and what they would like to use when they eventually leave school. After all, the marathon of adulthood starts with a single step into a high school elective!

Alongside these choices, Murrumbidgee Regional High School Executives have agreed to implement a new layout for Learning Coach Classes, with students having extended recesses on Tuesday and Friday whereas Wednesday and Thursday are dedicated to assisting in classwork and maintaining PBL values and life skills. On Wade Site, Mondays will still be set aside for assemblies, both year and whole school.

In recent days, Parent/Teacher Night is considered

a success thanks to the hard work and organisational skills of Mr Tom Hawkesworth as parents and teachers could discuss student's achievements and room for improvement without the crushing wait for available teachers. Parents are advised to contact the school if any further issues or questions come to mind.

Finally, with the end of year exams occurring in Week 4 and 5 in Term 4, students are advised to begin looking over their work and consolidating their learning in Week 1. Ensuring good habits are in place now can help relieve stress as they get closer to the day. At least half an hour each night can improve their chances dramatically!

So, with the end of the year just on the horizon and the summer holidays soon to follow, Year 8 students are encouraged to continue putting in maximum effort in order to make the most of their time in 2019. After all, you only get to do it once!

Good luck,

**Mr Stephen Forrest**  
**Year 8 Advisor**

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# Science/Agriculture Report - Griffith Site

Science and Agriculture have been running around like headless chickens with all the activities that have been going on this term!

## Year 7 Discovery

Year 7 have been looking at states of matter and how that applies to our beautiful planet. They have completed a Practical Assessment task that required them to look at the different states of matter of water. This helped them understand various scientific skills, including the favourite - lighting a bunsen burner!

## Year 8

This term we have been looking at different types of forces and energy, as well as investigating what appliances are more energy efficient. This has helped us understand how we can play our part in saving energy which in turn makes us more environmentally friendly. We also got to have some fun with a Van Der Graaf generator! The students have also been working on their Student Research Projects. This is the major assessment for Stage 4. The students are required to develop their own experiment based on their interests. We are all looking forward to seeing what they have discovered.

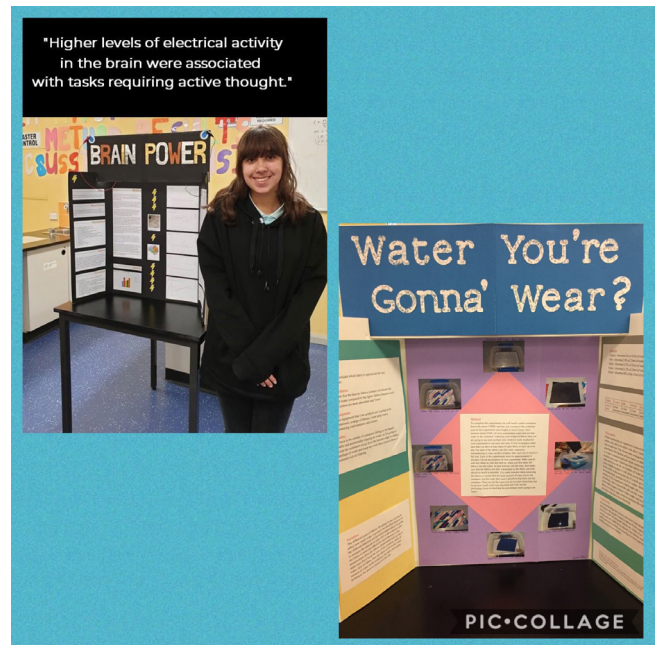
## Year 9

We ended last term looking at the Nuclear World around us. Did you know that flight attendants are bombarded with more radiation per year than scientists working in a Nuclear Reactor? We also looked closely at the handful of Nuclear disasters and whether nuclear power is a beneficial energy source in the future. This term we started with electricity. We looked at series and parallel circuits, as well as all the safety concerns and precautions that scientists have solved. We also looked at whether electricity can kill you and why some people survive a lightning strike. We are now looking at waves, including light and sound. We now understand how we can communicate in space, as well as how we use the electromagnetic spectrum to understand what different stars are made of and listened to what space sounds like.

## Year 10

Last term we finished off our Student Research Projects. There were so many exciting and fresh ideas. We held a presentation night which was a hit! It was an excellent night for the students to show off all their hard work. This term, we started looking at genes and how they determine who we are. We also looked

at technology that has helped us to allow or assist reproduction in various ways. We are now investigating how life began. This is a favourite topic amongst staff and students as they not only get to analyse various bits of evidence, they also learn life-long skills like debating an idea and not ridiculing the person.



## Passion Electives

The Great Outdoors Group have been growing and harvesting spinach on the basis of our Hydroponic System in use at the School Farm. The Spinach leaves are then used in the canteen for our students' lunches. This will become an Aquaponic System in Term 4 when we introduce yabbies into the system.





## Science/Agriculture Report - Griffith Site continued ....

### Junior Agriculture

In Week 8, we were lucky to have people from CQ University come and speak to us thanks to the SISP program. They showed us how to measure sugar levels in fruit using refractometers and new technology using GPS collars on animals so that farmers can check on their livestock on an iPad instead of spending half a day riding around checking on them.

### Senior Agriculture

Our first attempt in the NSW Stud Merinos Wether Trial was an absolute success. Our senior Agriculture students were given the opportunity to: handle livestock, halter and lead sheep, regular weigh them, worm testing, nutritional needs and general showing. We thank the Deniliquin Show Society and AWI for assisting us with this learning experience. Our senior Ag students are keen as mustard to improve in their results in 2020.

Mr Chirgwin's Primary Industries class marked our 9 male and 5 female lambs halfway through the term. Even Lincoln, the poddy lamb, was in the cradle. Let's just say that there were a few sore woolly bodies the next day.



Ms Natasha Greig

Relieving Head Teacher Science

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# Science/Agriculture Report - Wade Site

It's been fairly hectic at the Wade Site this term in Science and Ag. Year 10 are completing their VALID test at the moment to enable us to gather some data on their strengths and weaknesses in Science. Year 9 have been working on constructing an earthquake tower and have had a lot of fun testing it to see how well they have planned and constructed it.

National Science Week was extremely well organized by Mrs Moon. Activities included Classic Scientific movies, a quiz during learning coach lessons, Crystal growing, STEM activities and various science teachers parading around in Lab Coats. Huge thanks to Mrs Moon for her hard work.

This week we have had a visit from the Uni of Queensland for a STEM day where they conducted some interesting hands on activities. Students from our feeder schools participated on the first day and a group from Year 7 and 8 participated on the second day. They had a go at using GPS units to simulate tracking livestock in a grazing system and also looked at applications of science in food. By all reports students had a great time and represented Murrumbidgee Regional High School in a positive and enthusiastic manner.

Agriculture and Primary Industries have had a busy time of late. Students who participated in the National Merino challenge went to Deniliquin during August for the showing stage of the competition. Students had to lead the sheep and assist in shearing, wool handling and assessment of carcase quality. Both the Griffith and Wade Site attended and competed well against some impressive schools.

Senior classes are tidying up loose ends before they finish their respective courses. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 all the best for their exams over the next 2 weeks and Year 12 all the best in their HSC exams next term.

Remember if your child has any concerns regarding Science at Wade Site, our door is always open and we are happy to assist them in any way.

All the best,

**Mr Mark Duncan**  
**Head Teacher Science/Agriculture - Wade Site**



**Photos from top to bottom:**

- \*Stem Day 2019
- \*GPS Cows transition day
- \*National Merino Wether Challenge - Deniliquin 2019
- \*Max O'Reilly shearing



# Visual Arts - Year 12 Major Works - Griffith Site

The senior Visual Arts course provides students with the opportunity to develop their own artworks, culminating in a 'Body of Work' in the HSC course. It provides students with the opportunity to develop their own artworks from their life experiences. The knowledge, understanding, skills and values gained from this subject assist students in building conceptual and practical skills which can be applied in art, craft, design and related careers, and other real world contexts.

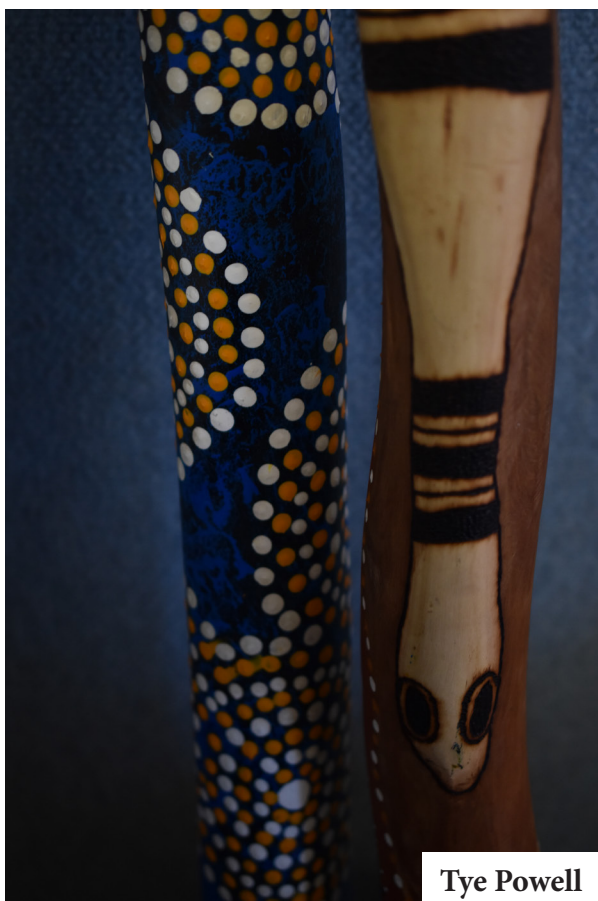
The 2019 Visual Arts class worked across a range of different mediums including drawing, graphics, photography, mixed media and the creation of hand-made and painted digeridoos to reflect their worlds.

## **Tye Powell – Yidaki.**

Ty an accomplished Digeridoo player, through his association with Clontarf, was able to develop his skills in making his own Digeridoos and decorated them with his own designs for his Body of work.

## **Matthew Keith – Mumma.**

Matthew brought his own life experiences into his Body of Work completing a very personal interpretation of his mother in a pencil sketch.



## **Lucy Hipkiss – Papillion, Falling Down the Rabbit Hole and Heart of a Mother.**

Lucy utilised her skills in mixed media to portray different representations of personal anxiety. Each artwork explores the darkness experienced when your mind convinces you that you're alone and the sensations you feel when the delicate monsters surround you.

## **Tom Geddes-Kanety – A Mer-Modern Odyssey.**

Tom orchestrated highly conceptual artworks based around her own alter-ego. Her works feature references to mythical creatures and highly classical works that she identified with.

## Visual Arts - Year 12 Major Works - Griffith Site continued ....



Lucy Hipkiss



Tom Geddes

**Maggie Fry – The Human Paradox.**  
Maggie utilised her skills using technology to create a series of photographs reflecting the alter egos of her family members.

The School and I wish them every success in the upcoming HSC Examinations.

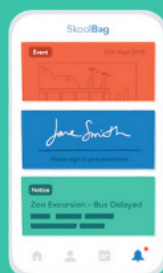
**Ms Doerinda Gardener**  
Teacher Visual Arts



Maggie Fry

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# Visual Arts - Year 12 Body of Works - Wade Site

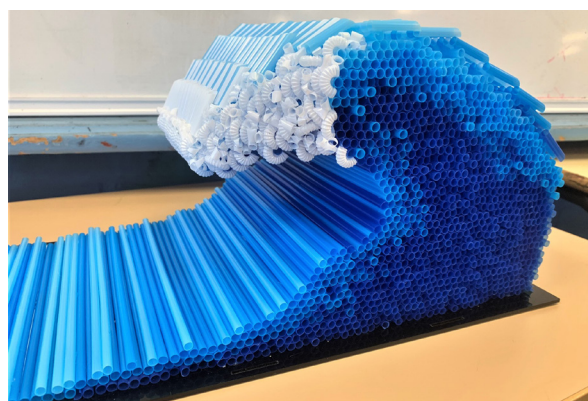
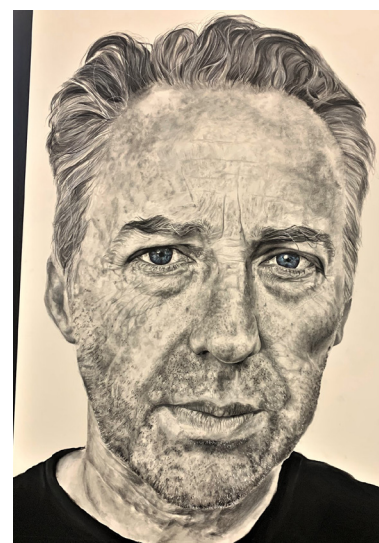
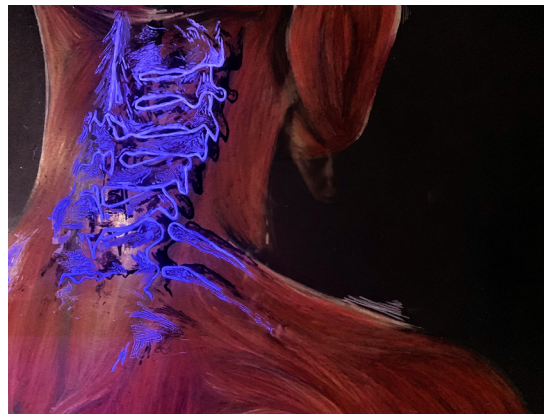
The Visual Arts Department of Wade Site are extremely proud of the effort and determination from our students to complete their Body of Works (BOW).

This year, we have an eclectic collection of drawing, painting, sculpture, animation, graphic design and photography. The imagination and creativity is infinite with their concepts ranging from perceptions of family life, the subconscious mind, and societal issues. We also commend their unique skills and craftsmanship within their choice of materials. These include ink powders, straws, paper clay, Perspex, UV light, glow paint, wood carving, printmaking, graphite pencils and charcoal. Lastly, we must applaud our students for the time spent on their BOWs. One student in particular, spent 52 hours on drawing a portrait.

As their teachers, we are so impressed by their determination and diligence to achieve resolution in their art making practice.

On behalf of the Visual Arts department, I would like to thank all the staff, parents and caregivers for all their help and support over this year. We wish you good luck for your written examination and all the best for the future.

**Mrs Sarah Best**  
Teacher Visual Arts





# Year 8 Report - Griffith Site

Over the past term, Year 8 have remained busy and engaged in both school and extra-curricular activities. Hopefully your child has kept you informed of all the interesting and diverse additions to our school calendar! We have also been working on anti-bullying training and building students' resilience. Here are a few of my favourite moments from the past term.

Academically, we have had the English classes creating fantastic biographical portfolios about people they admire. HSIE have been looking at interconnectivity as well refining their geographical skills in longitude and latitude. In Tech, Year 8 have been working on the design process and are constructing their own bags. They are pretty neat! The Year 8 Debate Teams have participated in five rounds of the Premier's Debating Challenge 2019 (winning four of the five debates). Our year group have also shown a wonderful community spirit and commitment to helping others during this term. Learning Coach 8D (with the support of their teacher Ms Wainwright) organised and ran a fantastic cupcake stall to raise money for

the RSPCA. We also had a group of 16 students from our year group work together to fundraise for the MS Read-a-thon over the whole month of August by reading novels. They collected over \$1367 and were great ambassadors for our school.

Parent-teacher interviews provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Griffith Site hosted theirs on 12/09/19. If you were unable to attend or would like to follow up with any concerns, please feel free to contact me through the school.

I would also ask that you talk to your children about their goals for the rest the year and how these can be achieved. Students need to be encouraged to stay organised and actively complete home learning regularly throughout the term if they want to do their best in the future.

**Elizabeth Ridgway**  
Year 8 Advisor - Griffith Site



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- Days for Girls
- Meals on Wheels
- Far West Children's Health Scheme
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