

The Channel

Principal's Update



I would like to express a warm welcome to all returning students and staff, together with those who are new to the area and school. Our year has certainly started positively, particularly our Staff Development Day on Wednesday 27 January, thanks largely to the Griffith Exies Club for hosting us and over 180 staff. The entire workforce attended the day, from SASS, SAO's,

Teachers and other specialist support staff.

The theme for the day was centred around bringing the school together. With an early focus on our new Vision Statement – “At Murrumbidgee Regional High School we aspire to be among the highest performing comprehensive public high schools in New South Wales, through a relentless focus on achieving excellence for our students, staff and community” and how we as individuals could contribute and make an individual and collective commitment to actions.

We then reflected on student interviews, taken at the end of 2020 by our school leaders, to gain a greater understanding of what it is our students enjoy about school and what it is they want from school. We then developed a set of learning profiles, typical of the students from across the school. This then enabled us to determine how we might enable all students to connect, succeed and thrive with carefully planned support structures in place.

The second session focused on identifying the skills and knowledge our staff would require to support our students. This was offset by a few ice breakers where staff who were unfamiliar with each other



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TERM 1—WEEK 3—2021

WHAT'S ON AT MRHS?

School
Photo
Day



Please note:
School photos

Griffith site - Monday 1st March 2021
Wade site - Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Monday February 15

- Life Ready Yr 12

Tuesday February 16

- Life Ready Yr 12

Wednesday February 17

- Yr 7 Vaccinations— Wade Site
- Life Ready Yr 12

Thursday February 18

- Zone Swimming Carnival Leeton
- UOW Discovery Day Yr 12

Friday February 19

- UOW Discovery Day Yr 12
- PCYC Fit to Learn

Tuesday February 23

- RYDA

Wednesday February 24

- Open Boys Cricket Narrandera
- Yr 7 Vaccinations— Griffith Site

Thursday February 25

- Open Girls League Tag Griffith

Friday February 26

- PCYC Job Ready
- PCYC Fit to Learn

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had the opportunity to meet and become more familiar with their colleagues, before examining some of the critical achievement data that will inform the decisions of our new Strategic Improvement Plan.

Feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive to the day and reinforced what a great place Murrumbidgee Regional High School is to work and learn. I would like to thank Meg Taipaleti, our newly appointed Instructional Leader, on developing an outstanding professional learning event, together with all of the staff who participated so enthusiastically and professionally throughout the entire day. I have been very impressed by the manner in which our executive team have adapted to the new organisational structure designed to streamline the workload of our Deputy Principals and bring the faculties together across the school under the one supervisor.

I would also acknowledge the exceptionally positive manner in which our students have returned to school in 2021. Our uniform has largely been outstanding, with students returning with a positive attitude to their new surrounds.

In terms of a building update; staff at the Wade site returned to a brand new staffroom with outstanding facilities, aimed at increasing collaboration and collegiality, together with the new Learning Centre which opened at the end of 2020. Griffith students are still awaiting the final touches on the refurbished section of Building A (South). The bottom floor is nearly complete, however access to the quad and top floor continue to remain under construction, for the remainder of Term 1.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents and carers who have entrusted your children with us. Our main goal this year is to bring the school together and fully utilise the benefits of our school with our students. I expect that students will see significant changes as the year progresses and should feel like they are a significant part of a tremendous school, where they are at the centre of all decision making.

Kind Regards



Mr David Crelley
Executive Principal



Congratulations to outgoing Year 12 students Khloe Favero and Sam Robinson for being awarded 'Young Citizen of the Year' for the Carrathool Shire Council and Griffith City Council respectively.

Meet our Executive Staff



EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Mr David Crelley



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Instructional Leader

Mrs Megan Taipaleti

Griffith Site:



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 8 & 11]

Mr Richard Wiseman



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 7 & 10]

Mrs Kylie Hill



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 9 & 12]

Mr Michael Burke

Wade Site



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 9 & 12]

Mrs Renuka Sashindranath



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 7 & 10]

Mr Martin Shevels



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
[Years 8 & 11]

Mr Travis Payne

Year Advisers

Griffith site

YEAR 7	Ms Samatha Malagre
YEAR 8	Mrs Melissa Laidler
YEAR 9	Mr Stephen Barker
YEAR 10	Ms Elizabeth Ridgway
YEAR 11	Mr Brad Clark
YEAR 12	Mr Carl Chirgwin

Wade Site

YEAR 7	Ms Catherine Kristoffersen
YEAR 8	Mr Matthew Ingles
YEAR 9	Ms Brooke Gilmour
YEAR 10	Ms Kate Milson
YEAR 11	Ms Robina Ingram
YEAR 12	Ms Eliza Baddock

Welfare Advisers

Aboriginal Education Officer	Miss K Philp (Griffith site) Mr D Thorne (Wade site)
School Counsellors	Mr LFoster/Mrs M Licastro Ms P Makarainen/Mrs J Ryan
Careers Adviser	Ms M Ragusa (Griffith site) Mrs A Bergamin & Mrs C-A Sutton (Wade site)
English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D)	Vacant (Griffith site) Mrs D Robinson (Wade site)
Pacific Islander Community Liaison Officer	Nau Mahe
Youth Outreach Worker	Jeremy Sharpe

Head Teachers

Griffith site

English/Language Other Than English (LOTE)	Mr A Catanzariti
Mathematics	Mrs E McGreal/Mr J Gallagher
Science	Ms K Mullavey
Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)	Miss J Hume
Technical and Applied Studies (TAS)	Mr C Parkin
Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)	Mr M Jessop
Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)	Mr M Ruming
Special Education	Ms L Burton
Learning Support	Mrs E Fletcher/Ms D Burge

Wade site

English	Ms K Farrell
Mathematics	Mrs L Tregear
Science	Mr M Duncan
Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)	Mrs K Sergi
Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) – Industrial Arts	Mr G Semmler
Technical and Applied Studies (TAS) – Home Economics	Mrs K Gee
Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)	Ms F McKenzie
Special Education	Mrs M Foley
Learning and Support	Mrs T Moore

Murrumbidgee Regional Re-engagement Centre	Mr A Grugan
Head Teacher VET	Mr P Lane
Head Teacher Administration	Mr M Jessop

Rodgers & Hammerstein's
Cinderella



Music by Richard Rodgers
Book & Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II



Adapted for the stage by TOM BRIGGS. From the teleplay by ROBERT L. FREEMAN

COMING SOON

"Cinderella" is presented by permission of ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of R&H Theatricals, a Concord Theatricals Company

Rehearsals commence Sunday Feb 14. Cast and parents/
guardians can check the Google Classroom for the rehearsal
schedule using the code **d5quymm**

In Week 2, the Griffith and Wade Academies held a Basketball afternoon at Westend stadium to celebrate the late Roger Penrith's birthday. We had a great turnout with around 30 boys attending.

In Week 3 both academies had our first morning training, teaming up with the Pacific Islander boys for an awesome game of touch. We had five ex NRL players join us for the game which provided extra excitement for our lads. Steve Menzies, Luke Lewis, Terry Campese, Dene Halletau & Jeremy Latimore were awesome running around and having fun with the boys.

A massive thanks to the NRL Development guys Chris Hanneman & Andrew Lavaka for organising a great opportunity for the students.



Clontarf Report

It was great to have the first MRHS swimming carnival at the brand new outdoor pool.

The atmosphere was tremendous. House spirit was alive & well

There was good participation in both competitive & novelty events.

We have almost 50 students representing next week's Zone Carnival in Leeton and we wish them all the best!

Results from Monday's carnival will be announced at next week's assemblies.





MRHS HOMEWORK CENTRE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Griffith site library
3:30pm-5pm

Buses that run from the Wade site include:

Penguin Bus 4 3:33pm departs Wade site
 3:43pm arrives Griffith site
 Rhino Bus 2 3:35pm departs Wade site
 3:45pm arrives Griffith site



**\$1.20 bus fare applies if you do not hold a current bus pass*

LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Lockers enable students to carry books and equipment for selected periods and change over at recess/lunchtime or at the end of the day. They also provide a secure place to store their BYOD device.

Hire fee - \$10.00
 Students to supply own lock

Hire agreement forms are available from the Front Office of your school.
 *Please note that all the conditions stated on hire agreement forms must be adhered to.



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You can apply for a \$200 voucher to assist with the cost of the Chromebook. These are available from the Front Office of your school.



Attention past students: Follow-up to School Aspirations Research

The University of Newcastle is looking to follow-up with our **past students** who participated in its aspirations research study while at school. Students who participated might remember filling in a survey during class time or being interviewed by a researcher about their educational and occupational aspirations.

If you, or someone you know, attended our school and remember participating in this research you are asked to complete a short online survey that will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey will ask questions about your work, study or other arrangements now that you have left school. The University of Newcastle is also looking for a few people to participate in an online or phone interview.

Please use this link <http://qtr.edu.au/asp-survey> or the QR code to obtain more information and access the survey.

