

Regional High School

# **Principal's Update**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2020 certainly was a unique year. The COVID 19 pandemic forced us to close our school for 7 weeks at the start of the year and changed the shape of student learning during and after that time. I am very proud of our staff and students for the enthusiasm with which they moved to online learning during this time. I would like to acknowledge the support of all our parents in assisting us at home with providing a continuity of learning. I would like to thank our students for making every post a winner this year. They have been cohesive and supportive of our school and of each other. They have shown that together we are better and stronger than we were as individual schools.

In 2020 our building project delivered a new Library, Canteen, staffroom and classrooms in 2020. These facilities are state of the art and will be joined in January 2021 by the handback of the new stage 2 staffrooms and classrooms on both sites.

\* Our new staffroom will provide us with enhanced opportunities to share and collaborate on our teaching practice.

\* A new 3.8 x 2.1m LED screen will add a dynamic presence in the Learning Resource Centre. \* The light, spacious and transparent circulation hub will give all our student's access to the outstanding learning spaces we have designed and built.

\* An additional 6 new future focussed classrooms and a state of the art STEM maker space will be added to student learning environments. These flexible and adaptable learning environments provide a diversity of learning opportunities.

\* All facilities are technology rich for teaching and learning. \* Both sites are receiving extensive landscaping and tree plantings which contribute to the beauty of the new facilities. The current spend will be matched in the next stage of building works which will include new halls, classrooms and community facilities on both sites.

I would like to thank the teaching staff of Murrumbidgee Regional HS. The most critical factor of any successful school are the teachers. The team at MRHS dedicate and commit themselves year after year to our students. This school has a long and proud tradition of academic excellence and this legacy our teachers hold close to their heart. Our staff collaborate freely across sites and this collaboration improves our practice and saves us time and energy.

#### TERM 4 – WEEK 10 – 2020

#### WHAT'S ON AT MRHS?

#### TERM 4

WEEK 10 Monday 14 December \*Yrs 7-10 Report Ceremonies - Wade site Tuesday 15 December \*Yrs 7-10 Report Ceremonies - Griffith site Thursday 17 December \*Last day attendance for students for 2020 Friday 18 December \*Staff Development Day

School Holidays 21/12/2020-28/1/2021 Staff Development Days 27-28/1/2021 Students return Friday 29/1/2021 Yrs 7, 11 & 12 Monday 1/2/2021 Yrs 8, 9 & 10

Too often sceptics or commentators in the media despair at the younger generation. Let me say plainly that our school produces students with character and integrity, who are committed to learning, who embrace their community and its diversity, who enjoy genuine relationships, are connected to their school and who feel empowered to succeed in the future.

We are fortunate and we ac-

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knowledge that - but we must also acknowledge that we have made our own luck. Our teachers and students work very hard. Our parents have developed the morals and values that our school is built upon. Our community has enriched the creative, social and cultural lives of our students. Our students have plans and expectations that are global in their vision. We have created a place at this school for every student to discover their passion and to fulfil their dreams.

We have created a positive, optimistic and vibrant school.

On behalf of the school I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

All the best

Mr Peter King Executive Principal

# A message from Mr David Crelley

I would like to thank Mr Peter King for his tireless work over the past three years, leading our school throughout its infancy and laying the platform for an exceptionally positive few years ahead. I know you would join me in wishing him the very best in his retirement which we trust will be long and filled with global travel and associated memories.

We have managed to cover the vast majority of our staffing for 2021 and are busily planning for the exciting new year ahead. Our Strategic Improvement Plan (SD1 - Student Growth and Attainment; SD2 – Flourish and; SD3 - Innovation through Collaboration) is coming together nicely, as is our first staff development day on Wednesday 27 January. This is an opportunity for the entire Murrumbidgee Regional High School community to come together to establish a clear vision for the benefit our students. We have our second Staff Development Day on Thursday 28 January, which will provide an opportunity for staff

to collaborate and plan quality learning and engaging assessment activities for our students. Year 7, 11 and 12 will return on Friday 29 January, whilst students in 8, 9 and 10 will return on Monday 1 February.

With the alignment of our Deputy Principals to oversee specific Key Learning Areas (Faculties) across both sites, along with identified year groups, we are establishing a platform in both curriculum and wellbeing which will have a whole school focus and provide a clear orientation of roles and responsibilities, making the performance and development of staff, student management and curriculum supervision more practical and efficient. This new structure will enable our Deputies to have a deeper rather than broader overview of their areas of supervision.

I wish everyone the very best over the coming break and look forward to working with the entire school community over the next few years to deliver an

# 2021 Calendar items

Monday 8 February \*MRHS Swimming Carnival Monday 8 February - Friday 12 February \*Yr 12 Hospitality Workplacement -Wade site Thursday 11 February

\*Junior Teams Trials Day - Sport Friday 12 February \*Open Teams Trials Day - Sport

#### WEEK 4

Monday 15 February - Wednesday 17 February \*Yr 12 Life Ready Wednesday 17 - Thursday 18 February \*Yr 12 - Discovery Days Trip to Wollongong Thursday 18 February \*Zone Swimming Carnival - Leeton

#### WEEK 5

Wednesday 24 February \*Yr 7 Vaccinations - Griffith site \*Open Boys Cricket - Narrandera Thursday 25 February \*Open Girls League Tag - Griffith

#### WEEK 6

Monday 1 March \*School Photo Day - Griffith site Tuesday 2 March \*School Photo Day - Wade site Friday 5 March \*Open Boys Basketball - Leeton

education that is driven by the relentless pursuit of excellence and high expectations to ensure Murrumbidgee Regional High School attains the vision of developing into the highest performing comprehensive secondary school in rural New South Wales.

Enjoy the break, drive safely and see you all in 2021.

Kind regards

#### Mr David Crelley Executive Principal 2021



### **SRC FOOD DRIVE**

To end the year the SRC on both sites is running a food drive with our local Griffith Library in support of the Griffith Carevan. Any donations of tinned foods, long life foods, or other non perishables that you and your family can spare to go towards people in need this festive season can be left at the following locations;

Wade Site - collection box in the school library

Griffith Site - with any SRC representative



### Reminder to parents

If you have recently changed your address and your child travels to school via bus, please note that you are required to update your address details with Transport NSW in order for a bus pass to be issued for the forthcoming year.



https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses#/updateDetails

If you do not update your address details your child's bus pass will be cancelled as your details are no longer current.

# Best wishes for the Holidays, and for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

### HOMEWORK PROGRAM

# Homework Program

The Maths faculty are looking to put in place a homework program next year and are wondering if we can collect some data on how students, parents and teachers view homework now before the program is initiated.

Please use the following link: <u>https://forms.gle/DHy5Tte-6eXHdw2g5A</u>

# Year 12 Report - Griffith site



On November 21, the Griffth site Yr 12 cohort celebrated their 6 years of secondary school with their Graduation Ball. With everyone looking their most beautiful and handsome selves, they braved the very hot afternoon in the gardens at Careri's Rosewood Park to capture some absolutely stunning photos.

Many thanks go to the Careri family for making their stunning garden available to us on the day. A huge thankyou also goes to Eleisha Collins, our talented and very patient photographer, and her team for helping to create such beautiful memories.

After the photos, everyone moved to the Griffith Exies Club to celebrate a very special evening with family, friends and staff. It was terrific to see so many parents and carers enjoying the night with us, after so much uncertainty as to whether they were going to be there or not. This meant a great deal to the Yr 12's.

It was a very happy and relaxed night of celebration of what our year group has already achieved and what they are dreaming of and planning for in the next few years. We enjoyed delicious food, entertaining speeches, especially from the 4 Captains, and a beautiful Samoan dance from the Rolita, Tala, Judy and Rachael. Thank you to you all for making the night so special.

Special mention must go out to our awesome DJ, Nau Mahe, who stepped in at the eleventh hour, helping to create such a beautiful atmosphere throughout the night. Many thanks also go to Cheryl Taylor at 'Cakes by Cheryl' for creating our delicious graduation cake that was absolutely stunning.

Congratulations to the fantastic Graduation Committee for putting together such an awesome night, after all the many lunchtime meetings, google classroom surveys and chats, corsage creating and last minute sewing etc, etc. And also to their awesome parents who helped with the set up and pack up of the venue and all the background support. With the many helping hands, the ballroom was stunningly transformed, helping the night be truly magical and enjoyed by all.

I am extremely proud of this amazing group of mature and resilient Yr 12's. It has been an absolute privilege to witness them grow from Yr 6 students into inspiring young adults who leave school well prepared for the next chapter of their lives – whatever that may be.

As a school, we want to thank Yr 12 for their significant contribution they have made to our school community and wish them every blessing into the future. May they explore and embrace the exciting changes ahead of them with confidence, faith and hope.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard" – *Winnie The Pooh* (*A.A.Milne*)

Mrs Kym Stein Year Advisor Year 6 , 2014 to Year 12, 2020

# **Year 12 Graduation Dinner 2020**



# Year 12 Report - Wade site

Although it seems like only yesterday we were having our Yr 6 Orientation day for the Class of 2014, instead the Yr 12's of 2020 have graduated MRHS after 13 years of schooling. They survived an unprecedented year including changes to their studies, online learning, social distancing, completing their HSC examination, signing out of school and graduating in style. Congratulations to you all!

After many, many changes, the Wade site Graduation Dinner was held on Saturday 14 November down at the Yoogali Club, where the Class of 2020 were dressed to impress, and impress they did. The girls looked stunning in elegant and sparkling dresses and/or suits, while the boys looked dapper in their suits. The group provided a spectacular show for those who were able to attend at such short notice, from parents and family to teachers alike, as they completed their final school function in style.

As Year Advisor it was very much a bittersweet occasion – seeing all the students looking amazing and performing splendidly while it would also be the last time the group would be together as one. They have grown into such marvellous individuals and it has been an absolute pleasure working with them over the last six years. They are already missed greatly around the school.

I would like to wish Yr 12 all the very best in all their future endeavours and hope they achieve whatever it is they set out to do, whether it be travel, work or further studies. You are all truly remarkable individuals.

Well done Yr 12 and good luck.

Until we meet again...stay awesome my lovelies.

Miss Fiona McKenzie A very proud Year Advisor





### Year 12 Report - Wade site continued ....





# Year 12 Graduation Dinner 2020



# **PDHPE Report**



#### **Stage 4 and 5 PDHPE**

Throughout Term 4, Yr 7 PDHPE classes have been studying Respect and Safety in theory lessons whilst enjoying the Lifelong Physical Activities Unit in practical lessons. This has included activities such as ten pin bowling and dodgeball. Yr 8 have been learning about puberty and personal development in theory lessons whilst also completing a Lifelong Physical Activities Unit.

The Yr 9 cohort have been studying the Safety First Unit of work, which includes learning about bullying, managing risk and online dangers. In practical lessons, they have enjoyed playing sports that can be done for leisure or have a cultural focus. This includes the indigenous game Buroinjin (a favourite amongst students), Bocce and Touch. Yr 10 have been working through the My Unique Self Unit in theory lessons, learning about what shapes an individual and how to overcome future challenges they might face. In practical lessons, they have been participating in a range of new games such as Frisbee Golf and Pyramid Dodgeball. Yr 10 have also worked in groups to develop a new game of their own, which they then taught to their peers.



Yr10 PASS showing Yr 7 PDHPE Crazy Golf



#### **Stage 5 Electives**

At the Griffith site, Yr 9 PASS have learnt about technology in sport and its effect on performance and participation. In practical lessons, they have enjoyed developing their skills in a range of summer sports such as Cricket and Ultimate Frisbee. Yr 10 PASS have completed their Coaching Unit by designing and running a coaching session for their peers, developing their leadership skills along the way. They have also completed the Community Coaching General Principles course, a base level coaching certificate. Students have also enjoyed looking at the other pathways and opportunities available in sport as future careers.

At the Wade site, Yr 9 PASS have been learning about the transfer of movement skills across various sporting disciplines. They have been practicing their juggling skills and created instructional videos on how to perform specialised skills as part of the assessment task. Yr 10 PASS have been studying the use and impact of technology on the performance and officiating of sporting events. During practical lessons, students have been enjoying a technology based competition in the form of E-Sports Championships engaging in a range of online sporting activities from NBA to Rugby League.

In Child Studies, Yr 9 have been learning about the growth and development and the diverse needs of children. Whilst Yr 10 have been looking at family interactions and different family dynamics. Throughout the term students have again had experience caring for an infant in the form of a simulated baby and have also been doing some family bonding activities in the form of arts and craft.

#### Stage 6

We would like to congratulate our Yr 12 2020 PDHPE students who have now completed the HSC course and had a successful school year. We'd also like to congratulate our Yr 12 2020 SLR students who have developed a range of skills over the past two years. Our Yr 11 students have started their first term of Yr 12 work and been studying Core One - Health Priorities in Australia in PDHPE and Sports Coaching in SLR.

The PDHPE Department would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holidays.

Miss Fiona McKenzie & Mr Matthew Ruming **Head Teachers PDHPE** 



Yr10 Child Studies

# Australian Business Week - Wade site



In Week 8, Yr 10 had the opportunity to take over a hypothetical company and create an innovative product for a sustainable future. The week's activities included; information lectures on marketing, operations and finance, producing a TV advertisement, setting up a trade display to introduce their new product and creating a business report. All participants work hard and created amazing products which they presented to markers and the school on Friday. Congratulations to all students involved.

A big thank you to Miss Smid, Miss Murdoch, Miss Semmler, Mr McCann, Mr Pattison, Mr Chapman and Mrs Dollin for supporting and mentoring the students, and a big thank you to Mrs Sergi and Miss Ingham for their hard work and organisation.

Miss Robina Ingham Teacher HSIE Year 10 Advisor





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# Murrumbidgee Regional High School Summer holiday construction works

December 2020

#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

#### **Project overview**

Murrumbidgee Regional High School is the new high school model for Griffith.

As part of this new model, the high school is receiving upgrade works across both Griffith and Wade sites, which will enable students to have access to a wide range of subject options and school facilities.

#### **Progress summary**

#### Griffith site

The new administration building, staff rooms and senior learning spaces are complete. Building of the new vertical circulation hub is well underway, providing new stairs and a lift to connect the multiple parts of Block A and the outside learning areas. Internal refurbishment to create new learning spaces in Building A South has begun.

#### Wade site

The new canteen, walkway and learning spaces in Building L 1 are complete. The new learning resource centre is complete, incorporating senior learning space, computer area, makerspace, presentation space with bleacher seating and library. Internal refurbishment to create a new consolidated staffroom is underway.

#### Next steps

Over the school holidays, finishing work will take place on Building A South at the Griffith site and Building C3 on the Wade site. Finishing work includes:

- joinery and painting of learning areas
- installing air conditioning and connecting electricity
- installation of loose furniture and work stations, floor coverings and blinds
- landscaping at both sites.

We also expect to begin work on the Outside Learning Area deck and awning at building A-South during the school holidays.

#### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 1300 482 651 www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au





#### What to expect for Day 1 Term 1, 2021

The works at the Wade site are expected to be complete and ready for use by staff and students for Day 1 Term 1, 2021.

Much of the project at the Griffith site has been handed over for the school to use, and the ground floor learning spaces of Building A South will be operational for Day 1 Term 1, 2021.

Some work on the upgrades at the Griffith site will continue throughout Term 1, including the first floor learning spaces and roofing works. This work will not impact school operations.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### How will traffic be managed?

Construction traffic will continue to access the Griffith site via the Willandra Street entry and the Wade site entry continues to be off Sanders Street.

Traffic control will continue to be in place as required to manage pedestrian and vehicular movements near the site access points.

#### What safety measures will be in place?

Health and safety are our highest priority. We will be working collaboratively with the school community and neighbours to ensure that construction works will be scheduled and managed to minimise impacts to the community where possible.

Perimeter hoardings have been installed to prevent non construction workers accessing the site.

# What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

Noise and dust control measures will be implemented in accordance with planning approval requirements.

Hoarding and shade cloth is currently installed on the site boundaries to reduce dust and noise impacts on our neighbours. Dust from construction works will be hosed down with water as required. Trucks entering and leaving the site will cover their loads.

#### What are the construction working hours?

The standard working hours for this project remain 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. No work will take place on Sundays or public holiday.

# Who can I contact if I have a concern about construction work over the holidays?

If you have any queries or concerns about this project you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on 1300 482 651.

School Infrastructure NSW will be closed from Friday 25 December to Sunday 10 January inclusive. In an emergency, call triple zero (000).

#### For more information contact:

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### **MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH**

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