

The Channel

Principal's Update

Welcome to the end of Week 6 and the slow journey to the end of the year. I would like to introduce myself to all of our families and wider community who have been so welcoming over the past 16 weeks. I am David Crelley and am currently relieving for Mr King, whilst he has taken personal leave for the next few weeks. I have largely been working closely with our staff on the development of the new Strategic Improvement Plan and the gathering of evidence and data for the Situational Analysis, used to drive our focus moving forward.

We have created a vision for Murrumbidgee Regional High School which has a relentless focus on achieving excellence in everything we do to eventually become one of the highest achieving schools in rural New South Wales. I am under no illusion that this is a very big task, with the bar set very high. I do, however, make no excuses for the fact that our students deserve to learn in an environment where all students and staff have high expectations for success and high expectations of ourselves.

The new Strategic Improvement Plan, which will run for the next four years, has three main focus points, or Strategic Directions. They are:

1. Student Growth and Attainment – with a focus on student academ-

ic achievement and growth.

2. Flourish – wellbeing of all students and staff is an essential ingredient in creating a school which is inviting, engaging and inspiring.

3. Collaboration through Innovation – will focus on bringing the school together and creating harmonious systems designed to bring students and staff together.

Once we have added some detail to these strategic directions, students, parents and community will have the opportunity to provide us with feedback to ensure we are meeting the needs of all stakeholders moving forward.

I look forward to leading the school whilst Mr King is on leave and am exceptionally optimistic about the future of Murrumbidgee Regional High School as we collaboratively make this school what we all want it to be in 2021 and beyond. The positive transformation of our school can be significant if we work together to create a school, underpinned by high expectation, shared values and a common desire to place students at the forefront of all our decision making.

Kind Regards

Mr David Crelley
Executive Principal



MURRUMBIDGEE
Regional High School

TERM 4 – WEEK 6 – 2020

WHAT'S ON AT MRHS?

TERM 4 - Weeks 7 - 9 **WEEK 7**

Tuesday 24 November

*Thrive Yr 9 Wade site Pd5

Friday 27 November

*Fit to learn program

WEEK 8

Monday 30 November

*Thrive Yr 9 Wade site Pd1

Monday 30 November - Friday 4 December

*Primary Industries Work Placement

*Fit to Learn Program (PCYC)

Tuesday 1 December

*Year 6 Transition/Orientation day

WEEK 9

Tuesday 8 December

*Thrive Yr 9 Wade site Pd5

Wednesday 9 December

* Yr 10 All My Own Work - Wade site

* Year 6 Parent Information Night - Exies Club 5.30pm

Thursday 10 December

*Yr 10 Geography Field Work excursion - Wade site

Friday 11 December

*Fit to learn program

*Yrs 7 to 11 Presentation Day - Griffith Regional Theatre

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LOTE Report

The end of another busy year is approaching quickly and students will soon be receiving their reports. Congratulations to all those students who have worked hard over the course of the year and have displayed a mature attitude to their studies throughout the year. Their success is thoroughly deserved and we urge them to maintain this fine standard at school and afterwards.

So, what has been going on in our classes in languages between the two sites.

Mrs Jones has been teaching Italian to most of the Yr 7 Italian classes at the Griffith site with Mr Catanzariti covering the remainder.

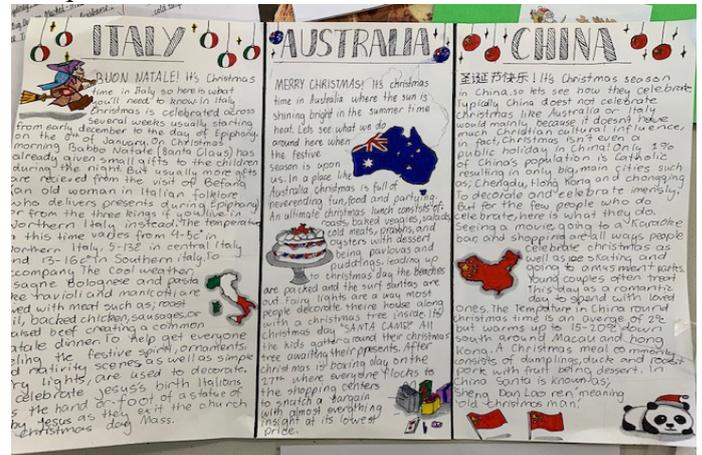


Mrs Hyder has been teaching Yr 7 and Yr 10 German at the Wade site. Mrs Hyder has absolutely had an enjoyable time teaching her Stage 5 class and they in turn have loved her extraordinary effort that she puts into her lessons. Trying various German foods and making it an engaging environment to learn in.

Yr 7 have had a wonderful year covering their various topics ranging from Greetings, Family, Subjects through to Hobbies and Christmas time.



The classes have been tasked with researching 'How Christmas is celebrated in Italy, Australia and an Asian perspective, creating some impressive posters and postcards.



Mrs Brooker Yr 11 Italian Beginners are working very hard. If our Yr 11 students wish to achieve their desired outcomes next year, they should follow their teacher's advice, revise vocabulary lists, complete all homework and continue to practice their four skills areas.

LOTE students and staff are looking forward to a peaceful Christmas break after a busy and COVID crazy year.

We wish all our students, parents and the wider Murrumbidgee Regional High School community all the very best for a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

So for now....

Buon Natale, Frohe Weihnachten

Mrs Rosanne Jones
Teacher - LOTE

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

On Friday, September 25, the Yr 12 students gathered at the Griffith Regional Theatre to celebrate the achievements of their final year of school at Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients of our Major Awards:

-Sophie Torresan was awarded the School Education Director's Award which recognises outstanding achievement and is given to a student who has excelled through their achievements this year.

-Rebecca Groat and Lachlan Cirillo were awarded the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award which is presented by the Australian Defence Force to students who exhibit a strong sense of leadership and teamwork at school.

-Chloe Perez was awarded the Caltex All-Rounder Award which is given to a student who has made a positive contribution to all aspects of school life. This includes high achievement in academic studies, service to the community and the school, sport, excellent conduct and a positive attitude.

-Kirandeep Dhillon was awarded the Reuben F Scarf Foundation Award which recognises and honours consistent effort and a desire to improve.

-Hamish Gunn was awarded the K&N Virago Award for placing first in Year 12 Physics.

-Isabel Chuquipiondo and Angus Bartter were awarded the Rex and Doreen Poole Memorial



Award which honours the highest achieving male and female in the year at the Griffith Site.

-Alyce Woodward was awarded the Murrumbidgee Regional High School Year 12 Citizen of the Year for showing a willingness to contribute to both the school community and the wider community.

-Ethan Stone was awarded the P&C Outstanding VET Award.

-Sophie Mitchell and Raiya Gyles were presented with

awards for Sustained Effort and Application for their efforts throughout their Yr 12 studies.

-Rebecca Groat and Arabela Bardney were awarded the MRHS Contribution to Sport Awards to recognise their outstanding commitment to all aspects of school sport throughout their time at high school.

At this ceremony, the Yr 12 students also received their final reports and were acknowledged for their academic achievements.

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony continued

On Friday, October 16, each site held their own, less formal farewell celebrations for staff and students to say goodbye to our Yr 12 students.

And lastly, on Saturday, November 14, the Wade site Graduation Dinner was held at the Yoogali Club and on Saturday, November 21, the Griffith site will hold their Graduation Dinner at the Exies Main Club.

For so many reasons, we are extremely proud of our Yr 12 students and all of their achievements this year. We would like to wish them well in their future endeavours wherever their chosen path may take them. They will be missed.

Miss Fiona McKenzie & Mrs Kym Stein
Year 12 Advisors 2020

Year 11 Report - Wade site

Yr 11 have started their Yr 12 studies in a diligent fashion and are looking forward to beginning their first HSC assessment tasks. Yr 11 received their reports at the beginning of this term as well and should be proud of some of their results and achievements!



Year 11 Report Ceremony

Year 11 Report - Wade site continued

We have also undertaken our first lot of fundraising with students organising fashion parades, a bake sale and a coin drop to celebrate Melbourne Cup day. The students raised over \$200 that will go towards their fundraising efforts next year. There was a lot of wonderful fashions amongst the Yr 11 students and it was great to see everyone supporting the day.

Students from both sites also received their Yr 12 jerseys and have had the opportunity to wear them on some of the cooler days. They look very smart and really bring our year group together.

Congratulations must also go to our newly elected school captains:

- Wade site – Nicholas Matenga, Ruby Cornale (Captains) and Bailee Beitaki and Alex Kelly (Vice Captains).

We are looking forward to a very busy and successful final year of school for our year group in 2021.

Have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year!

Miss Eliza Baddock
Year 11 Advisor



Melbourne Cup fundraising



Year 12 jerseys



2020-2021 Captains & Vice-Captains

Year 11 Report - Griffith site

Congratulations to all our students who recently received awards as part of their end of Yr 11 reports.

All students have now officially moved into Yr 12 and need to be mindful of their schooling requirements – these include:

- *Attending school each day in school uniform
- *Attending all timetabled classes include school VET & TAFE
- *Completing HSC school work and assessment requirements

All students received and signed for their assessment booklet on Tuesday 10 November. This booklet has all the requirements of school assessment tasks, when tasks are set and due and how to apply for special considerations if needed. If parents/carers & students can become familiar

with this booklet, it will greatly assist with their child's success in the HSC.

Congratulations to our newly formed **School Captains:** Lata-noa Taipaleti & Callum Wepler and our **Vice Captains:** Jessica Pianui & Moses Ioane. These students are a credit to themselves and their families with the leadership they constantly display for our entire school community.

The fundraising team has been formed and we have three main activities this term.

November: Growing MENTAL Health – Movember Cause with students & staff

December: Selling of Zooper Doopers after sport on Wednesdays

End of Term: Christmas Carnivale Day

More information about these initiatives will be released closer to each date.

It's never too early to be getting a career sorted as **Ms Ragusa (Careers Advisor)** has a lot of ideas and methods to assist with goal setting and organisation skills. Students are reminded that Careers is apart of their timetable and their need to attend each class.

Quick Facts:

- *Google Classroom Code – **ibecgal**
- *Year Adviser – Mr Chirgwin – 6969 9300 or carl.chirgwin1@det.nsw.edu.au (VET/Ag Faculty)

Yours Sincerely

Mr Carl Chirgwin
Year 11 Advisor



Creative and Performing Arts Report - Griffith site

This will be my last addition to the Channel Newsletter as I have been appointed to Newcastle High School as Head Teacher CAPA. I would like to sincerely thank the CAPA staff for their passion, dedication and commitment in providing the best for their students within the classroom and in the many extra-curricular activities that they organise and deliver. To the staff at Murrumbidgee Regional High School, I express my gratitude to them for their support and experiences whilst working together. For the students that I have taught over the past 20 years, I am indebted for the memories and friendship we have valued and forged. And I would like to thank the parents that I have been privileged to meet during this time.

Mr McKeon is a new member to the CAPA faculty. He is teaching Music at the Griffith site and has been steadily building positive relationships with his students, whilst improving their composition skills and instrumental techniques. He is very passionate about his new role and is extremely welcomed in the CAPA staffroom.

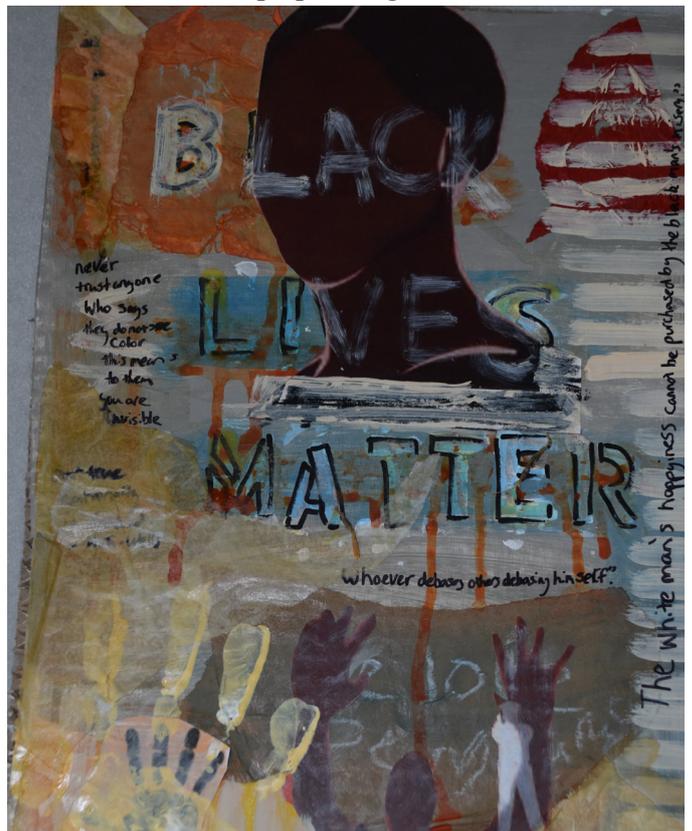
Special mention goes to the CAPA students and staff who have worked in their HSC courses. These include the HSC Visual Art students with Mrs Vidler, Ms Gardener's HSC Photography, Video and Digital Imaging students, the HSC Music class with Mr Mahaffey and HSC Drama students, being taught by Mrs Innes.

Around The Grounds

Junior Visual Art students have been learning about environmental art in which they created and documented ephemeral sculptures using natural materials.



Elective Visual Arts in years 9 and 10 have been experimenting with painting and have started their canvas paintings and group works on Issues and themes and landscape painting



Creative and Performing Arts Report - Griffith site continued

Yr 11 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging students have been introduced to the realm of digital imaging where they have been learning how to manipulate photographs using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator to create digital artworks.



Art Passion students have been learning about stop-motion animation and are creating a stop-motion film. Passion Photography have been in the darkroom producing pinhole photography.

Yr 9 Drama have been working on their acting skills and learning about the history of theatre and the style of Commedia dell'Arte.



Yr 11 Drama have begun their HSC course with a study of contemporary Australian theatre through the play "Stolen" about the experiences of the Stolen Generations.



Students in the Drama Passion elective have been working on improving their improvisational skills and film making.

Students in Junior Music have learnt to play the guitar and keyboard, learnt about rock music and the instruments of the orchestra.



Yrs 9 and 10 Music have worked well this semester on improving both their performing and listening skills. They have completed various activities which included analysing and performing selected repertoire.

Senior Music have been continuing to improve their understanding of the concepts of music and have submitted their Viva Voce and Elective One assessment tasks.

Mr Neil Mahaffey.
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
(CAPA) Griffith site.

TAS Happenings

This term we welcome Miss Demi Lawler to our Faculty. Miss Lawler is completing a placement as a part of her course at CSU Wagga. Miss Lawler has been enjoying working with students at MRHS Wade site. Last week as a part of the Food Trends Unit in Yr 10 Food Technology Miss Lawler introduced sustainable food use. Miss Lawler included a practical lesson where students were making use of aquafaba (the water in which legumes have been cooked). Students were able to use this product which is usually discarded to make a delicious Veg-an Chocolate Mousse.



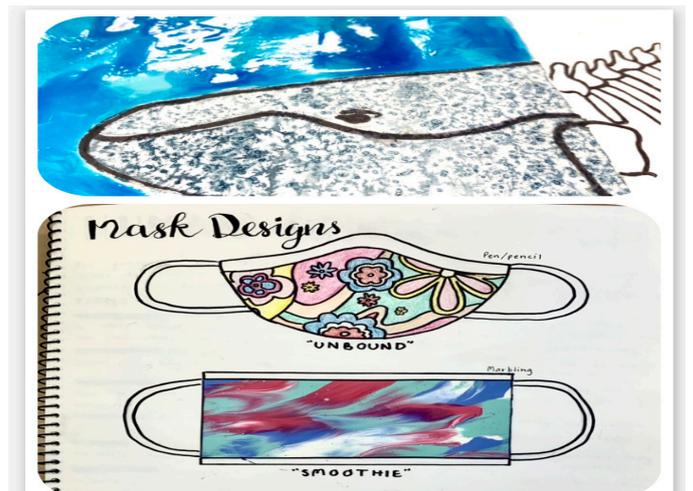
Yr 10 Food Technology have also recently completed their Food Trends Assessment Task where they needed to work as a food stylist. Students were given 7 Chocolate Ripple Biscuits that they needed to style and present the biscuits for an advertisement to be used in a trade magazine. Students needed to capture a digital image of their work and submit to the Google Classroom.

Yr 11 Community and Family Studies students have been busy with their Research Methodology Unit. Students are completing Independent Research Projects (known as IRP) on topics of their choice. The student will conduct their own primary research from using questionnaires, surveys or interviews to help them discover or find out something on a topic that interests them.

Yr 9 Food Technology have recently completed their Assessment for Food Product Development where students were tasked to develop a new 'movie long' snack to entice movie guests and help promote a movie. Students made their products in class.



Yr 10 Visual Arts have been completing mixed media designs for the Human Consumption Practical task. Meanwhile Yr 9 Visual Arts are learning about shutter speed on cameras with water bombs!! Such fun lessons.



As the year draws to a close, classes will be focusing on doing a few Christmas themed practical tasks to finish up 2020 – something to look forward to.

Mrs Kathy Gee
Head Teacher TAS (Home Economics) and CAPA