

# The Channel

## Principal's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the pleasure of hosting our new school leaders for an early morning meeting before they attended to school for the day. We introduced ourselves and took the opportunity to discuss what they liked and disliked about the school. We also discussed some plans we have to bring the two student bodies together more often and what this might look like in 2021. They appeared very enthusiastic of the prospect of working together to provide feedback on our Strategic Improvement Plan and meeting regularly to assist me to drive the direction of the school for all of our students.

Our school executive recently participated in a series of workshops designed to collectively draft the purpose statements, improvement measures and initiatives of all three strategic directions that form the basis of our new Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024. This process is a critical part of the blue-print we are designing to create a plan for our school with a relentless focus on achieving excellence in everything we do. It was inspiring to see our executive teachers working collaboratively and adding significant insight and value to the school planning process.

Our Yr 6 students participated in their first full transition day on Tuesday where all of our partner primary schools attended. I must start by congratulating our transition team of Ms Sergi, Ms Kristoffersen and Mrs Malagre on their dedication and flexibility to ensure the day ran smoothly for these students. I must also acknowledge the staff who vol-

unteered to work with our incoming students to set their minds at ease and prepare them for the expectations of high school life on their return after the break. It was wonderful to see so many students working together to form the beginning of long-lasting friendships these students will typically develop during their high school years.

At this time of year schools in the Riverina and across the state experience staff coming and going. Murrumbidgee Regional High School is no exception. It is important to recognise that these issues have existed for years and well before the new school started. As has occurred every year the school has staff who are transferring, getting promotions, taking leave, retiring, taking up opportunities at other schools within the department of education or privately, being seconded into corporate roles within the department, moving out of education for personal reasons to pursue other roles or simply retiring.

Murrumbidgee Regional High School is proud of the staff who will be leaving the school to take up alternative positions and know that they will be successful in their new schools. The competitiveness of our staff in gaining these positions reflect positively on the calibre of staff that have been teaching your students. We look forward to introducing new teachers with strong capacities to benefit students' learning outcomes.

Please be reassured that the school is actively recruiting to fill vacancies as they occur at this time of year similar to many primary, central and second-



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Regional High School

**TERM 4 – WEEK 8 – 2020**

WHAT'S ON AT MRHS?

### TERM 4 - Weeks 9 - 10 WEEK 9

Monday 7 December

\*P&C Meeting 5.30pm Coro Club

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

### 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

ary schools. The school is committed to filling all positions with permanent staff and will continue the extensive recruitment process to ensure the right candidates are selected.

**Mr David Crelley**  
Executive Principal