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Principal's Report

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Welcome back to the new year. Students are settling in well to their new classes and with the milder weather conditions are enjoying catching up with their friends.

Jenny Hill will be away this term on leave. We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her back at the start of Term Two. I, Mike Fry, will be Relieving Principal while Jenny is away. Tony Roach will be Relieving Deputy and Mrs Hyder will take over as acting LOTE Head Teacher while Mr Roach is acting as Deputy.

With the tragic events over the Christmas holidays we need to work together to reaffirm that there is no place in our community and schools for violence. As a school we work to resolve issues that arise between students and have in place a number of strategies to help resolve conflict. The school does not tolerate violence and deals with incidents promptly. Our school also has a counsellor three days a week if in the future students may need support as a result of any issues related to those incidents. I would ask parents to reaffirm, with their children, the need to seek other ways to resolve conflict.

There have been several changes in staff this year. Firstly we have several new staff who have been appointed to our school:

- ✦ Mrs Heather Hayes replaces Sandra Bell in Mathematics
- ✦ Ms Stephanie White replaces Rachael Elwin in the English faculty
- ✦ Mrs Rebecca Tweedie replaces Myfanwy Peebles in English
- ✦ Ms Jessica Luppi joins the

Social Science faculty

- ✦ Ms Shana Johnston replaces Julia Robertson in Social Science
- ✦ Mrs Melissa Foley will be the Special Support Class teacher
- ✦ Ms Katie Pilkington has been appointed to the PDHPE faculty under the In Built Relief Scheme
- ✦ Mrs Carol Dominquez the itinerant Teacher Support Transition and Integration will now be based at our school
- ✦ Mrs Diana Dole will be an additional Support Teachers Aid
- ✦ Mrs Denise McGann will be support teacher one day a week.

Several staff have rejoined us:

- ✦ Ms Maria Martinez rejoins us in PDHPE
- ✦ Mrs Madeline Erskine returns two days a week as Support Teachers Relief
- ✦ Mrs Lyn Oliver returns one day a week in ESL.
- ✦ Brett Davies returns as the Aboriginal Education Worker
- ✦ Mrs Denise Robinson returns 2 days per week working in Welfare and STLA
- ✦ Roslyn Nisbet is with us as the Relieving Assistant Principal Behaviour

Once again Wade High School achieved outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate last year. Our top student, Mayuri Sivagnanam, achieved a UAI of 99.6 and four other students gained UAIs over 90. Even more pleasing though was the number

Upcoming events:



Monday 12th February—P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13th February—Wade High School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 20th February—Year 7 Parent Teacher Information Afternoon 4-5 pm

Thursday 22nd February—Zone Swimming Carnival Narrandera

Tuesday 6th March—ELLA Test

Thursday 8th March—CSIRO Science Show

Friday 9th March—Peel Support Day at Lake Talbot

Friday 9th March—Riverina Swimming Carnival

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of Band 6 results we achieved. A Band 6 means that a student has been placed in the top achievement band for the subject. Approximately 10% of students achieve a Band 6 in any given subject. At Wade we had sixteen Band 6 results across eight different subjects. These subjects were German Beginners (4), Community and Family Studies (2), Mathematics 2 Unit (4), Hospitality exam (2), Textiles (1), Chemistry (1), Maths Extension (1), Biology (1). Congratulations to the teachers of these subjects. In addition there were 67 Band 5s awarded across Year 12. Band 5 is when a student achieves between 80% and 90% in an exam. Once again such results are testimony to the strength of teaching across the board at Wade.

Our theme for this year at Wade is "Personal Best". I am encouraging all



students to do their best at everything they do at school; from simple class tasks to major assignments, and including their sporting and cultural activities. Students are encouraged to do everything a little bit better than the last time; to try and improve their performance in every task. Parents might like to join in by encouraging students to aim to do things a little bit better each time; to aim to improve on every task. Already some students have willingly revisited tasks when asked the simple question: *Is that your personal best?*

During the Christmas holidays there has been a lot of refurbishment done in the Industrial Arts block. TD1 has been carpeted and reverse-cycle air conditioning has been put in and will now be an English classroom. The woodwork rooms have had new floor covering put into them. The sound proofing of the metalwork room downstairs is now completed with thanks to go to the P & C for their contribution to the project.

Our kitchens' refurbishments are not yet completed and we will be without both kitchens for the first three and a half weeks of this term. The classroom kitchen will be the first to be completed; the light commercial kitchen will be completed some three weeks later. The hallway in the Home Economics building has been recovered with new lino and the Home Economics staffroom has been carpeted.

I was fortunate enough to go to go to the opening of the Combined Griffith Schools HSC Art, Design and Technology Exhibition. It was fantastic to see the works displayed properly. The HSC students from Wade High had a great selection of paintings, fashion, photography and design work and I would like to thank Aaron Ellis, Mary Casey and Grant Semmler, who taught those students. I recommend all parents and students to go and have a look at the exhibition now on at the Regional Gallery and the Cottage gallery.

Congratulations must go to the Under 14s Junior Relay Team, which was announced as Griffith's Australia Day Junior Team of the Year. Congratulations should also go to the coaches Ms Leslie Keogh and Ms Cassie Mitchell.

The School Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th February. It is compulsory for all Year 7 and 8 to attend. Students in the remaining Years, 9, 10, 11 and 12 must compete in two events to attend. We expect all students involved to attend and those students not attending to be at school on the day. Hopefully there will be a big turn out at the pool.

A reminder to parents of our Year 7 students that there is a Parent Information Afternoon scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at 4.00 pm. On this afternoon you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to hear about the expectations for each subject that students study in Year 7. We hope you can make it.

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to continue providing a secure e-Learning environment. This year all students will be provided with an e-Learning account (DET user ID and password) to access Internet facilities at school including filtered browsing and email. In using these e-Learning accounts, students are required to abide by the school's "Student Access to the Internet" policy. This policy addresses issues including the safety and privacy of students, staff and other Internet users, and establishes an Internet code of behaviour. All parents will receive a letter from the school regarding the issuing of e-Learning accounts to students. If you do not agree to your child having an e-Learning account you must notify the school **in writing**. If you would like further information about your child's access to Internet facilities at school please contact either Deborah Allen or Grant Semmler.

Andrew Fuller will be conducting our School Development Day in Week 8 of Term 2. We will not have our Staff Development Day on day one of Term 2. Andrew is a child psychologist who works extensively with Education Departments and Juvenile Justice Departments as well as well as carrying out research. He is also the author of a number of books on adolescents and families. During this visit Andrew will be working with the staff on developing resilience in students and new research on student learning. I have included a sheet from Andrew Fuller's book "Creating Resilient Families".

There will be two programs operating in the school this term. The *WhyTry?* Program continues from last year and is being conducted by Mrs Brain. This program supports students by helping them to develop important social skills, identify personal goals and build self-esteem. The other program is targeted at Year 10 students and is called *Plan-It Youth*. This program allows selected students to work with trained adult mentors. This program is designed to support students

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at risk of dropping out of school or students who may benefit from having a positive adult role model in their lives. Ms Allen is coordinating this program.

Would parents please keep the school up to date with any changes of address or phone numbers. It can be important in the case of an emergency. Also the office needs to be notified if your child

develops health issue that may affect them at school or any issues with medication that may need to be taken at school.

A reminder to parents that the School Dental Service is available to all full time school students up to the age of 18 years with a current Medicare card.

The Dental Clinic is located at Griffith Base Hospital and you can contact them on 6969 5581.

I look forward to seeing you all at the P & C meeting on Monday 12 February.

Welcome back to the new year.

Mike Fry

Relieving Principal

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2006

The School's Presentation Night took place on Tuesday 19th December at the Griffith Regional Theatre. Ms Graham was pleased that everything ran to time and she would like to thank the community members who supported the evening through the donation of prizes and financial aid, the official guests, staff, parents and students. Premier Nurseries provided the school with some attractive plants—ably selected and transported by Mr Loughman—to brighten the stage and our new school banner was a handsome addition to the scene. As ever, the Griffith Regional Theatre staff members were wonderful and the P and C supper was a delightful way to conclude the evening.

Ms Graham would like to thank her marvellous team: Mr Roach, Mrs Brain, Mrs Hill (Maths) and Ms Marland. Without this ideal combination, Ms Graham knows she wouldn't have coped and she is constantly impressed by the team's coolness under pressure and peerless organisational skills. She also praises the incredible professionalism of our Year Advisers and the boundless support of the Wade High School ancillary staff members, who move serenely from crisis to crises, humouring Ms Graham's tendency to make mountains out of molehills. Ms Graham is so lucky to have this cast of unsung heroes. She is also very thankful to Mr Barrett for bringing all the equipment back to school after the event: like Mr Loughman, Mr Barrett is always there when you need him.

Dr Vanessa Barrs, Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine at the University of Sydney, gave an entertaining speech about her life as a vet. Of course, Ms Graham was charmed by the many cats in Dr Barrs' powerpoint

presentation. Dr Barrs was in one of Ms Graham's very first Year Seven classes at Wade High School in 1980 and they had the chance to catch up on news about Dr Barrs' contemporaries—one of whom, Kevin Zuccato, has been invited to deliver the occasional address at the end of 2007. Kevin is Head of the Federal Police's High Tech Crimes Unit and has a diploma from Harvard. Ms Graham remembers him as a cheeky little boy!

The youthful Student Council did a splendid job on the video, an A to Z guide to the school, and already our budding film makers have big plans for their next production. It was a great show, well done!

Ms Hill, our Principal, received a Special Award—top secret until the night—for her commitment to the school and Mr Osborne, Mrs Blackshaw, Mr Ceccato and Mrs Heath received Long Service Awards: a total of 100 years of experience on stage at the one time! Our P and C Special Awards were presented by Mr Patterson and Mrs Dotta to Mrs McDonald, Mrs Lee and Mr Sanger for their commitment to the school. Parents like these are an essential part of the school's smooth running and we value their contribution immeasurably. Another P and C Award was made to Professor Leonildo Torresan in recognition of his tireless support for our Italy trips. The award was accepted by his cousin Mrs Tappi and has been sent post haste to the Veneto.

Ms Graham also wishes to thank Mrs Fox, who has done such an excellent job of the Special Awards for students during the last four

years. In this she has been assisted by our captains and vice captains and 2006 was no exception. Ms Graham commends Maria Romeo, Karl Vendrasco, Daniel Bergamin and Erin Patterson for their aplomb and grace in dealing with tricky situations. Probably they'll remember Ms Graham's advice: you only look an idiot for a couple of days and then everyone forgets. This is Ms Graham's personal credo and she likes to believe it's a universal truth.

Our singers, dancers, musicians, athletes and academic stars put on a dazzling performance and more than 100 students received Gold Awards for exemplary effort and participation. That's the beauty of Presentation Night: everyone is a winner!

Finally, this has been Ms Graham's fourth and last Presentation Night and it's been one of the jobs she's enjoyed most in her twenty seven years at Wade High School. She admits that Fourth Term can be stressful. She's organizing Presentation Night when the rest of the school is winding down—but it's worth the sleepless nights when she feels the positive vibe and sees Wade High School people receiving the acknowledgements they deserve. Presentation Night is a great finale to the school year: everyone is happy, among friends, and that's the way life should be! She's sure Ms Marland will enjoy the job too and she knows that everything will be perfect in Ms Marland's very capable hands. Good luck!

The 2007 Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 18th December at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

M Graham
Presentation Night Coordinator

YEAR 7 Report

After a nervous summer the first day of high school has come and gone. Year 7 has been busy settling into their new life and from all reports things have run smoothly. It's great to see so many independent students getting themselves to class on time with minimal fuss.

During the transition program last year, students were introduced to their Peer Support leaders. The Peer Support program starts next week, culminating in an excursion to Lake Talbot on Friday the 9th of March. Notes will be distributed for this excursion on a later date.

The School Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th March. It is compulsory for all year 7 and 8 students to attend and it is expected that a suitable explanation will be provided for absent students. The carnival is a great day, with novelty events, dressing up in house colours, cheering and prizes! Students need to tune in to assemblies and daily notices for more information.

Another important date to remember is for the Year 7 Parent Information evening which will be held at the school hall on Tuesday, 20th March. This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet class teachers and get subject specific information for their child. At this stage it will run from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

It's great to see so many students in full school uniform and I hope we can keep this up when the weather cools. Students need to remember that if they cannot wear correct uniform (school or PE) they need to see Mr Barker before school starts to obtain a uniform pass.

I would like to stress the importance of students making a few spare copies of their timetable. One copy should be taken to school everyday and can be kept in their diary. There is a plastic sleeve in the back of the diary that

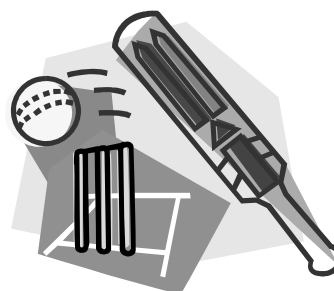
can be used for this. Another copy should be kept at home on the student's desk or maybe on the fridge. Students can get re-prints of their timetable from the office for 20 cents.

Please encourage your child to ask their class teacher for a Bronze Award form, particularly in their favourite subjects. The merit system (Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards) is a great opportunity for students to earn rewards at school and is explained in the Student Diary. Students need to use the diary for homework and assignments, and I would also encourage them to use it for their own social engagements, e.g. soccer practice. A great habit to get into!!!

Have a great 2007!

Matt Sutton
Year 7 Adviser

Profile
Karl Vendrasco School Captain
2007



Name: Karl Vendrasco

Reading: Cricket Magazines, English Premier League Newspaper

Watching: The Cricket, "Spicks and Specks"

Listening: Rock Music

Eating: B.B.Q.

Wearing: T-Shirt, shorts and thongs: summer gear

Ideal Holiday: 2007 Cricket World Cup in the Caribbean

Which word/words would you use to describe yourself? Modest, cricket tragic

What talent would you most like to have? To be able to travel in time.

YEAR 8 Report

A BIG welcome back to Year 8 and I hope that everyone has returned with energy and enthusiasm and are ready start afresh in 2007. We have quite a few new students starting this year and I am sure that everyone will make them feel welcome.



Congratulations to all the students who received academic awards at the end of last year. I encourage all students to try their hardest and strive for academic excellence and personal bests this year and hope to see a few new faces

receiving awards at the end year report ceremony.

A reminder to all students to continue to strive for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this year. Students who obtained these awards last year enjoyed attending school sporting events and a free lunch with the Principal.

I am also organising the Year 8 camp which will be held late in Term 1 or early in Term 2. This camp is a Sport and Recreation camp at Laurel Hill Forest Lodge just outside Wagga Wagga. The camp will run for three days and is shaping up to be a lot of fun.

Letters will be going home to parents in the next couple of weeks with more details and payment plans for the camp.

I am looking forward to another fun filled year and remind parents that if they have any concerns, they can contact me through the school to make an appointment.

Mr A Carlson
Year Advisor



YEAR 9 Report

Welcome back from the Christmas/New Year break and to another exciting year. Personally, I am thrilled to be back and into my new role as Year Adviser. I am looking forward to the year ahead and have high expectations for all my students.

Students have begun the School Certificate course and must satisfy requirements in Year 9 to be eligible for the award of a School Certificate. Students who fail to complete a set task will be sent an 'N' (non-completion) Award letter which will outline the conditions for completing the task. Students have also begun their electives and any student seeking to change electives will need to visit me in the Home Economics staffroom towards the end of

Week 3.

I would like to encourage all Year 9 students to participate in the Merit System. The number of students receiving Silver and Gold awards has been excellent in previous years and I believe we can do even better this year. Act now to start receiving rewards as soon as possible!

I welcome any questions and concerns from both students and parents so please feel free to contact me.

Mr A Ellis
Year Advisor

Social Science

I hope you are all ready for another hectic year in the Social Science Faculty. There is heaps of wonderful stuff planned for our classes this year. There are Geography excursions to Sydney and Wagga, Legal Studies fieldtrips to the Local Courts, Commerce Business Days in the quadrangle, Economics and Business Studies competitions just to name a few. For Year 8 and 9 Geography students, get prepared for your brain to sizzle with all the 'Thinking Skills' that you will be doing, and all this is only the first semester.

We have some wonderful new staff joining us this year. Miss Johnson will be teaching Geography and Commerce while Mrs Luppi will be teaching Geography and Technology. We also eagerly await the birth of Mrs Robertson's first child any minute now.

So buckle yourself in for the ride and remember its all about the journey and not the destination.

Travis Payne
Head Teacher Social Science

PDHPE and Sport Report

Welcome back for another exciting year in the PDHPE and Sport Department. This year we welcome back Craig Barrett, Matt Sutton, Jake Naylor and Maria Martinez. We also welcome Katie Pilkington as our newest member of the PDHPE faculty. We look forward to sharing PDHPE and Sport news with you throughout the year.

Congratulations to Mitchell Cook in Year 12. He was selected in the Riverina Cricket Team and will represent later in the month. Good luck, Mitchell!

Congratulations must also go to the Under 14 years 4 X 100m Riverina Athletics Relay Team (William Hannon, Sean McCann, Marc Tucker, Alex Walsh) who were awarded Junior Team of the Year at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony. A fine achievement!

SPORTS DINNER

The Wade High School 9th Annual Sports Presentation Dinner Dance was held on Wednesday 13th December at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club last year. Over 130 people enjoyed a night of Sports Awards Presentations, a mini-sports Trivia quiz, speeches and photo displays. The highlight of the night was the motivational speech from Australian Surfboat Champion and Sports Camera Women Melinda Macpherson. She enthralled the audience with her own extreme video sports footage and stories about how she set and achieved her personal goals in her chosen sport and career.

Congratulations to all Wade High School athletes for 2006. Major award winners included:

Team of the Year -	Under 14 years 4 X 100m Athletics Relay Team (William Hannon, Sean McCann, Marc Tucker, Alex Walsh)
Sub Junior Sportswoman -	Renee Simpson
Sub Junior Sportsman -	George Hancock
Junior Sportswoman -	Alex Clebsch
Junior Sportsman -	Andrew King and Marc Minato
Senior Sportswoman -	Brooke Simpson
Senior Sportsman -	Michael Rizzeri
Pierre de Coubertin Award -	Nadine Scarfone

A special thank you to the Athlete's Foot, GB Sports, Footy Focus and Jason's Gym for their generous prize donations. Also thank you to Wade High School P & C for their monetary support, which went towards printing certificates.

We have achieved some fantastic achievements on the sporting field last year and are very proud of the energetic and enthusiastic students here at Wade High School, who always give it their best and continue to represent our school with pride and distinction. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the parents, coaches, community volunteers and PDHPE faculty for their ongoing support of sport here at Wade High School.

Remember that you need to represent the School in the Zone, Riverina or State level in Athletics, Cross Country or Swimming to qualify for a Sports Award. We also award Best and Fairest and Coach's Awards for CHS Teams. Those students who referee and officiate also qualify for Sports Awards. Get yourself involved in School Sport and be part of a great, entertaining night!!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 13th February 2007 at The Griffith Regional Aquatic Centre.

We have decided to stick with last year's format for our Swimming Carnival this year. It is compulsory for all students in Years 7 and 8 to attend the carnival, as in previous years. These students do not need to nominate for races prior to the Carnival Day, they listen to announcements and go to the marshalling area when races are called. We encourage all students to participate in 2 events.

However, students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 MUST nominate and participate in 2 events at the carnival. This effectively means that it is a participants only carnival for these year levels. Each student must nominate 2 events before the carnival; they will then be placed into races and marshalled at the carnival as normal. Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who do not wish to participate in the carnival attend school as normal. Normal classes will run on the day. Students who nominate in events and decide not to participate will miss opportunities to go to school socials, the A1 Excursion and represent the school in CHS teams for Semester 1. Students who participate in the carnival will be given a raffle ticket for every event they go in: they will all go into a prize draw at assembly the next day.



PDHPE and Sport Report (Continued)

To sum up, Students in Years 7 and 8 must attend the Swimming Carnival. They come to school as normal and bring everything they need for the carnival. They need to pay \$3.00 as they get on the bus. They stay at the pool and compete all day and return to school via bus at 3pm. The Pool Canteen will be operating.

Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 either participate in 2 events at the carnival or go to school as normal. **It is not acceptable for students to stay at home on the day unless they are genuinely sick.**

We are also looking for some parents to volunteer their time to help at the carnival. We have some spaces to fill in the roles of timekeeping and place judging. If you can spare an hour or two, please give me a call at school; ask for Cath in the PDHPE Department. If I am not available, leave a message for me and I will call you back. We look forward to your support. Even if you are not keen on helping, you are most welcome to support your child at the carnival.

If students are not catching the bus to and/or from the carnival they need to bring a signed note detailing alternate arrangements to Miss Lees by Friday 9th February. This is so we can organise accurate transport and perform out duty of care of our students. I will not accept any notes on the day. No water pistols permitted at the carnival.

Students are expected to behave in good spirit and compete to their ability. The first two place getters in each age group per event will advance to the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 22nd February 2007. More information regarding the Zone Carnival will be issued at a later date.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact Miss Lees at school on 69624022.

PE CLASSES

A reminder to all parents and students, that the **white PE shirt** must be worn during all PE lessons. If for some reason a student is unable to wear the correct uniform, another shirt (preferably another white one) can worn during PE lessons. It is important that students are aware of their personal hygiene and change for PE lessons. We have also noticed that many students are wearing inappropriate footwear and expect to participate in practical activity. I encourage all students to wear 'joggers' designed for sport, not the 'casual' look shoe designed for walking or less physical activity. Shoes need to give adequate support to the foot while running, stopping and especially kicking a ball (ie they need laces or need to be fitted firmly).

Students are also reminded to bring a **drink bottle, hat and reapply sun cream before** PE lessons.

There are lots of opportunities for students to excel in sport and we will bring you all the news. Stay tuned for the Swimming Carnival results in the next edition of the Wade Way.

Cath Lees

Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

INDUSTRIAL ARTS/COMPUTING Report

There have been no changes to the Industrial Arts staff this year. Mr Semmler will again be the Head Teacher. Mr Casey and Mr Whytcross are starting their second year of teaching at Wade High. Mr King will also be teaching Graphics Technology and some technology classes this year. Mr Carlson will continue teaching Information and Software Technology and Mrs Luppi will also teach some technology classes.

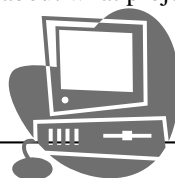
Last year's Year 12 Design and Technology class performed well and they should be pleased with their results. Hopefully this year's Year 12 students can also do well in the HSC.

Safety is a high priority in the Industrial Arts faculty and students from all years will be required to do safety tests, wear appropriate personal protection equipment (Shoes, Aprons, Safety glasses etc) and show competence in the safe use of tools and machinery. This is part of the OH&S requirements set down by the Department of Education and students **must** follow these guidelines.

In the next Wade Way there will be more information about what projects the students will be working on in each year group.

Mr Grant Semmler

Relieving Head Teacher





SOCCER REGISTRATION!



NORTH GRIFFITH JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

DATE: Saturday 10 February 2007

TIME: 10.100 am to 2.00 pm

VENUE: Banquet Room, Southside Leagues Club, Jondaryan Avenue

COST: First Child \$80, Second or more Children \$60.00 per child (Cheque or Cash)

PLEASE BRING: Current passport size photo of your child and if it's your first year be sure to bring a birth certificate or your early childhood book (blue book) as proof of age.

Club Socks are available to purchase on the day for \$10 a pair.

ALL ENQUIRIES: Kelly Jones—Club Registrar on 02 6964 7155 or 0409 241958

WEST GRIFFITH SOCCER CLUB Registration Day for 2007 Season

Date: Saturday 10th February

TIME: 10.30am to 1.00pm

VENUE: Griffith Coro Club

YOOGALI JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Please note that the Yoogali Junior Soccer Club will be holding their registration day for soccer on:

Saturday, 10th February, 2007—1.00p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
At the Yoogali Club, Yoogali

Cost for registration will be as follows:-

One player—\$90.00

Two players—\$85.00

Three players—\$80.00

Four or more players—\$75.00

All players will be required to provide a passport size photo and please note that all children playing in Under 10s and up are also required to sign the registration card.

Any enquiries please phone Kevin Vitucci on: - 6963 0409

ALL NEW AND PAST PLAYERS WELCOME!!!!

LIBRARY REPORT

Welcome to all newcomers to Wade High School. There will be a few changes in the Library this year:

- *Interactive white board* – this will be installed in the classroom and available to staff for use in their lessons.
- *Premier’s Reading Challenge* – The Australian Readers Challenge is not running this year, so I will offer to run the Premier’s Reading Challenge to any interested students in Years 7-9. It involves reading 20 books by September 1st. I will tag the books we have in the school catalogue. If you are interested, or would like more information, see Mrs Roberts (Library Assistant) or myself.
- *Library orientation* – will be during Italian periods in weeks 2 and 3. Year 7 students will be given information about the Library and start some information skills.
- *Library Borrowing Forms for new students* – these are in the Information Booklet for new students. Please fill them in and hand them to Library staff as soon as possible.
- *Library monitors* – If you are interested in offering your time to help out in the library, leave your name at the Library desk.
- *Overdue library books* – if you borrowed over the holidays, the books must be returned as soon as possible please. It is a waste of our time to continually chase people.

Happy reading!

Ms Allen
Teacher Librarian



L.O.T.E. Report

The same old faces are back in the LOTE staffroom after a frenetic holiday break. Presentation Night seems as if it took place a couple of days ago..... Mr Roach spent his Christmas holidays in Adelaide while Ms Graham visited Sydney and potted in her garden in Yenda. Mrs Hyder did lots of swimming and went to Wollongong. Mrs Bergamin hosted family members and spent time at Batemans Bay.

The LOTE teachers are looking forward to a rewarding term: it’s always fun to meet new students and renew acquaintance with others. Of course our expectations are high and we hope that our students are willing to work with us in order to achieve a quality education.

We recommend that students in Years 7 – 10 spend 10-15 minutes per night on homework or revision of material covered in class. Learning LOTE involves regular testing of

reading, writing, speaking and listening skills and it’s a good idea to be prepared! Students in Years 11 and 12 should be prepared to spend 30 minutes per night on revision or homework tasks.

We would like to congratulate the following students on their excellent HSC results:

<u>German Beginners</u>	
Paula Chilvers	94%)
Lauren Forner	97%)
Emma Maxwell	96%) Band 6
Kate Tyrrell	91%)

Claire Adamthwaite	85%)
Stacey Sanger	80%) Band 5

The students in this course achieved results above the State mean and the above results are outstanding.

<u>Italian Continuers</u>	
Tara De Paoli	80%)
Glenn Lee	81%) Band 5

The results in this course were as expected and these reported results are very sound. Similarly, the Italian Beginners candidate achieved a satisfactory result.

All these students deserved their fine results as they worked consistently to develop all their skills and proved yet again that motivation and organisation are the keys to success. We wish our HSC candidates all the best for the future and we look forward to hearing about their achievements in the Big World Out There.

If parents have queries they should contact our staff members through the school office.

Margaret Graham
LOTE Teacher

YEAR 11 Report

Welcome back to the Year 11 students and a warm welcome to our many newly enrolled students in Year 11. We have had a busy start to the year with all students settling in well.

The senior years hold quite a few changes for students – greater freedoms (study periods, being able to arrive late/early, leaving early and Driver Shopping Centre) – but also greater responsibility and workload. As a Year 11 student the onus is on you to get your work done and in on time and make sure it's of the best possible standard. If you fail to meet the requirements of the HSC or the school, the bottom line is that you longer have to be here.

Remember to make the most of your study periods, keep up to date with your work, be conscientious with your assessment tasks, be organised, wear your uniform and keep out of trouble. Make the most of your teachers' knowledge and experience.

Make the most of your year, but remember you need a balance between 'work, rest and play'.

Just a reminder:

- * Year 11 Diaries are available for sale from the front office
- * Every student should be aiming to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
- * If you having problems, don't hesitate to see me – sooner rather than later.
- * If you want to change a subject, now is the time to do it. Bring in a note from your parents, please.

Suzanne Brunswick
Year 11 Advisor.

TAS HAPPENINGS

2007 sees promising things to come in the TAS faculty. Construction works are currently being undertaken to upgrade our Food Technology rooms. One of the rooms will be fitted out with a commercial kitchen bay. This will greatly benefit Hospitality students. Over the holidays the staff room has been carpeted—much to the delight of staff members. The flooring in the corridor in the block has also been replaced. Hopefully all construction works will be finished in a few weeks allowing classes to move back in to the Food Technology rooms. In the meantime a few novel pracs look set to form part of the learning program. The once forgotten dinner party favourite fondue may soon be back in vogue!!

Congratulations to all our Year 12 2006 HSC students. Some outstanding results were achieved. Special mention goes to the following students:

Lauren Forner	98	Band 6	Community and Family Studies (This results was second in the State)
Paula Chilvers	90	Band 6	Community and Family Studies
Kate Tyrrell	90	Band 6	Textiles and Design
Emma Hardie		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Claire Adamthwaite		Band 5	Community and Family Studies
Stacey Weeding		Band 5	Community and Family Studies
Kerri Dibben		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Amarpreet Kaur		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Sarah Fitzpatrick		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Andrew Cox		Band 5	Community and Family Studies
Tracie O'Toole		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Sarah Fitzpatrick		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Jessica Pasin		Band 5	Textiles and Design
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Jacinda Violi		Band 5	Textiles and Design
Jessica Zandona		Band 5	Textiles and Design

Congratulations also to Roger McDonald who studies Hospitality at Griffith High. Roger scored 91 in the Hospitality Exam and achieved Band 6.

Currently on display at the gallery is a selection of works from last year's HSC class. The exhibition showcases work from Textiles and Design, Visual Arts and Design and Technology. Look out for great work from our students; including the following Textiles and Design students:- Kate Tyrrell, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jacinda Violi, Jessica Pasin, Jessica Zandona, Emma Hardie and Tracie O'Toole.

Just a reminder that students need to check with their teachers if there are any special requirements they need to purchase for subjects; in particular Hospitality. Hospitality students have been informed of their requirements via a note that was handed out during their first lesson. Textile Technology students may also need to purchase materials.

Enjoy Term 1.

Kathy Gee
Head Teacher TAS and Creative Arts

Year 12 Report

Welcome back to all – I hope you had a restful holiday, and hopefully spent some time keeping up to date with your course. As there is not much time left until the HSC looms on the horizon, every opportunity should be taken to keep on top of it all – including weekends and holidays. That doesn't mean no relaxation! Time out is very important, and that's not including paid employment, which hopefully is being kept to a minimum this year.

What's happening this year???

Term 1

- **Jumpers:** I have spoken to the supplier, and they should be with us sometime Term 1
- **Fundraising:** Committee members need to remember to act on those events they volunteer to do. They don't happen by themselves, and I won't be chasing you over all the details. This is your baby.
- **Swimming Carnival:** Week 4 Tuesday 20th February
- **Half Yearly Exams:** Week 7 Monday 12th March – week 8 Wednesday 21st March
- **Report Ceremony:** Week 10 Thursday 5th April

Term 2

- **Athletics Carnival:** Week 6 Thursday 31st May
- **Tertiary Information Day:** Week 8 Friday 15th June
- **School Development Day:** Week 9 Monday 18th June

Term 3

- **English Study Day:** Week 2 Monday 23rd July
- **Parent/Teacher Afternoon:** Week 3 Wednesday 1st August
- **Trial Exams:** Week 5 Tuesday 14th August – week 6 Friday 24th August
- **Graduation Ceremony:** Week 11 Friday 28th September

Term 4

- **HSC starts:** Week 1 Thursday 18th October-week 5 Friday 16th November
- **Graduation Ball:** Saturday 24th November
- **Presentation Night:** Week 10 Tuesday 18th December
- **HSC results:** Week 10 Wednesday 19th December

Any other important dates (ie fundraising activities) will be inserted later.

Remember – if you are having problems – personal or school – or finding it hard to cope, talk to someone: -myself or another member of staff.

Keep organized!

Ms. Allen

Year 12 Advisor

Blood Bank Update

The Blood Bank Challenge is on again for senior students. Once students turn 16 they become eligible to participate.

The Blood Bank is open on Monday 1-6pm, Tuesday 2-8pm and Wednesday 11.00 am –3pm.

On Tuesday 6th February Year 11 students listened to a talk from the Blood Bank representative highlighting the positives of donating blood. The students were all encouraged to donate. If students need any more information they should come and see me in the Home Economics Staffroom.

Mrs K Gee

Blood Bank Contact



The 2nd Annual
Dads & Lads Footy Trip

May 12th & 13th

Collingwood V Carlton @ MCG
Saturday Afternoon

St. Kilda V Sydney @ Telstra Dome
Saturday Night

Travel by MIA Coaches



Accommodation at Melbourne Metro YHA in
North Melbourne

More information available soon or contact
Mr Payne at WHS (6962 4022)

CAREERS Report

Congratulations to our 2006 Year 12 students on their excellent results! Special congratulations to Mayuri Sivagnanam, Lauren Forner, Shampavi SriHaran, Gagandeep Kaur and Emma Maxwell who all gained UAI's over 90.

It is great to see hard working students being rewarded for their efforts.

Fifty percent of our year 12 students were offered a place at university. This is a great result and well above the state average. One of the main reasons for this is our very experienced and hard working staff and the support we give to our senior students. A big thank you to the staff!

Some are heading off to university this year and others have chosen to work in Griffith for twelve months before starting their course. A number of Year 12 students have been successful in obtaining full time jobs and quite a number are working at the wineries during Vintage.

Congratulations to Mayuri and Shampavi who gained entry into Medicine! Other students have gained entry to courses such as Arts/Law, Commerce/Law, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Electrical Engineering, Primary Teaching, Commerce, Business, TV Production, Nutrition, Radiography and Media and Communications.

Year 10

I have organised an OH&S Induction for Construction course (white card) on March 13th. This is for students who wish to undertake work experience in any occupations that may involve being on a building site e.g. building, cabinet making, electrical, plumbing, tiling etc. The OH&S Certificate is also necessary if you are intending to undertake an apprenticeship in any of these jobs.

Year 11

We have timetabled study skills for 1 period a week for part of First Term. This is to assist students to make the adjustment to senior courses and cope with the increased workload. We would like to see students getting into a routine with their schoolwork and setting aside regular times for their homework and study. Mrs Brunswick has ordered diaries for Year 11 which will be a great help in getting students organised. Students will be notified when these are available.

Year 12

Careers lessons have been timetabled once a fortnight to assist Year 12 students. A lot of information comes to the school for Year 12 students and the Careers lesson is the appropriate place to pass on this information rather than interrupting other lessons. I don't want students to miss out on opportunities because they did not get the information. I hope that students think that spending one lesson a fortnight thinking about their future careers is a worthwhile use of time.

I am also able to give individual assistance to students to help them find out information about courses, occupations or help them with resumes, applications and interviews.

TAX FILE NUMBERS

I will be talking to Year 9 students about tax file numbers and giving them an opportunity to apply for a tax file number through the school. This is an easy way of obtaining a tax file number rather than having to send birth certificates etc to the Tax Office yourself. This is not compulsory but if students would like to obtain a tax file number they can complete a form and return it to me. The school then sends the forms off and you receive notification of your tax file number in the mail.

From the 1st February 2007 each student will need to provide details in the TFN application from their birth certificate for students born in Australia and either passport number or Australian citizenship number for those born overseas. This question will now be a compulsory question.

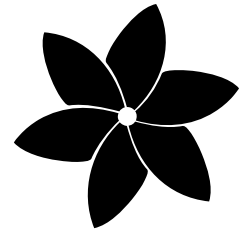
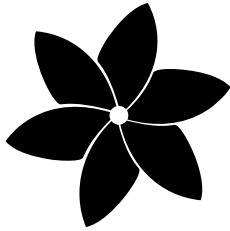
Students are welcome to call in at lunchtime and talk to me about courses and careers and senior students are also able to see me during their study periods.

Mrs J Barker

Attention Islander Families

A special welcome to new parents to our Pacific Islander Community at Wade High School. Ms McKellar (Qasi) in the English Staffroom is particularly keen to support Islander students with organisational skills and homework guidance. Remember—school does not work on Island Time—be prompt, be polite and wear your uniform!

Ms B McKellar

**Pacific Islander Homework Centre**

Every Monday in Term time

5.30pm—7.30pm

**Griffith Skills Training Centre
(near ROSSIES)**

**Computers available—bring homework
And assessment tasks**

**Supported by Pacific Islander
Regional Advisory Council**

Contact Meg on 0410 128160



CREATING RESILIENT FAMILIES

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RESILIENCE AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are some people who may have awful things happen to them but seem to be able to rise above it and bounce back reasonably quickly. We used to say these people were hardy and had good self-esteem but it seems that it's more than that. These people have a quality called 'resilience'.

Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungee jump through life. It's not that you avoid the pitfalls and difficult times, but when they do happen you have skills to cope with them. It is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you bounce back.

How to Promote Resilience in Young People

- 1 Try to promote a sense of family life so that your children feel that they belong to the family and that their thoughts, tastes and opinions are listened to (if not always agreed with).
- 2 Have positive and reasonably high expectations for your children.
- 3 Provide them with opportunities for meaningful participation by giving them age-appropriate responsibilities.
- 4 Select a school that you believe they can fit into, and where they can gain a sense of competence.
- 5 Protect children from feeling that they have to grow up too quickly, by maintaining family rules. Realise that children and adolescents do not anticipate risks in the same way adults do. Often you will need to stop them from taking risks that could hurt them.
- 6 Try to keep their friendship groups as wide and diverse as possible and ensure that they have at least one group of friends outside of school.
- 7 Encourage them to belong to at least one club, sporting group or one interest group.
- 8 If they have a fairly small group of friends, gently provide them with opportunities to mix with the most positive of these friends.
- 9 If possible, link them up with a caring and trustworthy adult from outside of the family.
- 10 Maintain family celebrations, anniversaries, annual birthday parties and rituals.
- 11 Try to encourage a sense of a curiosity and spontaneity about life.
- 12 Most importantly, nourish your own resilience and wellbeing so that you can show them how to live life.

BUNGY JUMPING THROUGH LIFE



OPTIMISTS ARE DELUDED BUT HAPPY

The skill of thinking optimistically is an important component of resilience. Evidence tells us that pessimists may be more realistic but they don't always make the most of situations and they aren't as happy as optimists. The ability to think optimistically can be taught. Basically, it involves focusing on the way you explain positive and negative events that occur in life. It is healthy to account for your positive achievements as indications of your own efforts and abilities and to see that these might be useful in future situations. Facing challenges and overcoming them helps young people to develop a sense of optimism and competence.

It is also useful for people to see negative events or outcomes as temporary hiccups in life that will pass, and to develop strategies to have better outcomes next time. For example, if a young person were to get a low mark for an English essay or a Maths test it is usually better for them to decide to put more work in or to prepare more thoroughly than to come to the decision that they are no good at that subject.

Parents play a strong role in shaping the way their children account for their achievements. Do your children get to see you take on challenges even if you risk not succeeding? Do your children get to see you make mistakes and pass it off as temporary? Do your children get to hear you speak of the effort you put into your achievements?

Life is not always about playing safe.

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YEAR 10 Report

Welcome back to your last year in junior school and the final year of your school certificate. I hope you have all had a great Christmas and New Year and are now refreshed for your most important year of school life so far. This is crunch time, so I encourage all of Year 10 to make the most of your learning experiences this year. It has been pleasing to have already seen an improvement in the work ethic of some students. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations to all the award winners from last year's end of year presentation at the Griffith Regional Theatre. It was great for me to read out so many names. Congratulations to Natasha Pianca on receiving the Click start IT award for excellent results. I hope to read out even more names this year.

Congratulations on the huge improvement in uniform for the start of the year. Now all we need to do is keep up all until the end of 2007.

Just a reminder that I still have some school reports and presentation certificates; along with bronze and silver awards from last year can students please come and get them off me as soon as possible.

Year 10 jumpers will soon be ready to order and should have a cost for them in the next couple of weeks.

Sport for this year has also changed for students in Year 10. In the past, students have been doing integrated sport, but now they have Wednesday morning sport. Students are able to pick a new sport each term. Thank you to all the students who have been organised and returned their notes in on time.

I have made a tentative booking for the end of year excursion to Wollongong. Information will be given out soon so please be prepared for more details to follow. It is fantastic to see so many Year 10 students showing some initiative and already well on their way to receiving a Gold award. Remember, no Gold award, no excursion. Excursions are a privilege not a right. If you are unsure of what is required for a Gold award please check the merit system.

So here is to a great year! Remember, Strive to Achieve, and the Bulldogs, Liverpool and Sydney FC for 2007. Let's see how many I get right.

Craig Barrett
Year 9 Adviser