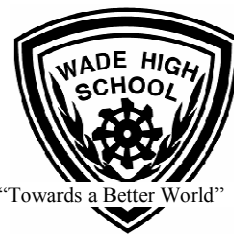


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Principal's Report

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The year has flown by and we find ourselves close to the end of term 4.

Things have been exceedingly busy in the last few weeks with ABW Week for Year 10, the Year 12 Graduation Ball, Peer Support training and the Year 6 to 7 transition program. Still to come we have our A1 excursion to Lake Talbot, Presentation Night, Sports Dinner, Year 10 Graduation ceremony, congratulatory morning tea for Year 12 students and report ceremonies for Years 7 – 9.

Year 12 Graduation Ball

The Year 12 Graduation Ball was once again an outstanding success. The Year 12's conducted themselves with great poise and decorum, making the night an excellent event. Thanks should go to Deborah Allen for all her work for the Graduation Ball and with Year 12 over the past five years. Tony Roach and Amanda Callan did a great job of introducing the Year 12s. I am sure it is a memory that Year 12 and their parents will hold through life.

On Thursday 20th December we will hold our congratulatory morning tea for the 2007 Year 12.

The Indigenous Awards

The Indigenous Awards night was on Friday 16th November. It was good to see so many students receive awards. Our students catered to the invited guests after the event and they were a credit to themselves and the school. Colin Parker, the Regional Director, asked me to pass on his congratulations to them. Both Lisa Curry and Carmen Batty put in a lot of effort with our students to make the event so successful.

Aboriginal Parents and Students BBQ

We had a good turn out of guests at our BBQ for parents and guardians of our Aboriginal students. This event was arranged to introduce Lisa Curry our new Aboriginal Education Worker and initiate contact for our up and coming Aboriginal Student Learning Plans for Year 7 students. A meeting will be organised before the end of term for this the Year 7 students.

SRC Representatives

Morgan Rennie is to be congratulated on becoming a state representative for the SRC. She has already been involved in a Premier's Department Working Group on issues relating to youth in regional areas. Hana Davison and Ebony Kimball also have gone on to represent the SCR at a regional level. Well done!

P & C Working Bee

On Saturday 17th some parents and Year 11 students met to help fill in the trenches left from the settling in of the soil on the ovals after putting in the irrigation system. I'd like to thank them for the effort they all put in, especially Daniel Pasin, Jarrod Colla and Jeremy Harris who showed their skills with a shovel.

Australian Business Week

Mrs Barker and her team organised another highly successful ABW activity for Year 10 last week. Students were thoroughly engaged with the range of learning activities offered during the week. Students were able to articulate the finer points of business success and strength on the share market. The trade

Upcoming events:



Monday 10 December
- P & C Meeting

Wednesday 12 December
- Yr 10 Sign-Off Day
- Sports Dinner

Thursday 13 December
- A1 Excursion

Friday 14 December
- Yr 10 Presentation of Certificates and Graduation

Tuesday 18 December
- Yrs 7, 8 & 9 reports distributed
- Presentation Night

Wednesday 19 December
- Release of HSC results by internet and telephone

Friday 21 December
- HSC result summaries due to students in the mail
- Last day of school year for 2007

2008
Tuesday 29 January
- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 30 January
- Yrs 7, 9 & 10 start school

Thursday 31 January
- Yrs 8, 11 & 12 start school

SEASONS GREETINGS

Principal's Report Continued

displays were excellent as were the TV advertisements and the company reports. Many people from the business community assisted during the week by giving lectures to students about various aspects of running a business in the hospitality sector. We deeply appreciate this input from business people in Griffith.

Distribution Years 7 – 10 Reports

The Year 10 Graduation ceremony will be held at 9.30 am on Friday December 14 in the hall. At this ceremony Year 10 students will receive their final school report, their School Certificate results and credentials. Parents are welcome to attend. Report ceremonies for students in Years 7 – 9 will be conducted on Tuesday December 18 which is the same day as Presentation Night. It will not be possible for students to pick reports up earlier than this day. If your child will not be here during the last week, please contact the school and arrangements can be made for reports to be posted out.

Presentation Night

Our annual school Presentation Night will be held on the evening of December 18 at the Regional Theatre. Ms Tweedie, Ms S Johnson with the help of Ms Graham have been working overtime to ensure that the evening is a success. This is a wonderful night because it recognises the excellent work of students over the year. I look forward to seeing many of you at this important event.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Program

The transition program for students coming into Year 7 in 2008 has been running very smoothly and I have had several very positive comments from parents about how much their child is enjoying the program. The program culminates on Wednesday 12th December with peer support activities, a barbecue and some games. In the first two weeks next year an Orientation Program will be conducted across all faculties to ensure that students know where everything and everyone is and to ensure that they understand school

policies and procedures. Topics will include school orientation, school identities, anti-bullying, library skills, study skills, the merit system, reading timetables and managing homework.

Mrs Linda Fox Retires

Mrs Linda Fox, our Head Teacher of English, will retire at the end of this year. She has worked tirelessly for the students of Wade High for many years as well as on such events as the English Study Days that have become a feature of the area. She has worked in the Department of Education for over 30 years. We wish her well with her retirement. It is well earned.



Mobile Phones Policy

There have been a number of issues that have arisen this year with photographing and videoing by students using their mobile phones. We have decided to ban the use of mobile phones at school. Currently we have a policy of confiscating mobile phones if they are seen in class as they are a disruption to the flow of learning. From next year Mobile phones will not be allowed out at school. This includes before and after school, recess and lunchtime on the school grounds. If there is an emergency parents can ring the school and a message will be sent to the student. We are doing this for the safety and welfare of all students at school. If students choose to bring phones they must keep them in their bags at all times.



Ms Jenny Hill update

Ms Jenny Hill will be back on deck next year and I will be returning to my role as Deputy Principal. It's been a pleasure leading the school over the last twelve months in the Relieving Principals role. I would like to thank the staff and P and C for the support shown to me over the year.

P & C Meeting

The final P and C meeting for 2007 will be held next Monday 10th December at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mike Fry
Relieving Principal

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will take place on Tuesday 18th December 2007 at the Griffith Regional Theatre. All students, parents, official guests and teachers should be at the theatre by 7.15 pm as the evening's programme begins promptly at 7.30pm. Entrance to Presentation Night is free and students who are to receive prizes will be informed by invitation or in person by Miss Tweedie or Miss Johnson, who are the Coordinators of the event. Students generally receive a ticket for themselves and two tickets for family members.

This year most tickets will be available to be collected at the theatre at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th December. If these tickets have not been collected by 7.00 pm, they will be made available to all members of the school community. All participating students must have a ticket. The tickets will be distributed by Mrs Hill (Maths) and Ms Graham.

The evening should finish by 9.40pm. Afterwards there will

be a supper provided by the P&C. The programme for the evening will be varied: there will be speeches, songs, dance, a theatrical performance and a band. The occasional speaker for the evening is Mr Kevin Zuccato, an ex-student who is currently Director of the High Tech Crimes Unit in the Federal Police. We're sure he has lots of interesting stories to recount!

There will be a rehearsal on the morning of Tuesday 18th December. Participating students will be required to bring a permission note. They will leave the school at 9.10am by bus and will return to school in the afternoon to receive their yearly reports.

Students should wear full school uniform to the rehearsal and to Presentation Night. They are not permitted to have chewing gum and cameras are not permitted in the theatre. Exemplary behaviour is expected at all times.

Year 7 Report

So, we have reached the business end of the year. It is going to be a very busy time of over the next few weeks as assessment is finalised for yearly reports. It is important that Year 7 students stay focussed right up until the end of the year.

Well done to all the Year 7 students who have flooded my desk with Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards before the deadline for the Special Assembly. Also, the A-One nomination process is underway so be mindful of your behaviour in the classroom.

The A-1 excursion is a great way for

Year 7 students to celebrate their achievement for the Semester. Let's hope we can increase the amount of Year 7 students involved for the excursion on the 13th December. Lake Talbot here we come!

Congratulations to all the Year 7 students invited to the Sports Dinner. The Sports Dinner is a very prestigious event and lots of fun. It is semi-formal (no jeans or T-shirts) but feel free to invite your friends as well. I know it will be very competitive for the Sub-Junior Sportswoman of the Year Award as we've had so many fine achievements.

Finally, I am very concerned about the Year 7 students who are inappropriately using their phones as a camera at school. Footage of other students should never be taken at school even with permission. The school has a responsibility to ensure that all students have a right to privacy and safety from mobile phone/internet bullying. Remember, mobile phones will be banned from the school next year, so we might as well get into good habits early!

Mr Sutton
Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

Well that's another year gone but who's counting.

Year 8 has been a great year and we will all be taking lots of fond memories with us as we embark on our next challenge, Year 9. We move in a slightly different direction next year with students selecting and nourishing their own interests. I wish you all the best in your chosen subjects.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you all back next year. I had the pleasure of reading through each and everyone of your reports and encourage you ALL to keep working hard and start possibly to consider future careers.

Andrew Carlson
Year 8 Adviser



LOTE Report

As this article goes to press, the school is beginning to wind down after a hectic term of exams. All students who have done well have thoroughly deserved their success – they have displayed a mature attitude to their studies throughout the year. The LOTE staff members congratulate these students and urge them to maintain this fine standard at school and afterwards. We wish our HSC candidates all the best for their important results at the end of term.

Mr Hall was with us for a month and his efforts were appreciated by everyone. He enjoyed his time in the staffroom and his cheerful presence is already missed. Next year Mrs Hyder will be on maternity leave and we wish her good luck for 2008. Mrs Bergamin and

Mr Roach will be joined by Ms Graham's replacement, Mrs Signor from Griffith High School. Mrs Signor is a very experienced teacher who brings a wealth of knowledge in the areas of Italian and French to the school. We are certain that our senior and elective students will benefit from her professional approach.

Everyone is looking forward to a relaxing holiday after another busy year. We hope that the Wade High School community has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms M Graham
LOTE Teacher

Social Science Report

The students and staff of the Social Science faculty have been busy completing assessment tasks and exams over the last few weeks. B Block has also been a buzz with Australian Business Week (ABW). Year 10 have been participating in this week long task to produce the most profitable and successful business. So there have been a lot of room changes for students of the Social Science faculty – well done on smoothly changing rooms without a fuss!

Year 9 Geography participated in their excursion of Griffith with triumph! As they are completing a topic on *Changing Australian Communities* we looked at Griffith as an example of a community which is changing. They visited places such as Hermit's Cave and Lake Wyangan and also places they may not have been before like the Visitor's Centre. A fun day was had by all.

Year 8 Geography are full of activity completing a very interesting topic on *Globalisation*. They have been learning and discovering that our world is rapidly changing due to such things as advances in technology.

Year 9 Commerce are concluding their final topic for the year – *Political Involvement*. They have been learning about how our government runs to coincide with the recent federal election. This is a very relevant and practical topic the students have been studying, with much interest and discussion being raised throughout it!

Year 10 Commerce are hard at work completing another very relevant and interesting topic – Travel. Students are learning how to plan trips and finding out all the little things they may not have thought of like passports.

The seniors have been hard at work commencing their HSC studies with many now finalising their first HSC assessable task.

Amazing Geographical Facts:

About one-tenth of the earth's surface is permanently covered with ice.

It is forbidden for aircraft to fly over the Taj Mahal.

The world's smallest independent state is the Vatican City, with a population of about 1,000 - and a zero birth-rate.

The water in the Great Salt Lake of Utah is more than four times as salty as any ocean.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

Dolphins sleep with one eye open!

Ms S Johnson
Social Science Teacher

Australian Business Week 2007

Year 10 students were involved in ABW last week. They were divided into 9 companies that competed against each other in a variety of activities. The companies were manufacturing companies and students were involved in a business simulation and had to make business decisions over 8 quarters. They also had to develop a new product, which would improve our quality of life but it had to be environmentally friendly.

The companies and their CEO's were:

Company 1	Velocity	Julia Fattore
Company 2	Ecosport	Sophie Alpen
Company 3	Environmental Enterprises	Tina Vaughn-Appel
Company 4	Biosnare Incorporated	Natasha Pianca
Company 5	L'Equipe	Morgan Rennie
Company 6	G-Tech	Hayden Shaw
Company 7	Maximum Industries	Mark Rossetto
Company 8	X Factor industries	Olivia Torresan
Company 9	Tempo Vita	Greg Cottom

The Grand Champions were Company 7 Maximum Industries.

The company members were Mark Rossetto, Rachael McGann, Ellie McFarlane, Bruce Mead, Joel Nardi, Amber Williams, John Loseli, Heidi Barrat, Jessica Moore Scott Randle.

In 2nd place overall was L'Equipe and 3rd place was Tempo Vita

The winner of the Computer Simulation was company 5 L'Equipe

The winner of the Company written report was Company 1 Velocity

The winner of the oral presentation was company 7 Maximum Industries

The winner of the Video was company 3 Environmental Industries

The winner of the Trade Display was Company 4 Biosnare Incorporated

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE MENTORS who worked so hard all week. Thank you to: Mrs Hill, Mrs Brain, Mr Whytcross, Mrs Hayes, Ms Callan, Mr Ellis, Ms Johnson, Mrs Brunswick, Ms Chigwidden and Ms Allen.

BIG THANK YOU to Mr Loughman for all his work with the Simulation and all the other technological aspects of the week. The week could not happen without that expertise.

BIG THANK YOU to Mr Whytcross for all his help setting up the TRADE DISPLAY and to **Mrs Hill and Mrs Brain** for their help with organization and smooth running of the week.

Thank you to the **Maths and Social Science faculty**

who had to move out of their rooms for the week and to all the staff who took classes for the staff involved in ABW.

Thank you to **Mr Arcifa** for setting up the hall and finding things for us and **Mrs McKenzie** for photocopying. They both did lots of extra work to help us with the week.

Thank you to the **Wade High P&C Association** for their generous donation towards the cost of the week. We could not have this week without their generous donation.

It was a great week, lots of work, very hectic but also fun. I was proud of Year 10 and the way they entered into the spirit of the week and took up the challenge.

Mrs J Barker
Careers Adviser

Year 10 Report

Congratulations Year 10. You have finally finished your junior schooling. You have finally made it. Now the rest is up to you for the future whether it is further studies or out into the real world of the workplace.

The Year 10 Presentation of School Certificates is going to be held on December the 14th starting at 9:30 am. This is a formal assembly so all students will be required to be in school uniform. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Next Wednesday the 12th Year 10 students will be signing out. For students to be signed out all books need to be returned and any outstanding payments including outstanding sport money needs to be paid.

Congratulations to Mrs Barker who put business week all together. It was a huge success and it was great to see most students make the most of this opportunity. Congratulations to Company 7 Maximum Industries who was lead by Mark Rossetto as their CEO and Mr Ellis as their teacher mentor. Well done to company 5 L'Equip who also won the computer simulation.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped out during the week as mentors and for all the judges during the week to give up their time to come and help support this great week.

Well done to all the students this year who achieved their Gold Award. You should all be very proud of your efforts this year.

Alyssa Allen
Sophie Alpen
Ashlee Barraclough
Madeline Blomfield
Liam Burgess
Chloe Ciscato
Riley Cook
Rebecca Cox
Bianca Croce
Hana Davison
Julia Fattore
Jessica Ford
Victoria Irvin
Jaspreet Kaur
Rebeca Lorenzo
Rachel McGann
Francesca Panarello
Natasha Pianca
Catherine Pilon
Scott Randle
Ben Rennie
Morgan Rennie
Carmen Riggs
Daniela Rossetto
Hayden Shaw
Fiona Snaidero
Alyss Terrel

Congratulations to Morgan Rennie who is now the Riverina Rep. For the SRC. This is great reward for all the time and effort you have put into the SRC this year. Well done!

Special mention must also go to Ebony Kimball, Oliva Torresan and Ben Rennie for all their efforts with the SRC up until term three and to Hana Davison, Julia Fattore and Greg

Cottom who have joined Ebony Morgan and Oliva this term and for 2008. They have been on various committees this year and have implemented some great initiatives for Wade High School.

It has been a big year for Year 10 students. They have gone on and achieved excellent things in all areas of school life. There have been achievements in all areas including both academic and sport. You should be proud of your efforts.

Next year will be the start of your biggest challenge to date. Embrace it and make the most of all your learning opportunities, be it at school or in the workplace.

I think that is all for this year except for my predictions for 2008. My predictions for 2007 have not been very successful so let's see how they go in 2008. Sydney FC to win A-League (need to make top 4 first), Liverpool to win Champions and Premier League (still need to get through group stage and move up from 3rd) and of course the Bulldogs to win in the NRL ?????? Let's see how I go.

Have a great break. Good luck to all the Year 10 students who will not be returning to Wade High School. I wish all of you the best in your future endeavours and look forward to seeing all the rest of the students back next year as seniors.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Craig Barrett
Year 10 Advisor

YEAR 11 REPORT

Hi once again!

Sorry, just a short report this Wade Way as I have been a bit busy and have missed the deadline.

Fundraising – Movie Night “The Bee Movie”. Tickets are available from the students at \$14.00. Please support us.

Raffle – Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Thanks so much to all the business that have donated such wonderful prizes.

Jumper – the students have come up with two designs and we will be voting on these soon.

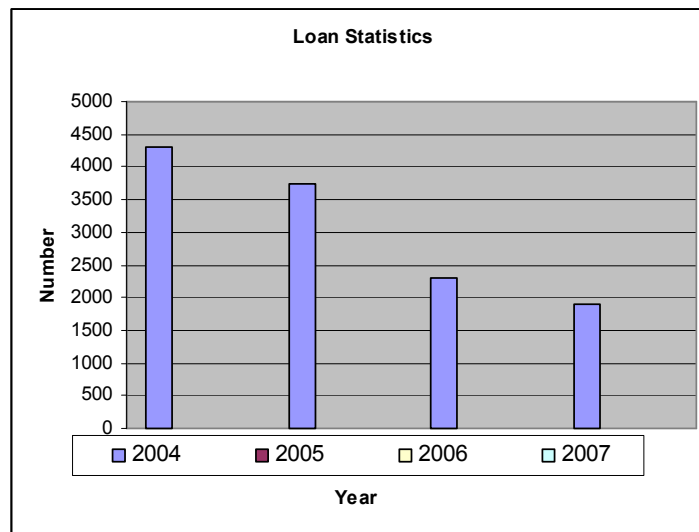
The HSC orientation to the Griffith City Library was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to the wonderful ladies at the Library.

Remember you have to work hard and be good so that Santa will bring presents to you.

Suzanne Brunswick
Year 11 Adviser

Library Report

Reading for pleasure – an endangered pastime?



Although we continue to have a handful of good readers who consistently borrow fiction, on the whole many students are not borrowing books. The past couple of years show a steady decline in overall loans (these include both fiction and non-fiction). It seems fiction is not competing well with electronic games, television and other attractions.

This is clear from the year 7 statistics. Once you take out the 3 students who are large readers, from a year group of 134 students, they have borrowed less than one book each on average. Over half have never borrowed.

Year 7 Library Borrowing														
No. of loans	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10		33	36	245	
No. of students	76	31	11	3	2	2	2	3	1		1	1	1	134
Total	0	31	22	9	8	10	12	21	10		33	36	245	437

Does this matter? The practice of reading increases the skills of reading plus other language skills such as vocabulary. It enables students to find their own level of expertise and follow their own interests, hopefully stimulating motivation for learning. Students may indeed be reading information in electronic format – but it tends not to be extended reading. When students reach years 11 and 12, it is activities involving these basic reading and writing skills which they find hardest to cope with if they have never practised them independently.

Whatever path their life takes, most people need to be able to read and understand all sorts of information. Encouraging your child to read while young may instil a valuable skill for life.

Have a lovely holiday, and don't forget to put your feet up and READ A BOOK!

Ms. D Allen
Teacher Librarian

PDHPE & Sports Report

SPORTS DINNER

Sport has started to wind down this term. However, in the PDHPE faculty we are gearing up for the 10th Annual Sports Presentation Dinner. This is an opportunity for our sport stars of 2007 to shine. Awards will be presented to those students who have represented the School, Zone or Riverina in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country. Awards will also be presented to those students who have received a Coach's Award or Best and Fairest Award in their representative team. Riverina Representatives, Team of the Year as well as Sportspeople of the Year will also be presented.

The Wade High Sports Dinner is a very prestigious evening and has been a great success in the past. Individual students receiving awards have already been given an invitation, however all students and parents are welcome to attend. The night includes award presentations, mini sports trivia quiz, guest speaker Laura Fletcher (AIS Gymnast and Platform Diver)), a review of Wade High's sporting achievements for the year, 2 course buffet dinner and a disco to finish. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please call me at school on 69 62 4022.

The 10th Annual Sports Dinner will be held on Thursday 13th December 2007 at the Exies Club (Mirrool Room). It starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 10.00pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person and payments can be made at the Wade High School front office by Friday 7th December 2007. Tickets will not be distributed; guests can sit anywhere they like. Names will be marked off at the door.

CUDMORE SHIELD CRICKET

Wade High School Cricket Team's have been battling it out against Griffith High School and Catholic High School over the last few weeks for the Cudmore Shield Cricket title. Thank you to Mr Ellis and Mr Carlson for coaching the teams, who conducted themselves positively, demonstrating sportsmanship and lots of skill.

Happy Holidays.

Matt Sutton
Relieving PDHPE Head Teacher

Mathematics Faculty

The end of the year is here! Congratulations to all students for their efforts this year. I hope your final marks reflect the effort you have put into your Mathematics. It is a busy time of year, reports for Years 7 to 10 are due out very shortly.

Our Yr 10 students are eagerly waiting their School Certificates results. Remember, it is the Band ranking that is the best indicator of success in the exam. Students receiving a Band 6 have scored 90% or better in the School Certificate Examination. The *grade* received by the student has been determined from class work and the Yearly Examination. Best of luck to all students, whether you are leaving us to join the workforce, or staying on for Year 11.

Year 12 are nervously awaiting their HSC results. These are due out during the last week of term. I am sure this year's group will continue the fine Wade High School tradition of outstanding results. Remember to call in and see us with your results, we all love to hear of your successes.

Finally, a big thank you to the rest of the Mathematics staff. Mr Brooker, Mrs Hayes, Mr Abraham, Mr Hicks and Miss Madden have all worked tirelessly all year. I thank you for your efforts. We are all looking forward to the Christmas break!

See you all next year in 2008!!

Mrs Kylie Hill
Head Teacher Mathematics

Music Report!

Congratulations to Bevan Nicholas and Jarrod Calabria who have been selected to tour overseas with a Hunter Region Concert Band in July 2008! Our two dedicated musicians will be performing in Vienna, Salzburg and Paris, and hopefully sending us postcards from Euro-Disney. To represent our school, Region and State in an overseas tour is a great honour for the boys, and a testament to their dedication and hard work. We are very proud of them, and will be looking at fund raising next year to assist the boys in attending the tour and the rehearsals.

The November concerts of the Riverina Schools Touring Band were a roaring success. Griffith Junior Concert Band, Hanwood Primary, Wade High Year 10 Dance class, Griffith High Music students and Griffith City Band also participated in the concerts. The highlight of the evening was the outstanding performance by the Touring Band, which received a standing ovation. We are very proud to have the following six students from Griffith Junior Concert Band participate in the Touring Band: Samuel Hutchinson (Hanwood Primary), Lisa Woolfe (Griffith High), Dylan Brasington, Nathan Beer, Bevan Nicholas and Jarrod Calabria (Wade High). Participation in the Tour Band equates to Regional representation in Music.

Griffith Junior Concert Band and the Wade High School Singing Group are finalising preparations for our long-awaited tour of 3 local Primary Schools. This year we will be performing on Friday 14th December for Griffith East Primary, Yenda Primary and Yoogali Primary. Congratulations to the members of Singing Group and Concert Band, for all the hard work you have put in over the year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2008, and learning a lot more about Music!

In closing, thank you to the students, parents and staff who have made Music so successful and enjoyable in 2007, and may you have a great year in 2008.

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Panda hippo gnu deer!

Kathy Boyd

Music Teacher

