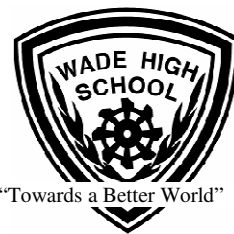


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Welcome back to 2008. It is great to see so many students returning to our school this year and so many coming into Year 7. The reports I've had from Year 7 students have all been very positive and it appears that most are settling in well even though a few were quite nervous on their first day.

My theme for this year is "Education is the Key". I spoke to students on our first assembly about the fundamental importance of gaining a good education in setting ourselves up for future comfort, happiness, contentment and prosperity. I have stressed the importance of gaining a worthwhile qualification from school and beyond school either with an apprenticeship or traineeship; a TAFE qualification; or a university qualification. Teachers are also aware of their responsibilities in ensuring that every child receives the best education possible.

Staffing

There have been several changes in staff this year and the changes have occurred very late. Consequently our current timetable is not ideal as we have had to create several splits in Years 7 and 8 in order to be able to have all classes covered. We are working as a matter of urgency to rectify this situation and hope to have a new timetable in place by week 5 or 6.

The staffing changes are as follows:

Ms Sally Kingwill replaces Ms White in English
Ms Marie Leypoldt replaces Miss Chigwidden in English

Ms Hope Williams replaces Mr Andrew Carlson in English
Mr Joel Stratton is additional in English
Mr MK Singh replaces Mr Abraham in Maths
Mrs Madhulika Roy will be replacing Mrs Abraham in Science
Mrs Gianna Signor replaces Ms Graham in LOTE
Mr Tim Diehm is relieving for Ms Keogh in PDHPE
Miss Mel Lawson is relieving for Ms Lees in PDHPE
Mr Donovan Suine is additional in Industrial Arts
Miss Michelle Seiner is relieving for Mrs Casey in Home Economics
Mrs Julie Duncan is relieving for Mrs Fox in English for Term 1

Ms Maria Martinez has returned to the PDHPE faculty on a part-time basis
Ms Rossington will be working on various projects in our school during Term 1
Mrs Oliver will be our ESL teacher and will work with the special class
Mrs Dole, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Litchfield return as teachers' aides

Ms Batty will be relieving Head Teacher English for Term 1 until this position is advertised and filled. Mr Hicks has taken on the Teacher Mentor role while Mrs Casey is on maternity leave.

I have resumed my role as Principal and Mr Fry has resumed his role as Deputy. I must thank Mr Fry for all the hard work and effort he put in to relieving in the Principal's position last year while I was on sick leave. Mr Fry was

Upcoming events:



Monday 11 February
- P & C Meeting

Tuesday 19 February
- Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Information Afternoon 4-5pm

Tuesday 19 February
- School Swimming Carnival

Thursday 21 February
- Zone Swimming Carnival Leeton

Monday 25 February –
Wednesday 5 February
- Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams

Friday 7th March
- Riverina Secondary Swimming Carnival

Monday 10th March
- P&C Meeting

Principal's Report (Continued)

thrown in at the deep end and had a very busy year. It is good to know that you have people in the school who are willing to step into these relieving roles and do a good job.

HSC Results

Once again Wade High School gained excellent results in the HSC. Our students achieved 8 Band 6 results and 77 Band 5 results. Band 6 results were achieved in Mathematics (2), General mathematics (2), PDHPE (2), Biology (1) and Italian (1). Five of our students achieved UAI's above 90 with Lachlan Auld gaining the highest result.

Thirty of our Year 12 students, or 46%, were offered university places in New South Wales. This is well above the average offers of 30% across the state.

Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Parents of our new Year 7 students are reminded that there is a Parent Information afternoon scheduled for Tuesday February 21 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 the students study in year 7. This is not a parent teacher interview session but serves to give parents the opportunity to meet teachers and find out about the requirements of high school. We hope you can make it. The afternoon should run for approximately one hour.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for 2008 will be held next Monday February 11 at 7.30 pm in the staff common room at our school. I encourage all parents to come along and take an interest in what is happening at our school. There are opportunities for parents to be involved on several levels within the school's operations and to have input into important decisions made at the school. I look forward to seeing you on Monday night.

Ms Jenny Hill
Principal

Mathematics Report

Welcome Back!! 2008 is set to be a good year. I hope everyone has had a relaxing, enjoyable break and ready to start another year of hard work.

Welcome to Year 7 2008. I have been around to see most students and Year 7 appear ready and eager to work hard.

Welcome also to Mr Singh who has joined us from South West Rocks to replace Mr Abraham who has transferred to Kogarah. Also returning is Mr Hicks who has also taken on the Beginning Teacher Mentor position, Mr Brain who is Year 7 Advisor, Mrs Hayes, Mr Brooker and Miss Madden.

For the first time in May 2008, Year 7 and Year 9 will be completing a National Numeracy Assessment. These tests will be externally assessed and will contain both a Calculator and Non-Calculator section. More information can be obtained by calling me or visiting the following website:

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/nap/newsletter/index.htm>

As Year 7 will need to be fluent in the use of calculators, we are asking parents to purchase a calculator as soon as possible. Our preferred model is the SHARP EL531WHB. Information notes have been sent home with each Year 7 student.

All students in Years 8 – 12 are expected to bring their own calculators to each Mathematics lesson. Calculators are available from the school for \$22.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate 2007's HSC and SC students on their achievements. Our students received 4 Band 6's in total, 2 in Mathematics and 2 in General Mathematics. The General Mathematics results were 7% above state average, whilst the Mathematics results were right on state average.

I'm sure this year's Year 12 will be able to equal this result, if not better it!

All the best for a successful 2008!

Mrs K Hill
Head Teacher Mathematics

TAS HAPPENINGS

Welcome to 2008. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a relaxing break and is ready to go in 2008.

To start the year off, we welcome back Miss Rossington who replaces Mrs Casey while she is on maternity leave. Mr Smith has joined us until Mrs Roy can commence work and we also have Mrs Murwood teaching Technology this year. Miss Kingwill will also be teaching some music classes this year.

Congratulations to our 2007 HSC students on achieving great results in their subjects.

Community & Family Studies

Two students received Band 5 and four students received Band 4.

Hospitality

Two students received Band 4.

Visual Arts

Two students received Band 5 and three students received Band 4.

Congratulations also go to the teachers who prepared these students for the HSC.

Classes in the TAS faculty have settled into the new year well. Students are reminded to check with their teachers for any special requirements they need for their subjects such as an apron for Food Technology, fabric for Textiles Technology or a diary for Visual Arts.

Have a great year everyone.

K Gee

Head Teacher TAS (Home Ec & Creative Arts)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS REPORT

A steady increase in students selecting Industrial Arts subjects over the past three years has necessitated an additional Industrial Arts teacher, Mr Donovan Suine from Canberra to Wade High School. There have been no other changes to the Industrial Arts staff this year. Mr Semmler will again be the Head Teacher while Mr Casey and Mr Whytcross are starting their third year of teaching at Wade High. Mr Semmler has reached the milestone of 20 years of teaching, all at Wade High School.

Last year's Year 12 Design and Technology class, which was the largest Design and Technology class in New South Wales to sit the HSC performed exceptionally well and continued the tradition of excellent HSC results in the Industrial Arts department.

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

Head Teacher – Industrial Arts

NORTH GRIFFITH SOCCER CLUB

Soccer Registration Day

at Exies Sports Club in Spears Street

Juniors – Saturday 9 & 16 February 2008 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Seniors – Sunday 10 February 2008 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Passport size photo and ID required, for example blue book, birth certificate or drivers license.

All enquiries to Kelly Jones on 02 6964 7155 or email on bakh@ozemail.com.au

Year 7 Report

We would like to extend a warm and excited welcome to all Year 7 students who have survived their first week of high school. Year 7 has settled in smoothly to their new life and this can be attributed to the successful transition program they participated in at the end of last year. We have been impressed by their keen and mature attitude when approaching their studies and adapting to their new environment.

Peer support will be continuing this year and details are being finalised as this goes to print. More information will be provided over the next week. Peer support is a fantastic activity that allows students to meet some of the senior students and make new friends.

Wade High School is well and truly jumping into the swing of things with the School Swimming Carnival to be held on the 19th February. Attendance is compulsory for all Year 7 students and it is expected a suitable explanation will be provided for absent students. The carnival will be a great opportunity for the students to show off their talents and participate in a number of activities that will lead to new friendships and becoming active in school activities. Over the years the carnival has proven to be a great day of swimming, fun and team spirit. More information will be

provided at school assemblies and daily notices. Keep your ears tuned!

Another important event on the calendar is the Year 7 Parent Information evening. This will also be held on the 19th February. This information evening is an excellent opportunity for parents/guardians to meet the class teachers and gain valuable insight and information about what students will be learning during the year. At this stage the evening will be scheduled to run from 4.00pm until 5.00pm. Hope to see you there!

One of the most impressive things to be observed is how good Year 7 has looked in their school uniforms. Hopefully this "fashion trend" will stand the test of time and defy any new trends that may pop up throughout the year. Uniform is an important part of Wade High School, so if they cannot wear the correct uniform (school or PE) they need to obtain a uniform pass from Mr Barker before school starts that day. A reasonable explanation would be much appreciated.

One of the most confusing elements of starting Year 7 is reading and keeping their timetable safe and legible. We would recommend that students make a few spare copies of their timetable at

home on the fridge or on their desk. They should also keep one in their diary for use at school. Diaries should be taken to school every day, not only to keep their timetable safe but also to note down any homework and assignments. If they can get into the habit of doing this now it will ensure their organisation skills will continue throughout their schooling years.

Wade High School also has a very rewarding merit system that we encourage all students to strive for. Students have the opportunity to receive Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards through diligence and participation in all their subjects. This successful system allows students to gain recognition for their efforts and participate in school activities that are not open to all students at Wade High. They can begin this immediately, as there is no time like the present. The system is explained in their Orientation booklets and in their student diaries.

Finally, if any parents/guardians have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the year advisors. We look forward to having a great year with our new and enthusiastic students in 2008.

Miss C Lane and Mr J Brain
Year 7 Year Advisors

Year 8 Report

Welcome back to all our new and returning year eight students! It is a time of change and excitement as many new teachers are arriving and many have taken on new roles around Wade High School. One of the changes directly affects year eight students as I have taken on the role of joint year advisor to assist Mr Sutton while he is in the role of PD/H/PE Head Teacher.

Year 8 this year features a total of 6 core classes. The students will be studying a number of new subjects including German, French, Geography, Visual Arts and Agriculture. They will also be welcomed back into English, Maths, Science, PD/H/PE and DT. It is important for students to start thinking of elective subjects they may like to take in year nine, it is, after all, only three terms

till they have to decide!

There are many exciting events coming up on the Wade High calendar including the swimming carnival where I'm sure all of our students will have a splashing good time! The carnival will be held on Tuesday the 19th of February. We hope to see all year eight students participating and welcome parents to don house colours and come along to support students.

Students need to make sure they keep on top of their homework and assignments. It is important that you make use of a diary to ensure you don't miss important deadlines!

Once again we are asking all students to wear full uniform to school. If they

are unable to wear their uniform for any reason, could they please be given a note to explain the circumstances and see Mr Barker before school to get a uniform pass. Also a reminder to make sure mobile phones are either left at home or left in students' bags. If a phone is seen at school it will be confiscated!

Welcome back Year 8, Mr Sutton and I look forward to an awesome year with you full of fun, learning and achievement. Keep up the great work and remember Mr Sutton's goal....AT LEAST ONE BRONZE AWARD A TERM FOR EVERYONE!

Matt Sutton & Amanda Callan
Year 8 Adviser

LOTE Report

The LOTE staff are ready for another busy and challenging year at Wade High School.

Mr Roach had a pleasant but very hot holiday in Adelaide while Mrs Bergamin spent her holidays in Queensland and Sydney. This year Mrs Bergamin will be with us four and a half days a week and will teach Italian to all Year 7 classes.

We would like to welcome Mrs Signor who has replaced Ms Graham to Wade High School. Mrs Signor came from Griffith High School. She 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 LOTE students will benefit from her professional approach.

We have to admit that the staffroom does not seem the same without Ms Graham. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that she has made to Wade High School and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

Mrs Hyder did not return this year as she will be on maternity leave for the whole of 2008. Mrs Hyder will return to the LOTE Faculty at the beginning of 2009.

The LOTE results in the 2007 HSC were very pleasing and we would like to congratulate the following students who achieved Band 6 and Band 5 in our courses:

GERMAN CONTINUERS

Erin Patterson
Jessica Mitchell

ITALIAN BEGINNERS

Karl Vendrasco
Daniel Bergamin
Kate Tagliapietra

ITALIAN CONTINUERS

Sophia Palmer
Darren Bridgman
Liberty Jones

All these students deserved their very 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 from 2007 all the best for the future and we look forward to hearing about their achievements in the big wide world.

The LOTE staff would like to encourage all students in our faculty to strive to be organised for their lessons. A homework diary with up to date timetables is essential. Students in Years 7-10 should spend 10-15 minutes per night on revision or homework and our senior students should devote 30 minutes per night to revision or homework. Senior students are reminded that if they miss an assessment task through illness they must telephone the school on the morning of their absence and provide a medical certificate. If they fail to do this they will receive zero for the assessment task.

If students encounter problems in the LOTE courses they should discuss these problems with their class teachers. Parents are invited to contact LOTE staff through the school office if they wish to discuss the progress of their children.

Mr A Roach
Head Teacher L.O.T.E.

BLOOD BANK Update

Congratulations to all our blood donors in 2007. Wade High School was victorious in winning the Blood Bank Challenge defeating the other two high schools. Well done!

So, come on guys, let's see if we can do it again in 2008. Now is the time to make your donation so we can get an early lead in the competition for 2008. If you have turned 16 you are eligible to donate blood. If you need more information about becoming a donor please come and ask at the Home Economics Staffroom or alternately ring the Blood Bank on 6964 2958 and book an appointment.

Donating blood is also an easy way to obtain a Community Service Award if you are looking to achieve a Gold Award this year.

K Gee
Blood Bank Contact

Science Report

Welcome back! Hopefully all our students are as refreshed and ready to work as our dedicated Science staff are.

As you know, we bid farewell to Mr Ceccato in term 4 last year as he retired. Mrs Johanna Brain was appointed to the Head Teacher Science position. We also welcome Mr G Smith who is teaching in the Science and Home Economics faculty for the beginning of the year. Mrs Abraham, Mr Kendal, Mr Duncan, Mr Loughman and Mrs Murwood are all busy providing excellent learning opportunities to our Science and Agriculture students, while Mrs Pasin is busy behind the scenes organising our resources.

A reminder to all Science students that you are expected to be organised for your lessons. You must bring a covered book, pen, pencil and ruler to class every day. Also ensure you are wearing covered shoes! This is very important for your safety in our laboratories.

We look forward to a productive year!

Mrs Johanna Brain
Head Teacher Science

CSI: SYDNEY A Forensic Science

In the January holidays Daniel Pasin, one of senior students attended a Forensic Science workshop over three days in Sydney. The premise of the course was to provide secondary students with a realistic idea of what a forensic scientist does as compared to the image portrayed in the popular television version.

The students who attended were faced with a crime scene they had to process, investigate and draw conclusions from. The case they were presented with was a suicide bomber, including the associated human loss of life.

Daniel, along with the other students, was able to participate in the entire process of investigation, from the taping off of the crime scene in the role of a Police Detective to the Forensic Scientist's facial reconstruction process.

Daniel was able to get a lot out of the course and was also able to spend some time looking at the university where the forensics course is presented, one in which he is very interested.

I strongly recommend any student interested in pursuing a career in Science look out for these opportunities. Your Science teachers will let you know of courses or extension activities that may come up. Make the most of them!

Mrs J Brain
Head Teacher Science

GRIFFITH JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Training for 2008 commences Friday 22nd February at 5.45 pm at Jubilee Park

Any one interested in assisting with coaching or helping the committee in any way please ask.

Contacts: Peter Star 0418 267 140
Dave Martin at GALA W: 6964 5334
Brian Halse at Click Start W: 6964 1611

Also the club is holding a Rugby Skills afternoon on Saturday the 16th February at Jubilee Park from 3.30pm to 6.00 pm.

Year 10 Report

Welcome back from the Christmas/New Year break and into another exciting year. We have officially reached the year of the school certificate. Students are reminded that to be eligible for the school certificate they must complete all requirements. This includes all class work and assessment tasks which must be completed and submitted on time.

Students who found Year 9 challenging, especially those who received 'N' award warning letters, need to apply themselves straight away and maintain their efforts. If you begin to have trouble managing your assessment tasks please come and see me in the Home Economics staffroom and we can develop an assessment timetable.

Congratulations to the students that received awards at Presentation night in December 2007. Those students are Frank Barbaro, Candice Bianchini, Jordon Burton, Jessie Calabria, Anthony Castelletto, Crystal Chand, Ashleigh Chapman, Odette Chauncy, Daniel DeValentin, Brooke Dredge, Laura Fitzpatrick, Natlaie Ford, Zac Franco, Benjamin Frank, Adam Henderson, Emily Lycett, Ciara Minato, Kate Murphy, Aislinn Palmer, Victoria Pittari, Sarah Pryor, Melissa Riggs, Adam Rudgley, Steven Snaidero and Michael Walton.

Year 10 students are also reminded that they are now the leaders of the junior school. Younger students will follow the example set by you and I hope you rise to the challenge by demonstrating sound work practices, good attendance, participation in school activities and wearing the school uniform.

Personally, I am excited to be teaching Year 10 again and I look forward to hearing about your academic, sporting and other achievements throughout the year.

Mr A Ellis
Year 10 Advisor

CAREERS REPORT

Congratulations to our 2007 Year 12 students on their good results. Special congratulations to Lachlan Auld, Mitchell Cook, Karl Vendrasco, Cody McRae, and Sophia Palmer who all gained UAI's over 90. It is very pleasing to see hard working students being rewarded for their efforts.

46% of our Year 12 students were offered a place at university. This is well above the state average. One of the main reasons for this is our experienced and hard working staff. A big thank you to Year 12 teachers!!

Some are heading off to university this year and others have chosen to work in Griffith for 12 months before starting their course. A number of Year 12 students have been successful in

obtaining full time jobs.

Year 10

I have organised an OH&S Induction for construction course (white card) on March 6th. 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.

YEAR 11 REPORT

Welcome back to your first year in senior school. It is great to see everyone back ready to work. Welcome also to all the new students who have come to Wade High School. I look forward to getting to know you all better as the year progresses. 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 11 to make the most of your learning experiences this year. You only have seven terms left at school which in the big picture is not many. As Mrs Barker told you on the first day, having an average of 80 instead of 70 can result in a difference of up to 28 UAI points.

Congratulations to all the award winners from last year's end of year presentation at the Regional Theatre. It was great for me to read out so many names. Congratulations to Natasha Pianca and Julia Fattore for receiving the major awards.

Congratulations on the uniform for the start of the year. Now all we need to do it keep up all until the end of 2008. Just a reminder about wearing appropriate shoes to school.

Please get back all of your permission notes you received at the first assembly ASAP. These notes are important and they need to be returned.

I still have some Silver and Gold awards from last year. Can students please come and get them from me ASAP.

So here is to a great year and successful start to the HSC. Remember Strive to Achieve and the Bulldogs, Liverpool and Sydney FC for 2008. At the moment Sydney is still a chance and as long as the Bulldogs smash the Roosters I will be happy. Liverpool???

Craig Barrett
Year 11 Adviser

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 didn't get the information.

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.

Mrs Barker
Careers Adviser

Library Report

Welcome back to the Library for 2008. For those new to Wade High School, I hope to see you checking out our collection soon. Here is a brief overview of important Library information:

Opening hours:

8.40am for borrowing/returns & school related computer use
Closed recess
Lunchtimes 1.40pm – or 10 minutes after lunch start.
3.30- 4.15pm

Classes in years 7-10 coming to the Library should line up outside the Library doors and wait for their teacher before entering.

Borrowing:

Year 7 students need to return their 'Library Borrowing Form' as soon as possible (a copy is in the Information Booklet, available from the Library, or can be printed from our website:

<http://www.wade-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/Library/LIBRARYBORROWING.htm>

This is particularly important as we will be encouraging Year 7 classes to read for pleasure each fortnight with their English class.

Library Committee:

I will be setting up a student Library Committee early this year. Members of the Committee will be able to have input into some of the items purchased for the Library. If there is interest, we will also explore other issues such as use of the Library at lunchtimes and creating a student page for the Wade High website. Anyone interested should look at the information following and provide a written application by the due date.

Premier's Reading Challenge: I would encourage all readers in years 7-9 to enter the Challenge. See me for details.

Happy reading

Ms Allen
Teacher Librarian

Positions Vacant -:Library Committee:- Closing date: 29th February

Job Description

The Library is accepting applications for interested students from Years 7-10 to become a member of the Library Committee. Students will be required to work with the Teacher Librarian to make suggestions for Library acquisitions from an allocated budget. The Committee may also help make policy on the use of computers in the Library at lunchtime and help develop a student page for Wade High School website.

Selection criteria:

- ❖ Ability to work as a team member
- ❖ Interest and enthusiasm in reading and using the Library
- ❖ Ability to apply assessment criteria for purchase suggestions
- ❖ Personal commitment to be actively involved on a regular basis

Training provided:

- ❖ Understanding school library requirements and expectations
- ❖ Responding appropriately to comments
- ❖ Setting up a webpage using FrontPage/ Microsoft word

Application:

- ❖ Address each criterion explaining what skills and attitudes you will bring to the position
- ❖ Write no more than 80 words for each criteria
- ❖ Provide a summary paragraph outlining any other reasons why you feel you are an ideal candidate for this position

Submission:

- ❖ Applications are to be word processed
- ❖ Include the position you are applying for, your name, year level and class at the top of the application.
- ❖ Deliver or email to the teacher librarian deborah.allen@education.nsw.gov.au
- ❖ Closing date: 29th February 2008

PDHPE & Sports Report

Welcome back for another exciting year in the PDHPE and Sport Department. This year we welcome back Craig Barrett, Katie Pilkington, Kerrie Chopping and Maria Martinez. We also welcome Tim Diehn and Melissa Lawson as our newest members of the PDHPE faculty. We look forward to sharing PDHPE and Sport news with you throughout the year.

SPORTS DINNER

The Wade High School 10th Annual Sports Presentation Dinner Dance was held on Thursday 13th December at the Griffith Ex-Serviceman's Club last year. Over 140 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 AIS Gymnast and Platform Diver, Laura Fletcher. She enthralled the audience with her stories about how she set and achieved her personal goals in her chosen sport and career.

Congratulations to all Wade High School athletes for 2007. Major award winners included:

Team of the Year - Under 15 years 4 X 100m
Athletics Relay Team

(William Hannon, Sean McCann, Chris Vaughan, Alex Walsh)

Sub Junior Sportswoman - Shannon Russell

Sub Junior Sportsman - George Hancock

Junior Sportswoman - Renee Simpson

Junior Sportsman - Chris Vaughan

Senior Sportswoman - Erin Patterson

Senior Sportsman - Mitch Cook

Pierre de Coubertin Award - Erin Patterson

Tom Bashford Shield- Renata Franco and Brooke Simpson

A special thank you to the Athletes' 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 19th 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 year 7 and 8 to attend the carnival, as it has been 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 year 9, 10, 11 and 12 **MUST** nominate and participate in 2 events at the carnival. This effectively means that it is a participant's 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 year 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 forgo 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 at assembly.

In review, students in year 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 year 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.**

If students are not catching the bus to and/or from the carnival they need to bring a signed note detailing alternate arrangements to Mr Sutton by Friday 15th 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 two days later on Thursday 21st February 2008. More information regarding the Zone Carnival will be issued at a later date.

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

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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

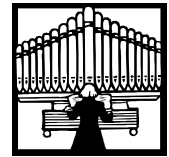
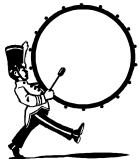
to the foot while running, stopping and especially kicking a ball (ie they need laces or need to be fitted firmly). Students will **NOT BE PERMITTED** to tie their PE shirts.

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.

Matt Sutton
Relieving PDHPE Head Teacher

Music Report!



Music is a busy area at Wade High School. There are two extra-curricular music groups your child may be interested in. To join, students only need to come along to a rehearsal, or let me know in advance if they wish. Parents are welcome to attend their child's first rehearsal with them.

- **Griffith Junior Concert Band** rehearse every Tuesday from 4 to 5, in Music Room 1. Our more advanced players form the **Senior Band**, which rehearses from 5 to 5.30 on Tuesdays. These groups include brass and wind instruments, and a limited number of guitar and percussion players. If your child is interested in joining Band, please let me know. There are some instruments available, and beginners are welcome.
- **Wade High Singing Group** is on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30pm. This group is for those who enjoy group singing. Solos singers looking to expand their vocal experiences would find this group a lot of fun. New members are welcome, and while great singers are welcome, you do not have to be a great singer to participate in this group!

Lunchtime practice sessions. Students can book a music room for one half of lunchtime by seeing me beforehand. The rooms are available for students to practice, experiment, or receive assistance with work.

Until next Wade Way, keep humming.

Mrs K Boyd
Music Teacher