Yenda Preschool Kindergarten gets the website they wanted!

Year 10 Information Software Technology students Thomas Davis and Alec Lemon were learning Adobe Dreamweaver in Term 2 to create a website for their assessment task. Instead they ended up with a real project from Yenda Preschool Kindergarten Director, Mr Christian Callinan. He requested the school help him to develop a website for his kindergarten.

Thomas and Alec expressed interest and have been working on the project since Term 2, only recently completing the project. Through this project, they learnt not only the software skills but also problem solving skills. It required dedication with many hours spent after school and on weekends. Persistence, especially when troubleshooting issues, was the key. Mr Callinan is now in the position to publish the website to be available through the website or apps.

This is an impressive achievement and the students should feel proud. Who knows what assignments might come in their study of Year 11 Software Design and Development in 2016?
The last Wade Way of 2015 is my opportunity to look back and reflect on what has been, for me, a sometimes overwhelming, but always satisfying and rewarding year.

Normally if you have been reading my Wade Way entries you would know that I chronicle all the wonderful things that I have seen students do or be a part of since the last edition. This time, it is a little different.....

With the countdown to Christmas on, I thought a ‘festive’ touch would not be out of place and so, I give to you, a very Wade Way ‘12 Days of Christmas’.

In the time since I have been here, the Wade community has given to me:

Year 12 – burgeoning adults when I arrive, with plenty of sweet memories to think of them by as all I have ever known them as are adults. Four extremely passionate leaders who represented well and always led with decorum and maturity. A group who sparkled at their Graduation Ball having survived 13 years of education, 3 weeks of HSC exams and a waiting game for results, uni and job offers and the beginning of a new milestone experience: life after school. Roll on results day and ATAR morning tea on Thursday 17.12.15.

Year 11 – 11 Senior Leader Aspirants for 2016 who oozed quality and made me incredibly proud to lead this school. All were highly articulate and very proud to be part of the Wade High family. Although there can be only 4 leaders (although the interview panel eked it out to 6 after counting votes), the fact that Peer Support is reintroduced for the 2016 Year 7 cohort is due to it being so passionately proposed by the students who were not voted into a leadership position – but should appreciate that their ideas were listened to, valued and acted upon. Wade is fortunate to boast this calibre of aspirant.

Year 10 – gave me my introduction to Australian Business Week – the Wade Way. With some serious Outdoor Recreational products in the offing, they were highly focused, business like and competitive. These skills and fortes need to be now transferred to their senior campaign from 2016 so they can optimise their learning, and take advantage of all opportunities offered to them. They were also the bunch to invite me to Restaurant Days – another extremely successful venture where teamwork, focus and business acumen were evident. This group also taught me about Raising Responsibility. WOW! They even did some curriculum based learning in between all that.

Year 9 – are a lively crew who showed me all about caring for community. This bunch had the most students at the ANZAC Day march; had the most volunteers for Red Shield Appeal and showed me the most work and got me involved in their learning. From Year 9 Commerce Business Days – which were profitable AND delicious to using me to voiceover an ad for Wade High in an external video competition, this group of students is emblematic of Public Education at its best: diverse, ready to take on opportunities; always looking for ways to incorporate multimedia into their learning and did I happen to mention that this group, in Numeracy, in all but three cases, bettered the State Improvement Target for growth from Year 7. Very impressive!

Year 8 – Summed up best by the trade style display Madagascar. It was extraordinary. Effort, research, time, teamwork and deep understanding...
Principals Report continued ……

were the features of this display – and Year 8 ensured they made learning fun! Their own excitement and exuberance for this project based presentation was contagious. Everyone wanted to see it. Everyone wanted to be part of it. The energy levels were high and we all got to “Move It, Move It” – and groove with it from display to display.

Year 7 – What a wonderful group of individuals to start a new job with. I enjoyed lots of firsts with them: from apple turnovers to Science Experiment Do’s and Dont’s with the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli. I saw some fantastic work from this group. A testament to their ‘can do’ attitude is that in 2015, Wade High had the most Year 7 competitive participants in our Swimming Carnival than has been seen for quite some time. With memories of Lake Talbot Team Building and Bonding Day, Lake Burrendong Year Excursion, Silver and Gold Morning Teas, A1 Excursions, Accelerated Reader Pizza Lunch – this group has really cemented their first year at Wade as a formidable beginning.

Year 6 – Orientation that ran so smoothly, due in part to fantastic Year Advisers (Mr Izzard and Ms Baddock), great Peer Support Leaders (Year 11, 2016) and of course Year 6 themselves, it is obvious to me that transition for this, or any other group, is made so much easier because of a successful Middle School Program, which allows continuity and settling across an entire year. The familiarity that comes from experience every other Thursday all year cannot be underestimated. We all look forward to this cohort’s arrival in 2016.

5 – Youth Frontier projects which show a strong work ethic, thought process, and a willingness to give back to community and ponder what is important to Griffith and to society on a general level. I know that Ms Tweedie and Ms Wolfenden could not have been prouder of these model students who have done themselves, their family and the community proud. Well done!!

5 – new outdoor seating spaces for use at break time or together as a Covered Outdoor Learning Area – provided by P&C for the benefit of ALL students at Wade High. Testament to student pride in this addition to our school is the way they have been well maintained by the student body. I thank the P&C most sincerely for their effort and support of our students. Ably led by David Robinson and Alanna Townsend, this dedicated bunch raised the funds for the outdoor seating with more to come in 2016 and have begun the quest to get Wade High a hall. Although the task seems Everest like in magnitude, if any group can do it – it is this lot!! I look forward to working with you again in 2016.

4 – terms of hard work and dedication from a highly trained, experienced and nurturing staff who have adapted to some changes I have implemented without any life altering issues or impediments (at least that I know of). The teachers of Wade really care about students and often to “above and beyond”. The nomination of so many for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award shows that students do take notice of this nurturing and want to recognise it. I thank each of them for all they do and will continue to do so in 2016.

3 – Sincerely sad lossess to the school: Ms Tweedie to Moss Vale High; Ms Feeney to Grafton High as Head Teacher CAPA and Mrs Hill to Griffith High as Deputy Principal. As each leaves us – they have imparted knowledge in their curriculum area and have taken on extra roles in the school to shape, lead and implement programs to benefit students. These include Girls Adviser; Book Blub; Girls In The Spotlight Afternoons (high tea, knitting…..); Youth Frontiers Community Based Mentor Program and subsequent projects; Ab Ed Committee Leader; PLP coordination; Event Photography; Development of Positive Postcards from Wade (for each faculty); Artworks, graphics, sculptures already in place and in train for 2016 around the school to ensure our environment is aesthetically pleasing; Videoing of significant events (then editing) for us as memories; Middle School and Thinking Thursday coordinator; UPL organiser and coordinator; PBL data cruncher; Prospective Parent evening; Subject Selection coordination and line development based on student choice …. and this list is not exhaustive. These women have proven to be role models worth emulating; educators of the highest order and valued colleagues to us all – as well as ‘faves’ of many students at Wade. They have enriched students’ lives and it is with great sadness we bid them farewell and with much excitement that we wish them success in their next venture.
Principals Report continued …..

2 – absolute stand out moments for me. The first was Maddison Tyndall’s core HSC Dance Performance to the Martin Luther King Speech, “I have a Dream”. No one who watched this piece could not be moved – not just by the strength of the choreography but also the sublime simplicity of the message: Why don’t we all try to get on with the person, - not their ethnicity, religion, politics, gender, socio economic status – let’s worry what’s inside …. and let’s unite and raise our hands in hope for a better, brighter more unified future. It was breathtaking.

The second was the announcement that the HSC artwork by Nathan DeValentin had been selected to be included in 2015 Art Express – recognising excellence. His series of shadow boxes depicting the concept, ‘Greater Love Has No Man’ recognises the significance of service, contribution and sacrifice for us all – remembering the ANZAC tradition in this, its centenary year. A powerful, thought provoking piece which made me quite teary – not just because of the message but because of the profound level of philosophical thought and emotional outpouring someone so young could convey. I have said it a great deal this year: what strength these young people show!

Finally:

1 – year of firsts:
*First as Principal
*First in Griffith
*First time I have seen the top students (from 2014 HSC) ALL be girls!!! So I threw the gauntlet to this cohort’s boys – let’s see how that goes next week when results come out.
*First mini cyclone I have been involved in – February 16, 2015. It was horrible. BUT: the Wade students, staff and helpers cleared the grounds of debris and got flooded rooms evacuated. Groundwork was incomparably led by Cathy Soligo.
*First MADD night – what a treat!
*First experience of ‘Stolen’, the play, and the reception it received from community. Wonderful!!
*First Carevan meal preparation – WOW! Mary Casey works wonders.
*First graduation, report ceremony, assembly, staff meeting, P&C meeting, Staff Development Day – as Principal ....
And a Major Mitchell in an Olive Tree...

And for 2016:

Much more to come! New programs; changes to processes; new staff and continued excellence in teaching, learning and in giving to each other and to the community. Exciting times are ahead for Wade High and I am so glad I am here to see it.

I wish each of you a safe, happy holiday period with plenty of good food and family time. I really look forward to seeing you all again in 2016.

Until then – take care of yourselves – and each other.

Yours in education
Kim Dixon
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2016
Term 1 starts 27/1/16 – Staff Development Day
Years 7 and 10 return Thursday 28/1/16
Years 8,9,11 and 12 return Friday 29/1/16
Farewell to our wonderful Year 12 2015

Friday the 20th of November 2014

The journey began with formal photos at Calabria Wines where students huddled inside to keep cool on a long and hot afternoon. After the photos it was on to the bus and time for the ball to begin!

Wade High School Year 12 – Class of 2014

The Year 12 Graduation Ball was held at the Ex-Servicemen’s Club. It was a stunning event with lots of thought going into every aspect of the evening, thanks to the many members of the Graduation Ball committee. The function room was beautifully decorated and the standout was definitely the vases of beautiful white gladiolus on each table. The Year 12 Graduation Committee must be congratulated on working so hard and doing such an awesome job, right down to the last minute, tying cutlery and even helping me set up the vases of flowers!

The students looked amazing and totally unrecognisable in their formal attire. Each student was called individually by their Year Advisers and walked the red carpet in Hollywood style to be greeted by the Principal Mrs Dixon and Deputy Principal Mrs Brain. Each student was presented with a Wade High School glass and pen as a memento of their years at Wade High School.
Farewell to our wonderful Year 12 2015 continued ……

As students walked the red carpet Ms Friend and Mr Whight read a short profile highlighting each student’s most memorable moment at Wade High School, where each student wanted to be in 10 years time and also the best advice received from staff. It soon became obvious that Mr Roach had made quite an impression on many students.

It was a great night with our very own Year 12 students playing their own music. Bethany Hodge, Kaitlyn Irvine, Francesca Smith, Isaac Brooker, Sean Pianca, Matt Dole and Luke Fattore playing an amazing playlist that was enjoyed by all. They definitely had a crowd dancing to the Nutbush!

After the formalities of the evening the students of Year 12 and their parents danced away the evening and entertained the teachers. This was certainly a highlight of the evening.
Thank you to everyone that contributed to such a wonderful evening.
Ms Friend and Mr Whight would like to wish Year 12, 2015 all the very best for their future.

It was a pleasure and an honour to be your Year Advisers Year 12!

Jessica Friend and Matthew Whight
Year 12 Advisers 2015

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P&C Report:
Next Meeting: 14th December 2015 6.00pm at the Exies Sporties Club.
All parents and community members are invited and very welcome.
WADE HIGH STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Jaidyn Green-Gerards
YEAR: 10
WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
Playing tennis in America.
WHAT DOES THAT INVOLVE? Tennis.
DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER WADE HIGH STUDENTS LOOKING TO EXCEL IN ANY AREA? Participate to the best of your ability.
FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PDHPE.
FAVOURITE TEACHER: Don’t have one.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WADE HIGH SCHOOL? The teachers and how nice everyone is.

NAME: Mitchell Lane
YEAR: 8
WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
The Youth Frontiers.
WHAT DOES THAT INVOLVE? It is a mentoring program.
DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER WADE HIGH STUDENTS LOOKING TO EXCEL IN ANY AREA? Follow your dreams.
FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Agriculture.
FAVOURITE TEACHER: Mr Collis.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WADE HIGH SCHOOL? Agriculture.

$5 from every pair of shoes purchased is donated back to our school.
The Athlete’s Foot Griffith is our recommended supplier of approved school and sports shoes.
With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athlete’s Foot Fit Technicians, your child will have the right support for all of the school activities and sports they take part in every day.
The Athlete’s Foot stock a range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes to ensure there are options for everyone!
Even better, $5 from every shoe purchase is donated back to our school. And this applies to your whole family across their fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.
For more information about the program please call Glennis on 69642231.
Library Report

For our final library report for 2015 we thought we would ask students and staff a series of questions relating to their time in the library this year and their plans for the holidays:

What have you enjoyed about Accelerated Reader this year?
“I love being able to recommend books that are perfect to an individual students age and interest level”

What do you want for Christmas?
"Where do I start? A phone, a new watch, a good quality cross necklace, a new bed. I’m too old for a bunk bed!"

What do you like about lunch time in the library?
“I love seeing groups of students socialising and sharing their reading interests with each other. I like the idea of so many students waiting to get into the library to play online games, help at the front desk or play card games together. But please, no more knocking on the door!!"

“I love that the library is a hub for reading and I can get to know the students through their reading habits. It creates a positive link between staff and students.”

What will you be eating for Christmas lunch?
“Roast chicken and vegetables.Pavlova for the kids and trifle for the adults.”

Why do you like coming to the senior study?
“I can get my work done in a quiet area of the school. I can get help from my peers if I need to and it’s open when I need it”

What has been your favourite book to read this year?
Pigs in Heaven by Barbara Kingsolver.
It’s about the life of American Indians and how they are treated by the law.
I would recommend this book as it is interesting and I like the author’s style.
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

- To all the library helpers for your support at the front desk and with tidying up the shelves.
- To the students who visit the library each day for your lovely manners and behaviour, and your interest in reading, communicating and learning.
- To the seniors using the senior study effectively and respectfully.
- To the Accelerated Reader teachers for their support and diligence in monitoring the program.

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

Keep reading and visiting the library.

Mrs Robinson, Miss Hyde and Mrs Cabrera
Book Club

And so we come to the end of our 2015 Reading Challenge!

I know I have come nowhere near reading even half the books on the list, but I have loved the challenge of looking for different types of books I may not have thought to read. In my quest to tick off ‘Pulitzer Prize Winner’, I read *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, and loved every sentence! Set in WWII, the novel follows a French girl who loses her vision, and an orphaned German boy who is selected to join an elite Nazi training school. By moving backwards and forwards in time, the novel shows the impact of love, family and war.

Looking for some reading to keep you occupied over the holidays? Check out this list of teen fiction. There is a synopsis of each text to give you a bit of an idea about whether the books are for you! (But read at your own risk, I’ve only read a few on this list...)

[http://mashable.com/2013/06/11/young-adults-summer-reading-books/#uobmDS.qHEqF](http://mashable.com/2013/06/11/young-adults-summer-reading-books/#uobmDS.qHEqF)


Thanks to all the students who have come along to Book Club this year – I have loved our chats and your baking over the past two years. Have a wonderful holiday break, and I hope Santa brings some great books for us all!

All the best,

Miss Rebecca Tweedie
YEAR 7 REPORT

Well, the year has certainly flown by. It feels like only yesterday that Year 7 were here at Wade High for their Orientation day at the end of 2014. Now it’s the end of their first year of high school and, boy, what an impact a year can have! Year 7 have become very confident, outgoing individuals and have really shown that they are a great group of students.

It has been a fantastic year with many highlights, like the Lake Talbot and Lake Burrendong excursions as well as Thinking Thursday sessions including the Amazing Race, NAIDOC week activities and sporting activities with Year 10 PASS. We have also had achievements both in and out of the classroom. Some of these accolades include: Regional Debating Finalists, CHS representation, fantastic academic achievements, magnificent sporting achievements for individuals and teams as well as all the student that involved themselves in the Griffith community in various roles including assisting with Legacy Day, setting up Citrus Sculptures for Wade High and local businesses and also volunteering at local school fetes and community group events.

As we near the end of the year a few key events are set to recognise students in different areas with the A1 excursion (for students who always give their best in every class and subject) and the Silver Award morning tea and Gold Award lunch (for our silver and gold award winners for Semester 2). Again, Year 7 are well represented in all three areas which is awesome to see and we hope it continues throughout Year 8 and beyond.

Finally to finish off the year, students will receive their Semester Two Report at their end of year report ceremony. This will be held on Monday 14th December in the Wade High School hall from 11:30am and I wish to extend an invite to all parents/guardians and relatives to join us as we recognise academic achievements for semester 2 and also the school & zone sporting achievements of Year 7 students throughout 2015.

As this is the final Wade Way article for the year, we would like to wish all Year 7 students and their families the best for the holidays. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Upcoming events:
- Silver Award Morning Tea: Tuesday 8th December
- A1 excursion: Tuesday 8th December
- Gold Award Lunch: Monday 14th December
- Year 7 Report Ceremony: Monday 14th December
- WHS Presentation Night and Rehearsal: Tuesday 15th December

Fiona McKenzie & Eliza Baddock

Year Advisers
Year Nine Report

I have certainly procrastinated a lot before sitting down to write this, my last year advisor report at Wade High School. It has been wonderful to watch these young people grow from the nervous (or, to be fair, some very confident!) Year Six students who came for Middle Schooling, to cheeky Year Seven and Eight students, to the wonderful young men and women I’ve had the pleasure of working with this year.

In particular I would like to congratulate them on their improved behaviour and attitude to learning this year. The students have reduced the number of behaviour referrals from last year to this year by an amazing 50%. In addition, over 70 students of the 117 in our year group have been recognised with a Student of the Week nomination! This simply shows how much they have matured in the last twelve months and they should be very proud of their efforts.

A number of students have had amazing success this year in a variety of fields and I would like to take the time to recognise them (and apologise to anyone I may miss). Congratulations to:

- Gold Award winners Joel Smith, Katie Romeo, Cody Angel and Carlie Whittaker.
- Torren Blanch and Josh DeRossi who have participated in some amazing rep soccer programs.
- Sasha Blumer, Annalise Bellicanta and Riley Townsend who excelled in the Youth Frontiers program.
- Katie Romeo and Domenic Arcifa who have been selected as our SRC members for 2016.
- The boys who went to great lengths to organise a Teacher vs Student cricket match – something to look forward to!
- Everyone who achieved the goal they set at our Semester One Report Ceremony!

There are a number of students leaving our year group this year, some of whom are taking up exciting sporting and academic opportunities. On behalf of the year group, I would like to wish them all the best and promise we will keep an eye out for their names in the news!

Our report ceremony will take place on Monday 14th December, at 2.30pm, and I warmly invite parents and carers to come along as we celebrate our achievements and the end of 2015.

And finally, I wish these wonderful young people all the best in their final three years of schooling, and encourage them to continue the passion, empathy and friendliness they show to others. I will certainly miss chatting to you in the playground or as you wait for your English class to start! Thank you for always taking the time to talk to me, or to take another photo for the Wade Way or Vintage. Congratulations on the wonderful role models you are becoming, you should be as proud as I am of the people you are and the things you have achieved. I have no doubt that I will hear of your successes in the future!

All the best,

Miss Tweedie
Year Nine Adviser
Year Ten Report

There has been lots happening this term and there is still a lot to happen. Exam and assessment week is now over, Australian Business Week was a success (thanks to Mr Heron and Mrs Gabrio for all their hard work) and most of Year 10 just finished work experience. Coming up we have Raising Responsibility Day (30/11), Transition Weeks (weeks 9 and 10) and South Durras Excursion (9-11/12).

It’s been a fantastic year and as your Year Advisors we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge how proud we are of you as a year group and congratulate you on your achievements so far at Wade High School. Next year you will be seniors and we hope you are looking forward to the challenges that will present themselves in this next part of your education.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Chapman will be returning to Wade High School next year and will be resuming her role as year advisor. Miss Chilvers would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making her experience as year advisor a fantastic one.

We would also like to wish you and your families the very best for Christmas and a fantastic and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you bright and fresh in 2016.

Mr Foskett and Ms Chilvers
Year 10 Advisers

MANDALA ART

During Semester Two, Year 8 Art has been creating artwork inspired from Indian Mandala designs. The students were really engaged in this activity and they have produced outstanding results due to their dedication. I would encourage parents to take the time to acknowledge students artwork. Thank you!
TAS Happenings

What a positive end to 2015. It has been a pleasure to work with so many wonderful students and staff during the year. I would especially like to acknowledge the teaching staff in our faculty for their tireless dedication to making students learning so positive and successful. Also thankyou to the wonderful help and assistance from our kitchen assistants – Eva Pennisi and Jane Cozens – their dedication ensures that all our practical activities run smoothly. It has been great to see students work come to fruition over the year. Just a reminder to students to pick up any project work before the end of the year.

In classes students have had a festive theme to finish up the year. Some clever students in year 8 baking used a gingerbread cutter to create reindeer biscuits. Technology classes have been creatively planning Christmas party feasts. Year 10 Food Technology created a Christmas tree display based on the theme “What will be on your plate this Christmas” and Year 11 Hospitality decorated some cookies as reindeers.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Miss Alyssa Feeney who has been with us for the last 5 years. Miss Feeney has made a tremendous impact with her work in Visual Arts, Photography and Aboriginal Education at Wade High School. She will be missed by both staff and students. We wish her well with her promotion to Head Teacher Creative Arts at Grafton High School. Thank you Miss Feeney for everything that you have done for Wade High School.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. Have a safe, relaxing holiday break and come back refreshed for 2016.

Mrs Kathy Gee
Head Teacher
Youth Frontiers

For the last three terms, five Wade High School students have been busy working on community projects through the Department of Education’s ‘Youth Frontiers Youth Mentoring Program’. Year Eight students Jasmine Trotter and Mitchell Lane, and Year Nine students Riley Townsend, Sasha Blumer and Annalise Bellicanta were all assigned mentors from the Griffith community with expertise in each student’s area of interest. With their mentor, they developed a project which would enable them to give back to the community, and on the 2nd of December, the students, along with the participants from Griffith High School, formally presented their projects. All of the students spoke very well, and should be extremely proud of what they have achieved in this program.

The Projects

Jasmine Trotter and mentor Tahnee Jameson have created a program to raise awareness of domestic violence. The program is designed for Year Seven students and features interactive videos from Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty and a guest speaker. It is hoped the program will be presented to Wade High students at Thinking Thursday next year.

Mitchell Lane and mentor Marg Couch used Mitch’s passion for agriculture and the wellbeing of farmers to develop a brochure to raise awareness of the issues caused by the ongoing drought in NSW and QLD. The brochure is available to the public in Griffith City Library, and provides information on how to contribute to the drought relief effort.

Riley Townsend and mentor Andrew Herbert worked on ways to increase the number of young people volunteering to referee at local junior rugby league matches. Riley completed online and practical modules to become a qualified referee and has created a brochure which can be displayed at registration days next year to encourage other young people to get involved and give back to the community by refereeing.

Sasha Blumer and mentor Bekky Zuccato found a way to help sick children and their families in times of great stress. After presenting a proposal to the Year Twelve fundraising team, Sasha used money raised on Melbourne Cup day to purchase thirty beautiful teddy bears for the Griffith Base Hospital Children’s Ward. Inspired by the comfort Sasha saw that teddy bears provided for elderly residents in nursing homes, her project will bring comfort to the next thirty children admitted to the ward in Griffith.

Annalise Bellicanta and mentor Kelly DalBroi formed a strong bond as they worked on a project to collect and donate children’s books to Barnabas House in Griffith. After running a book drive at school, Annalise approached Griffith City Library, who were able to donate over 50 books to her project. The books were donated to Felix at Barnabas House, and will provide entertainment and encouragement to children who stay in the support facility.
Walk a mile in her shoes

On the 25th November, year 12 took their stand against domestic violence towards women. In honour of White Ribbon Day year 12 joined the Griffith community in a march from the Regional theatre to Memorial park, by 'walking a mile in her shoes' to show their support for women who have been affected by this type of violence.

As the ceremony came to end the audience was emotionally moved by speeches of those who had been impacted by domestic violence such as the death of a loved one or those who had been victimised by this reality. This experience was an eye opener for year 12 and just goes to show that our younger generations are ready to take a stand against violence towards women.
SRC Report

On Tuesday, 1st December, we held our Annual General Meeting with the SRC members of 2016. These students had to complete an application form and gain teacher support to be selected. These students are:

Year 7- Prerna Locham

Year 8- Maddison Ramponi and Georgia Hill

Year 9- Domenic Arcifa and Katie Romeo

Year 10 – Matilda Conlan, Alice Hutchinson, Alice Polkinghorne, Shivagani Kumar,

Year 11- Gabriella Smith, Ryan Moore, Thea Bianchini, Isaac Brooker, Kelsie Parson, Jaspreet Singh, Kiran Bala

This was a successful day! Our SRC members planned the events that will be held in 2016 and worked with each other to discuss their ideas. Next year we will be hosting and organising a variety of events!

Term 1 - Harmony Day, Clean Up Australia Day and a Black and White themed Social in Week 5.

Term 2- Crazy Sock Day, Biggest Morning Tea and Health Week.

Term 3- Footy Colours Day, DAffoldil Day and R U OK Day.

Term 4- Bandanna Day, White Ribbon Day and Legacy Day.

Our school captains came to speak to the SRC and explained the Constitution. This was an opportunity for the SRC to share their ideas with the school leaders and to have a fun and positive conversation!

The SRC also played some team challenging games that encouraged our SRC to work together and develop their communication skills. In the challenge pictured below students formed a circle and put their left hand in and held hands with someone across the circle. They then did the same thing with their right hand. Students then had to communicate with their peers in order to untangle themselves without letting go. Originally students thought this task was impossible, however, through strong communication they were able to work together in order to untangle themselves and smile for the camera! Well Done!

This was a fantastic day and I am looking forward to a productive and successful 2016!

Mrs Gabrio
SRC Co-ordinator
Peer Support Leader Training

On Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December and Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December 2015, 31 brave Year 10 students ventured into the world of Peer Support Leader Training at Wade High School.

Moving from primary into secondary school represents an important change for students. Leaving the familiar and smaller primary school for a larger and unfamiliar secondary situation can be both exciting and a very real challenge for many students to negotiate successfully. At Wade High School our Peer Support program is designed to help new students develop a strong sense of belonging and attachment to their new school setting. The program also seeks to develop resilience within students, as a way of helping them deal with many challenges they will face in school and in life.

Over the two days of leader training, the students participated in discussions, activities and roles plays to develop their skills in speaking, active listening, problem solving, being flexible, co-facilitating, co-leading and planning for the Peer Support sessions. It was a full on two days, and most students walked away having developed the foundations to be effective and amazing Peer Support Leaders for our new Year 7 students in 2016.

One of the many challenges for the group is listed below:

Working in the same groups from the previous activity you will work together on the following problem: \textit{One of you has been invited to a fancy dress party tonight. A costume including a mask or headdress must be worn. Newspaper and masking tape are all you have to use at this late stage. The theme for the fancy dress party was: a celebrity attending a Christmas party.}

Below are the Peer Support Leaders showing off their wonderful fancy dress creations for the above activity:
In 2016, these students will lead a group of Year 7 students in three modules focusing on resilience, values, and anti-bullying. These sessions will be held once a week for Term 1, and every fortnight for Terms 2-4. These lessons will be organised to ensure that our leaders do not miss the same subject each week.

Our Peer Support Leaders will return to school on Thursday January 28th 2016 and will start getting to know their Peer Support groups on this day. More information on the organisation of Peer Support next year will be provided to the leaders soon.

We would like to thank Mr Heron and Mrs Licastro for running and organising such an amazing two days of leader training. If you have any questions about the Peer Support Program, please contact Mr Heron.

Mr Heron  
Peer Support Coordinator

Mrs Licastro  
Peer Support Trainer

CSU Game-On Simulation 2015

Four students from Wade High recently participated in CSU (Charles Sturt University), Game On Simulation, 2015. This is a virtual business game which allows students to engage in a ‘business simulation’ that is hosted and funded by CSU. Schools across the state were asked to join the simulation and schools competed for $5,000 in prize money.

The game complements the Stage 6 NSW Business Studies curriculum and covers key areas including finance, human resource management, marketing, and operations. The four students who participated in the program were Brendon Croxon, Bruno Salvitti, Guiliam Nortje and Thea Bianchini from Year 11.

Wade High students were invited to join Pool 6 – Smartphone Wars, which consisted of 48 teams. There were 7 pools and approximately 48 teams per pool from across the state. The simulation went for 8 weeks and students spent about an hour on the project per week. The program enabled students to learn through hands-on experience and encouraged students to apply key business principles to their own ‘virtual’ business. Students were creative in their businesses development and enjoyed seeing their business grow through their work.

Canberra Grammar School (Pool 1) won the competition with the highest cumulative profit across the seven pools with $955 million. Wade High placed 4th in Pool -6 with a profit of $510 million.

Miss Finigan
HSIE REPORT

With most assessments finalised for the school year, students and staff have been engaging in a wide range of learning including team teaching, critical thinking, project based learning and choice activities.

Year 7 have been learning about the history and culture of Polynesia, which is closely linked to our school and wider community. Some of our students have been teaching their own class members about language and cultural aspects of Polynesia. Year 7 have recently finalised a unit on the Spanish conquest of the Americas, focussing on the Aztec and Incan empires. See the photos later in this article of 7E parading the Aztec head dresses they made in class.

Year 8 have been applying the thinking skills learnt throughout the year to a final topic for the year of the endangered tigers in India.

Year 9 Geography students have learning about natural hazards through the use of a matrix – this way of learning allows students to learn through choice and their learning styles. Students need to aim for at least 30 points with some students already up to 50 points!

Year 10 have been completing a range of activities to assist them with either Year 11 or the workplace next year. Miss Naidoo has been focussing on critical thinking and memory style learning; Miss Johnson has been working on research and presentation skills specifically for HSIE subjects. Mrs Bastianon has been looking at history mysteries such as Area 51, the lost lighthouse and library of Alexandria and who shot JFK? Year 10 History students finalised learning about popular culture during the 80s and 90s earlier in the term. Below are some photos of Mrs Bastianon’s 10E class applying their knowledge in a practical way – playing Guitar Hero and Sing Star! – both popular video games from the 90s!

Year 11 have been finalising their first HSC assessments in HSIE subjects. Legal Studies students have been looking at the ‘Crime’ topic, researching cases and presenting an extended response of information they have found. Society and Culture students have been completing a research task on Popular Culture and presenting their information orally. Ancient History students have just completed a HSC exam style assessment on the topic of Sparta. Modern History students have an impending source study task on World War I. While Business Studies students have completed and submitted a business report for their topic of Finance on the corporations Myer and David Jones.

As this is the last Wade Way for the 2015, the HSIE Faculty would like to bid farewell and a massive thank you to both Miss Finigan and Mrs Norjte for being a part of the HSIE team. We would also like to thank all of the students for making 2015 a successful learning opportunity at Wade High School.

The HSIE Faculty would like to wish all students and families a very happy Christmas and safe holiday! We look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Miss S Johnson
Head Teacher HSIE
Year 11 Chronicles

We are on the home stretch towards the end of the 2015 academic year. As I have said many times over the past few weeks, there is still so much to be learnt and skills to refine over the next few weeks.

Now it is an important time to be looking at your study schedule and seeing how it can be improved to make use of your time more efficient. If you Google study timetables you will be able to find a range of great templates you can use. Remember that the summer holiday break is a perfect time to get ahead next year, read any text (especially for English) and finish any work you didn’t get completed in 2015.

School in 2016 commences for you, as Year 12 students on Friday 29th January 2016. You will be our seniors of the school, so you should arrive day 1 ready to model to the rest of the school, particularly our Year 7 and new enrolments that you are respectful, responsible learners. Please remember that you are required to be wearing full summer uniform, including enclosed leather footwear.

The 2015 Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 15th December from 7.30pm at the Griffith Regional Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our year together for those invited to attend the night. Please follow the instructions on your invitation carefully so that tickets to the night can be allocated correctly.

The organisation for the upcoming A1 excursion is currently underway. Once again, you will be invited to attend this excursion down to the movies. Keep an ear out for the details of this excursion, myself and Miss Gorton are most likely attending so it would be awesome to see some of you there with us :D

We would like to congratulate Daniel Torressan who was selected to be the cover artist for the 2015 version of Vintage. It looks fantastic, so please let Daniel know how amazing his cover is.

Miss Gorton and I wish you all the best for the festive season. Be safe, relax, but also make sure you continue your study over the holiday break. We look forward to another busy and productive year in 2016 as we prepare and guide you towards become active members of the broader world.

Until next year, stay safe.
PDHPE REPORT
PDHPE IN ACTION – TERM 4, 2015
As you can see it’s been an incredibly busy term. Thank you to the wonderful PDHPE staff for a fantastic year and for their ongoing support following my return from Maternity Leave. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dan Bozic who has been helping out in the PDHPE Faculty this year and wish him all the best in his future endeavors as he retrains as a Mathematics Teacher. I would also like to thank all of our fantastic students at Wade High and wish you all an enjoyable, festive and relaxing holiday. See you all safe and sound next year.

Cath Lees
Head Teacher PDHPE
Griffith AECG

Griffith AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) will meet on the last Friday of every month at 2pm at the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service.
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2015 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

We are calling for nominations of worthy recipients who have performed outstanding community service or sporting achievements during 2015.

This year is a special Australia Day as we are celebrating 100 Years of Griffith next year in 2016.

Categories are:
- Junior Citizen Of The Year (Under 17 as at 26 January)
- Young Citizen Of The Year (Under 25 as at 26 January)
- Citizen Of The Year
- Community Project Of The Year
- Junior Sportsperson Of The Year (Under 18 as at 26 January)
- Sportsperson Of The Year
- Club Person Of The Year
- Sports Team Of The Year

Nominations can be entered using the form in the Wednesday editions of the Area News or be submitted using the online nomination form at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close Friday 11 December 2015.

For further information please contact Kelly Dal Broi Community Development Officer on 6962 8100 or email kelly.dalbroi@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Thank you
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Safer Drivers Course – Griffith

This Safer Drivers Course has been designed by the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA) to establish safer driving practices for learner drivers under 25 years old who already have 50 hours real driving experience.

It will assist young learner drivers to:
- Improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervised instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one and two of the course the learner will receive a **twenty hours reduction in their log book** (from 120 hours to 100 hours).

**NRMA Safer Driving** are facilitating Module One of this course on:

**Saturday, 16 January at 2:00pm**

The course will be held at the Keith Gill Motors Showroom for a total cost of **$140**.

Course numbers are limited to twelve people with a minimum of nine people required to run the course.

For further information and booking ring the Leeton NRMA office on 6953 3600 or visit the NRMA Safer Driving School website at [www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au](http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au)

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**Need help managing stress or anxiety?**

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to **BRAVE Self-Help – a free, interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety**. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of **beyondblue**, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit [www.brave4you psy.uq.edu.au](http://www.brave4you psy.uq.edu.au)

*Remember for serious concerns to see your GP,*

*or ring Accessline on 1800 800 944 for advice.*
Y-SHOP
register now...

Are you a young entrepreneur?
Sell your original creative products in our Y-SHOP.

Expressions of interest are sought from creative young adults aged between 12 and 25 years to be part of Griffith City Library’s first ever youth market!

Every Thursday afternoon from 26 November - 17 December, Griffith City Library is opening up their space to allow young creators to set up shop in the library.

We provide the space and the tables, you provide the merchandise.

This is your chance to showcase your talent, make some money and get your business started.

Register your interest at Griffith City Library or online at www.wrl.nsw.gov.au
## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

### WADE HIGH SCHOOL - YEARS 7-10

**Premium Quality Schoolwear... That Lasts**

**2015/16**

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# Uniform Price List

**Wade High School - Years 11-12**

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**Term 1 commences 27/1/2016**

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**WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY AND SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL**