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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL **Dear Families**

What a pleasure it was to see both The Sounds of Street Food on Friday night and our Pedal Prix teams in action on Saturday. The number of opportunities that our students have to access authentic learning experiences, both within and outside the curriculum, is a credit to both our teachers and students - all of whom are showing great commitment to teaching and learning. The broad range of talents on show over these two events speaks volumes for both our students and our school, where there are opportunities for everyone to thrive – cooks. musicians, artists, sportspeople and the list goes on.

In order to ensure these opportunities are made even more plentiful, we are beginning a review of our timetable, with some new elements hopefully being up and running for the beginning of 2018. We are very interested in the idea of having students build a set of fundamental skills at Year 8 level before they can move to the next stage of any subject but, at that point, having the opportunity to study at any level according to talent and interest, by negotiation with a Community Leader or Manager. In this way we hope that students will have much more flexibility in making their choices, as well as

making it easier to accelerate students' learning in areas of particular talent. Please contact the school if you have any ideas to share with regard to the ideal timetable structure.

Plans for our STEM build continue to unfold, with a tentative start date being the end of July. The work will be completed in three phases with the Special Option class being relocated first, followed by the upgrade of the Hub and then the Junior Floor. Our experiments with the use of the Hub at the start of this year have largely been successful, with the Homework Club being a particular strength. We continue to encourage senior students to work, independently and manage their time successfully - this is still coming more easily to some than others, but we will persevere. The skill of being a trustworthy selfmanager will be useful in all walks of life beyond school, after all.

Last week Sabrina Pattenden, Caroline Davey and I attended some professional learning around Results Plus and DECD's focus on developing teaching strategies that best promote student learning. We are very pleased to note that we are progressing in line with current research in terms of both how our school is run and our plans for student learning in the future. The increase

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### 10 April

Adelaide Athletics

#### 13 April

Last Day Term 1 2.20pm Dismissal

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Term 2 Commences

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### PARENT PORTAL HELP **CENTRE**

Have you forgotten your login?

The following link will redirect you to the logon screen, where there is a "Forgot Password?" button un-derneath "Sign in". Click it and follow the prompts.

https://sentral.granths.sa.edu.au/portal/login

#### **GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE**

### For all absentees

Phone 87263105

Please leave your child's name, homegroup, your name and the reason for the absence. Thank you.

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in the number of students who have chosen the more difficult subjects at Years 10, 11 and 12 this year show our young people's improving commitment to taking on challenges, which is currently a strong focus in education, and we look forward to this focus on achieving at ever higher levels continuing.

As a result of all of this dedication, both staff and students will be looking forward to a well-earned break at the end of next week. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to an equally successful Term 2.





# Fleur Roachock Principal

### **ASBESTOS AWARENESS**

Dear parents and caregivers,

You may be aware of reports in some media outlets regarding our school being listed on the government asbestos register.

The safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority, which is why asbestos management is treated seriously.

There are strict processes in place for the management and safe removal of asbestos. Any asbestos present is clearly marked with signage, maintained on an asbestos register kept onsite, audited on an annual basis by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Asbestos Services Unit and our Asbestos Management Plan ensures that asbestos is removed as soon as practicable.

Please be assured there is no high risk asbestos at our school. Where the condition of existing asbestos changes, there are stringent safety conditions and processes for the asbestos to be removed immediately to ensure the health and safety of children and young people.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself on 87263100.

Thanks for your continuing support of our school.

Regards

Fleur Roachock

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Monday 8th** of May from 3pm to 9pm.

Students will be dismissed from school at 2:20pm on Monday to allow Interviews to begin at 3pm.

Parent/Teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to touch base with your child's/children's teachers, not only to gauge their academic progress in individual classes, but also to discuss their social and emotional wellbeing. Parents/Caregivers are therefore encouraged to take up this important opportunity.

Interviews can be booked online, using the Grant High School Parent Portal as per the above.

# Bookings OPEN Thursday13<sup>th</sup> of April at 8.00am Bookings CLOSE Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 12.00pm

If there are Parent Interview Sessions available, you will see the following information on your Portal Dashboard, listing the name of any Interview Sessions applicable to your enrolled students:

"Parent teacher interview bookings are open. Click one of the sessions to make an appointment for <u>Parent Teacher Interviews</u> <u>Semester 1 2017."</u>

Once you are in the system, a table of instructions will be displayed.

If you complete your bookings and have a change of plans, you have the ability to go back and edit your appointments.

**Please note:** You have a 10 minute inactivity session timeout whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, they may send a note to school, to the Front Office, with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 8726 3100. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Fleur Roachock

REMINDER
LAST DAY OF TERM 1, 13 APRIL 2017
Students will be dismissed at 2.20 pm.
TERM 2 COMMENCES
MONDAY 1 MAY 2017

# **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club has grown steadily in popularity since its birth at the beginning of the year, with between 10 and 20 students attending each night. It is fantastic to watch the many students of Grant High School committing to their studies by seeking the extra support and revision they need. In the Hub, we witness the collaborative nature of the Homework Club, as it provides the perfect environment for like-minded students to collaborate with each other and their teachers in order to overcome problems, whether they are studying Maths or Nutrition.

One of the many amazing parts of the Homework Club is the food. Each night many different food options are served, ranging from fruit to cheese-and-bacon rolls to Oreos, and next term soup will be put on offer also. A big thanks to all of the teachers who have committed to the Homework Club—it is amazing to have such dedicated teachers at Grant High School.

If teachers are not available on a set day, ask the Hub staff about it, and we will source help for you.

Paula Foote, Manager: Hub/Promotions/Events

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### **PEDAL PRIX**

On the weekend the Grant High School Pedal Prix class entered two vehicles into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mount Gambier International Pedal Prix Race. This was the first race for the year, with many continuing students, and lots of new faces; it was a fantastic opportunity to see how they would perform together. Our two vehicles, *Fluro is the new Black* and *The Green Hornet* performed very well over the day placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Secondary category and 28<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> overall for the day. It was a pleasing result for the new look teams, with our A team Fluro is the new Black managing to cover 250km's in the 8 hours. We look forward to our next race in the Riverland town of Loxton on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May

#### Nathanael Todd, Pedal Prix Teacher













### **8LG ROBE CAMP**





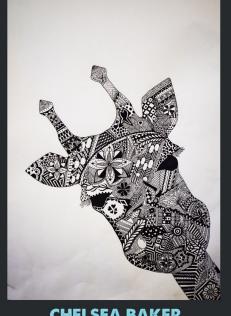








# **VISUAL ARTS**



**GHS ART** 



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**KATE SOMERFIELD** 

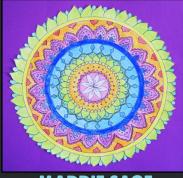


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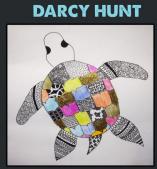
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**GEORGIA MONKLEY** 

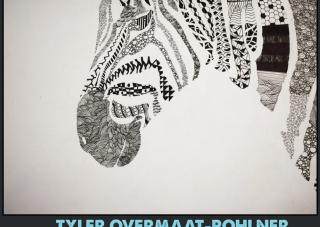


**MADDIE SAGE** 





**FAITH KILLICK** 



**TYLER OVERMAAT-POHLNER** 

## **DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

# YR 11 GHS PHOTOGRAPHY



**DYLAN REDDING** 



**JACKSON COOK** 



**JAKE ROBERTSON** 



**KIERA RITCHIE** 



FINN MAY



**KANE HORROCKS** 



### **HOLIDAY REVISION SESSIONS**

Subject	Teacher	Date (s)	Start time	Finish time	Room No.
Research Project	K. Gilham	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	3pm	SA7
Physical Education	A. Dunn	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	12pm	SA5
Literary Studies	K. Palmer	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	3pm	SA6
Mathematical Methods	J. Andrews	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9am	12pm	MA3
Research Project	J. Fisher	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9am	2pm	SA7
Chemistry	S. Hall	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	12pm	SA5
Research Project	J. Fisher	Wednesday 26th April	9.am	2pm	SA7
Biology	D. Thompson	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm	3:30pm	SC5
Research Project	K. Gilham	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30am	3pm	SA7

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Ms Stephenson's Research Project students please note that you can email your teacher with questions or send work over the holidays.
- Attendance at Research Project session is not compulsory. Teachers will be available at the above time for students to drop in for assistance as required.
- Photography students may contact Leah Fox at any time during the break for camera/advice at leahannfox@gmail.com and can borrow cameras for the holidays.
- <u>Students</u> please ensure to <u>sign-in at the Front Office</u>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Paula and the Trainees, Lacey and Seb, will be available for all your study needs, regardless of year level.

**Location: The Hub** 

Times available: 9.00am-3.00pm Monday -Friday

Please sign in at the Front Office

### **CAREER CORNER**

#### **Diary Date**

Year 10 Work Experience: 5 June – 9 June 2017 (Week 6 Term 2) Students requiring Work Experience Forms must see Mrs Fisher.



# **SCIENCE**

### A big fortnight in Science!

Mr Zadow's Yr 11 Physics class was designing its own practicals. Mr Thompson's Yr 10 Science class was working on Natural Selection using different types of bird beaks and Ms Roselt's Year 8 class was working on chemical reactions with Coke & Mentos

### Colleen Bernie, Lab Manager































# **INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017**

#### **GRANT IMPROVES IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS**

The day of the carnival dawned with a chill of excitement as a group of keen athletics huddled out the front of the school waiting for the bus that would whisk them away to Millicent High, where they would battle it out for the podium finishes. Grant presented a formidable force with many aspiring athletes.

By the time our wonderful Principal, Mrs. Roachock, arrived, she was proud and happy to see so many of us on the podium. Highlights include 11 firsts, which is a huge improvement from last year with only 4 in 2016. There were 18 second places compared with 10 in 2016 and 19 third places compared with 16 last year. This is an achievement that reflects commitment to improve.

Staff support shone throughout the day as teachers and community rallied behind our athletes. Our Sports Manger, the unstoppable Travis Clarke, made the following confident statement: "We have set our sights on Bordertown in 2018". Clarke's infectious confidence supports a highly motivated team who are heading to Adelaide in Week 11.



It has been demonstrated through the outstanding performance at the Interhouse Athletics Day how having a supportive team atmosphere leads to exemplary on field behavior and Grant did us proud at Interschool. Our team was supportive of each other, as well as of other schools and this directly contributed to a positive atmosphere. Those of us going to Adelaide in Week 11 to compete in the South Australian Secondary School Sports Association Athletics competition are looking forward with much excitement and anticipation.

By Tyson Shepherd
Guest Sports Reporter and Competitor

### FINAL RESULTS:

School	Track	Field	Total
Tenison Woods	351	266	617
Mount Gambier	328	258.5	586.5
Boardertown	267.5	248	515.5
Grant	290.5	221	511.5
Naracoorte	245	192	437
Millicent	163	201	364
St Martins's Lutheran	191	165.5	356.5
Penola	163	139	302

### **GRANT HIGH SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:**

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Ella Simmonds (Shot Put)	Cody Hood (1500m)	Isabelle Ladner (100m)
Mitchell Sims (Long Jump)	Cody Lewis (1500m)	Melody Battye-Whitwell (100m)
Isabelle Ladner (Discus)	Kaylee Howard (High Jump)	Abbey Patzel (Discus)
Joel Ramsey (Triple Jump)	Cody Hood (High Jump)	William Wright (Shot Put)
Keyarnah Smith (Javelin)	Scott Brooksby (800m)	Wade Blatchford (High Jump)
Adam McKinnon (Javelin)	Ella Simmonds (Hurdles)	George Ros-Smith (Discus)
Brayden Coppick (800m)	Keryl Ousey (Javelin)	Ella Firth (Hurdles)
Cody Hood (800m)	Joel Ramsey (Hurdles)	Ella Doody (200m)
Keyarnah Smith (Discus)	Scott Brooksby (Hurdles)	Isabelle Ladner (Long Jump)
William Thompson (High Jump)	Isabelle Ladner (200m)	Ryan Larsen (200m)
Tyson Shepherd (400m)	Tyson Shepherd (200m)	Jayden Whitehead (200m)
	Ella Doody (800m)	Cody Lewis (800m)
4 in 2016	Deshawn Smith (Triple Jump)	Aaron Ramsey (1500m)
10 in 2017	Melody Battye-Whitwell (Long Jump)	Brayden Coppick (1500m)
	Brayden Burston (1500m)	Melody Battye-Whitwell (400m)
	Scott Brooksby (1500m)	Cody Lewis (400m)
	Wade Blatchford (Triple Jump)	William Thompson (400m)
	Brayden Coppick (400m)	Melody Battye-Whitwell (Triple Jump)
		U/14 F 4x100m Relay
	10 in 2016	16 in 2016
	18 in 2017	19 in 2017

# **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017**











# **INTERSCHOOL GOLF COMPETITION**





On Friday of Week 7, the Interschool Golf team headed to Mount Gambier Golf Club to compete against other schools in the region in the annual Interschool Golf Competition. This year, Grant High School entered two come-and-try teams, who competed in an Ambrose event, and one competition team who played in the three-player Stableford round.

Our representative competition team was lead by *Bailey Kennett*, who shot a team-high of 39 points, including a birdie on the 15th. He was well supported by teammate, *Blake Diedrich*, who also chipped in with an impressive round scoring 38 points. Overall, the team came fourth on the day, which was an outstanding result given the caliber of some of our local golfers.

Well done to *Ella French*, who lead the come-and-try teams on the day, both of whom shot a combined par on the 8th!

Adam Dunn, Recreation Teacher

# **SOUNDS OF STREET FOOD**

Last Friday night Grant High School Food and Hospitality and Music classes ran a function at the Old Gaol. The night was very successful with food stalls selling out. Special guests were Katie Fox makeup artist, Maharnia Nude special effects makeup artist, local artist Anthony Hamilton, with special music performances by Tamara Seeley and Ben Hood.

In the few weeks leading up to the night, three Food and Hospitality classes prepared various street food items. Miss Widdicombe's class made fresh fruit salad, sorbet with white chocolate shavings in 3 flavours, mango passion, chocolate and lemon, chipolatas topped with fresh salsa wrapped in bread and pulled pork.

Mrs Ziakas's class prepared sweet Thai style roti bread with condensed milk, vegetarian spring rolls and Kuay Tiaw broth (Thai soup) with various additives (dried chilli, coriander, spring onions, bean sprouts, fried onion, and vinegar chillies).



Mr. Praolini's class made empanadas with spicy tomato sauce, jerk chicken and lime custard filled doughnuts.

This is was an invaluable learning opportunity for all students involved.

#### Maddi Baker, Guest Reporter



































# **DONATIONS REQUIRED**

The Roachock Community is partaking in a knitting challenge, where they will be knitting squares which will be joined together to form blankets. The blankets will then be donated to a charity. In order for the challenge to take place, some essential items will need to be donated. It would be amazing if families could please donate 4mm knitting needles, and 8ply wool. This is a fantastic initiative that will be extremely beneficial to the charity and the students, so please, if you have the items to spare, consider donating them to the Roachock Community at Grant High School. Donations can be dropped in to the Front Office.