

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

It was with great excitement that school captains, Bella Leane, Jack Spooner and I headed to Tony Pasin, MP's, office on Monday 15th May to meet the Prime Minister! Along with the student leaders from all of the secondary schools in the region, Jack and Bella had the opportunity to ask our nation's leader a variety of questions about his role and the advice he could give them. The Prime Minister spoke about the importance of communication, character and conviction in leadership and it was clear that the young people were very interested in his perspective of what a good leader should be. In turn, student leaders from all schools were able to articulate why they had taken on the role that they had and what they hoped to achieve. I was left feeling very optimistic about what our next generation has to offer our society.

What a pleasure it was to attend the SESSA Excellence in VET Training Awards last Wednesday. Grant High School fielded nominees in a number of categories and it was fantastic to see Ruth Baker, from the Flexible Learning Centre, and our Ag Learning program, run by Scott Cram, win their sections. These successes highlight once again the wide variety of opportunities our

young people have to build themselves into future-ready citizens!

On Tuesday of this week, Sabrina Pattenden and I participated in the Blue Lake Partnership Review, where leaders from DECD interrogated our partnership's data and helped us to decide where we need to focus our energy in order to best influence our students' learning. As was the case last year, I enjoyed the opportunity to share the plans we have for our school and how positive we are feeling about the innovations we have put into action over the past 18 months. Improving Year 12 results will clearly continue to be a focus for coming years, underpinned, we hope, by the steady improvement we have seen over the past three years in NAPLaN – these being the two areas where we are able to collect independent and objective data.



COMING EVENTS

25 May

- Inter-house Cross Country

29 May—2 June

- Reconciliation Week

30 May

- ICAS Science Comp
- Year 7 Parent Tour 5.00pm

31 May

- Assembly L5
- Year 7 Parent Tours 2.00pm
- Year 8 Expo

1 June

- KO 9-a-side football

5-9 June

- Year 10 Work Experience

9 June

- Student Free Day

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ATTENTION STUDENT FREE DAY

**Please be advised,
Friday 9th June is a
student free day.**

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Department for Education and
Child Development

As we move into the cooler weather, when illness becomes more frequent, we would remind our school community that students need to report to the Sick Bay in the Front Office if they feel unwell. The staff there will then contact home if necessary, rather than students contacting parents directly and then signing out and leaving. This will help us to manage our duty of care responsibilities.

Likewise, we remind parents and caregivers of the need to report to the Front Office before entering the main part of the school. Following this protocol will help us to maintain the safety of our students as well as ensure our focus on learning without unnecessary distractions.

We look forward to next week with much anticipation as we commemorate Reconciliation Week with a special assembly on Wednesday and welcome prospective Year 8 students and parents/caregivers for 2018 to our Transition process. Tours and the Year 8 Expo will occur midweek. Please encourage anyone who needs further information about these opportunities to view our school to contact Paula on 87263100.

Fleur Roachock
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Principal



PHYSICS

On Friday the 12th of May (Week 2), Mr Zadow's Year 11 Physics class had the opportunity to attend and participate in a practical at the UniSA, Mount Gambier Campus. The workshop provided the students with an opportunity to work with University professionals and develop their practical skills in more unfamiliar surroundings. The students were able to utilize and apply their understanding of the 'Waves' topic which was covered in the first term.

The students' first task was to determine the speed of sound experimentally by reflecting a sound wave off an object, and for different distances, determining the speed. They also were able to use equipment provided by UniSA to investigate the Doppler Effect. This practical experience provided the students with valuable insight into how experiments are conducted at a higher level.

Luke Zadow, Physics Teacher



SESSA AWARDS

On Wednesday the 17th May the 2017 South East Secondary Schools Training Awards were held at the City of Mount Gambier Convention Centre. Grant High School is proud to congratulate Ruth Baker from the Flexible Learning Centre on winning the Vocational Student of the Year Award.

Grant also celebrates the work of Scott Cram and the Agriculture Team, which won the Vocational Education and Training in Schools Excellence Award. This award recognises an outstanding training program, which delivers vocational education and training to secondary school students. We are very proud of this area in our school and thoroughly commend Scott and his team for their fantastic work and well-deserved award.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Hannah Thompson, who was a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Vocational Student of the Year Award, and Jacob Rover, who was a finalist in the Vocational Student of the Year Award. We are very proud of these two individuals as their nominations reflect their commitment and dedication to their studies and their futures.

Sarah McCarthy, AET



LEGAL STUDIES

On Wednesday 17th May 2017, Legal Studies students from Grant High School participated in an excursion to the: South Australian Parliament, Old Adelaide Goal, Government House and Magistrates and Supreme Courts in Adelaide.

Under the guidance of Mr. Travis Clarke and Mrs. Judith Praolini, 17 students gained a valuable insight into the structure and functions of these legal institutions, which will assist their studies no end. The students were given an overview of the courts, and witness some very captivating live cases being heard. They learnt a great deal about how the courts function and this put into place what they had covered in the classroom. A tour of the parliament was then given by local MP, the Hon Troy Bell which proved very popular with the students.

Later in the day we were given a tour of Government House and we were fortunate to meet his Excellency the Hon Hiey Van Le AC, 35th Governor of South Australia. His Excellency spoke of the role of the Governor and the history of the impressive Government House, private residence of every Governor since 1840.

The office of Governor is non-political and quite distinct from that of elected head of the government (the Premier). Essentially, the

Governor's role is to follow the Constitution's requirements by securing the orderly transition from one government to the next and facilitating the work of Parliament and the government. Specific functions include summoning and dissolving Parliament, calling elections, appointing a Premier and a ministry, assenting to legislation and approving regulations and appointments.

There have been many royal visitors to the house including her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, King Edward VII, and King George V to name but a few. The students also inquired about past Governors on their tour around the beautiful Government House and immaculately kept grounds.

Later we finished of a fantastic day with a night tour of the Old Adelaide Goal.

The group was absolutely fantastic for the whole trip, and learnt a lot from the day. We are already planning to allow students from Grant High School the opportunity to visit the courts, Parliament, Government House and the Old Adelaide Goal again next year as part of the Legal Studies course.

Travis Clarke
Legal Studies Teacher.



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YEAR 12 BALANCE SEMINARS

Recently Year 12 students engaged in 'Balance Seminars'. Matt and Hannah from 'Life Matters' used various stories, videos and activities to encourage Year 12 students to consider:

- their personality and the impacts that this has on their study habits, behaviours and values
- four attitudes/behaviours that can impact on success in Year 12, including: procrastination, stress, socialising (balancing study and life) and lack of motivation
- practical tips and advice to combat the behaviours above
- their feelings about Year 12 and what they want to get out of their final year of high school

Grant High School would like to thank Matt and Hannah for travelling to present the seminars and congratulate Year 12 students on their positive engagement with these sessions.

Thanks to Kobi White, Abbey Heemskerk and Georgia Bignell from Mr Praolini's Year 11 Food and Hospitality class who did a fabulous (and very tasty) job of catering morning tea and lunch for our guests.

Sabrina Pattenden, Community Leader



SCRATCH DAY

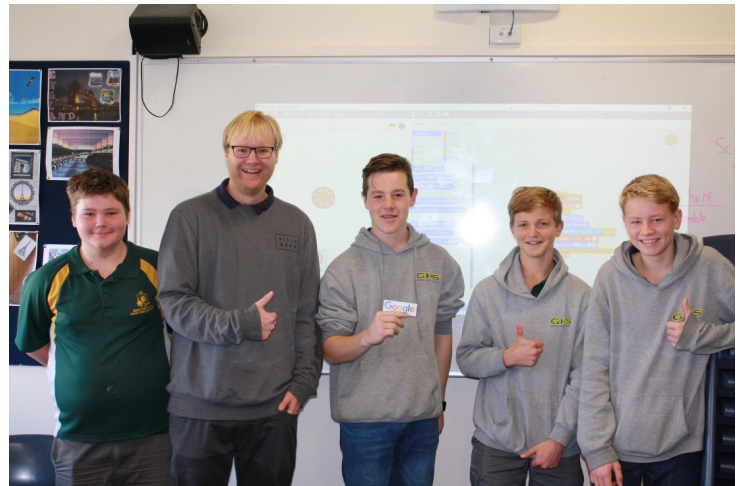
Grant High School shared their passion for computer programming and higher order thinking skills when students from a range of local primary schools visited on **Friday 12th May**. The students have recently been extended in their Information Technology learning by undertaking computer programming using Scratch, a programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art. Grant High School students have also been able to share their creations on the web.

As young people create projects in Scratch, they learn many of the skills that will be critical to their future success: thinking creatively, communicating clearly, analysing systematically, using technologies fluently, collaborating effectively, and learning continuously.

Scratch is particularly intended for 8 – 16 year-olds, but younger children can work on Scratch projects with their parents or older siblings, and university students use Scratch in some introductory Computer Science classes.

Scratch proves that tackling the hard stuff like Computer Science can be fun and worth doing. Grant High School is promoting this activity for Year 6 and 7 students who need extending and will be able to take the skills they acquire back to their respective schools and help other students have fun with this thinking. The event was held in the Grant High School Computer Room the morning was used to learn Scratch skills and to complete a number of different challenges, while the shorter afternoon session involved helping students meeting some Google Engineers via a video link and allowing students to learn about possible career pathways.

Scott McCulloch, ICT Coordinator



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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Mr Abraham's Design and Technology class are in the middle of their Grand Prix season. They are racing cars that the students designed and created, powered by CO2 canisters. It is very interesting that some cars start quicker and other cars catch them near the finish line. This has provoked an interesting discussion in class. The final will be held in the near future, so watch this space for the results. A video is available on our Facebook site.

Scott McCulloch, Design & Technology/Digital Learning

RAP PRESENTATION

On Wednesday of Week 2 the Year 11s attended the Road Awareness Program Presentation run by the Metropolitan Fire Service of SA. The students were presented with highly significant content involving road safety. Brad Ryan and his guest speaker, Udhi, took the time to show the sometimes horrific consequences of taking risks on the road. In 2016 alone the DPTI Road Crash Database recorded 86 fatalities and 605 serious injury crashes, which shows just how important this issue is, especially for our young people. Many students have said that they found the presentation very moving and important. By the end of the session all students had decided that they wanted to be more responsible on the roads. This presentation was a reminder to all those who watched it to make responsible decisions, as we can never anticipate the consequences of our behaviour.

Kirsty Gilham, Community Manager



GHS LAUNCHES 2017 MUSICAL *SPECTRUM*

Excitement filled the Drama room last Thursday lunch as many eager students listened to Bakker deliver his plot synopsis of his latest Musical master piece, *Spectrum*:. a musical filled with mystery and heroic moments, with many laughs as well.

Monday night will be a sleepless night for many students, knowing that their audition is pending for the next day. The production team will have an extremely difficult task ahead of them, casting the endless amounts of talent we have here at Grant High School.

Yet again, Maxwell has joined the team to write the lyrics and music and Mancuso will be heading up the choreography, Widdicombe sewing her amazing costumes and Fox delivering awesome designs.

Spectrum will be playing at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for 4 show season on the 28th and 29th September.

Abbey Marston-Kleemann
Producer & Assistant Director



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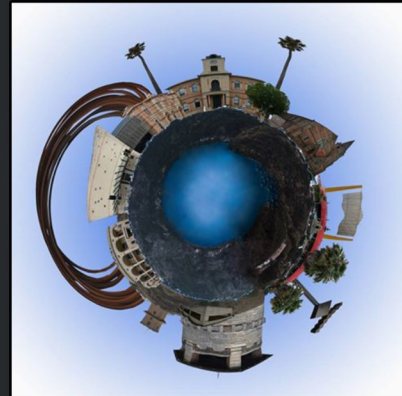
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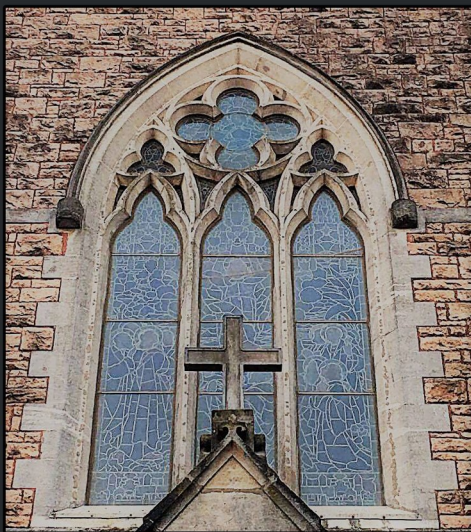
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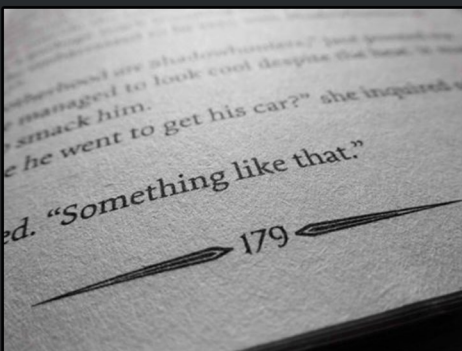
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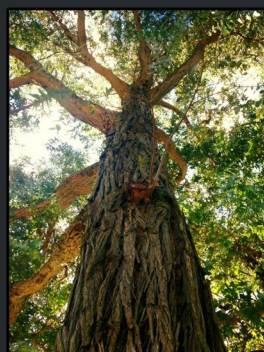
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MANON FINCH

KO OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to everyone who participated in Open Boys Knockout Football on Tuesday Week 3. 24 Grant High School boys travelled to Hatherleigh Football Oval to compete in the first round of competition. In our first game the boys put in a great effort and proved too good for Millicent High School (GHS 6 . 6 . 42 def. MHS 5 . 3 . 35), sending us straight through to the final. Filled with confidence, we had a two hour rest and were able to recover and break down the extensive game plans of both Naracoorte High School and Kingston Community School, as we would face the winner. After an extensive analysis of both teams' strategies we came to the conclusion that whichever team had scored the most points when the final siren went, would be crowned the champions of the day.

With our newly formed game plan we took to the field against Kingston Community School. The boys started strong and had Kingston on the back foot early, securing a one goal lead at half time. After a quick squirt of water and a confidence booster from the coach the boys were ready to go. Unfortunately minor skill errors let us down at crucial moments leading to our defeat (GHS 2 . 4 . 16 def. by KCS 4 . 11 . 35).

Congratulations go to all the boys who participated in the day. They played fair and represented Grant High School extremely well. We would also like to acknowledge and applaud the efforts of Tim Driver who donated his time to be our field umpire for the day.

Campbell Baker,
HPE Teacher



KO TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Thursday of last week, 4 Grant High teams participated in the KO Touch Football competition.

Results are as follows:

Open Girls defeated MGHS 6-1, defeated by Tenison 2-1

Open Boys won both games including the local final to go through to state finals against Tenison

8/9 Boys demonstrated significant improvement from the come and try day. They made the grand final against Penola, which they narrowly lost

8/9 Girls – Demonstrated excellent development, however, lost both local games. All girls showed excellent persistence and learned a lot from the day.

Open Boys compete in State Finals in Week 6 of this term.

Adam Dunn, Supervising Teacher



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JUNE 2017 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY JUNE 15

Community Presentation: Play Grows Brains! // FREE EVENT

Guest speaker Robyn Monro Miller with opening address by South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly.

Play is intrinsically motivated and practiced by every healthy human and animal – but did you know that play or the absence of play can have a significant impact on your child's health and development? The impact of play deprivation is significant and the long term consequences on the health of our community are astounding.

Ideal for parents and carers, this presentation may challenge your thinking around the meaning of play and the empowering impact and long-term health benefits of playful environments.

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Venue Mount Gambier Library

Time 7:00-8:00pm

Light refreshments provided at the end of the presentation

TUESDAY JUNE 20

DECD Schools are closed but there are Family Workshops occurring during the day.

Engineering with loose parts! // FREE EVENT

Designed for families as an opportunity to engage in a fun interactive workshop designed for 3-8 year olds. They will explore many possibilities, as they become engineers for the day using a range of loose parts. Presented by Uni SA education students in partnership with DECD and Mount Gambier City Council.

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Venue Main Corner

Time 10:30am and 2:00pm

No bookings required

TUESDAY JUNE 20 Student free day for DECD schools

Kids Engineering Challenge! // FREE EVENT

Families are invited to come in and engage with Engineering Design challenges. This is a free STEM play opportunity for families and is only limited by their imagination!

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Venue Mount Gambier Library

Time 10:30am and 2:30pm

Bookings preferred. Phone the Library on 8721 2540

TUESDAY JUNE 20 Student free day for DECD schools

Parent and Carers Session Circle of Security - Introduction // FREE EVENT

Answering the question, how can the internationally acclaimed Circle of Security course help me create a successful long life relationship with my child?

Leave the kids with the library team, engaging in a STEM Engineering Challenge allowing you time to find out why everyone is talking about the Circle of Security.

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Venue Mount Gambier Library

Time Two sessions available:

10:30am & 2:30pm

Bookings preferred. Phone the Library on 8721 2540

TUESDAY JUNE 20

Evolving An Idea Into Reality. Community presentation by Thankyou™ Water Co-founder Daniel Flynn // FREE EVENT

Ideal for local entrepreneurs, businesses and senior school students, this presentation by Australian entrepreneur Daniel Flynn explores the 2008 evolution of Thankyou™, a line of bottled water and hygiene products whose profits fund water projects overseas.

Thankyou™ was a response to the global drinking water crisis. This holistic initiative aims to combat poverty, with 100% of the profits funding safe water, food, hygiene and sanitation services around the world.

Today, Thankyou™ has over 40 products available in 5000 outlets in Australia. Learn how a group of friends evolved an idea into a reality.

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Venue Dress Circle, Main Corner

Time 1:30-2:15pm

No bookings required

For more details on any of these events, please contact the City of Mount Gambier on 8721-2504

This initiative supports the Mount Gambier Charter for Children

