



Grant High School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

We have passed the halfway mark of the term in a flash as the school community continues to be involved in a number of activities and programs. One of these has been the consideration of a new timetable proposal. At Governing Council on 21st August, it was decided that the new timetable proposal has great merit and should be implemented; however, delaying this until 2019 was going to be optimal in supporting the school community through the change process. To that end, we will work through the upcoming Course Counselling period with students to ensure they are planning this year for a change in the following year. We will also share information with the school community on a regular basis to familiarize everyone on how the new timetable will work and what the impacts will be for students. Please keep your eye out for this information and contact the school if you have any further questions. Thank you to those people who provided feedback.

Last week was big for hockey and soccer, with Knock-Out teams competing in finals series on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, Year 11 students attended a SAPOL presentation and the whole week was dedicated to Book Week with a murder to solve; blind dates to be undertaken and a costume day occurring on Thursday. Life is certainly never dull!

Our NAPLaN results arrived last week and indicated some areas for concern, particularly around Writing. The number of students meeting the National Minimum Standard in all areas of testing, though, was considerably lower than last year and we will spend some time looking at both overall and individual results to identify where the work needs to be done to ensure students' continued success at school. On the positive side, 69% of students achieved medium-high level growth from the Year 7 tests to the Year 9 ones and 75% managed this in Numeracy, which is affirming of how we are supporting individual students in their development.

COMING EVENTS

1 September

- Footy Colours Casual Clothes Day

5-8 September

- Led Steer Competition Adelaide

6 September

- Immunisations

6-8 September

- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp

12-14 September

- Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Self-reliant camp

14 September

- Newsletter

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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE

For all absentees

Phone 87263105

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

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Finally, we have been advised that our school's External Review will occur in Week 4 of Term 4 when members of DECD will spend two days at our school, helping us to identify the good practice we need to continue as well as areas where we can focus on improving. We look forward to this as a great learning experience.

Fleur Roachock
Principal



SCIENCE AT THE CAVES

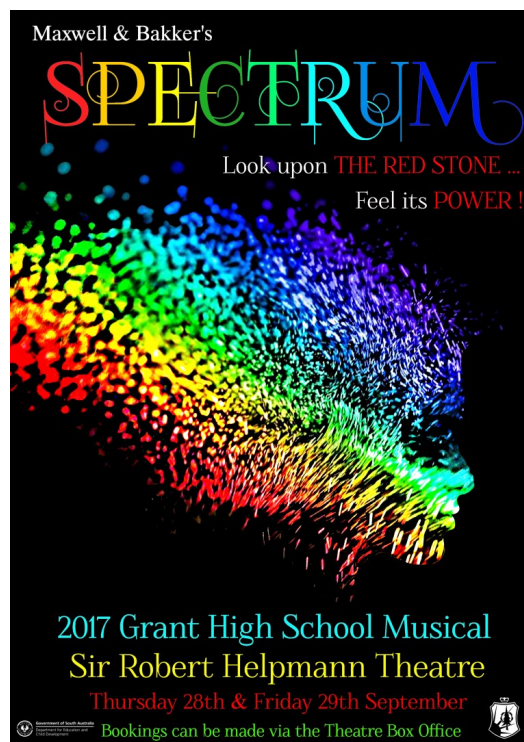
Year 9 and 10 students took part in a day of workshops at the Naracoorte Caves, run by the Natural Resources Management Team. Workshops included information about careers and science, and covered topics including soils, weed management, groundwater and caves.

Josh Praolini, SOSE Teacher



MUSICAL

Spectrum rehearsals and set construction is well underway. Tickets are now on sale at the Sir Robert Helpmann Box Office. Don't miss out!



SAPOL PRESENTATION



On Wednesday last week, our Year 11 students were involved in a Fatal 5 session run by SAPOL. This program provides students with all the relevant information to ensure they do not become a road statistic. Focusing on the "Fatal 5" causes of road deaths in Australia, Senior Constable M. Lord delivered a powerful presentation to our students about the importance of driving safely and remaining vigilant at the wheel.

Cambell Baker, Community Manager

BOOKWEEK 2017



Grant High School hosted a series of weaving workshops with the real life Jack and Jill, from One Tree Hill :) Students learned the ancient practices of loom weaving, as part of studies of Viking society and multicultural perspectives. Students also participated in coil weaving using raffia, a practice that is central to local Boandik people, as well as many other Indigenous cultures across the world. Needle felting was also ever popular, with some students creating pieces they will now enter into the Mount Gambier Show.

Our thanks to Ann Ramzan for donating the looms for the students to use and the wonderful Jack and Jill for their time and patience with helping us learn. It was lovely to have you!

Sarah McCarthy AECO, SOSE Teacher

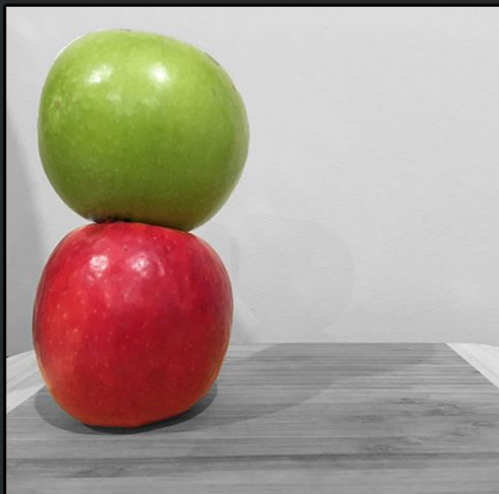
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YR 9 GHS PHOTOGRAPHY



BREE FARRELLY



CAITLIN WHITE



EMILY FISHER



MADDIE SAGE



GEORGIA LUSTY



KAELAN DE NYS



SHAE FIELD



TYSON HOLDEN



MITCHELL TYE



MADISON NISBET

"FOOD"



JAROD HULSINGA



SUSANNAH DURBIDGE

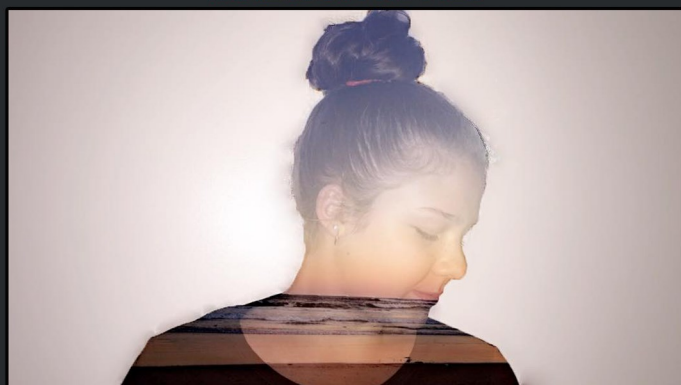
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MADISON REVILL



ALIX SCHWARZ



LATISHA ADAM



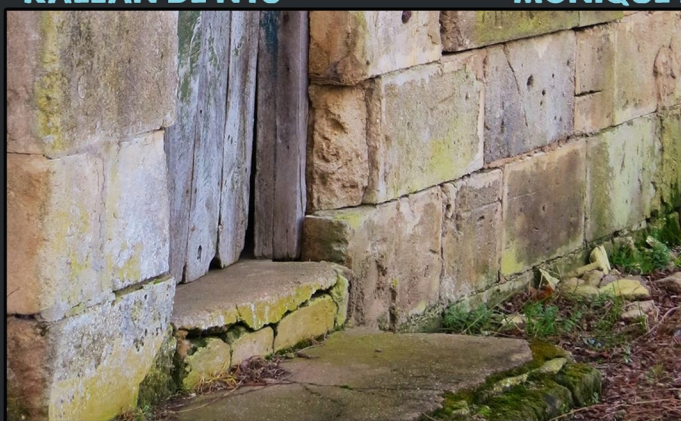
KAELAN DE NYS



MONIQUE MOORE



ARIANA PETTINGILL



GEORGIA LUSTY



RACHAEL TOBIN

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL FORMAL

Class of 2017

24TH NOVEMBER

Located at The Barn Palais

Tickets Adults \$45

Children U12 \$20

Group photo at 6.15pm

Seated by 6.45pm

To be bought from Front Office
by 21 st October

Photobooth available

LITERACY WEEK

Poetry Workshops

45 Grant High School students took part in Poetry Workshops held in The Hub, as part of Literacy Week, on the 28th of August.

The students worked with Charlie Brooks, an Adelaide-based poet, to develop their skills in reading, writing and performing poetry.

In the sessions, students were encouraged to develop their own interpretations of poetry. Additionally, students were given opportunities to produce their own poetry.

One writing prompt for the students was to think of a difficult question that they struggle to answer and then begin writing possible solutions, then remove small connective words where possible, and the creative results were impressive.

The workshops were run as part of the English faculty promotion of literacy week, which is run yearly and is open to all students that wish to participate.

Liam Goodfellow, English Teacher



KO BOYS SOCCER

The Open Boys Soccer Team took on a new-and-improved Mount Gambier High School outfit earlier this term in Round 1 of the Knock-Out Soccer Competition. Although the team had experienced significant success in recent years, some absences in key positions meant it was difficult to field an experienced defensive line. While possession was 50/50 in the first 15-minutes of play, MGHS eventually took control in midfield, putting ample pressure on the likes of captain, Bailey Kennett, in defence. Scott Brooksby worked hard to lock down their midfield, however some skilful ball movement from the opposition meant he was facing an improbable task. Mount capitalised a number of these opportunities, putting several away into the back of the net.

A loss to MGHS saw us take on Naracoorte High School in the second round. Although we had several opportunities moving forward, Naracoorte's central defence was able to anticipate our attack, resulting in many of our through-balls being intercepted. Brayden Coppick opened the scoring account with a miraculous curling ball from a corner kick. Unfortunately, Naracoorte continued to press hard in their forward line giving them several scoring opportunities. Some grappling in the box lead to our second goal, through a penalty kick taken by Ronan McKenzie, who had held the backline together through most of the game. Naracoorte finished strong to take the game 6-2.

In addition to the hard-work shown by the team, we'd like to thank Tyson Van Dyk for his professionalism on the day in helping with linesman duties.

Adam Dunn, Supervising Teacher



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KO OPEN GIRLS SOCCER

The Open Girls Soccer Team travelled to Adelaide on Sunday 20th August for our game against Mercedes College on Monday morning in Round 2 of the Knock-Out Stage.

Unfortunately we had a few players who were unavailable to make the trip, but we were fortunate to recruit to ensure we were still able to fill our side.

The conditions of the Adelaide pitch were less than desirable, as the pitch was full of water, which made the movement and control of the ball very difficult. We were also playing a team that consisted of girls which were playing at the top level of their age group in Adelaide.

The persistence and determination of all our players from the our goalkeeper (**Angie McDonough**), defenders (**Julia Alvey, Zoe Brooksby, Ellie Seaton and Kate Payne**), through the midfield (**Ella Firth, Simone Morony**), wings (**Skye Robertson, Matilda Jones, Ella McKinnon and Kayrel Magsayo**) and even the forwards (**Bree Thomson, Ella Doody**) to consistently apply pressure resulted in our girls going into the half time break only 1-0 down.

The second half started positively with a cross from Ella to Kate who found the back of the net. The girls fought hard, but unfortunately the determined Adelaide team broke through to score their second goal and followed with a third. The final result saw Mercedes with a 3-1 win.

Our girls should be proud of their efforts and they again worked exceptionally well as a team.

We would also like to thank Mr Donaldson for driving the bus and running the lines.

Nat Morony, Soccer Coach



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Application forms for the annual Trisha Flett & Sally-Jane Allen Sports Scholarship are now available from the school (can also be downloaded from our school website). This scholarship was established in recognition of these two outstanding junior athletes tragically killed in a car accident while returning from the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funding to eligible junior sports persons to further their development in their chosen sport. Applicants should already have reached a high standard in their chosen sport (i.e. regional/state/national level) or aspire to do so.

This scholarship is open to residents of the Mount Gambier City or Grant District Council areas who are under the age of 16 as of January 1st 2017. Applications close on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Students wishing to apply for this scholarship should see Mr Clarke for application forms and further details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

Mount Gambier

Bowls Club - Club Room, 172 Commercial Street.

Tuesday 3 October	12.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 4 October	10.30am – 7.00pm
Thursday 5 October	10.30am – 7.00pm
Friday 6 October	09:00am – 2.30pm

Make an appointment today.

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au



SCHOOL SOCIAL

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
Beyond Blue Foundation

I am planning a private school social event for year 10's, 11's and 12's of Grant High School. This event will only be a great success if you all get on board. You won't be disappointed.
HAYLEY MURPHY

\$25.00 TICKETS

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event from the front office.
7:00pm – 11:00pm

FOOD, DRINK & LIVE DJ

ILLUME

Charity Social

THURSDAY, 19TH OF OCTOBER 2017
Grant High School Gym

DRESS CODE:
Incorporate at least one of the three colours into your outfit
Navy, Silver & Gold

ATTENTION
SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS!
YEARS 10, 11 & 12
PLUS ONES (CONDITIONS APPLY)

For each student attending only one plus one is permitted. One ticket must be purchased in addition to your own which will be recorded to prevent double ups.

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