



Grant High School

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**Dear Families**

It has been lovely to see some sunlight and the effect a few warmer days has had on every member of our school community. We look forward to seeing more of it!

It has been a hugely successful fortnight for our school, particularly in the field of hockey, where our Open Girls and Junior Boys won the state championships! Congratulations to all those students involved and thanks to Ruth Stephenson, Meg Beck, Adam Dunn, Andrew Clements and David Thompson who lent their coaching/supervising/bus driving prowess to the teams' recent trips to Adelaide.

A number of students also took part in the MASA Quiz Night at Penola High School in Week 4, where students' general and mathematical knowledge is tested in a fun environment filled with sugar. One of our senior teams came away with a general knowledge win, while everyone else had a fantastic time and learned a bit, too.

Year 9 Debating is underway again, with a demonstration debate being organized by Dr Young to show our students how a debate is structured. Seasoned student debaters Abbey Patzel, Kobie Thomas and Codey Height took on an even more seasoned staff team of Mr Thompson, Dr Young and me on the topic: "That ignorance is bliss". An entertaining debate ensued and Year 9 students now have a clearer idea of what they are aiming for over the rest of this term.

The STEM build continues to run on schedule, with the Junior Floor really starting to take shape. It is going to be fabulous to have much more light in that space in the same way as has occurred in the Hub. A much more cheerful environment will hopefully promote even greater productivity among our student body.

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who made the time to meet with Course Counsellors earlier this week to ensure that their young people have chosen appropriate subjects for their future pathways. The main part of the process is now complete; however, it is anticipated that further re-counselling may be required if numbers do not make some subjects viable.

Finally, we welcome Greg Draper, who will be with us for the remainder of this year while Kathy Zvirgzdins is on leave.

Kind regards,

*Fleur Roachock*

Fleur Roachock, Principal



**COMING EVENTS**

**30 AUGUST**

- Science and Engineering Challenge State Final
- 3 to 7 September**
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camps
- 4 to 5 September**
- Led Steer Competition
- 12 to 14 September**
- Stage 1 Rock Climbing Camp



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# KO HOCKEY

## 8/9 Boys Hockey

The 8/9 Boys hockey team had a very successful trip to Adelaide on Tuesday 21st of August. The team of thirteen had not played or trained together previously yet were able to talk and work together to build play on the day which takes exceptional skill. The first game was against Henley that the boys won five to nil. A stand out moment from the game was a goal conversion from a short corner set play. This pumped the boys up and they converted several more quick goals. However credit needs to go to the Henley goal keeper who saved many more shots on goal yet surprisingly, as we discovered after the game, he had never played hockey before.

The second game was against St Marks. This was always going to be a tough game, made harder when the sun came out. I discovered that Mount Gambier boys don't run well in the sun. We appeared to be the stronger side; however, could not convert a goal and the game ended in a nil all draw. However, this result ensured us top spot with St Marks second in the competition and Henley third.

There were only thirty minutes between our last game and the final so we quickly switched fields and prepared to play St Marks again. With a few positional changes and an attacking strategy we took to the field with winning in mind. This time the boys were able to convert four goals against St Marks zero. The final winning cheer was made even louder when our team captain, Angus Langsmith, converted the last goal with only three seconds left on the clock. A thank you also needs to go to Jay Lines and Darcy Hunt who came on the trip and played even though they have never played hockey before.

It is very pleasing to note that during the whole trip the boys represented Grant High School with the utmost respect and it was even more pleasing to bring home the trophy. Well done boys.

Mrs Beck.

## Open Boys Hockey

With an injection of talented youth into the side, the Open Boys Hockey team were looking to develop on their efforts from recent years. Their 2018 campaign started well with a 2-0 victory over Mount Gambier High School in the qualifying playoff for State Finals. With a season of Division 1 under his belt, vice-captain, Brayden Burston, lead the way in the local qualifier, scoring both goals and controlling the play across the midfield.

Grant's first final was against previous state champions, Prince Alfred College. This year, the boys took greater accountability, and held PAC to one goal at half-time. Tim Boxall was reliable in defense, and some key outlet play from Connor Millhouse from right-half saw us create a number of fast-breaks. We were unlucky not to capitalise on our opportunities in the second half, mounting the pressure on PAC, who held on to take the game 2-0.

With momentum going our way, and an improved attitude and attack on the ball, the boys recorded a come-from-behind 3-2 victory to Nuriootpa. Brady Cooper opened the scoring with a miraculous tight-angled shot from the baseline after some skilful dribbling into the circle. Burston continued his form in front of goal, with a cracking shot at the top of the 'D' and Aiden Cameron slotted away a beautiful team goal to seal victory.

Roy Hutchesson was pivotal in goals, as was Rylan Ward whose composure and accountability in the midfield saw us take greater possession. A game-ending injury to Aiden Cameron saw us lose some structure in the second-half of the day, with the boys going down to both Saint Mark's College and Henley High School.

The team can be exceptionally proud of their efforts, particularly given almost half played the following day in the Year 8/9 squad. I look forward to seeing their continued improvement in the years to come.

Player's Choice Award (votes): Brady Cooper (31), Brayden Burston (24), Rylan Ward (20)

Goals: Brady Cooper, Brayden Burston, Aiden Cameron

Mr Dunn



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## Open Girls Hockey

Winners are grinners!

For only the second time in the 38 year history of the competition, Grant High School Open Girls Hockey Team has won the State finals series.

This competition brings together teams from across the State that have already won a local competition in their region. In 2018 our rivals were girls from Seymour College, Trinity College, St Mark's College and Henley High School.

At 9.15am on Monday 20th August we played our first game against Seymour. This initial 30 minutes of hockey was crucial to cement the girls into a playing unit. Our team was made up of players from all the Mount Gambier clubs and they had to put their fierce, local rivalries on hold while playing for the School. Taking to the pitch with unfamiliar team members is difficult at the best of times, so it was great to see the girls settle into a strong, competitive line-up from the beginning of the day.

Results from the round-robin matches:

Grant vs Seymour College 3 – 1. Goal scorers: Cody L (1); Claudia E (2)

Grant vs Trinity College 3 – 0. Goal scorers: Cody L (1); Cody H (2)

Grant vs St Marks College 2 – 0. Goal scorers: Charlotte F (1); Isabelle L (1)

Grant vs Henley High School 0 – 1.

After losing our last match to Henley, the girls were a little shattered. However, we had not had a bye and Henley still had a match to play. So, even though we were fairly certain we were in the top two teams for the day, we had to wait to see which team we were playing.

We were able to use the down time to our advantage; resting, refueling and hydrating for over an hour before we took to the pitch again to play Henley for the Championship.

And what a nail biter it was!

Cody L scored about 3 minutes into the match and then our girls spent the next 25 minutes having shot after shot at Henley's goal, but we could not put another one in the net. Henley were also relentlessly surging forward time after time and unfortunately, they managed to get one through in the last few minutes of the match. 1 all at full-time meant one-on-ones! This is where 5 players from each team take turns in trying to score against the opposition goalie within an 8 second timelimit.

The 5 players nominated were Zara B, Cody L, Claudia E, Charlotte F and Cody H. Rachel C is our goalie and what a magnificent performance she put in. Henley had the first shot and Rachel came straight out of her goal, gloves up, blocking the shot by throwing herself full length in front of it. What a great start! Zara took our first shot against the Henley goalie and easily worked the ball around her. We were one up with four more to go... Rachel blocked the next Henley attempt, then Cody L brilliantly blasted past their goalie for our 2nd score. Henley's attempt number 3 got past Rachel. It was Claudia's turn and she soaked up the pressure to skillfully score our 3rd goal. Now the nail biting became intense – if Henley scored the next one we would have to continue with the one-on-ones; if Rachel stopped it, we were the winners. Rachel was on form! She stopped it!

Amazing!

Jubilation! State Champions winning against Henley with a final score of 4 – 2.

Congratulations to all the girls on their wonderful achievement.

**Mrs Stephenson**

# HUB PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday the 21st of August we were lucky enough to be entertained by one of our music classes with a performance in the new HUB. The bands played a mix of rock to funk tunes and even got Mrs. Roachock bopping away to the groovy music.

This is now going to be a regular occurrence due to the popularity.



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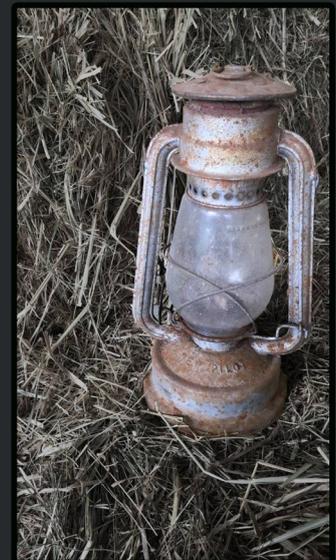
# YR 9 & 10 PHOTOGRAPHY



CONNOR LITTLE



GEORGIA BALD



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TAMEKA COPPICK



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ELLIE SEATON



MATILDA JONES



JACK STOCKER



KAELEIGH KEENAN



MIKAELA BUCKMASTER



ELLIE SEATON



TAMEKA COPPICK



MITCHELL LAWRIE

# NETBALL

## THE OPEN GIRLS:

The Open Girls Netball team had a slow start the day, with narrow losses to Penola High School and Mt Gambier High School. However, their third game, was outstanding and they went on to beat Naracoorte High School in a close game. Due to our two losses we ended up playing against Penola High School again in the fight for 5th position. The girls played extremely well and we ending up beating Penola comfortably to finish the day in 5th place. Overall, it was a great day and all the students involved represented Grant High School well.



## THE YEAR 10 GIRLS:

On Thursday the 9th of August three Grant High School netball teams took part in the annual knockout competition. The year 10 team finished in 5th place, after securing two solid wins against Mount High School and St. Martins Lutheran College. All team members showed their versatility and worked well together throughout the day. Some fantastic shooting from Abby Egan, Madi Revill and Jess Earle kept the score board ticking over. Georgina Norman, Maddie Hosking and Georgia Bald ran hard through the mid court all day, providing good passing options and feeding some excellent passes into the goal circle. While Keryl Ousey and Shanae Neale were unstoppable in defence, taking clear intercepts and rebounds when they came. A great effort by all involved. Well done girls.



## THE YEAR 8/9 GIRLS:

The year 8/9 Knockout Netball Team did well on the day coming up against some strong teams in their pool; Naracoorte, Tenison Woods College and Penola. After 2 losses and drawing to Penola the girls ended up finishing 3rd in their pool and went on to defeat Saint Martins Lutheran College by 5 and then played Millicent in the final for 5th position. Keyarnah Smith, Shelby Ryan, Kayla Sheppard and Lucy Davis shot well in the goal circle. Sophie McLean, Kellie Wallace and Scout Elshaug brought the ball down through the center court and Abbey Dyson, Gemma Box, Tameka Coppick and Lucy Davis worked well in defense. Overall, the girls came away with 6th position out of 8 teams and enjoyed playing with one another.



# STAFF VS STUDENT DEBATE

On Wednesday August 22, Year 9 students were able to witness a staff-student debate, on the proposition "Ignorance is Bliss", as a part of their Year 9 English unit on Debating. The student team, including Kobie Thomas, Abbey Patzel and Codey Height, affirmed this statement, while the teachers, (Mr. Thompson, Dr. Young and Mrs. Roachock), argued against it. After a close contest, featuring soaring rhetoric, questionable heckling and sometimes limited preparation, the teachers were declared the winners. While the rules of debating may not have been strictly adhered to at times, nonetheless all agreed that the debate was entertaining and informative.

Gary Young, English Coordinator





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(NO CASH OUT)

## JAPANESE TAIKO DRUMMERS

On Friday 17th August some GHS students were entertained by three Japanese Taiko drummers from Sydney. Students had the opportunity to perform with the drummers and experience the sounds and rhythms of the Japanese Taiko drum and the bamboo flute. The live performance of the Japanese culture provided an exciting learning opportunity for Music and Japanese students.

**Michelle Berlin, Performing Arts Teacher**



## SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A  
SCHOOL CARD.

2018 APPLICATIONS FOR THIS CLOSE AT THE END  
OF OCTOBER.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR THIS ONLINE OR COLLECT A  
FORM FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.

## SCHOOL CARD

School Card income limits have increased from previous years; therefore your family may now be eligible to apply for School Card. For more information on eligibility and to apply online please go to <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or speak to the Finance staff.

**Income limits for applications lodged in 2018 – based on family's gross income in 2016/2017**

**You will need to provide proof of income – e.g. payslips or Centrelink information.**

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school.

Num. dependent children	Gross annual School Card income limit	Gross weekly School Card income limit
1 child	\$57,870	\$1,113
2 children	\$58,903	\$1,133
3 children	\$59,936	\$1,153
4 children	\$60,969	\$1,173
5 children	\$62,002	\$1,193
More than five children	Add \$1,033 for every dependent child	Add \$20 for each dependent child

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# YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

In Term 2 this year, 18 of our year 10 students engaged in the Youth Opportunities personal empowerment and leadership program. Youth Opportunities has been delivering Positive Empowerment Programs to more than 11,000 young people across Metropolitan and Regional South Australia since 1997 and extended their reach to students in the Limestone Coast in 2017.

The program is built on a practical thinking framework aligned with positive psychology and personal development learning. It provides the tools and strategies that help enable young people to overcome challenges, reach their full potential, achieve and thrive.

Graduates of the training report benefits such as:

- increased confidence and motivation,
- better decision making skills,
- ability to take responsibility for their thoughts and actions
- improved relationships with family, friends and teachers.

The program helps young people learn lifelong skills to help them be the best they can be. Youth Opportunities trainers work as coaches and tailor the program to the individual goals that students have through a variety of educational techniques.

As a school we are invested in the wellbeing of our students and advocate for any program that helps students face and overcome obstacles that they may encounter. We want students at Grant High School to walk out of this training feeling more confident, have sound conflict resolution skills and have a sense of togetherness that will stay with them for the rest of their school journey. Our school believes that this type of learning is crucial to the overall wellbeing of students and will help compliment the education that we provide.

Congratulations to the graduates from Term 2, and we wish the current group all the best on their personal journey.

*Jade Lock , Wellbeing Leader,*



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Hear from our very experienced, Senior staff, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 30th August at 7.30pm**

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**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
**Time:** 10:30am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm  
**Venue:** North Mount Gambier Sports Club,  
173 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier

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