

Issue No. 9



FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dear Families

We have just begun the mid-year exam period and it is pleasing to see so many students determined to do their best in them. We run exams in Years 10 and 11 for those subjects that contain an exam in Year 12, so students have the opportunity to practise their skills in this area – managing an exam, like all things, is easier with practice. Mid-year exams help us predict exam marks for Year 12s, as well as being good practice, and sometimes they are part of the formal assessment tasks set, so they are very important. That being said, it is not the end of the world if an exam does not go well there are other opportunities to improve grades!

The Student Free Day on the Friday before the long weekend had staff reinforcing some learning we began last year around Dylan Wiliam's work on Formative Assessment, as well as looking at the Aboriginal Perspectives component of the Australian Curriculum. It was a very positive day, receiving great feedback from staff and highlighting some excellent outcomes that are already occurring. The regional Student Free Day also provided some wonderful opportunities for learning as well as fantastic networking chances as we worked with our colleagues from both the Blue Lake and SECaV Partnerships.

Our staff's commitment to providing outstanding extra-curricular opportunities for our students remains very strong. Over the past few weeks we have sent students to 9-a-side football, knock-out Touch Football finals, Pedal Prix and Interschool Cross Country, while "Spectrum" rehearsals have also started. It was also fantastic to hear such positive feedback about our students as a result of the Year 10s undertaking Work Experience recently, as part of their PLP learning.

We are continuing our work on a new timetable structure for 2017. At this point our preferred option is a 6 line timetable (we currently have 7), 3 breaks instead of 2, with the first one being earlier in the day and a longer weekly homegroup session, rather than the shorter daily ones. We hope

Thursday 22 June 2017

COMING EVENTS

26-30 June

Year 12 Exams

26 June

Governing Council 7.30pm

27 June

KO 8/9 Male AFL Football

28 June

- KO 8/9 FemalAFL Football
- 29 June
- Lightning so Frightning Science Show
- 7 July
 - Final Day of Term 2 2.20pm Dismissal

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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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to have a shortlist which will be voted on soon. Likewise, our student population will soon be voting on more permanent names for our Communities.

On that note, I am pleased to let you know that Josh Praolini will be taking over the leadership of what is currently the Roachock Community (new name to be advised) in Semester 2. We are sure he will do a great job!

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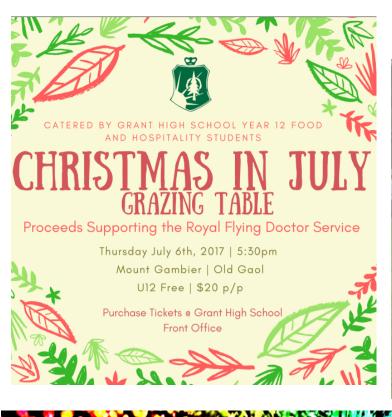
Fleur Roachock Principal



OVERDUE FEES

Payment of overdue accounts and 2017 Materials and Services Charges were required to be paid by 6 April 2017. Governing Council wish to advise that if payment is not received by **30 June 2017** action will be taken to recover the debt. If you believe that you may be entitled to School Card assistance, please complete an application form and return to the school as soon as possible. Payment of accounts can now be processed via the school website http://web.granths.sa.edu.au or alternatively contact the Finance Officer to arrange direct debit instalments. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Officer to arrange a payment schedule. **Sonia Solly, Business Manager**

FOOD & HOSPITALITY



HASS

On Wednesday 21 June, Dr. Young's, Mrs. Gilham's and Mr. Goodfellow's Year 8 SOSE classes re-enacted a Medieval tournament as a part of their studies into Medieval Europe. Using pool noodles as tournament 'weapons', students participated in such events as the broadsword single combat, the joust, the grand melee and the melee a cheval. Several of the students were remarkably adept with sword and lance, and there were numerous epic duels for the tournament spectators to enjoy!

Gary Young, HASS Teacher









OUTDOOR STUDIES

The Year 10 Outdoor Studies students snorkelled through Ewens Ponds, the natural habitat of Glenelg Spiny Freshwater Crayfish (pricklyback) on the 21 June in preparation for the STEM breeding program that will start at Grant very soon.

Josh Praolini, Outdoor Studies Teacher

































BOOK LAUNCH

Book Launch Seasons of Boandik Country Representations of Seasons within

the Limestone Coast

Tuesday 4th of July 2017 6:30pm @ the Mount Gambier Library

This is a free community event. Registration required for catering purposes. Telephone Mount Gambier Library (08) 87212540 or book online www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library

Exploring the landscapes & landforms around us and in this world; the processes that have formed them & the stories people use to describe them.

Discovering the Boandik perspectives on the seasons & how they have been an important part of life for thousands of years; the changes in seasons, the importance of conservation.

This beautiful book has been illustrated with images of felt paintings, from the Year 8 Students, who have used wet & needle felting techniques.

A collaboration between Sarah McCarthy and the Children of Berrin at Grant High School with Uncle Ken Jones & Aunty Penny Bonney.

With poetry translated into Bunganditj; the language of Boandik people, by Brooke Joy. Alloor sta

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HEALTHY HABITS MAKE HELPFUL CITIZENS

Grant Students Attend Key Community Event to Learn About Healthy Choices and Careers

On Friday the 16th of June, a select group of students from Grant High School attended the South East Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Careers Expo, which was held at the City Hall. The event was organized by Peter May, who is a leading Aboriginal Health Promotions Officer in our community. The purpose of the event is to help students to explore careers in the health industry, to learn about healthy lifestyles and choices as well as network with Aboriginal health professionals.

Students moved between 6 interactive stations, where they learned from Flinders Hospital Nursing staff, podiatrists, physiotherapists, dieticians and paramedics. Students did a range of interesting activities, such as measuring the sugar content of various foods and drinks, calculating sugar percentages and measuring their own blood glucose levels. Quotes from students include "we need to eat healthier things", "I learned not to eat too much sugar", "fizzy drinks have 15 teaspoons of sugar, but we are only meant to have 4 extra teaspoons of sugar per day." These findings were interesting to the students because they realized their diets are quite high in sugar, which puts them at risk of diabetes and other health issues.

Students also saw the value of the event for their community, due to the importance of passing on knowledge about living healthy lives. One student commented "It is important so I can eat healthy, be strong and I can tell others". This confirms the value of this experience for our young people, as active members of our community. It also supports students to understand the possible pathway opportunities into an vital area of study and employment.

This is a biannual event, so if you are an Aboriginal person who is interested in healthy choices and careers, stay tuned for 2019, when this fantastic experience will run again!

Lachie Jones, Guest Reporter





Senior School Exam Guidelines

• Attendance at Stage 1 exams is compulsory.

If students are absent from exams with a suitable explanation and make contact with the school either prior to or on the day of the exam, then alternative arrangements will be made to re-sit the exam. If no contact is made with the school as outlined above then students will receive a zero mark, which will then be recorded on semester reports.

Students must sign-in to school as they arrive and sign-out of school as they leave each day.

• Subject teachers will call home and notify parents/caregivers when students do not attend exams.

- All candidates sitting exams should be in school uniform.
- Mobile phones are not to be taken into exams. They cannot be used as calculators or timers.
- MP3 players or electronic dictionaries are not to be taken into exams.
- Candidates are allowed and encouraged to bring water or other non-carbonated drinks to the exam.
- Candidates who require extra materials can gain the invigilator's attention by raising a hand.
- Candidates must ask the invigilator for permission before getting up from their seats for any reason.
- Candidates are not permitted to write in their script books nor use their calculators during reading time. They may write on the scribbling paper provided.
- Candidates will not be permitted to leave exams during the first 30 minutes (after reading time) or the final 15 minutes.
- Candidates are to leave their script books/exams on their tables for the invigilator to collect.
- At the conclusion of the exam, candidates should place any paper in the recycling bins provided and other rubbish in the bin.

All students need to wait at the corridor end of the double doors at least 15 minutes prior to exam start time.

Date	Start time	Exam	Duration (minutes)	Location
Monday	ALL CLASSES RUNNING AS NORMAL			
26 June	Lesson 6/7 Yr 10 General Maths Exam SA 1/2/3			

Tuesday	9:00	Biology (14)	180	SA2
27 June		Specialist Maths (6)	180	SA3
	1:30	Essential Maths (18)	90	SA1

Wednesday	9:00	Chemistry (13)	180	SA3
28 June		Tourism (16)	120	SA2
	1:40	General Maths (23)	60	SA1

Thursday	9:00	Mathematical Methods (11)	180	SA1
29 June	1:40	History(18)	60	SA3

Friday	9:00	Physics (8)	180	SA3
30 June		Physical Education (7)	120	SA2
	1:40	Literary Studies (26)	90	SA1

KO TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Thursday of Week 6, the Open Boys Touch team participated in the SSSSA Knockout State Finals. The boys finished second in their pool as a result of some outstanding team efforts. As a result, the group played in the State Semi Final, where they went down to the eventual Grand Final winners, Marryatville High School. Their result was an excellent reflection of the hard-work the team have put into their development this season.

Game Summaries:

Game 1 lost to Adelaide High School 2-6 (Tries: Brodie Clarke 2)

Game 2 drew to Modbury High School 1-1 (Tries: Jake Biggs)

Game 3 defeated Cardijn College 4-3 (Tries: Jake Biggs 3, Brodie Clarke)

Semi-Final lost to Marryatville High School 1-9 (Tries: Nathan Humphries)

Play-off (3rd/4th) lost to Unley High School 3-4

Adam Dunn, Supervising Teacher



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week saw 27 students compete in the Interschool Cross Country event, held at Millicent, fielding participants in all age levels. Grant High School finished second overall, and with some excellent individual results, took away the Open Boys shield.

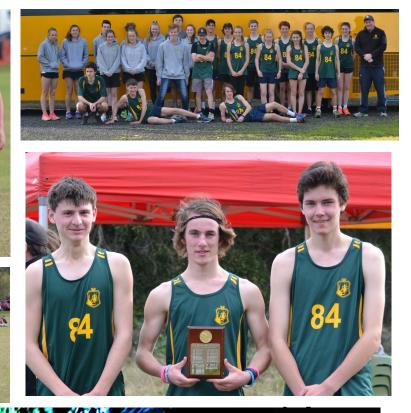
Scott Brooksby led the way with a strong first placing in the open boys, and Joel Ramsey ran well to get second in the under 15 boys.

Special mention to a number of girls who ran out of their age group to help the team.

The demanding track consisted of sand, hills and bush; however, our students took the challenge willingly, representing our school and challenging themselves against their peers from other schools.

AGE GROUP	POSI-
	TION
U14 male	2 nd
U15 male	2 nd
U16 male	2 nd
Open male	1 st
U14 female	3 rd
U15 female	2 nd
U16 female	2 nd
Open female	2 nd
Overall	2 nd

Travis Clarke, Sports Manager



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In preparation for the final camp of the year the Stage 2 Outdoor Ed class decided to complete a combined canoeing/bushwalking camp. The plan was to paddle down the Glenelg River to Nelson and walk to Lake Monebiong but due to inclement weather the plan was changed and the group walked back along the river. This provided a very important lesson for them, with skills that they can apply to their upcoming self-reliant camp.

Jacob Height, Outdoor Education Teacher



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Stage 1 Surf Camp

Mr Height and Mr Maxwell's Stage 1 Outdoor Education classes combined to head off on their final camp for the semester. The camp took them to Robe and Beachport and got them out in the ocean for some surfing. They were treated to some nice clean waves with some decent swell which allowed them to all improve their skills over the three days.

We would like to thank Port Noarlunga Aquatics for their great help and good times with all the students over the camp.



Stage 2 Surf Camp

The Stage 2 Outdoor Education headed off to Moana for their second camp of the year to get involved in some surfing. Conditions were great on the first day, but unfortunately the weather had other ideas and gave the group some less than ideal conditions over the next few days. To the group's credit they went out each day with a high level of enthusiasm and were ready to improve their skills, which also included some Stand Up Paddleboarding when it was flat. I would like to commend the group for their great effort over the four days and the terrific way they represented themselves. Big thanks also to Port Noarlunga Aquatics for their quality instructing.



THEATRE PRODUCTION

LINE 7 THEATRE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

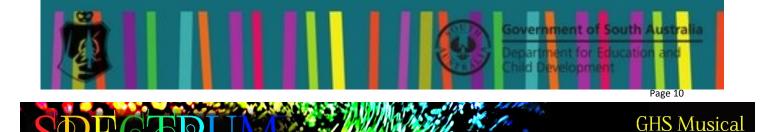
CHAOS

A Night of Many Plays

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 6.30PM

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA ROOM

Gold coin donation at the door Tea & Coffee will be served at intermission



Thurs 28th & Fri 29th Sept