



Aquatics Carnival 2018



FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dear Families

It has been an incredibly busy time at school, hence this newsletter being a week later than usual. Last week the STEM Build started in earnest and the Hub and Junior Floor offices have been hoarded off in preparation for demolition work. This has meant staff and students having to endure a much more cramped work environment in various parts of the school, but we are hopeful that the sacrifices we make now will be amply rewarded in a few months' time.

In the meantime, a brochure about our Building Better Schools project has gone live on the DECD website, outlining our hopes to build a new gym and create new purpose-built Performing Arts spaces over the coming years. This is another exciting opportunity to make sure our students have the best possible learning environments to support their schooling.

Last week's swimming events were hugely successful, with strong numbers attending our Inter-house carnival in perfect weather on Tuesday, and an outstanding result of finishing second at the Interschool Carnival on Friday. Congratulations to Maddie Whaites, Sports Manager, and the HPE faculty for their

excellent work around these events, and well done to our students who showed fantastic commitment and competitive spirit to ensure the school's overall success.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, I attended two conferences for school leaders in Adelaide, that outlined the Department for Education and Child Development's goals for our students' futures. Thursday was all about Literacy and Kirsty Gilham attended with me in her capacity as Coordinator of Powerful Learning. It was interesting to listen to research about literacy being the foundation of democracy and vital to every young person's ability to contribute to, and engage effectively with society – this focus has a much more aspirational feeling than the last literacy push which strongly targeted functionality. As a staff, we will continue to explore the latest research and establish the implications for our students, in order to ensure they can access their best possible futures.

Friday was for Principals and Pre-School Directors and outlined our organisation's goal of achieving a world-class education system. Again, the research was fascinating as to how other countries and regions had achieved excellent outcomes across the world and I left the two days feeling energised and inspired by what a collective can achieve if the goals are clear and energy is focused. I was able to reflect very positively on our recent achievements at Grant High School and the difference we are making for our students, especially in light of information I have been collating for our Annual

COMING EVENTS

27 Feb—2 March

- Yr 8LGKA Robe Camp

28 February

- SRC Induction Assembly

5-8 March

- Yr 8LZMA Robe Camp

6 March

- Immunisations

9 March

- Interhouse Athletics Carnival

12 March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE

For all absentees

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

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Report. Attendance is trending steadily upward, for example, as are levels of achievement, particularly at Year 12 level. We are aware that there is still much to do and we look forward to continuing our commitment to improvement.

In the meantime, school life carries on and we look forward to more Year 8 camps; Tasty Tunes and Athletics Carnivals in the not-too-distant future, along with various other events that pepper our calendar.

F. Roachock

Fleur Roachock,
Principal



TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1:	29 Jan—13 April
TERM 2:	30 April—6 July
TERM 3:	23 July—28 Sept
TERM 4:	15 Oct—14 Dec

Attention Year 12 Students/Parents

District Council of Grant Scholarship

Once again the District Council of Grant are offering an Academic Scholarship to students residing in the Council area. This Scholarship is to assist and encourage students to attend to Year 12, and preferably onto University or further study. The Scholarship is offered to students who reside in the District Council of Grant area. Please see Paula Foote, in the Front Office for an application form and criteria document. Applications are due to Paula Foote by Wednesday 2nd May, (Week 1 Term 2).

ATTENTION GRANT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

URGENTLY SEEKING CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Phone 87263100 for
more information



8GWKU ROBE CAMP



The first camp for 2018 saw a group of 23 fresh-faced Year 8 students explore tourist attractions around Robe and participate in a variety of team-building activities. Led by Mr. Baker, Miss Wells and Mr. Fisher, the students visited the Robe History Trail and Old Cemetery and walked local nature trails. Due to the ideal weather conditions, students also appreciated time spent at the beach, where activities were available both in the water and on the shore.

Throughout the camp, students coordinated their own enterprise activities, which included a sandcastle building competition and a competitive game of 'Capture the Flag'. This provided students with great opportunities to get to know one another and develop new relationships. Overall, the camp was a successful and enjoyable week away for both students and staff.

Georgia Wells, Homegroup teacher



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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

INTERHOUSE AQUATICS

Well done to all students who participated at the Inter House Aquatics Carnival. The sun was shining and students were excited to compete for the bragging rights of Inter-house winners. House captains did a fantastic job of encouraging their members, decorating their tents and making sure all events were filled. The championship events were an opportunity for students to display some excellent swimming talent, while the novelty events were exciting for both competitors and spectators alike. All house members should be proud of their efforts on the day; it was excellent to see so many students participating in a positive manner across all events. Bonney were again victorious, while Gambier finished second. Gordon battled it out with Henty for third. Well done to all students and staff involved in a successful event.

Maddie Whaites, Sports Manager

Final Results	
Bonney	971
Gambier	645
Gordon	630
Henty	612

Age Champions		
Age groups	Females	Males
Under 14s	Jemma Walters	Ben Young
Under 15s	Claire Redding	Jack Kleinig
Under 16s	Alaska Lipscombe	Samuel Saunders
Open	Renee Henke	Thomas Redding



INTERHOUSE AQUATICS CARNIVAL

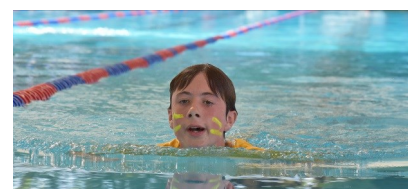
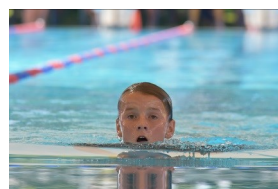


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INTERSCHOOL AQUATICS CARNIVAL



On Friday the 16th of March, 41 students represented Grant High at the Interschool Swimming Competition held by the combined schools. All students who participated did an excellent job of representing themselves and the school. Due to some admiral team and personal efforts we were able to finish in second place with a total of 367 points. The Under 15 Girls and Boys were especially strong; their age group added 124 points to our overall score. Additionally, the Under 15 Girls medley team including Claire Redding, Jemma Walters, Makala Cookson and Ellie Seaton were standout performers, battling it out in a tightly contested race to finish second in their event. Each student who took part in the competition did a fantastic job and should be proud of their efforts.

Maddie Whaites, Sports Manager

Age Group Results

U14	67
U15	124
U16	74
Open	102
Total	367

SCIENCE

On Tuesday 6th of February the Agriculture facility took delivery of 100 day old Isa Brown layer chickens.

Over the course of the first semester the three Year 9 Ag Practical classes, delivered by Meg Beck and Scott Cram, will care for the chickens. The intention is to raise the young layer birds with the sale of approximately 40 pallets (12 weeks old) in Term 2 and then 20 point of lay birds available at the end of the semester. The remaining 30-40 Layers will be kept as to refresh our own layer flock.

Scott Cram, Agriculture teacher





In Week 1, the first South East SAASTA Academy was formed, with students from the Limestone Coast attending the program once per week at Mount Gambier High School. SAASTA is the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy. It has been in operation for over ten years and Academies exist all over South Australia.

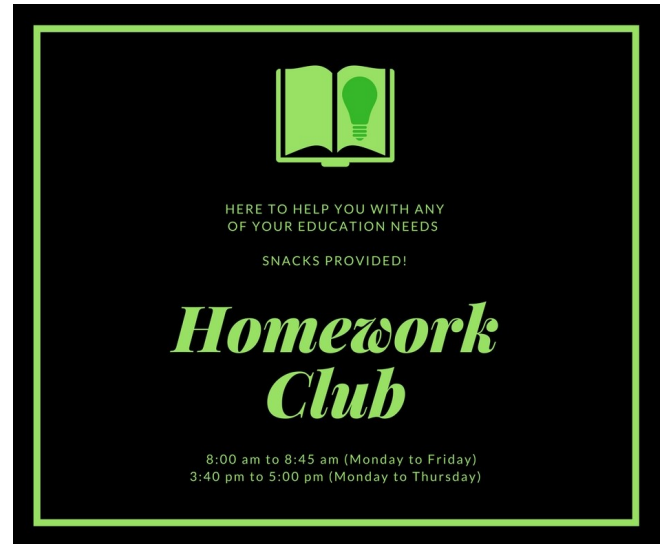
The SAASTA program supports Aboriginal students in Years 10-12 to complete school and explore and develop pathways into further study and employment, through learning and sharing about Aboriginal cultures, histories and perspectives. The Semester 1 highlight, and culmination of a significant part of the curriculum, is the Aboriginal Power Cup. This is a three day football carnival in June, where students showcase their learning through assessment tasks including design and cultural consultation, workshops, career and health expos and, of course being healthy and active on the field.

In the first session we talked about what SAASTA means, we played 2 truths and a lie to get to know each other and played a touch football scratch match.

In the second session we watched a documentary on Australian history, we got our new uniforms and got a photo taken to put in the Border Watch.

A large part of the future success of this program is due to the support of our local and wider community. The South East Academy would like to extend its appreciation to the parents, families and Elders in our community, our fantastic ACEO Kathy Beck, teachers Tara Bonney and Sarah McCarthy, our host school of Mount Gambier High School, our own schools of Grant High, Mount Gambier High, Naracoorte High, the Independent Learning Centre and the Flexible Learning Centre, Andrew Smith and his team at SAASTA, Pauly Vandenberg and his team at Port Adelaide Football Club, the other SAASTA Academies for their help with getting organised, Foodbank for their wonderful weekly healthy fruit and Ruth McCarthy for the lovely muffins she bakes.

Marni Beck, Academy participant.



Throughout the first two weeks of Term 1, the process of moving the Hub due to the STEM build commenced. On Wednesday the 7th of February all of the larger desks were demolished by the building trade students, leaving the room looking a lot emptier, but making the build seem a lot more real and exciting.

While everyone was at Inter-house Aquatics, a group of amazing staff hung back and moved almost everything else that was left in the Hub. This included relocating the staff office spaces. Students were also allowed to borrow as many books as they'd like prior to this day, as all of the fiction books were packed into storage, ready to be unpacked when the build is finished.

As most of you would know, the Hub was where we held all Year 11/12 reliefs and supervised study. It was also where students could sign in or out due to late arrivals, early departures or home study. Luckily, all of these resources having now been located in CO1.

Isabella Leane, Trainee



TASTY TUNES

@ THE RAILWAY LANDS



Friday 16th March @ 5 PM

Street Foods available for purchase and
Music performances from GHS students

Koonara Wines and Cide
Project Cider and Craft
Beer available

Gold Coin Donation
Funkyflix Facepainting



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