



FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dear Families

School life continues to be amazingly busy, with a recent highlight being Tasty Tunes at the Rail Lands last Friday evening. This was a fantastic showcase of our students' talents in the food and hospitality and music areas, and attracted a great crowd. We are extremely proud of the work our students did to make this event such a success, while the learning they undertook was invaluable. We congratulate our Food and Hospitality and Performing Arts staff for their commitment to the school and our students in making such events happen.

The previous Friday, our Interhouse Athletics Carnival took place in fairly warm conditions. While Bonney won for the sixth year in a row, there are definitely signs that some other houses could seriously challenge them in the very near future! We congratulate all students on their excellent sporting behaviour and thank all staff who participated so enthusiastically to ensure the event was a success. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to an exciting Interschool Athletics

Day on Wednesday.

Over the course of this year, we will continue our focus on reforming the structures and systems of our school, in order to improve students' learning outcomes, which will include a transition to a six-line timetable in 2019. This change will enable students to focus on fewer subjects in more depth and reduce interruptions to timetabled classes through pastoral care covering those parts of the curriculum that are so important to cover, but do not fit neatly into subjects.

At the same time, however, our teachers are continuing to look at their own practice in order to improve how we teach in every area of the school. To that end, we have employed Garry Costello, former Chief Education Officer at DECS, former Education Director in the Limestone Coast and former Mount Gambier High School Principal, to work with our staff over the next 18 months to ensure that our classroom teaching is the best it can be. He will be largely working with middle management – Community Leaders and Coordinators – on student free days and in their own time, to build skills on how to lead others through a continuing process of improvement. This work will start on our Student Free Day this Friday and continue for Leaders on Saturday morning. Garry works with only a limited number of schools at any given time, so we are thrilled to have this opportunity to learn from both his experience and research.

Finally, in line with other schools in the city, Grant High School will dismiss students at 2:20pm on the Thursday before Good Friday. We wish everyone safe travels over the Easter weekend.

Kind regards,

Fleur Roachock

Fleur Roachock,
Principal



COMING EVENTS

23 March

- Student Free Day
- Clay Target Shooting

26–27 March

- Year 12 Art/Design trip

27 March

- KO Open Girls Softball

28 March

- KO Open Boys Basketball

29 March

- KO Open Boys/Girls Tennis

30 March

- Good Friday

2 April

- Easter Monday

3 April

- KO Team Stableford Golf
- KO Open 8/9 Boys Pool A Cricket

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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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THURSDAY 29TH OF MARCH
2:20PM

**School will be finishing an hour
early on the Thursday before
Easter.**

**Buslink SA buses will also be
running an hour early on this
afternoon**

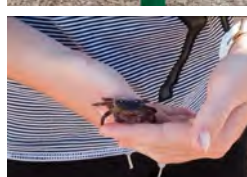
SCIENCE



8PPKG ROBE CAMP

During Week 6, 21 bubbly Year 8 students, as well as Mrs Phillips and Mr McCulloch embarked on their Year 8 camp in Robe. In the beautiful weather, there were visits to the beach almost every day where students swam, explored rock pools and searched for crabs, while also burying each other in the sand. Community Leader Josh Praolini and Youth Worker, Natalie Radlmair, came for a visit on Wednesday where they met the group on their way back from a long trek to the coast where they had a sandcastle competition. Dr Young came up that evening, and Mr. McCulloch went home. The students also spent numerous hours playing each other in serious games of Ping Pong. The students enjoyed their wanderings in Robe on the history trek on Thursday, taking the opportunity for a quick look into shops or a visit to the ever popular icecream shop! On the way home they stopped in Beachport for lunch, had a look at some coastal features with Dr. Young, and had fun in the playground, including many climbing to the top of the rope pyramid.

Overall, the camp was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

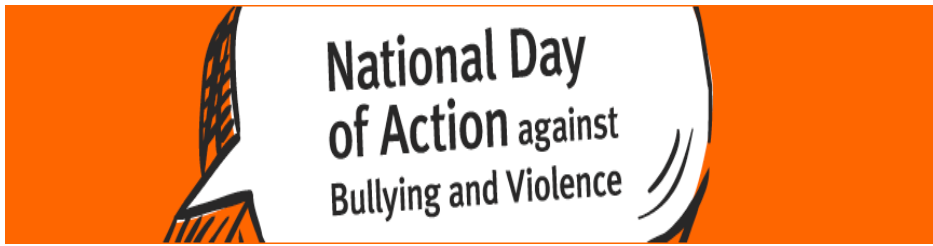


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KINDNESS DAY



During Week 7, the SRC along with the Wellbeing team coordinated some activities to draw attention to the National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence and The International Day of Happiness. During home group sessions, students had an opportunity to discuss what it means to be a BYSTANDER and consider how they can take safe action to stand up against bullying and violence. The strong message for this year's 'Day of Action' was....

DON'T STAND BY

STAND UP

STAND STRONG

STAND TOGETHER

The Wellbeing Centre established a KINDNESS WALL inviting staff and students to record a message of kindness throughout the week. The vision for this being that kindness makes people happy; even the simplest of acts.

The SRC also organised a lunch-time activity on Friday, in conjunction with Headspace staff and the Rapid Response Team. A pledge board designed by the SRC Captains, was available for all students to sign to show their personal commitment to the cause.

Bullying is a serious issue. It is through education, awareness and clear expectations around student behaviour that we can continue to build and foster a safe and happy community of learners at Grant High School.

In partnership with schools, parents and caregivers have a big role in preventing and responding to bullying. The Bullying No Way! Website is a fantastic resource for educators, students and parents. It provides information about what bullying is, the difference between one off incidences of conflict versus bullying, and how to respond or seek help when faced with bullying. See the link below.

Bullying No Way!

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>

Jade Lock & Matthew Kurzman

Wellbeing Leaders



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SRC PLANNING DAY

On Monday the 19th March, members of the SRC participated in the annual Planning Morning. This ran from 9:00 to 11:15, and involved discussion and planning of fundraising and events that the SRC would like to achieve and undertake this year. Several team building icebreaker exercises were also conducted to allow everyone to get to know their fellow members and establish connections with their captains. The SRC discussed things such as days of significance, the importance of leadership, and what they would like to see achieved within Grant High School throughout the year. Overall, the morning was very successful, with all SRC members being active contributors.

Emily Brown, School Captain



TASTY TUNES

Street Food items were available for purchase from Year 11/12 Food and Hospitality students, live Music performances from Grant High School students, from across various year levels.

This is all about real life experiences, placing emphasis on student centred learning. Taking this event into the community means students are able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in an open forum. This is about integrating curriculum areas and allowing students opportunities to work collaboratively.

With students from across various year levels performing, there was a selection of lively music to create the Festival vibe.

Year 11 and 12 Food and Hospitality students presented Street Food stalls with selections of food items that combined mixtures of sweet and savoury Asian, Mexican and contemporary Australian flavours. Hot beverages were also available for purchase.

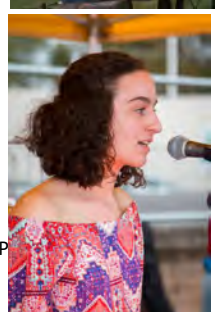
We have a brilliant group of staff who have the skills and expertise to assist students with preparations for this Street Food and Music Festival, which continues to grow each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved. It takes many extremely talented and dedicated individuals to make amazing events such as this happen.

Staff: Josh Praolini, Amy Widdicombe, Scott Maxwell, Mike Bakker., Pariya Ziakas

Koonara wines, Cide Project cider and craft beer, FunkyFlix face painting.

Sponsors: RTC GROUP, Green Triangle Security, Heemskerk security, Konrad Toss.



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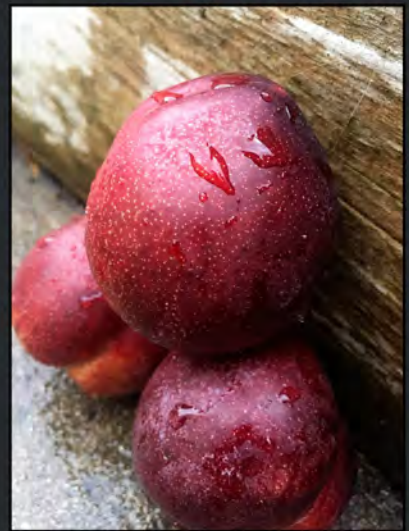
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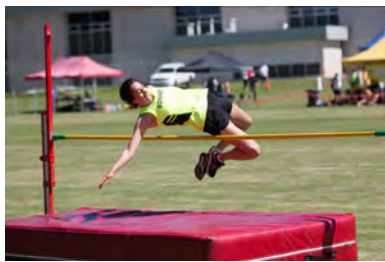
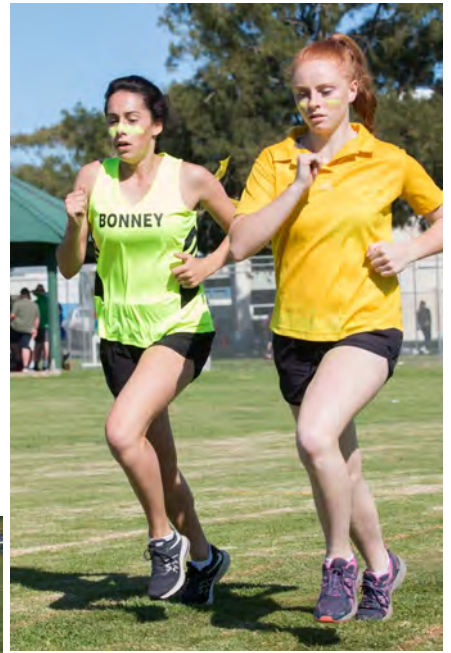
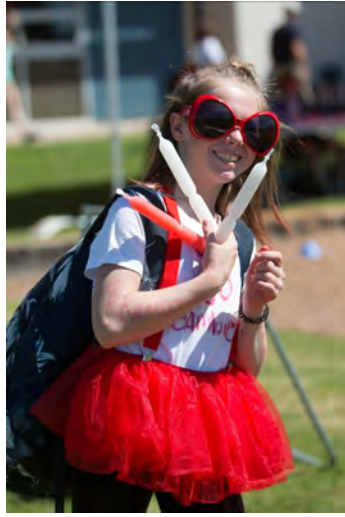


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INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

On Friday Week 6, Grant High School played host to the 57th Inter-house Athletics Carnival.

The weather was hot; however students showed up in large numbers to battle for the title of Inter House Champions. All students who participated are to be congratulated on their behavior and the effort they displayed to represent their respective houses.

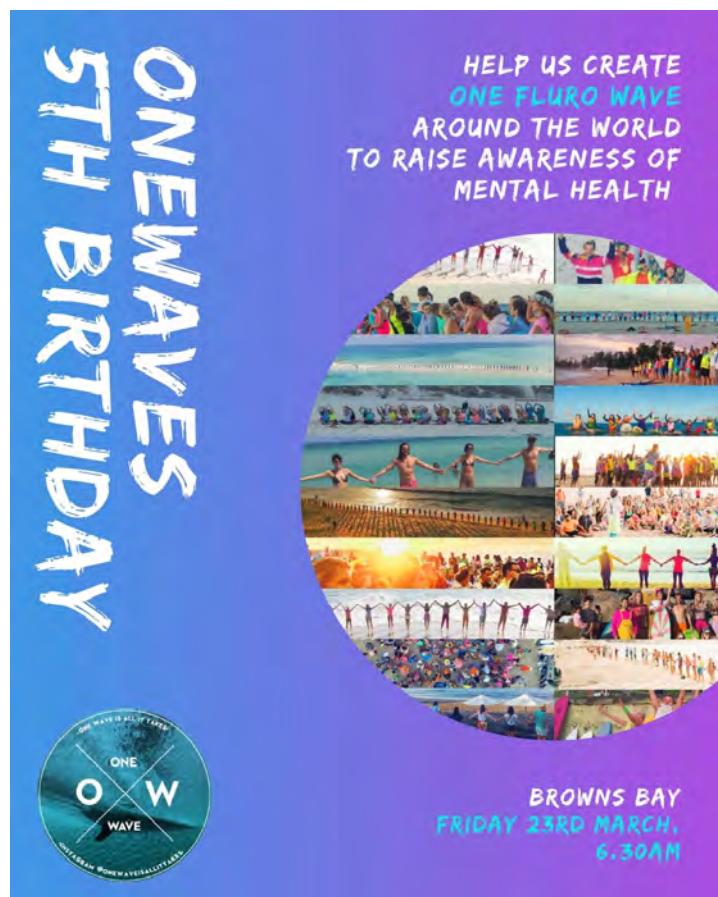
The scores were neck and neck all day, however, after all events were calculated it was Bonney reigning supreme for the sixth year in a row. Well done to all students who participated on the day.

Final Results

Bonney	1969
Gordon	1648
Henty	1630
Gambier	1482



Age Group	Male	Pts	Female	Pts
Under 14	1 Aiden Cameron	74	1 Emily Pridham	47
	2 on	61	2 Piper Killick	43
	3 Aaron Ramsey	45	3 Mia Crewe	36
	Ben Young			
Under 15	1 Jesse Plunkett	66	1 Ella Doody	73
	2 Sam McTaggart	58	2 Ella Simmonds	69
	3 gart	50	3 Ella Coclonis	54
	Tyrone Rayner			
Under 16	1 Joel Ramsey	67	1 Isabelle Ladner	88
	2 Mitchell Harris	61	2 Manon Finch	65
	3 Brayden Burston	53	3 Skye Robertson	52
Open	1 Wade Blatchford	69	1 Ella Firth	84
	2 Kye Heemskerck	58	2 Shylah Fosdike	69
	3 Brayden Coppick	56	3 Claudia Edmonds	61



Paddock Excursion

On Friday March 16, 33 Year 10 Science students along with Mrs Beck, Miss Wells and Mr Roachock, visited Bayer Crop Science to gain an understanding of how canola crops are genetically modified and the why adapting crops to suit our Australian climate is vital. Expanding on topics discussed in class, students connected key ideas of natural selection and trait inheritance to the process conducted at the site. We were also fortunate to see the development site, where over 1000 varieties of genetically modified canola were being tested.

A huge thanks to David Pike and the Bayer Crop Science team for allowing us to visit and taking time out of harvest to explain their research. Overall, this excursion provided students with the opportunity to relate important ideas learned in class to real-world science and potential scientific careers.

