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Dear Families

We have passed the halfway point of the term and are looking forward now to Year 11 and 12 Exams; Year 10 Work Experience; the school social and "A Wild Winter's Night" to round out the term. We have already enjoyed a number of knock-out sports outings and Outdoor Education camps, so it's nice to see a different type of activity occurring to make sure the opportunities for our students are balanced across many areas.

Preliminary information from our External Review was very encouraging with no surprises as to the work that needs to be undertaken in the future for our school to improve: our classroom teaching methods need to provide greater flexibility, student voice and rigour in some areas; our improvement needs to be more data and evidence focused and supported and we need to continue to build on educational leadership to ensure classroom teachers are supported in these areas. Our work with Garry Costello addresses the last of these; we have constructed a Coordinator position to focus on how we use data to drive improvement and our classroom pedagogy work will always be ongoing.

We received excellent feedback on the work

that is going on in some classrooms, especially in the senior secondary years and the Homework Club is viewed as a huge positive by the school community; however, our Communities model and the work we are doing around wellbeing that was viewed as the most positive amongst the innovations that we have recently undertaken – likewise our work around the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

There is much to celebrate and learn from as a result of the review and I extend the school's appreciation to everyone who was involved in conversations with the reviewers. We look forward to seeing and publishing the official report to the school community.

Kind regards,

Fleur Roachoack

Fleur Roachoack, Principal



COMING EVENTS

11 JUNE

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

15 JUNE

- A Wild Winters Night

18-29 JUNE

- Yr 11/Yr 12 Exams

20 JUNE

- School Social

25 JUNE

- Governing Council 7:30pm

29 JUNE

- Student Free Day

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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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YEAR 8 EXPO NIGHT

The year 8 expo night went off with a blast this year, with many new faces learning about our school's awesome facilities. The community was able to see what each faculty had to offer within the school and what benefits they had. Community members were also able to enjoy a hot beverage while they spoke with staff members. A fun music performance at the beginning of the evening, set the night off to a great start.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who went out of their way to help out on the night and also, thank you to all of the general public that came to view the school at the expo and during the parent tours!



IDAHOBIT DAY

On Thursday 17th May 2018, Grant High School held a casual day to raise awareness towards IDAHOBIT (International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia). The day consisted of students and staff wearing bright coloured clothing to school, as well as a barbecue at lunchtime and a colourful balloon arch created by students and placed at the entrance of the school. A gold coin donation was encouraged for students choosing to wear casual clothes. Overall, a great day was had by staff and students alike!

Emily Brown, School Captain.



SWINGING WITH THE STARS POP UP PARTY

Week 4, Friday night was a tropical blast!

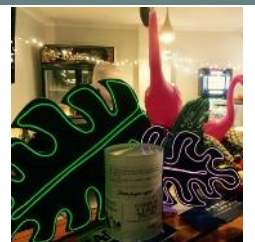
Firstly, a very large thank you to Sugar Loaf for providing the party beats that helped keep everyone warm. Additionally, thank you to the South Aussie Pub for providing the space, food, drink specials, and for being so accommodating throughout the night!

Thanks to Natural Born Grillers, Blue Lake Tandoori Express, Koonara Wines, Jeremy Levins, and Trident Tyre Centre. While She's Apples Mount Gambier's support kept the cocktails fruity!

Most importantly, a big thumbs up to all of the people, like Gary here, who braved the cooler weather to help raise funds for the Stand Like Stone Foundation.

Finally, I have two more evenings planned, and it would be great to see as many people as possible at these events, as the money I raise helps students of Grant High School in the form of scholarships and grants!

Liam Goodfellow, Teacher



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GIRLS 9 A-SIDE FOOTBALL

On Thursday the 24th of May 3 teams attended the 9-A-Side Girls Football carnival, held at the Blue Lake Sports Park. All teams finished the day with a win. The year 8, 9 and 10 teams took down Tension Woods College. The year 9 girls also had a very close game with Allendale East Area School, and were unlucky to come away with a two point loss. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part and having a go, particularly those who have not played much AFL before. The levels of improvement and confidence grew throughout the day. A fantastic day was had by all.

Maddie Whaites, PE Teacher

TOUCH FOOTBALL

The Open Girls put in a gallant performance at the recent KO Touch Football State Finals in Adelaide. With two-seasons of school-representative teams in the local Touch Association under their belts, the girls were able to field a relatively experienced and well-drilled squad.

Renee Henke and Caitlin McMahon worked tirelessly in the middle to maintain some solid ruck work throughout the day. Both Cody Lewis and Ella Firth gave us plenty of acceleration through the defensive line, with Firth putting on a clinic in the game against Golden Grove. Some smart play from our wingers saw Charlotte Foote, Bri Scanlon and Melody Battye-Whitwell convert some well-positioned tries.

The girls finished 6th in the state, however, they were competitive against the top teams. The girls should be exceptionally proud of their success and continued-development.

Adam Dunn, Teacher

Piper Killick, Catherine Pickin, Scout Elshaug, Lucy Davis, Sophie McLean, Emily Pirdham, Ella Simmonds, Katie Whitworth, Ella Cloconis, Amity Formosa and Jessica Grigg participated in the Touch Football State Finals last Thursday in Adelaide.

All girls worked to improve their skills and tactics, by selecting a couple to focus on each game. They were able to ruck the ball up to put themselves in good scoring positions; however, couldn't get through the strong defense of the opposition. Well done to Ella Simmonds who danced her way around opponents to score each of our 6 tries for the day. Also well done to Emily Pridham, who improved tremendously throughout the day.

Although we weren't competitive with the state's top teams, the girls should be proud of their efforts and their continued positive attitude.

Aimee Lepley, Teacher

SPORT PICTURES



BOYS 9 A-SIDE FOOTBALL RESULTS

2018 BOYS 9-A-SIDE COMPETITION - OVERALL

SCHOOL (Teams)	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGST	WINNING %	# of Teams	# of Matches	# of Byes
GHS (3)	13	4	7	2	367	509	30.8	3	13	2
MHS (2)	8	0	7	1	121	394	0.0	2	8	2
MGHS (3)	12	10	2	0	617	303	83.3	3	12	3
SMLC (2)	10	3	6	1	233	376	30.0	2	10	0
TWC (4)	17	11	6	0	700	456	64.7	4	17	3
TOTAL	60	28	28	4				14	60	10

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YR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY



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MEG HARDMAN



SHARNEE REBONDS



ELLA DAVIES



KEELEY JONES

INTEGRATED LEARNING CURIOSITY EXPO

Stage 1 and 2 Integrated Learning students coordinated a fantastic opportunity for the Year 8 students with their Curiosity Expo- a showcase of their areas of interest. Students explored a range of skills including public speaking and inquiry-based research, using resources including the fabulous Liam Goodfellow and Meg Beck and their own local networks as well as referring to TED talks for inspiration in order to produce creative and engaging presentations.

Topics included automotive safety checks, fundraising for the Cancer Council, Illustration, Creative Writing, Art Therapy, Basketball, SAAS-TA, Arts and Music at GHS, Reducing Social Stigma and many many more!

The Year 8s made their way from stand to stand collecting information and recording their own personal reflection on the event. Many thanks to the teachers and students who supported this event, a huge congratulations to the students involved and special, thanks to the wonderful Judith Praolini for her enthusiasm, patience and support.

Sarah McCarthy, Teacher



RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Monday the 28th of May, the Student Representative Council led a Reconciliation event for the entire Year 8 cohort, with special guests Boandik Elders Aunty Michelle Jacqueline Furr and Uncle Ken Jones.

Australia has a long history of reconciliation and countless people – Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous – have dedicated their life's work to the reconciliation movement. As a result, many significant steps have been taken.

Reconciliation focuses on the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians and opened up a national debate on prejudice, discrimination and racism. It has raised broader questions about our national identity and the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and rights in our nation's story.

The session involved a jigsaw learning process, where the whole group of Year 8s, staff and community met to discuss the topics and process before moving off in class groups to classrooms and completing activities about a key aspect of reconciliation. The group then reconvened to share their knowledge and understanding.

A massive thanks to the fabulous SRC, who facilitated the 2018 Year 8 Reconciliation event. We are very proud and grateful for your efforts, and feedback from Aunty Michelle and Uncle Ken was hugely positive. They were extremely impressed by the maturity, enthusiasm and exceptional manners of our students. Thank you :)

Reconciliation can no longer be seen as a single issue or agenda and the mainstream of reconciliation must weave all of these threads together. We have used resources from the educational branch of Reconciliation Australia, which is called Narragunnawali. Narragunnawali supports all schools and early learning services in Australia to develop environments that foster a higher level of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. Narragunnawali's online platform is free to access and provides practical ways to introduce meaningful reconciliation initiatives in the classroom, around the school and with the community. Through the Narragunnawali platform, Grant High School has developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which we are in the process of reviewing and updating. If you are interested in being involved in this process please contact Sarah McCarthy or Meg Beck to discuss how you can be involved.

Sarah McCarthy, Teacher



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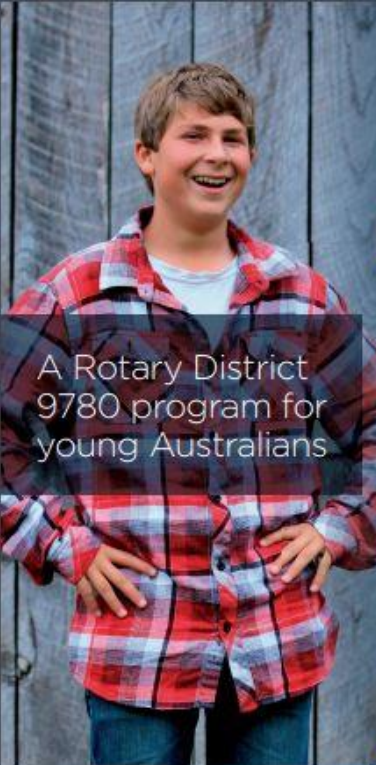
STAGE 1 SURF CAMP


Robe was the destination for the second camp of the year for the Stage 1 Outdoor Education class. Surfing was the activity and everyone was excited for some nice weather and great surf. Fortunately, the weather over the three days held up as did the surf conditions. To the group's credit they went out each day with a high level of enthusiasm and were ready to improve their skills. I would like to commend the group for their great effort over the three days and the terrific way they represented themselves. Big thanks also to Port Noarlunga Aquatics for their instructing of the group.

Jacob Height, Outdoor Education Teacher



EVENTS



Rotary 

DEFYING THE DRIFT!

WHAT?
DiD is a program designed to empower young people to

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career networks

WHO?
DiD is for year 10 and year 11 students


WHY?
Because there are great, high paying professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in agriculture that young people need to know about!

WHEN?
Monday September 24, 2018 to Wednesday September 26, 2018

WHERE?
Longerenong Ag College, Horsham

HOW MUCH?
\$200 Early bird price - pay by July 31
\$250 per student, sponsorship available

More information at www.ruralsupport.org



DiD starts with a 3 Day residential program at Longerenong Ag College. There will be lots of new friends to make, inspiring agriculture role models to meet, places to visit and lots of fun.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club - a great chance to meet community leaders.

MS JACKSON'S 11 TOURISM AND EVENT MANAGEMENT CLASS PRESENTS

2018 GRANT HIGH SOCIAL

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL GYM
WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE - WEEK 8

7PM - 9:30PM

SMART CASUAL

ALL YEAR LEVELS WELCOME

TICKETS \$12.50

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