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Dear Families

We have reached the end of another term in super-quick time and we are well and truly on the downhill run to Year 12 exams. Please keep an eye out for all of the end-of-year activities that occur for Year 12s in Term 4, so that you can join in where you would like. In the meantime, we wish our Year 12s all the very best for their final assessments and study for their exams.

The school is starting to look much brighter in the courtyard area, where students are creating various works of art. These will be completed in Week 2 of Term 4 when we will have a grand opening. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter – please save the date.

The Hub hosted another fantastic lunchtime music extravaganza of Australian songs last Tuesday – once again highlighting the musical talent of our students. The acoustics work very well in the new space, and when the remaining bunting has disappeared, there will be even better viewing of the new stage.

The first week of the holidays will see the beginning of the final stage of our STEM build, with the Lecture Theatre being converting into a Multimedia Laboratory. This will cause some disruption for Mathematics classes that will need to be in the new classrooms in the Hub space while those renovations are occurring. All building on this project will be completed by the end of this year, which is an excellent outcome. In the meantime, I have signed off on the Scope of Works for the Grant High

School Capital Works Program, and we await the next steps of that project with interest.

On Wednesday of this week, we hosted Susan McLean's presentations on Cyberbullying. Our Year 8s and 9s attended these sessions, which were hugely informative and useful in showing students how to stay safe online. We will continue to explore ways to ensure students have the best information available about safe online behavior, which will be an ongoing theme for our Student Care program in Homegroup time next year and beyond.

Finally, this week we said farewell to Paige Cawthorne who has been working in our Front Office this year. We wish her all the very best as she approaches new motherhood and welcome Toni Trabilsie who will take her place for the remainder of the year.

We hope everyone enjoys a safe and refreshing holiday break.

Kind regards,

Fleur Roachock



Fleur Roachock, Principal

COMING EVENTS

28 September

- Last day of Term 3
2:20pm Dismissal

15 October

- First day of Term 4

19 October

- Show day

26 October

- Imagined Worlds

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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE

For all absentees

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WARRNAMBOOL EXCURSION

Stage 2 Tourism students recently got a 'behind the scenes' look at the incredible conservation work occurring in Warrnambool- the inspiration for the Oddball movie. The Maremma dogs are leading the way in animal protection and conservation with their work on Middle Island to protect the local penguin colony. As portrayed in the film, the maremma dogs are responsible for guarding the island from predators, in particularly foxes. In 2005 penguin populations hit an all time low with a population of less than 10. With help from Oddball and several other Maremmas, the penguin population is now on the rise. Students were treated to a Meet the Maremma tour and were able to get up close and personal with the dogs and learn about the impact they have had on the environment and for tourism in the region. We were blessed with beautiful spring weather as we explored the local area and Flagstaff Hill Maritime museum. Students were also involved in some promotional photos for the tourism attraction and were thanked for their participation.



ICAS COMPETITIONS

Students from Grant High School competed in both the Writing and English ICAS Competitions. Below are images of the students, who received Credits and Distinctions, and Dr.Young (English Co-ordinator):

Writing:

Jordyn Doll (Credit) and Gemma Ralph (Distinction)

English:

Mia Crewe (Credit), Gemma Ralph (Credit) and Archie Prentice (Distinction)



R U OK? DAY

On Thursday Grant High School students and staff raised awareness for R U OK Day, by wearing casual clothes with a splash of yellow. Let's keep the momentum going, start a conversation with R U OK!



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PIEERE DE COUBERTIN



Grant High School is proud to congratulate Charlotte Foote who has been awarded one of the 2018, South Australian, Pierre de Coubertin Awards. Charlotte is one of 34 students out of a possible 1600 who received this award.

Named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, the annual Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises students who demonstrate academic excellence and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying the Olympic values.

Each nominee must play an Olympic sport and participate actively in the school's physical education program with a consistently positive attitude. They also must have represented the school in at least two competitive sports.

Part of the nomination process is to complete an original piece, either prose or a piece of original art. This year's theme was "How an Olympian has inspired them".

For this piece Charlotte chose to write a piece about Jane Claxton (Australian hockey player and Captain), who gave a speech to her Under 13 State team, when Charlotte was beginning her hockey journey.

After contacting Jane on social media for her Research project, Charlotte found her approachable, helpful and supportive.

Charlotte was inspired by Jane's message to be determined, follow your own pathway, focus on and develop yourself, and don't be afraid to put in the extra work to achieve your goals.

Charlotte was presented with her award on Monday 17th September, by Australian Olympian husband and wife race walking duo, Jared and Claire Tallent, after attending the Olympic Academy Day held at the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI). The Academy Day consisted of a tour of the facilities and the chance to network with, and talk about, Claire and Jarred's Olympic journey, career obstacles, issues and mentoring.

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about leadership, goal setting and resilience from two of SA's Olympic heroes.

Craig Donaldson

Health and Physical Education Coordinator.

CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME

Monday, Week 9, the Year 11 PE class held a flag football super bowl during lunch for one of our Year 11's Research Project. During the game lollies were sold and donations were given by staff and students to raise awareness for Kidney Disease.

A Casual Day was also held on the 26th of September.



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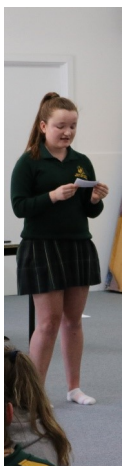
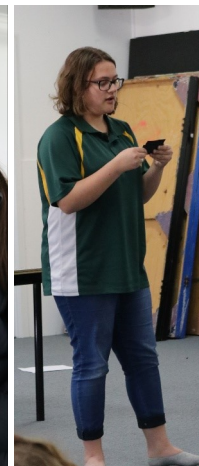
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YEAR 9 DEBATING

On Monday the 10th of September, a selection of Year 9 students from Grant High School participated in the annual interclass debating competition. Eight teams comprised of representatives from each of the Year 9 English classes, battled it out over eight grueling debates. These affirmative and negative teams explored, defined and rebutted over two contentious issues, “That zoos do more harm than good,” and “That censorship of the internet is inappropriate.” Former Grant High School teacher and debating aficionado, Marg Kaethner acted as the adjudicator on the day, and was able to provide the budding debaters with insightful feedback and handy tips for improvement. Students represented themselves well, abiding by the guidelines of formalized debating. They had thoroughly prepared their arguments and worked in teams effectively to convince the audience and the adjudicator of their case. This competition is integrated with a core English unit, which is taught as part of Grant’s Year 9 curriculum. The students who bravely stepped into the speaker’s den were not the only stars of the day; their classmates also volunteered their time to assist with the roles of timekeeper and chairman in order to ensure the smooth running of the competition. Scores were close between teams all through the day, with each team growing in confidence as the day progressed. After the dust had settled, two teams emerged as victors of the day and would advance to the Grand Finale on Friday the 14th of September. The team from Fiona Mitchell’s class comprising Caitlin Clements, Mitchell Little and Ethan Thomas, would take on Ms Ramzan’s team made up of: Sienna Dougherty, Maia Naismith and Abbey Dyson to debate over the topic, “That Australia should introduce a tax on foods that are high in sugar.”

As bell sounded at the end of lunch on Friday the 14th, the stage was set for the debating Grand Finale. The topic, “That Australia should introduce a tax on foods that are high in sugar,” had each team salivating at the chance to prove their argument to be true. With Caitlin Letizia acting as chairman and Emma Treskow timekeeping, the debate was declared officially open. Sienna Dougherty was the first affirmative speaker, who defined the topic succinctly and with her animated speech set the tone for the afternoon. Caitlin Clements rebutted beautifully for the negative team and was equally convincing in establishing her own points about why “Australia should not introduce a sugar tax.” Maia Naismith then spoke for the affirmative; while she was a little more reserved than her predecessors, she was able to question the validity of Caitlin’s argument as well as present her own points with conviction. Mitchell Little then stepped onto the stage and supported his team well by rebutting and presenting highly sophisticated arguments reinforced by quality evidence. Abbey Dyson was the third speaker for the affirmative, and with minimal preparation, was able to successfully rebut the negative’s arguments and emphasize the affirmative’s position. Ethan Thomas was the last to grace the stage, with arguably the toughest speaking job, rebutted admirably and reinforced the negative’s argument that “Australia should not introduce a sugar tax.” Each team worked effectively and the outcome of their hard work and dedication was evident by the close result. The affirmative team of Sienna Dougherty, Maia Naismith and Abbey Dyson were awarded the win by adjudicator, Marg Kaethner. The negative team of Caitlin Clements, Mitchell Little and Ethan Thomas were commended on their efforts on the day. Abbey Dyson was awarded Best Speaker of the debating competition for her outstanding presence and delivery. With the Grand Finale complete, another debating competition is over for another year at Grant High School. An enormous thank you to all of our students who participated in all forms of the competition, to all of the teachers who supported each team in their preparation, and finally to Marg Kaethner, who kindly donated her time to adjudicate.



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HOLIDAY REVISION SESSIONS

Mr Goodfellow/ Miss Jackson Mrs Ziakas

Research Project
Tuesday 2nd October
9am-2pm
HUB

Miss Jackson
Tourism
Tuesday 2nd October
9am-2pm
HUB

Research Project
Drop in session
Thursday 11th October
9am - 2pm
HUB

Mrs Gilham
Stage 2 English
Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday
3rd and Thursday the 4th
October
10:30am - 2:30pm
SA1

Mrs Albanese
Stage 2 Business and Enterprise
Wed 3rd/Thurs 4th October
Wed 10th/ Thurs 11th October
10am - 12pm
SA2

Mr Hall
Stage 2 Chemistry
Tuesday 2nd October
9:30am-12:30pm
SA5

Visual Arts/ Design
Tuesday 2nd to Friday 12th October
(Excludes weekends)
10am - 3pm
Art Studio 2

Mr Kurzman
Furniture Construction
Friday 12th October
8am- 4pm
TS2

Mrs Fisher
Stage 2 Physics
Tuesday 9th October
9am - noon
SA7

Mrs Fox
Stage 2 Photography
Students can email or contact Mrs Fox
regarding drafts/ questions throughout the
entire holidays

Mrs Widdicombe
Stage 2 Materials Products:Textiles
Tuesday 9th October
12-3pm
TS4

Mr Donaldson

P.E.
Monday 8th October
9:30am
SA5

Mr Bakker

Creative Arts/ Research Project
Mon - Tues 1st - 2nd October
9am - 3:30pm
Drama Room and HUB

DEBATING EISTEDDFOD

On Thursday and Friday of Week 3 this term, nine students from GHS attended, and participated in, the annual Mount Gambier Debating Eisteddfods.

The junior secondary team consisting of Nicole Tracey, Catherine Pickin and Lachlan Patzel all spoke well on the difficult topic 'debating is a waste of time' for which they were the affirmative side. The team lost to Tenison Woods College.

The two senior secondary teams won their debates against Mount Gambier High School and Tenison Woods College.

Zari Stevens, Nicola Bowditch and Jayden Norman were the affirmative team for the topic 'our society is sick' and used effective rebuttal to win their debate. They won against Tenison Woods College.

Abbey Patzel, Kobie Thomas and Abby Little were the negative team for the topic 'higher taxes should be placed on fast food' and won against Mount Gambier High.

Abby Little won the Best Speaker Award for the senior secondary Eisteddfod. This is the second year that she has won this award.

Abbey and Lachlan filled in at the last minute and we are very grateful to them.

All speakers should be very proud of their efforts in the 2018 Debating Eisteddfods.



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YR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY



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BROOKE MARCUS



RACHAEL TOBIN



JAYDEN NORMAN



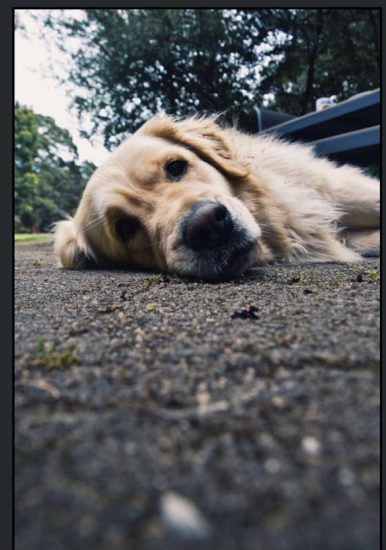
TEMANA KENNEDY



GEORGIA BALD



CONNOR LITTLE



MITCHELL HARRIS

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HARRY ROBINSON



MATILDA JONES



RACHEL CURTIS



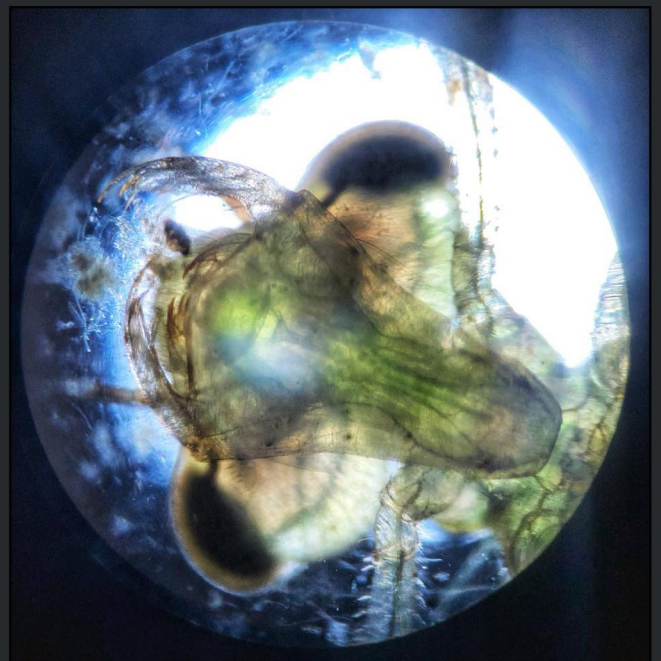
RYAN HENKE



EDWARD NEW



ANGUS LANGSMITH



JAYME-LEE SCHULTZ

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Class of 2018

NOVEMBER 23 - BARN PALAIS
GROUP PHOTO 6:15PM - SEATED BY 6:45PM

SPL SKATE PARK LEAGUES
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE



MILLICENT SKATE PARK Saturday 13th Oct



Millicent Skate Park, 20 Ridge Terrace, Millicent
Scooter 11am, BMX 12:30pm, Skate 1:30pm Free Entry,
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Friday 12th October
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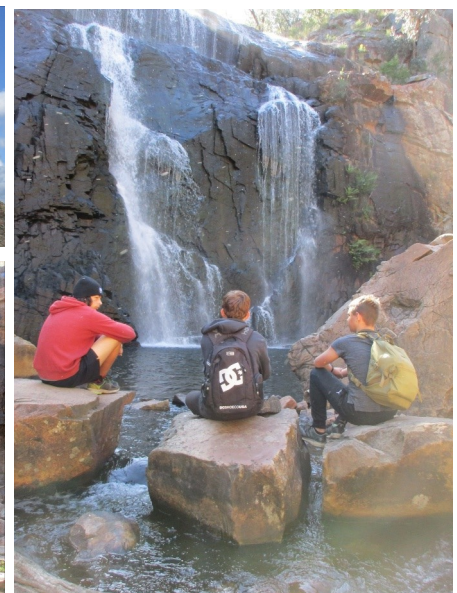
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Parents are required to have fun and help out

ROCKCLIMBING CAMPS

Over the last few weeks, three separate Stage 1 Outdoor Ed classes took turns to go on rock-climbing camps. The camp consisted of three days in the Summerday Valley Region of the Northern Grampians, based at the Staplyton Campground.

Students developed their rock climbing and bushwalking skills, as well as navigation and general camping skills. The students also supplied their own food for the camp.



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