



Grant High School

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Following is the address Fleur Roachock made to the whole school community at last week's year 12 Graduation Assembly. We wish our year 12's all the best for their future endeavors.

Good morning everyone.

It's lovely to see all of you here today to celebrate our Year 12s, who are on the cusp of leaving us and launching themselves into the world beyond school. Year 12s, we hope that what you have learned with us will serve you well in whatever you choose to do in the future and we look forward to hearing what those things are as time progresses.

At the end of each year, I spend quite a lot of time thinking about what's important to impart to our young people as they leave us. What is it that we want to resonate with them when we're not around to nag? What do we hope you will take away as your most important learnings from Grant High School? In the end, I always come back to kindness.

According to Wikipedia, kindness is a behavior marked by ethical characteristics, a pleasant disposition, and concern and consideration for others. As a cohort, you have demonstrated the ability to be kind to each other in the most tragic of circumstances, and we take a moment to remember Emily, who should have been with us today, and her mum, who should have been sitting proudly in the audience like the rest of your family and friends.

The support you have shown each other, through your grieving and through Year 12, which is another challenge all together, is a credit to you and we hope that you are able to

maintain those traits of kindness, caring and support forever. You are a sensitive bunch, with strong social consciences and very clear ideas about what is right and wrong. Your leaders have focused on anti-bullying and acceptance of all as key among the values they want to uphold. They have been brave in sharing these beliefs with the whole school community and we see the physical legacy of their work and focus in our main hallway. That's something for all of you to be very proud of

Today is a day of celebration and we hope you enjoy yourselves very much. We also hope your final assessments go very well. It's not over yet!

I'll finish with a quote from Neil Gaiman.

"I hope you will have a wonderful life, that you'll dream dangerously and outrageously, that you'll make something that didn't exist before you made it, that you will be loved and that you will be liked, and that you will have people to love and to like in return. And, most importantly (because I think there should be more kindness and more wisdom in the world right now), that you will, when you need to be, be wise, and that you will always be kind."

Fleur Roachock

Fleur Roachock,
Principal



COMING EVENTS

5-8 November

- Writers Week

12-16 November

- PE Week

16 November

- Imagined Worlds

23 November

- Yr 12 Formal

26 November

- Governing Council 7:30pm

27 November

- Presentation Evening

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For all absentees

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STEM GIRLS PROGRAM

Last term the five of us participated in the UniSA STEM girls program. It consisted of two workshop days in Mount Gambier and a trip to Adelaide. In Mount Gambier, we collaborated with other local girls learning skills within STEM focusing on Firework Functions and Career Exploration, and Biomechanics in Sport. In Adelaide, all the girls participating in the program from around the state met at a networking dinner in Mawson Lakes. Before the dinner, we were involved in a workshop designed to give us skills useful in networking and meeting new people. We were fortunate to hear from three influential female guest speakers who have careers in STEM fields.

The following day we were given the opportunity to visit several different industries. This included DST (Defence, Science, Technology group) which is part of the Department of Defence for Australia, the UniSA Health and Innovation building where ground-breaking cancer research is taking place and Rising Sun Pictures, an Australian Visual Effects Company that works on films such as Thor: Ragnarok, Gravity, The Wolverine, just to name a few. To finish the day we visited MOD (The Museum of Discovery) a futuristic museum incorporating art, science and technology together; there were interactive exhibits using virtual reality, thought provoking exhibits and immersive interactive displays too.

This incredible experience opened our eyes to future career opportunities in the STEM field.

Faith Monger, Jess Stafford, Claudia Gill, Holly Baldock and Caitlin McMahon



Grant High School are currently in the process of creating a Chess Club. Any donations of chess equipment would be greatly appreciated.



For more information call the front office.
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PENOLA SHOW

On Friday 26th October twelve Grant High School students attended and competed in a Beef Cattle Sheep and Wool judging Workshop at the Penola Show. Approximately sixty students from across Limestone Coast Schools attended the day and were instructed by experts in the fields of Beef Cattle, Sheep and Wool judging.

The competition side of the day saw Grant High School students win individual ribbons within each of the disciplines.

Bella Nelson

1st in Beef Cattle Judging

2nd in Wool Judging

Keyarnah Smith

3rd in Beef Cattle Judging

Elysha Dekonning

3rd in Sheep Judging

There was also a team competition, with Grant High entering three teams of four, with our year 9 girls team of Rachel Curtis, Amber Christy, Keyarnah Smith and Matilda Jones winning the day. The prize being a fully donated Limousin Steer for the 2019 led steep show competition, kindly donated by the Galpin Family of Warrawindi: Limousin/Poll Dorset Stud. A very excited and successful outing for our Grant High School VET Agriculture, Led Steer/ Cattle Club students.

Many thanks to the Galpin Family from Penola, especially David, Alison, Kimberly Wilson and Mason Galpin, all the expert judges for their time and imparting their expertise, the other organisers and volunteers, and the Penola A & H Society.

Scott Cram



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OF THE LAKES

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ARIA AWARDS 2018

ARIA Music Teacher of the Year Award

2018 ARIA Nominee
Scott Maxwell
Grant High School

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Public voting is now OPEN!
Visit the website and place your vote for Scott before
11:59pm on 21 November!

Learn more about The Song Room
www.songroom.org.au

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL FORMAL

Class of 2018

23rd November - Barn Palais

Group photo at 6:15pm
Seated by 6:45pm

TICKETS \$45.00

Tickets to be bought from Front Office by
22nd October

Photobooth Available - \$5.00



2019 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last week we announced the School Captains for 2019. We would like to congratulate Caitlin McMahon and Abby Little, who will be outstanding ambassadors for Grant High School.



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GHS PHOTOGRAPHY MT GAMBIER SHOW WINNERS



Jack Howard won FIRST place in the VAS Junior Photography "Photo Featuring Water" section and the overall CHAMPION - "Black & White" section.

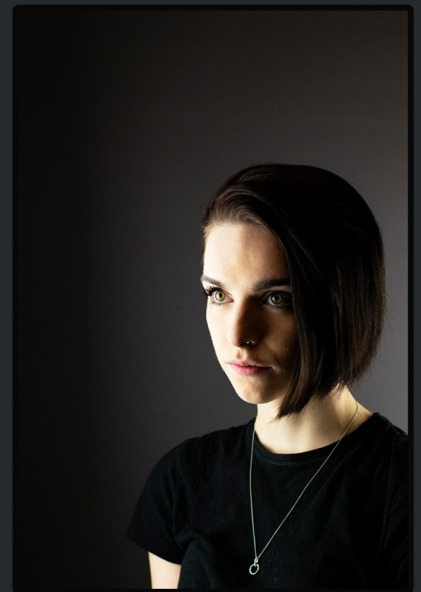
Paige Allen won FIRST place in the 'Colour - Any other subject' section and the overall CHAMPION - "Best Colour Print" section.



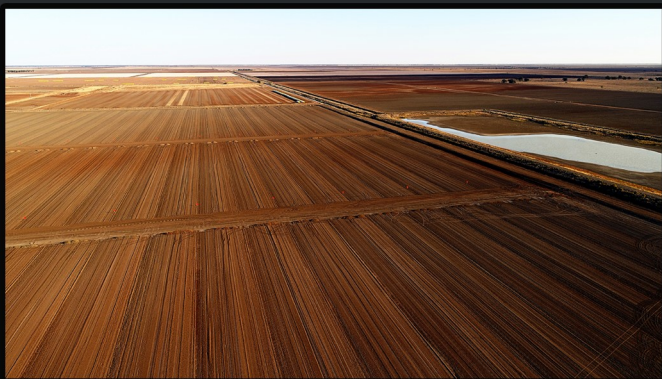
William Scanlon won SECOND place in the "Colour - Sunset or Sunrise" section.



Ella Davies won FIRST place in the 'B&W, Colour or Creative Silhouette' section and the overall CHAMPION - for the same section.



Harrison Dowie won FIRST place in the "Colour - People" section.



Georgia Monkley won FIRST place in the "Colour - Rural" section.



Georgia Monkley won SECOND place in the "Colour - Seascape" section.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

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Connor Little won THIRD place in the "Colour - Night Photograph" section.

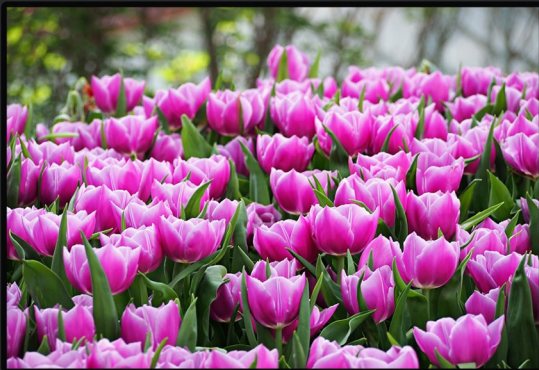


Brayden Burston won SECOND place in the "Colour - Night Photograph" section.

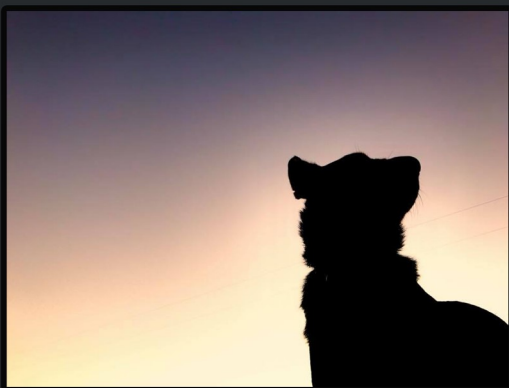


Harrison Dowie won SECOND place in the "Colour - People" section.

Chelsea Whicker won THIRD place in the "Colour - Any other subject" section.



Melodee Meehan won SECOND place in the "Creative Photo" section.



Bella Nelson won THIRD place in the "B&W, Colour or Creative Silhouette" section.

Jake Robertson won SECOND place in the "Colour - Any other subject" section.



Meg Hardman won THIRD place in the "Colour - Sunset or Sunrise" section.

YEAR 12 SCAVENGER HUNT



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SUSTAINABILITY

In term 3, Miss Beckett's year 8 class were working on their sustainability unit in HASS and decided to try a challenge after seeing the War on Waste TV series. Over the course of 1 month, BEKU collected 2000 pieces of soft plastic as well as an additional 875 from Miss Beckett's constant nagging at lunch and recess! It was amazing to see how the entire class got on board with the challenge, with some students collecting over 200 pieces each. As much as it was important for the class to win a pizza party for completing their collection, they learned about how much waste each of us produces and ways to reduce our footprint on the earth. Soft plastics such as plastic bags, chip packets, Ziploc bags, granola bar wrappers, cling wrap, and even the silver Shapes' packets, can be recycled at Coles and Woolies with the country's Red Cycle program. See if you can help reduce waste in our landfills and oceans by starting a soft plastics recycle at home. After all, we are all part of this world and need to be warriors in the war on waste!



STUDENT ARTWORK



Jedd Williams's art work was the chosen design to be portrayed on a plaque at the ABC office space as a "Recognition of Country" to acknowledge that the ABC South East SA station sits on the traditional land of the Boandik people.

It reflects the Blue Lake and was inspired by drawings burnt into the traditional possum cloak worn by elder Auntie Michelle.



TIMMS

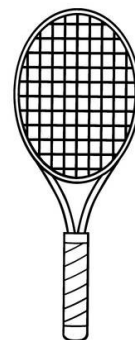
A Year 8 class has been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country.

Selected students will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school.

All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

KNOCKOUT TENNIS

Knock out tennis for year 8 and 9 boys and girls turned out to be a beautiful day, with both teams enjoying the competition. The girls had a number of players who had not played tennis before, who learned many skills and tactics throughout the day. Our boys finished second overall, losing to Mount in the heat of the day with a few very close matches and well fought battles. Lucky for Grant that the boys team will be almost the same next year!



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY



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SOUTH AUSSIE WITH COSI

Week 3 Thursday, a large number of Grant High School students were surprised by an epic visit from Cosi, host of the popular South Australian television show "South Aussie with Cosi". Cosi attended the school to interview Aria nominated music teacher, Scott Maxwell.

A group of students performed some of Maxwell's original pieces from last years musical, "Spectrum", leaving Cosi stunned by how much talent Grant High School's music students have. Cosi also got the students involved while recording for his television show, even getting a student to hold their boom mic while recording the interview in front of the school.



YR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY AND GUEST SPEAKER



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