



Grant High School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

This will be the last newsletter of the term - it is amazing how quickly the last ten weeks have gone. No doubt, many of our young people are looking forward to a holiday after a very busy term full of academic commitments, great sporting moments and numerous cultural events.

Week 9 was one of hosting various dignitaries as we welcomed His Excellency, Hui Van Le AC, the Governor of South Australia on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to have him talk to our current and potential exchange students about the value of travelling overseas and becoming immersed in other cultures. He also presented us with a reciprocal gift from our sister school in Japan, Soja Minami High School. This comprised a Japanese fan and a letter from my counterpart in Japan.

Then on Thursday, we conducted the opening of our STEM build, which was officiated over by local Member of the South Australian Parliament, Troy Bell. Cath and Chris Dycer from Dycer Constructions and David McLeod from Grieve, Gillett, Andersen Architects also attended, as key players in the building process. It was fabulous to be able to host a tour where everyone saw their hard work in action as students used the fantastic new facility.

Meetings are again underway for the new Capital Works Program that will make us Year 7 -ready. We remain on track to provide a new gym and performing arts space, as well as some expansions in other areas, to ensure we

are able to provide the best possible facilities to all of our students, while accommodating a new year level. We also continue to work hard on ensuring our educational practice will cater for all of our students.

The next round of Progress Checks will be available through the Sentral Parent Portal next Monday. Please access them and check in on your young person. Community Leaders and Managers will be contacting the parents and caregivers of any students with red flags to encourage attendance at Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please access booking information for these elsewhere in this newsletter.

I continue my classroom observations two days every week, but have altered the questions I ask students in order to focus them more on the relevance of their learning. When I come into classrooms, students will learn to expect that I am going to ask them what they are learning and why they are learning it, rather than asking what they are doing as I have done in the past. It is our hope that this shift in focus will help students connect what they learn in school with their pathways beyond our boundaries. I will keep you posted with how that goes. Kind regards,

Fleur Roachock,
Principal

Fleur Roachock

REMINDER

LAST DAY OF TERM 1, 12 APRIL 2019
Students will be dismissed at 2:15 pm

TERM 2 COMMENCES MONDAY 29 April 2019



COMING EVENTS

9-10 April

- SESSSA B Grade Athletics

10-12 April

- Stg 1 Outdoor Ed Surf Camp

12 April

- Last day of Term 1

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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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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After some training sessions and our own Athletics Carnival, the Grant High School Athletics team had their first hit out for the year in Bordertown High School at the 75th annual SESSA Interschool Athletics Competition. Despite some late withdrawals from the team and an early start to the day (6.15am), Grant High fielded a talented squad filled with enthusiastic athletes.

The team started off the day in excellent form with Skye Millard trouncing the competition with a dominant display in the under 14 shot put. Grant High students also lit up the track in the sprint events with Bonnie Camm and Ella Simmonds winning the Under 15 & 16 female 100m / 200m events. Sam McTaggart led all the way to win the Under 16 boys 400m.

Our field event athletes also competed strongly throughout the day with Kirra Schultz and Keyarnah Smith showing their strength in all three of the throwing events. James Allen also had an impressive day winning events on the track and in the field.

Overall, every team member contributed to a very successful day, with our school taking home more place ribbons than in the past few years. At the conclusion of the day Grant High finished 4th overall after a close battle with Bordertown High School and Tenison Woods College for 2nd spot.

I was extremely pleased with the enthusiasm, behaviour and team spirit that all of our athletes displayed on the day. A special mention must go to Makala Cookson, Kirra Schultz, Ryan Larsen and Isabelle Ladner who picked up new events at the last minute.

Our team now continues their training in preparation for the SSSA Athletics Championships which will be held at Santos Stadium in Adelaide on the 10th of April. A special thanks also to Mr Donaldson, Mr Height, Mr Dunn, Ms Whaites, Mr. Yates and Miss Redemski for their officiating on the day.

Travis Clark, Sports Manager

FINAL SCORES

| SCHOOL | POINTS |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Mount Gambier High School | 683 |
| Tenison Woods College | 527 |
| Bordertown High School | 508 |
| Grant High School | 504 |
| Naracoorte High School | 488 |
| Saint Martin's Lutheran College | 396 |
| Penola High School | 338 |
| Millicent High School | 254 |

INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Monday 6th of May from 3pm to 9pm.

Students will be dismissed from school at 2:20pm on Monday to allow Interviews to begin at 3pm.

Parent/Teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity for Parents/Caregivers to touch base with your child's/children's teachers, not only to gauge their academic progress in individual classes, but also to discuss their social and emotional wellbeing. Parents/Caregivers are therefore encouraged to take up this important opportunity.

Interviews can be booked online, using the Grant High School Parent Portal as per the above.

Bookings OPEN Thursday 11th of April at 8.00am

Bookings CLOSE Friday 3rd of May at 12.00pm

If there are Parent Interview Sessions available, you will see the following information on your Portal Dashboard, listing the name of any Interview Sessions applicable to your enrolled students:

"Parent teacher interview bookings are open. Click one of the sessions to make an appointment for Parent Teacher Interviews Semester 1 2019."

Once you are in the system, a table of instructions will be displayed.

If you complete your bookings and have a change of plans, you have

the ability to go back and edit your appointments.

If your young person has the same teacher for more than one subject, please only book one interview time.

Please note: You have a 10 minute inactivity session timeout whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, they may send a note to school, to the Front Office, with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 8726 3100. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Fleur Roachock



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SANFL WORKSHOP



On Monday 18th March Naracoorte High School hosted an SANFL workshop where the talents of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were showcased in Australian Rules Football. The following students impressed a number of SANFL staff: Denzel Carter, Deshawn Millard, Jacob Rigney, Tyrone May and Tyrone Rayner.

Massive thanks to Ian Perryman for facilitating the opportunity and well done to the young men who participated.

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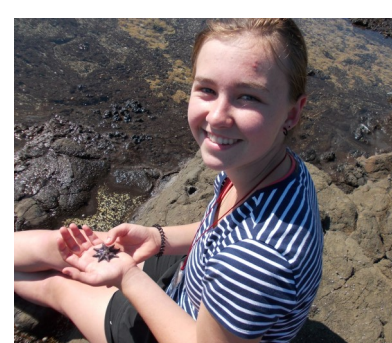
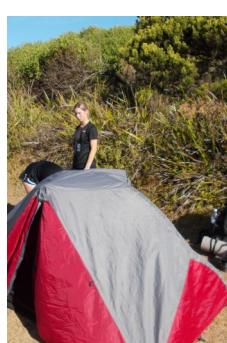
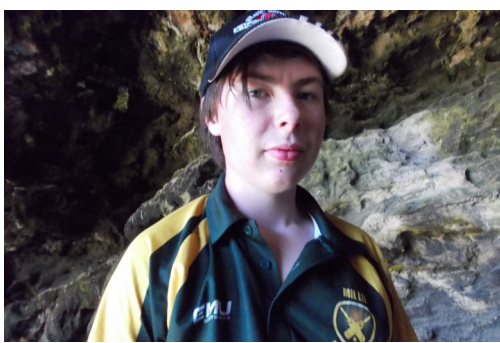


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STAGE 1 OUTDOOR ED BUSHWALKING CAMP - JB



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Attention Year 11 & 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 DC Grant 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 Hube for an application form and criteria document. Applications are due to Paula Foote by Wednesday 1st May 2019, (Week 1 Term 2).

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Term 2 - Week 5

27 - 31 May

Please be proactive in securing your placement.

For more information please
see Ms Beck or Mrs Pople.

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING



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GOVERNOR VISIT



On Wednesday 28th March 2019 His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia visited Grant High School. His Excellency presented Principal Mrs Fleur Roachoack with a gift from our Japanese sister school Soja Minami in the Prefecture of Okayama. His Excellency has recently returned from Japan where he presented a gift to Soja Minami from Grant High School. His Excellency addressed a cohort of students who are intending on visiting Japan on a cultural exchange along with two overseas exchange students currently studying at Grant High School and our two school captains. He spoke about the importance of cultural diversity and taking every opportunity to travel and immerse yourself in different cultures. Whilst at Grant High School His Excellency also observed students creating an artwork depicting the Craitbul Dreaming for the heritage Blue Lake pumping station, which has been commissioned by SA Water. The students are working with Aunty Michelle Jaqueline-Furr and Belinda Bonney to create artwork, in conjunction with three other schools in the region. It was an honour to have the Governor visit our students who upheld the schools values of Respect, Trust and Commitment.



HERE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY
OF YOUR EDUCATION NEEDS

SNACKS PROVIDED!

Homework Club

8:00am to 8:45am (Monday to Friday)
3:40 to 5:00pm (Monday to Thursday)



SCHOOL FEES 2019

The final instalment of school fees is due
on 5th April.
If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact our Finance Officer
87263195.

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SAYW South Australian Youth Week

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FREE YOUTH WEEK EVENTS

AT PORT MACDONNELL
Sk8'n'Sounds @ the Bay
Wednesday 17 April / 1pm til 3pm
Live Music & Free Sausage Sizzle for 12-25yo
at the Skate Park

Drop In @ the Bay 4 High School Youth
Sunday 14 April & Thursday 18 April
12noon til 3pm @ Community Complex
Free coffee & bites in dedicated youth space

Outdoor Cinema
Village Green Charles Street Port MacDonnell
Friday 12 April
ALL WELCOME
6.30pm - 8.00pm: Alpha (PG)
8.15pm - 10.15 pm: Jumanji; Welcome to the Jungle (PG)

**UNSUPERVISED EVENTS -
PARENTAL SUPERVISION
RECOMMENDED**

**ALCOHOL FREE &
SMOKE FREE EVENTS**

**FURTHER INFO FROM
COMMUNITY COMPLEX
PH 8738 3000**

**JUMANJI
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE**

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HOLIDAY REVISION SESSION

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| 15 Mr Dunn - Stage 2 Physical Education (9am to 3pm) | 16 Mr Hall - Stage 2 Chemistry (9:30am to 12pm) SA4 Miss Richards - Stage 2 Psychology (10am) Rm JU4 Ms Ziakas - Stage 2 Food and Hospitality (10am to 3pm) Art Studio | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 22 | 23 Miss McCarthy - Research Project & Community Studies (10am to 2pm) | 24 | 25 | 26 Mr Clarke - Stage 2 Legal Studies (10am to 12pm) Mr McCulloch - Stage 2 Digital Technology (10am) |

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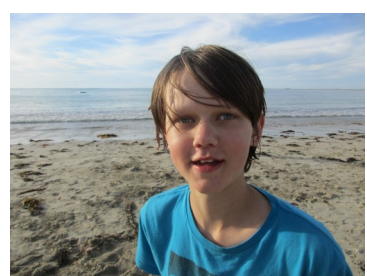
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. All students in Year 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. Where applicable, you should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, please contact your student's Community Leader to discuss this.

Fleur Roachock, Principal



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YEAR 8 CAMP - ROKU

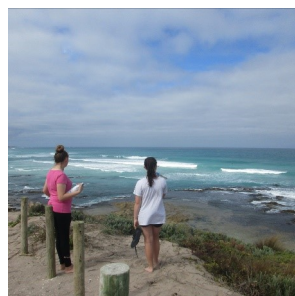


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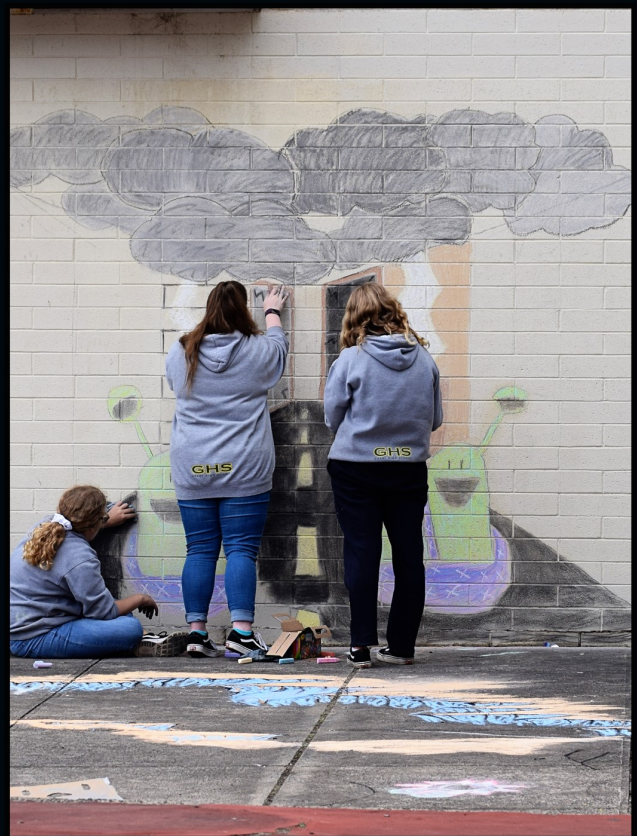


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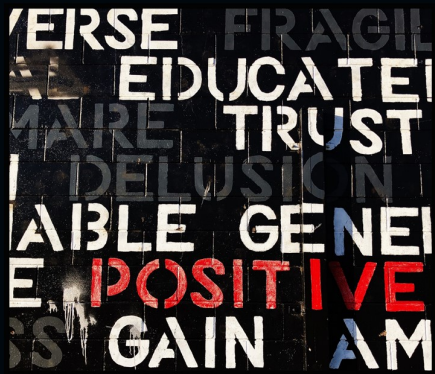
YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY



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