



Grant High School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

We have almost reached the halfway point of Term 2 and we have a number of important events and processes coming up.

The Year 8 Expo will occur on Wednesday of Week 5, where we will showcase our school to Year 7 students who are considering enrolling at Grant high School in 2020. Please encourage any friends and family with Year 7 students to attend, so they can make decisions on their young people's secondary schooling with the best information available.

Course Counselling for 2020 will also begin shortly, with an inaugural Expo being organized to ensure parents/caregivers and students can access comprehensive information to support their subject choices. The most important aspect of Course Counselling is the initial choosing of subjects that sets the timetable. It is very important that all students do this to ensure a line structure that enables the maximum number of students to have their requirements fulfilled. The Course Booklet has also been re-vamped to be more consistent and user-friendly. We hope that these measures, along with dedicated Homegroup time, will ensure a smooth and productive process this year.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who took the time to meet with teachers at interviews in Week 2. We hope we were able to provide some good advice with regard to how your young people can maximize their success

before end-of-semester grades are assigned. We noticed a rise in the numbers of students attending Homework Club in the days after interviews and I commend this service to you as a great support to your young person's learning. We are delighted to see study habits improving as a result of this initiative.

The Public Education Awards are open once again. Please consider nominating an educator who has had a positive influence on your young people for these awards. It is excellent recognition for those teachers who go the extra mile for our students – and we have so many of those at Grant High School.

Kind regards,

Fleur Roachock

Fleur Roachock, Principal

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL SOCIAL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 5TH OF JUNE 2019
WHERE: GHS DRAMA ROOM
TIME: 6PM TO 9:30PM

LIVE DJ
FOOD AND DRINKS
FUN TIMES

TICKET PRICES: \$10.00

COMING EVENTS

27 - 31 May

- Year 10 Work Experience

28 May

- Yr 7 Parent Tours 5pm

29 May

- Interschool Cross Country (Bordertown)
- Yr 7 Parent Tours 2pm
- Yr 8 Expo 6:30 - 8pm

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GET WET!

On Thursday the 16th of May, Grant High School students from across all year levels gathered in the courtyard to throw wet sponges at their teacher of choice. The starting distance was 5 metres, however, a dollar donation allowed students to move 1 metre closer to improve their chances of a direct hit. Approximately 20 students and 15 teachers were involved in the official event, with a fantastic crowd of spectators gathering throughout lunch time. Thank you to Ms Jackson's Stage 1 Tourism and Event Management Class for their organisation of the event and to the involved teachers for their participation. All funds raised have been donated to the Stand Like Stone Foundation. It was a fantastic event for everyone involved!



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Ancient Studies Melbourne Camp

On Tuesday the 14th of May, Dr. Young's Stage 2 Ancient Studies students, accompanied by Dr. Young and Sophie Monkley, travelled to Melbourne for three nights to view ancient artefacts in several Melbourne museums. The artefacts viewed included vases, statues, inscriptions and other relics, and were relevant to the material being studied in Stage 2 Ancient Studies (History). Museums visited included the Hellenic Museum, the NGV International Gallery and the Jewish Museum of Australia. In addition to the cultural and educational pursuits, there was also time for some ice skating, shopping, dining and Ferris wheel riding. The whole group, exhausted, happy, and slightly late, arrived safely back in Mount Gambier on Friday night (May 17).

Dr Gary Young, History Teacher



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Aboriginal Power Cup

In Term 2, in preparation for the Aboriginal Power Cup, which is fast approaching, the South East Academy were joined by Wade Thompson and members of the Port Adelaide Football Club for a workshop on culture and skill development. The students gained a lot of knowledge about language groups and connecting with heritage, as well as the opportunity to get advice on their practical skills so they are ready for the big carnival up in Adelaide on the 20-22 June. Well done to all involved and thanks to the PAFC for their support!

Sarah McCarthy



Port MacDonnell Art Excursion

Students had an opportunity to head to Port MacDonnell for an observational drawing excursion. The focus was on capturing the natural landscape. Students drew from their immediate environment and worked to replicate natural elements around them. Rough sketches and photographs will be taken back to the studio, where students will refine compositions and create large paintings from their initial drawings. Thank you to Mr Maxwell for driving the bus and being our personal guide to areas he frequents when chasing the perfect wave. Thank you also to Tamsyn Palmerino for attending the excursion and assisting with students. **Pariya Ziakas, Art Teacher**



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Rostrum Voice of Youth

Seventeen GHS students took part in the Rostrum Voice of Youth event held on the 8th of May at Grant High School. They competed with students from across the south-east for spots in the state semi-finals of the public speaking competition, which will take place in late-May.

On the night, Chelsea Ray won her heat by impressing the adjudicators with her clear and well-prepared speech, as well as her creative and musical approach to her short notice speech. As a result, Chelsea has progressed to the semi-final of the competition to be held at Immanuel College, Adelaide.

The following students were strong competitors in the junior heats: Ryan Bald, Layne Blackwell, Mia Crewe, Mia Kleinig, Robert Pickin, Jock Prentice, Jackson Richards, Rylee Seidel, Macie Sommers, Jocelyn Work.

In the senior heats, Hayley Henke, Madeline Hosking, Ethan Little, and Zari Stevens presented powerful, impassioned, and humorous speeches on a range of topics.

Each and every student, regardless of experience, was commended by the adjudicators for the courage and creativity they displayed in the competition.

The competition is run yearly and is open to all students that wish to participate.

Students are encouraged to speak with their English teachers if they would like to participate in upcoming public speaking and debating events.

Liam Goodfellow, Supervising Teacher



Mural Completion

In Term 1 2019 students from Grant High School worked with Community Artist Belinda Bonney and Sarah McCarthy to create a mural depicting the school's community creatures. Inspiration for the design came from artist Gwenn Seemel and we extend our thanks to Gwenn for sharing her work with us.

The naming of our communities honours the revival of the Bunganditj language, and Grant High School has worked with the Bunganditj Language Reclamation Committee in order to build site capacity and understanding around the importance of language revival. The mural is a way to show respect for local culture by making it visible, and can also be used as a learning resource. Aunty Michelle Jacqueline Furr has also worked with Sarah McCarthy to create short video explanations of each community creature, and their significance to Boandik culture. These will be released in Term 2 so stay tuned!

Special thanks to Belinda Bonney, Jedd Williams, Chernita Goldsmith, Amarley Carter-Wilson, Caylem Hateley, Chianne Edwards, Quintin Hartman, Cara Day and Tamsyn Palmerino-Timms for your wonderful work!



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Open Girls Football

On Monday the 13th of May, our Open Girls footy team played in a round robin competition against MGHS and TWC. In their first game against MGHS, they played a well structured game kicking the first few goals. They kept the ball in their end for majority of the game, with great defence from Claudia Edmonds and Catherine Pickin. This continued for the second half of the game, with goals being shared amongst the girls (Ella Simmonds 2.1, Makala Cookson 1, Skye Millard 1.1, Skye Robertson 1). Grant won the game 33 to 0.

In their second game against TWC, the girls started well kicking the first few goals through Ella Simmonds. TWC came back at them with their fresh legs and kicked a couple of goals in return. The girls worked hard to get a few more goals on the board, leading in the last few minutes of the game. However, TWC ran over them in the dying minute to kick a goal to win the game by 1 point, GHS 30 to TWC 31 (Goal scorers: Ella Simmonds 3, Skye Millard 1, Keryl Ousey 1).

At the end of the day, the girls finished in top place out of the pool and will play in the next round in Adelaide.

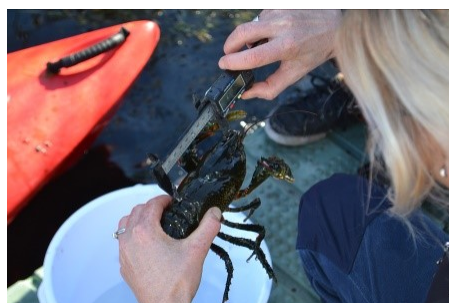
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Grant High School Aquaculture Project

Over the last 2 years Grant High School has been developing their aquaculture program, with the aim to have a Glenelg Spiny Freshwater Crayfish living at the school. Friday, 17 May the Aquaculture and Outdoor Studies classes travelled to Ewens Ponds, and successfully caught a male crayfish, with the help of Natural Glenelg Trust and Fisheries. The crayfish was brought back to the school, where it will be continued to be studied, with the long term aim to aid a breeding partner.

David Thompson, Coordinator Science STEM Technologies



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Open Touch Football

Congratulations to the Grant Giants Open Girls Touch team for progressing through to the School Sport SA Knockout State Finals with a 9-0 victory over Penola High School. Unfortunately the Open Boys bowed out with a closely fought 4-7 loss to a well-drilled Penola team. Good luck to both the Grant HS and Penola HS Open Touch teams in the upcoming finals.

Adam Dunn, Touch Football Coach



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Come & Try Radio

Are you a Grant High School student, interested in radio and under 18 years of age? Then come on down to 5gtr, behind the Oatmill Cinema (25 Alexander Street), on Monday the 10th and Wednesday the 12th June to get a feel for radio. Join Maddy, the host of Maddy's Moody Mondays and Wednesday Witches, for 15 minutes and get a taste of what you could do in radio! See available times below:

Monday the 10th June: Wednesday the 12th June:

4:00-4:15pm	4:00-4:15pm
4:15-4:30pm	4:15-4:30pm
4:30-4:45pm	4:30-4:45pm
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6:30-6:45pm	6:30-6:45pm
6:45-7:00pm	6:45-7:00pm

Public Education Awards

The Public Education Awards recognise and reward the achievements of teachers, leaders, allied health professionals, support and corporate staff across South Australia. Nominations for the awards are open until 31 May 2019. Parents, families and communities all play a significant role in supporting children and young people. As active participants in our education system, the public nomination process for the awards allows everyone to get involved and say thank you to an educator that's made a difference in their lives. Get involved in the awards – don't miss your chance to nominate someone amazing.



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