



Grant High School

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CONGRATULATIONS BONNEY

Dear Families,  
After a very successful start to the year, we have entered deep and uncharted waters as we attempt to navigate the implications of COVID-19. In line with all of our previous communications, we will continue to make conservative decisions about the activities and events our students are involved in, in the best interests of both the school and wider community. In the meantime, we will continue our commitment to providing all students with meaningful and challenging learning opportunities.

Last Friday's Sound Bites did not go exactly as planned, given the late location change due to inclement weather; however, it was still a highly valuable learning experience – possibly even more so because of the need to be adaptable and think laterally. Congratulations to Pariya Ziakas and her amazing band of Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Food and Hospitality teachers who continue to commit to such excellent authentic learning. Thanks also to the Front Office and Grounds teams, without whom events like this could not take place. We are very proud of the students who choose to undertake these experiences and congratulate them on a job well done!

I had the great pleasure of visiting three groups of female Young Changemakers taking part in an entrepreneurial learning opportunity at Mount Gambier High School last week. Aply supported by teachers, Bekkie Houston and Tom O'Connor, these young women considered and pitched solutions to

some of the problems young people face in Mount Gambier. Their enthusiasm around their work, as they were explaining to me what they had done, was outstanding. One of our groups won the People's Choice award, which was an excellent reward for effort.

We have begun our fundraising efforts in order to secure a new gym in 2023. Thanks to Paula Foote who is heading up that charge. Last Tuesday we raised over \$500 at a Schnitzel Night at the South Eastern Hotel and I commend to you the Hot Cross Bundraiser, supported by Baker's Delight. We are very appreciative of the community support we are receiving in our continued pursuit of better facilities for our students. The new build in readiness for Year 7s has gone out to tender and we look forward to beginning that in June, at this stage.

Finally, as we continue to work through processes in response to COVID-19, we ask for your patience, as individual communications will be difficult to make sometimes – depending on how many cancellations we are dealing with at any given time. Please keep your eye on emails and Facebook for further advice, which we will post as it comes to hand. Kind regards,

*Fleur Roachock*

**Fleur Roachock,**  
**Principal**

## COMING EVENTS

### 20 March

- Harmony Day - Casual Clothes

### 20 March

- KO Clay Target Shooting

### 27 March

- University Open Day

### 7 April

- Year 10 Immunisations

### 9 April

- Last day of Term 1

### 10 April

- Good Friday

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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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Child Development



# INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS CARNIVAL

Team	Total
Bonney	958
Gambier	642
Gordon	600
Henty	443



Georgina Norman, Georgia Bald, Jack Donehue and Isaac Parsons



Charlotte Scott

James Allen

Junior Iron Person



Alaska Lipscombe

Aaron Ramsey

Senior Iron Person

The 2020 Aquatics Carnival was held on Thursday the 13th of February in sunny and humid conditions. Student enthusiasm was at an all time high, with special mention going to the Gambier house cheer squad who provided a great atmosphere for everyone participating. All students participated well making for a closely contested start to the day along with many close finishes. As the day went on, Bonney pulled away leading to their sixth victory in a row.



Charlotte Scott

James Allen

Under 14's



Gemma Walters

Aiden Cameron

Under 16's

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Jorja Mason

Ben Young

Under 15's



Alaska Lipscombe

Jack Kleinig

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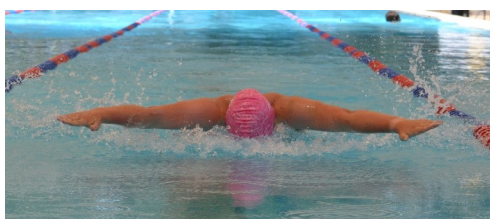
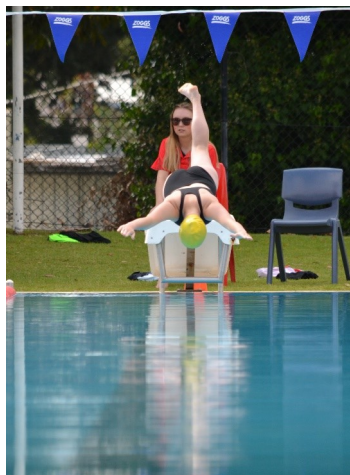
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# KILSBY SINKHOLE EXCURSION

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March Mrs. Houston's year 11 Tourism students attended Kilsby Sinkhole as a part of their practical assignment. The students travelled by bus to the site just outside of Mount Gambier where they met Jen, the snorkel tour guide. Jen spoke to the group about the different historical aspects of the Sinkhole and the fact that they were the only sinkhole to allow recreational snorkellers and divers to swim there. Everyone then got suited up in 7mm wetsuits, boots, diving flippers, snorkels, gloves and hoods as the water was very cold. After an introduction and safety talk, we were taken to the water's edge via many ladders. We then were able to get into the water and start snorkelling. An added attraction is their pet turtle 'Turty'. After around a half hour snorkel looking at the different features of the natural attraction, Jen showed us the different information boards and slideshow of photos taken underwater by divers. It was very interesting listening to Jen talk about the sinkhole, and diving in general, as she has had a lot of experience and most of us had never been snorkelling quite like that before. Overall, we all really enjoyed the experience and would recommend it.

By Sophie McLean and Scout Elshaug

# KO YEAR 8/9 BOYS CRICKET

**February 19th 2020**

Grant HS v Tenison Woods College

@ GHS

TWC 5/85 defeated GHS 47

## Bowling

Thomas Smith 2/9

Connor Gentile 1/16

Darcy Arthurson 1/7

Jock Prentice 1/3

## Batting

Thomas Smith 13

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# INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2020 Inter-house athletics carnival once again proved a spectacular event, showing the true commitment of students to different sporting events, along with lots of enthusiasm. The house leaders once again showed the way, decorating house areas with lots of colour, body painting and hairspray. The support for each of the teams was aided by loud cheers and positive encouragement echoing from the house tents.

The novelty events proved popular as always with a number of students showing off their hard work and determination, especially in the sack race and tug-of-war.

Conditions were tough with the rain forcing the delay of some events throughout the day; however, students were enthusiastic, making it a well fought contest. When the final scores were tallied, it was Bonney reigning supreme for the 7th time in 8 years.

Team	Track	Field	Trial Participation Points	Total	Final Position
Bonney	934	827	150	1911	First
Gambier	894	705	142	1741	Second
Gordon	874	618	123	1615	Third
Henty	667	515	152	1334	Fourth

## Individual Age Group Champions

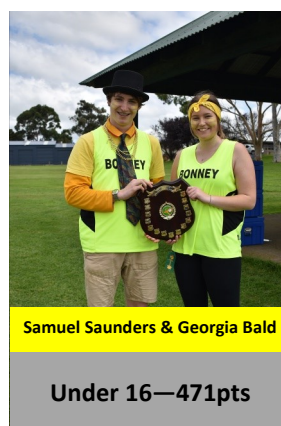


## CONGRATULATIONS BONNEY!



Jack Donehue, Samuel Saunders, Georgina Norman & Georgina Bald

## Age Group Results



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## Media Release

3 February 2020

For immediate release



### Calling all Limestone Coast community projects and students – Stand Like Stone Grants and Scholarships open this month



Do you need a grant to help you with your community project, or know a local student who needs a scholarship to assist them on their journey? If so, Stand Like Foundation will be seeking applications from organisations, not-for-profits and the people of the Limestone Coast.

The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building Grants open this month and local organisations can apply for grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for projects that have a charitable benefit and build capacity in the region. A total allocation of \$50,000 is available thanks to the significant funding provided by OneFortyOne.

"We've been delighted to partner with OneFortyOne since 2014 and thanks to their generosity and commitment to this region, Stand Like Stone has been able to distribute \$180,000 across eighteen charitable projects to date", said Stand Like Stone CEO, Anne Kerr.

OneFortyOne's Willie van Niekerk said "Stand Like Stone is a pillar of the Limestone Coast community and we are excited to be their partners in 2020. We know the community capacity grants support a wide range of community projects and look forward to seeing them come to life."

Stand Like Stone is also offering another round of its annual Small Grants of up to \$10,000. These grants are available for organisations whose projects demonstrate sustainability, develop and strengthen communities, reduce social disadvantage and help find solutions to community problems in the Limestone Coast.

Two additional educational scholarships are also available through the Lorry Humphreys' Arts Scholarship and the Lorry Humphreys' Trades Scholarship valued at \$5000 each. These scholarships are available to students undertaking study in the Arts or the Trades in 2020, and can be used for approved curriculum and courses at Australian educational institutions (such as pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools, higher education institutions and registered training organisations) as well as their related living and boarding costs.

"These grants and scholarships are made possible every year thanks to the kind-heartedness of people and organisations in our region, and really epitomise the benefit of donating to Stand Like Stone. We don't spend the donations; we hold them in trust and invest them for the direct benefit of our community in perpetuity, granting the income generated from those donations.

Our grants and scholarships enable us to respond to the needs of the people and communities across the Limestone Coast, ensuring that local projects that they value receive support. We're looking forward to receiving applications and encourage people and groups to get in touch if they want more information", said Mrs Kerr.

The OneFortyOne Community Capacity Building, Small Grants and Scholarships are open from 15th February. Applications close at 5.00pm on 31st March 2020. Application forms and further information are available from [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au).

## MEDSPACE UNIVERSITY PREPARATION

If your child is in Year 12 at one of SA's rural high schools and thinking of studying medicine, RDWA's university preparation grant can help them reach this goal.

The medSPACE University Preparation Grant helps prepare students for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). Participants will have help identifying key dates and learn new interview skills and techniques to help them through the university's entrance process.

Year 12 students studying at a rural high school in South Australia are eligible to apply.



To request an appointment online, go to:  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment)  
For clinic locations, go to: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic)

## SAASTA



The term has kicked off with a flying start in SAASTA Land, with students engaging with Uncle Doug Nicholls, Belinda Bonney and David New, in order to refine the program Walking the South East Seasons. Students are participating in a series of excursions to various locations around the South East, as part of developing their understanding and appreciation for the South East seasonal calendar and local cultural perspectives. The goal is to develop the program to be suitable for implementation in schools. Belinda is helping students to represent their learning from the excursions through artworks, from which the 2020 Power Cup guernsey design will be drawn.

The first excursion was to Cape Douglas, during Sugar and Eel time, where students sampled native currants and pigface flowers, and learned about tools and artifacts next to a 1500 year old midden! We also learned about sustainable fishing and conservation from Barry from Fisheries, who is also keen to share information about the Aboriginal Pathway Program into the Department of Fisheries. Watch this space!

We have also had the pleasure of Matt Brooke's company, and students have been busy recording podcasts of their learning from the excursion, as well as announcing the top 100 countdown for 5GTR on Sunday evenings.



# SOUNDBITES

On Friday 13 March 2020 the Sound Bites festival brought together the collective talents of Grant high school students from across year levels as well as curriculum areas. The initial idea came from wanting to plan new meaningful assessment tasks for the year 12 students, with the idea that their learning should be more about real life experiences. This then presented an opportunity for community engagement. There was a focus on students having more control of their learning experiences as well as having more responsibility about final decision making processes and allowing them to problem solve real world scenarios. This idea has ultimately trickled down into other year levels with many more students becoming involved across learning areas.

Students were given a chance to work on an open and safe platform, presenting their skills and talents to the wider community. Sound Bites provided the perfect background for collaboration to occur with students in charge of running street food stalls, Art and Craft stalls and performing live music.

Thank you to all staff involved and the wider community for their support of Sound Bites Friday night. Due to poor weather conditions we had to move the event back to Grant High School. All students involved were remarkable in their ability to adapt to such a high pressure situation. Students diffidently experienced authentic learning in regards to event planning and are commended for their hard work and dedication to Sound Bites.

A special thank you to City Council for their unwavering support during all planning and in particular on the day of the event.

Even though students were understandably upset, we must also be aware of how extremely fortunate we are to have been able to continue with Sound Bites.





# INTER-SCHOOL AQUATICS DAY



## Grant High School

Charlotte Scott 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Jarrah Altschwager 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 Claire Redding 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 Ben Young 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Jack Kleinig 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>,  
 Angus Langsmith 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 Alaska Lipscombe 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Brooklyn Jean 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Darcy Arthurson 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Jemma Walters 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Sophie Couldrey 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 Open Female relay 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
 U/14 Female relay 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
 U/20 Male relay 2<sup>nd</sup>



33 Grant High School students were recognized for their stellar performance at the inter-house swimming carnival with selection for the inter-school team.

The day ended with Grant HS being awarded 23 podiums finishes. Competing two days in a row and with many swimmers away sick as well as hosting the event took its toll on our position from 2019 moving from 2nd overall back to 4th.

In 2021 we return to Bordertown for the second time in three years due to the renovations of the Mt Gambier Aquatics Centre.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jack Kleinig was recently promoted to Cadet Under Officer (CUO) in the Australian Army Cadets, which is the highest rank attainable in the Australian Army Cadets. Jack shows outstanding leadership qualities and through merit and as a result of his dedication and hard

work, he was recently awarded and promoted to the position of CUO of 42 Battalion (Coorong). This means Jack oversees all units south of Murray Bridge, including Victor Harbour and the Riverland. There are only four Battalions in South Australia, so this is an amazing achievement. Jack is also the Grant High School Community Captain for Kurra.



## SCHNITZEL NIGHT



On Tuesday the 10th of March a fundraiser 'Schnitzel Night' was held at the South Eastern Hotel, raising funds for the new GHS gym. A total of \$550 was raised from the night, thanks to the support of the South Eastern. Our next Schnitzel Night fundraiser will be held of Tuesday the 12th of May.



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## LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



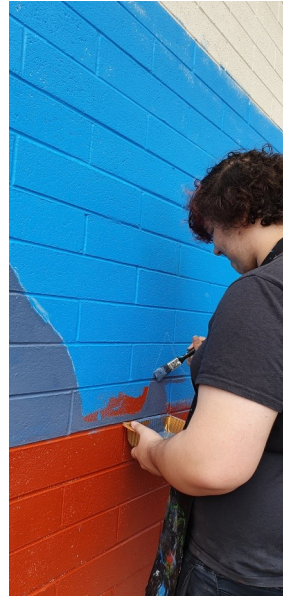
The Stage 2 Food and Hospitality class prepared food items focusing on local produce for the Regional Foods task. All produce was sourced from within the region and food items were sold at the local farmers' market at the Mount Gambier public library. The stall was a huge success with students selling out before 12pm.

Students continue to embrace the contemporary trends and issues prevalent in the Food and Hospitality industry.

Well done to Georgina Norman and Monique Hille for giving up part of their Saturday to set up and run the stall.



## STREET ART



Work is underway with a large scale Art project running all of term 1. This project brings students' works into an open forum, providing the Year 10 Drawing and Painting class with real life learning opportunities. Students are focusing on the theme – "Be the Change" highlighting the real issues of climate change. The Arts become a critical pathway that engage viewers with real content. As visual practitioners, students' work to conceptualise, collaborate and implement ideas that make a visual impact, provoking critical thinking and emotional responses. Preparations have begun on exterior surfaces, and some designs have already started in the Year 8 area. The school community have a fantastic opportunity to see the development of this area throughout the term. Just a reminder to be respectful of spaces and take care when moving around this area as some students may be working during break times and walls can still be wet.

Thank you.

Pariya Ziakas – Art Teacher.

REMINDER

*Last day of Term 1,*

*9th April 2020*

*Early Dismissal 2:15pm*

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# YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY



JORJA MASON



CHLOE MCINTOSH



SIENNA VAN DER LINDE



ALEX FERGUSON



LILY DELALAND



CAIDEN GARRETT



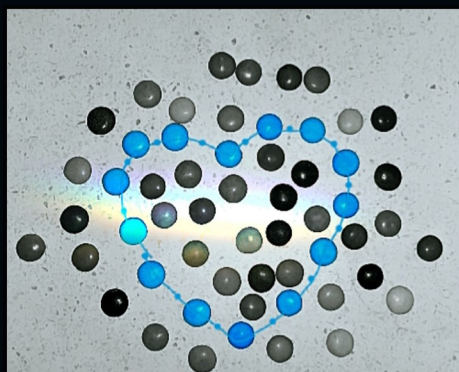
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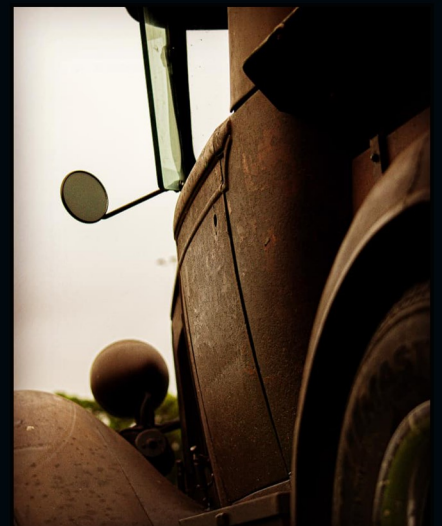
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# YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY



**AVA NORMAN**



**CHLOE MCINTOSH**



**RILEY MORGAN**



**JORJA DOUGLAS**



**REMY RAINFORD**



**LILY DELALAND**



**JAYDE VIRGO**



**SAPHIRE LADNER**

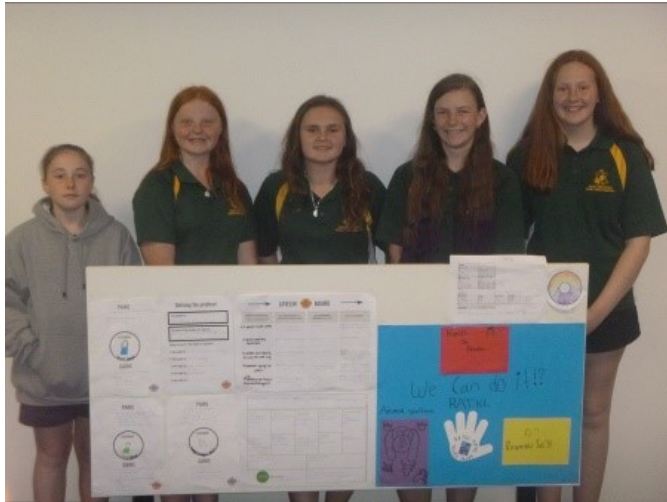


# YOUNG CHANGE AGENTS



Over the last month, 30 students from year 8 and 9 have been involved in an entrepreneurial program at Mount Gambier High School. The Young Change Agents Program aims to develop design-thinking based social entrepreneurship that helps youth see problems as opportunities. Students competed and worked with students from Mount High and Allendale East. The 3 day program identifies a problem from the local community and students develop a social enterprise as a solution- culminating in a pitch at the end of day 3.

Problems identified by students included litter and pollution, recycling, lack of teen focused activities in the area and expressing individuality at school. Social enterprise ideas included a customizable school uniform app, recycling bottles as waste bins, teen run social events and an indoor recycled play equipment centre.



Local community members such as Troy Bell, Adam Box, Callina Rawlings, Jacinta Jones and Dr Judy Nagy formed the judging panels. All feedback was positive with Grant High School teams finishing in the top 3 of both programs. The Academy of Enterprising Girls workshop was particularly successful with 'Teenaction' taking out the People's Choice Award.

GHS teachers Tom O'Connor and Bekkie Houston are now trained to deliver this program to students – watch this space for some exciting entrepreneurial education happening in term 2.



## YEAR 9 REC - GOLF



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