



Grant High School

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Dear Families

The term has powered past and we have nearly reached the end already. It has been an excellent term for extra-curricular achievement as we have had great success in 9/10 boys' football and senior boys' basketball, winning state titles in each in our respective divisions.

Back at school, the long-running Year 9 Inter-class Debating Competition has been run and won, RUOK Day was a huge focus last week and Literacy/Book Week was also a great success. In the meantime, most students have been focused on their learning and making decisions about future pathways as they engaged in Course Counselling. It was wonderful to see so many students thinking carefully about their futures as part of this important process.

We are experimenting with students handing their mobile phones in to teachers at the beginning of every lesson, and early reports suggest that this has significantly improved student concentration in the classroom, but we will collect some harder data at a later stage. We are also trying very hard, with mixed success, to filter games out of student laptops, to increase student engagement with their learning. We would appreciate parent/caregiver support with this wherever possible.

We are already deep into planning for 2023, with leadership positions having been won in preparation, so we congratulate Caroline Wakefield who will continue in her role as Marma Community Leader for a further five years and we look forward to welcoming Steve Carli-Seebohm who will be joining us as Kurang

Community Leader from January next year. We also congratulate Sarah McCarthy, who will continue in her Aboriginal Education Coordinator role, while Josh Praolini will return to us to look after Flexible Industry Pathways.

From the beginning of 2023, Grant High School will also take on responsibility for the Mount Gambier Independent Learning Centre. To get to know more about that facility and the work it does, Governing Council met there last week. Thank you to David Burt for his hospitality and also congratulations to Jamie Ryan who returns to Grant High School to manage the Centre from the start of next year.

In the next few weeks we will busily be employing teachers to ongoing positions and running panels to appoint a Mathematics Coordinator and an Inclusive Education Coordinator.

It has been lovely to see a little bit of sunshine recently and we hope this continues as it tends to cheer everyone up. Wellbeing is still a concern, in spite of COVID numbers finally dwindling. We look forward to a more "normal" rest of the year where we can regain our focus on the core business of school – uninterrupted teaching and learning.

Kind regards

Fleur Roachock

Principal

COMING EVENTS

21st - 23rd September
Stg 1 Rock Climb Camp

28th September
Girls 9A Side Soccer

29th September
Yr 7 Girls Soccer

21st October
Immersion week

4th November
Yr 12 Scavenger Hunt

7th November
Student Free Day

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TERM DATES 2022

TERM 3: 25 July — 30 Sep
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FOOTY CHAMPIONS

From the first bounce the intentions were made clear to the opposition that the GHS boys were here to play and take home a piece of history.

The first clearance out of the middle was laced out to Connor Gentile which resulted in the team's first major. This trend continued out of the midfield led by the skipper **Darcy Arthurson**, **Max Whitehead** and **Bay McKinnon**. **Sam Couldrey** must have had a step ladder in his socks as he used it to climb over a massive pack and took a hanger in the goal square to kick another for GHS.

The second quarter was another successful quarter for GHS, kicking another 4 goals to add to the tally. The drive was coming from the bounding **Elwood Geary**; he took on the opposition giving out a few Dusty Martins and also plucking every overhead mark he contested. **Taj Bell** was influential in the backline along with **Ky McCracken's** deadly left foot hitting targets all game. **Nash Lobley**, **Archie New** and **Kaleb Price** were making it hard for the opposition to hit the scoreboard down back.

The enthusiasm was evident in the huddle at half time and the team hit the ground running in the premiership quarter. **Iowani Coleman** dominated play through Centre Half Forward, kicking a couple and creating contest so that the dangerous **Seb Doody** could read the ball off the packs and snag a couple for himself. I wouldn't like to be the ground staff of the Thebarton Oval, **Noah Gollan** and the two **Maxwell boys** ripped up both wings, clocking up countless disposals and kilometers.

At the final break the message was clear, stick to playing footy and enjoy this. Many positions swaps saw the leaping **Lachie Ray** come into the ruck and **Digby Richards- Fennell** reap the benefits on the Half Forward, lacing his teammates with a sharpened left foot. **Trae Wilke** took in upon himself to raise the level of intent taking a quality contested mark and playing on, sending it long and deep to the silky skills of **Cambell McLean**. **Will Attiwill** and **Luke Richards** backs would have been sore by the end of the game, carrying every position on the ground as the "utilities" and dominating each one.

GHS 16.7.103 def St Marks 3.7.25

A huge thanks must go to our super active runner **Brock Dempsey**, always getting the messages out to the players and waiting eagerly for the next instruction. Well done to our Team Manager Travis Clarke on ensuring we arrived safe and giving us all a few laughs along the way.

Congratulations to **Elwood Geary** for earning a Best on Ground Medal and **Connor Gentile** for runners up, booting 5 goals in a stellar performance.

What a privilege to coach such a talented side. Well done to everyone that was involved in making this Grant High School history.

Matt Kurzman



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BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

In week 5, the Open Boys Basketball Team travelled to Adelaide to compete in the State Division 3 finals competing against Portside, Investigator, Unity, Caritas and Balaclava in a round robin tournament. After 4 hard fought games throughout the course of the day, both Caritas and Grant High School were undefeated, and set to play in the final game with the state championship title up for grabs for whoever came out on top. In an intense back and forth battle, with both teams going all out, a late Caritas 3 pointer tied the game up with only a few seconds remaining. The Grant High School boys had 1 final shot attempt to win the game outright with a buzzer beater but missed, and the game ended in a tie.

In anti-climactic fashion and no overtime being able to be played, the result of the title was decided by percentage, whereby Grant High School were crowned the winners of the State Division 3 title due to the results earlier in the day. Well done to **Zayne Young, Nelson Forbes, Ben Young, Sam Couldrey, Lachlan Ray, Maximus Hooper, Brydon Klingberg** and **James Allen** on a fantastic effort and bringing home the title.

Mitchell Kelton
HPE Teacher



Year 9 Debating

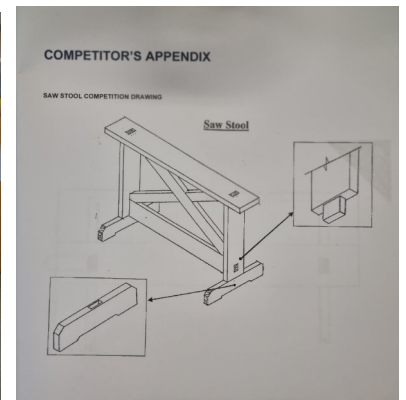
Congratulations to the Year 9 cohort and teachers; on Tuesday, we held the annual Year 9 debating competition, with a representative team from each class participating in a morning of debating on the statement "Modern fairy tales aren't modern enough." The competition was fierce, with only two points separating the top two teams after the semi-finals.

The finals saw Mr. Benke's classes, arguing for the negative, represented by Zoey, Isabelle, Mia, Aspen and Bain and Ms. Parr's class, arguing for the affirmative, represented by Georgia, Milla, Amber, and Keeley debating the statement "Teenagers should be banned from all forms of social media". Whilst a close debate, with both sides speaking skillfully and with passion, it was ultimately won by Ms. Parr's class who argued that teenagers should indeed be banned from all social media.

Nikki Cook



Worldskills Competition



In Week 6 students participated in the Worldskills Australia's Regional Competition for Carpentry. In particular we congratulate Grant High School's **Brydon Klingberg** who received a Bronze medal for his efforts.

All students demonstrated great planning and problem solving skills, as well as persistence and patience under pressure. Overall, a wonderful learning experience!

Kelly Albanese VET Coordinator

7/8 BOYS SOCCER

On Tuesday, a team of year 7/8 boys represented Grant High School in soccer. We played two games. The first was a tough match against Tenison Woods College and despite the defeating scoreline, the boys played with great determination. We did, however, manage to get a well-deserved win in our second game against Bordertown. The team represented the school well and showed great respect to themselves, each other, and the opposition, resulting in a successful day

Aidene Parr

English/Outdoor Education teacher



LITERACY/BOOK WEEK

The 'Dreaming with Eyes Open' Book/Literacy week was a great success at Grant High School this year! The students engaged with many different lunch activities, including a murder mystery, a blind date with a book, guess the book in the jar, and guess the 'emoji' book titles. Students also entered weeklong competitions, including: The Black Out Poetry competition, which was won by Remy Rainford; Re-Design a Book cover, which was won by Akifah Chaus; and a Two-Sentence Horror story competition won by Mia Kleinig. The week was a lot of fun, and culminated in a lunch time costume parade in the Hub, with Ameliiah Jeal winning best dressed student for her Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland, and Mr. Drake-Harris winning best dressed teacher for his Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz.

Next year we have even BIGGER plans for book week... and staff are already planning their costumes!



LEGAL STUDIES

During Week 7, our Legal Studies class travelled to Adelaide. The students had a wonderful time engaging with Australia's legal heritage, as well as seeing the administration of justice in real time.

The students visited the courts early morning and got to apply their understanding from mock trials to real cases. We went to the Magistrates Court which was a truly unique learning experience as we got to see a diverse range of cases. After the Magistrates Court, we watched a criminal case sentencing at the Supreme Court, the highest South Australian court in the hierarchy. We then made our way to Parliament and met Troy Bell, the Member for Mount Gambier. We got to see some lively debates during 'Question Time' at the House of Assembly.

After Parliament, we visited Government House, the oldest Government House in Australia. We were then fortunate enough to meet the Governor, Honorable Frances Adamson AC.



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HOODIE SALES

ATTENTION PARENT/CAREGIVERS

GHS HOODIES NOW AVAILABLE
FOR \$53.50 FROM THE FRONT
OFFICE



DAYMAP INFO

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY NAVIGATING DAYMAP
FOLLOWING IS A LINK TO SOME HELPFUL TRAINING TUTORIALS.

<https://web.granths.sa.edu.au/parent-portal/>



Daymap
Parent Portal

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Operation Christmas child

Hello, I'm Isabelle Jones

I am contributing to a charity by *Samaritans Purse* called *Operation Christmas Child* that sends shoe-boxes filled with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, clothing and other fun gifts to children in need in over 100 countries. I am asking for your help, it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate some items to fill as many boxes as possible. **If you are unable to donate an item, each box costs \$10 to ship, so any money would be very helpful (and will only be put towards boxes).**

Needed items:

(Please note that all of the items **must** be **new** and **no liquids (toothpaste shampoo) and no food**)
Items must be small enough to fit inside a small shoebox along with other items.

The age brackets are (2-4, 5-9,10-14) so any size clothing or item can be used!

Personal care item	School supplies	Clothing and accessories	A 'wow' item	Toys	Crafts and activities
Blanket Toothbrush Washcloth Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container) Comb or brush Adhesive bandages (colourful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage.) Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, include extra prepackaged batteries) Compact mirror Nail clipper and file	Pencils, coloured pencils, pens, texters, pencil case Exercise books, books Safety scissors, ruler, protractor Blank index cards Solar powered- calculator Small manual sharpener Small adhesive tape Erasers	Dress/t-shirt/top/pants (MALE or FEMALE) Hat/scarf/mittens Socks/shoes/flip flops Underwear Sunglasses Hair accessories (bows, ribbons, elastics etc.) Friendship bracelets Wristwatch Bead jewellery/bead kit Bandana	Doll/doll accessories Stuffed animal Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball) Outfit of clothing to wear Backpack/bag/tote-bag/ purse Small musical instrument Skipping rope	Yo-yo Small frisbee Small kite Etch a sketch Marbles Kaleidosc ope	Colouring books Watercolour set Puzzles Chalkboard and chalk Binoculars Sewing kit (fabric 1-2 yards and ribbon) Gardening kit/gloves (do not include gardening seeds) Card games (no playing cards) Play Dough Crayons

Donations **need** to be placed into **Scott McCullochs office (Junior Floor glass office closest to the makerspace) by 16th of September**





Stall Holders
invited!
\$10 per stall
Apply by end of
September



Sunday 13th November

10am – 3pm



Kongorong Primary School

34 School Road

Kongorong



GATE ENTRY \$10

Kids under 18 FREE!



Rules and Competition Guide



ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES OPEN

Enter your own
calf, lamb or pet
by August 31st

Activities Included-

Lamb and Calf rearing-
competitions

Pet Parade

Fishing Contest Display

Art and Craft Displays by local students

Farm Machinery

Animal Petting

Jumping Pillow

Horse and Cart

Face Painting

Also on site (additional cost)-

Local Stalls

Coffee Van

Food Stall

Silent Auction

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Are you
interested in
sponsoring
this event?

For enquiries please contact
Jen Stolp 0402 706 675



West Gambier Cricket Club
Registration/Come and Try Day

Sunday 25th September
From 10.00 am
Malseed Park
Seniors & Juniors welcome

Meet the coaches/have a hit
BBQ lunch available
Encourage new players to come
along – nominated teams in
U12, U14, U17, B & A grade
U10 comp to hopefully start in
Term 1

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