



Issue No. 2

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Term 2 has been extremely busy on many fronts, making it fly by faster than hoped. School culture and morale have continued to be positive and many staff members have commented on the supportive and relaxed feel about the place. This positive feeling has resulted in an increased level of collaboration amongst staff and students, and an improved learning environment for all.

**Staffing**

Two of our Youth Workers, Crystal Phillips and Bec Famularo, commenced Maternity Leave this term. We have already appointed one Youth Worker, Meg Malseed, who will be with us for the remainder of the year and are hoping to have another start with us next term. We have also welcomed three new SSO's, Tia Dedman Michael Veltmeyer and Suzie Kirk. Next term we will also welcome a new Science and Math teacher, Jacob Reeves, who will replace Aimee Lepley who is taking time off to welcome her third child into the world.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Sarah McCarthy and Matt Kurzman, who will be continuing as the Kurang and Tryin Community Leaders for the remainder of the year. I would also like to congratulate Jo Richards and Scott McCulloch who have both won new roles for Semester 2. Jo will be the Aboriginal Education Teacher behind Fran Simpson, who is increasing her hours in the Regional Office as a Special Educator, and Scott will be the Math Coordinator.

**Knockout Sport**

Following the agreement to re-instate travel outside Mount Gambier for Knockout Sport with the support of volunteers, we received a number of volunteer applications. We've had two trips to Adelaide for Knockout Sports with the support of volunteers. The first trip was for Touch Football, which saw the support of Nicole Forrest. The second trip was for Hockey and included the support of Matt Pettingill, Jo Hopgood and Mark Robinson. I am extremely appreciative of the time given by these volunteers to allow these trips to take place and am looking forward to the continued support of our school

community.

**Mobile Phones**

As outlined through recent correspondence, mobile phones are to be "off and away" in all schools as of the beginning of Term 3. At Grant High School we will be implementing the use of Yondr pouches, all students will receive a pouch that will allow them safely store their mobile phone, smart watches and wireless headphones whilst on school grounds. All students are required to follow this expectation, with the exception of those who meet the strict requirements for an exemption. Students with an exemption will be allocated a Velcro pouch.

The policies for the implementation of the Yondr pouches have been circulated to the school community via DayMap.

**Website**

We are in the process of creating a new school website, which will have a more modern look and will hopefully be more accessible for our families. The Department have created the structure of the site and we are currently adding in the relevant information and documentation. The aim is to have the site up and running for the start of Semester 2.

I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone for their dedication and support for Semester 1 and wish all staff, students and families a safe and relaxing holiday.

**Caroline Wakefield**  
*Principal.*

**COMING EVENTS**

**7 July**

- Early Dismissal
- Last Day of Term 2

**24 July**

- Term 3 Commences

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**GRANT HIGH SCHOOL  
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**For all absentees**

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## YENNA JOYCE—DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Yenna Joyce for her remarkable achievement in winning the District Council of Grant Academic Scholarship! The scholarship, presented by Mayor Boston, is a testament to Yenna's exceptional academic abilities and dedication to her studies.

This year's selection process was extremely competitive, with numerous outstanding applications of the highest quality. It is truly inspiring to see the incredible talent and potential within our school community.

Yenna's success serves as a reminder of the vast opportunities available for tertiary study. Many scholarships go unapplied for each year, and it is important to recognize the importance of seeking out and applying for these valuable resources. The District Council of Grant Academic Scholarship is just one example of the numerous scholarships awaiting deserving students like Yenna.

Yenna's accomplishment not only highlights her exceptional academic prowess but also her dedication and hard work within the wider community. She has shown that with determination and perseverance, one can achieve great heights. We wish Yenna all the best in your future endeavours!

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Throughout semester 1, Mr. Matthew's Year 10 Construction students took on an exciting project with a purpose - completing two well-being huts for Kalangadoo Primary School. Thanks to the generous support of OneFortyOne, who kindly donated the timber required for the huts and even transported them to the school!

Last Friday of Week 9 was an exhilarating day as the construction students embarked on an educational excursion to Kalangadoo Primary School. Their mission? To install and put the finishing touches on the huts on-site!

The excursion was very successful, everyone involved with the project was happy with the outcome and the students are looking forward to being able to use the finished huts.

A massive round of applause to Mr. Matthews and the construction students for their fantastic work and to OneFortyOne for their invaluable contribution to this incredible project! Your efforts have left a lasting impact on Kalangadoo Primary School.



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## SCHOOL SPORT—7/8/9 KNOCK OUT HOCKEY

The first round of Knock Out for the 7/8/9 Hockey was held on the 19th of May at Blue Lake Sports Park. Grant High School got off to a fantastic start with a 10-1 win against Tenison Woods College. Eric Delaland captained the team, which went into halftime with a 2-1 advantage. The score rapidly increased to 7-1 after voting on a strategy to play the strongest squad for 10 minutes to boost the lead. The squad's brilliance was that they passed well to one another and were inclusive of the entire team. The second game was a much tougher battle against Naracoorte, which Grant won 2-0. Eric demonstrated tremendous leadership by stepping into goals for the game, and young Kade McCourt stepped up to conduct the team warm-up. The squad used the same tactics and went from 0-0 at halftime to 2-0 in the end. Again, the squad demonstrated excellent school ethics by including all participants and displaying excellent sportsmanship. The KO Hockey 7/8/9 squad will now go to Adelaide in week 7 to fight for the championship trophy!



## 9/10 KNOCK OUT TOUCH FOOTY

Well done to the Year 9/10 Knock-Out Touch teams who finished in fifth place at the recent State Finals in Adelaide. Both the boys and girls teams demonstrated outstanding development and determination throughout the day and were competitive against some first-class competition. Thank you, also, to our parent volunteer, Nicole Forrest.

### Boys

Try scorers: J Maxwell 3, N Maxwell 1

Best: W Attiwill, N Maxwell, J Maxwell, T Beimans

### Girls

Try scorers: E Beck 2, J Beck 1

Best: E Beck, J Beck, P Coleman





# LEGAL STUDIES CAMP

On the 1st of May the Stage 1 and 2 Legal Studies students from Grant High School participated in a 3-day long camp to Adelaide under the guidance of Mr. Clarke and Kerryn Munn. The students went to a variety of locations, including the South Australian Parliament, Old Adelaide Gaol, Government House, Magistrates and Supreme Courts. Through guided tours of each of the buildings, it was noticed how lavish the architecture and interiors were designed. The students were able to gain a valuable insight into the legal structure and functions of these institutions, which will assist their studies greatly. Overall, all of the students thoroughly enjoyed the learning experiences that they had been lucky enough to be a part of and were ecstatic to be able to physically see the places that they had been learning about in class all semester.

**Written by**

**Milla Prowse and Eliza-Marie Bunt  
Stage 1 Legal Studies Students.**



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## STAGE 2 VISUAL ARTS CAMP

Stage Two Visual Art and Design students visited Adelaide during Week 11 of Term 1 2023. Students got the chance to view the Sace Art Show at Light Square Gallery, where they saw some of the high-quality pieces created by 2022 students from all around South Australia. Students were taken on a private tour of the Visual Art campus while at Light Square, where they saw student art spaces and works in progress.

Students viewed the Andy Warhol exhibition and participated in a workshop that was linked directly to their folio and practical work.



## MR BURT'S DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Wood you believe it?! This semester, Mr. Burt's talented Year 10 Woodwork class nailed it as they completed crafting their Ariondack Chairs! These future carpenters have truly shown their saweet skills in woodworking! Congratulations to all the students for chipping away and creating such fantastic masterpieces! It's knot easy to create furniture that sturdy and stylish, but these students have truly carved their way to success. We're all chairing in their success and can't wait to see what they'll create next! Keep up the great work, and may your woodworking journey always be knoticed for its excellence!





# RECONCILIATION WEEK !

This year for Reconciliation Week at Grant High School, students have participated in many activities in which they have learned, celebrated, and shown support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Our SLED committee started off the week by arranging a "Wear it Yellow Day" for staff and students to show their support for Children's Ground and their commitment to improving the lives of First Nations children and families in Australia. Our ATSI team also supported teachers in facilitating Yarning Circle discussions in their lessons. The discussions took place in Year 10 Recreation and Year 7 Art, HASS, English, and Health and Positive Minds classes. The students were really engaged and gained a lot from these Yarns. The team and teachers covered topics such as personal/group safety, Indigenous health, the meaning of Reconciliation Week, artwork and its cultural significance, as well as stress/anxiety coping and help-seeking skills.

At the end of the week, GHS celebrated with an Afternoon Tea. The event included members from our local community, such as our Elders and different organisations. The purpose of the afternoon was to come together to network and share ideas on how we can all work together to strengthen acceptance and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The goal is to benefit all of Australia, be proud of our culture, and learn and grow together.



## SANTOS Power Cup

Recently students from Grant High School and Mount Gambier High School participated in the esteemed South Australia Power Cup (SAPC). Over the course of three eventful days, the students engaged in a variety of activities and connected with other Aboriginal students all around the state.

As part of the SAPC program, the students attended a day at Flinders University. This invaluable experience provided them with the opportunity to gain insights into future career prospects through presentations by an array of successful guest speakers. They also participated in football drills and benefited from a cultural information session led by local Kurna Elder, Uncle Michael O'Brien.

On the second and third day, undeterred by the challenging conditions, the students joined forces with the Whyalla academy for the Power Cup. The matches demonstrated their dedication and commitment to the program.

Adding to the excitement, the students had the privilege of witnessing the opening match for the Sir Doug Nicholls round at Adelaide Oval. Prior to the game, our talented students showcased their cultural heritage with a remarkable performance on the oval. They were then lucky enough to watch the thrilling encounter which saw Port Adelaide emerge victorious over Melbourne.



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# YEAR 7 HEALTH AND POSITIVE MINDS—STRESS BALL MAKING

In Health and Positive Minds, we have been learning about what stress is, and how it can be used for good, but also how we can manage our stress when it becomes overwhelming. We have been exploring various coping strategies for managing stress, including mindfulness, exercise, box breathing and meditation. In this lesson, we learned that stress balls can be a great way to relieve stress. The students had the opportunity to make their own stress balls by filling a balloon with flour or rice. The students showed their creativity by personalising their stress balls for use both inside and outside of the classroom!

*Written by Ms. Redman*



# SPECIAL OPTIONS—PERSONAL PROJECTS

In the Special Options class, students have been working on personal projects in preparation for AIF (Activating Identities and Futures). One of the students, Seth, is highly passionate about cars (especially Holdens). He took it upon himself to design and create his own family's car out of polymer clay. He sculpted and personalised every detail of his own family's car to make a replica - including the dents of the car, the broken trim and the missing fuel cap. He even included his own personalised number plate. This goes to show that with thought and passion, you can create anything when you put your mind to it.

*Written By Ms. Mikhail*



# LIMESTONE COAST REGIONAL SPORTS ACADEMY—CYCLING



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