



Grant High School

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Dear Families

The term is rapidly drawing to a close and students are working hard on final assessments to ensure their reports reflect their best efforts this semester, in spite of COVID-induced disruptions.

We have been fortunate that staff infections have continued to occur in a trickle, rather than a rush, as this has meant that we have been able to run most classes as we normally would. We appreciate students' cooperation during those times we have combined classes and we are thankful that we have not had to cancel any extra-curricular activities so far. This is largely due to the lateral thinking of our Daily Organisation Team as well as the goodwill of teachers who continue to go above and beyond what is necessary to meet the needs of our students.

Our Student Free Day last Friday allowed us to focus time and energy on planning to help students improve their reading and comprehension in all areas of learning at every year level. We specifically learned about the value of focusing on the acquisition of Tier 2 language – more sophisticated, formal language than we use when speaking (Tier 1) that can be employed in many situations, as opposed to Tier 3 language which is technical terminology that is very subject-specific.

We also learned strategic ways to help young people infer information from a variety of texts. We hope that the extra long weekend was useful for our families at this cold and wet time of year.

Staffing continues to be a challenge for us, given the teacher shortage across the country, and we have had to rationalize some classes for next semester to ensure we have everything covered. We thank students and their families for their patience with these processes – the timetable is very nearly set now, with a few minor tweaks still to occur. Given this shortage, we were very pleased to be able to welcome Patrick Rudd to the school, teaching Mathematics and HPE for the remainder of the year and we thank Ellen Masters very much for covering Betty Bai's classes for the majority of this term.

Finally, a reminder that the 2022 musical – Musical, She Wrote – will be performed at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Week 9. We hope to see many of you there to witness the amazing talent of our young people.

In the meantime, we hope you stay well and warm.

Fleur Roachock,
Principal

COMING EVENTS

15-17th June

- KO Hockey

23rd June

9/10 KO Footy round 2

27 - 29th June

- Stage 2 canoe camp

4 - 8th July

- Immersion week

28th July

- 9/10 Netball

1st August

- 7/8 & Open Netball

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TERM DATES 2022

TERM 3: 25 July — 30 Sep

TERM 4: 17 Oct—16 Dec

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MUSICAL SHE WROTE

Musical She Wrote is a colorful, emotional and wonderful musical, featuring an original script by teacher, Abbey Marston-Kleemann. It highlights great tunes that have been part of Grant High School musicals from the past 46 years. The narrative is touching and captivating. And favourite songs from Leader of the Pack, Annie and Back to the 80's will have you tapping your feet as you hum along. Grant High School students have been involved in every stage of this vibrant presentation and you will be delighted at the things these talented young people can accomplish. Musical She Wrote is a show not to be missed!

Make sure you get your tickets!



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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL 2022 MUSICAL

An homage to past Grant High School Musicals



Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Bookings via countryarts.org.au or the Box Office



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SWINGING WITH THE STARS



Congratulations to Erin Launer of Grant High School for participating in Swinging With The Stars 2022 and devoting her time to this worthy cause. The proceeds from this event will go to the Grant High School sub fund, which will help students with financial needs throughout the year.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

It has been a fantastic week, with students and staff across a range of faculties and year levels participating in Yarning Circles facilitated through the GHS Aboriginal Education Team. This is an authentic way to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and knowledges through building communication and reflective thinking.

SAASTA students also had the opportunity to yarn with Uncle Doug and the fantastic staff at UniSA. This was such a fantastic day and we thank Barry Tarr for organising.

A community review of the GHS Reconciliation Action Plan was held on Friday. Our RAP, which follows the Lartara Wirkeri (3 Message Sticks) of Cultural Governance focuses on 3 focus areas: Cultural Connections, Care for the Individual and Cultural Sensitivity. We welcome caregiver engagement with our plan and with the work we are doing.



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Drop in!

Chat to **ac.care** about foster care and
have your questions answered

Wednesday 22nd June

10.30am-11.30am & 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Parent & Child Connection Hub,
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Gambier**

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to transform a child's life*

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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/>



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Parent Portal

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

On Monday the 6th of June Mr Papp's Stage 1 Outdoor Education class set off for a 38km Bushwalk over the course of 3 days. Students carried everything that they needed for the 3 days on their backs. They navigated the way, cooked on Trangias and slept in tents. The class trekked through bush, paddocks, cliffs and coast, travelling from Mount Richmond to Cape Bridgewater, along The Great South West Walk. Students were pushed outside of their comfort zones physically and mentally, however worked as a team to make it to the end in great spirits!



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KO HOCKEY ADELAIDE

With several late exclusions to the team, the Open Boys Hockey team faced a tough challenge heading to Adelaide for the State Hockey Championships. Ultimately, a challenge the group were well-and-truly up for.

The day started well, with an outstanding deflection by Lachlan Arnold putting us on the scoreboard in the opening minute of Game 1. Captain, Connor Millhouse, followed this shortly after with a beautiful backstick goal to lead Nuriootpa 2-0. Player of the match, Nash Lobley finished the game with a further two goals - to start the day with a 4-0 victory.

Game 2 saw us up against a strengthened St. Peter's outfit - fielding a particularly strong midfield. Although Blake McKee and youngster, Pattrick Robinson, held their own in the midfield for Grant, we were unable to convert a large number of attacking entries. St. Peter's were composed in their attacking half and some clean finishes saw them take the game 3-0.

The game against Henley saw our defenders step up to shut down the run of their opposition. Tim Kuchel and Fletcher Barry played their roles superbly to deny their direct opponents time on the ball. Jack Leishman was solid at fullback - and played some exceptional overhead passes to generate attacking runs. The group were unlucky to concede a late goal, going down 1-0.

Our last game, against the 2021 State Champions, P.A.C., was an exceptional battle that could have gone either way. Millhouse put us on the scoreboard with a beautiful drag flick to the top left. 2-1 down, the Grant boys won a penalty corner with seconds remaining on the clock. Unfortunately, Will Cameron, after an exceptional game, narrowly missed the shot.

The group are to be exceptionally proud of their efforts. Although he didn't quite have the dance moves of Andrew Redmayne, Shaunn Robinson's keeping skills were, once again, elite - thanks Shaunn for taking on this position. In particular, I'd like to thank the seven junior players who stepped up to make-up our open team. The fact that we were neck-and-neck against some outstanding competition is a credit to how well these players contributed to the group.



KO HOCKEY ADELAIDE

The year 7 to 9 mixed state-wide schools hockey finals were held on June 16th.. Well done to winners, Trinity College and runners up Grant High School. Grand final result was 1-0. Well done Grant High School.



9/10 KO FOOTY

On Thursday the 23rd of June the year 9 & 10 students participated in the second round of Division 2 Regional School Football at North Gambier. The GHS boys showed their intent from the first bounce all the way to the final siren. The final score was 87 - 27. The boys showed off great skills and teamwork and represented GHS with the core values of respect, trust and commitment.



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KO OPEN BOYS BASKETBALL

On Wednesday 22nd June, James Allen, Sam Couldrey, Thomas Foote, Nelson Forbes, Jakob Hann, Brydon Klingberg, Lachlan Ray, Ben Young and Zayne Young represented the school in the local Open KO Basketball competition. The day consisted of three 30-minute games, including a finals playoff. We came up against Penola HS in the first match and the boys started off strong. The score was 17-3 at half time, giving us a comfortable lead. The boys continued their hard work in the second half to secure a 23 point win. Lachlan was the top point scorer for the game with 9, followed by Nelson and Ben who scored 7 each. In the second match we played Naracoorte HS, who were a very fine-tuned side. For most of the first half it was goal for goal and despite the boys best efforts, we were down 12-15 at half time. Strong defensive efforts and accurate shooting in the second half swung the game in our favour with a final score of 23-17. Ben lead to goal scoring with 12, followed by Brydon with 6. Our final game was a playoff again Millicent HS to see who would be advancing to the state finals in Adelaide. We started the game off slowly allowing Millicent to secure the lead at half time, with a score of 18-13. An increased intensity and performance more fitting to the boys ability, allowed the team to gain the lead early in the second half. With this their confidence grew and they displayed some outstanding passages of play secure a hard fought, 4-point victory. Ben Young was again the top scorer for the game, with an impressive 16 points. The nine boys represented the school proudly and displayed great sportsmanship and respect on and off the court. It will be exciting to see what they can achieve when they head to Adelaide in week 5 of next term.



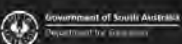
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT



The Front Office of any school is a very busy place. We are happy to pass on urgent messages to students; however, we do ask that non-urgent messages be kept to a minimum. Please arrange with your young person what is going to happen during the day prior.

In addition to the Front Office being busy, please be mindful that teachers are not available during teaching time. Please ensure you make an appointment if necessary by messaging through DayMap or phoning the Front Office.

**Front Office hours are 8.00 am - 4.00pm
Monday - Friday**



END OF TERM *Early Dismissal*

Please be reminded that Friday 8th July (end of Term 2) is an early dismissal day.

Students with early dismissal authorisation will be able to leave school at 2.15pm. Students remaining will be supervised in the Hub

Please be advised that buses will run at the earlier time of 2.15pm.

BUILDING FUTURE READY CITIZENS

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SHARK TANK

During PIP this semester, Year 10 students have been participating in the entrepreneurial program, *Shark Tank*. The program focuses on developing student's critical and creative thinking skills in order to develop solutions to real world problems. In an ever-changing world, it crucial that students have the necessary skills and capabilities to manage and solve issues that arise. On Thursday (Week 6), students participated in the *Shark Tank* showcase, which provided them with opportunity to showcase their ideas and engage in a Q&A with our panel judges, discussing their problems, solutions, and prototypes. The passion of our students, solving relevant and real issues was exciting! All students should be congratulated and proud of their efforts. Congratulations to our top 2 teams, Fast Canteen, an app that allows students to pre-order food at the school canteen to reduce waiting lines, and Swipe and Wipe, an ID scanner that monitors toilet usage in schools to reduce vandalism. These two groups had the opportunity to present to judging panel at Adelaide Uni and are now waiting to hear if they progress to the next round. A big thank you to all involved in the program this semester, especially our judging panel, Stewart Owen, Vince Vinci, Andrew McGregor and Ryan Thomas, and good luck to our finalists!

Hannah Fox



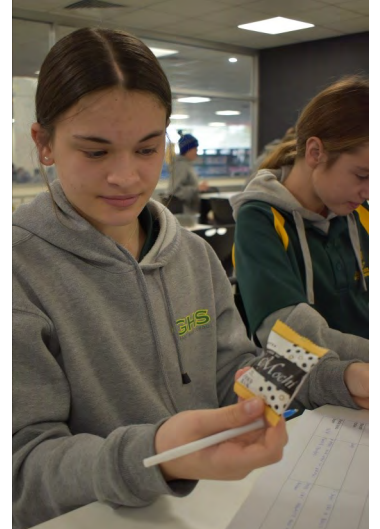
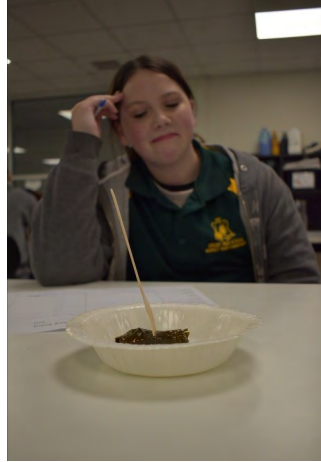
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YEAR 7 HASS

This term, during Year 7 Cultural Studies, we have been focusing on building our inter-cultural experiences. As part of this unit, our students had the opportunity to try a range of food from other cultures. Some of the things we tried include mochi, curry, naan bread, pocky, and wasabi peas. We even tried eating rice with chopsticks. The intention of this task was to demonstrate the flavours, textures and delights of a range of cuisines. **Aengus Drake-Harris**



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SPECIAL OPTIONS WALK



The Senior Special Option's class attempted to carry out a 10km walk {32808.4ft} but two students stayed on the bus because it was pouring down with rain, even though we all had my GHS jumpers on & some of us wore extra layers, it still felt like 2 degrees outside.

We walked around the Blue Lake to fundraise money for Mrs Launer because she was representing Grant High School for Swinging with the stars. We were raising money to contribute to her fundraiser.

Some of us did the walk despite the wet and rain. It was BUCKETING DOWN WITH RAIN & THERE WAS VERY STRONG WIND, lucky It didn't kill us it only made us stronger.

The walk was good exercise, it was fun at the end and

Written by the Special Options students