



COMING EVENTS

14th December
Multicultural Day

16th December
Last Day of Term

29th January
Term 1 Commences for all students

In 2023, we experienced changes, challenges, and successes. I assumed the role of Principal in a new leadership team. Three staff members became Community Leaders, and five teachers took on Coordinator roles. This shift brought enthusiasm and innovative initiatives. Despite teacher shortages posing difficulties, our team persevered, creating excellent programs for positive student outcomes.

Thanks to our outstanding staff for their efforts; we have a great team.

This year, a significant change was the inclusion of approximately 16 parent volunteers for Knockout Sports. They completed volunteer training at the beginning of the year, supporting students in winning local rounds and competing in the State Finals in Adelaide. Four successful trips to Adelaide were made possible by our dedicated volunteers. I extend my public acknowledgment and thanks to those who supported our students and school community. This initiative will continue in 2024, and I encourage interested families to get in touch for volunteering opportunities.

The introduction of the Government's mobile phone policy at Grant High School faced challenges during Semester 2. A state-wide ban on mobile phones led to the implementation of Yondr pouches.

Although there were minor issues initially, all students received pouches. However, only a small percentage are using them correctly. Despite this, mobile phone use has decreased. In 2024, there will be a renewed emphasis on using Yondr pouches, with different incentives explored for positive use.

This year we also experienced several successes. In Knockout Sport, we made the State Finals in 6 different sports, with great results in Basketball and Netball, in which we were the State Champions and State Runner Up Champions, respectively. We also achieved outstanding results in the STEM Challenge, finishing top in the State competition and second overall in the National titles. Fantastic achievements for all involved. Our Agriculture program has continued to blossom, with students achieving excellent results in the various competitions they participated in this year, again a credit to all involved.

2023 also saw the beginning of our restorative practices journey, in which staff completed training on Trauma Informed Practice and using a Restorative approach when supporting students. With this come the implementation of the Reset and Return Space, a room staffed by some of our amazing SSO's, that provides students with a space and supports to help

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2024 TERM DATES

- TERM 1:** 29TH OF JAN - 12TH OF APRIL
- TERM 2:** 29TH OF APRIL - 5TH OF JULY
- TERM 3:** 22ND OF JULY - 27TH OF SEP
- TERM 4:** 14TH OF OCT - 13TH OF DEC

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them regulate their emotions, so they can successful return to their learning. We are still in the early stages of this journey, but feedback so far, suggests that this is a successful initiative and one that we will continue with in 2024.

Positive student engagement and success have been evident in various community-based programs at our school, including Career Immersion week, Life Changer, and Reach. These extracurricular programs have a significant impact on our students. Organizing and delivering these activities require substantial effort behind the scenes. I express gratitude to the dedicated staff and community members involved in making these programs possible.

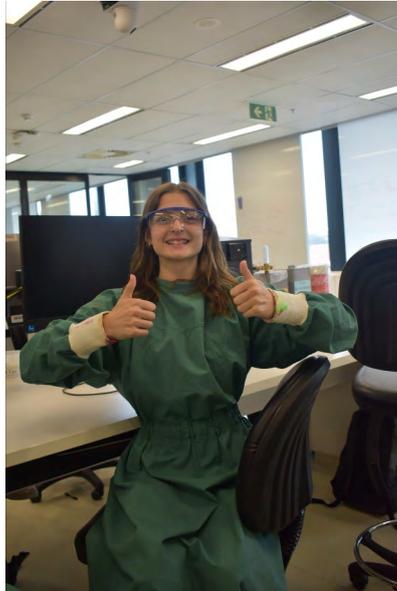
Finally, we will unfortunately have to say farewell to a number of staff members who are leaving us for other opportunities – Scott McCulloch, Thomas Gibbs, Amelia Redman, Kelly Mercer, Haylee Bowering, Steph Wighton, Jenna Jackson, Trudy Andreson and Fleur Roachock. We also wish Bekkie Houston and Miki Barrington all the best for their maternity leave.

Caroline Wakefield
Principal

YEAR 12 SPIRIT WEEK



UNISA STEM TRIP



YEAR 12 FORMAL



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YEAR 12 SCAVENGER HUNT



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ROYAL LIFE SAVING SA HOLIDAY SWIM PROGRAM

With the December 2023/January 2024 Summer holidays fast approaching, so is the Royal Life Saving SA's Holiday Swim Program.

Enrolments are closing soon!

Online enrolments will be closing soon, and we don't want you to miss out on booking your children in for Holiday Swim!

The main aims of the program are

- Teach children critical life-saving skills
- Teach basic swimming skills
- Equip kids with the knowledge to stay safe in, on and around the water.

The program is AFFORDABLE so that it remains ACCESSIBLE to families and communities that might otherwise miss out on the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons.

Royal Life Saving also offers pathways into the aquatic industry with their ICONIC Bronze Awards. The Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit and Distinction levels are designed for those wanting to further their knowledge and skill set, before moving into the aquatic industry as Lifeguards and Swim Teachers within their local communities.

The program is returning in December 2023 and January 2024 with the Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive program.

PROGRAM FEES

\$40 per child (additional pool entry fees may apply)

Higher awards from \$50

LENGTH/DURATION

5 days (may vary based on location)

5yrs+ 45-minute lessons

Under 5s 30-minute lessons.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us by phoning 08 8210 4500

or email holidayswim@royallifesavingsa.com.au

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Online enrolments closing soon!!

HOLIDAY SWIM

\$40 for 5 days of lessons!*

Swim SURVIVE *pool entry fees may apply. Higher awards start from \$50

Holiday Swim

WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU

CBD TWILIGHT TOURS

Railway Walk

Wednesday 13 December at 6:00pm

All aboard for this railway themed walk visiting a variety of buildings and artwork surrounding the Mount Gambier Railway Lands precinct. Learn all about Broad Gauge Beer, the Railway Hotel that never was, and the day it rained rabbits!

This tour follows footpaths over flat terrain. Total walking distance 2.5kms. Duration 1.5 hours.

Bookings 8721 2540 / online [here](#)

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY

CBD TWILIGHT WALK

RAILWAY WALK

Wednesday 13 December at 6:00pm

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2023 MELBOURNE ROYAL SHOW

On Wednesday 20th September Scott Cram, Jo Fisher and 17 students, Isabelle Jones, Felicity Kelly, Shania Whitehead, Shaylah Cole, Sophie Jones, Abby Cram, Summer Buckmaster, Monique Allen, Riley Boneham, Ryan Bald, Bailey Rothall, Tyler Rothall, Caelin Hayman, Thomas Shepherd, Skye Wilson, Jackson Bald, and Lachlan Mitchell headed to Melbourne, to participate in the Royal Melbourne Show, Beef carcass (Hoof and Hook), Led Steer Competition.

Grant High entered five steers, an Angus, Murray Grey, Speckled Park X, Simmental X and a Limousin, into the competition and 11 students in the Handler's Competition.

Live Steer (On Hoof) results:

Our Simmental X Steer, led by Shayla Cole, won Champion Export Steer on Hoof and Highest Scoring School Steer overall.

Our Speckled Park X Steer, led by Summer Buckmaster placed 3rd in his Light Domestic Class and was the highest placed School and College exhibit in his class.

After returning from the show, we were thrilled to receive a number of ribbons and trophies in the **Carcass/Hook** side of the competition.

Our Angus won Champion Export Carcass, Grand Champion Carcass, and Champion School Carcass (The Marcus Oldham College Trophy).

Our Speckled Park X, won Champion Light Domestic Carcass.

Parader results:

Thomas Shepherd placed second in his age group heat.

Jackson Bald placed second in his age group heat.

Isabelle Jones placed fourth in her age group heat.

Skye Wilson placed fourth in her age group heat.

Felicity Kelly placed third in her age group heat.

Shania Whitehead placed sixth in her heat.

Ryan Bald placed second in his age group heat.

Abby Cram placed third in her age group heat

Riley Boneham placed first in his age group heat

Summer Buckmaster placed fifth in her age group heat

Congratulations to all the paraders, they looked fabulous on the day and handled their steers very well.

The students are also to be congratulated on how hard they worked to prepare the steers for competition, especially as the days were long. They interacted well with the public, answering the many questions asked, and closely watched the young children who were encouraged and wished to "pat" the steers.

Grant High School was awarded the *Bott Burston Trophy* for the *Most Successful School or College Exhibitor*. There were 14 Schools/Colleges participating in the 2023 Melbourne Royal Show Beef Led Steer Competition.

We would like to thank:

Craig & Jacinta Grant, from Lindsay Murray Greys, for donating the Murray Grey Steer
Michael & Tahney Black, from Caladenia Limousins, for donating the Limousin Steer
Tim & Megan Bowering, from Weopa Speckle Parks, for donating the Speckled X Steer
Graeme and Elizabeth Glasgow, from Claremont Black Angus, for donating the Angus Steer

Grantley and Vicky Muller, from Rellum Farm Simmentals, for donating the Simmental X Steer

She's Apples Mount Gambier

Baker's Delight (Mount Gambier East)

Mid-Field Meats/Lowlands Feedlot for their continued support with sourcing feed

Vicki Muller for cooking our meals

Geoff Buick for trucking the steers



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DESIGN AND TECH CLASSES

As we wrap up another exciting and eventful year at Grant High School, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to the amazing local businesses that have generously supported us with donations of pallets and fire extinguisher bases. These contributions have made a significant impact to our school aiding in various projects.

Pallets Transforming Lives: We extend our heartfelt thanks to HD Refrigeration and Lawrence and Hanson for their generous donations of pallets. These versatile wooden platforms have proven to be invaluable in supporting student learning through project construction for our year 10 Construction class, the pallets have truly been a game-changer.

Not only have these pallets added elements of creativity to student projects but the subsequent donation of the pallet products to charity Four Reasons Why for fundraising activities has added real community benefit. We are truly grateful for the support of our local businesses in helping us support those less fortunate in the community.

Recycling at its best with Fire Extinguisher Bases: A special thank you goes out to South East Fire Extinguishers for their thoughtful donation of fire extinguisher bases. The bases have been carefully and craftily transformed into exciting art and practical projects by Grant High Schools year 9 Metalwork class.

The fire extinguisher bases not only serve a practical purpose but also serve as a reminder of the strong partnership between our school and the local community in promoting the well-being of all.

Building Community Connections: The generosity of HD Refrigeration, Lawrence and Hanson, and South East Fire Extinguishers exemplifies the spirit of community collaboration. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and community-minded businesses in our midst, and their support has had a lasting impact on the quality of education and safety measures we can provide for our students.

As we move forward, we look forward to strengthening these community connections and exploring new opportunities for collaboration. Together, we can continue to create a positive and enriching environment for our students to thrive.

Once again, a huge thank you to our local businesses for their support with pallets and fire extinguisher bases. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to the success and well-being of our Grant High School community.

