



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Staff News

We have celebrated the exciting news that a number of our staff will be taking maternity leave next year. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Samara and Josh, Siobhan and Todd, and to Tara and Craig who will all be expecting their first child in the coming months.

**Technology Coordinator:** Technology Coordinator, **Scott Hamilton** has accepted a new role at Allendale East Area school from the start of 2021. We say a huge thank you to Scott for the work and massive improvements he has overseen in the time he has been at our school. The school is pleased to announce that **Troy Esdale** has accepted the role of Technology Coordinator from 2021. Troy has been teaching at Grant High School with experience in a variety of leadership roles, as well as past experience working as a qualified mechanic.

**New Vacancies:** We are currently working through a number of new vacancies that we hope to have completed the placement process for by early next term. These include:

- Science Coordinator
- Permanent teaching vacancies for HASS, Senior English and Maths/Digital Technology
- We anticipate a number of additional permanent and contract vacancies to be identified by mid term 4.

**Wellbeing:** We have recently welcomed **Adam Smith** as our new Youth Worker. Adam has been busy completing a range of training and induction programs leading into working with students. I would like to thank the enormous wellbeing support work undertaken by our SSO, **Lauren Stafford** for much of this term. Lauren stepped out of her classroom and Multi-lit role to be on hand for students while we were short staffed in this area.

**2021 Special Options Class:** It has been confirmed that our Special Options class - The PLACE will run again next year. We have been fortunate to re-appoint **Taylor Miles** into the role and value her passion, knowledge, and teaching skills in this area. This program has been a wonderful addition to our sense of school culture and purpose, and we look forward to more great learning in 2021!

### Ongoing Standards and Expectations

We continually acknowledge positive learning behaviours and recently, have also been reinforcing expectations for students around behaviours that are both counterproductive and disruptive for their own and others learning.

At recent year level assemblies students were made aware of the clear expectation that they are to remain in class for the duration of a lesson. Although special allowances may be provided from time to time, in general all students are

## Upcoming Events

### Year 8 Immunisations

Tuesday 22 September

### End of Term Early Dismissal

2.20pm Friday 25 September

## Term 4

### Beginning of Term 4

Monday 12 October

### Footy Colours Day

Friday 16 October

### School Closure Day

Friday 23 October

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

expected to be in classrooms with the support and direction from the class teacher. Students not in class will often be required to make up for lost learning time, either at school or for homework. We will contact parents when a student persistently and/or wilfully refuses to attend or comply with reasonable teacher direction. We appreciate parent support and understanding when dealing with these issues. It is these behaviours and attitudes that can cause the greatest disruption to the learning opportunities for our students.

### Year 7 to High School -2022

With the support of the Blue Lake Portfolio and the work of our reference group, led by our Junior School Assistant Principal, **Darrell Payne**, we will look to address needs, priorities and challenges aligned to the following four key areas:

- **Wellbeing** structures, programs and staffing support that ensure families and students feel a sense of belonging, safety, and strong sense of connection with our staff and other students.
- **Curriculum** that enables subjects to be delivered in a meaningful manner, where students have strong connection with a few key teachers throughout the week in a timetable that is both practical and innovative.
- **A staffing profile** that celebrates both subject expertise and teacher's ability to teach and engage the learner. This also means that time to share learning and planning time becomes increasingly important.
- **Systems and resources** that enables the use of data and evidence to support both the growth of every student and the effective work of every teacher.

Any member of the school community wishing to find out more about our school and what this means for their primary school aged child is invited to contact the school to make a meeting and/or tour with the Principal, Chris Edmonds to assist with this change.

### Term 4 Year 7/8 Transition Program

We will welcome year 7s to our school throughout next term. This will include school tours in the first few weeks, small schools transition day in week 6, parent info session and two days of transition in week 8, alongside a range of supporting visits and meetings for students with different needs.

### Course Counselling

I would like to acknowledge and thank the work of our

Student Office, Timetable Coordinator and teaching staff to ensure the information and processes needed to support student subject choice have been well managed over the last few weeks. Our school relies heavily on all students completing this process to help set up timetable, subject and staffing structures for the coming year.



*Edmonds*  
Chris Edmonds  
Principal



## CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Last Friday The PLACE students rolled up their sleeves and worked together to wash a large number of staff members vehicles, raising money for the Mullets for Mental Health charity.

Over the past two weeks the class have been learning about mental health and mental wellbeing. The students were also made aware of a group of former Mount Gambier High School students who were participating in Mullets for Mental Health in honor of a close friend. As a result, the class wanted to help raise money for this important charity by holding a Car Wash Fundraiser at the school.

It was a long day and the students were rewarded for their hard work, resulting in almost \$200 raised.

Taylor Miles | The PLACE Teacher



## VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS NEWS

Mount Gambier High School students have been very busy looking at industry opportunities, training organisations and pathways for their future.

We were very proud and impressed with the behaviour and conduct of year 9 students that participated in the Try-a-Skill Day at TAFE on 14 August. The feedback from the presenters was impressive, with students engaged in a variety of workshops such as beauty services, hairdressing, hospitality, cooking workshops with Ian Perry and many trades. The students' engagement has led to rich conversation during the course counselling weeks at the school. The year 9 students demonstrated maturity and interest making the day a success and worthwhile.



Week 6 saw many senior students taking the opportunity to experience the world of work, in particular Madeline Sutherland, who recently finished off her week at Timberlink. This opportunity was organised in discussion with Ben Stow, Talent Acquisition partner for Timberlink Australia and New Zealand. Madeline not only has looked at production during her week but has been involved in all facets of the industry from invoicing, purchasing and administration/office tasks. Mount Gambier High School has continued to be involved in student Vocational Pathway Courses, with some students currently undertaking their practical elements, like Colby Harwood and Max Lockwood, who have spent part of this term plastering and constructing an office.

We wish all the best to Laine Kuhl who has gained a full-time apprenticeship with Custom Kit Kitchen after successfully participating in the Certificate II in Doorways to Construction. Laine completed the first semester and was highly recommended by the lecturer. We also congratulate Ethan Giddings, Troy Moreland and Reece Cowling for currently excelling in this course. Congratulations to Dylan Fishpool who has gained successful employment with Mount Plumbing after completing a Certificate II in Doorway to Construction. Well done Brielle Winterfield who recently completed Cert II in Animal Studies online. Her lecturer was very impressed with Brielle's commitment and completing the certificate within one semester.

We wish all our students success in their future pathways.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator





## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

- **Last Official Day**—Thursday 29 October. In subjects where students do not have exams, subject teachers will advise students of attendance to lessons to complete final assessments.
- **Year 12 Breakfast**— 7.45am, Friday 30 October at the Jens Hotel. Students will be required to order from the menu ahead of time and money is to be paid to the Student Office by Thursday 29 October. More information will be provided to students at the start of term 4.
- **Final Exam weeks**—Monday 2 November until Tuesday 17 November. Exams will be held on the SACE Floor as well as rooms 23 and 32 as required. Room 29 will be open as the exam meeting point and also as a study space for students as required. It is an expectation that students continue to wear the full dress code during the exam period. Students are to be present and waiting in Room 29 at least 10 minutes prior to exam start times. They are to be equipped with all materials required for their exam. As building works are due to begin late October, a contingency plan has been put in place to shift Year 12 exams to the UniSA campus on Wireless Road West if required. A decision will be made and communicated to families by Wednesday 28 October.
- **Year 12 Formal**— Saturday 21 November at The Barn Palais. Tickets will be available for purchase from the Student Office at a cost of \$50 each from Monday 19 October.
- **Student Achievement Records**—SAR's will only be available on request. Students need to advise their home group teacher they are requesting one, collect forms from the Student Office and provide them to subject teachers.
- **Laptop Returns**—to the IT Office by Friday 20 November.
- **Book Returns**—to the Collaborative Learning Centre by Friday 20 November.
- **Lockers**—cleaned out and locks removed by Friday 20 November.

Samantha Brown | Assistant Principal, Senior School

## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR EXAMS

Week (Term 4)	Date	Morning Session (9 AM)	Afternoon Session (1:30 PM)
4	Monday 2 November	Mathematical Methods (130 minutes)	Essential Mathematics (130 minutes)
	Tuesday 3 November		English Literary Studies (100 minutes)
	Wednesday 4 November		General Mathematics (130 minutes)
	Thursday 5 November	Specialist Mathematics (130 minutes)	Modern History (130 minutes)
	Friday 6 November	Biology (130 minutes)	Italian (continuers) (190 minutes)
5	Monday 9 November		Japanese (continuers) (190 minutes)
	Tuesday 10 November	Chemistry (130 minutes)	
	Wednesday 11 November	Psychology (130 minutes)	Accounting (130 minutes)
	Thursday 12 November	Physics (130 minutes)	
	Friday 13 November		

## SRC PYJAMA DAY FUNDRAISER

On Friday 4 September staff and students came to school dressed in their colourful and comfy pyjamas to raise funds for our 2020 SRC projects. Many of the students stayed warm and cozy in the popular 'Oodie', showcasing a variety of funky prints. A selection of 'Onesies' were also seen along with traditional satin and flannelette pyjamas.

Everyone did very well not to curl up for a little nap during class!

Amanda Fraser | Public Relations Officer



## BRICKS AND MORTAR \$20 BOSS EXPERIENCE

Our \$20 Boss Collaboration Award winners - Veggie Patch, consisting of Sian, Bayden and Seth, recently had their entrepreneurial experience with Peter Loring at Bricks and Mortar.

This award recognised the team that showed outstanding collaboration. They achieved much more together than they could have apart, inspired each other to be the best versions of themselves and motivated each other to do their very best.

The students learnt about the process of making coffee from fruit to the cup, the systems of ordering and negotiating coffee from places like South America. They also enjoyed sampling some of Peter's coffee creations.

Thank you to Peter Loring for giving up his time to host this experience and for sharing his knowledge as a local entrepreneur during the \$20 Boss Expo.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal



# END OF TERM *Dismissal*

## Last day of term 3 will be Friday 25 September

Students will be dismissed at 2.20pm  
with buses running in conjunction with  
the early dismissal time.



## FOREST LEARNING PATHWAY

### GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CAREER IN THE FOREST AND TIMBER INDUSTRY

The Ultimate Renewable Forest Learning Program is a partnership approach, delivery a unique experience for students within the Forest and Timber Industry. The program will incorporate a range of theoretical and field based experiences. Students will also undertake competencies from national training packages which have been nominated by industry to support relevancy and access to future pathways.

See Eluisa Crispino, Vocational Pathways Coordinator for further information or to collect an application form, prior to 25 September (week 10).



## PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEARNING PATHWAY

### GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CAREER IN THE AGRICULTURE AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES SECTOR

The Primary Industries Learning Program is a partnership approach, delivering a unique experience for students within the Agriculture and Primary Industries Sector. The program will incorporate a range of theoretical and field based experiences. Students will also undertake competencies from national training packages which have been nominated by industry to support relevancy and access to future pathways as well as specialised SACE curriculum. There will be a range of Industry Immersion experiences and hands on learning opportunities.

See Eluisa Crispino, Vocational Pathways Coordinator for further information or to collect an application form, prior to 25 September (week 10).



# SENIOR JUMPERS

## Orders

Senior School Jackets will be available to order from the Student Office starting Monday 7 September until Wednesday 23 September (Week 10).



The Student Office will be open to take orders during recess and lunch time and before and after school only (until 3:45pm). The jackets cost \$80 and must be paid for when ordering. If you have issues regarding payment, please speak to the Student Office staff. Jackets ordered during these weeks will arrive early in Term 1 2021.

Thank you - Student Office staff

# END OF YEAR EQUIPMENT

## Returns



Year 12 students with school issued equipment including laptops, bags, chargers and textbooks must return all items prior to Friday November 20 2020.

Accounts will be sent home for any equipment not returned to the school.

Year 12 students returning in 2021 must have subject selections in place and negotiate keeping school issued equipment with the ICT or CLC teams (dependent on equipment type).

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**FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**

Gold Coin Donation

## PROVIDING EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR KIDS WITH CANCER



Try your luck at the biggest kick or most accurate handball during lunch and guess the amount of chocolate and lollies in the jars.



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## MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL

Orders are being taken through the Student Office with the following scroll flavours available to order (minimum of four scrolls): Cinnamon - \$5, Tim Tam - \$6, Cheese and Chive - \$5, and Oreo - \$6.

Orders will need to be submitted prior to Friday 16 October with collection of orders available between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on Thursday 22 October from the CLC carpark.



**ScRoll Queen**

— A Taste of Royalty —

Est. 2018

*Fundraising Drive*

Prizes will be awarded to the three students who sell the most scrolls. SRC have chosen to support local business and we would like to thank ScRoll Queen, 25 Acres and Stax Burger Co. for generously donating prizes for this fundraiser.

- 1st prize - \$100 Scroll voucher and two cases of Dr Pepper Variety Cans donated by ScRoll Queen.
- 2nd prize - \$150 voucher donated by 25 Acres.
- 3rd prize - \$50 voucher donated by Stax Burger Co.

To be eligible to win one of the prizes students must have orders submitted with full payment prior to Friday 25 September 2020.





## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who have kindly offered to support our students by donating awards to be presented at our Presentation and Performance Celebration.

ASW Lawyers Pty Ltd

Mr Harold Allison

Banner Mitre 10

Caltex Australia

Computer Bits

The Cutbush Family

Dale Cleves Music

Di-Monty Training Solutions

eNVision Limestone Coast, New Venture  
Institute, Flinders University

Green Triangle Electronics

Group Training Employment

KW Wholesale Stationers Pty Ltd

MEGT (Australia) Ltd

Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West Inc.

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