



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### To our School Community

Welcome back everyone to term 2, a very exciting stage in Mount Gambier High Schools further improvement strategy and the continuation of existing processes put in place from last term to make our school "the learning space to be".

As mentioned in our last newsletter, advertising for the new principal at Mount Gambier High School is now underway. The panel, led by Adam Box, Education Director, will soon come together to review applications and go through the process of deciding on a successful applicant. Graeme Dowie, parent of students at Mount Gambier High School and member of our Governing Council, will represent the voice of parents within our school community on this panel. He comes with extensive experience participating in principal panels and has a vested interest in ensuring the best person wins this job. I will keep you informed on the next stages of this process as they occur.

Strategic planning for 2022 has commenced with advertised positions in process at the moment including:

- 10 new teaching positions to be advertised to fill new and existing positions for 2022
- Junior School Assistant Principal advertised for commencement Semester 2, 2021, for a tenure of four and a half years
- The HPE Coordinator position, held by Jan Longbottom, has been successfully rolled over for another five years. Congratulations Jan!

A new Timetable Restructure Team has been formed to look at re-shaping our present seven line timetable to a more efficient six line structure for the start of 2022. The intention of this change in timetable structure is to:

- Streamline the choice of subjects for students in 2022
- Create a more cost effective timetable and staffing structure
- Best support Middle Schooling and Senior Schooling pedagogical practices
- Subject sharing and collaboration with Grant High School
- Better support for teacher workloads and therefore maximising student learning environments where possible.

Internal re-structure of staff roles and responsibilities have been implemented this term to support the development of curriculum, planning and programming for Year 7s into High School starting next year.

### Building Developments

- Our existing school canteen has been renovated into a contemporary looking space presently called "The Café".
- Existing science classrooms/laboratories have been refurbished and are now

## Upcoming Events

### Year 9 Naplan Testing

Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 May

### Governing Council Meeting

Monday 17 May

### Student Free Day

Friday 28 May

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

operational as new, modern learning environments.

- Construction of our two new buildings has continued. The first building located on the east side the school will replace our four transportable buildings and include a new home for our Flexible Learning Options students. The second building, which faces the southern oval, will provide an additional five classrooms to help support our middle school in 2022.
- Our grounds staff have begun the de-commissioning of various flower beds and gardens throughout our site to develop a more modern and low maintenance look for the future.
- Painting works to the front end of our school have been undertaken, with the science block recently being completed in conjunction with the classroom/laboratory upgrade. It is envisaged that more painting works will be undertaken soon.



*Peter McLaren*  
**Peter McLaren**  
Principal

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Australia School

## CANTEEN ASSISTANT *Opportunity*

Mount Gambier High School has an opportunity for a Canteen Assistant to join the MGHs Canteen team. This is a casual position of approximately 7 hours per fortnight, during school terms only.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Preparing food to be sold for recess and lunch
- Serving customers including students and staff
- Accurately process payments made via cash or eftpos
- Preparation of food for functions/catering
- General kitchen duties, including dish-washing, cleaning

To apply please provide the following information:

- a brief resume including contact details for two referees (one of whom should be your current supervisor)
- a cover letter addressing the Essential & Desirable Requirements listed in the Job & Person Specification which can be obtained by contacting the Mount Gambier High School on 8721 0200 or via email [dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au).

Current DHS Child-Related Employment Screening Clearance and Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN-EC) training are required prior to commencement. The completion of relevant food safety training may be required.

**Applications close 4.00pm Friday 14 May 2021.**

## EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE TEACHING

Recently, Science teacher, Grace Edwards was selected as a worthy recipient of the 2021 Helen Castle Memorial Scholarship. This award is designed to assist country teachers to attend the South Australian Science Teachers Association (SASTA) conference and gain professional development to assist themselves and other country teachers to maintain a high standard of science teaching within country areas.

This is a wonderful achievement for Grace, as an early career teacher who has certainly shown passion and enthusiasm for teaching science and engaging the students she works with. Grace commented, "Receiving this award was a very exciting opportunity as it allowed me to attend the annual SASTA conference for the first time. It provided me with the opportunity to make connections with science teachers from across the State and learn about new ways that we can engage students in science education at Mount Gambier High School."

At the SASTA conference held in April, both Grace and Samantha Brown were presented with their awards. Samantha received the 2020 Credit Union SA Outstanding Contribution to the Teaching of Science Award (Middle Years), but due to COVID-19 the conference was unable to be held last year.

The faculty is extremely proud of both Grace and Samantha.

Danny Ashcroft | Science Coordinator





## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

As is customary, school student leaders were represented at the Dawn Service held in Vansittart Park on Anzac Day. Josh Kain and Sarah Dally laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Zara Von Stanke was also present, but her involvement was limited by the ankle injury she had suffered playing netball the previous day.

Sarah also laid flowers on behalf of our school at a ceremony at the Boer War Memorial on Bay Road, which started at 9am. After the completion of this ceremony, she continued on to lay flowers at the site of the Airmen's War Graves in the Lake Terrace Cemetery, to honour the memory of the four men buried there. Geoffrey David Abbott (of NSW) drowned off Port Macdonnell in May 1943 as a result of a training accident and John Thomas Walton (of Qld), Brian John Eaton and Henry Neville Lord (both of Vic) were killed in August 1945 when their Beaufort bomber crashed soon after taking off from Mount Gambier.

LEST WE FORGET

Graeme Roulstone | Teacher



## STUDENT SUCCESS WITH VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS



Congratulations to year 12 student, Juspi who has been successful in obtaining a School-Based Traineeship with Ashlee Lauren. She will be completing a Certificate III in Business over the course of the next two years. Juspi is a very creative student who has been successful in winning awards at the local Recycled Runway events and she is looking forward to forging a career in the fashion industry with the support of Ashlee, a very talented local designer.

Thank you to Leanne Cameron from MEGT for supporting Juspi with the signing up process.

We would also like to congratulate year 11 student, Nick Wilke who has secured a four year Electrical Apprenticeship with Group Training Employment and host employer, Kameron Lamb Electrical. Nick completed a week's work experience with Kameron last year and was offered a position due to his strong work ethic and dedication to the industry.

Thank you to Julie Howe, MEGT, Brad Stafford, GTE and Kameron Lamb.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



## YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY

As part of the year 8 Geography course, students from 8JS have started a fieldwork project with Timberlands and Glenelg Nature Trust at Penola Park Swamp. The students explored the swamp, learnt about the local vegetation and participated in seed collection. This field day was the first of three excursions where students are participating in a range of restoration activities.

Kathryn Sutton | HASS Coordinator



## STAWELL GIFT ACHIEVEMENT

Over the Easter weekend, year 11 student, Hayden Crowe competed in the Stawell Gift. Hayden made the final for the Open Handicapped 200m event, coming in 2nd behind the competitor who also ended up taking the win in the 120m Open Gift. This was an amazing effort for a 16 year old competing in an open age group.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer



## MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

In establishing the fees for 2021, both the Finance Advisory Committee and Governing Council are sensitive to the fact that some families may require assistance in meeting this commitment. Please contact the Finance Officer or Business Manager on 8721 0200 to discuss payment arrangements as payments are now overdue.

**Final Instalment was due on:** Thursday 1 April - \$155

**Payment via the school's website:** [www.mghs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mghs.sa.edu.au) - use the payment link provided.

**Direct Debit by Instalment:** Regular Direct Debit Instalments can now be implemented through the Commonwealth Bank. If considering this option, forms are available from the school website or from the Student Office.

**School Card:** A School Card Form is required to be completed for each family, each year, regardless of the previous year's status. If a form has been completed at a primary school for younger students, a form is also required to be completed at Mount Gambier High School for secondary students. These forms can be collected from the Student Office or completed online using the following link <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> under the Applications tab, selecting the form relevant to your circumstances.

Belinda Roughana | Finance Officer

Steph McIntosh | Business Manager

## STUDENT FREE Day

Please be advised that Friday 28 May (week 5) is a Student Free Day



## ADELAIDE ATHLETICS

During week 10 last term our Athletics team travelled to Adelaide to compete in the A1 School Sport SA Track and Field Championships. This put us up against some huge private schools (Trinity, Immanuel, St Peters and Mercedes) as well as a very small group of country schools (Loxton and Renmark).

Our kids put in a huge effort throughout the competition with a number of students winning their events, finishing in the top three or simply not giving up. The drive of our students to dig in and do their best was impeccable. Our students must be congratulated for their courage and character in what were very hot conditions.

Whilst we finished 8th overall and are now relegated to the A2 Competition in 2022, we should be extremely proud of the team's efforts. We finished only two points behind Renmark and another 15 behind Brighton Secondary School.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



## STATE BASEKTBALL

Year 12 Student, Tara Bryant represented South Australia at the recent Australian Country Basketball Under 18 Junior Championship in Werribee. The team made it into the quarter finals but unfortunately lost 65 to 75. They played off against WA Metro in a classification final and won 69 to 54, resulting in the team finishing 4th in their pool and 5th overall for the tournament (of 14 teams).

Tara took to the court for every game and made many defensive contributions, finishing with 35 points for the tournament.

Jess Kennedy | Team Manager



## FLO CLASS VISIT THE MAYOR

The FLO students went on an excursion to the Mount Gambier civic centre on Monday 29/3/21 to meet with Mayor, Lynette Martin and learn about the role of local government as part of their independent living unit. They enjoyed seeing the mayor Lynette Martin in her formal robes and sitting in the councillors seats in the council chambers. They learned about the history of the council and the services council provides in local government, and were particularly interested in the services they utilise such as the railway lands, skate park and BMX track.

Karen Millington | Teacher





# CAFÉ SPACE AND SCIENCE LABORATORIES NOW OPEN

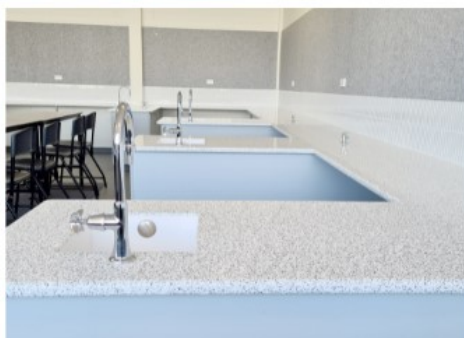
Mount Gambier High School's newly refurbished Café was officially opened at the end of term 1 by School Captains, Zara Von Stanke, Josh Kain and Sarah Dally. The refurbished Café will provide staff and students with a bright, relaxing and modern space to enjoy their break times as well as offering a flexible teaching/study space and meeting area. The upgraded facilities include booth and table seating, together with microwaves for student use and chilled water for re-filling of drink bottles.

The refurbished Science Laboratories were also completed over the holiday break, with Science lessons moving back into the Science Block at the start of this term. Fixtures and fittings were replaced inside the laboratories and the external façade has had a face lift.

The Café redevelopment and refurbished Science Laboratories are both part of Mount Gambier High School's current State Government funded building works that also includes the construction of two new buildings.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer

Steph McIntosh | Business Manager





## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM IN SPORT

In Term 2, Mount Gambier High School students have a variety of sporting activities they can get involved in. These include Football, Touch Football, Soccer and culminate with the Glossop Exchange.

In Week 10 students will be given the opportunity to compete in the Glossop Exchange which will be held in Bordertown. This one day event will see students play Soccer, Basketball, Netball (girls only) and Football (boys only). Students are asked to nominate via the bulletin and as part of their selection must ensure they are meeting subject requirements and upholding of the school Code of Conduct. We are hopeful the exchange can return to its normal structure with billeting in 2022.

Students wanting more information about our school sport events are asked to check the bulletin on a regular basis or ask the PE teachers during break times.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



## Growing Resilient Kids

**Helping children to manage anxiety and bounce back when things go wrong**

We focus on sharing strategies to support young people with learning to recognise and manage anxiety, worry and stress. We also focus on ways to support our young people to cope when things go wrong (resilience).

This practical solution focused workshop is relevant for parents, caregivers, grandparents, educational staff and health professionals who connect with young people (0-13 years). Strategies may be adapted to suit various ages.

**Cost: \$10 per person.**

Participants can request a certificate for professional development purposes.

### SAVE THESE DATES:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: City Hall Mt Gambier
- 12<sup>th</sup> May: Lucindale Area School
- 26<sup>th</sup> May: Sunrise Christian School Naracoorte
- 30<sup>th</sup> May: City Hall Mt Gambier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Naracoorte South Primary School
- 16<sup>th</sup> June: Michelle De Garis Kindergarten
- 27<sup>th</sup> June: City Hall Mt Gambier

Sticky Ticket links for City Hall, Mt Gambier:

2<sup>nd</sup> May: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/J6ORH>

30<sup>th</sup> May: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/PYXSQ>

27<sup>th</sup> June: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/4ALFI>

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# Mount Gambier High School

## Term Two Sports Calendar – 2021

ACTIVITY	DATE
SSSA Open Boys Football – Round 1	Week 2 – Tuesday 4 May
SSSA Open Girls Touch – Round 1	Week 2 – Friday 7 May
SSSA Open Girls Football – Round 1	Week 3 – Monday 10 May
SSSA Year 8/9 Boys Football – Round 1	Week 4 – Tuesday 18 May
SEZ Year 8, 9, 10 Girls 9-A-Side Football	Week 4 – Thursday 20 May
SSSA Open Girls Touch – Finals	Week 5 – Wednesday 26 May
SSSA Year 8/9 Boys Football – Round 2	Week 5 – Thursday 27 May
SSSA Open Boys Football – Round 2	
SEZ Year 8, 9 Boys 9-A-Side Football	Week 6 – Tuesday 1 June
SEZ Interschool Cross Country (Penola)	Week 6 – Wednesday 2 June
SSSA Open Girls Soccer – Round 1	Week 9 – Thursday 24 June
SSSA Open Boys Soccer – Round 1	
Glossop Exchange (Bordertown)	Week 10 – Wednesday 30 June

Please Note: Dates are subject to change.

Students wishing to nominate for teams must do so via the online nomination form.

SEZ: South East Zone

SSSA: School Sport South Australia

## PRINCIPAL'S *Awards*

Congratulations to  
Chelsea Frost  
who was recently  
presented with a  
Principal's Award.







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# Breakfast

## Every Child, Every Day

Join us for free breakfast Monday – Friday.  
All students are welcome!

When: 8.00am – 8.30am weekdays

Where: Room 3 – Miller Building

Toast, Jam, Vegemite, Tea, Coffee, Milk,  
Orange Juice, Smoothies and fruit is all  
available.



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Timberlink will be attending **Mount Gambier High School on Friday 14th May** to discuss the variety of career pathway options you can take with us. If you are interested in attending this careers talk and a subsequent tour of our site, [please leave your details on the sign up sheet on the reverse side.](#)

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# Child + Family Services UNPLUGGED

Limited spots.  
Bookings essential!

A workshop to help young people aged 12+ and parents learn how problematic gaming can lead to gambling behaviours and to develop practical strategies to support healthier gaming and internet use.

## The valuable workshops cover:

- How to create balance, develop alternative interests, and set healthy boundaries in relation to gaming.
- How to identify signs of problematic gaming and gambling and its impacts.
- Game development and the implementation of gambling features ie: micro-transactions, loot boxes, in-app purchases.
- Practical tips and proven strategies to combat problem gaming and gambling behaviours.
- How to manage associated problems (eg: school attendance, sleep issues and difficulty concentrating).

## Australian Research

- Of 1200 SA high school students, 11% have been found to use technology at an unsafe level.
- 10% have of young people are using the Internet for more than nine hours per day.
- By age 15, half of all young people have participated in some type of gambling.
- 54% of games on Facebook include gambling themes.
- Five out of 22 popular video games reviewed met the criteria for gambling including the option to cash out winnings.



**Date** Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th of June

**Time** 6.30pm - 8.00pm

**Location** Lifeline SE SA

**Address** 5 mark st, Mt Gambier

**Monday:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BQWUX>

**Tuesday:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BQWVE>

**Contact** unplugged@ucwb.org.au or 8245 7100



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