



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 3 comes to an end there are many exciting developments at Mount Gambier High School that are "just starting", "in progress" and "ready to start for 2022". Our high school is making a significant change in appearance and structure over the next few months to better meet the needs of our school community for future years.

Staffing Updates

- Middle School, Assistant Principal for 2022 - this position will be advertised prior to the end of this term with a panel to sit early in term 4.
- Timetabler, Daily Organisation, Strategic Planning 2022 (5 year tenure) - a panel has formed and an outcome will be announced shortly.
- Inclusive Learning, One Plan Coordinator (4 years tenure), beginning term 4 - a panel has formed and an outcome will be announced shortly.
- Arts Coordinator 2022 - a panel will form early next term to decide on the successful applicant for this position.
- We recently welcomed Lina Shahid to our school as Special Education Teacher in The Place.
- From the start of term 4 we welcome back Kerran Wingard from Long Service Leave. In his absence, Abbey Duncan has done an outstanding job as acting Specialist Sports Coordinator throughout term 3.
- It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge and congratulate Charmaine Lawrie and Tom Clayfield winning their SSO3 Case Manager roles for 2022.
- Congratulations to Pauline McInerney who was successful in winning the position of SSO2-Senior School Support.
- We are currently working through several new teaching and ancillary vacancies that we hope to have completed through the placement process by early next term. We anticipate a number of additional contract vacancies to be identified by mid term 4.

State Basketball Champions

Recently, our Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed in Adelaide for the SA School Sport State Basketball Finals. Our Open girls were victorious, going through undefeated and winning the State Championships, with our boys finishing 4th overall! This was a fantastic achievement by all and well done to Jess Kennedy, super coach!

2022 School Captains Election

It seems like yesterday that our present School Captains were being elected and actioning their campaign promises, yet here we are, with another election campaign under way and new School Captains elected today following a ballot process.

Upcoming Events

School Captains Election

Friday 17 September

Governing Council Meeting

6pm Monday 20 September

Year 8 Immunisations

Tuesday 21 September

End of Term Early Dismissal

2.20pm Friday 24 September

Term 4

Start of Term 4

Monday 11 October

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

I take this opportunity to personally thank our current School Captains, Josh Kain and Zara Von Stanke, and Vice-Captain, Sarah Dally for their advice, support and student leadership throughout my principalship.

Year 7/8 Transition Tours

Over the past few weeks, groups of our current Mount Gambier High School students have enjoyed leading school tours to groups of year 6 and 7 primary students, due to start at Mount Gambier High School in 2022 as part of the transition program student led tours. There were many questions asked and answered and I thank all staff and students who played important roles in making these tours extremely successful.

Entrepreneurial Highlight

Recently I was invited by a group of year 9 students to listen to their presentation of an entrepreneurial development to re-invent learning in the classroom. Using a model of practice implemented by many successful organisations under the title of 'BCorps', philosophies of corporations that aim for self-sustainability, non-profit and giving back to the community. This group of students, facilitated by Jess Magarey and Callena Rawlings aim to develop student efficacy and control of how future learning happens in the classroom. I was very impressed by their presentation and fully support this group presenting their vision to our leadership team in the future.

A Sad Farewell

In this role, that I have actioned numerous times before, I always find this to be the hardest part of the journey, to say farewell. You must leave behind colleagues, friends, students and the community that you have developed firm relationships with over time. I have been proud and honoured to be your principal at Mount Gambier High School and I hope, in some way, I've fulfilled your expectations in 2021. I thank everyone for this opportunity and wish Mount Gambier High School all the success for the future.



Peter McLaren

Peter McLaren
Principal



HIGH ACHIEVERS MORNING TEA

Last week our Senior School celebrated our semester 1 High Achieving students with a morning tea and presentation of Principal's Awards. Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding academic results during semester 1.

Year 10: Kayla Ferguson, Charlotte Hann, Zarly Jones, Chloe Taylor, Alice Tentye and Amber Thompson.

Year 11: Brianna Bisnov, Marni Black, Cameron Brooks, Joel Griffiths, Jade Jennings, Tully McShane, Bianca Nardelotto, Megan Reid, Evany Rex and Makenzie Sieber.

Year 12: Angel Aguinaldo, Zoe Booth, Sarah Dally, Claire Hunter, Alexis Lunnay, Alana Menzel and Maddy Virgin.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer





MGHS DANCE SHOWCASE

On Wednesday 25 August, students from years 9 to 12 graced the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre stage to entertain friends, families and the local community in the Mount Gambier High School Dance Showcase. Across the two hour performance a variety of dance genres were on display with the Year 9/10 Advanced Dance class performing a Mamma Mia themed showcase, the Year 11 students, an array of self-choreographed dances and the Year 12s using their "Coming into Adult" themed show to submit their performance portfolios worth 40% of their final grades for the Year 12 Dance course.

Year 10 student Charlotte Hann was given the opportunity to event manage the showcase with funding and support provided through Mount Gambier High School's Entrepreneurial Specialist School. "I have enjoyed being able to be a part of creating such a great showcase with the other dancers and teachers. Another thing I have enjoyed is learning about the hard work and organisation that goes into event management and learning about what it's like working behind the scenes rather than just performing. It makes me really grateful to see how much effort and time my dance teachers put in every year to make things like this happen," said Charlotte.

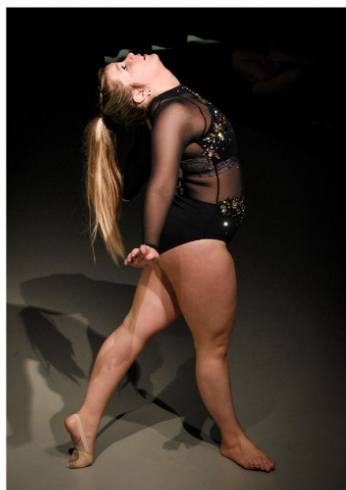
"This event was heavily student driven; majority of pieces being choreographed by students, lighting suggestions, editing of music and more were all done by students. The show was a large success and students were able to perform for over 150 people with profits made from the show going towards a Dance Camp later this year. The amount of talent we have here at Mount Gambier High School is fantastic with 'phenomenal', 'outstanding' and 'amazing' being some of the key words used to describe the show from audience members," said Trish Jenkins, Mount Gambier High School Dance Teacher.

"Every performer on the stage thoroughly entertained me for two solid hours of high level artistry that I will long remember. I was captivated by the seamless connection between body movement, music and subtle lighting and am proud and humbled to be a Principal of this production team and it's highly talented performers," said Principal, Peter McLaren.

Trish Jenkins | Teacher

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer

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R U OK DAY

In support and recognition of R U OK Day, our Year 12 Health class organised activities and fundraising to put a spotlight on R U OK Day and remind the Mount Gambier High School community of the importance of regularly checking in with your friends and loved ones.

R U OK Day biscuits, baked by Georgia Stevens and Donuts "donut forget to ask if people are okay" were available for purchase through the canteen, a conversations corner was set up in the CLC for students to sit and have a chat, supported by headspace and a Staff vs Students Basketball game was held in the gym, which saw the students' team take the win 28 to 25.

Thank you to Galpins Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants for sponsoring some of the activities and to Maddy Wormald, Tom Kubank and Duom Dawam from the Mount Gambier Pioneers for joining in on the Basketball game to "beef" up our staff side.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer

FLINDERS UNI ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to Marni Black, who has just received her academic transcript from Flinders University. Marni has commenced her university studies as a

part of her SACE, through Flinders University's extension program. Marni has jumped into university life, while still completing year 11 and will work to contribute to her SACE, ATAR giving her a head start for when she starts at Flinders University in 2023.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal

PYGMY PERCH PRESENTATION

Last Friday year 8 students Lacey Brooks and Nirvana Morley-LeFever presented their project via Zoom, on the Yarra Pygmy Perch to Education Minister John Gardner as well as the students from 10 other schools. The presentation was expertly put together by Cailee Marks and the girls were very well prepared and enthusiastic about sharing their project with the other students and to Minister Gardner.

The Yarra Pygmy Perch project is an ongoing project that the students at Mount Gambier High School are involved in to help restore the population of this endangered fish in our local wetlands, swamps and ponds. The Yarra Pygmy Perch is a small freshwater fish that is only found in areas around the Limestone Coast. Their population has been described as vulnerable and they are at risk of extinction if actions are not taken. The students will be involved in a program that will use special purpose facilities at the school to house and breed the fish. At a suitable time, the fish will be released into local waterways to boost their populations.

Danny Ashcroft | Science Coordinator



PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Yesterday students from our SRC were invited to work with Mount Gambier Library to help finalise their Youth Outreach Program for 2021. The consultation assisted the Library team to collect ideas and opinions from our students about issues concerning the youth of our area.

Through a range of group activities, brainstorms and one on one interviews in the Collaborative Learning Centre, students discussed the need for recreational spaces, mental health support and awareness around the LGBTQI+ community. The library collected our students ideas about what could be done moving forward to better connect the needs and ideas of our youth.

The SRC was grateful that they were able to help contribute to the planning of the Library's Youth Program for 2022 and beyond, and were treated to a pizza lunch, catered by Sorrentos Café for their efforts.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator



END OF TERM 3 *Dismissal*

Students will be dismissed at 2.20pm next Friday 24 September. Please be advised that if your student has not returned their early dismissal permission form, they will be required to remain on site until 3.20pm.

DELICIOUS DESSERTS

Stage 2 students have been recently creating bespoke ice cream dishes. The aim was to show the use of different forms of technology that we have available for use in the Trade Centre Kitchen. The product had to be suitable for either a dessert bar, café or restaurant. Over two double lessons students produced a fabulous assortment of delicious products, which we are sure they also enjoyed eating upon completion.

Jan Longbottom | HPE Coordinator



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STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Mount Gambier High School's Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams recently travelled to Adelaide to compete in the SA School Sport State Championship at Lights Community and Sports Centre.

The day commenced with the Girls defeating Golden Grove 26 to 14 followed by the Boys defeating Aberfoyle Park 33 to 21. Round two kicked off with the Girls securing a convincing win over Clare 31 to 14 followed by the Boys defeating Kapunda 26 to 12. Following their third round win, the girls had begun to set a high standard of competition securing a win over Birdwood 34 to 13 followed by the boys nail biting loss to Cornerstone 23 to 24.

The Girls stormed into the finals defeating Keith Area School 38 to 18 however the boys were unable to bounce back and as a result lost 30 to 22 against Golden Grove leaving them to finish in fourth place for the championships.

The Girls went into the final undefeated, facing up against Blackwood High School for a gold medal finish, winning the grand final game 31 to 14. The result reflected an outstanding effort by the Mount Gambier High School Open Girls Basketball team with Tara Bryant, Claire Hunter and Mikaela Horrigan magnificent from the three point line, Sarah Ritter and Stella Mobbs showing strength inside the paint and both Megan Reid and Sarah Dally with their relentless efforts in both offence and defence.

Both teams performed to a high standard demonstrating the level and diversity of skill sets coming out of the Mount Gambier region, with a number of students having participated in the Mount Gambier High School Basketball Specialist Sports Program during their time at the school.

"It is true what they say, it does take a village to raise a child! Under these circumstances these students have been fortunate to work with such great basketball communities to develop their skill sets. I felt like 99% of the work was done for me when coaching a lot of these students. An extended thank you to the Mount Gambier Basketball Community, SA Country Basketball and all of their members for their efforts in the development of these students," said Jess Kennedy, Basketball Program Teacher and team coach.

Jess Kennedy | Basketball Coach

NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK



Mount Gambier High School had a big week in Vocational Education, recently celebrating National Skills Week.

The week began with our Vocational Pathways Coordinator, Elisa Crispino featuring in an interview on the local ABC Radio morning show with a focus on National Skills Week and the many opportunities that Vocational Training and Flexible Learning Pathways provide to High School students.

14 students from years 10 to 12 spent the Wednesday morning on a site tour of Timberlink. Timberlink has spent over 200 million dollars upgrading their facilities and the tour was a great opportunity for our students to learn about how the Timber

Industry has become one of the most competitive and technological industries in Australia. During the presentation the many different jobs available within Forestry were highlighted, ranging from management, various trades, computer programming and safety. Thank you to Steven, Jamie and Dee for their presentation and tour, sharing once again about the vast employment opportunities that we have in our region.

Thank you to all the families that attended our information session on the Wednesday evening where many students expressed interest in a Flexible Learning Pathway in 2022. We are looking forward not only to the Vocational Training but also the new aspect of the Flexible Industry Pathways and the industry immersion which will create better understanding of the world of work once finished school.

On Friday we celebrated National Skills Week with our VET students by sharing treats from Scroll Queen and acknowledging the skills developed by our students currently participating in a Vocational Education course.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

We would like to congratulate the following students who have recently secured a school-based traineeship and full/part time employment.

Year 11 student, Kody Shaw is undertaking a School-Based Traineeship, Certificate III Urban Pest Management with host employer Spiderman SE Eco Pest Management. Kody participated in work experience with Spiderman SE Eco Pest Management, who were very impressed with his work ethic and performance. Thank you to Leanne Cameron, MEGT Australia and Sarah and Michael Cutting, Spiderman SE Eco Pest Management.

Year 12 student, Georgia Stevens has recently completed a Certificate III Individual Support (Aging) and has secured part-time employment with the Oak's Aged Care Facility following a recommendation by her TAFE SA lecturer.

Well done also to year 11 student, Sam Priddle who has secured full time employment with Chris Waters Plumbing and will be completing a Certificate III in Plumbing through Group Training Employment. Once again a successful work experience placement has led to a career opportunity. Thank you to Damian Radley, GTE and Chris Waters.

Elisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



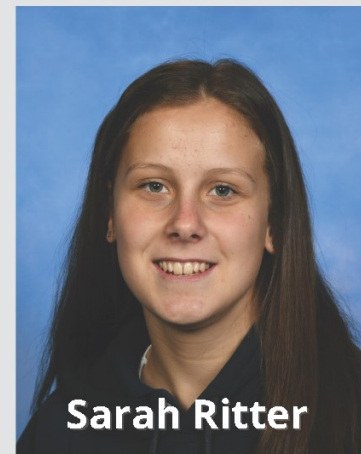
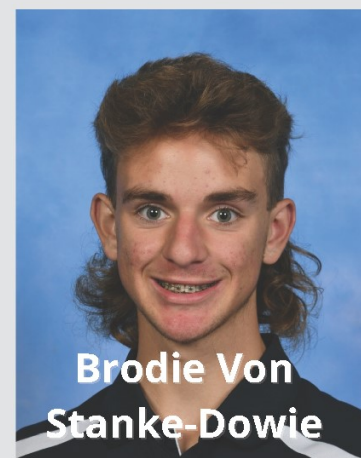


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2022

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Nominees



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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, is shown in profile, holding a thick book. She is looking up at a large, vibrant, and colorful illustration that appears to be floating above her. The illustration is a collage of various ideas and objects, including a rocket ship, a lightbulb, a bicycle, a cityscape, a mountain range, a heart, a leaf, a paint palette, a megaphone, a paper airplane, a dragonfly, a cloud, a sun, a pencil, a star, and the words "Idea!", "Wow", and "Like". The background of the illustration is a mix of purple, blue, and yellow colors, with various shapes and patterns. The overall theme is creativity and innovation.

TONSLEY INNOVATION DISTRICT
6-8th October
Day ONE | 12pm-4pm
Day TWO | 9am-4pm
Day THREE | 9am-12pm

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A Renewal SA Works Program initiative delivered in partnership with STEM Fast Track and Tonsley Innovation District.



STEM & ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMMERSION

This program is only available to young people between 11 - 17 who live in the Limestone Coast.

Parents are welcome to accompany students and join in the program.

This program is made possible through funding from the Australian Government

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
LUNCH 12:30pm Welcome & Orientation in Tonsley POD	9-10:30am SAGE Tour / ZEISS Tour: <i>More up close & personal inspiration with innovative companies at Tonsley Innovation Precinct</i>	9-9:30am Flinders Uni Education Pathways Session: <i>learn all about your opportunity to study STEM and Entrepreneurship at Flinders University</i>
1 – 2pm STEM Works at Tonsley Innovation Precinct Tour BREAK	BREAK 11-12pm Entrepreneur Panel Session: <i>Hear directly from diverse range of exciting entrepreneurs about the journey they've been on. They'll share tips and tricks to help you navigate your future!</i> LUNCH	9:30 -10:30am STEM Sista & Mista Panel Session: <i>It's time to hear from those who have gone before you! This is your chance to talk directly with young people who are on an education STEM journey</i>
2:30 – 3:30pm MicroX Visit <i>We know that you can't be what you can't see so you'll have the chance to get up close & personal to exciting STEM Entrepreneurs whilst at the Tonsley Innovation Precinct starting with a MicroX visit</i>	1-2pm Treasure Hunt at own pace: <i>The Tonsley Innovation Precinct is an exciting and vibrant place to work, and this fun activity gives you the chance to explore it at your own pace, whilst visiting with lots of amazing people – including the crew at New Venture Institute, Flinders University & finding unique and interesting treasure!</i>	BREAK 11-12pm Career Planning Session #2 <i>You've been on a bit of a learning curve and now it's time to reflect... what did you love most? What inspired you? And how might your future look?</i>
3:30pm Career Planning Session #1 <i>This is your time, time to think about the future, what you love, and who you want to be. We'll be there guiding you through designing a future that you can be excited for!</i>	BREAK 2:30-4pm Lean Manufacturing Workshop: <i>Careers in STEM are often underpinned by developing innovation in manufacturing, we believe it's never too early to start learning about key concepts, & this workshop will provide the opportunity to learn about manufacturing, undertake a review of an existing manufacturing process and find ways to innovate all whilst having fun.</i>	Future commitments: <i>what are your plans from here; discussion outlining follow-ups with STEM Fast Trak</i> LUNCH
4pm Debrief & parent pick-up	4pm Debrief & parent pick-up	12pm Debrief & parent pick-up

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PRESENTATION & PERFORMANCE NIGHT SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous support towards our Presentation and Performance night.

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