



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 | 11 MARCH 2022

e. dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au  
a. Brownes Road, Mount Gambier  
p. (08) 8721 0200  
f. (08) 8723 0441  
w. mghs.sa.edu.au



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### COVID-19

Schools are a reflection of their communities. Just as the community has faced challenges with COVID-19, so too have we as a school. We have experienced a number of cases since school returned, and as I write we are currently seeing a number of cases at year 7 in particular.

It is important that we all continue to follow the SA Health advice and Department for Education expectations. I'm sure that you are well aware of these. Mask wearing continues to be a priority for us, as it is in the community. I appreciate the support that all parents are providing to ensure that their child understands the need for mask wearing and are compliant with it. Can I also reinforce that students must have masks on at all times on school buses.

A reminder that if your child has any cold or flu like symptoms, even mild, they must stay home from school. Any young person with symptoms needs to be sent home from school, and parents will be contacted if this need arises. We appreciate the ongoing support from parents with this.

We are required to notify parents when their child is a classroom contact of a confirmed positive case. Currently we are doing this by text as quickly as we can after the case confirmation and are following this up with an email. You may receive more than one text and email. This is because there have been a number of cases.

Please know that everything we are doing is compliant with SA Health expectations and recommendations, designed to keep all of us safe and healthy.

### Athletics Carnival

Our Carnival this year was quite unique in that it was the first opportunity for us to come together as a whole school community. It was a highly successful day and a half, despite the weather challenges. It was wonderful to see school and house spirit on display, high levels of participation and some lively competition. Congratulations to Tower, our victorious house, winning by a margin of over 100 points.

A huge amount of work is behind a successful event such as this. Thank you to Mr Wingard and the team who planned, organised and managed the event, including set up and pack up. It's a huge effort, and we are grateful for all of your hard work. Sincere thanks also to staff who contributed to the day under quite trying circumstances at times.



## Upcoming Events

**Adelaide Cup Day Holiday**  
Monday 14 March  
**Interschool Athletics**  
Wednesday 23 March  
**Catch Up School Photos**  
Wednesday 30 March  
**Year 6 Twilight Tours**  
5.30pm Thursday 31 March  
**Governing Council Meeting**  
6pm Monday 4 April  
**Year 10 Immunisations**  
Tuesday 5 April  
**End of Term Early Dismissal**  
Thursday 14 April

## Contents

1. From the Principal
3. 2022 Flexible Industry Pathways
4. Interhouse Athletics
6. Materials & Services



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

LEARNING

BELONGING

RESPONSIBILITY

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

### School Captains

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with our 2022 School Captains, Sarah Ritter and Keenan Dwyer. We spoke about the importance of their role as advocates for student issues through the Student Representative Council and Governing Council, as well as participating in significant events such as assemblies, performances and representing our school during special occasions throughout the year. I was impressed with their ability to recognise the importance of this role and their commitment to it. I look forward to working with them and all members of the Student Representative Council throughout the year.



### Twilight Tours

This year we will be opening the school for Twilight Tours on Thursday 31 March for prospective families of year 6 students enrolling in 2023. We welcome families to tour the school, speak with myself and key personnel, and to familiarise themselves with the wonderful opportunities that Mount Gambier High School can offer their child.

### Governing Council

Our AGM and first Governing Council meeting for the year was held recently. Items covered in these meetings included presenting a summary of the 2021 Annual Report, electing our Governing Council members and office bearers for the 2022 school year as well as approvals for Pupil Free Days, School Closures and end of term dismissals.

A big thank you to the following parents and community members who have volunteered their time to be part of the MGHS Governing Council.

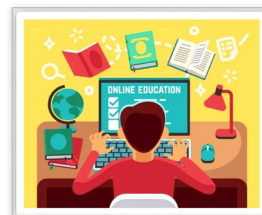
Parent Members: Hanna Persello (Chairperson), Graham Dowie (Treasurer), Chantel King, Heath Mitchell, Kylie Reed, Malcolm Sneddon, Mario Persello.

Community Members: Steve Bain (Deputy Chair and Asst. Treasurer), Kate Carrail (Secretary).

Governing Council meets on Monday evenings twice each term and we welcome questions or concerns from the school community to be raised through this important and valuable forum. We currently still have a number of parent member positions available. If you would like to be involved on the Governing Council this year or have any questions about how you can be involved, please contact the school. We thank all members of the Governing Council for their time and commitment to supporting the learning needs of everyone at the school.

### Access to Learning Whilst Isolating

Isolating at home just got a whole lot easier! If your child is unable to attend school face-to-face due to COVID, check out the Department for Education's learning at home lessons.



More video and PowerPoint lessons are being added each week for reception to year 10 students. Lessons are designed for students to work through by themselves, without much help from an adult.

Check them out here: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>.



**Annette Ryan**  
Principal



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The Mount Gambier High School Student Representative Council (SRC) had their first meeting for 2022 last Friday.

We were excited to see so many new year 7 and 8 students come on board and join our team of school leaders and can't wait to see what purposeful and exciting projects the SRC works on in 2022.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator





## 2022 FLEXIBLE INDUSTRY PATHWAYS

Congratulations to all successful Flexible Industry Pathway applicants as they embark on their training this year. We are very fortunate that students are able to access a variety of courses including Health, Automotive, Education, Construction, Hospitality and Primary Industry across local education sites. Students will be exploring and participating in immersion programs throughout this year, learning to manage school and employment options.



Congratulations to Holly Robinson, year 12 student who has successfully completed Certificate II in Kitchen Operations last year and has now moved into a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at Sorrentos Café, employed by Group Training Employment. Holly is passionate about cooking and patisserie, and is looking forward to learning on the job.

Thank you to Amanda Hudson, Sorrentos Café, Lincoln Hannett, GTE and Kelly Agnew, MEGT Australia Ltd.



Congratulations also goes to year 11 student, Jack Telford who has successfully secured a School Based Traineeship with Tye's Plumbing. Jack participated in work experience and having impressed the management, was offered employment. Jack will be completing a Certificate III in Plumbing whilst finishing his SACE Core Compulsories at Mount Gambier High School.

Thank you to Louise Tye, Tye's Plumbing and Leanne Cameron, MEGT Australia Ltd.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator

## 2022 HOUSE CAPTAINS

**Captains - Keenan Dwyer and Megan Reid (absent)**  
**Vice-Captains - Joel Griffith and Evany Rex**



**Captains - Zeb Chant and Sarah Ritter**  
**Vice-Captains - Jamie Williamson and Chelsea Owen**



**Captains - Brodie VonStanke-Dowie and Tully McShane**  
**Vice-Captains - Bradley Male and Jenna Frost (absent)**



**Captains - Gui Ros-Smith (absent) and Alice Tentye**  
**Vice-Captains - Jack O'Connor and Jade Jennings**



## INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After winning the 2021 "Ian Gould Interhouse Athletics competition" by one point, Tower again proved too strong for their opponents, led by their captains, Zeb Chant and Sarah Ritter, whilst being well supported by their Vice Captains, Jamie Williamson and Chelsea Owen. Over the course of the competition participation from all teams was high, with many pushing through the hot and humid conditions on Thursday and braving the wet weather on Friday to achieve personal bests.

Whilst the weather was not overly favourable for the competition on Friday, both staff and students took it in their stride, pushing through to ensure another successful Mount Gambier High School carnival was held. Some events were restricted for student safety, with only the Sack Race and Tug O War novelty events cancelled.

The addition of the new under 13 years age group only added to the success and atmosphere of the carnival, with many of the younger students getting involved in their first taste of a High School Athletics Carnival. These students must be commended for their efforts over the two days of competition.

Year 12 student, Hayden Crowe won the Craig Elliott Perpetual Award for the third year in a row. This award recognises the Most Outstanding Individual Performance of the carnival. Hayden's performances in the Open Boys 400m was outstanding, as he claimed the new record in this event in very wet conditions. The previous mark of 52.60s was held by John Shepherdson and had stood since 1969 (the oldest record for the carnival). Hayden set a new time of 51.59s.

Other records to fall during the carnival were:

Lara Wilson (16 Year Girls Discus): old record 25.72m; new record 27.35m.

Cooper Harris (13 Year Boys Long Jump): old record 4.36m; new record 4.43m.

In Week 8, Mount Gambier High School will host the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual South East Zone Athletics Carnival where we look forward to seeing some strong competition between all of the schools involved. Our athletics team will also compete in the SSSA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide in Week 11 if COVID restrictions are lifted.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator

POSITION	HOUSE	TRACK	FIELD	NOVELTIES	TOTAL POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tower	901.5	689	153	1743.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lake	779	675.5	149	1603.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mount	683	642.5	123	1448.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gambier	735.5	507	137	1379.5





AGE GROUP	GIRLS		BOYS	
	WINNER	R/UP	WINNER	R/UP
Under 13	Lara Murdoch (Tower)	Sienna Henke (Lake)	Sam Baron (Lake)	Cooper Harris (Lake)
Under 14	Monique Doyle (Tower)	Ava Reid (Tower)	Sebastian Ricketts (Mount)	Sae Nay Mya (Lake)
Under 15	Lily Gordon (Gambier)	Katelyn Antonio (Lake)	Aaron Dally (Tower)	Alex Bruce (Tower)
Under 16	Lara Wilson (Mount)	Stevie Collins (Gambier)	Zeb Chant (Tower)	Shar Say La (Tower)
Open	Alice Tentye (Mount)	Tully McShane (Gambier)	Jack O'Connor (Mount)	Joe Judd (Tower) / Gui Ros-Smith (Mount)



## MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

In establishing the fees for 2022 both the Finance Advisory Committee and Governing Council are sensitive to the fact that some families may require assistance in meeting this commitment and therefore we are once again offering an instalment plan together with a variety of payment options.

Should you require alternative payment arrangements, please contact the Finance Manager or Business Manager on 8721 0200 to discuss.

### Payment Due Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Friday, 18 March 2022	\$155.00
Final Instalment	Thursday, 14 April 2022	\$155.00

### Payment Methods

Payment of the above fees can be made using one of the following options:

- Online (BPoint) – Information on how to pay online via the school's website can be found over page.
- Qkr! – Information on how to download and register on the Qkr! app is available from [www.mghs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mghs.sa.edu.au).
- Direct Credit – Payments can be made to the Mount Gambier High School bank account: BSB 065-504, Account Number 10392015 (please ensure you include your family code in the payment reference).
- By Post – Cheque or credit card payment accepted by completing the details at the bottom of the invoice and posting to Brownes Road, Mount Gambier SA 5290.
- In Person – Cash, cheque or credit card payment accepted at the Student Office from 24 January 2022.

### 2022 School Card Scheme

School Card offers assistance with school fees (materials and services) to eligible families. For further information, to check your eligibility or apply online, please visit the SA Gov website ([www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)). Alternatively please visit the Student Office from 24 January 2022 for assistance (please bring your Health Care Card with you).

Please note: 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.

Belinda Roughana | Finance Manager

Steph McIntosh | Business Manager

## TERM 1 SPORTS CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DATE
SEZ Interschool Athletics Hosted by MGHS	Week 8 – Wednesday 23 March
SEZ Open (Years 7-12) Boys & Girls Tennis	Week 9 – Thursday 31 March
SEZ Stableford Golf + Come N Try Ambrose	Week 10 – Monday 4 April
SEZ Open (Years 7-12) Boys T20 Cricket	Week 10 – Monday 4 April
SAPSASA Athletics—Hosted by MGHS	Week 10 – Thursday 7 April
SSSA Athletics Championships – Adelaide	Week 11 – Wednesday 13 April
Please Note: Dates are subject to change. Students <a href="#">wishing to nominate for teams must do so by accessing the online form via the DayMap bulletin</a> . SEZ: South East Zone (Local Competition Only) SSSA: School Sport South Australia (Statewide Competition with finals)	