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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of Term 2

This term has been another busy one and has truly raced by. Over the past nine weeks we have gradually returned to a more "normal" way of operating. Excursions and sports have been able to proceed, as have some year level assemblies. All of this helps us to build our connectedness, sense of belonging and community. Having said this, we are still impacted significantly with illness, both COVID and non-COVID related, particularly the flu more recently. This puts pressure on staff as a shortage of relief teachers means that they frequently need to cover additional classes. I sincerely thank all of the staff for their hard work and high levels of professionalism during these challenging times. I also thank parents for keeping children home when they are unwell to help limit the transmission of infections, your support is greatly appreciated.

Farewells

This term we farewell Penne Saffin, Senior Wellbeing Leader and Lynne O'Connor, Science Teacher who are taking leave for the remainder of the year. I am sure that they will enjoy some well-earned down-time. Lachlan Graham, IT Manager is taking 12 months leave to explore some new possibilities.

Lina Shahid, The Place Teacher is leaving us as she is moving back to Victoria. Lina has been with us for the past 12 months and has worked tirelessly with our special options students. We wish her well with her re-location. Aaron Haines, Solutions Teacher has been with us for this term. We thank him for his hard work throughout the term. We thank Courtney Grosser, Psychology Teacher for her contribution to the school over the past semester and wish her all the best as she continues to focus on completing her teaching studies.

We are currently working through HR processes to backfill all positions.

Rural Immersion Program

At the start of next term we will welcome 14 pre-service teachers who will be with us for two weeks for their 'Rural Immersion' experience. I want to acknowledge the work of Suze Ricketts, Deputy Principal who has worked very hard to develop a program for the pre-service teachers, including weekend and social events. I also thank our staff for the important role they will play in mentoring and ensuring that their Mount Gambier experience is positive and rewarding both professionally, and personally.

Upcoming Events

Berri (formerly Glossop) Exchange: This year the highly valued Berri Exchange program will once again be run as a modified program. The sporting competitions will be held in Bordertown on Wednesday July 6 (week 10), with the debating shield contested virtually the day prior. A decision about the nature of program for this year needed to be made in term 1 as there is considerable planning and organisation required by both schools to run this special event. After much discussion and acting on best advice at the time, the uncertainties around COVID

Upcoming Events

Berri Exchange

Wednesday 6 July

End of term early dismissal

Friday 8 July 2.15pm

Semester 1 Reports Available

Friday 8 July—Daymap

Term 3

Start of Term 3

Monday 25 July

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and any subsequent restrictions meant that the unfortunate decision to proceed with a one-day program again was made, with the intent that there can be a return to the traditional exchange in the future. Thank you to Kerran Wingard and his team for their tireless efforts in supporting the successful running of the program. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students and we are all excited to engage in some friendly competition and fun with Berri Secondary College.

Forestry Hackathon: The Forestry Hackathon is a collaboration between our school, the Green Triangle Forestry Industries Hub and Young Change Agents. It is a three day event in week 10. The first days involves industry immersion and the following two expose the students to entrepreneurial thinking. It is a wonderful opportunity for our year 7 students. Thank you to Josh Praolini and the Green Triangle Forestry Industries Hub for their efforts in developing the program.

Stage 1 and 2 Exams: Mid-year exams began for senior students this week. These exams are either a course requirement or valuable opportunity for students to practice and develop specific skills in this form of assessment. Thank you to the senior school team for managing this process. Good luck to all of our senior students.

Change of semester: This year the change of semester will be the start of term 3 rather than the beginning of week 9, term 2. This was a decision that was made last year.

Andy Thomas Space Foundation Challenge

Congratulations to Emma Robinson whose Andy Thomas Space Foundation Education Fund 2022 School Challenge application was successful. The challenge and selected projects are linked to space technology and the Buzz Aldrin Foundation 'Giant Mars Map'. It will be supported by presentations and advice from space industry experts. The project receives a grant of \$4000 and includes a visit to the Australian Space Discovery Centre at Lot Fourteen as well as the space school at Hamilton Secondary College. The project is an incredible learning opportunity for the students who will be involved.

End of Semester 1

Finally, I congratulate all of our students on their efforts in semester 1. It has been a disrupted and difficult time for many, with our students having shown perseverance and resilience. We all look forward to the start of a new term and semester and the opportunities that this brings.



Annette Ryan
Principal



YEAR 7 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Throughout this term in Year 7 Global Perspectives we have been covering the topic of 'Water in our World'. Under our school's commitment to incorporate 'student voice and choice', Global Perspectives classes 7.4 and 7.5 discussed how they would like to investigate the issue of water quality. Their suggestions resulted in a lesson working together with the school's Science department to perform some experiments on the common water sources we use in Mount Gambier, in comparison to unclean surface water that many countries in the world are forced to drink. The kids appreciated seeing how dirty and unhygienic this water actually is, helping them to consider the global impact.

Katherine Schofield | Global Perspectives Teacher

An incursion was organised for the Year 7 Global Perspectives class where we were fortunate to have Marine Biologist, Dr. Nina Wootton visit classes to talk about the 'Fab Five', a group of species found in our Marine Parks.

Students learnt about the Australian Sea Lion, Southern Right Whale, White-Bellied Sea Eagle, Giant Australian Cuttlefish and Great White Shark, and how to protect our marine ecosystems. They were then given the chance to create some artwork to promote Sea Country, the species and their protection.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator



STAGE 1 HOSPITALITY HIGH TEA

Stage 1 Food and Hospitality students were involved in planning, preparing and presenting a range of food suitable to be served at a High Tea. This was the culmination of their semester course and the requirements of this task challenged the students to think creatively to ensure that products could be made ahead of time, stored and then be re-heated and presented on the day.

Jan Longbottom | HPE Coordinator



ITALIAN EXCURSIONS

Mr Praolini's Year 8 and Ms Piscioneri's Year 7 Italian students visited the Italo Club this term to participate in some Italian cultural experiences. Club members worked with teams of students to teach them the rules of bocce and how to strategically work their bocce ball closest to the pallino. They also learnt the traditional recipe to create freshly made pasta and worked on the machines to make delicious linguine. Thank you to the club members for giving up their time to work with our classes.

Natalie Piscioneri | Italian Teacher



ART CRAWL

During this term the Year 10 Photography and Visual Arts students have been creating pieces of artwork to be exhibited and available for purchase at local cafes and restaurants (Bricks and Mortar, Confessions, Metro Bakery and Café and Natural Born Grillers), for the first ever Mount Gambier High School Art Crawl. Students thought this would be a great way to support local businesses while experiencing the process for creating art for an exhibit.

In week 5 students visited the venues to look at the spaces for exhibiting as well as to ask the owners questions about what vibe they wanted to create and how they could do that through the artwork they produced. Once the students had visited the locations, they came back to class overflowing with ideas around the artworks they could create to match the vibe of the café/restaurant they wanted to exhibit in.

Students have worked hard over the past three weeks to create their artworks and from last week, the artwork was finally placed on display at the local venues, with some artwork selling fast!

The students felt that the Art Crawl was challenging building on their time management and problem solving skills, dealing with strict deadlines as well as with complications arising during the creation of their artwork. They did however thoroughly enjoy the process and felt proud to see their artworks up in the café and restaurants on display.

Make sure to visit our local venues to check out the artwork and perhaps even purchase a piece to take home.

Rebecca Johnson | Visual Art and Photography Teacher



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The next neighbourhood watch meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19 of July 2022 at 6 PM at the Southgate Motel conference room. This is an opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns with regards to any issues they see in their community. It is also an AGM meeting where an Area Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and potentially and newsletter editor will be elected.

This is a new group and new members are encouraged to attend. New members may also wish to be involved in one of the above listed committee member positions. For more information, please contact Constable McKinnon at SAPOLMountGambierPoliceStation@police.sa.gov.au.

Chelsea McKinnon | Constable, South Australian Police



YEAR 11/12 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Last week the Year 11/12 Boys and Girls Basketball teams ventured to Millicent to compete in the Statewide competition.

The day saw the boys placed into a pool of three, with the winner progressing to play the winner of the second pool for a spot in the State Finals. Unfortunately for the boys team, the day didn't start off too well with a loss to Millicent High School 29-17, before rebounding to defeat Bordertown High School 37-25 in the second game. With a win and a loss in the pool matches, the boys faced Naracoorte High School who finished second in the other half of the draw. The team played a much better brand of Basketball which enabled them to beat Naracoorte High School in a tight tussle, 33-30. Overall, the boys finished the day third out of the six teams playing.

Our girls' team had to play two matches against Naracoorte High School and Millicent High School. The girls started well in a tight game against Naracoorte, however, when the final buzzer went, they were unfortunately on the wrong side of the 16-15 score line. In game two, the girls performed strongly against Millicent High School, going on to record a comfortable 28-7 victory. Whilst finishing a close second to Naracoorte in the overall placings, the girls will still compete in the Statewide finals in week 5 of term 4. This will give the students the opportunity to come up against some quality regional schools with a couple of our players having played in last year's State Championship side!

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



VET SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently obtained traineeships through local businesses.

Year 12 student, Frazer Spong will be completing a Certificate III in Engineering through Whiteheads Timber Sales after a successful Work Experience placement. We would like to thank Damien Ferguson, Whiteheads Timber Sales and Tarah Marygold, Mas Experience.



Year 10 student, Crystal Smith will be completing a Certificate III in Retail through Zambrero Mount Gambier after showing potential through her part-time work at the take away venue. Thank you to Josh Cannon, Zambrero and Leanne Cameron, MEGT.

Year 10 student, Amalia Neumann will be completing a Certificate III in Hospitality with the South Eastern Hotel after management at the hotel noticed her hard work and commitment whilst working part-time shifts over recent months. Thank you to Linda Boylan, South Eastern Hotel Manager and Leanne Cameron, MEGT.



Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator

2023 SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS

Application forms for positions in the Mount Gambier High School Special Sports Programs (Athletics, Basketball, Football, Netball, Soccer) for 2023 are now available from the Student Office during break times.

Enrolment in these popular programs is by application only and students must meet the tight timeline to return their completed forms in order to be considered for a position in 2023. (Please Note: Completion of an application form does not guarantee a position in a program).

Any students considering involvement in one or a maximum of two of these programs must collect an application form and fill in their section of the form, ensure they collect a signature from their parent/caregiver and approach their current HPE/Special Sport Program teacher and Impact teacher for them to fill in the teacher reference section. Fully completed application forms need to be returned to the Student Office by Tuesday 2 August (week 2, term 4) at the latest. Students who do not submit application forms by the due date will not be able to select these subjects during the subject selection process.

If you would like any further information on any of our Special Sports Programs or clarification on the application process please call Kerran Wingard, Special Sports Coordinator on 8721 0200.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



END OF TERM 2

Arrangements

End of term dismissal - Friday 8 July 2.15pm
Semester one reports will be uploaded to Daymap from 2pm on Friday 8 July. If you require assistance accessing the Parent Portal, please contact the Student Office prior to the end of term.



If you are considering a university pathway then attending a University Open Day may be the best way to gather relevant and up to date information. This year Open Days will be back on campus, some will be offering online Open Days. If you wish to attend an Open Day, please register online.

University of Adelaide: <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday/>

Online Virtual Open Day Friday 19 August 2.00pm - 8.00pm

Campus Open Day Sunday 14 August 9.00am – 4.00pm

Deakin University: www.openday.deakin.edu.au

- Virtual Open Day on demand (check website)
- Warrnambool | Sunday 14th August from 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Geelong, Waurin Ponds Campus and Waterfront Campus | Sunday 7 August 9.00am – 2.00pm
- Melbourne – Burwood campus | Sunday 28 August 9.00 am – 2.00pm

Flinders University: www.flinders.edu.au/study/events-key-dates/open-days/open-days-2022 Bedford Park - Friday 12 and Saturday 13 August 9.30am – 3.30pm (campus and online tours available).

RMIT: www.rmit.edu.au

Register at above address for more information

University of Melbourne www.unimelb.edu.au

Virtual dates to be announced. Watch website

Federation University Australia: <https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-federation/open-day> Sunday 14 August

University of South Australia: www.unisa.edu.au/opendays

- UniSA Mount Gambier campus | Sunday 7 August 11.00am – 4.00pm
- UniSA City West & City East campuses | Sunday 14 August 10.00am – 3.00pm
- UniSA Mawson Lakes campus | Sunday 21 August 11.00am – 3.00pm

La Trobe University: www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

Melbourne campus - Sunday 7th August 10.00am – 4.00pm

Monash University: www.monash.edu/openday

Campus and online tours available. See website for further information.

For other University Open Days visit www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au or visit individual universities online for their current open day information and registration.



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Mount Gambier High School Berri Regional Secondary College 2022 Exchange Sporting Program

Date:	Wednesday, 6 July (Week 10, Term 2)	
Location(s):	Bordertown Soccer (Virgo Park) Basketball (Bordertown Basketball Stadium – Virgo Park) Netball (Bordertown Netball Club) Football (Bordertown Football Club)	
Time:	Event:	
6:15am	Depart MGHS	
8.15am	Arrival in Bordertown	
9.00am	Girls Basketball <i>Match Details:</i> 4 x 10 minutes + 2:5:2 breaks	Boys Soccer <i>Match Details:</i> 2 x 30 minutes + 10 minute break
10.30am	Girls Soccer <i>Match Details:</i> 2 x 30 minutes + 10 minute break	Boys Basketball <i>Match Details:</i> 4 x 10 minutes + 2:5:2 minute breaks
11.45am – 12.30pm	Lunch (Bordertown Hockey)	
12.45pm	Girls Netball A <i>Match Details:</i> 4 x 10 minutes + 2:5:2 minute breaks	
1.00pm		Boys Football <i>Match Details:</i> 4 x 15 minutes + 5:7:5 minute breaks
2.00pm	Girls Netball B <i>Match Details:</i> 4 x 10 minutes + 2:5:2 minute breaks	
3.10pm	Presentations/ Departure by 3.30pm from Bordertown.	
5.30pm	Arrive at MGHS	

July school holiday activity program

Rainbow Leaf Prints

Monday 11 July 3.00PM – 4.30PM

Start your holidays off the right way and add some colour to your day by getting creative in this activity. This fun, free and easy craft activity will teach you a new way to have some fun with only a few household materials.

Tuesday 12 July 5.00PM – 6.30PM

This group invites all young people who identify as sexually or gender diverse or allies of these young people to attend this social group. This fortnightly group runs throughout the year and attendees participate in various activities including gaming, movies, cooking and other fun activities.

LGBTIQA+ Group

Video Games

Thursday 14 July 4.00PM – 6.00PM

Test out your skills on the Nintendo Switch or try out our VR headset. This activity invites people who are interested in gaming to get out of the house and enjoy some different games and socialise with other like-minded people.

Friday 15 July 12.30PM – 2.30PM

Everyone loves a pizza! At this activity, participants will get to create their own masterpieces with their own individual toppings – the main question will be Pineapple – Yes or No?

Pizza Making

Donut Decorating & Board Games

Monday 18 July 2.30PM – 4.30PM

Thanks to Krispy Kreme Mount Gambier, participants will get to decorate some delicious Krispy Kremes! Enjoy eating your own fabulous creation while playing some board games.

Wednesday 20 July 2.00PM – 4.00PM

At the Mount Gambier Library

This social group for 18 – 25 year olds runs all year round hosted at the Mount Gambier Library. This group encourages people to step outside of their comfort zone to meet new people and engage in new activities.

LINK Group

Gold Class Cinema

Friday 22 July 12.30PM – 2.30PM

Participants will get to vote from a selection of movies to watch and submit their own food order to be served delicious foods by headspace staff while watching the movie voted upon by the group.

**Please inform staff of any dietary requirements during registration.*

All activities will be hosted at headspace, 171 Commercial Street East Mount Gambier, unless stated otherwise.