



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

We finished term 2 on a high note with a number of very successful co-curricular programs and events in week 10. This included the Hack-a-thon for year 7 students, the modified Berri Exchange and Sustainability Boss Expo with the year 8s. All presented great opportunities for our students, who actively engaged and participated enthusiastically.

I was fortunate to attend the Berri Exchange in Bordertown. Our students were exceptional representatives for our school and the spirit was highly competitive, with great sportsmanship and cooperation evident throughout the day. I am very happy to report that we were the victors for both the sporting cup and debating shield this year.

I sincerely thank and congratulate all staff for their involvement in these events. Co-curricular programs and events need the goodwill and hard work from staff to be successful. I'm very grateful to all staff for their active involvement, support and participation.

In addition to these great events, progress reports reflected high levels of academic achievement for many of our students in semester one. This is despite the disruptions and challenges that students have encountered this year. Congratulations to all students who achieved success.

Term 3 News

This term is a busy one as we begin the process of course counselling and subject selection for next year. Whilst it may seem like we are a long way from a new school year, there is considerable planning that needs to be done in readiness for it. This includes the process of securing our staffing once students have made their subject choices.

This week I had the pleasure of participating in the awards ceremony with our scholarship winners. Thanks to the generosity of a number of local businesses and organisations, we are able to offer students the opportunity to receive a range of scholarships each year. I thank the scholarship providers for their continued support of our school and students, and congratulate the recipients.

Unfortunately, the challenges and uncertainties of COVID are still with us. Whilst masks are not mandatory, they are strongly recommended. Both staff and students are encouraged to wear them to help stop the spread of the virus in the school community. At this stage, we are limiting gathering of staff and have returned to having our staff meetings online for the time being. Similarly, rather than having a face-to-face whole school assembly at the start of this term, we made the difficult decision to again record a virtual assembly which will be played during homegroup. Hopefully measures such as these will continue to support health and safety of both staff and students and we continue to have only a very small number of students and staff affected by the virus.

Upcoming Events

Dance Showcase

Friday 5 August

Governing Council Meeting

Monday 8 August

2023 Subject Selections

Monday 8 to Friday 12

August

Year 10 SACE Parent

Information Evening

7pm Wednesday 10 August

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 22 to Friday 26

August

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LEARNING

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

New Staff

This term we warmly welcome Mark Muller, Pahul Modi and Mitchell Van Riet as new staff members. Mark and Pahul are taking on teaching roles, whilst Mitchell is stepping into the Computer Systems Manager role for the next 12 months. Troy Esdale has returned to Mount Gambier High School for the remainder of this year and Kim Cella is taking on more teaching duties and will be working in Science, Maths and Dance. We are very grateful that they are joining us and trust that their time at Mount Gambier High School is productive and rewarding.



Annette Ryan
Principal

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FINAL NOTICE ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees or entered into a payment arrangement. Final Notice letters for outstanding fees have been posted. Governing Council wish to advise that if payment is not received within '30 days' further action will be taken to recover the debt.

If you believe you may be entitled to School Card assistance, please complete an application form

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.

Payment of accounts can now be processed via the school website www.mghs.sa.edu.au using the payment link, using the QKR App, in person at the Student Office or alternatively by contacting the Student Office to arrange direct debit instalments. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the Finance Manager to arrange a payment schedule.

Belinda Roughana | Finance Manager

CLC NEWS

Just a reminder that the CLC is open on Monday nights until 5.00pm for students that wish to stay late and catch up on homework. Mr Couchman has kindly offered to support students that need help during this time. The CLC is open until 4.00pm on all other week nights and students are most welcome to stay and use the space until closing time.

We also run a range of recess and lunchtime activities to accommodate the interests of our students:

- Monday—Maths Club
- Tuesday—Giant Games (includes Giant Chess, Draughts, Connect 4 and Jenga) and Book Club
- Wednesday—General Knowledge Quiz
- Thursday—Lego Building Challenge
- Friday—Craft Club.

Students can also borrow board games and cards during any break time to use whilst in the CLC. Families that are having a clear out of old games, craft gear or magazines are encouraged to donate them to the CLC for our students to use. We will introduce our Electronic Games (Wii, Xbox and VR Headset) once the current COVID situation settles down.

Colleen Kelly | CLC Manager

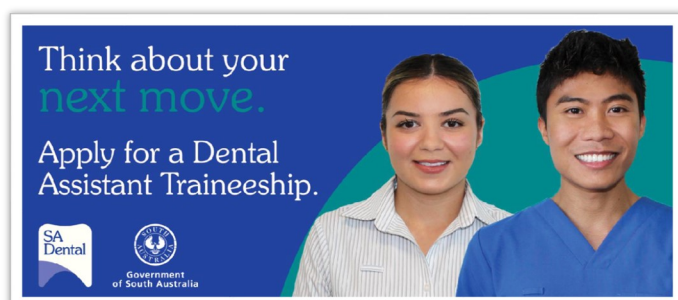
DENTAL ASSISTANT CAREERS

SA Dental is offering up to 30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the State. The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting while earning \$19,312 - \$40,130 a year.

If you are 17 - 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) and have finished year 11, you may qualify for a Traineeship.

Applications open 29/07/2022 - 21/08/2022 for the January 2023 intake.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit: www.sahealthcareers.com.au.



BERRI SECONDARY COLLEGE EXCHANGE

The 77th Mount Gambier High School and Glossop High School annual exchange looked a little different for 2022, with the recent rebranding of the Riverland high school to Berri Regional Secondary College earlier in the year, changing the official name of our long standing Glossop Exchange to the Berri Exchange moving forward. Despite the name change of the longest running school exchange program in Australia, the high standard of competition, sportsmanship and friendship between the two schools remained strong. The 77th annual exchange ran with the same format it had over the past two years due to the ongoing implications COVID has had on the homestay experience, with the sporting matches held in Bordertown across a full day of competition on Wednesday 6 July and the debate the day prior through a virtual contest. This enabled the two schools to travel, meeting half way, competing in Basketball (boys and girls), Soccer (boys and girls), Football (boys) and Netball (girls - division A and B).

This year the Sporting Cup was renamed in honour of the founding Mount Gambier High School Principal - 'The L Carthew Sporting Cup', whilst the debating shield was renamed after the Glossop Principal - 'The W Symonds Debating Shield'.

With an early and extremely cold start, students travelled to Bordertown to participate in the sporting events of the exchange. Unfortunately the day didn't get off to the greatest of starts, with the first scheduled matches needing to be postponed due to condensation leaving the basketball court very wet and unsafe. With some quick shuffling of events, the day got underway with the Girls B Netball and the Boys Football. In both of these games, Mount Gambier High School were successful in winning, giving them a very important 2-0 start. The A Netball followed with Mount Gambier High School again proving too strong.

After a short break for lunch, the Boys Basketball took place at Bordertown Primary School gymnasium. It was wonderful that Bordertown Primary School were able to make their facilities available at very short notice, and enable the two games of basketball to take place. Whilst Berri were successful in taking out a very close contest in the boys' game, the Mount Gambier High Schools girls were too strong giving them an unassailable overall lead (4-1). The two soccer matches saw Berri pinch both wins, leaving the final ledger at 4-3 in favour of Mount Gambier High School.

Following Berri's domination of the Debating competition since 2017, Mount Gambier High School was determined to finally take back the shield. Marni Black, Callum McIntyre McGregor and Anna Anbu debated strongly as the negative team in the topic "It is better to be truthful than kind" and were awarded clear winners for this year's 'Symonds Debating Shield'.

The two schools look forward to hopefully returning to the full sporting and cultural program which has been a large part of school culture for over 70 years, with Berri due to host the exchange in 2023. .

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer



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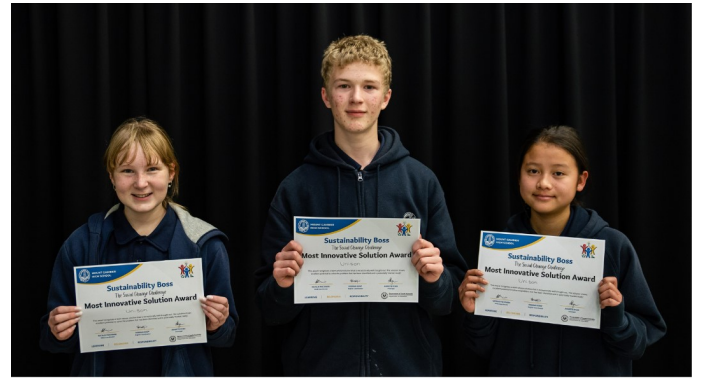
SUSTAINABILITY BOSS

The end of Semester 1 saw our Year 8 Global Perspective students diving headfirst into the world of business and enterprise with 'Sustainability Boss,' a three week intensive learning program. Students worked together in teams to problem solve and use creative, and critical thinking to find a social enterprise solution to one of the issues facing the world and society today.

During the final expo day in week 10, each team presented their ideas to a range of community members before 14 finalists were selected to again pitch their ideas to their peers and a new judging panel, before category winners were awarded. Our students were commended on their maturity, confidence and innovative thinking shown in each of their enterprises. Congratulations to all of our category winners:

- Business Planning Award: 'GiT' - Lida Brand, Molly Rackow and Sienna Hawke
- Collaboration Award: 'Recycling Rebounds' - Kade O'Dea, Zari Newman, Kelsie Anderson and Miely-Rose Winterfield
- Peer Preferred Award: 'Green Eats' - Lachlan Baker, Cody Bradshaw, Joe Mccrorie and Harry Mobbs
- Pitch and Presentation Award: 'Be a Rebel' - Holly Attiwill, Holly Jackson, Demi Jennings and Bree Ridding
- Marketing Marvels Award: 'Jobs SA' - Ava Reid, Alecia Allen and Imogen Hamilton
- Research Award: 'Grow' - Caitlin Hitchon and Analeigh Humphries-Anderson
- Most Innovative Solution Award: 'Unison' - Sebastian Ricketts, Grace Baudinette, Hser Nay Wah and Harmony Parish

Siobhan Koop | English Coordinator





SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Our 2022 Scholarship Winners were acknowledged on Monday during a virtual assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Squashbrook Fitness & Leisure Scholarship - Keenan Dwyer

Max Megaw Memorial Sporting Scholarship - Sarah Ritter

District Council of Grant Academic Scholarship - Brianna Bisnov

National Tutoring Centre Mount Gambier - Jordan Harmer

Banner Mitre 10 Building Trades Scholarship - Tyler Harris

Joe Hannagan Memorial Woodwind Scholarship - Hsi Hsi Poe

UFS Chemist Academic Scholarship - Jade Jennings

MGHS Canteen Graphic Calculator Scholarships - Kayla Ferguson, Bella Shaughnessy, Chloe Taylor and Imogen Horbury

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous scholarship sponsors for their continued support of Mount Gambier High School.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer



PASTA PROJECT

Late last term our Certificate II in Hospitality students took part in their Industry Immersion at Metro Bakery and Cafe, holding the 'Pasta Project'. A number of family and staff members attended, enjoying the wonderful table service and tastings of a wide selection of delicious pasta dishes (cooked by the students under the guidance of the Metro kitchen team), garlic bread, desserts, drinks and coffee on offer during the night.

Thank you to all who attended the evening and to Toni Vorenas and the team at Metro for embracing the project, and trusting our students.

Congratulations to Ella, Ba Blu, Stevie, Katie, Sienna, Emily and Luran, along with Mrs Crispino, Vocational Pathways Coordinator for their amazing efforts organising and running a very successful Industry Immersion.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



VET SUCCESS

We would like to congratulate the following students for their recent achievements in securing school-based traineeships through local businesses.

Misty Taylor, Year 10 will be completing a Certificate III in Hospitality employed by Metro Bakery & Café. Misty secured the traineeship following her recent part-time work at the café. Thank you to Leanne Cameron, MEGT and Toni Vorenas, Metro. Bakery & Café.



Leila Tedham, Year 11 secured a school-based traineeship in Certificate III in Business following recent administrative work experience at BOC Gas. Leila is employed by Group Training Employment with BOC Gas acting as the host employer. Thank you to Lincoln Hannett, GTE, Kelly Agnew, MEGT and Rob Machalski, BOC Gas.



Following an industry visit to Boandik Lodge, Brooke Moulden, Year 11 has secured a Certificate III in Individual Support. Thank you to Kelly Agnew, MEGT and Toni Agostino, Boandik Lodge for their support with this sign-up.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator

YEAR 7 HACK-A-THON

Strategies to recruit more female foresters, new solutions for fire management and raising revenue to plant more trees are among the innovative solutions Mount Gambier High School students have presented in the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub's inaugural Hackathon event. More than 120 year seven students joined with Hub member companies in week 10 for an exploratory three-day education session designed to expose the students to the various career pathways the sector offers from truck driving to conservation management.

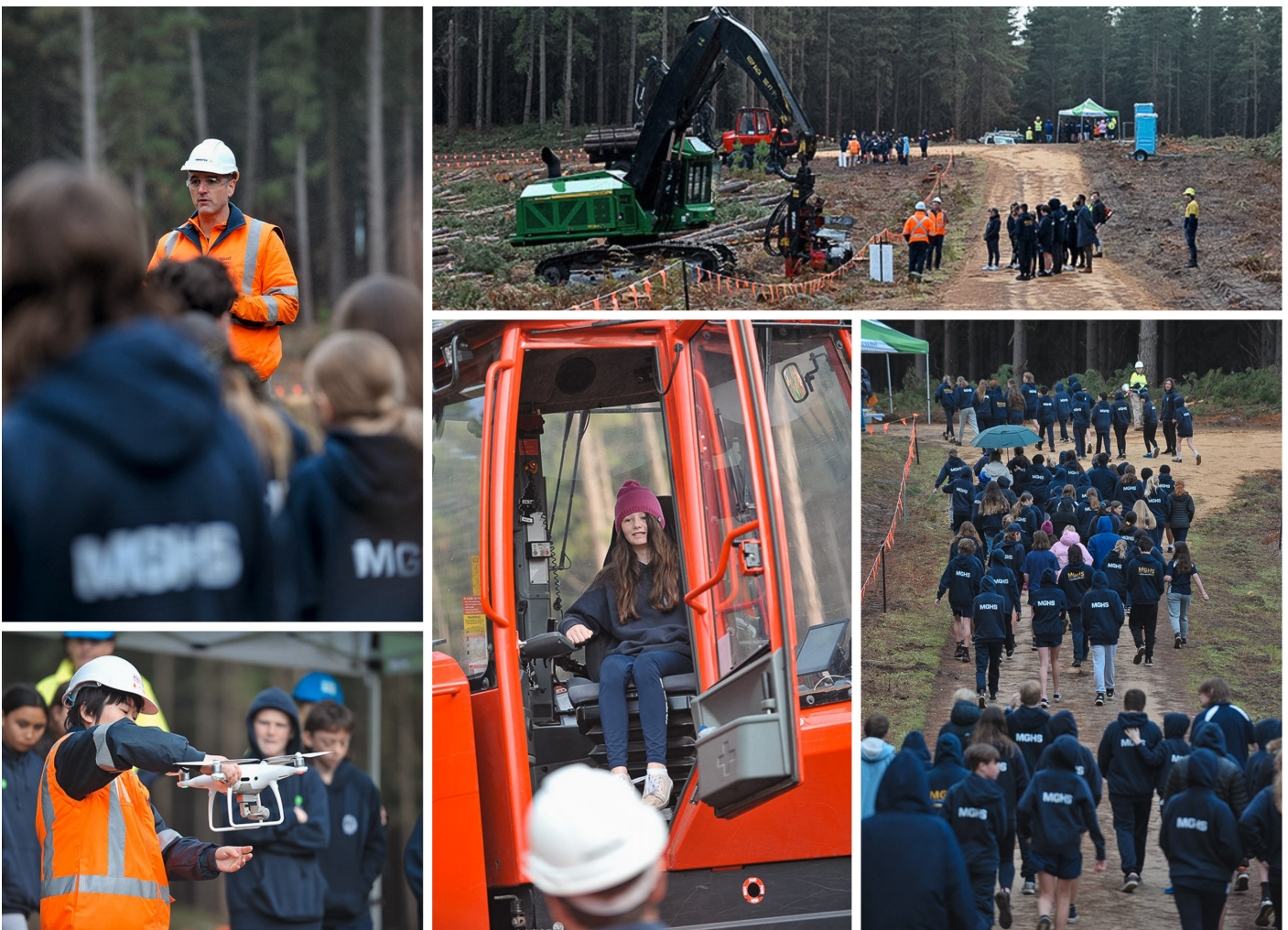
Held in conjunction with Nature Glenelg Trust and UniSA, GTFIH executive general manager Liz McKinnon said the experience included a full-day industry excursion at a OneFortyOne plantation estate in Mount Burr followed by various conservation activities at Mount Burr Swamp. This was followed by a two-day Hackathon hosted by social enterprise group the Young Change Agents to resolve some of the sector's most challenging issues at the UniSA campus. "Whilst most of these students live surrounded by plantation estate, for many they have never had the opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the people managing our forests, seeing first-hand the new technologies and innovations that are used to grow and harvest our trees, including the extensive efforts made to enhance and protect our environment," said Liz.

Assistant Principal, Josh Praolini said the partnership with the forestry sector was an exciting opportunity to lift aspirations and awareness of opportunities in the region. "Active learning connected with local and relevant industry and community organisations allows for students to stretch their knowledge and skills," Mr Praolini said. "Giving students the chance to experience a world class industry, in a regional setting, highlights how many amazing opportunities are available in emerging industries, ensuring our students have been exposed to the knowledge and skills to continue to grow the Green Triangle's future capacity."

The industry excursion was directly hosted by GTFIH member companies including Tabeel Trading, OneFortyOne, SFM, ABP, Timberland, PF Olsen in addition to conservation partners Nature Glenelg Trust. The Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West also generously hosted a barbeque lunch for the students at the Mount Burr Swamp.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal

Liz McKinnon | GTFIH Executive General Manager



JAPANESE CAMP & COOKING

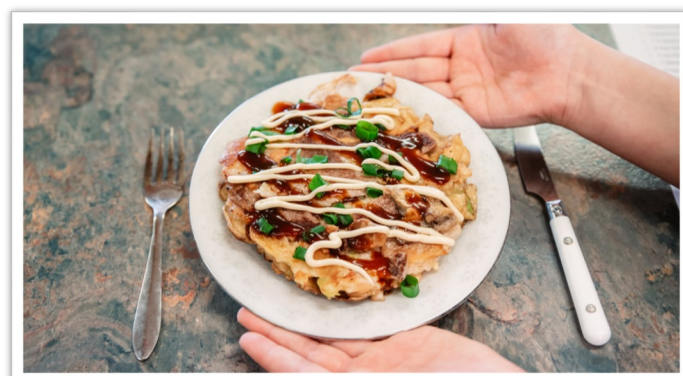
In week 10 of last term, our Year 9/10 Japanese class travelled to Adelaide for a cultural camp. The students experienced a variety of cultural delicacies, had a fun-filled evening of Karaoke and spent time in the Himeji Gardens and Chinatown, amongst the many Japanese shops and restaurants, completing a scavenger hunt.

The group also visited the Art Gallery of South Australia to see the work of Yayoi Kusama and the Pure Form exhibit of Japanese sculptural ceramics.



The Year 8 Japanese class finished the term learning about Japanese cuisine, heading over to the Home Ec kitchens and experimented with Okonomiyaki, a Japanese savoury pancake.

Brittany Lawry | Japanese Teacher



RUN AGAINST VIOLENCE

Violence is an issue that needs to be taken seriously. Run Against Violence is an organisation on a mission to create a safe and healthy culture within local communities, and to remove the stigma and social barriers that often stop people from talking about their experiences and asking for help with family violence when it is needed.

The Year 12 Health and Wellbeing students are focusing their upcoming assignment on Run Against Violence. A team will be assembled to complete the challenge of running 1,300km from 30 August to 17 September, which was originally completed by Kirrily Dear when she ran from Broken Hill to Sydney in 2017.

A big thank you to all who have supported us in the fundraising process prior to this event, which will contribute to the required registration cost.

We are looking forward to this challenge and we invite others to join our team. If you are interested, contact Mrs Clark in the PE Office or via phone 8721 0200.

Megan Reid | Year 12 Student



ENTREPRENEURIAL ADELAIDE CAMP

In week 8 last term the Year 10 Elev8 class went on an Entrepreneurial camp to Adelaide. The theme for this camp was what brings out 'Your You Spark'. This included a variety of experiences in entrepreneurial learning and activities at various locations across Adelaide.

Some of the highlights included visiting Lot 14 Innovation District where innovators and entrepreneurs were observed at work, the Australian Space Discovery Centre where the students learnt about opportunities for space careers and discovery and visited a real mission control centre, MOD Gallery and The South Australian Museum where a world-renowned Paleontologist who is working with NASA shared about his work with Ediacaran fossils, camping overnight at AFL Max where entrepreneurial concepts and leadership opportunities were explored through movement and activity and finally the privilege of attending a rehearsal of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra where the students were invited to participate in the performance with some river rocks.

It was a great camp with lots of opportunities to reflect on what brings us all joy and what brings out our 'You Spark'.

Elev8 | Students



SCHOOL SPORT SA NETBALL

At the beginning of term 3 the School Sport SA Netball competition was held at Olympic Park. Mount Gambier High School entered teams into all three age groups, Year 11/12, Year 9/10 and Year 7/8 competitions.

The Year 11/12 team won all five games, going onto win the grand final by three goals. This win secured the girls a place in the State Finals held in Adelaide during week 6.

Our 7/8 team had one win for the day, finishing in 6th place, with the Year 9/10 securing two wins, also finishing in 6th place.



PRINCIPAL'S Awards

Congratulations to Jorja Burdon, Harry Martin and Peta Polgreen who were presented with a Principal's Award at the end of term 2.



FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL RESULTS

The Open Girls Football team hit the field at Blue Lake Sports Park on Wednesday 8 June. Playing off against St Martins Lutheran College (SMC) in Game 1, the girls showcased their exceptional skills, athleticism and teamwork to take the win. Our midfield and backline were unstoppable, locking the ball in our 50 for most of the game.

Game 2 saw Millicent High School win convincingly against the Grant High School girls. St Martins and Grant then played off for 3rd and 4th spot with St Martins taking the win.

Mount Gambier High School came up against Millicent in the final, facing wet and chilly conditions. After dusting off the cobwebs and nerves in the first game, the girls stepped it up a notch. Our midfielders moved the ball effortlessly in to the forward line and our forwards made use of every opportunity to hit the scoreboard. Despite the rain and mud, our girls played a clean possession game and controlled most of the play. Down the ground the girls worked hard to get into dangerous positions, making it difficult for Millicent to get a look in. All 19 girls played their role well and with a few more players to come back from illness and injury we are excited to see how far we can take girls footy in 2022.

In week 8 of term 2 the Year 11/12 Boys and Girls Basketball teams ventured to Millicent to compete in the Statewide competition. Unfortunately for the boys team, the day didn't start off too well with a loss to Millicent - 29 to 17, before rebounding to defeat Bordertown High School - 37 to 25 in the second game. The boys progressed to face Naracoorte High School who finished second in the other half of the draw. The team played a much better brand of Basketball, beating Naracoorte in a tight tussle, 33-30 and finishing third overall.

Our girls' team played two pool matches against Naracoorte and Millicent. 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 2, the girls performed strongly against Millicent, 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 this term. This will give the students the opportunity to come up against some quality regional schools.

Jamie Ryan | Girls Football Coach

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



TERM 3 SPORTS CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DATE
SSSA Year 9/10 Girls Netball - Round 1 (Location: Penola)	Week 1 - Thursday, 28 July
SSSA Year 7/8 & 11/12 Girls Netball - Round 1 (Location: Olympic Park, Mount Gambier)	Week 2 - Monday, 1 August
SSSA Year 10-12 Girls Football - Round 2 (Location: Keith Football Oval)	Week 2 - Thursday, 4 August
SSSA Year 7/8 Boys Soccer - Round 1 (Location: Grant HS)	Week 4 - Tuesday, 16 August
SSSA Year 10-12 Girls Football - Final (Location: Adelaide)	Week 4 - Thursday, 18 August
SSSA Year 11/12 Girls Basketball - Finals (Location: Adelaide)	Week 5 - Friday, 26 August
SSSA Year 11/12 Girls Netball - Finals (Location: Adelaide)	Week 6 - Monday, 29 August
South East Zone Division B Netball (Location: Olympic Park, Mount Gambier)	Week 7 - Wednesday, 7 Sept
South East Zone Year 7-12 Girls Soccer (Location: Mount Gambier, TBC)	Week 9 - Tuesday, 20 Sept
SSSA Year 11/12 Boys Soccer - Finals (Location: Adelaide)	Week 10 - Tuesday, 27 Sept
Please Note: Dates are subject to change. Students wishing to nominate for teams must do so via the online nomination form. <i>SEZ: South East Zone</i> <i>SSSA: School Sport South Australia</i>	



Mount Gambier Youth Group



Do you want
your voice heard
in the
community?



Do you like
planning and
discussing
important
issues?



Do you want to
have say in
YOUTH events,
programs and
services?

Then this group is for you!

Meeting at the Mount Gambier Library you will be involved
in discussions to help design and create the Mount
Gambier you want!



Beginning Term 4, 2022

Food and drink provided.

Come along on the following Wednesdays:

26 October, 23 November, 7 December

4:00pm – 5:00pm

For more information and to register contact Terasa on
8721 2540 or publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au



City of
Mount Gambier

Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace
Phone (08) 8721 2540

DANCE SHOWCASE

Emotions

7pm | Friday 5 August 2022
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

Adults \$15 | Students \$10

**Tickets available for purchase from 12 July through the
Country Arts SA website or the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
Ticket Office**

**Visual Arts exhibition and music performances will be on
display from 6pm in the Civic Centre foyer.**



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