



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Preparations for 2023

Whilst it may seem like we are a long way from 2023, important preparations are underway. This includes subject selection, staffing and tours for incoming year 7 students.

Subject Selection

Subject selections need to be undertaken early as this drives decisions surrounding our staffing requirements for next year. Subject selections are made online in a couple of steps. The first step indicates what subjects our students are interested in for next year. This was completed a number of weeks ago. The data informs us of the most popular subjects that can run in 2023 and those subjects where the number of students indicating interest is too low for a class to be viable. In step 2 all students select their final subject choices for 2023. This needs to be completed by the end of this term. In addition to informing our staffing needs, the process also allows us to generate 2023 timetables before the end of the year.

Staffing 2023

Panels have been running for leadership and permanent teaching vacancies. Outcomes have been announced and we congratulate the successful applicants for the following positions:

- Middle School Wellbeing Leader - Alice Collison
- Technology Studies Coordinator - Greg Kanakaris
- Science Coordinator - Grace Edwards
- Arts Coordinator - Laura Small
- IESP Coordinator - Kirilee Chapman (currently at Gordon Education Centre)

We also congratulate Kerrin Blott, Brittany Lawry and Emma Robinson who have been appointed as permanent teachers.

Panels are still in process for some leadership positions and permanent teaching vacancies. These should be completed by the end of this term, with announcements to follow at the beginning of term 4.

The panel to select the principal for the next five years has concluded. The outcome of the selection process should be known soon and the school community will be advised of this as soon as possible.

Year 7 Transition Tours

Starting high school can be daunting for many students. Over the past few weeks, groups of our current Mount Gambier High School students have enjoyed leading school tours with groups of year 6 primary students due to start at Mount Gambier High School in 2023. I thank all staff and students who played important roles in making these tours extremely successful and warmly welcoming all of our new students.

Upcoming Events

Governing Council Meeting
Monday 26 September
End of term early dismissal
2.15pm Friday 30 September

Term 4

First day of Term 4
Monday 17 October
Show Day—No School
Friday 21 October

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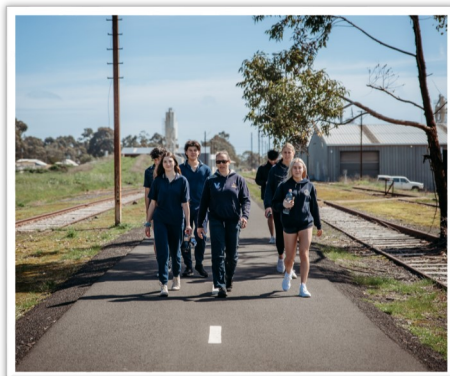
RESPONSIBILITY

RUN AGAINST VIOLENCE

The Mount Gambier High School Run Against Violence (RAV) team consisted of eight staff, seven students and one parent. There was a rush to the finish line Saturday with the Mount Gambier High School team covering the distance of 1233.78km in 19 days, which is an amazing effort. Unfortunately, we were 66.22km short of our 1300km goal to reach Sydney.

The theme for RAV is "Today's conversations are tomorrow's way of life". RAV has donated \$200,000 to the 'Love Bites' program nationally through the generous donations of people involved in the RAV virtual challenge. The program was developed in 2004 to work with year 10 students about healthy relationships. This has extended to cover students from year 7 to year 11. The 'Love Bites' program encourages children to talk about healthy relationships and what they would like their future relationships to look like. Through this education they are trying to reduce the negative impact of family violence in Australia. Kirrily Dear has been working in South Australia to try and place the 'Love Bites' program in SA schools.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Year 12 Health and Wellbeing class through this challenge, by assisting with their fundraising efforts by purchasing food at the canteen or joining the team. The class have promoted their team through Daymap messages, and newsletter articles. Sarah Ritter and Megan Reid spoke with Becc Chave from the ABC radio about their team challenge and why they chose this event as their group initiative task. Joe and Sarah spoke with a few year 7 classes to encourage them to participate in a RAV awareness event at school.



The final individual results for the team were:

Teachers	Distance (km)
Mrs Knightly	195.54
Mrs Clark	156.74
Miss Wighton	150.29
Helen	126.55
Ms Blott	121.59
Miss Ryan	71.27
Nick	43.2
Miss Kennedy	18.0

Students/Parents Distance (km)

Sarah	68.62
Hassan	66.686
Krystie	58.38
Megan	49.82
Andi	46.72
Joe	36.35
Imogen	16.21
Gui	7.81

Jacinta Clark | Health Teacher

YOUNG CHANGE AGENTS ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCHANGE



On Thursday 1 September Benefit Education and Enterprise (B.E.E) was invited to present at the Young Change Agents, Entrepreneurial Educators Exchange (E3). E3 was run in an 'unconference' style with entrepreneurial educators from around Australia presenting and working together as participants. As part of E3, Montana Biggins, Harry Martin, Sophie Kemp, Jasmine Mutch, Shelby Durbidge and two students from Heathfield High School - Entrepreneurial Specialist School, opened the day.

The team presented on student agency through entrepreneurial learning, their experiences with this at Mount Gambier High School and their business model. Lots of positive feedback, encouragement and support from all the attendees was received.

After presenting, the group participated in some of the educator sessions alongside the Heathfield students. This was a great opportunity, helping the students to realise that they are not the only ones trying to make a difference to the schooling system.

Jess Magarey | Entrepreneurial Teacher

R U OK DAY



Last Thursday Mount Gambier High School supported R U OK? Day, raising an amazing \$487! Many activities and fundraising opportunities were held on the day including a SRC and FLO Community Services project run BBQ and cake/donut stall, Staff vs Students Soccer match where the Peter McLaren R U OK? Day trophy was won by the students again this year, headspace lunch time activities, FLO designed interactive art wall, yellow scrunchies made for sale by a very talented student and a Year 11 Health class photo booth and conversation corner.

The success of the day was also thanks to these local businesses who generously donated food items to assist with the fundraising efforts: Donut King, Krispy Kreme, Coles, Woolworth - Commercial Street and Mount Gambier Frozen Foods. The wellbeing team would like to thank everyone for their support on the day. It was lovely to see the connection and conversations that occurred through the planning and running of this event.

Jodi Greenwood | Youth Worker

FENWICK ARTWORK

Our year 7 cohort have been busy creating art work for display in our Middle School Building (Mary Anne Fenwick Building). The Year 7 Murals were a project that the students completed in their classes during Impact lessons. They are a celebration of the first cohort of year 7s at Mount Gambier High School, their high school journeys and our new building which was purpose built for our year 7s.

Students worked collaboratively to come up with a design that represented their class and their feelings about high school so far.

Jess Magarey | Year 7 Year Level Manager

UNI SA MOD PRESENTATIONS

Uni SA's MOD. Gallery visited Mount Gambier High School to share exhibitions and ideas from their gallery in Adelaide. Students were able to work together to examine existential crises facing humanity at local, national and global level. They were encouraged to present these concepts in engaging ways, through narratives. MOD. also brought with them their animatronic head, 'Josh'. Students were able to interact with the piece and consider the implications of the rise of technology in their lives.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal



END OF YEAR EQUIPMENT Returns



Year 12 students with school issued equipment including laptops, bags, chargers and textbooks must return all items prior to Friday 18 November 2022. Year 12 students returning in 2023 must have subject selections in place and negotiate keeping school issued equipment with the ICT or CLC teams (dependent on equipment type).

Year 7 to 11 students returning to school in 2023 may hold onto their ICT equipment until next year, however all text books and other school borrowed items need to be returned by the last day of Year 11 Exams (year 11s) and Friday 9 December (years 7 to 10).

Accounts will be sent home for any equipment not returned to the school.



YEAR 8 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

The year 8s are currently creating historical news reports for their group assessment in Global Perspectives (GP). The students are working with Miss Koulakis and Mr Tubb to write, film (in front of a green screen) and edit a historically informed news report. This task allows the students to think critically and creatively and is the perfect example of blended learning in year 8 GP.

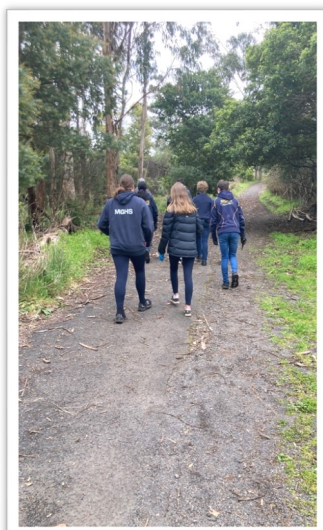
Zoe Koulakis | Global Perspectives Teacher



WEED WARRIORS

Students as part of SRC, went to the Valley Lakes and learnt about weeds and the damage they cause to the landscape. As a group, they defined what a weed is - something that is in the wrong spot. Finally, they collaborated with the Landscape Board South Australia and cleared out the weeds in a small patch of land.

Jess Magarey | Year 7 Year Level Manager



STATEWIDE OPEN NETBALL

After successfully winning the local Mount Gambier round robin netball tournament, the 11/12 Netball team ventured to Adelaide to represent Mount Gambier High School in the State Finals.

The draw in Adelaide consisted of Scotch College, Tatachilla Lutheran College, Henley Beach High School, Trinity College and Caritas College. The girls versed a well-rehearsed Scotch College in their first game. It took a couple of minutes for the team to score as the defensive pressure was very strong on both sides, however after the first goal Scotch pulled away into an early lead. Despite finishing strongly in the second half, the girls were unable to peg back Scotch's lead.

The girls versed Tatachilla in the second-round match who were desperate to win after also going down to Scotch. Mount and Tatachilla were more evenly matched with the second half being even, unfortunately Tatachilla capitalised on some errors Mount made in the first half which cost us the game.

The Mount High School girls finished 3rd in their pool which meant that they were to play Caritas in the 5v6 playoff game. The girls played another strong game of netball to come away with a convincing win to finish in 5th place in the State competition, an amazing effort out of all of the South Australian Schools.

Jacinta Clark | Coach



BIKE/BUS SHED

Locked by 9.10am

Please be advised that our bike sheds/bus shelters are open in the morning until 9.10am. To ensure the safety of the bikes stored in the sheds it is important for our staff to lock these sheds by 9.10am. School begins at 8.45am and all students should be in class by this time. Staff will not be opening the shelters after 9.10am for students arriving to school late. Students arriving after 9.10am will need to bring a bike lock to secure their bike elsewhere.

HIGH ACHIEVERS MORNING TEA

On Monday 5 September a High Achiever's Morning Tea was held to celebrate the academic success for students in years 10 to 12 from semester 1. It was a wonderful opportunity for senior staff and students to chat about how the year is going, as well as find out about student plans and pathways. Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

- Year 10: Montana Biggins, Brad Cowling, Ruby Davis, Indi Dwyer, Jordan Harmer, Harmony Kennett, Harry Martin, Jessica McDonald, Zoe Phelan, Maddi Smulders, Maria So and Milla Vinko.
- Year 11: Zeb Chant, Kayla Ferguson, Charlotte Hann, Zarly Jones, Caleb Munro, Amber McCleave, Kin Ser Oo, Cooper Sneddon, Alice Tentye, Amber Thompson, Meg White and Kate Wright.
- Year 12: Amity Aslin, Mia Bellinger, Brianna Bisnov, Marni Black, Hayden Crowe, Chelsea Dunn, Keenan Dwyer, Tully McShane, Megan Reid and Evany Rex.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

As part of their Personal Learning Plan our year 10 students undertook a week of work experience in week 5. Students spent time working in a range of industries and professions, learning what skills and expertise it takes to succeed in the world of work. Staff who visited our students were pleased to see so many of our year 10s eager to learn, using their initiative and challenging themselves. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who took on our students for this valuable experience.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator.



SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

Earlier this week our staff and students took part in the preferential voting process for our 2023 School Captain Elections. This year our seven candidates submitted campaign videos that were shown during Impact/Home Group classes on Monday morning. After a very quick but effective campaign period, the election turned out to be a very close race between all our candidates. Democratic voting came into play as we went down to 4th and 5th preferences.

School Captains, Saw Hoe Bay and Chelsea Owen

Vice-Captains, Cooper Sneddon and Zarly Jones



VET SUCCESS

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

Sophia Pollifrone, year 9 will be completing a Certificate III in Hospitality under a school-based traineeship, employed by Group Training Employment with Espresso Eatery as host employer. Sophia secured the traineeship following a one day work experience to explore pathways into the hospitality industry. Thank you to Kelly Agnew, MEGT, Lincoln Hannett, GTE and Nick Moretti, Espresso Eatery.



Alex Augustaitus, year 12 secured an apprenticeship with Grizzcom following recent work experience, impressing the boss. Alex will be completing a Certificate III in Concreting with the company. Thank you to Lincoln Hannett, GTE and Grizzcon.

Rhys Tucknott, year 12 has won a mechanical apprenticeship for 2023 with Cummins Mount Gambier after recent work experience and successfully applying for the position. Thank you to Leigh Newton, Cummins South Pacific for offering Rhys this valuable opportunity.



Eluisa Crispino |
Vocational Pathways Coordinator

VET AROUND THE SCHOOL

On Wednesday 17 August Stephen Kain, Operational Manager DMK Engineering visited Mount Gambier High School. He discussed pathways in engineering and opportunities that the company offers to its employees. In 2023 Mount Gambier High School is the host school for the Certificate II in Engineering.



We were extremely fortunate that Ben Stowe, a talent acquisition partner at Timberlink, visited recently from Melbourne. The company has opportunities for electrical pathways and various career opportunities in the timber industry.

As we are the host school for the Health and Allied Health FIP, on 12 September students took part in workshops run by Flinders University, Mount Gambier campus. Our students participated in workshops in Medicine, Nursing or Allied Health. It was a fantastic afternoon with practical sessions followed by a Q&A.



Defence Force Recruiting conducted a regional tour of the South East and surrounding areas to promote careers in the Australian Defence Force. They highlighted career pathways in the force for both women and men. There was a genuine interest from many of our students, with plenty of engagement in discussions and questions asked about the application process.



Recently Mount Gambier High School students participated in an information session to learn about career opportunities in the health industry and the care and support sectors. The presentation focused on skills, qualifications and vaccinations required to work in the sector. Presenter, Michelle Brunton from Boosting the Local Care Workforce Australia (Regional Coordinator | Limestone Coast, Murraylands, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island) discussed the many roles available that require important levels of communication skills and consumer contact, along with experience and qualifications. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions in the Q&A with the panel of experts from all Allied Health sectors. We would like to thank the many health professionals that took part in the session. The information shared was extremely valuable.



For the first time Mount Gambier High School will be offering a Certificate III in Allied Health in 2023 for our stage 1 and 2 students. This will help students to explore the different health focused pathways and careers, whilst assisting with their SACE completion.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator

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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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