



# MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome Back to Term 4

For learning, assessment and achievement this is a significant term for all students. Our year 12s are in the final stages of their work, completing the last of their assignments and preparing for exams. We will farewell our graduating class at a whole school assembly next Monday. This is an important occasion where we come together to celebrate the successful completion of their secondary years of schooling. It is a milestone for each of them which marks the end of one phase of their lives and also the beginning of the next chapter. Some of our students will continue their formal education at university or TAFE, others will move directly into employment, for some 2023 will be a gap year. We wish our year 12s all the very best for their final assessment tasks and exams, and in their chosen post-school pathway in 2023.

For all of our students, term 4 is an important opportunity to revisit and in some cases reset learning goals. By striving to do our best academically and developing good study habits such as meeting deadlines and regularly doing homework, we set ourselves up for successful completion of year 12 and achieving the South Australian Certificate of Education. We know that students who successfully complete their SACE have more options in terms of their post-school pathways which includes further education, training and employment opportunities. By building our knowledge, understanding and skills each year as we progress through school, we create a strong foundation for success in the final year of school. This term, I encourage all of our students to do their very best to achieve at the highest level and set themselves up for success for next year and beyond.

### Staffing

Late last term you would have received a letter regarding the appointment of Kym Grant as the principal of Mount Gambier High School for the next 5 years. Kym is currently principal at Mark Oliphant College which is located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. Kym has a strong record of success as a principal and educational leader. We thank the panel for their hard work in securing the best person to lead our school and warmly welcome Kym from the start of 2023.

We continue to work on staffing for next year. Subject selection is mostly complete which now allows us to determine our final staffing needs. There will be further updates once we have confirmation about the appointment of leaders and teachers for 2023.

### Brownes Road Vehicle Conduct

Brownes Road is very busy at drop off and pick up times. For the safety of our students, it is important that all drivers observe speed restrictions and are mindful of the number of pedestrians crossing the road. The residents of Brownes Road also appreciate the respect of our school community of not parking in their driveways. We ask that all drivers consider the safety of our students and the access needs of residents.

## Upcoming Events

### Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Monday 31 October

### Last Day for Year 12s

Thursday 3 November

### Year 12 Breakfast

Friday 4 November

### Remembrance Day

Friday 11 November

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## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The year is almost over and with exams and final moderation fast approaching, we know this is a busy time. We urge our students to organise their time over the next few weeks so they study hard and still make time to rest. Below are the arrangements for the end of year.

### Year 12 Farewell Assembly

A whole school assembly will be held on Monday, 31 October 2022 to celebrate our year 12 cohort and farewell them from Mount Gambier High School.

### Last Official Day

Please note the last official day for year 12 students is Thursday, 3 November 2022. In subjects where students have no exams, they may be required to attend sessions with their teachers beyond the last official day to complete final assignments. This will be at the discretion of their subject teachers.

### Year 12 Breakfast

The Year 12 Breakfast will be held the morning of Friday 4 November from 7.45am until 9.15am at the Jens Hotel. There will be no formal lessons scheduled on this day. Students will not be permitted at school after the breakfast unless they are fully engaged in a study program. If students wish to study or meet with teachers they are expected to be in full school uniform. Inappropriate behaviours on this day will have consequences applied in line with the school's Behaviour Management Policy. This may include exclusion from exams and the Year 12 Formal in November.

### Final Exams

Exams begin on Monday, 7 November with the last exam held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022. Full school uniform is required during exams and no mobile phones or smart watches will be permitted. Exams will occur on the SACE Floor, as well as rooms 23 and 32 as required. For all online exams, students must ensure their laptop is fully charged.

### Laptop/Book Returns and Lockers

Students will need to return their school laptop to the IT Office and all books to the Collaborative Learning Centre by Friday, 18 November 2022. Lockers are also required to be cleaned out and locks removed by this date.

### Year 12 Formal

The school year will conclude with the Year 12 Formal to be held at the Barn Palais on Saturday, 19 November 2022. This will be our official recognition of the completion of students' schooling and is an opportunity for students, parents/caregivers and staff to celebrate together. Tickets can be purchased through the Student Office.

### Presentation & Performance Night

This will be held in the Mount Gambier High School gymnasium on Monday, 12 December 2022. This is the school's formal celebration and showcase of student achievement for 2022. We encourage award winners and performers to attend this important event on our school calendar.

### Student Achievement Record

All students concluding their studies are entitled to a Student Achievement Record (SAR). This will only be available on request. Students requiring an SAR are asked to speak with their home group teacher to let them know they are requesting an SAR and are then to collect the SAR form from the Student Office. Please complete all relevant forms and return them to home group teachers by Thursday, 3 November. The SAR will be posted home before the end of Term 4.

### Destination Survey

A destination survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 2 November. Home group teachers will need to record each student's intended pathway.

On behalf of the senior school team, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students all the very best with finishing off their remaining assessment work and in their upcoming exams. We look forward to celebrating with them at their final official function, the Year 12 Formal and wish them every success for the future.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal

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## YEAR 12 EXAMS TIMETABLE

Week	Date	Morning Session (9 AM)	Afternoon Session (1:30 PM)
4	Monday 7 November	Mathematical Methods (130 minutes)	General Mathematics (130 minutes)
	Tuesday 8 November		Essential Mathematics (130 minutes)
	Wednesday 9 November		English Literary Studies (100 minutes)
	Thursday 10 November	Physics (130 minutes)	
	Friday 11 November	Biology (130 minutes)	Modern History (130 minutes)
5	Monday 14 November	Chemistry (130 minutes)	
	Tuesday 15 November	Psychology (130 minutes)	Japanese (continuers) (130 minutes)
	Wednesday 16 November	Specialist Mathematics (130 minutes)	
	Thursday 17 November		
	Friday 18 November		

## YEAR 12 END OF YEAR RESULTS

End of year results will be available through Students Online on Monday 19 December from 8.30am. It is expected that official documentation (including your SACE Certificate and Record of Achievement) will be received in the mail from this date in accordance with local postal schedules.

Please make sure your SACE registration and PIN details are up to date so you can access your final grades on results release day. For further information, visit the SACE website ([www.sace.sa.edu.au](http://www.sace.sa.edu.au)).

# Class of 2022

## Year 12 Formal

Saturday 19 November 2022  
6.00pm - 11.00pm

The Barn Palais  
Nelson Road, OB Flat

Tickets are available  
for purchase through  
the Student Office

# \$55.00



## BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

Late last term the Stage 1 Biology B class enjoyed a day out exploring local areas of environmental significance, and had the chance to apply their classroom learning in the field.

Students were joined by staff from Landscape SA who led the morning sessions, exploring the importance of remnant vegetation, keystone species and wetlands at both Penambol Conservation Park and Piccaninnie Ponds. Students collected samples, identified plant and macroinvertebrate species and considered existing management practices.

In the afternoon students participated in a citizen science project where they set up transects and quadrats at Finger Point Beach near Port Macdonnell to sample and determine the micro-plastic load present along the strandline (high tide line). This information can be used to build a bigger picture of the impact and spread of plastic pollution in the world's oceans. Tourists at the beach even became involved in our work, overhearing our discussion about plastic and being motivated to pick up all larger plastic pollution from the beach, which they gave to us to properly dispose of.

Jamie Taylor | Biology Teacher



## YEAR 11 WORKPLACE PRACTICES

During term 3 and 4 the Year 11 Workplace Practices class have been exploring a range of industries within the Limestone Coast. Students have had the opportunity to solidify their understanding of the world of work and develop connections with employers in the region.

Students have been on a range of excursions over the semester and have also been visited by multiple guest speakers, who have taken time out of their days to speak to the class and share their own personal experiences, within a variety of industries. It has been wonderful to see students so engaged and to see students reflecting deeply after the excursions and guest speakers, considering options for future study and employment.

Career immersion like this is not possible without the time and support of local businesses and community members - their efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

Skye Biddle | Workplace Practices Teacher





## DEBATING EISTEDDFOD

In Term 3 the local Debating Eisteddfods were held for the first time since 2019! A team of enthusiastic junior debaters, coached by debating legend Marni Black, made their way to the Wehl Street Theatre to take on Tenison Woods College. The topic for the debate was 'that beauty is more useful than brains'. As the affirmative team, Mount High Gambier High School felt they had drawn the short end of the stick, but through perseverance and dedication the team came up with some excellent points, and were well prepared to take on the challenge.

In first speaker, Mount High Gambier High School was represented by Anna Anbu, she was followed by our second speaker, Peta Polgreen, and summing up our case in third speaker was Callum McIntyre-Gregory.

After listening to the Judge's feedback, we were thrilled to find out we had beaten Tenison, walking away with a win (and some clear instructions to ensure our shirts were tucked in!). Callum received a medal for being the joint winner of the 'junior runner up debater' of the day. It made the walk to the theatre, protected from the rain by umbrellas, totally worth it!

Kate Jones | English Teacher



## YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUSHWALKING CAMP



To complete the Year 12 Outdoor Education course students headed off on a bushwalking camp along the Great South West Walk, trekking along the Glenelg River, Mount Richmond and Cape Bridgewater, completing 43kms. The class was responsible for all aspects of the camp planning, completing organisational tasks such as route plans, campsite bookings and risk management plans. It was fantastic to see the students utilising all the skills and knowledge that they had gained throughout the course.

What can only be described as unbelievable or extremely lucky the group were fortunate enough to see some amazing sites and animals, including a snake, leeches, 10 whales off Cape Bridgewater, possums, emus, wallabies, three koalas at the campsite and an echidna.

A few of the comments from students following the camp were:

- Sarah – It is interesting to see different environments and habitats such as The Glenelg River and Tarragal Woodlands.
- Seth – It was really cool to spot an echidna along the walking track.
- Tyree – I was proud how far I was able to push myself on camp to complete the long bushwalk.
- Jamie – It was good getting to know classmates better whilst sitting around the campfire.
- Brodie – I enjoyed the scenery, particularly seeing the whales.
- Tully – I liked seeing the Koala joey on its mum's back at our campsite. How lucky!
- Charlie – I loved every part of the camp. Sleeping in the tent was comfortable and being a part of nature was very relaxing.



Conor Wingard | Outdoor Education Teacher

## YEAR 12 CHILD STUDIES

Last term the Stage 2 Child Studies course completed their final assessment task - to teach a child about kitchen safety while making an appealing age-appropriate food item. This task is always a popular one as the children love the kitchen experience working with a high school student and the Year 12 class love to work with young children, finally making something that does not have nutrition as a criteria!

Congratulations to the class on having a rewarding and enjoyable experience to finish off the year.

Joanna White | Child Studies Teacher



## CALCULATOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are being called for students who wish to apply for this scholarship. You must be currently in Year 10 and studying General Mathematics or Mathematics A, B and C in Year 11 in 2023 and anticipate studying Year 12 Mathematics in 2024. Four graphic calculators (valued at approx. \$250) are donated by the school's Canteen Committee and application forms can be obtained from the Front Office prior to Friday 4 November.

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator



## YEAR 10 PLP ROUND TABLE

At Mount Gambier High School, we wish to support our students in developing a range of presentation skills that will benefit their senior years of schooling and in post school pathways.

As a part of the assessment criteria for Personal Learning Plan (PLP), all year 10 students will be expected to present their semester of learning in Round Table discussions. These will take place on Friday 25 November 2022 from 8:45am to 4:00pm in the Collaborative Learning Centre.

Please support us with this important initiative by ensuring students only attend school for their presentation time, of which they will book with their PLP Teacher in the coming weeks. They are reminded to wear uniform appropriate for involvement with members of the wider Mount Gambier Community.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been presented with Principal's Awards:

- Tyree Chisholm
- Rhys Thiele
- Jake Harvey
- Blair Virgin





## MATHS QUIZ NIGHT

Late last term thirty eight students from years 7 to 12 attended the MASA Quiz Night in Penola in recognition of national Maths month. This was a great chance for students to work in teams to solve a variety of general knowledge and maths problems. All the students were fantastic representatives of Mount Gambier High School, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and 'sportsmanship'. Great fun was had by all!

Three of our teams were successful in winning special awards. In the Intermediate section year 9 students Annapurna Anbu, Caitlin Hitchon and Alisha Cram won the Best Mathematics Team, whilst year 10 students Jenna Male, Harry Martin, Eryne Carrigan-Kempe and Harmony Kennett won the best General Knowledge Team. In the Senior section year 12 students Marni Black, Brianna Bisnov, Luca Hart and Lucas Kyle won the Best General Knowledge team. A special lunch will be held next week to celebrate their success. Thank you to our maths teachers who gave up their evening to support our students.

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator



## AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Mount Gambier High School has maintained its commendable record in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). The AMC is a fun competition with many of the problems set in situations familiar to students and showing the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

The 59 students who completed the Australian Mathematics Competition in August will receive their results this week. Special congratulations to Bayle Newman in year 9 for the best performance in the school being awarded a Certificate of Distinction. Dylan Sawyer in year 11 and Cameron Brooks in year 12 were also awarded a Certificate of Distinction.



Amongst other noteworthy achievements were the seventeen students who earned Credit Awards including Lacey Allen, Kadie Attiwill, Sam Baron, Kira Harpham, Bob Lacey, Ryan Lock, Josh Wakefield in year 7; Seth Cain, Airiz Dela Cruz and Harrison Hicks in year 8; Annapurna Anbu, Caitlin Hitchon, Haydn Lowe and Sebastian Ricketts in year 9; Devlin Harpham and Maria So in year 10 and Zeb Chant in year 11. There were also a further 23 students who achieved a Proficiency Certificate in years 7 to 12. All students will receive a detailed report showing how they went on each problem and a certificate or award commensurate with their performance. An awesome effort by all!

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator

# BASKETBALL PROGRAM

**GIRLS, AGED 14, 15 OR 16 YEARS ARE  
INVITED TO COME AND TRY BASKETBALL!**

**WHEN:** October 2022 to March 2023  
**TIME:** Wednesdays at 6pm  
**WHERE:** Basketball Stadium, 451 Commercial Street West  
**PROGRAM:** Fun, social Basketball  
**HOW TO GET INVOLVED:** Please contact Mr Wingard at MGHS for more information.

**JOIN NOW!**

## ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATOR FINALIST ANNOUNCED

We are very proud to announce that our very own Entrepreneurial Teacher, Jess Magarey has been selected as a finalist for the Entrepreneurial Educator Award as part of the 2022 Teens in Business Awards.

A joint initiative by Young Change Agents and BOP Industries, the 2022 Teens in Business Awards is a program that acknowledges, celebrates, and amplifies the creativity, passion, and interests of young people as they try to create positive change in their communities.

# JESS MAGAREY

Mount Gambier High School

Jess embodies the entrepreneurial spirit, one has been the champion of entrepreneurial education at Mount Gambier High School.

She has supported, guided and mentored a number of staff in improving their craft in the classroom to ensure the best opportunities are given to our young people. Jess has carefully created,



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## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN!

We have a large variety of scholarships available including arts, trades, music, nursing, viticulture, general studies plus a lot more for students with a connection to the Limestone Coast.

## APPLY TODAY!

Link to the application form and guidelines available at - [www.standlikestone.com.au](http://www.standlikestone.com.au)  
Applications close 30 November 2022



Contact us today - P: 7701 9259 or E: [info@standlikestone.com.au](mailto:info@standlikestone.com.au)



## TERM 4 SPORTS CALENDAR

SSSA Year 9/10 Girls & Boys Basketball – Round 1 (Naracoorte)		Wednesday 26 October
SSSA Year 9/10 Boys T20 Cricket – Round 1 (Mount Gambier)		Monday 31 October
South East Zone Disc Golf (Mount Gambier)		Friday 4 November
Year 9/10 Special Sport Programs AFL Max Camp		Monday 7 November – Tuesday 8 November
McDonald Park Primary School Sports Day (Athletics Program students officiating)		Friday 11 November
<b>P E W E E K</b>	South East Zone Year 7/8 Sports Carnival (Mount Gambier)	Monday 14 November
	South East Zone Lawn Bowls (Mount Gambier)	Wednesday 16 November
	South East Zone Year 9/10 Festival of Sport (Penola)	Thursday 17 November
	SSSA Year 9/10 Girls & Boys Basketball – Finals (Adelaide)	Friday 18 November
Year 9/10 South East Zone Tennis (Olympic Park)		Tuesday 29 November
Year 9/10 Boys T20 Cricket – Finals (Venue: TBC)		Wednesday 30 November
Yahl Primary School Sports Day (Athletics Program students officiating)		Monday 5 December
Year 7/8 South East Zone Tennis (Naracoorte)		Monday 12 December
Year 7 & 8 Modified Swimming Carnival (Nangwarry)		Wednesday 14 December
<p style="text-align: center;">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         SSSA: School Sport South Australia</i></p>		

Term 4 again presents a number of opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular School Sport events. A number of these events will take place in week 5 as part of our PE Week celebrations. On Monday year 7 students will play Kabi Kabi Buroinjin whilst year 8s will play Ultimate Frisbee. On Wednesday two teams from Mount Gambier High School will represent the school in the annual Lawn Bowls competition at the Mount Gambier RSL Bowling Club. Students in years 9 and 10 can nominate for these teams. Our year 9 and 10 students will travel to Penola on Thursday for the Festival of Sport. On this day year 9 students will play Touch Football and the year 10s will compete in a Volleyball tournament. All students will need to nominate online (link provided in the Daymap bulletin) to participate in these events.

We are also looking forward to hosting our year 7 and 8 students in week 9 at the Nangwarry Swimming Pool for the modified Swimming Carnival. This will allow students to participate in their house teams, whilst competing in a variety of swimming and novelty activities.

Students are reminded to access the bulletin via Daymap on a daily basis to receive all relevant information regarding upcoming events, team/event nominations and relevant team meetings.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



# *Limestone Coast* **JOBS AND SKILLS SHOWCASE**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**10am - 4pm**

**City Hall, Mount Gambier**

*Are you looking for a job or career change?*

**Come & have a chat to local employers from across the region!**

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