



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 12s

Week 3 was the last formal week of schooling for our year 12 students. This was celebrated through the whole school farewell assembly on the Monday and breakfast Friday morning.

Exams have been underway and final assessment pieces being completed for submission. The year 12s have been well supported throughout the year by their teachers and we thank them for their commitment to the success of their students.

The formal is the last school event for our year 12 students and is a time to celebrate the year that was but also the conclusion of secondary schooling.

On behalf of all staff at Mount Gambier High School, we wish all our year 12 students the best for the future and look forward to celebrating all student results when they are released in early December.

Staffing

There has been consistent work done over the past few months to fill leadership, teaching and non-teaching positions for 2023. We congratulate all staff who have been appointed to positions and look forward to working with them in 2023.

Current contract teachers, Kerrin Blott, Emma Robinson and Brittany Lawry were eligible for conversion to permanency for 2023.

Ongoing teaching vacancies were identified and through merit selection processes have been filled. These are:

- HASS/English - Skye Biddle
- HASS/Business Innovation - Laurent Bope
- English/Psychology - Dhwani Gandhi
- Design and Technology - Christopher Jordan
- Maths/Science - Slawomir Kutny
- English Literary Studies - Kate Jones

Leadership positions were also identified and through merit selection processes have been filled. These are:

- B1 Arts Coordinator - Laura Small (on leave until Semester 2)
- B1 Arts Coordinator Semester 1 - Trish Jenkins
- B1 Science Coordinator - Grace Edwards
- B1 Middle School Wellbeing Leader: Alice Collison
- B1 Senior School Wellbeing Leader: Michael Brooks
- B1 Technologies Coordinator - Greg Kanakaris
- B1 IESP Coordinator - Kiralee Chapman

Upcoming Events

Year 12 Formal

Saturday 19 November

Small Schools Transition Day

Tuesday 22 November

Stage 1 Exams

Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 November

PLP Round Tables

Friday 25 November

Governing Council Meeting

Monday 28 November

Year 7 Parents Info Night

Monday 5 December

Year 7 Orientation Days

Wednesday 7 to Thursday 8 December

Year 10s Last Day

Friday 9 December

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- B3 Senior School Assistant Principal - Samantha Brown
- B3 Middle School Assistant Principal: Kathryn Sutton

We also congratulate the following non-teaching staff members who have recently won roles:

Wellbeing Support Officer—Christie McCourt

Laboratory Manager—Colleen Bernie

Youth Worker—Nick Morony

Youth Worker—Shannon Pearce

Senior School Admin Support—Pauline McInerney

Middle School Admin Support—Prue Xanthopoulos

Student Services/Faculty Support Officer—Hannah Fry

Student Services Officer—Loretta Pople

CLC Support Office—Brooke Rzepiela

PE Week

This week we involved ourselves in the annual celebration of all things active for PE Week 2022. Some great activities have been held throughout the week with the importance of being fit, healthy and active a focus. A huge thank you to our HPE specialist staff for the organisation and running of the program, and staff who have supported the program for offering so many opportunities for participation throughout the week.

STEMIE

A huge congratulations to our Stem Innovation Challenge team. Last week the team of six students travelled to Adelaide to compete in the National STEMIE competition, having won the regional finals earlier this term. Supported by Karen Henman, the group undertook a series of challenges connected to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This involved applying their knowledge and skills and working together as a team to solve a number of challenges. The students were amazing ambassadors for



Annette Ryan
Principal



our school, winning ultimate victory by 16mins.

PRESENTATION & PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Presentation and Performance Night will be held at the Mount Gambier High School gymnasium on Monday 12 December where we will celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students for 2022. The evening will have an array of entertainment to showcase our talented dance, drama and music students. Our school has much to celebrate and the evening will be structured into two sessions. The Middle School session (Years 7, 8 and 9) will run from 6.00pm to 7.15pm and the Senior School session (Years 10, 11 and 12) will commence at 7.45pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm.

Notifications to award winner recipients and performers will be posted home. If you receive mail through a post office box, please check your boxes. We ask that families of award winners and performers consider the significance of this evening and join us in the celebrations at this event.

Tickets for family and friends will be available at the Student Office from Monday 21 November (week 6) between the hours of 8am and 4pm. All details have been outlined in letters sent home. Consent forms must be returned to the Student Office no later than Monday 5 December (week 8).

Suze Ricketts | Deputy Principal

PREMIER'S HOUR OF POWER

Last Friday Mount Gambier High School staff members, Josh Praolini and Sarah Dally, and student, Brad Cowling were invited to lunch with the Premier by the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce. The three were lucky enough to sit with the Premier and had the chance to share with him some of the projects they had been working on, including Sarah's SASI scholarship and Brad's new business, MitZ Surf

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal



YEAR 12S FINAL WEEK

What a week it was for our Class of 2022. Not only did we have the school organised events, but the students also organised some fun and frivolity for each day to entertain not only themselves but the whole school community. Monday was the Farewell Assembly; Tuesday saw our students swap their uniforms for Pyjamas; Wednesday was dress as another gender and the creativity of students was certainly on show. By the time Thursday rolled around, it was silly socks and crazy hair day. For the girls it was more of a pig tail day and at recess there was a Class of 2022 celebratory cake. Friday was the traditional muck up day with the scavenger hunt held after the annual breakfast at the Jens Hotel.

While there was certainly some laughter, there were also some tears and the realisation that their time at school was coming to an end, even though there are still exams and some assignments to finish off in the next week or so.

It has been a wonderful journey to go on with the Class of 2022 and on behalf of the Mount Gambier High School community, we wish you all the very best for your next adventures in life. We have watched you grow and develop over the last five years into beautiful young people and we look forward to seeing what life has in store for you. We look forward to celebrating with you at the Year 12 Formal on Saturday night.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal





YEAR 7 HACKATHON

Year 8 students, Bob Lacey, Ryan Lock, Jett Attiwill, William Judd and James McGinn, the winning team from the Forestry Hackathon got to experience their prize earlier this term. The team had selected the drones from forestry to curate their own excursion. Sarah Maddison, OneFortyOne instructed the boys on drone operation in the field, giving them a chance to try drone flight for themselves. Spencer O'Keefe, PHD candidate from UniSA then showed how the use of emergent technology like augmented reality was being utilised for data visualisation in the field.

The school is grateful for the Green Triangle Forestry Industry Hub, OneFortyOne and UniSA for their support with these experiences.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal



SUSTAINABILITY BOSS WINNER EXPERIENCES

Our Sustainability Boss winners have begun to cash in their experience prizes from early this year. In week 2 three year 8 students went to Scroll Queen. These students spent a few hours designing, baking, and garnishing their own flavour of scrolls with owner, Dylan McQueen. The trio decided to create a Wagon Wheel scroll with extra jam and a peanut butter, banana and Caramilk scroll. Students spoke with Dylan about how to build and run a successful business, his personal journey, and the social enterprise they created early this year. They got to be involved in the entire process as well as other little jobs that needed to be completed around the shops and for scrolls that were for sale in the cabinet. This was a fantastic opportunity for the group to engage with a local business, develop skills and eat some delicious scrolls.

Another group of students went to visit the Mayor's office, for the 'Mayor for the Morning' prize. Students were able to experience what it is like to work in and with City Council, exploring some of the ways the council are working with the community to make Mount Gambier even better.

Josh Praolini | Entrepreneurial Assistant Principal





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Christmas Hampers

The wellbeing team have been busy putting together Christmas hampers (food staples and hygiene items) for MGHS families.



Please contact the school if you would like a hamper.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

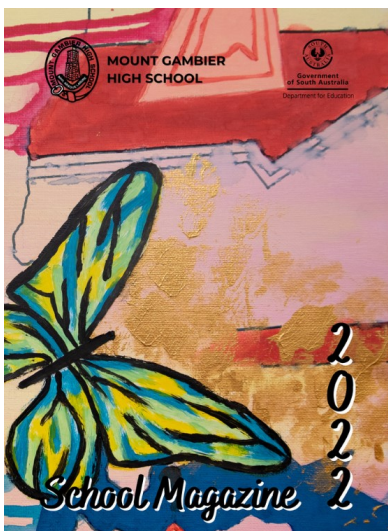
In keeping with tradition, Mount Gambier High School recognised the significance of Remembrance Day by the laying of a wreath at the Vansittart Park War Memorial and through a whole school assembly conducted in the school gym. The school assembly, led by 2023 Elected Vice-Captains, Cooper Sneddon and Zarly Jones began with the Acknowledgement of Country. Jayden Manifold and Bella Shaughnessy read the stories of two Mount Gambier High School ex-scholars and Anna Anbu read the poem "In Flanders Fields" before those assembled showed their respect through the traditional minute's silence.

2023 Elected School Captain, Chelsea Owen was given the honour of reading the Ode at the Vansittart Park service. Year 10 student, Jorja Owen and 2023 Elected School Captain, Saw Hoe Bay laid a wreath on behalf of Mount Gambier High School staff and students. Following the ceremony, Hoe Bay, Chelsea and Jorja joined with School Captains from Compton Primary School for short ceremonies, first at the Boer War Memorial on Bay Road and later at the Lake Terrace Cemetery War Graves.

Mount Gambier RSL have been keen to raise awareness about the local Boer War Memorial on Bay Road. The Boer War was fought in South Africa from 1899 to 1902. Six local volunteers lost their lives in this conflict. The local Boer War Memorial was officially opened by Mount Gambier local Colonel Howland, who had been commanding officer of the First South Australian Mount Rifles in South Africa.

The Lake Terrace Cemetery War Graves are the final resting place of four Air Force trainees who were killed near Mount Gambier while serving in World War II. These men were all from interstate and so, for years, local Air Force veterans such as Charlie Miller and Jack Hopgood held a small service in their honour so their families could be assured that they had not been forgotten. Charlie and Jack have now passed away, but our two schools have decided to continue the tradition they began.

Graeme Roulstone | History Teacher



2022 SCHOOL MAGAZINE *Pre Orders Now Open*

Orders are now being taken for our 2022 School Magazine which will be delivered next year.

The School Magazine is a fantastic memento of the many exciting events and activities from the school year and is a great way to look back over your student's achievements and experiences in future years to come.

If you wish to purchase a 2022 School Magazine of \$18.00 (inc GST) please see below payment methods:

- Cash or card in person/card over the phone through the Student Office
- QKR App – under School Payments tab
- Online payment - <https://www.mghs.sa.edu.au/html/payment-bpoint.html>

The 2022 School Magazine will be available for collection between terms 2 and 3, 2023.

STAGE 1 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The year is drawing to a close and with exams and final assignments fast approaching, we know this is a busy time. We urge our students to organise the remaining weeks so they study hard and still have time to rest. Below are the arrangements for the end of year.

The last official day of lessons for all Stage 1 subjects is Tuesday, 22 November 2022.

Exams

Exams will be held from Wednesday, 23 November to Friday, 25 November on the SACE Floor.

Room 29 will act as the study floor if students choose to come in and prepare for exams. Students will be required to record their attendance on the sign-in sheet.

Students will be offered a debrief lesson to collect and review their exams. Subject teachers will let students know when they will be available in their classroom for the first half of their scheduled lesson time to meet with students during Week 7. Students may also be required to finish off any remaining assessment work during this time.

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.

Book Returns/School Clearance Procedures

Please return all books to the Collaborative Learning Centre and if you are leaving school, follow clearance procedures outlined on the forms available from the Student Office by Wednesday, 30 November.

Lockers

Students are asked to clean out lockers and return keys or remove locks by Tuesday, 22 November.

Laptops

If you are not returning to school in 2023, you must return all your IT equipment to the IT Office by Wednesday, 30 November 2022.

Students returning in 2023 may choose to keep using the school supplied device at school in 2023, however, a reminder these laptops are an ageing device. Mount Gambier High School has endorsed a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. If you would like to purchase a device, please refer to the following link for guidelines and requirements for a BYOD: <http://www.mghs.sa.edu.au/html/askit-byod.html>.

We wish you every success with end of year exams and assignments. If you are leaving school, we wish you all the best in your endeavours and for those returning in 2023, we look forward to working with you to achieve your year 12 goals.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



BANDANNA DAY

Earlier this term our Student Representative Council once again held the annual fundraiser for CanTeen's Bandanna Day.

Sausages and other goodies were on offer during the lunch break and CanTeen bandannas sold to help raise valuable funds for this worthy charity.

STAGE 1 EXAM TIMETABLE—WEEK 6

Date	Subject	Duration	Time	Room	Teacher
Wednesday 23 November	Chemistry	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9:00 – 11:10	SACE Floor	EDWAGR
	Essential Mathematics	1 hour plus 10 minutes	9:00 – 10:10	SACE Floor	TUBBNI
	Biology – Human Focus	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1:00 – 3:10	SACE Floor	ASHCDA
	Environmental Biology	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1:00 – 3:10	SACE Floor	TAYLJA
Thursday 24 November	General Maths	1 hour plus 40 minutes	9:00 – 10:40	SACE Floor	EDWAGR
	General Maths	1 hour plus 40 minutes	9:00 – 10:40	SACE Floor	HOSSRA
	Maths C	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9:00 – 11:10	SACE Floor	TRNOAL
	General Maths	1 hour plus 40 minutes	1:00 – 2:40	SACE Floor	ZHAOAA
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Friday 25 November	Psychology	2 hours plus 10 minutes	9:00 – 11:10	SACE Floor	ASHCDA
	Physics	1 hour plus 30 minutes	9:00 – 10:30	SACE Floor	KANAGR
	English Literary	1 hour plus 30 minutes	1:00 – 2:30	Room 23	KOOPSI
	Catch-up Session	2 hours plus 10 minutes	1:00 – 3:10	Room 23	

YEAR 9/10 DANCE

On Wednesday 9 November the year 9/10 Dance class took the opportunity to perform their own choreography to an audience of two year 7 classes. Dance students were given a task based on choreographic exploration. The class is made up of students from varying dance backgrounds who all rose to the occasion. We had a variety of performances from multiple genres.

A special thank you to Mr Tubb and Caitlin Hitchon for working behind the scenes and operating the lights to enhance our performances. Thank you to both Miss Jones and Miss Collison for bringing their classes to the performance, giving our dance class the opportunity to publicly perform their pieces.

Trish Jenkins | Dance Teacher



AFL MAX CAMP

Our Year 9/10 Special Sports Program students travelled to Adelaide for their AFL Max camp. The students learnt important leadership skills and strategies, using AFL Max's 4 Quarter Leadership framework, participating in a variety of practical activities throughout AFL Max:

- Q1: Me – Be a better you. Goal setting and understanding your strengths.
- Q2: Purpose – The why behind what you do. Active problem-solving challenges.
- Q3: Connect – Great communication begins with connection. Interactive team challenges.
- Q4: Perform – Setting high standards is the beginning High Performance challenges.

The camp combined physical and theoretical based learning, across the entire venue from rock climbing, trampolines, inflatables, and interactive gaming screens.

Kerran Wingard | Special Sports Coordinator



UNI SA STEM INNOVATION EXPERIENCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Our STEM Innovation Experience (STEMIE) team were crowned winners at the National STEMIE final last Thursday in Adelaide, after successfully winning the regional final earlier this term. The theme for this year's STEM based tasks was 'Revolutionary Resources for Future Generations'.

Team members Zeb Chant, Dylan Sawyer, Nate Whitehead, Molly Antonio, Jordan Harmer, Maria So, Blu Nay Say and Eryne Carrigan-Kemp worked together throughout term 3 to complete 20 tasks to qualify for the regional final where they showcased their learning.

They completed complex STEM challenges including designing and conducting a practical science experiment to electroplate an iron nail with copper, engineering a transport system using Lego and VEX robotics, programming an Arduino environmental awareness system device to keep workers safe in mines and using spreadsheets to predict future supply and demand of electricity in 2030 for South Australia. A highlight was the mock social media campaign that bonded the team together with their favourite 'Teamwork makes the Dreamwork' hashtag.

After presenting their learning at Regional Showcases the winning teams from across South Australia, Victoria and Queensland qualified for the STEMIE Finals held at The University of South Australia, Magill Campus.

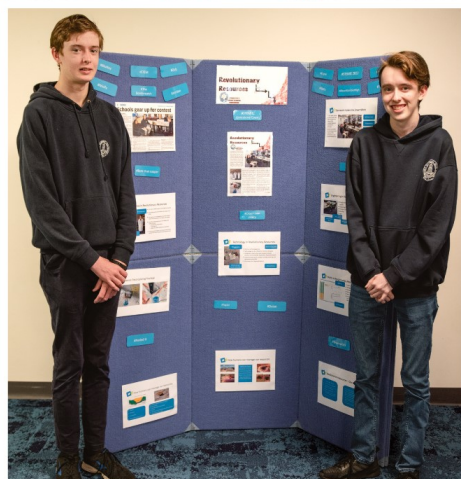
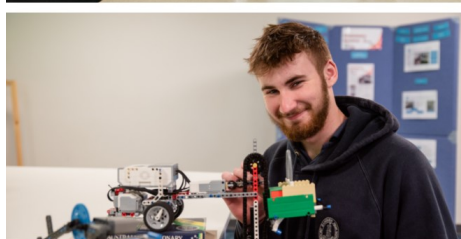
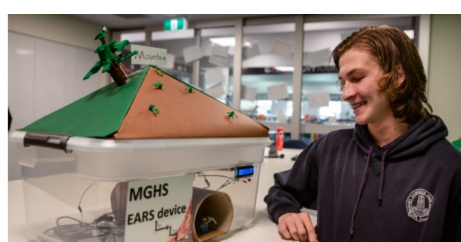
At the National final students took part in a series of unseen STEM challenges in an escape room meets amazing race style competition. Mount Gambier High School were the winners this year, making them the first school to win the finals twice, having previously taken out the title in 2016. This year was the first year interstate teams have been involved in STEMIE.

"We were a little shocked to take out the National Title by such a large winning margin (16mins). The challenges are designed to be completed by a team within 2 hours so to have our team finish in an hour and 11 minutes we were really proud of the efforts from each team member," Zeb Chant, Year 11.

"The STEMIE experience was a fun, technical challenge that allowed me to use my skills and knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The team began working on the challenges for the Regional competition back in term 2, so to win the regional competition and then travel to Adelaide for the national competition was a great end to a good 6 months of hard work," Molly Antonio, Year 11

"We would like to thank Mrs Henman and all the other teachers that helped us to reach the National finals. Without Mrs Henman's encouragement and guidance we would not have been as successful," Jordan Harmer, Year 10.

Karen Henman | Maths Coordinator



VET NEWS

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



Year 10 Student, Blake Pohlner has secured a School Based Traineeship with The Sign Depot. Blake will be completing a Certificate III in Sign

and Graphics. He was fortunate to secure a traineeship after completing work experience. Thank you to Ben Marcus, The Sign Depot and Kelly Agnew, MEGT.

Year 11 student, Soe Nay Bell has secured employment with Exact Align, once again after a successful week of work experience. Thank you to Harry from Exact Align for offering Soe Nay this opportunity as he is looking forward to developing his skills as a mechanic.



FLO student, Violet Phillips has secured a School Based Traineeship with The Apple Farm. Violet will be completing a Certificate III in Hospitality. Violet is already a valuable member of the Apple Farm team and it was with great pleasure that owner Kelsie offered her this opportunity. Thank you to Kelsie Prowse, the Apple Farm and Leanne Cameron, MEGT.



On Wednesday 9 November Andrew Parkes from MTA (Motor Trade Association)

visited the school for a workshop in the Automotive industry. Andrew not only discussed the different roles and job opportunity that are offered by the organisation but also engaged students in a Pit Stop challenge. The presentation was both interactive and educational, inspiring some of our year 9 students to consider a career in the Automotive sector in the near future.



YEAR 9 CAREERS EXPO

On Monday 31 October year 9 students attended a Career Exploration Day at TAFE. This was part of their exploration and future planning session connected to their Impact program.

Students were encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops, mostly hands on to familiarise themselves with the many courses offered at our local TAFE. These courses are the springboard to employment or to further studies at university.

Many students enjoyed the Allied Health workshops and the cooking session where they had a taste of what they produced.

Thank you to all the Year 9 Impact teachers for their support and Ally Skeer, Manager Education Partnerships and the TAFE lecturers for their help and organisational skills to ensure that our students had many experiences to choose from.

Eluisa Crispino | Vocational Pathways Coordinator



YEAR 9 ART & PHOTOGRAPHY



On Wednesday 2 November Miss Johnson's Year 9 Visual Art and Year 9 Photography students ventured out into the local sights of Mount Gambier, including Carpenter's Rocks, the Little Blue Lake and Umpherston Sink Hole.

The Visual Art students had the aim of taking photos to use as a reference photo for their landscape paintings, meanwhile the photography students aim was to experiment with various composition techniques like leading lines and rule of thirds as well as taking photos that highlight these locations. We managed to miss the rain, get some amazing shots and even make some time for some sketching at Umpherston Sink Hole!

Rebecca Johnson | Visual Arts and Photography Teacher

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