



MOUNT GAMBIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to what will be a busy term with several new initiatives being implemented at the school.

We also welcome back Karen Jared from leave. Karen will resume teaching Science in the Middle Years.

This term our focus will be on the implementation of a new 'Behaviour Support Policy'. Much work has already been done with both staff and students which has been based on feedback provided by students in the many forums we have conducted to date. We still have a number of these to go, with our middle school students being provided with the opportunity to have their say over the next two weeks. I would like to acknowledge our student leaders who have facilitated many of these sessions.

Our new policy is based on the premise that good behaviour management provides students with a choice by making clear the consequences that result from particular behaviours to enable them to begin accepting responsibility for their behaviours. Students need opportunities to alter inappropriate behaviour and learn from their error of judgement in the safe environment of a school. Our newly agreed 'Code of Conduct' will be discussed and referred to regularly with students. A "step" system will be used, when appropriate, so that students can exercise a choice about continuing inappropriate behaviour before a consequence occurs. These steps will be made clear to all students and will be highly visible in classrooms.

We hope to have our draft policy tabled at Governing Council in week 4 with the view to implementing it as soon as possible, following consultation and feedback from staff. The ratified policy and revised 'Code of Conduct' will be uploaded to our website to ensure all parents/caregivers are fully informed. The community will be informed as to when this will be implemented via Daymap or in our next newsletter.

Our second priority is that of literacy. Our achievement data reveals that whilst there are students who can read, they have difficulty comprehending what they are reading. Our teachers as well as support staff, are exploring high impact strategies to support students who possess such difficulties. Students may already be noticing changes in teacher practice in their classes as we explore what works based on national and international research.

All teachers will also be actively promoting a positive attitude towards numeracy across all subject areas. Research has shown that when students develop and demonstrate positive attributes, skills, and mindset towards mathematics & numeracy their results improve in this subject area. This is particularly true when they understand and are able to articulate the numeracy in different subject areas and contexts applying their skills to real life situations.



Kym Grant
Principal

White Ribbon
Australia School

Upcoming Events

Governing Council Meeting
6pm Monday 22 May

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LEARNING

BELONGING

RESPONSIBILITY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

COVID-19

Whilst COVID may not be as prevalent as it has been, we are still experiencing a small number of staff and students who are contracting the virus. Can I ask that parents/caregivers be vigilant in regards to symptoms and get your child tested if symptoms persist. Staff and students are still required to remain away from school for five days or until symptoms are no longer present.

MATERIALS & SERVICES

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees or entered into a payment arrangement. Final Notice letters for outstanding school fees will be posted soon to those families with outstanding accounts. Governing Council wish to advise that if payment is not received before the end of term action will be taken to recover the debt.

If you believe you may be entitled to School Card assistance, please complete an application form. 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, in person at the student office or alternatively contact 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

ANZAC DAY

Our School Captains, Chelsea Owen and Hoe Bay, along with Miss Collison represented Mount Gambier High School at the Vansittart Park ANZAC Day Dawn Service during the holiday break. We always feel very privileged to lay a wreath at the service on behalf of the school community and enjoy the delicious breakfast provided by the RSL.

As in previous years the group continued traditions formed by Mr Roulstone and previous captains, attending the Boer War Memorial later in the morning. Here they led another tribute with the RSL before moving to the Lake Terrace Cemetery War Graves. The captains read a small passage to honour, in particular the memory of Charlie Miller (whom one of our Mount Gambier High School buildings is named after) and Jack Hopgood. For years Charlie, Jack and others held a ceremony to remember their fallen comrades and we are honoured to continue their legacy.

Thank you to Jorja Owen for taking photos.

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator



ART CRAWL PREPARATION

Our Art students are getting excited as they put the final touches on their artwork for the Mount Gambier High School Art Crawl. They have been busy thinking, planning and creating artworks to suit display in a variety of local eateries and entertainment businesses. They are excited to show off and possibly sell their artworks!

This year, Metro will be opening their doors to host an open night to begin the Art Crawl on Friday 26 May between 4.00pm and 5.30pm. Snacks and nibbles will be provided and drinks can be purchased from the Metro bar.

Rebecca Johnson | Visual Art Teacher



MAY THE FOURTH!

The Collaborative Learning Centre (CLC) was decorated in a Star Wars theme during the first two weeks of term. Students enjoyed watching Star Wars movies during their breaks on the big screen in the Green Room. The entire CLC was decorated with Star Wars pictures and the weekly Wednesday Quiz was based around a Star Wars theme. We were fortunate to have our resident 'Lego Master' teacher, Mrs Robinson share with us her collection of Star Wars memorabilia and as predicted it was not a small collection! We even catered for students with a cold by providing "Yoda" tissues. It was great to see the enjoyment that many of the students got from the displays and activities.

During the course of the year, the CLC often have larger displays depicting important or topical events, as well as the usual break activities for students such as joining in and helping with the current jigsaw we have in progress, board game days, weekly quiz day, Lego and 3D printing clubs, craft club and giant games day all whilst enjoying the tunes from our UE Boom speakers.

Colleen Kelly | CLC Manager



ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM

Last week members of our local and state MFS and CFS delivered the Road Awareness Program to our year 11 cohort.

The Road Awareness Program (RAP) is a powerful, hard-hitting road safety presentation delivered by firefighters to both young and experienced drivers across South Australia and interstate. The program is designed to give an open and honest insight into the experience of firefighters working in road crash rescue. RAP seeks to actively engage and empower drivers and other road users through positive peer pressure and its core message: "You get to choose the risk; but you don't get to choose the consequences".

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal



SPORTING NEWS

On 28 March three students represented Mount Gambier High School competing in the Lower South East Stableford Golf competition held at Attamurra Golf Course. Congratulations to Will Von Stanke, Jorja Morale and Callum Harvey for their participation, and for being superb representatives for their school.

On 13 April our Open Boys cricketers took on Grant High School in a one-off Twenty20 encounter. We won the toss and chose to bowl first, restricting Grant to 4/134. Charlie Lockwood was impressive with the ball, taking multiple wickets.

In response, we struggled with the bat, falling 60 runs short of victory. Will Von Stanke and Ryan Lucas were best with the willow.

Michael Brooks | PE Teacher



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BRICKS & MORTAR

And Independent Learning Centre

CNFSN CONFESSION

TREEHOUSE ADVENTURE CENTRE

Penola Road

26th May
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4th June




Bay Road



Mount Gambier High School invites you to their annual
Art Crawl

Students from Year 10 Visual Art, FLO's Artopia class and Independent learning centre have created artworks that are exhibited and for sale in various locations across Mount Gambier

Opening night at METRO Friday 26th May 4:00pm-5:30pm

Compton Street




City of Mount Gambier Library




RSL

Compton Street


TIPS TO TUNE IN




BE PLAYFUL




MOVE JOYFULLY




BE CURIOUS ABOUT YOURSELF



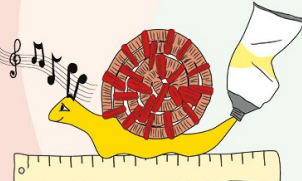
TAKE TIME TO REST




PRACTISE SELF COMPASSION



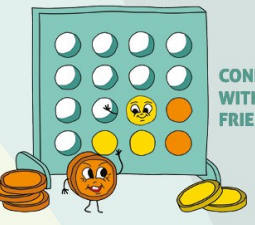
WEAR SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE 'YOU'



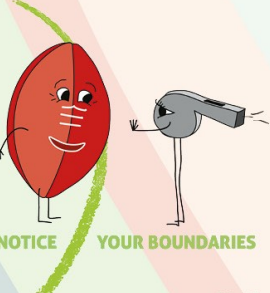
DO SOMETHING CREATIVE



GROUND YOURSELF BY CONNECTING TO THE EARTH



CONNECT WITH FRIENDS



NOTICE YOUR BOUNDARIES

MENTALHEALTHMONTH.ORG.AU

Mental health month is an initiative of WayAhead, funded by the NSW Government

WayAhead
Mental Health Association NSW

TERM 2 SPORTING CALENDAR

SSSA Year 9/10 Boys Football Div. 2 - Millicent HS	Week 4 - Tuesday 23 May
SSSA Open Boys Football Div. 3 - Vansittart Park	Week 4 - Thursday 25 May
SEZ Interschool Cross Country - Millicent HS	Week 5 - Wednesday 31 May
SSSA Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball - Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre	Week 5 - Thursday 1 June
SEZ Year 11/12 Open Boys Soccer - Grant High School	Week 7 - Thursday 15 June
SEZ Year 9/10 Girls Netball - Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre	Week 8 - Tuesday 20 June
SEZ Year 7/8 Girls Netball - Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre	Week 8 - Thursday 22 June
SSSA Year 9/10 Boys Soccer - Mount Gambier	Week 9 - Tuesday 27 June
SSSA Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball Div. 2 Finals - Adelaide	Week 9 - Wednesday 28 June
Berri Regional Secondary College Exchange - Bordertown	Week 10 - Wednesday 5 July
Please Note: Dates are subject to change.	
*Students wishing to nominate for teams must do so by accessing the online form via the Daymap bulletin.	
SEZ: South East Zone SSSA: School Sport South Australia	

ADELAIDE ATHLETICS

After competing in the SEZ Interschool Competition in Millicent, 47 students travelled to Adelaide in week 10 last term to compete in the School Sport SA Athletics Division A2 Competition. The statewide competition allows us to compete against a variety of powerhouse public and private schools. This year we took up a team of 47 students that competed across 123 events. This was a tremendous effort for our students to spread themselves out amongst such a high number of events where other schools had double the number of students to draw from. This alone speaks volumes on the huge effort and 'ticker' that our students have.

We are very proud of all our team who displayed fantastic perseverance and sportsmanship across the day. Our girls placed first, second or third in eight individual events and the boys competed strongly throughout the day, placing in 24 individual events, including 10 firsts. Four of our students achieved individual standards on the day, which places them in the top 5% of competitors across the six days of the statewide competition, which is an amazing effort. Overall, our team finished 7th and will be competing in the B1 Competition in 2024.

Abbey Duncan | Special Sports Coordinator

