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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 2024.

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 Update

We welcome Brett Johns as our new Aboriginal Community and Engagement Officer (ACEO). Brett has also been working with students as part of our Automotive Program this year and as such has established great relationships with many of our students.

Your feedback

The end of the year is approaching at a rapid rate with only seven weeks left of this term. As already mentioned year 12 exams and final assessments are looming, excursions are being organised and assessment of student learning is being finalised. Despite all of this we as a school need to take a moment to enable us to look towards 2024 with the view to further improving the learning experiences of our students.

Schools do not work in isolation. A school is only as good as the quality of connections it makes with its community, parents and students. As international research suggests, the connections the school possesses does have a significant and positive impact on student achievement and progress. Yet the research also shows that for every one positive comment a school receives, on average, there are 33 negative ones which more often than not manifests themselves in unfounded



Upcoming Events

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Monday 30 October

Last Day for Year 12s

Thursday 2 November

Year 12 Breakfast

Friday 3 November

Stage 2 Exams

Monday 6 to Tuesday 14 November

Student Free Day

Friday 10 November

Year 12 Formal

Saturday 18 November

Presentation & Performance Night

Monday 11 December

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RESPONSIBILITY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

negative perceptions of a school and its students. It is only working closely with all in a positive and constructive manner that we can combat such perceptions and be acknowledged for the great things that happen at our school.

As with any progressive organisation there will always be a level of criticism as things change, more often than not in ways which are counter to what we experienced in our own education, or what we believe a good education should look like, based again, on our own experiences whether they be good or bad.

In saying this I would like to hear your opinion on how as a school we are progressing and have provided you with a link below which is a short confidential survey with the aim of giving us an indication of your level of satisfaction with the school at this point in time. I would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this as it will provide us with valuable feedback as to how we can further improve by building stronger connections with our families and the wider community. If you have any difficulties with this please contact the school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9CgxueNH6g>

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 17 November 2023. Year 12 students returning in 2024 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 2024 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 - 29 November 2023 (year 11s) and Friday 8 December 2023 (years 7 to 10).

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

GRAPHIC CALCULATOR *Scholarships*

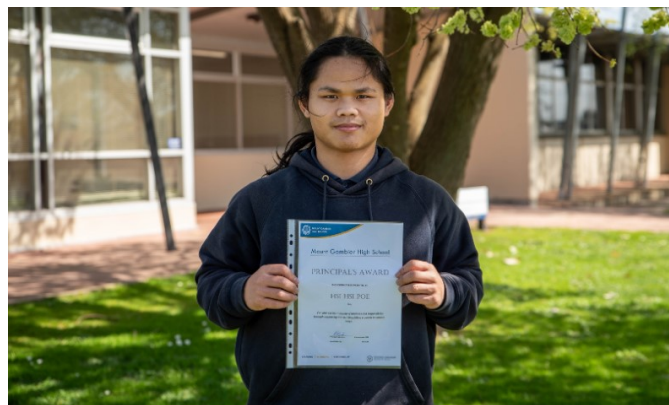
Applications are being called for students who wish to apply for this scholarship. You must be currently in year 10 and studying General Mathematics or Mathematics A, B and C in year 11 in 2024 and anticipate studying Year 12 Mathematics in 2025. Three graphic calculators (valued at approx. \$260) are donated by the school's Canteen Committee and application forms can be obtained from Reception before/after school, during recess or lunch.

Applications are now open and close on Thursday 9 November at 3.30pm. If you have any queries, please see your Maths teacher or Mrs Henman.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

We would like to congratulate the following students who were recently presented with Principal's Awards!

Hsi Hsi Poe, Calais Bormann, Skye Pitts, Zahlia Humby and Alexis Wanstall.



MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

As part of Year 12 Society and Culture, Cooper Sneddon and Chelsea Owen organised a fundraiser for Make a Wish Foundation.

Their slogan "Express yourself past the diagnosis" was created and a dress up/casual day organised late last term to raise funds. A gold coin donation was requested to participate on the day and a catwalk event was held at lunch time in the gym, where approximately 30 staff and students strutted their stuff down the runway in a array of costumes and outfits.

\$600 worth of prizes were kindly donated by Kaboom Entertainment, Oatmill Cinema, Boost Juice, 25 Acres, Active8, The Spot and Gambier City Pharmacy with awards handed out for best overall outfit, best catwalk and best dressed.

Amanda Lengyel | Public Relations Officer



YEAR 12 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The end of the year is fast approaching and so to are final assessment deadlines and exams. We know this is a busy and stressful time, so we urge students to use their time effectively to study hard, complete remaining assessment work and still make time to rest. Below is the information and arrangements for students and families heading towards the end of the year.

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

A final assembly to acknowledge the Class of 2023 will be held on Monday, 30 October 2023 during lesson 2.

Last Official Day

Please note the last official day for year 12 students is Thursday, 2 November 2023. 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 school has organised a year 12 breakfast for staff and students on the morning of Friday, 3 November from 7.45am until 9.15am at the Mount Gambier RSL. This will be a cooked breakfast at a cost of \$15 per person to be paid to the Student Office by Friday 27 October. Please inform the Student Office of any dietary requirements at the time of payment. 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 dress code. 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, 6 November with the last exam held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023. Full school dress code 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 electronic exams, students must ensure their laptop is fully charged and they bring headphones where required.

Year 12 Formal

The school year will conclude with the Year 12 Formal to be held at the Barn Palais on Saturday, 18 November.

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. The order form for photographs is enclosed.

Presentation & Performance Night

This will be held at the Italo Australian Club (Casadio Park) on Monday, 11 December 2023. This is the school's formal celebration and showcase of student achievement for 2023. 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, 2 November. The SAR will be posted home before the end of Term 4.

Laptop Returns

Students will need to return their school laptop to the IT Office by Friday, 17 November.

Book Returns

All books are to be returned to the Collaborative Learning Centre by Friday, 17 November.

Lockers

Students are asked to clean out lockers and return keys or remove locks by Friday, 17 November.

Destination Survey

A destination survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 1 November. Home group teachers will need to record each student's intended pathway.

End of Year 12 Results

End of year results will be available through Students Online on Monday 8 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.

Your username and password will be required to access your final grades on results release day. For further information, visit the SACE website (www.sace.sa.edu.au).

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal

YEAR 11 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The end of the year is fast approaching and so to are final assessment deadlines and exams. We know this is a busy and stressful time, so we urge students to use their time effectively to study hard, complete remaining assessment work and still make time to rest. Below is the information and arrangements for students and families heading towards the end of the year.

The last official day of lessons for all Stage 1 subjects is Friday 24 November 2023.

Exams

Exams will be held from Monday 27 November to Wednesday 29 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 Thursday 30 November and Friday 1 December of Week 7.

Presentation & Performance Night

This will be held at the Italo Australian Club (Casadio Park) on Monday 11 December 2023. This is the school's formal celebration and showcase of student achievement for 2023. 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 29 November.

Lockers

Students are asked to clean out lockers and return keys or remove locks by Monday 27 November.

Laptops

If you are not returning to school in 2024, you must return all your IT equipment to the IT Office by Wednesday 29 November 2023.

Week 8 - Research Project

For students undertaking Research Project in 2024, there will be an opportunity to gain an understanding of the subject and start working on topic choice, planning and question refinement in preparation to undertake the research. These sessions will be held on Monday 4 December lesson 1 / 2 and Tuesday 5 December lesson 3 / 4 in room 29.

Reports

Reports will be available via Daymap from the end of the day Wednesday 13 December.

Students returning in 2024 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>

On behalf of the senior school team, we wish you every success with completing the year on a positive and successful note. Good luck to those of you with exams and all the best in completing those remaining assessment tasks. If you are not returning in 2024, we wish you all the best in our endeavours and for those who will be returning, we look forward to working with you to achieve your year 12 goals.

Samantha Brown | Senior School Assistant Principal

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES EXHIBITION

During term 3 the Year 7 Global Perspective classes spent time investigating ancient societies. As part of their final assessment students created replica artefacts from a variety of ancient societies. They researched, planned, created and presented their pieces explaining what they had learnt about the importance of preserving History.

The final pieces were placed on display as part of a public exhibition over in the Fenwick building.

Katherine Schofield | Global Perspectives Teacher



JOURNEY'S END CAMP

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class put all of their learning and skills into action to complete their 'Journey's End Camp' which they were responsible for planning and facilitating as a class. The class chose to walk the Great South West Walk and completed sections from Batterby's to Moleside, a mammoth 18kms. They also completed a walk at Mount Richmond and Cape Bridgewater which allowed them to observe a range of terrain, flora and fauna whilst covering the 43km trek.

Along the way the group spotted eight koalas and were unlucky to come across multiple leeches, which made for some nightmares and great humour.

The students should be commended for their ability to work well together, navigate themselves and behave responsibly. They have all created great memories and friendships throughout the year and learnt lifelong skills.

Conor Wingard | Outdoor Education Teacher



PLP ROUND TABLES

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 24 November 2023 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

Natalie Piscioneri | HASS Coordinator



FUTSAL

Our Eaglehawks Futsal team fought valiantly in the Futsal tournament last term at Wulanda, securing second place and scoring some silky goals.

Jack Peach | Teacher



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We want to put YOU in charge of your family's FINANCES and you'll get to decide how it's spent!

ALL of it! For a MONTH!

We're looking for young people between the ages of 15 -17 years old who want to show their family how things should be run, to be part of an ABC series.



APPLY AT WWW.ABCTEENTVSHOW.COM.AU

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 10 November

Please make note of the following Student Free Day:

- Friday 10 November (week 4)

TERM 4 SPORTS CALENDAR

SSSA 9/10 Boys Basketball Finals - Adelaide	Week 2 - Wednesday 25 October
SEZ Multi Sport Carnival (All Age Groups) - Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre	Week 3 - Monday 30 October
SEZ Year 7/8 Festival of Sport - Mount Gambier	Week 5 - Tuesday 14 November
SEZ Year 9/10 Lawn Bowls - Mount Gambier RSL Bowling Club	Week 5 - Wednesday 15 November
SEZ Year 9-10 Festival of Sport - Penola HS/ McCorquindale Park	Week 5 - Friday 17 November
SEZ Year 10 Disc Golf - Crater Lakes Mount Gambier	Week 7 - Tuesday 28 November
<p>Please Note: Dates are subject to change.</p> <p>Students wishing to nominate for teams must do so by accessing the online form via the Daymap bulletin.</p> <p>SEZ: South East Zone SSSA: School Sport South Australia</p>	



**MOUNT GAMBIER
HIGH SCHOOL**

Class of 2023 Year 12 Formal

Saturday 18 November 2023 | 6.00pm - 11.00pm

The Barn Palais | Nelson Road, OB Flat



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2022 SCHOOL MAGAZINE *Coming Soon!*

The 2022 School Magazine has finally been sent off for print and will be arriving soon!

If you have pre-purchased a copy, keep an eye out on social media and email so that you can collect your copy from the Student Office.

There will be a limited amount of spare copies available for purchase at \$18 each.

Pre-sales for the 2023 School Magazine can now be made directly through the Student Office or on the QKR! app for \$20 each. The viability of this valuable record is currently at risk with low sales recorded for the 2022 Magazine. Please make sure to support this historical document and purchase your copy! A lot of hard work and passion is put into the creation of the magazine each year.

'talk-soon' program



**Monday,
Wednesday
& Friday
11.30am –
4.00pm**

**FREE service
for young
people aged
12-25**

The headspace Mount Gambier 'talk-soon' program provides young people access to same-day mental health support. This service delivers a single session therapy (SST) model and is available 3 days per-week.

Keep an eye out for out for appointment times on our facebook page.
Call us to secure your spot.

in-person



online



phone



 **8725 0443**

This service is supported by Country SA PHN.

All 12-25-year-olds welcome, you do not need to be an existing headspace client to use this program.

PRESENTATION & PERFORMANCE NIGHT SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous support towards our 2023 Presentation and Performance night.

- Ampol
- ASW Lawyers
- Australian Defence Forces
- Mr Harold Allison
- Barry Maney Group
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- Computer Bits
- Cutbush Family
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- Galpins Accountants, Auditors & Business Consultants
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- Limestone Coast Solutions
- Little Blue Wren Gifts & Art
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- Mount Gambier Bus Lines Pty Ltd
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- Ray Scott Group
- Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West Inc
- Servicing SA Pty Ltd
- Shredall Security
- Sinclair Wilson
- Spectrum Business Management
- Stand Like Stone Foundation
- Stuckey Electrical Contractors
- Tony Pasin MP
- University of South Australia
- Westlab

