



## Principal's Update



### Building Better Schools Funding Confirmed

Recently I received a letter from the Hon John Gardner MP (Minister for Education) confirming the \$10 million in funding allocated to Golden Grove High School as part of the Building Better Schools Program will be honoured by the Liberal Government. The letter describes the funding is to be used to "maximise benefits for learning outcomes and meeting your school's needs, mindful of future enrolment expectations". It is likely we will use the bulk of the funding to build the classrooms required for the relocation of Year 7 students into high school and then any remaining funding could be directed to support other school priorities. At this stage, we have not received any timeframes for when this will occur.

### Dance Performances

Last week I had the privilege of attending one of the two sold-out Semester 1 Dance Assessment Performances in the Recreation and Arts Centre. It was an outstanding night and left me with the following impressions:

- Wow!
- Spectacular
- Beautiful costumes
- Outstanding performances
- So many students on stage showcasing their talent and excellence
- So proud of the GGHS Dance Program
- Full house – parents, family and friends
- Professional
- Amazing spirit, culture, respect for each other
- Absolutely loved the hip-hop section just before the interval
- What a high-performing team!!

Congratulations to everyone who was involved, and in particular our wonderful dance teachers Anne Young, Lynette Haines and Robyn Huzzell.



### School Internet Upgrade

Some exciting news - our school is one of six chosen to receive an immediate internet connectivity upgrade. In partnership with Telstra, Department for Education staff will work to provide fibre optic internet access to our school during the July school holidays. We expect our new internet connection will be available from the beginning of Term 3. During the first three weeks next term the department will deliberately cause disruption to the system to test the robustness of the connection and to ensure strategies are in place to fix problems promptly. This is very exciting as the work promises to provide us with unlimited internet connectivity at very high speeds.





### **Year 8/9 Boys State Touch Football Champions**

Congratulations to our Year 8/9 Boys Touch Football team who won the State Championships on Thursday 31 May. They won the Grand Final 6-3 against Cardijn College. During the day they also defeated teams from Sacred Heart College, Wirreanda High School and Seaview High School. Coach Anthony Grandison praised the boys for representing the school with great pride and their respect for themselves and their opposition.



Before ..... and after!!

### **Year 12 Health Fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave**

As part of their Year 12 Health course three students (Grace, Holly and Mackenzie) organised a World's Greatest Shave fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. Mr Graeber agreed to have his head shaved and Mr Ujhelyi and Mr Bailey both agreed to have their beards shaved. Thanks to everyone involved with organising the event and all of the students and staff who watched the 'shaving' and contributed a gold coin as a donation.



### **Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize Winner – Kelly P**

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Kelly who is selected as one of 15 South Australian students to attend the 2018 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize two week tour to Vietnam in September and October. Kelly researched Private Lloyd Leonard Mahoney's service with the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion until he lost his life in the Battle of Pozieres in 1916 as her entry for the competition. She focussed on how this soldier demonstrated Perseverance, an aspect of the Anzac Spirit closely related to our school value of Resilience. The tour will allow Kelly to walk in the footsteps of the more than 50,000 Australians who served during the Vietnam War on this emotional journey to the former battlefields. The 14 night tour takes in all the key Australian sites from the war, plus also many of Vietnam's cultural treasures, allowing her to experience all aspects of this vibrant country.

Congratulations also go to GGHS History Teacher, Elspeth Grant who was selected as one of the two South Australian teachers to accompany the students on tour. We can't wait to hear all about the exciting highlights of the trip when they both return.



Kelly P

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