



**DIARY DATES**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>SAPSASA Cross Country Naracoorte</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>ICAS Spelling Competition</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walk safely to school day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Reconciliation Week</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>ICAS Science Competition</b>

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2, Week 3, May 14th 2015

**Staffing News**

Lesley Okholm, Deputy Principal will be on long service leave for the next 3 weeks. Late last week she was offered the chance to travel to Germany to visit her past exchange student and to attend a significant birthday celebration in the family. Although short notice it was an opportunity not to be missed. I am currently working through a process with DECD to replace her for the time that she is away. Bon Voyage, Lesley!

**NAPLAN Testing**

Week 3 is NAPLAN week across all schools in Australia. Students in Years 3, 5 & 7 have been busy completing tests in Numeracy and Literacy. NAPLAN tests are just another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that the curriculum and learning program can be tailored to suit individual student needs and to inform our teaching directions for the whole school. The information that the tests provide is usually available in Term 3 and provides us with another way to assess the skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum.

**2015 Staff Professional Development and Closure Days**

Term 2 started with a very successful staff professional development day last Friday when we spent time with teachers from other schools in the Mount Gambier Partnership learning about the new Australian Curriculum in Digital Technologies. Most of the sessions that we attended were facilitated by the DECD Curriculum team from Adelaide and focused on providing us with hands on activities designed to support our classroom teaching programs. A key focus of this learning was developing common understandings and consistent practices across the school that best supports our use of ICT throughout the curriculum. We are now following up these sessions at our school based staff professional learning sessions that we hold every Wednesday afternoon after school.

**Grounds and facilities work**

During the holidays and over the past two weeks several improvements have been made to our grounds and facilities. These include:

- Building of sitting platforms around our trees in the quad
- Laying of irrigation pipes and automatic sprinklers on the oval by the Mt Gambier City Council
- Pruning of trees and shrubs in preparation for the winter months

Over the next term we have more projects planned including the relining of the basketball court and four square courts and some more planting around the grounds.

**Winter Sports**

Our afterschool and SAPSASA winter sports program is in full swing and there are practices on our oval most afternoons for students playing sport. Auskick has been very well attended by our Junior Primary students and will continue for the rest of this term. This term there have been or will be SAPSASA Football, netball, hockey and soccer tryouts and on Friday 35 students will be representing the school in Naracoorte at the SE Cross Country Competition. Students are informed of these tryouts as they occur through our student intranet and we also send notes home to inform parents. If you would like extra information about afterschool sport or SAPSASA contact Heath McShane, PE teacher at our gym.

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## Community Announcements

### DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB

#### Food Science

Do you know what makes sherbet fizz in your mouth? Do you want to make ice-cream in a bag? Give walking on eggs a go. Have fun using your science skills to make some yummy treats and test out a whole range of food related experiments.

WHEN: Thursday 21st May at 6.45pm – 7:45pm

WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science lab and Home Economics Room

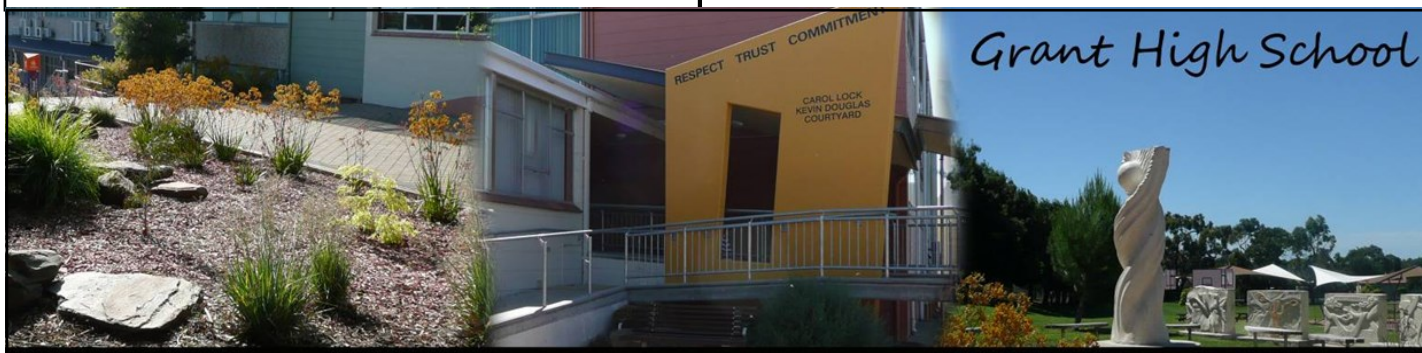
AGE: 5+

COST: \$3 each child and \$5 for a family. Parents are encouraged to stay and assist their children (and have fun to). To book your place email [courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au](mailto:courv@tenison.catholic.edu.au).



### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.** SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please phone 8222 8222 or visit



## For Parents of 2016 Year 8 Students

The Year 8 EXPO evening will be held at Grant High School on Thursday 28th May 2015, from 6.30 - 8.00pm on the Junior Floor.

Parents will have the opportunity to gather information and ask questions about secondary courses.

Year 7 Parent tours of Grant High School will be held on Tuesday 26th May, starting at the front office at 5.00 p.m and Wednesday 27th May at 2.00 p.m.

In both Sessions visitors will be given a guided tour of the school and have the opportunity to ask questions.

All interested are most welcome to attend these sessions

For more information contact: Kylie Smith, Senior Leader, Middle school on 8726 3100

