

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By the time you read this newsletter we will be close to the final performance of this year's musical - Hopes and Dreams which has been yet another highly successful production. There is no doubt that this was a student designed and led production very well supported by Frances O'Neill and Matthew Weekes and supported by staff and parents.

Congratulations to Harini Guddanti and Alistair McCutcheon whose stories, which started out as Maths assignments, came first and second at the Glen Eira City Council 'My Brother Jack' Award. Well done Alistair and Harini. You can read their entries on the City of Gen Eira website.

Congratulations to Alistair McCutcheon who recently won his division in the 2016 Victorian Open Chess Championships.

Two of our staff members are commencing maternity leave - Louise Conroy and Celine Fompudie and we wish them all the very best. We welcome four new staff members:

Despina Filippidis (Maths / Science)
Cedric Chamontin (French / Humanities)
Kathleen Pellizzer (English Language Centre)
Charlotte Cowley (Arts)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM 2017

2016 is a year of transition as Victorian schools prepare for the full introduction of the Victorian Curriculum in 2017. We have commenced a comprehensive review of the curriculum, with Year 7 to 10 courses currently being audited against the Victorian Curriculum Foundation – 10 (F–10).

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 sets out what every student should learn during their first eleven years of schooling. The curriculum is the common set of knowledge and skills required by students for life-long learning, social development and active and informed citizenship.

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 includes both knowledge and skills. These are defined by learning areas and capabilities. The design of the Victorian Curriculum F–10 is set out below:

Learning Areas

- The Arts - Drama, Dance, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Visual Communication Design
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- The Humanities - Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography and History

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Bairnsdale Secondary College Swing Band Visit



Year 9 Camp



Variety Night Rehearsals

This newsletter is emailed home to all families twice per term. If you have any items of interest to the college community or want to advertise your business, please contact either Penny Marks or Gabrielle Darvell (Business Manager) on 9571 7838.



- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies - Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies

Capabilities

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Ethical
- Intercultural
- Personal and Social

There are three new curriculum areas to be introduced – intercultural and ethical capabilities as well as digital technologies. In addition to this, there has been new content introduced into Learning Areas.

This semester teachers have been meeting in Learning Area teams to review current curriculum and complete Curriculum Overview documentation.

Information about the Victorian Curriculum can be found on the Victorian Curriculum website. <http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/>

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Your child's Semester 1 report is available through the XUNO portal. Make sure you read it carefully and discuss any areas for improvement with your child. We will be celebrating success in the midyear awards assemblies to be held Wednesday 13th July.

CAPITAL WORKS

We continue to work full steam ahead as we come close to finalising our plans. The architects will soon be in a position to provide a link on our website so that all members of the community can view the plans. We hope to be ready to go to tender for builders in July with a view to commence Stage 1 building at the end of term 3. Once the builders are in place we will be able to provide the community with a time line. Phase 1 will include the new Gym, a new music classroom adjacent to the dance area of the PAC and two new Food Technology kitchens, currently where the administration is located.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Music Festival - Wednesday 17th August, 7pm

A wonderful opportunity to see the talents of our Instrumental Music students

The Government Schools Spectacular 2016 - Saturday 10th September 1pm & 6.30pm

We are really excited that our school has again been accepted to participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2016. Approximately twenty vocal and/or choir students have been selected to sing in the 1200 voice Mass Choir. We are also very proud to have, for the first time, students being members of the core performing company assisting in the technical aspects. Congratulations to Ashley Szmerling, Barney Miller, Boris Pribil, Michael Williams-Strong and Yann Li Fat Chuen.

Sheereen Kindler
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We ask parents to reinforce with your children the importance of road safety. We have had a number of incidents recently where students have not crossed over Booran and Neerim Roads at the lights or crossing area. We want all of our students to be safe when going to school and when leaving.

We have been using XUNO to mark attendance this term and this allows parents to monitor the attendance rates of their children. Please access the portal to find this information. You will also find on XUNO an electronic copy of semester one reports.

We want all our children to get a great education but this can only happen if students are coming to school every day. Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. Every day missed affects their educational outcomes. Please remember it is the parents' responsibility to call the absence line if your child is going to be absent from school. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your level coordinator know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

I wish everyone a safe mid-year break.

Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

It's nearing the end of term and in the Junior School we farewell two members of our team. Mrs Conroy and Ms Fompudie are taking maternity leave and we wish them all the very best. We thank them for their hard work and ongoing support of our students this semester.

Let me introduce you to the new Junior School Team:

Miss Keira McLean - Year 7A, 7B and 7C Coordinator
Ms Elizabeth Allan - Year 7D, 7E and 7F Coordinator
Mr Shaun Reynolds - Year 8 Coordinator
Ms Fiona Finnegan - Year 9 Coordinator (as of term 3)

The Limitless camp takes place across 4 days and three nights at The Summit Adventure Camp in West Gippsland. The camp aims to provide leadership and personal development programs that will empower young people. Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in securing a place in the June/July Limitless Camp for 2016: Ashleigh Harris, Remi Hudson and Elouise Krelle. We look forward to hearing about your experiences!

Homework Help is a terrific opportunity for our students. It is held every Tuesday and Wednesday in the library from 3:15pm - 4:30pm. There are tutors available for students to utilise (and they are free). So if you need some extra assistance or want to catch up on work, head on over to the library to Homework Help.

On a final note, take the time to read through the student reports as a family. Identify areas of strength, and those areas for improvement. Set goals for semester 2 and regularly check to see if they are on track. This is your time to Get Organised and Focused for semester 2.

Keira McLean
Junior School Leader

YEAR 7 REPORT

Have you recently changed, or are about to change, address or home, mobile or work phone number?
Please remember to ring the College on 9571 7838 to keep us informed.



The end of semester is a good time to reflect on how far you have come in such a short time. Many students have written their first essay in English, played a new sport, completed their first chemistry experiment or even done their first and last detention for being late to school.

Congratulations to all those who have been involved in the highly anticipated Variety Night, the inter-school debating and inter-school sports. Well done to Xavier in 7B for winning the Spelling Bee.

At the Athletics Carnival the enthusiasm and the quality of sporting performances from Year 7 students was outstanding. A special mention ought to go to Red House as they continued in their domination of sport at GEC.

*Shaun Reynolds and Elizabeth Allan
Year 7 Coordinators*

YEAR 8 REPORT

What a busy end to semester 1. One of the highlights was the annual GEC Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our Year 8 winner, Harini Guddanti, who had to fight off some stiff competition from the Year 8 competitors. We also had the following Year 8 students progress to the next round for cross country; Bridie Skinner, Eitan Nikolaevsky, Hudson Messenger, Louis Villeseche and Zoe Markopoulos. Just some of the wonderful examples of our Year 8 students getting involved in the extracurricular activities at GEC.

As some of you may already know I will be going on maternity leave for the rest of the year. I just wanted to say that it was a great pleasure to work with all of you since the start of Year 7. It is wonderful to see the progress and the growth that our Year 8 students have made since starting their journey at GEC. I wish you all the best for semester 2 and I look forward to working with you again on my return to GEC.

*Louise Conroy
Year 8 Coordinator*

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS' REPORT

This term 46 students from Year 9 attended Camp Rubicon, Nayook on the 2nd-6th May. The students attending had a choice of 3 camp options which consisted of cabins, tents and the survival camp, which was an adventurous 3 day expedition. The teachers who attended the camp were Emily Brown, Tori Mulligan, Peter Bales, Emily Stansfield-Smith and Michael Kelty. The camp was extremely enjoyable because of the activities including tree top climbing, white water sledding, hiking, orienteering, caving and more. The camp taught us more about sustainability, leadership, empathy and encouragement. There was never a dull moment throughout the whole camp and the food was amazing!

Those who were on the expedition and tent camps were taught how to cook and prepare their own meals as well as clean up. While this was a time for fun and joy, it was also a learning experience for everyone. This camp is quite unique in the way that it is meant to also function as a school. The instructors and leaders from the camp are teachers too,

and it allowed for us to have an enjoyable experience while also learning things in a fun way! The camp was in the most beautiful location and gave us the chance to do things that we wouldn't usually see or do. We hope the Year 9 students who are attending next term have as much fun as we did!

As part of the Year 9 Program: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, the Year 9s have had many incursions and excursions from different groups. Representatives from both Elevate Education and Tritactics came in to talk to us about study techniques and emotional, physical and mental health. Throughout Tritactics we have learned about ourselves, our surroundings and self-defence. From Elevate Education we learnt about techniques for memorising, skim-reading, and note-taking. We were also provided with statistics and information on the most successful study techniques that we could use through to Year 12. We feel as though all of these sessions have greatly helped to broaden our knowledge in multiple areas and we look forward to the upcoming sessions.

*Sierra Danon and Sean Kelly
Junior School Captains*



Year 9 Camp activities

STUDENT ABSENCES

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YEAR 9 NEWS

Term 2 has been a very busy term for our Year 9 students, with the camp being the highlight. A second group of students will be heading off to Rubicon in July and if I believe what the first group told me they are going to have a great time full of amazing adventures!

As you might already know, I will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of term 3. It has been a great pleasure to work with this group of students for the past year and a half and I want to wish you all the best for your future.

Enjoy a well-deserved break!

Celine Fompudie
Year 9 Coordinator

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to the Senior School students for getting through their exams! They are to be commended for their exemplary conduct during this period and for their maturity and dedication in preparing appropriately for all of their subject exams. Many students have put in an extraordinary amount of time into the completion of class work and home study, thus ensuring success with their exams. I strongly encourage all students to regularly access the VCAA website to further consolidate exam type questions. This should be done throughout the semester and not just in preparation for exams. This is a very successful strategy to improve their performance during the end of year examination period.

I would also like to acknowledge all of the hard work done by the teachers in preparing students for their exams and for the final push to complete assignments in preparation for reports. A huge thank you to the Senior School coordinators for going out of their way to help make the exams run as smoothly as they did.

As we come to the end of term 2, we start to think about our Pathways options. Year 12 students are considering their tertiary options for next year and students from Years 9-11 will be making their subject selections for the following year. It is important for students to do their research. When the Senior School handbook becomes available at the end of term, all students should be ensuring that they are assessing the different options available to them. I encourage students to visit the VTAC site and have a look at the pre-requisites for courses of interest.

Year 9 students wishing to complete an enhancement (Unit 1 & 2 VCE) subject and all Year 10 students and their parents are invited to attend the VCE Information Night on Wednesday 13th July from 4.30 to 5.30pm.

Haroula Christodoulou
Senior School Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

What a term! Reports, exams, work experience. Most Year 10s have had their first experience at exams, and hopefully it has been a positive experience. Furthermore, most Year 10s are out at work experience and hopefully this will be a positive experience.

The counsellors from Careers Fast Track were so very impressed with our Year 10 student interviews. They were excited by the students' preparation and willingness to explore their future options.

Recently I sent out via XUNO a note to all Year 10 parents, information and forms for the Year 10 camp in November. I strongly urge you to support this camp as it will be a tremendous 3 days.

Have a tremendous semester break, and as always, any issues you wish to discuss or need clarified please feel free to contact me.

Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 11 NEWS

As the cold weather starts to sink in, so do the demands of VCE. With SAC results and exam results in, many students are reassessing their courses and fine tuning their future pathways. We say goodbye to a small number of students who will be leaving the College. I would like to wish these students farewell and I hope you succeed in all that you wish for.

Congratulations to Taylor Abbott who has been accepted as a candidate for the Australian Air Force. Taylor has been accepted as a candidate to study as an aircraft technician once he completes his VCE. Also, congratulations to Cindy Tran who is leaving at the end of the semester to do VCAL at Glen Waverley. Cindy will be pursuing a pathway in Business and Tourism.

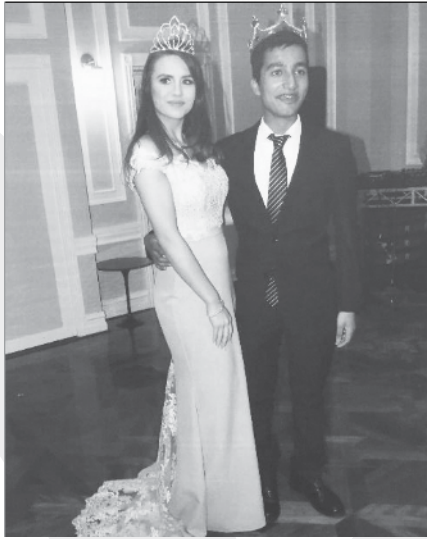
Take care over the holidays and enjoy a well-earned break..... but try to fit in some study!

P. Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

It has been a busy month for the Year 12 students. Not only have they completed exams and unit 3 subjects, they attended the VCE Careers Expo and the TIS event. It is important that learning continues to be their focus, enabling them to move into their preferred tertiary placement in 2017.

I would like to congratulate all students on their behaviour during the Year 12 Formal which was held on 7th June at The International. We got to enjoy a wonderful night of great food, lots of laughter and dancing. I would like to thank the Executive Committee in particular Grace Chai, Siena MacShane, Hanna Unger and Mr Tori Mulligan for their hard work towards ensuring that the night was a success.



*Marija Korunovska
and
Akhil Mathew*

On Wednesday 25th May a small group of year 12 female students along with myself and Ms Christodoulou attended a dinner held by Chadstone/Malvern Rotary Club. The focus of the evening was 'Taking on the Challenges – School to Career'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for attending and asking thoughtful questions.

I encourage all students and parents/guardians to contact me if there are any concerns.

*Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*



GEC year 12 students and partners



*Katherine Aspinall, Zoe Tuttleby, Sofia Vamvakidou, Grace Chai,
Siena MacShane, Marija Korunovska*

ENHANCEMENT & ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On Wednesday 15th May we were delighted to have our final Enhancement & Enrichment study seminar for the year by Darren Pereira for all of our Year 12 students. This is the second time our Year 12s have seen Darren in action, they were lucky enough to have seen him last year as well. Darren threw down the challenge. The Selfie Challenge to be exact! All students were given time to set their goals and commit them to a selfie. By posting them to Darren's Facebook page they made the personal commitment to do their very best to achieve their goals. Here are some of the comments from our year 12 students about the seminar;

- I gained an idea of an ATAR goal and study score aims
- I gained the motivation to study more
- I think I might have found my motivation again and I am determined to do very well this year thanks to this
- It had a positive impact on me and got me back onto track, thank you
- It helped me set my goals
- The determination to succeed
- Time management and how to achieve better results

As I wrote in the last edition, the Year 11s also had their seminar recently. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the comments the students had about their experience;

- "I have gained a way to overcome my distractions, I realise that it takes repetition to really remember some things." – Anonymous
- "I have gained a better understanding of what it takes to be successful and do my best in VCE through the study tips provided." – Amber M
- "This has taught me to always have a positive attitude and to have grit because it will get me to where I want to be." – Alex Christopoulos
- "I learnt to never give up and to set high standards to achieve." – Cynthia D
- "I learnt that listening to baroque music can help me study and focus for long periods of time." – Daisy F
- "I gained a lot of information about neural pathways and how to memorise material better." – Namit

On Friday 20th May I took a small group of Junior School students out to one of the Academy Conferences for Gifted & Talented Students. The students who accompanied me were Julian Khong (7B), Luisa David (7A), Harini Guddanti (8B), Alistair McCutcheon (8B) and Ashleigh Harris (9A). These students represented us exceptionally well and will be invited to attend another conference in August.

A huge thank you goes to all the students taking part in the Enhancement & Enrichment high achieving student's initiative. I have received all of your feedback books and will be drafting learning plans to support your continued growth within all subject areas. I look forward to sharing these with you and your teachers in the coming weeks.

Ms Mason has coordinated the Big Science Competition this term. Harini Guddanti, Sofya Shcherbak, Tahlia Delaney-Murnane, Abhinav Tummala, Cooper Walters, Isabella McFarland and Sharon Mascarenhas sat the junior paper. Anika Dixit sat the intermediate paper. We look forward to

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the results. Fingers crossed and good luck to all students who participated. I encourage more students to think about entering the competition next year.

Lastly, an update on the Enhancement & Enrichment Certificates that went out to all families last year. We are currently working on how to get these out again this year. Ultimately, we would like these to come out via the Xuno platform, however, this will not be possible for semester 1. Please expect your child to be bringing home their certificates towards the end of the term. Hopefully, we will have this up and running through the Xuno portal for semester 2.

Emily Brown

Enhancement & Enrichment Coordinator



GEC students perform with Bairnsdale Secondary College



Alistair, Julian, Harini, Ashleigh & Luisa at the Gifted & Talented Student Conference

BAIRNSDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE SWING BAND VISIT GLEN EIRA COLLEGE

Bairnsdale Secondary College Swing Band with their Music Director, Gerry Ciavarella, and Ms Keane came to Glen Eira College to share some great music and entertain a few classes in the PAC Theatre. Anna Rowsell, Barney Miller and Fergus Boyd joined students from Bairnsdale to rehearse some songs with the band before dazzling the enthusiastic audience with a program of songs. Ms Keane would like to thank our Glen Eira students that joined with the Swing Band for the performance as well as the students and teachers from Glen Eira College for giving their time to attend the concert. Special mention to Daniel Harris for his contribution to "I Feel Good"! It was a wonderful experience for all.

Robyn Keane

Bairnsdale Secondary College Teacher



ELEARNING NEWS

This term has been very busy for all of the eLearning crew, starting with the launch of a new competition where students make a short video that they think identifies with them or their peers. It aims to represent student culture in a new and innovative way. Students can submit these videos on the student website and they may receive an award for the best video in the next assembly.

Talking about the website, I would like to acknowledge a student who has dedicated his time and effort in contributing to the website.

🌟 eLearning Star 🌟

Rohan Kalanje from Year 12 has made a great contribution in developing and establishing the new student website, the GEC Hub. Rohan did most of the coding and design aspects of the website and has also been involved heavily behind the scenes of the website making sure everything runs smoothly. And on top of that he has all his Year 12 work, so props to him for keeping on top of it all! He is currently training a replacement to fill his massive shoes. If your son or daughter is interested in coding please call the college and speak with Mr Givogue.

Open night went well with many new parents coming up to us and asking questions about the use of technology at the school. I would like to thank Julian Khong, Paul Palatsides, Harry Swallow and Declan Boyd who showed up in their personal time to make the night a great one!

We have been trialling using QR codes at all the major sports events to record and document what places you get in different events. How it works is, all students were given tags with QR codes on them and when they finished their event someone scanned it. When the QR codes were scanned it recorded their general information like their name, team group, age and their house. This is how we now tally up the points and add them to the house totals. This is a much faster system than what we had previously where everybody lined up at a table. This makes the QR codes a great success and we will be using this method to record results from now on.

The eLearning Squad has also been calling for all girls that are interested in IT! Go girl go for IT is a free IT career showcase that aims to engage female secondary school students by introducing them to the vast range of various career options in IT. The event focuses on inspiring students with role model



speakers, showcasing technology of the future, and allowing students to make an informed decision about a career in IT. It is being held at Deakin University on the Burwood campus on Tuesday 16th August. Our promotion contributed to all Year 9 girls going!

Lastly, just as a reminder, you can access the daily bulletin as well as see which teachers are away each day on the GEC Hub. We have all kinds of information that may be relevant to students so don't be afraid to check it out and explore a little!

Have a great second half of the year!

*Elizabeth Lindner-Craig
eLearning Captain*

HUMANITIES NEWS OPEN NIGHT

Another successful Open Night was had by the Humanities Learning Area. Our dedicated History, Geography, Legal Studies and Philosophy students supported the evening and presented a wide range of impressive work which was set up as a giant TIMELINE down the centre of the classroom. Our impressive Year 7 and 8 History students presented to waves of prospective families on how we study History and Geography in the classroom. Year 11 Legal Studies students Daniella Goldman and Amber Meadow organised a voting booth to show the process of free and fair elections with a focus on special GEC HOR & Senate voting. They worked tirelessly through-out the evening encouraging families to consider the Enhancement and Enrichment activities (Senate ballot) and VCE subjects (HOR ballot) we offer across the Humanities Learning Area. Leah Hain (11B) set up an installation corner where she committed to Philosophy studies and answered questions about the nuances of philosophical inquiry. Students were proud to see younger students exploring and inspecting the quality work produced from our Humanities students that was on public display for everyone to enjoy.

ANZAC SERVICE

This year, the Humanities Learning Area worked closely with Carol Stals from the Glen Eira Historical Society. To complement last year's RSL Service, we focused the 2016 ANZAC Ceremony on local history, specifically those who are often forgotten during WWI commemorations. Carol researched a wide number of sources to develop an interesting and engaging presentation for our junior school students. Sean Kelly (9B), our Master of Ceremonies, guided Carol and our students to present different perspectives from WWI who are not often formally recognised. Dean Benau (7A) opened the Ceremony with the Dedication to the Traditional Custodians of the Land. Carol spoke about the concept of heroes before referencing a local boy, Bernard Haines from Caulfield, who was only 14 when he left for war. She also reminded everyone of the Avenue of Honour that stood tall and proud along North Road. Harmony Lee (7A) recited a moving extract from Anthony Hill's 'Soldier Boy' where Private James Charles Martin is claimed to be the youngest ANZAC. Carol honoured women in war, and Amiee Harris (7A) and Carmelle Kent (7A) read personal letters from women on the war front. As a dedication to

those often overlooked, Carol spoke of the Indigenous and Chinese Diggers who are buried locally. Erin Herr (9A) recited an emotional poem to honour the Indigenous soldiers from Tobruk: The Black Rats. Lastly, Carol turned her heart to the animals who were shipped across the seas to support our men in the Great War. She spoke of the many horses who held our soldiers high and carried them forth in battle. Carol spoke of the courage and sacrifice these magnificent animals gave to their masters and country. She focused on one brave horse, Bill, who received the Purple Cross. Students from Years 7-9 showed their dedication and respect to those fine animals by making purple poppies in classes and wearing them to the Ceremony. Abigail Staples (8B) read Banjo Patterson's haunting dedication to the horses before they lost their lives, The Last Parade. Jasmine Bader (9B) read her interpretation of Wilfred Owen's war poem, 'Smile, Smile, Smile,' before Sean concluded the Ceremony with the formalities of The Ode and The Last Post. Lest We Forget.

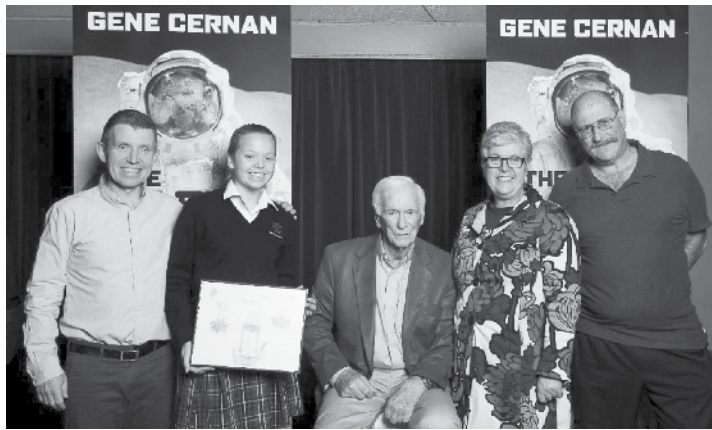
We thank Carol Stals (Glen Eira Historical Society) for her historical expertise, dedication to the local community and passion that made our Ceremony one that we will never forget.



ANZAC Day Commemorations

LAST MAN ON THE MOON

Michael Frajman offered the exciting opportunity for myself and some of our students to attend the documentary film, The Last Man on the Moon. Sophie Rowsell (8B), her father Andrew Rowsell, Sean Kelly (9B), his father Liam Kelly, and Sierra Danon (9B) attended the film at the Astor Theatre. The film documents Captain Eugene Cernan's life and his experiences with NASA and beyond. In 1972, Captain Cernan was the astronaut from Apollo 17 who was the last man to walk on the moon. After the documentary, he was interviewed by the astrophysicist Dr Lisa Harvey-Smith. Sophie and her father met Captain Cernan before the film and Sophie was chosen to ask a question on stage about space travel. Keep an eye out for this exciting story in the next publication of the School Magazine. Thank you so much to Michael for making this wonderful opportunity a reality for our students.



Andrew Rowsell, Sophie Rowsell, Captain Eugene Cernan, Deborah Cordingley and Michael Frajman

THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY

The Year 11 Philosophy students, Shilo Yitzhaki, Shiree Vallins, Katelyn Stanhope and Marissa Putri attended the Glen Eira College Parents Association fundraiser at the Classic Cinema screening of *The Man Who Knew Infinity*. The film linked directly with their studies in Unit 1 Philosophy. Plato's Academy in Greece had this instruction carved over the threshold: 'Let no one enter without mathematics.' In addition to supporting Plato's epistemic theory of a priori knowledge, the film focused on the development of rational proof required during the 1900s in England as the new authority to Mathematical principles and juxtaposed revealed knowledge from an Ultimate Realm. The film documented the life story of the famous Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan who claimed, "An equation for me has no meaning unless it expresses a thought of God." The film enriched the students' studies and allowed them to realise a real life application to Plato's ancient theory of the Allegory of the Cave and The Simile of the Divided Line. Thank you to the Glen Eira College Parents Association for a wonderful evening of great food, great connections and a great intellectual experience.



Shilo Yitzhaki, Katelyn Stanhope, Deborah Cordingley, Shiree Vallins and Marissa Putri

SLEEK GEEK COMPETITION

After last year's success in the Sleek Geek Competition, Sean Kelly (9B) and Sierra Danon (9B) have entered a flat screen animation into this year's national science competition. After many research hours that informed the science behind the phenomenon of life in outer space, Sean and Sierra committed to the creative element of a film that explores Life in the Milky Way. Once the idea was conceived and researched, Sean created the graphics for a quality animation to submit as a professional three minute film that is both entertaining and explains science in a simple manner. We wish them well and hope their film is recognised this year.

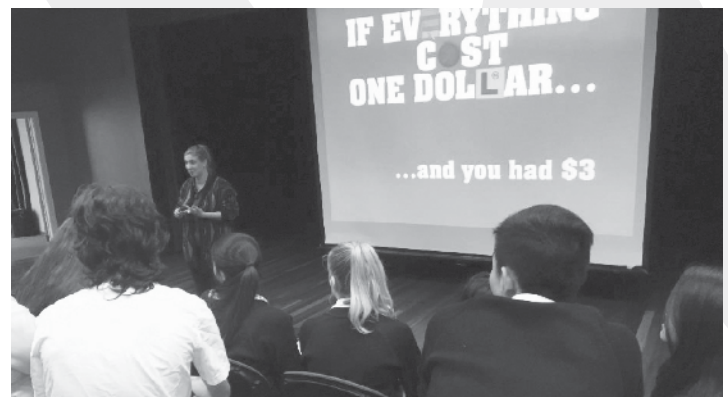
*Deborah Cordingley
Head of Humanities*



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

VCE Business Management students enjoyed an entertaining and informative session with Eva Justine, a Start Smart Facilitator from CBA. The session focused on economics and encompassed the students' business marketing activity. Eva presentation directly linked to Business Management outcomes and allowed students to ask pertinent questions to an expert in the field. In addition to accommodating Year 11 & 12 Business students, Eva presented a VC component of Business and Economics to Year 9 students. Students learned the concepts of saving and debt, how to budget, short term and long term interest gain and the consequences of consumerism.

*Deborah Cordingley, Melanie Mattsson,
and Bernard Coghlan*





HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES STUDENTS EXPLORE RECONCILIATION WEEK

The 26th May was Sorry Day nationally and is directly followed by Reconciliation Week. The 27th May begins this week because it is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the week concludes on June 3rd which is Mabo Day, when the High Court of Australia recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship to the land. In recognition of these important dates and the difficulties of our Australian History, the Humanities and Language Departments have worked together to offer all students in Years 7-9 an opportunity to explore Indigenous languages during language classes. In collaboration with the language activities, the Humanities learning area are exploring the connection of languages, song, land, peoples, tradition and culture through famous Indigenous and non-Indigenous singers whose voice carry the weight of the past.

All our languages classes were lively with Indigenous and Aboriginal words during Reconciliation Week. Students participated in a range of activities and games whilst reflecting on Reconciliation Week. It was a very profound and meaningful cross-curricular activity.

Please enjoy below the dreamtime stories in French including Indigenous words with the message in English.

*Deborah Cordingley and Loveena Narayanan
Head of Humanities and Head of Languages*

Jamais Trop Jeune Pour Jouer

Il était une fois; il y avait une marram. Elle s'appelait Alinta. Elle habitait avec sa liwurr et son fati. Un jour, elle est sortie pour jouer avec ses amis, mais une de ses amis dit: "Tu es trop jeune pour jouer avec nous!"

Alinta est allée à la maison. Elle était très triste. Le jour suivant, Alinta a dit à ses amis, le delaiwurrong, le gawan le warin, la gurrborra et le dunbarrim, "même que je suis jeune, je peux jouer avec vous!"

"Je veux Alinta jouer avec nous," dit le gawan. "Moi aussi!" dit la gurrborra. Ses amis répondent: "Oui, tu peux jouer avec nous!" Alinta était très content et ils jouent ensemble. La fin.

Message: Never be afraid to stand up for yourself and use your voice.

*Estelle, Rachel, Aurelie and James
Year 8*

Un jour, il y avait un warin. Les ngamudgis chassent le warin. Puis, les ngamudgis devient kirrips avec le warin. Le warin réalise que les ngamudgis ne sont pas warins. Il devient effrayé, et décide de courir à la birrarung et devient le ngamee. Il regarde ses kimps du ciel.

Message: Be careful who you become friends with.

*Tahlia, Bridie, Louis V and Christopher
Year 8*

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library Fiction Collection continues to grow, driven mainly by the interest and enthusiasm of our students who eagerly and frequently put forward their reading recommendations. No amount of publisher's hype, best seller lists, fabulous reviews or Librarian's suggestions can compare to peer recommendations. Students listen to their friends and are keen to share their reading experiences thereby generating a genuine interest in and knowledge of literature. The GEC Student Book Club, Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (VPRC), author visits, book shop talks and library visits all contribute to the formation of a proactive reading culture within the College.

This month we congratulate Paul Palatsides, Isabella McFarland, Anika Dixit and Leah Hain - all of whom have already completed the VPRC, and in record time! Fifteen books read in three months, well within the seven month Challenge period. Well done to all students who 'signed up' to the Challenge and who continue to steadily make their way through the reading lists.

Congratulations to Antoine Hobbs, our Reader of the Month. On 26th May Luka Lesson, Hip-Hop artist, poet and educator performed for our senior school students in Years 10-12. As with last year, the feed-back was extremely positive and we look forward to an encore performance in 2017.

This month, the GEC Student Book Club visited the Little Book Room, Readings and an antiquarian bookshop in Carlton. An icon of young adult and children's literature, the Little Book Room has served young readers for many years and we are extremely grateful to owner, Leesa Lambert for offering to speak to our students about current trends in children's literature.

Term 2 library activities also included competitions, displays, and lunchtime activities to commemorate, ANZAC Day, Reconciliation Week and IDAHOT.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*

SPORT NEWS

Our Athletics day was this term, held at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve on 13th May. Students dressed in their house colours and competed in both track and field events to win house points. The sun was out and the new facilities at the venue made for a very successful event.

The house with the most house points at the end of the day was Red House.

The successful competitors from our cross country day, held on the last day of term 1, competed at the Beachside cross country on 23rd May. Congratulations to everyone who competed on the day, especially to the following students who qualified for the Southern Metropolitan Region (SMR) finals:

Bridie Skinner	Hayato Serag
Eitan Nikolaevsky	Caitlin Shaw
Hudson Messenger	Benson Crick
Louis Villeseche	Sasha Thio Domingo
Zoe Markopoulos	Jordan Yeramian
Mieka Maloney	

Our Intermediate boys soccer team were the Beachside division champions, and will go on to play in the SMR finals next term.

*Emma Power
Sport Coordinator*

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES AT GEC

On Sunday 1st May Glen Eira College was used to host a media launch by the Australian Driver Trainers Association Victoria. As part of this year's National Road Safety Week the President of the ADTAV Stan Gates and the Minister for Road Safety the Honourable Luke Donnellan MP launched ADTAV's 2016 Road Safety Campaign designed to raise community awareness of the need to involve supervising drivers in driving lessons with their young drivers.

ADTAV's Campaign is designed to reinforce and improve the skills and knowledge of supervising drivers while developing the skills and knowledge of young drivers. This can best be achieved when supervising drivers accompany young drivers on professional driving lessons.

John Tserkezidis

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Glen Eira College Parents Association is a friendly group of parents who support our kids' school, help school families get to know each other and also have some fun.

If you are not already receiving our emails please go to the Parents Association page on the Glen Eira College website (under the Community tab) and click on the word 'subscribe'.

Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall Saturday morning 2nd July 9am - 11am

Glen Eira College will be a polling place for the Federal election. To take advantage of this opportunity, we will run a fundraising stall selling BBQ items, cake, jams, honey and drinks. As the date falls in the middle of the school holidays, we'll keep it simple and only run it for a few hours. Please help if you can either 8am - 10am, including setting up, or 10am - 12pm including packing up. Packaging for cakes is available at the school - stored in the parents cupboard in the conference room - ask the office for access. You would need to pick packing up or have your child do it before the end of term. If you can help, please send us an email or ring/sms Juliet on 0425 787 389.

TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST: GEC GOES TO RIO IN THE GYM

Save the date and start planning your outfit - ideas include Carnivale, Olympics, or maybe a spot on the famous Brazil football team. Tickets will be available closer to the date, and you will be able to book a table of 10 people, or book individual tickets and let us allocate you to a table.

In exciting news, we can now reveal that our hosts for the night will be 2 of our well-known teachers: Tori Mulligan and 'Mr Lou' Tsarpalas. We just know that Tori and Lou will make the night lots of fun.

Of course, the night isn't just about having fun. We'll also be raising money for new musical instruments and to landscape the area behind the Performing Arts Centre. (By the way, if you have any expertise in landscaping and could help plan something for that area, please get in touch!)

An important part of our fundraising on the night will be our raffle, silent auction and loud auction. If you have a business or a contact, you can help by sourcing sponsorship or collecting vouchers, services, goods, hampers, art, etc. and/or donating for the silent and live auctions. You can send us an email or ring/sms Juliet on 0425 787 389.

Bike ride near Glen Eira College - family friendly 1 hour ride - Sunday 17th July 10am Caulfield Park to Caulfield Racecourse

A chance to ride the secret tracks in the middle of the racecourse mostly on park tracks, quiet streets or footpath. Option of a coffee after. Lead by Cathy a Glen Eira College parent

<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/sixty-ride/ocations/3979/>

Parents Association meetings newcomers and ideas welcome

Please join us on; Tuesday 12th July, Monday 15th August, Tuesday 6th September, Monday 10th October, Tuesday 8th November, Monday 28th November

If you are interested in coming to any of our meetings, please send us an email: gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au so we can send you the address where it will be held. Meetings are advertised in newsletter and by email. Please let us know if you have ideas or offers to help with fun and worthwhile activities.

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MOVIE NIGHT

Our movie night on Sunday 22nd May was a great night out. With nearly 50 people, we almost filled a luxury cinema at the Classic in Elsternwick, before gathering to chat over drinks and nibbles. Thanks to Sharon Unger for organising the night and preparing the food.

*Cathy McNaughton
and Juliet Brianton*



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MONDAY 11TH JULY - FIRST DAY TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY - STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR
REHEARSAL

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH JULY - YEAR 9 CAMP - GROUP 2

MONDAY 25TH JULY - YEAR 12 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY - INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORT

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST - YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST - GECPA TRIVIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST - STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR
REHEARSAL

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST - YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST - YEAR 9 GO GIRLS GO FOR IT EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST - MUSIC CONCERT

THURSDAY 18TH - TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST - HOSTING STUDENTS
FROM OGAKI, JAPAN

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST - YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST - MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL EXCURSION

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER - STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR
REHEARSAL

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR
REHEARSAL

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - BEACHSIDE TRACK & FIELD

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - LAST DAY TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - YEAR 12 PRACTICE
EXAMS



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