

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2015 academic year at Glen Eira College!

I am delighted with a very positive start to the year for students and staff. Thank you to our families for ensuring our students were well prepared for 2015. Thank you to our wonderful Parents & Friends Association who organised our annual second hand uniform sale just prior to school commencing.

Our staff spent the first day of the year engrossed in professional learning. Our focus is to continue to improve outcomes for each of our students, providing them with a challenging and supportive learning environment with a range of opportunities to develop their skills and talents. The staff refined our consistent approach to classroom management at GEC. We then worked with Penny Willoughby who is a professional learning facilitator and educational consultant passionate about personalizing learning, creativity, numeracy, problem-solving and differentiation to ensure all students are stretched and supported to achieve their best. She continued to work with us on our professional learning day on the 20th February.

Also working with us on that day was Lisa Keskinen. She is a literacy consultant who has worked in New York and New Jersey and across a number of schools in Victoria. She guided us in exploring oral language as a foundation to writing, exploring vocabulary that can be 'unpacked' with students prior to writing.

Congratulations to Alex Petropoulos, who successfully auditioned to be a member of this year's Victorian State Schools Spectacular in the orchestra – a wonderful achievement. We will also have 20 students participating in the Mass Choir which is wonderful.

New students and parents

Each new year brings a wonderful group of young people and their families to our school. We welcomed 140 Year 7 students and more than 50 new students across years 8 - 12.

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic camp at Marysville; so many new friendships were made over this time. Special thanks to Louise and Keira for organising such a wonderful experience for our students and to all the staff who attended.

Being involved at GEC

We are always looking for ways to involve our parents in our community. Please contact me if you have ideas of how you would like to be involved. Our Parents & Friends group is an excellent way to meet other families and I encourage you to join.

Thank you to all parents who have nominated for School Council. Ballots for the election close Tuesday 10th March 2015.

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Diwali at GEC



Languages Assembly



Year 7 Camp

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

Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra Kids Fund grant (www.kidsfund.telstraoundation.com) of \$1,200 to support a project or activity run by a non-profit organisation involving a child, 18 years or under, in their immediate family.

Each year \$750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. There are three funding rounds per year. Requests for musical equipment, educational resources, sport and recreation equipment and building upgrades have been among the grants given by Telstra's Kids Fund. Schools cannot apply directly – an employee must apply on behalf of the school.

Two years ago the aunt of one of our students applied for funding for cricket equipment for our very keen cricketers. We will do all the preparation for the application – we just need you to submit it. So if anyone in your family works for Telstra please contact me as we would love to apply for funding for our students.

VCE Results

We were very pleased with the superb results of our Year 12 class. Congratulations to Prerana Ghosh, our Dux, with an ATAR of 98.05. The ATAR score is the key to opening the doors to the most sought after tertiary destinations.

At GEC we do not prohibit any student from attempting the VCE and I am very proud that all Year 12 students passed and have a pathway to follow

New Teachers

With our growth in student numbers comes growth in our staff also. I am delighted to welcome and introduce our new staff.

- ✓ Gerard Cameron (Maths / Science)
- ✓ Fiona Finnegan (Food Tech / Science)
- ✓ Georgina Peters (English / French)
- ✓ Matthew Robson (Maths / Science)
- ✓ Emma Power (Health / Science)
- ✓ Dominique de Mareuil (French / Science)
- ✓ Matthew Williams (English / Humanities)
- ✓ Victoria Sapoznikoff (English / French)
- ✓ Marine Courbois (IT intern from France)
- ✓ Emily Stansfield—Smith (Student Support)
- ✓ Ashleigh Feurtado (Lab Tech)
- ✓ Rachel Buger (Strings)
- ✓ Sharmila Periakarpan (Flute)
- ✓ Zoey Dong (ELC - Multicultural Aid)
- ✓ Kath Swales (ELC coordinator term 1)
- ✓ Louise Mason (Physics / Maths)

We have many wonderful events planned for 2015 – Cultural Diversity Week in March will be a highlight for term 1. Lunchtime and afterschool activities have begun – see the website for a full list. By the time you read this we will have had our Swimming Sports carnival and our Year 7 Parent evening.

I will be on long service leave in March – I will be shivering in Norway hoping to see the spectacular of the Northern Lights. Nick Hamer-Smith will be Principal and Tori Mulligan Assistant Principal while I am away.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to leading the Glen Eira College community in the implementation of our Strategic Plan and in the provision of the highest quality education, focused on continuing to build a culture of inclusiveness, high expectations and academic achievement and providing a range of opportunities for our students to experience success.

Capital Funding Update

We will know in May whether we will receive our funding in the 2015 / 2016 financial year. This decision is not in our control. We will be attending a workshop in March delivered by the Department of Education to begin work on our Asset Management Plan. This plan will take into account our educational focus and the functionality of the teaching spaces as they are now. This will be considered in the context of our entitlements re facilities which is based upon projected enrolments and a School Condition Asset Report. We shall keep you posted.

Please find below 'EXTRACT FROM PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES HANSARD' Tuesday 10th February provide to us by David Southwick, State Member for Caulfield

Mr SOUTHWICK (Caulfield) — I rise today to raise a matter for the Minister for Education in regard to the \$9.5 million upgrade to Glen Eira College. I ask the minister to make good on the Andrews government's promise to redevelop the college, to confirm when the upgrade will commence and to provide a timeframe for the completion of the project. In the 2014 Victorian state election campaign both the Coalition and Labor demonstrated bipartisan support for Glen Eira College by promising to invest \$9.5 million for its much needed redevelopment. It is the only government secondary school in the Caulfield electorate.

As the member for Caulfield, I have a great relationship with the college, and I would like to take the opportunity to commend the principal, Shereen Kindler, her parents association and the council for the great work this school does. We have witnessed substantial growth through the strong leadership of the principal, and this growth has led to fantastic language programs, including French and Hebrew immersion programs, extra-curricular activities, music, gifted programs, vocational education and training and pathway programs.

The school is certainly growing in numbers, and its staff members are continuing to provide great programs, but unfortunately the school buildings are in desperate need of repair. The school facilities do not match the quality of teaching, and particularly given the increase in students the school has had in recent years, this upgrade is certainly needed urgently. Having held a number of community forums and public events at Glen Eira College, I can see how this redevelopment is a great opportunity to upgrade these facilities and make them more accessible to our community.

Glen Eira College is committed to providing every student with the option to develop their talents, and it is committed to enriching the vibrant extra-curricular programs I mentioned earlier. The Victorian coalition supports first class education

and training to ensure that all Victorians have the skills they need for the future. That is why the former Victorian government invested a record \$9.2 billion for school education in 2014–15 budget, which was \$1 billion more than was provided in Labor's last budget in 2010. I look forward to the minister confirming bipartisan support for the \$9.5 million redevelopment of Glen Eira College. I also look forward to hearing when the upgrade will commence.

Mr MERLINO (Minister for Education) - The member for Caulfield raised the issue of Glen Eira College and the redevelopment of that school. He raised a question about construction. As the member indicated, this was a commitment Labor made in opposition and also a commitment the former government made. Labor will invest \$9.5 million, and that will build a new library and new science, sport and technology classrooms. This is a fantastic project. Having visited the site I know how much it is needed and what a difference it will make to that school community. Construction will start after going through the budgetary process, but I am making a commitment to every member in this chamber. We have made significant commitments to schools across the state, and we will be endeavouring to deliver the vast bulk of those in our first budget. We have a process to go through over the next few months, but I thank the member for raising it with me tonight.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all students for beginning the school year in such a positive manner. Students are looking very well presented in their uniforms, are focussed on their learning in classes and overall the grounds are being kept tidy. Congratulations to you all!

Every day a student misses school puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. A reminder that absence notes should be bought to the front office on the day after the absence period. If you have any attendance issues with your child please speak to the Year Level Coordinator so we can work together to get your child to school every day. Our absence line is 9571 4178.

Chromebook Program

Year 9 students and Year 12 students opting to use the Chromebook have been distributed with their device and are using this to assist their learning in the classroom. Year 9 families who have not yet purchased a Chromebook are asked to do so by referring to the Glen Eira College website and clicking the Centre Com Education link at the bottom of the home page.

Behaviour for Learning

The school review conducted at the end of last year was very positive and indicated the school was performing strongly. One of the outcomes in terms of a positive learning environment for students was a commitment in 2015 to focus on three specific **non-negotiables**;

- Respectful listening – when the teacher or a student is addressing the class there is no talking

- Respectful language – swearing and put downs are never acceptable
- Making learning your focus – no distractions from your own or other's learning

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Thursday 26th February students must ensure that they come to school with their uniform looking neat and tidy, their shoes polished and shined and be ready to smile for the cameras – it's school photos day!

All students have been provided with an envelope and/or form to choose what photo package they would like to purchase. Students are to bring this envelope with them on the day of the photos. It must be clearly labelled with the student's name, what photos you wish to purchase and your payment for the photos. If you choose not to purchase your photos you still must return the form and envelope, clearly labelled with the student's name.

A few things to remember on photos day:

- All photographs will be taken in the Performing Arts Centre.
- Students are to be in full school uniform before they arrive at the photograph location. This includes no coloured T shirts, correct footwear, white socks with summer dresses and no jewellery other than a watch and a max of 2 pairs of studs or sleepers in the ears only.
- Photos will be taken without school jumpers. It is best if you leave them in your lockers.
- Girls are recommended to wear the summer uniform.
- A representative from the photo company will collect the envelopes from all students at the PAC before they have their photo taken.
- Students are to line up in height order.
- All students will have their photo taken whether they are purchasing them or not.

So get ready to say 'cheese' and smile for the cameras!

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back parents and students to 2015. We have a brand new team in the Junior School who are very excited and eager to support and challenge your children. We welcome Ms Baragwanath – Year 7, Ms Fompudie – Year 8 and Ms Allan – Year 9 to the team.

Term 1 is a busy term, with school photos, swimming carnival, Year 7 and Year 8 camp, Year 9 St Kilda excursions and interschool sport, just to mention a few activities. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved and meet new people.

I'd like to introduce our Junior School Captains: Kai Cappel and Anna Rowsell and Vice Captains: Ari Verrios and Hannah Schauder. The captains will undertake many different activities throughout the year including running assemblies, assisting with tours of the college with Mrs Kindler, meeting and greeting new students, working with the SRC to organise activities, just to name a few. Stay tuned for their article in

STUDENT ABSENCES

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future newsletters.

It's a timely reminder for all students to Get Organised, Get Focussed and Get Involved. The planner is an excellent way to communicate with staff, so please ensure to keep the communication lines open if you have any questions or queries.

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*

YEAR 7 REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our year 7 students and introduce myself as the Year 7 Coordinator. It is great to see our year 7 students settling in so well at Glen Eira College.

At this stage in the transition, I would encourage you to check that all books, equipment and uniform are labelled, ensure there is quiet space set up for homework and home study, and keep lines of communication open. A good place to start is by regularly checking student planners. You can also contact our General Office if you wish to arrange an appointment to speak to one of our teachers or our Wellbeing Leader, Jenny Sanchez.

We had a busy start to the term with our year 7 students heading off to Camp Marysville on Wednesday 11th February to Friday 13th February. The students had the opportunity to challenge themselves and try something new with the two wheel adventure, wild about water and vertical climbing wall challenge. They had to work together and meet new people during the balance and team work activity. A fantastic time was had by all and I know that lots of new friendships have been formed.

Kidproof visited on Friday 6th February to discuss cyber safety and digital citizenship. By working through real-life scenarios students learned the importance of being safe online. Discussion and group work allowed students to open up conversations about good digital citizenship. A very worthwhile workshop for our students in this fast moving digital age!

It has already been a great start to what I'm sure will be a challenging and rewarding year for all year 7s. I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

*Louise Baragwanath
Year 7 coordinator*



Year 7 Camp

YEAR 8 REPORT

Welcome back to the Year 8 students and their families. I particularly wish to welcome our new students and to thank all students for making them feel welcome in their new school.

I am excited to take on this new responsibility and to work with this group of students throughout the year. I am sure it will be a busy and exciting year full of many learning experiences and adventures.

The year 8 camp is fast approaching. It will be held in Week 8 from Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th March. I encourage all year 8 students to attend as it will be an amazing experience. I wish you all a great year and please feel free to contact me with any issues you may have.

*Celine Fompudie
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 REPORT

It is my great pleasure to welcome all Year 9 students and their families back for the exciting school year. The 2015 school year has started very positively as staff and students have settled quickly into the teaching and learning programs.

This is an exciting year for Year 9 students as they will be commencing the 'Making Connections' program which will involve activities that explore the St Kilda area during term 1. In addition, students will commence working with their Google Chromebooks this term. To help with the management of these Chromebooks all students will be issued with a copy of the guidelines when they receive them. Some useful internet learning sites that students might like to access that will help their learning during the year are outlined below:

- **Quizlet:** www.quizlet.com

A site that allows you to learn new words and definitions.

- **Howstuffworks:** www.howstuffworks.com

This site explains thousands of topics, from engines to nanotechnology, with videos and illustrations to help you learn everything.

- **Mathsforfun:** www.mathsisfun.com

This site has a range of mathematical activities for students.

I hope that everybody has a fun and successful year and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

*Elizabeth Allan
Year 9 Coordinator*



Year 9 students settling in to 2015



LANGUAGES CORNER

On the 11th December, we had our inaugural Languages Assembly. It was a very successful assembly "Haut en couleurs" which also coincided with the Festival of Lights organised by GEC. Teachers were wearing traditional Indian clothes and students performed proudly Bollywood dancing, French club dance, French poem flash mob, Hebrew songs and Tai-chi at the rendez-vous!

Congratulations to all students who received an award or performed at the assembly!

Congratulations to our first group of students in French VCE in 2014! Olivier Ferraiuolo, Mailys Perfrement and Vincent Mckeown-West. Special congratulations to Vincent who has obtained an outstanding score of 46, the best study score of the school in 2014!

Special mention to Mailys and Vincent who have been accepted in the Melbourne University French Extension program whilst they undertake their last year of VCE at school!

Our guest speaker, Mrs Danielle Kemp, Conseiller Consulaire presented the school with a French Flag.



Students performing at the Languages Assembly



Members of our wonderful French Community

SISTER SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP WITH A SCHOOL IN NEW CALEDONIA

We are developing a sister school relationship with "Dumbea Sur Mer", a bilingual French and English school in New Caledonia. We will be spending 2 days with the school on our forthcoming trip to New Caledonia and we will be welcoming about 20 students and 2 teachers from New Caledonia in July 2015.

We will be looking for expressions of interests from families to host the students for a week. We will be sending an email to all parents shortly.

French Enrichment and Extension program.

The Alliance Francaise in collaboration with Glen Eira College will be offering a French Extension program to all interested students in terms 2 and 3. The program will also prepare students for the DELF exams (internationally recognised French examination). A letter for expressions of interests will be emailed to all families before the end of the term.

Chinese New Year Festival

We celebrated Chinese New Year on the 19th of February. Yuyun Feng, our Mandarin teacher organised lots of fun activities for the students. Photos to follow in the next edition!!

Merci

*Madame Narayanan
Head of Languages*

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

I would firstly like to introduce the new Senior School team; Lou Tsarpalas, Mary Maniatis and Laura Brancatella. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to these hard working individuals who provide daily support to all students in their care. I also thank them and the students who have welcomed and supported me in my transition into my new role of Senior School Leader.

The Senior School students have well and truly hit the ground running this year; our assessment calendar is filling up fast with SAC dates and assignments. It is an important reminder to all students to 'Get in right from the start'. Get organised and stay organised. I refer to our new Moto of 'Cross the Line'. Step up and step over, don't settle with mediocrity. This is your time to achieve. It's easier to maintain momentum than to start from scratch later in the year.

I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work put in by our year 10 Peer Support Leaders in supporting all new students to the Senior School. They have been taking students on tours, helping them fill out their induction booklets and sorting student codes, passwords etc.

The old 'High Achievers Club' is starting up again, but under a new name; the 'Aim High Club' will meet every second Friday lunch time to discuss strategies, study skills, revision techniques, possible incursions and guest speakers etc. The club is for any and all students who want to achieve their very best and put in that little bit more. The next meeting is on 27th Feb. All year 12 students welcome!

STUDENT ABSENCES

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Lastly, I would like to put a call out to any year 11 student who would like to volunteer for the GEC Peer Assisted Student Support (PASS) tutoring program. The PASS program runs during terms 2 & 3 on Wednesday afternoons (not including exam weeks). The year 11s take the role of mentor and tutor year 8 students in mathematics. They have the freedom to run the sessions how they see fit, and at the end all students will receive a reference letter which can be added to their resume. If you're interested come and see me.

Good luck and well wishes to all Senior School Students and their families. Here's to a successful 2015.

Emily Brown
Senior School Leader

YEAR 10 REPORT

Welcome back to the 2015 school year, and a special welcome to our new Year 10 students and new staff.

I look forward to continuing on this journey which I began with this group of students last year. The journey into the Senior School can often be challenging but I assure you (the parents) that I will be by their side.

Not yet concrete, but the plan for the Year 10 camp is a tour to Tasmania. Certainly the students seem interested and more information will be forthcoming.

You will have received Year 10 Work Experience information for the last week of term 2. May I please ask you to get the relevant forms in to me ASAP. If you haven't received the forms or have misplaced them please contact me so that I can send you the relevant documentation.

To contact me please email tsarpalas.elias.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact me at school on 9571 7838.

Looking forward to a terrific year.

Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 11 REPORT

CROSS THE LINE

Cross: (verb) 1. To move from one side to another
2. To pass over mediocrity

With everything, there's a line.

On one side of the line is a greater chance to give more, enjoy more, realise more. On the other side, there's less of a chance.

And with each line, there's a choice. You want to cross the line or you don't. You want the better chance at meaning, opportunity, impact... or you settle with the lesser chance. **YOUR CHOICE.**

(Sam Parker www.Givemore.com)

Year 11 students have been asked to step out of their comfort zones and "Cross the Line," pushing themselves to work hard to achieve what they want in life. In saying this, firstly students have to be clear what it is they truly want to strive for in terms of a future career path and then look at the steps forward.

The program requires students to constantly keep their goals

in mind and commit to setting achievable goals that will challenge them and provide the way forward from where they stand now. The goals need not all be long term achievements. Some goals could be what we refer to as mini goals, goals that can be achieved within a day or week. It may involve trying a new strategy to assist them in their learning or for instance, to attend Homework Help each Tuesday to get that extra assistance with a subject.

If parents wish to view a shortened version of the video program delivered to students, you can view it on YouTube by searching for Cross The Line- Sam Parker.

P. Mary Maniatitis
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 REPORT

The beginning of the year is always a busy time. Our year 12 students have already accomplished so much. They have nominated and voted for the Year 12 Executive Committee (Vincent McKeown-West, Jayde Glass, Digby Mooney, Mailys Perfrement, Ruth Boneh, Victoria Aspinall, Austin Luke, Max Bosiljcic, Astrid Dunkley, Jessica Kelly, Molly Lavery and Sankalp Sudesh) which is working towards organising the year 12 formal.

Our School Captains, Vincent and Jayde, have been welcoming and checking on all students during recess and lunchtime. As part of their duties as captains, they will be representing Glen Eira College at a number of College and Community events, including year 7 Information Evening and Open Night. Our Captains really do embody the spirit of GEC, and we thank them for all of the hard work and effort that they will undoubtedly put in over the year.

Congratulations to all house captains and vice captains whose role it is to assist house teachers with organising their team during the swimming and athletics carnivals.

Overall the cohort has settled into 2015 extremely well with students focussed on reaching their potential, by being in class, working to the best of their ability and seeking assistance when required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator

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big changes to the vaccine program In 2015

Information for parents of secondary school students

1. The Council's immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Council.
2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.
3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au



Diwali at Glen Eira College



Cultures and Languages united together as one once again at the College and the English Language Centre to celebrate Diwali last December. Staff and students participated with great enthusiasm and engaged in a range of activities during the three day celebration of DIWALI the 'Festival of Lights'.

Students were provided the opportunity to explore the topic through a range of cross curricular activities which incorporated language, history, art, craft and cooking. A display called 'Taste of India' was set up in the library which gave insight into the history, traditions, beliefs, art, literature and culture of India. A Rangoli workshop was organized for the students. Our lovely librarian Ms Eyre conducted a quiz competition for the students. A Bollywood dance session was offered by Dhananjay Kapoor during lunch time which both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed and was a great success. A group of students were choreographed by Ms Ronald to perform a popular Bollywood number. Henna tattoos were offered to those students who were interested and this turned out to be quite popular. A sweet and savoury stall was set up through the help of some parents for the students to enjoy yummy delights (Gulab Jamoons and Samosas).

Teachers dressed up in saris and salwar and looked gorgeous! Glen Eira College transformed into a 'Bollywood City' for the day demonstrating great team spirit. To conclude the celebrations and share the spirit and the theme of the festival students and teachers came together to light sparklers.

Our sincere thanks to parents, teachers and students for their contribution, help and support. We extend our special thanks to the following students and their parents - Dhananjay Kapoor, Prerana Gosh, Shruti Malaviya, Khyati Jain, Vaishnavi Patel, Anjana Hemanth, Sunrita Bhattacharya, Sanjay Medikonduru, Sanketh Yadav and Umesh Nagulapalli for their effort and time spent in making this celebration a grand success!.

Ms Lilly Francis & Mrs Bernadette Ronald



Students and Staff celebrating the Festival of Lights

SCHOOL NURSE NOTICE

Welcome back to all and a special welcome to the Year 7 students. I hope you all had a great break and feel well rested and ready for a productive and rewarding 2015. My primary focus is your health and wellbeing, so please don't hesitate to come and see me. The Secondary School Nursing Program is supported by DET and is confidential and free to all students. I am available every Mon & Tue and my office is located on level 1 (near the girls' toilets).

Looking forward to meeting you all throughout the year.

*Christalia Formoso
(Div 1 RN)*

*Adolescent Health Nurse/South Eastern Victoria Region,
Secondary School Nursing Program*

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.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Parents/guardians should be aware the school does not carry accident insurance for students. DET reminds parents/guardians that families who do not have student accident insurance are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Also the Department (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2015



2015 is shaping up to be a fantastic year for Instrumental Music here at Glen Eira College. Instrumental lessons have commenced and all students should now be aware of their lesson day and time. Schedules are displayed in the window of Room 11 (Ground Floor opposite the Ceramic Room) and in the window of the red entrance to the PAC theatre.

We welcome two new instrumental teachers to our team:

- Rachel Bugeja – Strings
- Sharmila Periakarpan – Flute

Lesson days for each of our Instrumental teachers are as follows:

MONDAY

- Drums/Percussion – Mark Voogd
- Saxophone/Clarinet – Ben Carter

TUESDAY

- Piano/Voice – Lachlan Mack
- Brass – Alison Bellew

WEDNESDAY

- Piano/Voice – Lachlan Mack
- Strings – Rachel Bugeja
- Guitar – Robert Westlake

THURSDAY

- Piano/Voice – Lachlan Mack

FRIDAY

- Piano/Voice – Lachlan Mack
- Flute – Sharmila Periakarpan

Rehearsals will be commencing soon after school on Tuesday for our new Stage Ensemble. Students that will be participating in this ensemble will be given information about this before the commencement date. Students that are beginning their instrument this year will participate in a beginner band ensemble later in the year and will then be included in our Stage Ensemble for the end of year concert.

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2015

Last year we had 20 students participate in the State School Spectacular mass choir and we will again be taking 20 students to experience this event at Hisense Arena. This event combines students from a large number of public secondary and primary schools into a showcase of singing, dancing, instrumental and vocal performances.

Alex Petropoulos from 9E has been selected to play violin in the Spectacular orchestra – congratulations Alex! The performance is in September this year and more information about ticket purchasing will be given when tickets are released.

*Robyn Keane
Music Coordinator*



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GEC'S 2015 PRODUCTION - LEGALLY BLONDE

The production train is running..."all aboard". We're planning, scheduling, designing and immersing in fanciful creative musings. This year we estimate over 40 cast members and plenty of crew volunteers to be part of the upbeat, lively and entertaining musical Legally Blonde.

Whilst the deeper elements of human existence may not be wholly explored, there are strong messages of goodness and empowerment threaded throughout this bubbly funsical... yes, that's right, I wrote funsical.

With so much pizzazz, glitz and glam anticipated we're going to need your help. The production team is growing with contributions from staff, parents and students but we need our GEC community, friends and families to emerge with offerings of expertise, willingness and fabulous intentions.

Can you, or someone you know, contribute with the following:

Sloshing paint onto sets with rollers; sewing and costume making; purchasing materials; bumping out (packing up) of production by staying back after the last show or the weekend after the last show; costume ironing and/or cleaning during and after shows (a load of washing can really help); hair and anyone trained in stage makeup; running of show by helping behind the scenes moving sets and props on and off stage; any culinary wiz willing to contribute some healthy snacks for the production crew.

Even if you have a spare hour or two, your help will be warmly welcome.

We also need 2 dogs. One well trained Chihuahua that can bark on command and a sedate British Bull dog (or look-a-like). Both need to be handled and possibly picked up off the ground...know of any?

Rehearsal scheduling for the cast is:

Term 1 - Wednesday and Thursday after school
3.30pm to 5.30pm

Term 2 - Wednesday and Thursday after school
3.30pm to 6.30pm

Term 3 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school
3.30pm to 6.30pm

Saturday 15th August – Full dress rehearsal all day

The Production show dates are the evenings of the 18th/19th/20th August.

Ticket sales will be accessible on the school website (trybooking) and more information will be provided closer to the performance dates.

Tickets will be offered to cast members' families prior to the general school community.

Information will soon be posted within the school regarding crewing opportunities and training will be provided early for all students right up until the first performance. If anyone missed auditions there are still lots of jobs available, so sign up and be part of the family.

Lachlan Mack

RADIO CLUB

Radio Club for 2015 has begun. GEC has a spot once a month from 8am to 9am. I had the pleasure of being in the 88.3 Southern FM studio during our first show. Thank you to Hannah Schauder, Anna Rowsell, Barney Miller and Ashley Szmeling for their professionalism, charisma and entertainment. A special thanks goes to Hannah for organising the meetings and pre show preparations.

Ms Keane and I were delightfully impressed with how these students produced and presented the hour segment. Careful planning, teamwork, excellent communication and a willingness to explore the unscripted, resulted in a seamless session of insightfully interesting facts, GEC updates and inventive joke sharing, all performed with energy and smiles.

Lachlan Mack

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome to all new families who joined our school community this year. We welcome your involvement with the school and encourage you to join the Parents Association and help in whatever small or larger way suits you. We are busy planning our events for this year, and will keep you informed via emails and newsletters. If you are not already receiving our emails please ask us to add you to our list by sending an email to gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au

Glen Huntly Festival Street Stall Saturday 14th March – helpers needed

We will have a street stall for the school at the festival to celebrate our local community and sell snow cones, cold drinks and home-made biscuits. Can you help at the stall for a couple of hours, bake biscuits or donate some drinks? For biscuits, packaging and blank ingredient labels and a donation list will be in the office the week before the stall. Please contact Juliet on 04125 787 389 or email gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au

Reminder Ride2School is coming up on Friday 13th March – so encourage your kids to ride, scoot or walk to school and have an extra careful look out for kids if you are driving.

Glen Eira College Open Public Forum - Making Cycling Easier in SE Melbourne - Back to school following the leaders in the Cities of Boroondara and Yarra

Wednesday 25th March 7.15pm full details in newsletter
Inquiries Cathy McNaughton (Ross 10A) 0412 119 807

Second-hand Uniforms

Thanks to the parents who helped with the second-hand uniform stall in January – many school families got bargains with both new and second-hand uniforms. Let us know if you would be interested in another uniform sale later in the year.

Second-hand Books

The Glen Eira College Parents Association second-hand book stalls at the end of last year sold 100s of books, with books, savings and funds to schools families and the school. Thanks Juliet and helpers for this valuable service. Thanks also to the GEC staff who supported us, particularly Carmel Eyre (school librarian) and Debbie Panakos. Payments for



books sold are being processed by the office and will be with you soon. We are investigating a different system for sale of second-hand books at the end of the year.

Movie Night – Planned for June Details later.

William Angliss Dinner – Term 4

We are looking forward to a delicious and friendly dinner at the William Angliss College Restaurant later in the year. We are planning a night of fine dining at an economy price, dancing and student and parent art activities and sales. Look out for the full details soon.

A BASKETBALL JOKE

When playing basketball, players need to keep moving around to get a shot at goal and “never park in the key”. This car was snapped on the day of the uniform shop/book deliveries “Parking in the Key”



KEY DATES: TERM 1 2015

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL PHOTOS
 FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY – INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 FRIDAY 6TH MARCH – YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS
 MONDAY 9TH MARCH – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – BEACHSIDE SWIMMING & DIVING
 WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 THURSDAY 12TH MARCH – YEAR 7 FRENCH FILM EXCURSION
 MONDAY 16TH MARCH – YEAR 10 FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL EXCURSION
 MONDAY 16TH – WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH – YEAR 8 CAMP
 FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 TUESDAY 24TH MARCH – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – 12:40PM
 DISMISSAL
 FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – GEC CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
 FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – LAST DAY TERM 1 – 1:30PM DISMISSAL
 SATURDAY 28TH MARCH – SATURDAY 4TH APRIL – NEW CALEDONIA
 TRIP
 MONDAY 13TH APRIL – FIRST DAY TERM 2

MAKE CYCLING EASY IN SE MELBOURNE OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

**Back to school: Following the leaders in
the Cities of Yarra and Boroondara!**

**Wednesday 25 March, 2015
7.15pm registration for 7.30 - 9.15pm**

This is a forum to hear, ask questions and debate directions on how to make riding easier and safer for all ages within our community in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Neighbouring councils Yarra and Boroondara have both achieved the highest levels of bike riding in the country. Yarra has the highest proportion of people who cycle to work in Australia at 6.4%, and they aim to reach 15% by 2015. Boroondara has the very popular Anniversary and Gardiner's Creek Trails, plus Bike Ed schools training program.

With rising levels of obesity and traffic congestion, how do we enable and support kids to ride to school and adults to ride for exercise and transport? What are the infrastructure and communication solutions, budgets and commitments required for success? How do we overcome the roadblocks to a safe riding future?

Panel Speakers:

- School Ride Coordinator, Glen Eira Secondary College
- Dean Steinberg, Government and External Relations, Bicycle Network
- Cr Philip Mallis, City of Boroondara
- Alistair McDonald, Bicycle Strategy Project Manager, City of Yarra.

Enquiries:

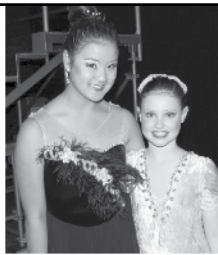
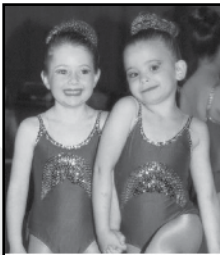
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE*:

- 1 Pickup forms from participating stores* and fill in your details on 3 forms

- 3 On the back, create your picture. Make sure the pages line up using the marking dots as a guide.



Drop them in the box at participating stores*.

Entries close
March 6

Art mash-ups will be displayed in shops in Glen Huntly Village leading up to street party.

* You can create as many entries as you like

* All ages are encouraged to participate

* Participating stores are Quality Grocery, St Zita's Cafe, The Servery (Royal Ave) and more. See www.facebook.com/glenhuntlyvillage for more details.

* Please check the updated participating stores list on www.facebook.com/glenhuntlyvillage

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.



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