

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2016 academic year at Glen Eira College!

It has been a very positive start to the year for students and staff. Welcome to all students and families - returning and new. Our wonderful Parents & Friends association organised our annual second hand uniform sale just prior to school commencing. Many families were able to take advantage of the opportunity. Thank you to the team of hard working parents who were on hand to help.

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 reviewed 'The Glen Eira 5' and further developed our skills in using assessment and feedback to best support the learning and continued growth for each of our students.

The Glen Eira 5

5 promises teachers make to our students;

- maintain a safe learning environment.
- know how you learn and what direction your learning should take.
- make classes engaging.
- listen, encourage and support.
- involve the wider community in your learning.

5 promises staff make to one another;

- share resources.
- support one another.
- work collaboratively to improve student learning.
- be consistent in applying policies.
- learn from one another.

5 characteristics you will see in our teaching;

- differentiate teaching and learning to support and challenge the full range of abilities.
- structure lessons according to SABRE.
- be innovative and reflective.
- be enthusiastic.
- be accountable for improving student outcomes.

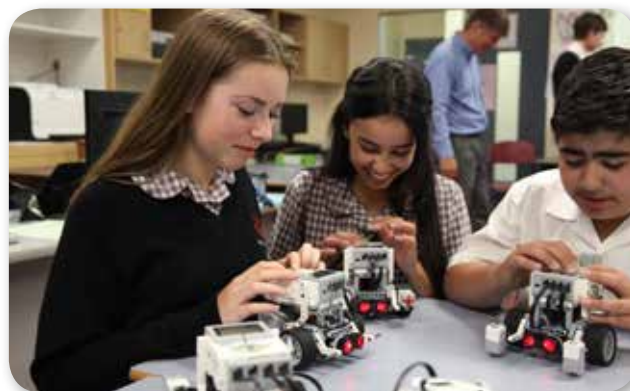
5 things you will see from our students;

- be enthusiastic and motivated.
- communicate and be respectful.
- seize opportunities to participate and learn.
- work together, acting responsibly and creatively.

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Year 7 Camp



Robotics Club



Home Economics at GEC

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.



- direct their own learning through questioning and exploring.

5 things you will see from our parents, carers and guardians;

- be involved and contribute to the broader educational program.
- play an active role in the child's learning.
- support their children in achieving their learning goals.
- promote the school values.
- maintain open lines of communication with the school.

We continued our professional learning in using technological applications to support and improve outcomes for students on Thursday 18th February. This was a student free day.

New teachers

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

- Haroula Christodoulou (Senior School Leader, Maths / Science)
- Melanie Mattsson (Legal Studies / Business Management / English)
- Erin Burgess (French / English)
- Lee Dalton (Psychology / Science)
- Bernie Coghlan (Business Management / EAL / PE)
- Emma Nishikubo (Japanese / French / EAL)
- Michael Kelty (English / EAL)
- Mitchell Griska (Sports Assistant)
- Simon Decaestecker (IT intern from France)
- Frances O'Neill (Classroom Music)
- Megan Gatt (Library Technician)
- Peter Bales (Science Laboratory Technician)

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 and Friends group is an excellent way to meet other families and I encourage you to join.

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.

You will see our new soccer goals on the oval. We received these through an application made by Anita Abbott, mother of Taylor, and we are very grateful. 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 Vincent McKeown-West, our Dux, with an ATAR of 98.95.

Congratulations to Sofia Vamvakidou who scored 50 in her

study of VCE Greek, making her a VCE TOP Scorer. The effort and dedication that Sofia has put into her language studies to achieve this perfect score is to be commended.

Presentation by Andrew Fuller

We were delighted to have well known Clinical Psychologist & Family Therapist Andrew Fuller provide a very informative session to students studying a VCE subject and their parents.

Topics covered included:

- How parents can help senior school students get through pressure points
- Skills for handling stress
- Building focus, concentration and memory power
- How to set up a revision and study schedule that works
- Assess how your current system of study matches what high scoring students do
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Overcoming exam anxiety
- How to make effective notes and maximise memory
- Developing a mindset for success

Capital Works

We are pleased to have finalised phase 2, known as AMP Gate 2, in the lengthy capital works process. Our architects have been working with us to develop broad area plans that have now been fully costed. Fingers crossed we will receive the rest of our funding in the May budget. We will be ready to go to tender for builders if this is announced, which would mean we could start the works by September this year. We have had some discussions in regards to the phasing of the works and I believe the first phase will affect the administration area and part of the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) and canteen. Classroom music will be relocated to the PAC and two new food technology rooms will be built where the administration is currently. The new gym should also be part of phase 1.

Finally

Congratulations to Alistair McCutcheon who came equal first in his division of the Australian Open Chess Championships over the holidays. This is a fantastic achievement.

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

Schools have been advised by the Department that it is not compulsory for schools to offer a whole-of-school insurance policy, and to remind families that any insurance needs to be taken up on an individual user pays basis. Parents/Guardians are also reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, 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 if they wish to insure their child.

We have many wonderful events planned for 2016 – 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 be planning our Year 7 Parent evening.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2016 at GEC! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are now ready for learning! I'd like to remind students that our Behaviour for Learning focus will continue into this year with our three non-negotiables of classroom behaviour;

1. Making learning your focus
2. Respectful listening
3. Respectful language

Punctuality to class

To ensure that learning is maximised students need to be in class on time. In addition punctuality is an important life skill. Students who are late to school receive an automatic lunchtime detention unless a note from a parent or guardian is provided. Students arriving after 9:30am will be marked half day absent and require a note explaining their absence.

Uniform reminder

Just a reminder that the only jewellery permitted is a watch and a maximum of two pairs of ear-rings (studs or sleepers) in the ears only. This includes friendship bands etc. The GEC sports jacket is only to be worn for PE or over the top of the jumper not instead of the jumper.

Safety on the roads

It is timely to remind our students about the importance of safety on the roads coming to and from school. For children aged 0-14, around 250 are killed each year and 58,000 hospitalized, where transport injuries are the major cause. The following websites provide important information regarding how to keep your child safe going to and from school.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/pedestrian_safety.html

<http://www.1800mymechanic.com.au/road-safety>

Interim Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

- VCE Interim Reports will be available on Xuno on Friday 11th March.
- Year 7-10 Interim Reports will be available on Xuno on Wednesday 16th March
- Parent-Teacher Interviews can be booked on Xuno as of Friday 11th March.
- VCE Parent-teacher interviews will be held on the 16th March from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. On this day period 5 will occur directly after period 4. All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm.
- Parent-teacher interviews for 7-10 students will be held on the 22nd March from 2.30pm to 7.15pm. Similarly on this day period 5 will occur directly after period 4 with all students being dismissed at 1.30pm.

Please note that on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm from Caulfield Park following our cross country run.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Applications for the Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) are now open. The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Parents/Guardians are required to submit a new application every year.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for the CSEF. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$225 for secondary students and is paid directly to the school to be used for expenses relating to camps, sports and excursions for the benefit of your child.

Parents are encouraged to lodge the CSEF application form by 29th February 2016 so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 3rd June 2016.

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. The school is required to make the application on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the college.

Application forms for the CSEF are available from the General Office, the College website and the Department of Education & Training website.

If you have any queries about the CSEF please contact the College on 9571 7838.

*Gabrielle Darvell
Business Manager*

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Let me introduce you to our new Junior School Team!

- Year 7 - Mr Reynolds / Ms Allan
- Year 8 - Mrs Conroy (previously Ms Baragwanath)
- Year 9 - Ms Fompudie
- Junior School Leader - Miss McLean

We are very excited to be working with you so please contact us if you have any queries or questions.

Stay tuned for exciting highlights throughout the year!

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*



Junior School Captains: John Aspinall, Tuesday Mooney, Sean Kelly and Sierra Danon

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that the College has a designated telephone line for notification of student absence – **9571 4178**.



YEAR 7 NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Year 7 students and their families to Glen Eira College for 2016 and introduce ourselves as the Year 7 Coordinators. Mr Shaun Reynolds will be looking after all students in Year 7 A, B and C and Ms Elizabeth Allan Year 7 D, E and F.

It has been great to see all our Year 7 students settling in well and having a very positive start to the school year. To help students transition into their first year of secondary school we strongly recommend that you check that your child's uniform, books, planner and equipment are clearly labelled with their name. To help students with their studies we encourage them to have a quiet place at home to complete their homework/home study and that students record these tasks in their planner. To support this process, we encourage parents to check the planner on a regular basis to ensure that tasks are being recorded. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's progress please contact our General Office to arrange an appointment to speak to one of our teachers.

Camp Marysville was a great success. Students had the opportunity to challenge themselves and try something new. We will be providing further details about the camp in the next newsletter. On Tuesday 23rd February all Year 7 students will participate in the "Digital Etiquette" workshop run by Classroom Connections. The purpose of this workshop is to encourage and support safe and positive online behaviour. This is a very worthwhile workshop to educate students about being 'safe' when using the internet. Also available to students this term is a wide range of extra - curricular activities run by the school. We encourage all Year 7 students to participate and develop new skills.

I am sure this year will be a rewarding and fulfilling year for all Year 7 students and we encourage them to follow the Junior School Motto: "Get Focused, Get Organised and Get Involved".

*Elizabeth Allan and Shaun Reynolds
Year 7 Coordinators*



Year 7 Camp



YEAR 8 NEWS

Welcome back to all Year 8 students. I hope you had a very restful summer holiday. It has already been a busy start to 2016 with our annual Swimming Carnival taking place on Tuesday 16th February. Year 8 camp is fast approaching so I encourage you to return all your paperwork to our General Office as soon as possible. We are going to Kangarooie, on the Great Ocean Road, from Monday 29th February to Wednesday 2nd March. We will hold a camp meeting on Wednesday 24th February when students will receive information about the camp and a list of what they need to bring along.

Looking forward to working with you all again this year.

*Louise Conroy
Year 8 Coordinator*



YEAR 9 NEWS



Year 9 Program

This year promises to be an exciting one as students prepare for transition into the Senior School.

The Year 9 Program is sure to be exciting this term. Students have already been out exploring St Kilda visiting historic and culturally significant sites. The program aims to enlarge students' perception of the world and themselves by offering engaging and authentic learning experiences.

Students are familiarising themselves with their Chromebooks. The Chromebook is a great tool allowing students to engage in collaborative learning and access educational resources. You can find information about the Chromebook program on our website.

We are very excited about our two camps to Rubicon Outdoor Education Centre. If you are still interested in attending the camp, ensure you secure your place by submitting your forms to the General Office. There are still places left for "real camping," so discover your inner Bear Grylls! Stay tuned for the next edition....

*Celine Fompudie
Year 9 Coordinator*

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the students, families and staff of Senior School 2016 and a special welcome to our new students. As the new school year commences, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the Senior School Team:

Senior School Leader- Haroula Christodoulou
Year 10 Coordinator- Lou Tsarpalas
Year 11 Coordinator- Mary Maniatis
Year 12 Coordinator- Laura Brancatella
Careers and Pathways Coordinator- Maria Anbar
VASS Coordinator- Matthew Polwarth

Together with the classroom and team teachers, the senior school team is really looking forward to working with students this year. We will continue to strive towards our motto of "Cross the Line". We are proud of the graduating class of 2015, who received such outstanding results. They proved that with hard work, determination and a drive to succeed, you can reach your goals and live your dreams. Our vision is to continue to grow and improve student outcomes with the class of 2016.

Being new to the College, I have enjoyed getting to know our students. Together, we will set goals to:

1. Improve student outcomes.
2. Maintain and improve effective inclusivity of students and staff with regular communication.
3. Instill a sense of high expectations for academic, social and behavioral improvements.
4. Celebrate your successes.

Now is the time for students to get organised and stay organised. Students are reminded to manage their time accordingly, attend school regularly and prepare fully for upcoming SACs/ assignments and exams.

It is very important to us that parents and guardians have a good working relationship with staff. Working together we can ensure the successful progress of each student. The Senior School Team is experienced, compassionate and genuinely interested in ensuring the best school experience for all students.

The College looks forward to a very exciting and prosperous 2016 school year with the College value "Do your best, allow others to do their best and always act respectfully" guiding our direction and purpose.

*Haroula Christodoulou
Senior School Leader*



School Captains: Sofia Vamvakidou, Akhil Mathew, Katherine Aspinall and James Brooks

YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome to the 2016 school year. In my address to the Year 10 students on the first day, I told them that they had earned the right to now be in the Senior School. I also reminded them that with rights go responsibilities – the responsibility to themselves to do the best they can and to respect the teaching and learning ethos of the college. I also reminded the Year 10s of the many extra-curricular activities they can participate in to further their overall education experience.

Towards the end of last year you received a Year 10 Work Experience information pack along with forms to complete. Work Experience for all Year 10 students is on the last week of term 2. If you haven't received the forms or misplaced them please contact me or Mrs Anbar, our Careers Coordinator, so that we can send you all the relevant documentation.

I wish all the Year 10 students, their parents and teachers a most productive 2016 and, as always, please feel free to contact me and discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator*

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that the College has a designated telephone line for notification of student absence – **9571 4178**.



YEAR 11 NEWS

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

Hello to all Year 11 families new and returning. It has been a really positive start to the year and hopefully that's a good omen to see us through the 2016 school year.

We have welcomed several new Year 11 students. Many new happy faces, some having only been in the country for a short time. We have two students starting the year as part of an exchange program: Sarah Dechant from Germany and Sophia Suarez Santana from Peru. We all hope that your time at Glen Eira College is a happy one filled with lots of Aussie adventures.

So far no annual Year 11 camp has been set, but I will be investigating the possibility of one for later in the year. As soon as any information is available, parents will be notified and hopefully we can get a great camp up and running for our Year 11 students.

To all students, VCE is a challenging journey but one made easier with a healthy balance of study, dedication and leisure. Your teachers are on hand to guide you and provide you with opportunities to grow in your learning. Therefore it is imperative you have open communication with your teachers so they can assist you in achieving your best. In saying that, never underestimate the support given to you by your parents, as it is never ending and unconditional. You have so much support and we all have your best interests in mind, so seize every opportunity and shine.

To parents, I really look forward to working with you to help your child navigate VCE, so please do not hesitate to contact me at the College to discuss any questions you may have. There will be many new experiences for many parents whose Year 11 child is the first going through VCE and at times, you will feel like you are back at school all over again but take a deep breath, persevere and all will come together. Just think of the many acronyms you have to learn: VCE, VCAA, ATAR, to name but a few!

Here's to a successful year ahead.

P. Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the positive start that the students have had to the school year, in terms of their work ethic and behaviour. The Year 12 Executive and House Captains have been selected. I look forward to working closely with all student leaders throughout the year.

This year, the school has implemented BYOD initiative. The students have been using these devices during class time as well as during private study. It is important that they continue to use their device appropriately. Please refer to the BYOD agreement if you are unsure about the use of such devices at the college.

Throughout the year I expect that all students take the opportunity to contribute to the wider school curriculum and extracurricular activities to not only to maximise their learning but also improve their overall wellbeing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the college if you have any concerns, queries and also to let me know about student successes outside of school.

Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator

みなさま こんにちは! **BONJOUR TOUT LE MONDE!**

Hello, my name is Nishikubo Sensei / Madame Nishikubo. I am very excited to be teaching at Glen Eira College this year and look forward to getting to know you all. I would like to tell you about two upcoming Japanese events.



The Summer Festival or "Natsu Matsuri"

is an annual event in Japan and comes to life on Sunday 28th February from 12pm – 6pm at Federation Square. The festival will showcase a number of performances, including Taiko Drumming, Bon Odori Dancing, Shamisen and Sumo! The festival will also be packed with a range of stalls with traditional Japanese games, activities and food. <http://jcci-jsm.org.au/fest/>

The Boy and the Beast (Bakemono no ko) is the latest animated feature film from Japanese director Mamoru Hosoda. You can watch it from 3rd March in Japanese (with English subtitles) at CINEMA NOVA and from 5th March in English at Southland. * Rated PG <http://theboyandthebeast.com/cinemas>

Japanese Home Study. This year students are learning both the Hiragana and Katakana scripts. For students who would like to revise these scripts at home, here are some good websites.

<https://quizlet.com/31357023/flashcards>

<http://www.genkienglish.net/genkijapan/hiraganachart.htm>

<http://okochama.jp/game/youtien/>

1. Click on あ (top right)

2. Next screen click on

- Hiragana (blue)
- Katakana (pink)

Emma Nishikubo
Japanese Teacher



ENRICHMENT & ENHANCEMENT SCIENCE TALLENT SEARCH

The Science Talent Search is a state-wide competition run by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria. It is open to all students and entries can take many forms;



SCIENCE TALLENT SEARCH

- Experimental Research
- Computer Programs
- Posters
- Creative Writing
- Photography
- Inventions
- Videos
- Games
- Models

There are CASH prizes to be won! So if you're interested in submitting an entry please speak to your science teacher or Miss Brown.

Theme: Drones, Droids and Robots
Expressions of interest due: Friday 11th March

Emily Brown
Enrichment & Enhancement Coordinator

MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

Glen Eira College will be participating in the Mother's Day Classic again in 2016. The date of the event is Sunday 8th May. This year the Mother's Day Classic is aiming to raise \$4 million to fund breast cancer research.

If you would like to be a part of this great cause, please go to www.mothersdayclassic.com.au and sign up.

Once you have registered, please join the team 'GEC Pink Panthers'.

You can also follow this link to join our team: <https://mdc.mothersdayclassic.com.au/fundraising-team.php?id=104371>

Last year we had approximately 115 team members and we are looking to improve our membership this year.

Participants can choose to run or walk. It doesn't matter what you choose to do, what matters is the cause we are participating for.

Event prices are as follows:

Child/concession walk: \$25 early bird price / \$30 standard

Adult walk: \$45 early bird price / \$50 standard

Child/concession run: \$30 early bird price / \$35 standard

Adult run: \$50 early bird price / \$55 standard

Family (1 Adult, up to 4 children): \$70-95 early bird price / \$75-100 standard

Family (2 Adults, up to 4 children): \$95-125 early bird price / \$100-130 standard

Early bird closing date is Wednesday 6th of April.

More information will be provided closer to the event date. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join the GEC Pink Panthers.

Tori Mulligan

WELLBEING NEWS

In 2016 we welcome back School Nurse Christalia Formoso and Student Support Services Officer (Psychologist) Alexandra Graham. Their continued support for our student community is greatly appreciated. Alex works with us on Mondays and Christalia on Monday and Tuesday.

Year 12 students will be meeting with Christalia during term 1 for a "Lifestyle Check". This proactive program aims to provide students with information and support to assist them manage their wellbeing during their final year of school. Students will meet with Christalia in small groups during their private study periods.

In addition to Alex and Christalia we have a Student Wellbeing Committee in 2016 who will work with us to promote student wellbeing at Glen Eira College. In the next newsletter we will introduce the full team, and their plans for 2016. We have students involved in the committee from all year levels.

I would like to thank all the students who have volunteered and acknowledge the leadership role that Gal Gross has taken on in helping to establish the SWC. In future newsletters they will update our community on their plans and activities.

Jenny Sanchez
Wellbeing Leader

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

My name is Christalia Formoso and I am a registered nurse. I am employed by the Department of Education and Training. I am part of The Secondary School Nursing Program (SSNP) which aims to reduce risk to young people and promote better health in the wider community. I am available at Glen Eira College on Mondays & Tuesdays and my office is located on Level 1, near the stairwell.

Ways the program can help you and your child include:

- supporting the school community in addressing health and social issues facing young people and their families
- offering appropriate primary health care through professional clinical nursing, including assessment, care, referral and support
- playing a key role in reducing negative health issues and risk-taking behaviours among young people, including drug and alcohol abuse, tobacco smoking, eating disorders, obesity, depression, suicide and injuries
- focusing on prevention of ill health and problem behaviours by making sure there is coordination between the school and community health and support services

Infectious Diseases

Policy: To help prevent and control the transmission of infectious diseases in schools. Primary responsibility for the prevention and control of infectious diseases lies with individuals, families and public health authorities; however schools also have an important role to play.

Exclusion: Schools must be aware of, and abide by, exclusion requirements during an outbreak of an infectious

disease. Parents/guardians have a responsibility to report to the school on any infectious diseases.

For detailed information on exclusion, see the Department of Health's website: **Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Surveillance (IDEAS)**.

Certain excludable infectious diseases require immediate notification to the Department of Health. Go to: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/notification-procedures>

For any enquiries or concerns please feel free to contact me on 95717838.

Christalia Formoso

Registered Nurse/Secondary School Nursing Program

South Eastern Victoria Region

Department of Education and Training

SHOPPING SUSTAINABLY

A huge issue arising in the modern era is the amount of firsthand items people are buying. Shopping has become about buying the latest fashion and getting everything brand new. A lot of waste is created by the amount of technology, say a phone, made and bought by eager customers. As a year passes and the next release comes out, people feel obliged to buy the new, better product. The satisfaction of having those few extra fancy gadgets doesn't reflect well with sustainability and the major problems of climate change and global warming. You may not realise the amount of energy used to create first hand products, appliances, toys and furniture for your home but it can add up to 35 tonnes of carbon year per person. Just think about the amount your household creates and times that by the 20 million Australians who live better than most of the world. It's a lot of carbon!

When you shop it is important to look closely at the items you buy and start paying attention to the footprint you leave on this earth. Pay attention to how many new, plastic toys you have purchased and whether they are made by hand or by machines. Shopping at secondhand stores and op-shops are also much more sustainable and a great way to get in front. Shopping like this not only helps support local businesses and charities but minimizes the amount of waste created from newly made items. It's a double bonus!

Take a look around your home and count the amount of second hand items you have. Is it more than the amount of firsthand "essentials"? How many items in your house were passed down from family members or friends who no longer had use for a piece of furniture? If majority of your household items, such as a couch, table, desk, phone and computer are first hand or less than 10 years old a huge opportunity for you to cut down your ecological footprint awaits. Reduce your waste by making smarter choices when shopping. Donate those items you no longer need to second hand shops. Recycle your waste and help the world overcome our global warming problems.

Remi Hudson, Year 10

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. Welcome to families new to GEC in 2016. Please come to one or more of our meetings throughout the year – advertised in the newsletter and by email. If you are not already receiving our emails please email gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au and ask to be added to the list.

In 2016 we are planning:

- Trivia Night (volunteers needed for the Trivia Night Subcommittee)
- Movie Night
- Supper at School Production
- Election Day sausage sizzle
- Volunteers (welcome even in a small way) and other suggestions welcome.

Party in the Park - Princes Park 21st February

Glen Eira College Parents Association held a stall at the festival to promote the school in our community. In keeping with the sustainability theme of the festival, we sold notebooks made from unused pages of old student exercise books for kids to decorate, jams made by parents and fruit.

Secondhand Uniforms - January Sale

Thanks to parents who ran the stall, donated uniform items and washed and mended clothes. The uniform stall raised over \$1,100 for the school and helped families with cheap school clothes.

Earn and Learn

Thanks to everyone who collected the supermarket stickers from Woolworths in 2015 – GEC has just received new sports equipment, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and tennis balls.

Ride2School Day Friday March 4

Ride, scoot, skate or walk to school or for part of the way- it's fun and healthy. Active travel is a great way for students to meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes physical activity every day. Bicycle Network's National Ride2School Day is a great opportunity for Australian students and school communities to embrace a healthier start and to try walking and riding to school for themselves. In 2015 Glen Eira College adopted an active travel charter to encourage students and staff to travel by active means and sought funds for additional bike and scooter parking.

Bicycle Maintenance Course

Basic bike maintenance session at St Kilda Library, as part of the Sustainable Living Festival Wed 24th Feb 6.30-8.30pm \$10 Georgie Fyfe-Jamieson

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/basic-bike-maintenance-for-women-sustainable-living-festival-wed-24th-feb-2016-tickets-19723491494>

Bikes at Work www.bikesatwork.com.au



Cycle Melbourne MS and Bicycle Network's Ride2School Program

Sunday March 6

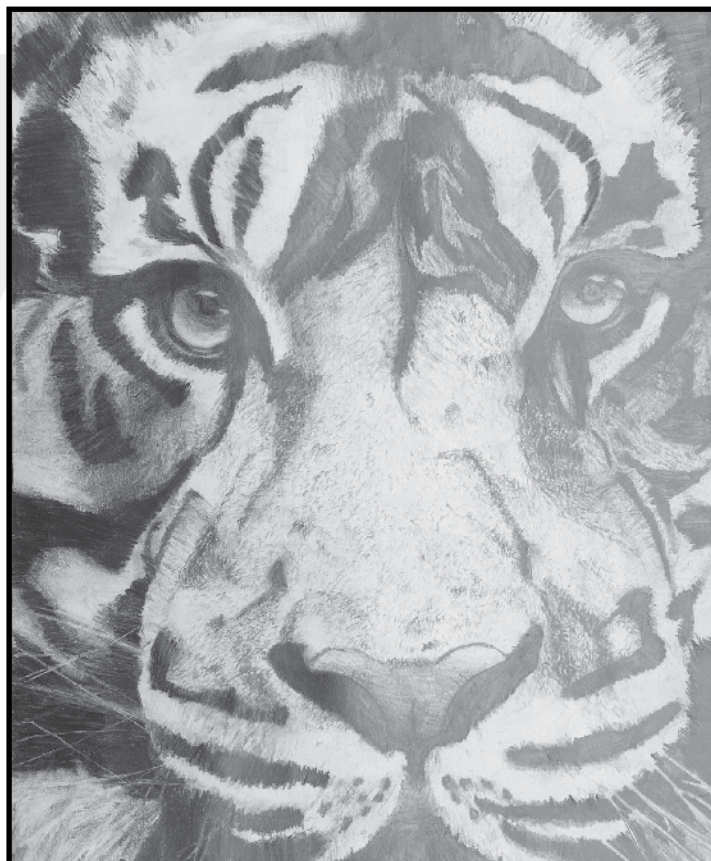
Enjoy a family day out and ride to make a difference for those living with multiple sclerosis. There will be plenty of entertainment and activities, including bicycle workshops for families as well as food and even a petting zoo! It's the perfect opportunity for families, schools and community groups to get together and be active with an off-road 7km or 3km course at Flemington Racecourse. A 30km or 50km course riding over the West gate Bridge is also an exciting way to see the skyline of Melbourne. www.msmelbournecycle.org.au

Cathy McNaughton

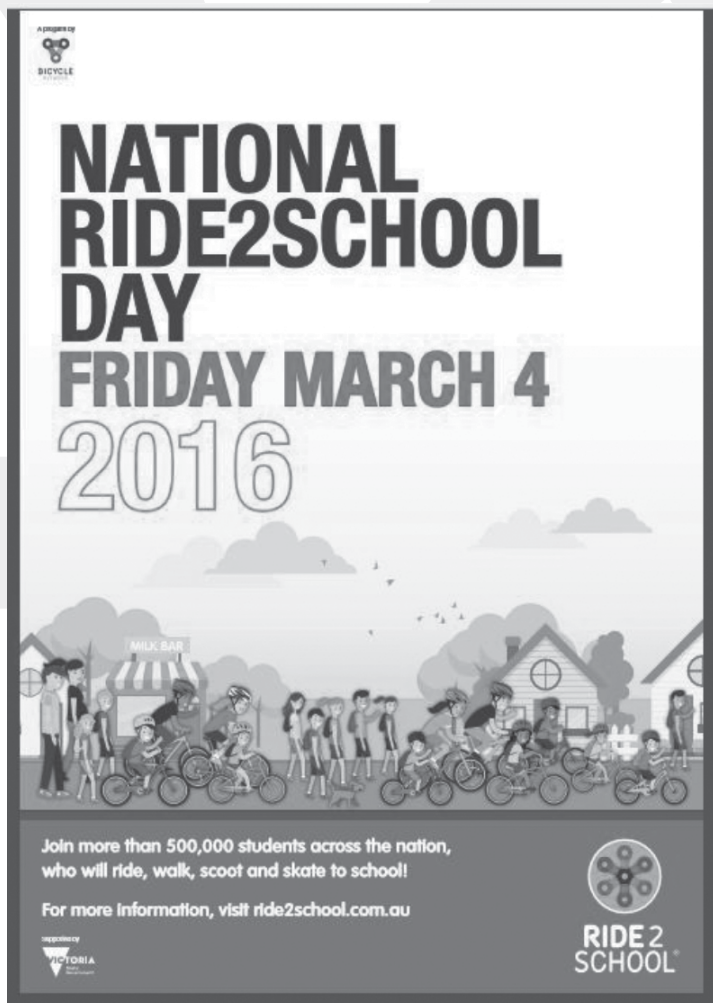
STUDENT ARTWORK



Ashleigh Harris 9A



Sierra Danon 9B



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Sean Kelly 9B



Gargi Mhaskar 9B

KEY DATES TERM 1 & 2 2016

THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL PHOTOS
 FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY - INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY – WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH – YEAR 8 CAMP
 TUESDAY 8TH MARCH – BEACHSIDE SWIMMING & DIVING
 TUESDAY 8TH MARCH – YEAR 7 PARENT EVENING 6PM
 WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 THURSDAY 10TH MARCH – YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS
 THURSDAY 10TH MARCH – YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY EXCURSION
 MONDAY 14TH MARCH - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 (SCHOOL CLOSED)
 WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH - VCE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2:30PM
 – 5:30PM (ALL STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:30PM)
 FRIDAY 18TH MARCH - YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS
 TUESDAY 22ND MARCH – YEARS 7-10 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
 2:30PM – 7:15PM (ALL STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:30PM)
 THURSDAY 24TH MARCH – GEC CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 11AM (ALL
 STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:30PM)
 THURSDAY 24TH MARCH – LAST DAY TERM 1
 MONDAY 11TH APRIL – FIRST DAY TERM 2
 MONDAY 25TH APRIL – ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
 TUESDAY 26TH APRIL – LANGUAGES OPEN DAY 9:15AM
 WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL – OPEN DAY/NIGHT
 FRIDAY 13TH MAY – GEC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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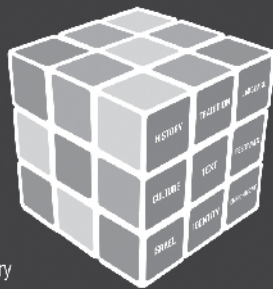
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