

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Open Day / Night

Our recent Open Days and Night were fantastic community events. Our staff, students and parents were passionate and committed in showing the community what a wonderful school we have here at Glen Eira College. French and Hebrew Open Day allowed parents particularly interested in our Language programs an opportunity to see these classes in action. Joining me on the tour were Year 12 students Vincent McKeown-West and Mailys Perfrement and Rivka Mitchell from Year 9. On Open Day we ran six incredibly well attended tours during the day and had standing room only in the PAC in the evening. Special thanks to Year 7 students Ben Schauder and Leah Sandow and school captains Vincent McKeown-West and Jayde Glass who spoke so beautifully at the formal presentation in the packed PAC. Subject areas really were on show with lots of opportunities for our visitors to participate in a wide range of learning activities. Our parents were on hand all over the college to share their experiences with prospective families. In the afternoon we held our annual 'Share Our Success' event where year 7 students invited a teacher from their primary school to show them around the college and to 'share in their success'. I am very proud of all of our students who engaged with our visitors, who led tours and who assisted staff in so many ways – I have received wonderful feedback from those attending the evening, regarding the outstanding qualities of our students.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for being a part of these events – greatly appreciated.

School Council

The new school council had their first meeting in March and I am delighted to announce the following office bearers:

President: Rhonda Brooks

Vice President: Ruth Gordon

Treasurer: Mike Seager

Building Community and Identity Subcommittee Chairperson:
Ruth Gordon

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Gemma Fisher has been appointed as our English Language Centre Leader. We thank Kathy Swales who has led the Language Centre superbly since the start of the year.

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GEC Cross Country



Yom HaShoah Assembly



ANZAC Day Commemorations

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.

Whole School and Community Events

Holocaust Remembrance Assembly

On Thursday 16th April we held a recognition assembly to commemorate Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Commemoration Day. The assembly was attended by our Year 7 and 8 students. We had two guest speakers, Halina Zylberman from the Holocaust Museum, Elsternwick and Mr Lewis a 93 year old Jewish-Australian soldier – a relative of one of our students.

Thank you to Peter Brown for his initiative and organisation.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

Our ANZAC Day Commemorations were truly fitting and I am so very proud of all involved. You will read a report from Mathieu in this newsletter and a piece of prose written by Year 10 student Greta Sandow.

Thank you to Mathieu Givogue, Radcliff Owen, John Tserkezidis and Deborah Cordingley for coordinating the range of activities.

Mother's Day Classic

Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthy community event and to Tori Mulligan for co-ordinating our team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Musical Festival

I hope you will be able to attend our first Musical Festival for 2015 which will be held on the evening of Wednesday 10th June in the PAC. It is a wonderful opportunity to see so many of our students demonstrate their instrumental music talents.

Legally Blonde – this year's musical production

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's production – Legally Blonde. Make sure you save the dates – evening performances are on the 18th, 19th and 20th August.

Xuno Parent Portal

We hope parents received their username and password in the mail during the Easter holidays. The portal will provide for more flexible and accessible communication. You will be able to view your child's reports, monitor attendance history, update your personal details, keep up to date with the latest news and events as well as send staff messages. We are currently trialling the use of the homework/classwork feature and we hope to have this fully operational by second semester.

Budget Announcement

As you will have seen in the media we will receive \$950,000 in the coming financial year to undertake the necessary planning work in order for the school rebuild to take place.

I have been assured by Philip Dalidakis MP Member for Southern Metropolitan Region Victorian Parliament that working on the assumption the school and the education department complete this within this budget period; the parents, the staff, the students and the community can absolutely be confident that the full funding of the rebuild will then be provided in keeping with the 2014 election commitment.

I am attending a briefing next week in regards to the process from here.

Opportunity to Host a Student From Our Sister School

Last Thursday I emailed all families in regards to submitting an Expressions of Interest to host a student from College Dumbéa Sur Mer in Nouméa, New Caledonia - our Sister School for the period Monday 20th July to Monday 27th July 2015. Thankyou to those families who have already replied and expressed interest in this great opportunity.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS



Glen Eira College commemorated ANZAC Day this year with an entire week of learning activities ending in a ceremony on Friday. There was a range of opportunities afforded to students in all year levels.

We started the week with students making poppies with a message of thanks to an ANZAC of their choosing which was added to a banner at the front of the college. Our Language Centre students created a field of poppies reminiscent of Flanders Fields. This began students on a journey of growth and contemplation about the importance of commemoration and what is truly meant by the 'ANZAC Spirit'. In class many students wrote poems, studied the history of Gallipoli and were able to see firsthand reproductions of WW2 artefacts and write a historical reimagining of an ANZAC experience.



ANZAC Day Commemorations

Our College Senior and Junior Captains attended a service at the Shrine of Remembrance on Thursday and made thoughtful, mature speeches at our assembly on Friday. Before this assembly, veterans spoke with Year 8 and 10 students answering their questions and giving them an account of their experiences. Our official ANZAC ceremony was a student led assembly really demonstrating the range of abilities we've come to expect from our student body. The assembly was traditional, thoughtful but also innovative and creative. Student speeches were timed with visuals that moved the audience and led to deep contemplative questions of the universality of the soldiers' struggle, the qualities of excellence and the importance of remembrance. Afterwards two student poems, one coupled with a sombre dance, brought a veteran to exclaim that he was amazed and overwhelmed by the depth of understanding that these



students, although so young, had of the trauma and struggle endured by returning veterans.

As the Head of Humanities, it was my pleasure to help with this endeavour and I look forward to continuing to work with our students to further enlighten and educate through the many assemblies and ceremonies ahead.

*Mathieu Givogue
Humanities Coordinator*

BLOOD TURNS TO POPPIES

There was a jagged line running through my beating heart,
Memories that never could depart, knowledge I could not
know,

But I persevered,
And in time,
The blood turned to poppies.

That same jagged line ran through my marriage,
The two halves never fit together as they once did,
But I used hope as glue to repair it,
And in time,
The blood turned to poppies.

I watched as the world changed
And war, in its myriad forms, still raged on, unabated,
But I held fast to the notion of a brighter future,
And in time,
Blood turned to poppies.

There a period of quiet – of relative peace.
I found myself nostalgic, nostalgic for the action of long gone
eras, and before I knew it, I had my wish.
Action had returned to Earth – though not in the way I had
hoped.

There is senseless violence – people are losing sight of their
humanity, and the equally valid humanity of their neighbours,
But I remember the past, and I know peace will come,
Because in time,
Blood always turns to poppies.

People, beautiful people, with their thoughts and their eternal
questions,
Will someday soon charge across the earth with the fire of a
thousand suns,
Demanding their voices be heard,
And when they are knocked down, again and again, and
again,
I will stay optimistic,
Because in time,
The blood will always turn to poppies.

And so it is today,
As I sit in this park surrounded by memories and little red
flowers,
That I ask you, that I beg of you,
To keep thinking, and questioning, and kindling that fire,
Because you must remember,
That in time,
Blood will turn to poppies.

*Greta Sandow
Year 10*

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Please note that the Glen Eira College Bank account details have changed. The new bank account details for Direct Deposit payments is

BSB: 313 - 140 – Bank MECU
Account: 12068739

So that we can receipt to the correct family please put you family name in the reference and what you are paying for.

Thank you

Debbie Panakos
Business Manager



LIBRARY NEWS

As part of the whole school program to commemorate the '100 Years of ANZAC', the Library has on loan from the SEV a Memorial Box containing artefacts from Australia's involvement in the War in the Pacific and significant primary print sources (photographs, journals etc.) from the WWII period. In addition, Mr Givogue held talks to discuss the contents of the Memorial Box.

Our ANZAC writing competition involved students' deciphering' a First World War soldier's letter home. First, students needed to research the colloquial terms used throughout the text and then re-write the passage using modern terminology.

ChessKids – Chess Club is held in the Library every Monday 12.45-1.20pm.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*

**Chess Club
participants**



STUDENT ABSENCES

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



JUNIOR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Term 1 concluded with a Junior School Assembly, celebrating the academic and extracurricular successes amongst students and staff. Congratulations to all award recipients and best of luck to those competing in events later on in the term.

The Year 9 Program "St Kilda" Exhibition was an excellent way to end a successful term. Students showcased their work during Parent Teacher interviews. Thank you to those who attended and viewed the work. This term our theme is "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind" and we have many excursions and incursions planned. An email was sent via Xuno with the curriculum outline and list of excursions for the term.

Open Night was a huge success with many Junior School students volunteering their time to assist KLA leaders promote the college. Well done to Leah Sandow and Ben Schauder, our two Year 7 representatives, who spoke in front of a rather large audience on Open Night.

Best of luck to the Year 7 boys' volleyball team and the Year 8 girls' softball team who will be competing in the Southern Regional Finals in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for results in the next newsletter.

Ms Baragwanath, Ms Fompudie, Ms Allan and I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open throughout the term. Now is the time to Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved.

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*



Junior School students with our special guests at the Holocaust Remembrance Assembly



Year 8 Girls' Softball Team

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

It is fantastic to see our Year 7 students settling back into term 2 so well. Their sense of belonging to the Glen Eira College community continues to grow. I am very pleased to see that the number of year 7 students getting involved in all aspects of school life is continuing to increase - including the School Production, Cross Country, Singfest and ANZAC Day commemorations.

Year 7s had the opportunity to invite their Primary School teachers to join them in the 'Share Our Success' afternoon on Wednesday 29th April. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and pride displayed by our students as they brought their Primary School teachers on a tour of the school and shared their achievements to date.

Following the successful Kidproof incursion addressing Social Netiquette and Cyber Safety in term 1, now is a timely reminder to check in with your children to see how they are using their digital devices in establishing their new friendship groups. Whether it is through Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram or texting, the cyber world is continually changing and becoming more accessible to your children. The links below may help you keep up to date with how your children are using the internet and social media to communicate with their friends. These websites provide some valuable resources that I hope will encourage open and educated communication about the appropriate use of digital devices for your children.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns>
<http://www.ncab.org.au/forparents/>

*Louise Baragwanath
Year 7 Coordinator*

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all the Year 8 students who received an award at the end of term assembly. Special congratulations to Ashleigh Harris, Tali Maltz, Will Stamp, Sierra Danon, Reena Zelenkova, Gordon Beet, Phoebe Foldvari, Jackson Moses, Hyeji Chai, Eliza Miller and Georgia Massey who received the Coordinator's Award.

The beginning of a new term is a good opportunity to remind students to get organised and to develop a home study program. Home study is additional work, revision or research that you undertake to develop and strengthen areas of knowledge that you have identified yourself. Home study is an essential part of learning as it helps reinforce concepts learnt in class. In year 8, you should spend between 40 and 50 minutes a night on homework and/or home study. Creating a home study timetable will allow you to prioritise what subjects to study more often and I encourage students to use the home study timetable in your planner.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Remember the planner is an excellent way to communicate with all teachers as the students should be taking them home each night.

Have a great term!

*Celine Fompudie
Year 8 Coordinator*



YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

At the end of term 1 we recognised students who showed 'all round' ability (having excellent academic results, exemplary behaviour in class and participating in all class activities) at a Junior School assembly in the Gym. I would like to congratulate the following students for achieving the 'all rounder' award in term 1:

Year 9A:	Polina Artemenko Tomas Smith
Year 9B:	Anna Rowsell Mathilde Papon
Year 9C:	Elizabeth Lindner-Craig Declan Boyd
Year 9D:	Rebecca Johnson
Year 9E:	Kaeli Hunt Caitlyn James

In addition, we celebrated 9D students Aditya Verma and Atharva Kandula for their positive contribution to the school community by assisting other students within the College.

I mentioned in the previous newsletter that the Year 9 Camp has been planned to take place at Phillip Island Adventure Resort on Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th November. Students will spend 3 days participating in a range of activities such as: water based activities, high and low rope courses and team building initiatives. We will be sending out more information in the next couple of weeks.

Term 2 has started well with students being engaged in classes and utilising their Google Chromebooks. Please ensure that all students have their laptops charged every night so they can use them in class the following morning. Some students have been coming to class with no charge on their Chromebook which means they could not submit work on time or participate in class based activities.

I would like to recommend some educational sites that you and your child might like to utilise with the Google Chromebook:

Bright Hub Education: <http://www.brighthouseeducation.com/>
The content is suitable for all students and includes homework help ideas. This site is enormous and very comprehensive.

iknowthat.com: <http://www.iknowthat.com/com>
Fun and challenging website for gifted kids because they can choose the subject and level. It includes many activities and options.

The BBC Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learning/>
Full of fun and interesting activities and information.

Brain Pop: <https://www.brainpop.com/>
Animated educational site for kids – science, social studies, arts, math, health, engineering, and English.

San Francisco Symphony: <http://www.sfskids.org/templates/home.asp?pageid>

Learn about tempo, musical notes, and more!

If you have any queries about the information included in this newsletter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Allan
Year 9 Coordinator

LANGUAGES CORNER

Voyage en Nouvelle Calédonie Nouméa 2015

When we all met at the airport on Saturday 28th March, nervous excitement was in the air. Questions were coming from everywhere such as; who will I sit next to on the plane? How long will the flight be? What will be our first activity? We soon said goodbye to our families and we embarked on our long awaited trip to New Caledonia. And when we came back 8 days later, all we could hear was; why do we have to go back home now? Most of all, it did not matter who we were sitting next to on the plane! For me, this summarises the trip. Friendship, laughter, happiness, adventure, cultural discovery, language immersion, memorable moments, and of course some bruises here and there were what we came back with.

Our trip was filled with excursions around Noumea, visiting Museums, the Aquarium, Kanak dance workshop, Parc Forestier to explore the fauna and flora of New Caledonia, discovering Phare Amedée Island, meeting the turtles and other sea creatures when snorkelling, paddle boarding, swimming in the sea and many more highlights. Our students enjoyed playing in the pool at the hotel (sometimes a bit too much!) and going out for dinners at local restaurants and finding out that "They don't mess with their food and their baguettes in New Caledonia!"

The highlight of the trip was definitely visiting our sister school, Dumbéa Sur Mer. Nothing compared to the warmth and friendliness of the students and teachers who welcomed us into their world for 3 days. Even though on the first day we did not expect all the excitement and curiosity that our visit created amongst the students, we soon found out that it all translated to a desire to learn more about Australia and our people and we shared the same desire to learn more about New Caledonia and their people. By the 2nd day our students had all made new friends; exchanged gifts, letters and contact details, and studied Maths, Science, PE, History, Geography and many more subjects, all in French; which sounded more appealing! Our students also had the opportunity to commemorate World War 1 by participating in a wood carving activity and in a collaborative analysis of "Les Affiches de Propagande" with the 24 students who will be visiting our school in July. We look forward to many more adventures with our sister school in the years to come!

Leah, Cooper, Rachel, Samantha, Phoebe, Caitlin L, Caitlin S, Paige, Jack, Oscar, Henry, Will, Sean, Anna, Kai and Taylor all came back enriched with life-long souvenirs which I know will stay with them and of course revitalised to pursue their French language learning with profound interest and enthusiasm and with the bonus of a rewarding experience in their pocket. Thank you to you all! Each one of you has either said or done something during the trip which has given me the drive and the energy to plan the next trip in 2 years time! So, rendez- vous in 2017!

A big merci beaucoup to David Ebert who contributed so much to the success of our trip. His presence and support will not be forgotten. We look forward to seeing Monsieur Ebert enrolled in a French class soon so that he does not forget all

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that he has gained during the trip!

Here is what he had to say about the trip:

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time in New Caledonia, particularly the visit to our sister school. I tried to imagine what it would be like for students at GEC who are just learning English. I could manage the English class without a problem. I could follow what was happening in Maths and Physics. But French and History, not a chance!"

Here is what some of our students had to say about the trip:

"In New Caledonia, you will spend the majority of your time laughing! It was a great experience; speaking French, exploring the place and eating a lot." Phoebe Foldvari 8C

"I had fun meeting new people at the school, I would go back any day." Caitlin Shaw 8C

"It was a great experience to further practice our French and have fun at the same time." Will Stamp 8B

"Everything about the trip was exciting. Even school!!! I also learn lots of French." Henry De Bono 8B

"I thought the trip was very educational but it was always fun and exciting! Never a dull moment." Sean Kelly 8B

"The trip was amazing. Meeting everyone from the school and also becoming friends with everyone on the trip from GEC." Taylor Abbott 10D

"New Caledonia was a great trip that greatly immersed me in the French language. Highly recommend!" Kai Cappel 9B

"It was a wonderful experience. Meeting the people at the school was amazing, same with all the activities." Caitlin Lavery 8C

"It was amazing at the end of the trip everyone became so close – it was a great bonding experience." Paige Reynolds 8C

"It was an amazing opportunity to improve my French, meet new people and try new things." Anna Roswell 9B

"I had fun in New Caledonia. It was amazing!" Rachel Hoch 7C

LANGUAGES OPEN DAY

Our first Hebrew and French Languages Open Day was held on Tuesday 28th April. It was a great opportunity to showcase our languages program at the school and for prospective families to see our language classes in action.

French Enhancement and Extension workshops after school in Term 2

The Alliance Française 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). An email was sent to all parents at the end of term 1. Last day to enrol is the 1st May and the classes will start on the 18th May.

Francophonie Week photo and video competition winners.

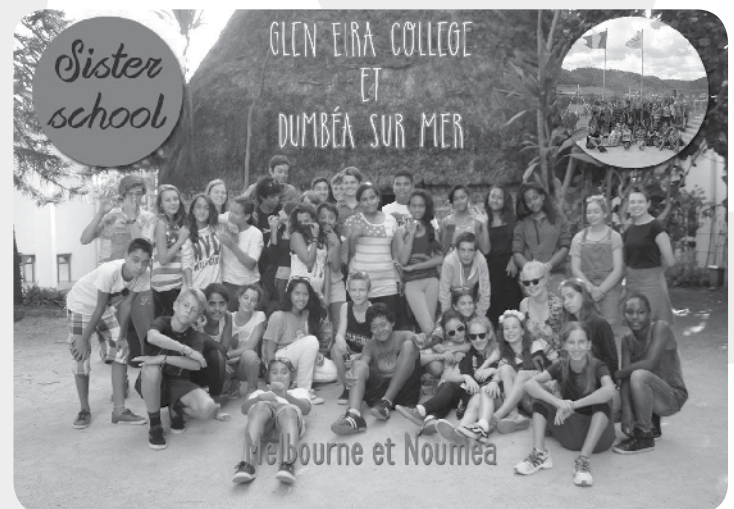
We are very proud to announce that we had 3 winners in the Francophonie photo and video competition organised by the Alliance Française de Melbourne.

1st Prize - Camille Dubois 8B for her video on the word "Gri-Gri"

3rd Prize - Elizabeth Lindner-Craig 9C for her video on the word "Amalgame" and Leah Sandow 7C for her photo on the word "Kitsch"

Felicitations aux gagnantes!!

Loveena Narayanan
Languages Coordinator



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you and well done to our school captains; Jayde, Vincent, Mailys and Digby who have been exemplary leaders demonstrating the Glen Eira College values throughout the year. Jayde and Vincent led the Senior School Assembly at the end of last term, delivering inspirational speeches and handing out the certificates. Digby and Mailys ran the ANZAC Day memorial assembly for year 7 and 12 students on the 23rd April, showing a great deal of respect for such a momentous occasion. Our Captains really are living up to our expectations and I am sure that the student body appreciates their leadership and commitment to the Glen Eira College community.

On Friday 15th May Darren Pereira will be coming to Glen Eira to talk to the year 11 and 12 students about 'Success and Achievement'. This will run over a double period and is sure to be the motivational ticket that students are needing as we approach the half-way point of the year.



Our mid-year exams for year 10, 11 and 9B students commence on Tuesday 2nd June. Timetables have been published for students to review. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the college.

Emily Brown
Senior School Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

Term 2 means shorter and cooler days, increased workloads and the impending trials and tribulations of mid-year exams. Yep, that's term 2.

Congratulations to all the year 10 award recipients acknowledged at the term 1 awards assembly. I encourage all the year 10 students to really give it their "best shot" during term 2.

Unfortunately we've had to cancel the Tasmania tour due to low numbers, but watch this space for more information on the next planned year 10 camp. If you have paid a deposit or in full for Tasmania your money is fully refundable. Please organise this with Debbie Panakos our Business Manager.

Work Experience for year 10s is the final week of term 2. Please ensure that your child has completed all the relevant paper work required for Work Experience. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Anbar, our Careers Coordinator.

Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 11S SHINE

It is hard to believe that we are nearly half way through term two. It was an absolute delight to present a Coordinator's award to the following students:

Sunrita Bhattacharya
Maria Korunovska
Thomas Lepinette
Jason Vainer
Sofia Vamvakidou
Pengyuan (Wayne) Wang
Maytav Yitzhaki

Congratulations to all award recipients. We are proud of your achievements. I look forward to the next awards ceremony when I expect to see more of our Year 11 students, "Crossing the Line" and stepping forward to succeed in their studies as exams and the end of semester 1 looms.

In saying all of this, we also need to acknowledge the excellent achievements of our students in other areas of pursuit outside of school. One such student is James Brooks, who has worked diligently in an area that he certainly excels in to be rated as second in the state of Victoria for Karate. Congratulations James!

At the end of term one we farewelled Thomas Lepinette who was on exchange from Belgium. He spent a term at Glen Eira College, immersing himself in all aspects of the College. He was an excellent ambassador for his school and country,

always positive, respectful and wearing a great big smile. We hope that Thomas' experience in Australia was rewarding and full of wonderful memories that he will treasure always.

Let's have a successful term two as students and staff work towards preparing for the completion of semester 1 and exams. Good luck to all.

Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

Term 2 is always a busy time for the students as they prepare for practise exams and the General Achievement Test (GAT). It is expected that every student completes all of the exams and the GAT. The exams will provide an understanding of where they stand in relation to their studies to date. Just as important is that each student experiences completing work under the 'stress' of exam conditions and they practise the behaviour that is expected of them during this time.

Obviously students should be working towards completing exams to the best of their ability and can access the VCAA website to download and complete past exam papers. This should be part of their home study routine as well as completing all of the set homework.

On a lighter note, our year 12 students will be attending the year 12 formal on Thursday 14th May at The International in Brighton. This event is a school event that is held each year and I look forward to a fantastic night.

If you have any queries, please contact me on 95717838.

Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator

GLEN EIRA ART STUDENTS SHINE AGAIN



Great Community Art Mashup winners

All Year 7 Glen Eira art students participated in "The Great Community Art Mashup" as part of the Glenhenty Village Street Festival.

Students developed possible ideas and media for their mashup in their art classes. Each art work needed to consist of three A5 pieces of paper that when joined together created



a figure. The work had to be able to separate so that another student's work could be inserted to create a new work.

Our students spent many classes creating their final art works using such media as pencil and texta. The students work was displayed in local shop windows on Glen Huntley Road.

On Saturday 14th March the finalists gathered with their families at the Community Pharmacy to hear announced the winners of the competition. I am proud to announce the following students won prizes in their age category.



Ethan, Sophie and Viki at the Glenhuntly Village Street Festival

Age 11-13

1st prize – Talia Delaney-Murnane \$50 JB HiFi gift voucher
2nd prize – Sophie Rowsell \$25 JB HiFi gift voucher
3rd prize – Miki Roberts \$25 JB HiFi gift voucher

Honourable mentions who received prizes of a set of textas and a pencil case from the college were;

Ethan Tsui
Sean Lee
Imogen Poole
Viki Argiriou
Mathias Vaidie
Phillip Gurzhiy

At the Junior School assembly all finalists received a certificate from the college. See more photos at <https://www.facebook.com/glenhuntlyvillage>.

*Bernadette Mclvor
Arts & Technology Coordinator*

CODE MASTERS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COMPETITION

Glen Eira College students participated in the competition on 9th April at Melbourne University. There were 21 teams from 11 secondary schools in both senior and junior categories. Congratulations to the junior teams who finished first and third!

These students regularly attended the Python programming activities at lunchtime on Wednesdays, an extra-curricular program designed for students who enjoy computer programming.

Senior Team: Avraham Hammer, Rohan Kalanje, Sankalp Sudesh

Year 9 Team: Adrien Dubois, Maximus Koveos (First place in the junior category)

Year 7 Team: Mathias Vaidie, Antoine Hobbs, Eitan Nikolaesky (Third Place in the junior category)

Ounsane Siriamphone



Adrien, Max, Mathais, Antoine, Eitan, Sankelp, Rohan and Avraham with Mr Siriamphone

GREEN CORNER

Welcome to the first issue of the GEC 'Green Corner'. Given the concern expressed by Professor Tim Flannery in the previous newsletter about environmental issues we decided to create an information section for the newsletter. The GEC 'Green Corner' will provide environmental tips that can be incorporated into your home or business.

1. Don't leave the entry door open when the heater is on in winter, or when air conditioning is running in summer.
2. Recycle wherever possible.
3. Save water. Water is the most important ingredient of life. It helps to sustain us as well as all other animals and plants. This is why it is vitally important for you to help save and reduce water usage. Some ways you can do this at home are:
 - a) Installing a rainwater tank. A tank helps save and maximise rainwater. While benefiting the environment it is also a great way to save money. Your tank does not have to be big or supply water to your entire house. It can be used for watering the garden, having showers or flushing the toilet.
Did you know every flush from a toilet uses 3 litres of water?
 - b) Using a grey-water system. Grey-water is another way of maximising water usage. Every time you have a shower, wash dishes, or tip water down a plug hole the water can be transported into your garden. This way you save money and time while the plants have a strong supply of water to thrive in.



4. Grow your own fruit and vegetables. It is quite simple to grow your own fruit and veggies, for example: rhubarb is easy to grow and so are strawberries, herbs (such as basil and parsley), tomatoes and zucchini. Depending on your climate, onion bases, sprouted garlic cloves, potato scraps with eyes, pineapple tops, unused ginger and celery bases can all be replanted and used to grow new plants.

*Nadine Fiel-Schadt, Remi Hudson and Mathilde Papon
Year 9*

ENHANCEMENT AND ENRICHMENT

We have enlivened the experience of students in lots of areas since the last newsletter stretching them to realise their potential in a number of areas of interest. The Mystery Lecture series is well underway and tickets have been snapped up quickly by students eager to improve their literacy and gain worldly knowledge during lunchtime.

The first mystery speaker was Malcolm Schmidtke. Malcolm has been a print journalist for more than 30 years and held a range of senior positions, including editor of The Sunday Age, managing editor of The Age, editor of The Australian and deputy editor (national/international) of The Australian Financial Review. Malcolm was educated in South Australia and Victoria. He was a John S. Knight fellow at Stanford University, California, in 1989/90. He won one of the 49th Walkley Awards for newspaper feature writing with Gay Alcorn and Liz Minchin in The Age, 'Young Latham'. We were very privileged to have Malcolm share his insights with our students which was especially focused on understanding the nuances of persuasive language in the media.

Student comments:

Though the lecture was short, it was informative. I now have a vast knowledge of strategies writers and editors use to engage readers at first glance.

Reena Zelenkova Y8B

The lecturer had a lot of knowledge to share and it was interesting because it linked directly to our English curriculum.

Kyhati Jain Y12

It was interesting to hear a perspective on this topic from an expert who is highly experienced.

Nina Colon Y12



The second mystery speaker was Stephanie Heller. Stephanie and her twin sister Annetta were born in 1924 in Prague, Czechoslovakia, a country that was occupied by Nazi Germany in 1938. In 1941 their parents and little sister were deported to Lodz Ghetto. Stephanie, aged 18, married her boyfriend, Egon, and soon they were all deported to Theresienstadt camp in Czechoslovakia. In 1943 they were sent to Auschwitz, where the twins were chosen by Dr Josef Mengele to be part of his medical experiments. However, the twins were evacuated on a death march before they could be subjected to medical experimentation. The twins survived, although members of their families did not come home. Stephanie, who is now 91 years old, presented her story to a crowded room of students. She is an inspirational role model for us all. After the lecture, Stephanie responded to questions from Year 12 students studying the graphic novel, The Complete Maus, which explores themes of relationships, trauma and survival of World War II and the Holocaust from a Jewish survivor son's perspective.

Student comments:

This Mystery Master lecture was about a woman named Stephanie talking to us about how she survived the Holocaust and how her twin sister, Annetta, survived. I found this lecture very interesting and amazing. I loved how she was so positive about everything that she went through.

Elouise Krelle Y9A

It was such a great experience to listen to someone who went through the Holocaust. I got very emotional afterwards because it is very close to my heart. I wanted to listen to her more because she is amazing.

Eliza Sharpe Y9A

She is an amazing person. Her speech was quite confronting and intense. It was fantastic to hear her story.

Zac Sealie Y12C

Year 8 students engaged in a Cultures of Thinking routine, Chalk Walk, where students silently constructed questions and made comments around a series of photos of Stephanie's life story to raise ideas and questions about interpretations of primary sources during their History class.

Year 8C have been developing a Medieval town with Kinetic Sand as a way to represent the social perspective of people living in small villages around a castle and rivers. The hands on approach develops a different way to show the use of space and social relationships during the Middle Ages.





As part of 'Investigating Ancient Civilisations' in Year 7D, Sarah Raitman produced a show bag of artefacts from Israel as inspiration for an assessment task centred around archaeology linking with modern sources.

Liora Glaymon of Year 9A brought back an antiqued parchment document of the Declaration of Independence from her recent trip to America as a secondary source for the Year 9 classroom studying the French and American Revolutions.

As an assessment task, Year 8 & 9s are competing in a formal debate on whether the Industrial Revolution or the French Revolution was the most important event in the Making of the Modern World. The debates have been engaging, rigorous and a credit to the students who have obviously worked hard as individuals and as part of a team to try and win their respective debates.



During Team, interested students cut out a poppy from felt and attached a button, representing all the different individuals who fought in wars, and researched a fallen soldier or nurse or anyone involved in a war conflict. Students wrote dedications to their individuals. Students wrote to past family members who sacrificed their lives so we can now have the freedoms we all enjoy in Australia. Four hundred and fifty students made individual poppies and most wrote a moving message to attach to their poppy. Then we attached the poppies to a banner outside the school crossing spelling out the message, 'Lest We Forget.' It is a moving tribute to all the past lives and a wonderful dedication for our future hopes. Please take the time to read some of the messages and see our commemoration to ANZAC Day and our heroes of past.

'Lest We Forget.'

*Deborah Cordingley
Enrichment and Enhancement Coordinator*

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS
Please join the Parents and Friends Association in some of our many fun and worthwhile activities this year. 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 Street Party on 14th March

The Parents Association held a stall at the Glen Huntly Street Festival where we sold snow cones and a few other items. The event was smaller than last year's festival, but we had a rush on the snow cones when a crowd gathered for the announcement of prize winners in the Art Mashup competition. We made a profit of over \$250.

Thank you to the Glen Huntly Traders Association for organising the Street Festival and sponsoring our snow cone machine, to the families who donated drinks, home-baked goods and even locally made honey and of course to those who volunteered on the day.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale on 24th March

A number of families came to our sale before or after their Parent Teacher interviews. Some were lucky enough to find uniform items for their children, and we raised over \$300 for the college.

Thank you to Sharon Unger for organising this sale and to our other volunteers. We hope to have another sale to coincide with the next Parent Teacher interviews in Term 3.

Movie Night

We have started planning for a movie night at a local cinema, hopefully in May or June. Details will be sent out by email when available.

William Angliss Dinner and Art Event – Saturday 31st October

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.

Making Cycling Easier in SE Melbourne - Glen Eira College recently hosted a successful public forum with the Glen Eira Bicycle Users Group.

Ross in Year 10 opened the forum talking about the fun side of riding to school at Glen Eira College. Speakers from Boroondara and Yarra Councils showcased their fantastic bike facilities and ride-to-school programs - a good model for the City of Glen Eira. Several Glen Eira Councillors attended or expressed interest in improving cycling in Glen Eira. The Forum called on Glen Eira Council to this year complete the outstanding actions from the 2010-2015 Bicycle Strategy, prepare a new strategy that looks at kids riding and invest over \$500,000 per annum in making riding easier and safer for everyone (comparable with other Councils but less than the best at Yarra and Boroondara). Thanks to the College and Debbie and Carmel for arranging the venue. For inquiries or if you would like a copy of the excellent presentations please contact **Cathy McNaughton (Ross Year 10) Ph: 0412 119 807**.



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MONDAY 11TH MAY – SENIOR INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

TUESDAY 12TH MAY – THURSDAY 14TH MAY – NAPLAN
(FOR YEARS 7 & 9)

SATURDAY 16TH MAY – 2016 ACE TEST 9AM – 12PM

MONDAY 18TH MAY – YEAR 7 A GOLDEN AGE OF CHINA EXCURSION

TUESDAY 19TH MAY – THURSDAY 21ST MAY – MUSIC CAMP

FRIDAY 22ND MAY – YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS

TUESDAY 26TH MAY – BEACHSIDE CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 29TH MAY – INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

MONDAY 1ST JUNE – YEAR 10 & 11 SWAT VAC

TUESDAY 2ND – THURSDAY 4TH JUNE – YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS

WEDNESDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 4TH JUNE – YEAR 9B EXAMS

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE – REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENT FREE)

MONDAY 8TH JUNE – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE – GAT (FOR UNIT 3/4 STUDENTS)

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE – MUSIC FESTIVAL 6:45PM PAC

WEDNESDAY 10TH – FRIDAY 12TH JUNE – YEAR 12 PRACTISE EXAMS

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE – YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

MONDAY 22ND JUNE – FRIDAY 26TH JUNE – YEAR 10 WORK
EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE – LAST DAY TERM 2 – DISMISSAL AT 2:20PM

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