

College News



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SAVE THE DATE MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 7.00 – 8.30PM IN OUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

We are delighted to have well known Clinical Psychologist & Family Therapist Andrew Fuller provide a must see seminar for all GEC parents. Andrew's talks are always fun and informative.

Shaping Your Child's Genius is the theme and the content covered is relevant to each and every family at Glen Eira College and will emphasise the link between wellbeing and learning.

Topics covered will include:

- Planning and anticipation skills
- Sequencing and listening skills
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- Developing a mindset for success
- Overcoming anxiety and developing confidence
- Initiating wellbeing conversations
- Building concentration and memory power
- Creative problem solving and ingenuity

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This term has seen students involved in a wide range of enrichment and extension activities. I am grateful to our wonderful staff who offer our students so many opportunities and to our parents and guardians who assist in so many, many ways.

- I hope you were able to attend our first Music Festival for 2015, a term 2 highlight. It was wonderful to see so many of our students demonstrate their musical talents. Thank you to Robyn Keane and Lachlan Mack for all the work involved in putting on such a wonderful showcase and to all the instrumental music staff who work with our students.
- Education Week was again celebrated with an array of activities every day. This year the theme was 'Crack the Code with Maths'. There were maths challenges daily and many puzzles and challenges for students (and staff) to get their minds around. The Languages learning area held their Languages Unite activities and Mary Maniatis held, the now annual, Spelling Bee that was enjoyed by the Junior School.

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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 Gabrielle Darvell (Business Manager) on 9571 7838.

- We again had over 200 students participate in the Berthe Mouchette Poetry Recitation competition run by the Alliance Française – our largest group ever. It was wonderful to hear the students practicing their poems before fronting the examiners. We look forward to the results.
- Teams participated in the ProgCom Computer Programming Competition and represented the college extremely well. Senior team: Avrami Hammer Year 12, Jesse James and Rohan Kalanje Year 11; Junior team (Year 9): Tanguy Le Bihan, Adrien Dubois and Maximus Koveos.

Congratulations to Jayde Glass of Year 12 who was successfully nominated and achieved the Young Leaders award of the Victoria Volunteer Award (Caulfield District). I thank David Southwick for providing this opportunity.

Thank you to the 22 families who are hosting our 24 excited students from **New Caledonia Monday 20th July - Monday 27th July**. I know it will be a wonderful and rewarding experience for all involved.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Your child's Semester 1 report was mailed out this week. Make sure you read it carefully and discuss any areas for improvement with your child. In Semester 2 reports will be emailed so please ensure we have your email address. You will see a new certificate included in the reports – the Enhancement and Enrichment certificate. We will be celebrating success in the midyear awards assemblies to be held Wednesday 15th July.

CAPITAL WORKS

We will complete the necessary paperwork for our \$9.5 million school refurbishment this month. We will then tender for an architect who will project manage the work.

The architect will work with us on the plans in line with our educational rationale, the money available and within what we are entitled to based on our projected enrolments. In broad terms our projects are:

- ▶ The complete refurbishment of the Arts / Technology wing.
- ▶ Refurbishing all classrooms and offices that do not meet our educational rationale—too small, impractical shape. This will include relocating the senior school office and common room, improving the layout of the wellbeing area and improving the entrance of the library.
- ▶ Refurbishing the administration wing and entrance including staffroom.
- ▶ Building break out areas opposite some classrooms and a new science / maths staff room.
- ▶ New and improved student entrances to the main building. We will try to improve access to the toilets at recess and lunch also.
- ▶ A new gym. We will try to include the redevelopment of the oval area as part of a 'sports complex'
- ▶ We will also try to include development of the space under the PAC for storage and a new roof.

As with all projects landscaping is also included and a small provision for furniture.

VACANT LAND ON BOORAN ROAD

We have been trying to determine a way to acquire a vacant block of land on Booran Road. I am very grateful to Rhonda Brooks, School Council President, for all the work she has done in regards to this project. Unfortunately we are not in a position to take full responsibility for the land and have been unable to negotiate a joint use partnership.

VICTORIA – THE EDUCATION STATE

The Victorian Government wants to hear from all Victorians on their ideas and aspirations for Victoria - Education State. They are keen for broad consultation. There is a website <http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/#> where you can read the consultation papers, join in an online discussion and complete surveys to help shape the Education State.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 – 20th August.

The Government Schools Spectacular 2015 - Saturday 12th September 1pm & 6.30pm

We are really excited that our school has been accepted again to participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2015. We are also very proud of Zoe Tuttleby who has again been successful in being cast as a dancer and Alex Petropoulos who is playing violin in the orchestra. Twenty vocal and/or choir students have been selected to sing in the 1200 voice Mass Choir. There are two shows on Saturday 12th September 1pm and 6.30pm.

UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

I am amazed by the amount of unclaimed lost property we have in our lost property cupboard - it is no different at any school in which I have worked. Unfortunately the vast amount of items - shoes, shorts, jumpers, jackets etc. is unnamed and therefore unable to be returned to the rightful owner. Please assist by naming every item of clothing, including shoes.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL XUNO COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

Since introducing the Xuno communication platform at the beginning of this term we have been working closely with staff and parents to improve the capacity of the school to support our students' learning. Phillip Pereira, one of our Science teachers, is currently trialling the homework and assessment modules on Xuno to allow parents to see overdue homework and the results of assessment tasks. So far this trial has been very successful with positive parent feedback. Other teachers will be trained in using these modules in term 3. We welcome any parent feedback on the use of the parent portal. Please contact the school if you do not have your username and password or you have any difficulties using the portal.

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.



BEING ON TIME, ALL THE TIME

Establishing a 'Behaviour for Learning' process is a focus this year. Regular lateness for school indicates disrespect for the learning process. The teacher is required to interrupt the lesson to bring the latecomer 'up to speed' and therefore the flow of the lesson is disrupted and the class is disadvantaged. Punctuality is also a vital life skill for our young people. They will not be successful in the world of work if they are unreliable and tardy. Students late to school often miss team meeting where vital information is disseminated and the beginning of the lesson when links are made with prior learning and the aim of the lesson is clarified.

It is time that our students take individual responsibility for their learning. We will continue to monitor and sanction students who are late but we cannot do it alone. Your child needs your help to put a morning routine in place:

- They should have an alarm clock.
- They should have their uniform and books ready before they go to bed.
- They should not 'cut it too fine' by catching the last possible bus/train/tram.
- They should have a fall-back system if they are too late for their usual method of getting to school.

Overall, we want our students to care about the impact of lateness on their peers, their teachers and, most of all, on their own learning.

Next term we will implement a revised system whereby a student late to school will immediately be issued with a lunchtime detention on the same day, unless they have a valid reason supported by a note from home. If the student does not attend the lunchtime it will result in an afterschool detention on that day. If the student does not attend the afterschool detention without a reasonable excuse then an internal suspension will result.

We trust you will support the College to instil the value of respect and punctuality in the young people in our shared care.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT

If your child has asthma please ensure that they have their asthma medication with them at school, including a spacer. This should be stored with the student or at the General Office, clearly labelled with the student's name. It is essential that you also provide the College with an Asthma Management Plan, and ensure the College is informed if it is updated or changed.

Asthma Australia recommends that spacers should be used by one person only (ie. single person use as opposed to single use). This recommendation is based on NHMRC Australian Guidelines of the Prevention and Control of Infection Healthcare (2010) which advises that medical devices that come into contact with the mucous membranes or non-intact skin should be single use or sterilised after each use. To avoid the requirements of sterilisation or the need to discard spacers (following single use), Asthma Australia guidelines recommend that a person is allocated their own spacer that should not be shared, and that a replacement

spacer be immediately available for an Asthma Emergency Kit following spacer use in an emergency. This matches the product advice on spacers and masks.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

JUNIOR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

It's been a rather busy term 2 in the Junior School with the GEC Athletics Carnival, Music Camp, NAPLAN, Beachside Cross Country, Year 9 Tritactics and more.



Anna, Berenice, Michael and Mathilde

This term our focus for the Year 9 Program was Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. We recruited Christalia, our school nurse, who has worked to provide meaningful experiences for the students, both within the college and externally. We completed our very first 'Scavenger Hunt' within the local community to look at health and wellbeing services that are available to young adolescents. Students had to engage with the services and ask questions. Overall it was a meaningful experience for students and the feedback was excellent.



Year 8 Girls' Softball Team

Well done to the Year 8 girls' softball team, narrowly missing out on progressing to the next level, with a close score of 12-11. It was a fantastic day with some terrific plays by all the girls. I'm looking forward to next year! Well done to the Year 7 boys' volleyball team who played in the regional finals. Although they didn't win their game, there were some close sets and they're already looking forward to next year.

Congratulations to Brad, Ben, Jett, Kartik, Zoe and Sammy in

STUDENT ABSENCES

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Year 7; Hayato, Ayal and Phoebe in Year 8; Remi, Coen, Raf, Henri and Michael M in Year 9, who represented GEC at the Division Cross Country competition and have progressed to the Regional finals. Stay tuned...

Students' health, safety and wellbeing are essential to learning and development. This term we have implemented our Behaviour for Learning Flowchart which ensures our learning environment is inclusive, stimulating, safe and orderly, in order for students to achieve and sustain positive learning experiences. These flowcharts are visible in all classrooms and will be reviewed by staff and students next term.

Ms Baragwanath, Ms Fompudie, Ms Allan and I encourage you to read through the semester 1 report carefully when you receive it. Identify areas for improvement and create an action plan in order to develop these areas. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Semester 2 is around the corner so Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved.

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*

YEAR 9 JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERS HIGHLIGHTS

This term has been a great one for all of us in the Junior School. Throughout the semester participation in sport, academic and music extra-curricular activities is something of which to be proud. Well done to all of those students who followed our Junior School motto throughout the semester.

This term some instrumental students participated in the 2015 joint schools music camp representing Glen Eira College. They got to know other people of their age who share their love of music, preparing as a collective for a big performance. The final performances were performed at GEC. Well done to those who got up and performed that night and well done to all instrumental students that performed in the Music Festival.

During Year 9 Program this term we participated in the Tritactics program presented by Pete Keogh. This wasn't your typical self defence program. Pete's four week Tritactics Program taught us some amazing life lessons and helped to develop not only our self-defence skills, but also the way we think and approach life. One of Pete's quotes that we could all relate to was "you cannot unring a bell". We all had the opportunity to reflect on this quote and apply it to our lives. Tritactics with Pete was the kind of experience that our students will remember for the rest of their lives.

Our Junior school is awaiting the arrival of the students from our sister school in New Caledonia and are very much looking forward to showing them what Glen Eira and Melbourne has to offer, so we ask that everyone welcomes them with a positive attitude.

We wish everyone great holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back with fresh faces for semester two.

*Anna, Kai, Hannah and Ari
Junior School Leaders*

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

What a fantastic end to the first semester. It has been a great pleasure to see all the hard work our year 7 students have completed, from putting the finishing touches to their final assessment tasks, improving their homestudy routines, seeking feedback from teachers and undertaking NAPLAN.

I am very proud to see the level of participation of year 7 students getting involved in a range of activities continuing to grow. Just to mention a few; GEC Athletics day, Music Camp, French Poetry Competition, Year 7 Interschool Sport, GEC Annual Spelling Bee and not forgetting all the after school rehearsals that are well under way for our School Production 'Legally Blonde'. Some of our Year 7s also had the wonderful opportunity to attend the 'Golden Age of China' exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

I wish you all a very restful and well-deserved break. I'm looking forward to a busy, exciting and rewarding semester two.

*Louise Baragwanath
Year 7 Coordinator*

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 2 has been a busy term for our Year 8 students. There was the history competition, the French poetry competition, the music festival, and interschool sport - where extra special mention should be made of the Year 8 Girls' Softball team which made it to the regional finals.

By now the reports should have arrived to all families. Overall our Year 8 students are progressing well. We encourage you to spend some time examining these reports to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students and adjust study plans and strategies accordingly.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy the break.

*Celine Fompudie
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

As the end of the semester approaches I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of some housekeeping matters:

- ▶ In semester 2 there will be a few subject changes. This means that students need to check that they have the appropriate textbooks and class materials for these new subjects.
- ▶ Some students within the Year 9 cohort do not have locks on their lockers at present. If students do not have a lock, they can purchase a new lock from the General office for \$15.00. All lockers must be kept locked.
- ▶ I would like to remind parents and guardians to check their child's planner for any messages or absent notes. If you have any absence queries then you can contact me at the school.

We have had a very successful term with students striving to



do their best academically and undertaking a wide range of sporting and artistic activities. In the Year 9 Program students have been keenly participating in the Healthy Body program attending the Ormond Gym and Bounce in the past couple of weeks.

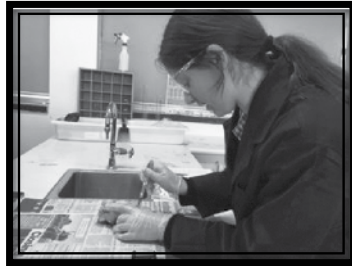
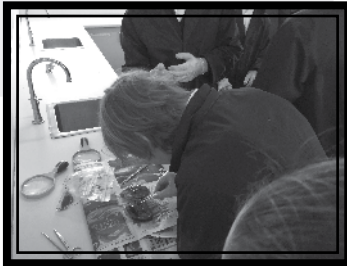
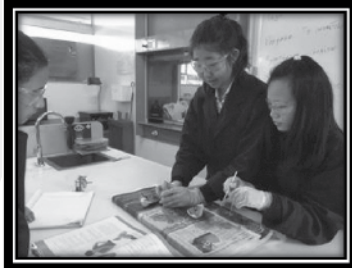
The forms for the Year 9 Phillip Island Camp will be distributed before the end of term. If you have any queries then do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you all have a restful and happy holiday break.

*Elizabeth Allan
Year 9 Coordinator*

YEAR 8 HEART DISSECTION PRACTICAL

To reinforce their learning of the circulatory system the year 8s dissected an animal heart. They used their learnt knowledge to identify parts of the heart. They discussed their findings and drew conclusions about their observations e.g. the left hand side has thicker muscles because it needs to pump the oxygenated blood around the body.



Year 8 students dissecting a heart

*Carolyn Geer
Student Support*

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday 15th May, Darren Pereira addressed the Year 11 and 12 students about how they are going to 'Succeed in the VCE'. Darren is the founder and managing director of Success Integrated, a company which specialises in motivational talks and seminars for schools and corporate businesses.

Darren provided the students with a number of strategies to use in the coming months. Students were encouraged to do their B.E.S.T.

- Belief – See it. Believe it. Do it.
- Excellence – Work starter not harder – SLAM (Study Less Achieve More).
- Single minded – Set challenging goals & achieve higher grades.
- Toughness – Get it done.

"If you think you can or think you can't, either way you're right" – Henry Ford

Darren spoke about the four steps of Time Management:

- Plan – write down all tasks
- Prioritise – order of importance
- Chunk – break it down
- Times – allocate time frames

"1 minute in planning saves 4 minutes in doing" – Darren Pereira

The steps and tools that Darren spoke about fit in perfectly with the use of our school planner. Students are encouraged to use the study tips, techniques and planning documents provided in the planner. This is the time of the year that many students need a helping hand in their organisation and motivation to keep going. If they are getting the same message from all of us it will help in keeping them on task and proactive in keeping up with the work demands.

Darren also spoke about the power of Baroque music and how it set the scene and gets students ready for study. Staff have been experimenting in classes with the use of Baroque music and many students have come forward saying that they have tried it at home and have found it to be quite powerful.

Lastly, Darren introduced the 'Selfie Challenge' to all of our students. All of our students have been challenged to set out their ATAR and study score goals and take a selfie with them and then post it on the Success Integrated Facebook page. I also encourage our students to take part in the selfie challenge, set their sights on a goal and go for it!

*Emily Brown
Senior School Leader*



Year 11 & 12 students with Darren Pereira

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YEAR 10 NEWS

As semester 1 comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work done by the Year 10 teachers in preparing students for the exams and the final push for getting major assignments completed.

I would also like to thank and commend the Year 10 students for their exemplary conduct during exam week. For the majority of Year 10s this was their first experience of exams. This has been an invaluable experience.

A funny thing happened during the exams. No Year 10 students were late, therefore proving that as young adults they should not be arriving late for school. If they can do it for exams they can do it each morning.

As previously informed, the proposed Year 10 Tasmania Tour has been cancelled. However, I am currently in the process of organising a Year 10 camp to Anglesea for the 23rd – 25th November. This is the week after the semester 2 exams and the week before the Year 11 transition – perfect timing and hopefully perfect weather. Camp permission forms should be arriving either by the end of this term or the beginning of next term. I urge you to pay by the date indicated on the forms as the camp site and surfing school can only keep our booking for a certain period of time. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator*

YEAR 11 NEWS

Since our last newsletter, the pace in Year 11 has started to pick up with students having to think about some serious questions. In May all VCE students attended the Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse and it was a chance to see what tertiary institutions and other options offer in terms of courses, career options and alternative pathways. I was quite surprised to see many students eagerly descending on the Australian Defence Force Academy stand! A great idea!

The main focus for the last few weeks has been exams. So many positive comments were relayed to the Senior School regarding the conduct and attitude of Year 11 students during the exams and this is a credit to them all.

The weeks ahead are about finding out their results, looking at their study techniques and, where necessary, changing work habits that have not been successful. If students need support in developing these work habits or any support in general, they are welcome to come to the Senior School Office and discuss any concerns they may have.

Unit 2 is also underway and making those changes are imperative to build on what was started in Unit 1. Good luck to all students for the road ahead.

*Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator*

YEAR 12 NEWS

It has been a busy month for the Year 12 students. Not only have they completed unit 3 subjects, they attended the TIS excursion, completed the GAT, completed practise exams and of course they attended the GEC Year 12 Formal. I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students who organised this enjoyable event – Mailys Perferment, Jessica Kelly and Molly Lavery. Without their support and dedication the night would not have been possible.

On Wednesday 27th May a small group of year 12 female students along with Ms Brown and I attended a dinner held by Chadstone/Malvern Rotary Club. The focus of the evening was 'Taking on the Challenges – School to Career'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for attending and asking thoughtful questions.

At this time of the year, it is particularly important that all Year 12 students keep their physical and mental well-being as healthy as possible. I encourage all students to eat well, drink lots of water and get plenty of rest.

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

*Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*



Ms Brancatella, Astrid Dunkley, Brittannie Probst, Jayde Glass, Mailys Perferment, Maria Mazi and Ms Brown

MUSIC CAMP 2015

On the 19th to 21st May fourteen music students, Ms Keane, Music Coordinator, and Ms Periakarpan, Flute teacher, travelled with students from McKinnon Secondary College to Blampied, near Daylesford for a three day Music Camp.

Students had the opportunity to mix with other instrumental students, make new friends and experience band and choir rehearsals conducted by different Instrumental teachers. The ensembles were:

- Senior Concert Band
- Junior Concert Band
- Guitar & Bass Ensemble
- Choir
- Mass Choir

The schools attending this camp were Glen Eira College,



McKinnon Secondary College, Cheltenham Secondary College and Mordialloc College – 92 students and 17 music teachers.

The weather for the three days was extremely cold and wet but it didn't matter as it was cosy inside by the fire and we were all kept busy with two hour rehearsal blocks running several times a day. The food and accommodation provided by Rutherford Park was fantastic and students worked in teams on clean up duties.

Experiences like this are a fantastic opportunity for musicians to learn from other musicians and engage with a wider community of performers. We had 2 saxophone and one flute student attend camp and these students were challenged with the repertoire chosen for their ensemble groups. Due to the number of Instrumental teachers attending the camp students were able to work in smaller sectional sessions providing them with supportive tuition that enabled them to play confidently through their performances. Our choir students were conducted by an experienced Choral Director on camp and sang an extensive list of songs during the three days.

On the last day of camp all students and teachers travelled back to Glen Eira College to run a final sound check and then perform in a concert for parents and friends in our Performing Arts Theatre. Our students enjoyed their experiences on our first Music Camp and we look forward to joining with other schools from the region for the 2016 Music Camp.

*Robyn Keane
Music Coordinator*

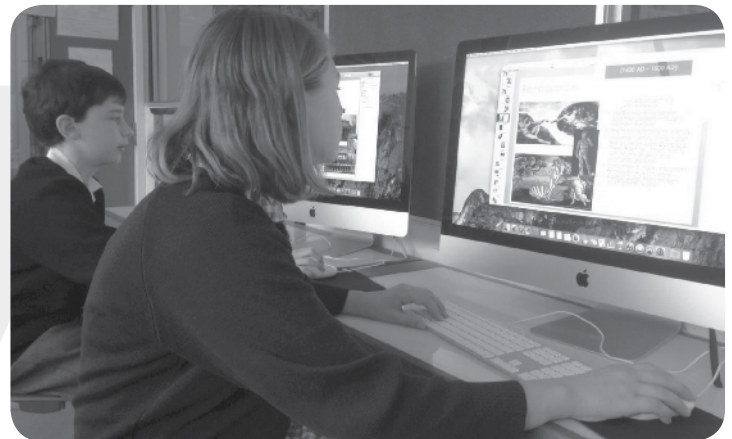
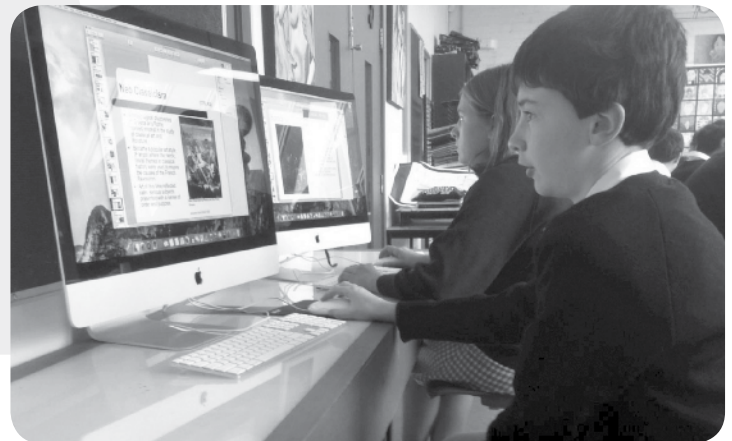


Students practising and performing on Music Camp

A GREAT FUNDRAISING EFFORT – THANKS GECPA

The funds raised from last year's trivia night have gone towards two iMac computers that are used by the Media department for video editing and the Art Department for visual communication projects. The students have been enjoying using the workstations to produce high quality projects. Student comments have included: "Great!", "Awesome!", "When do we get a go?" and "It's so cool!" The addition of the computers to enable students to produce high quality work has been the result of a great fundraising effort from the 2014 Trivia night. One huge special thank you the Parents and Friends of GEC and to all the people involved in the Trivia night who continue to make wonderful, fantastic contributions to the educational opportunities at the college.

Matthew Weekes



Students enjoying the new computers

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?

Our main form of communication with parents is now via email. If we do not have the correct email address you may miss out on important information. If you are aware of a parent who has not been receiving emails from us please have them contact the General Office to update their details.

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.



MUSIC FESTIVAL – SEMESTER ONE 2015



On Wednesday 10th June 2015 we celebrated the wonderful talents of our instrumental and singing students here at Glen Eira College with a concert in the Performing Arts Theatre. Students performed to a near sell- out crowd that were entertained by the variety of performances through the evening.

We had many first time performers on stage and they can be proud of their achievement on the night. Students were supervised during the concert by our Instrumental Teachers and students did a fantastic job organising themselves backstage and entering the stage quietly and respectfully waiting for their time on stage. Instrumental teachers also supported their students by accompanying them on stage for some of their performances. There were a few nerves backstage but everyone supported each other through the concert. Our Year 10 Master of Ceremony, Suzannah Stone, again kept the show moving along with her wonderful introductions (let's not forget the great jokes!).

Performances on the night were:

- Choir and Acapella Group
- Saxophone & Clarinet Ensembles
- String Ensembles
- Flute Ensembles
- Brass ensembles
- Percussion/Drum ensembles
- Solo performers – vocal and instrumental
- VCE Dance – special mention to Year 11 student, Zoe Tuttleby for sharing her outstanding and energetic dance routine with our audience



There is no doubt that the amount of talent at Glen Eira College is increasing every year and the performance skills

of our students are also improving with this growth. We now have a talented and dedicated group of students that have taken leadership roles running our Sound & Lighting Control Room and helping out with organisation back stage as well as Naomi Szmerling, another Year 10 student, being our Events Photographer.

Thank you to everyone that came to our concert and shared in the musical experiences provided by our students. We'll be working hard through the next semester preparing for the end of year concert in December. Don't forget to book your tickets early for this event as it is sure to be a sell-out.

*Robyn Keane
Music Coordinator*



Music Festival

ENVIRONMENT COLLECTIVE

This term we have been working to include environmental sustainability as an integrated part of the already vibrant college life. This has been done through several ways – establishing a student sustainability group, reviving our herb garden, holding a Mobile Muster, re-emphasising recycling, and joining local and state government initiatives.

The student group has been active in choosing and planting the seedlings in our herb garden (it's right next to the rear gate, so have a peek!), and advertising the Mobile Muster event. A recent sustainability meeting aimed to raise awareness about recycling and advertise the Mobile Muster to lots of students at once – by screening a recycling-themed episode of The Simpsons!

Our Mobile Muster focused on collecting old, broken, or disused mobile phones and their accessories for recycling. Recycling your old phone clears up clutter at home and lets companies reuse the precious metals inside the phone, rather than digging up more. The new push on recycling is being rolled out in the form of clearly-labelled cardboard recycling boxes in every classroom – the boxes themselves recycled of course! New, 240L recycling bins will also be placed around the college to also encourage recycling outside the classroom. The new bins come free of charge from the Glen Eira Council.

The college has this year become an active member of the Glen Eira Sustainability Educators Network, and is a



ResourceSmart registered school. ResourceSmart is a state government initiative that helps schools to become more sustainable in the areas of biodiversity, energy, water, and waste. We're so excited about our sustainability journey, and hope the rest of the college community is too!

Ashleigh Feurtado

GREEN CORNER

There are tons of little things we can do in our homes to help improve the environment. Some easy tips are:

- Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot.
- Don't turn on lights for as long as you can - open your curtains and enjoy natural light.
- Turn off your computer completely at night.
- Reuse scrap paper. Print on two sides, or let your kids colour on the back side of used paper.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater.
- Unplug unused chargers and appliances.
- Repurpose glass jars as leftover containers and bulk storage, especially in the kitchen.

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

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Beachside Cross Country competition. We had a record number of students compete. Special mention to the following students who have progressed to the next stage of competition:

Brad Hall	Coen McGinniss
Ben Schauder	Raphael Aleksenitser
Jett Meadows	Henri-Eloi Collins
Kartik Panikar	Michael McRitchie
Zoe Markopoulos	Sanketh Yadav
Samantha Armstrong	Jinesh Pandya
Hayato Serag	Charlotte Skinner
Ayal Blitman	Liorah Hirsch
Phoebe Foldvari	Vincent McKeown-West
Remi Hudson	Digby Mooney

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys' Soccer team who won the Beachside Division Competition, and will now play in the final against the winners of the Southern Dandenong Region. The boys performed excellently and were undefeated on the day. Everyone contributed at different points, while Charly Layton and Jordan Yeramian proved to be Glen Eira's version of Messi and Neymar. Good luck at the next round of competition.

*Daniel Mulligan
Sports Coordinator*

YEAR 10 FOOD AND YOU

As part of the Year 10 Food and You course the students are required to make a Gluten free meal.



Danny Nguyen

One of the Gluten free meals that were made this year was:

Thai beef salad

- 250g rice stick noodles
- 500g beef rump steak
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 Tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 Tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 x 250g punnet cherry tomatoes
- 2 Lebanese cucumbers, halved, deseeded, thinly sliced
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded, thinly sliced
- ½ cup fresh Thai basil leaves
- ½ cup fresh mint leaves
- ½ cup fresh coriander leaves
- 1 long fresh red chilli, deseeded, thinly sliced

Step 1

Place the noodles in a large heatproof bowl and cover with plenty of boiling water. Set aside for 5 minutes to soak. Drain well.

Step 2

Meanwhile, heat a chargrill pan or large non-stick frying pan over high heat. Brush both sides of steak with oil and season well with salt and pepper. Cook on chargrill for 3-4 minutes each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a plate and loosely cover with foil. Set aside for 5 minutes to rest.

Step 3

While the steak is cooking, combine the fish sauce, lime juice and sugar in a screw-top jar and shake until the sugar dissolves.



Step 4

Place the noodles, tomato, cucumber, capsicum, basil, mint, coriander and chilli in a bowl. Drizzle with dressing and gently toss until just combined. Thinly slice the beef and add to the salad. Gently toss until just combined. Divide among serving bowls to serve.

*Elizabeth Allan
Year 10 Food and You Teacher*



Naomi Szmerling

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Hello my name is Gabrielle Darvell and I would like to introduce myself to you. I have been appointed as the new Business Manager and I look forward to working with and supporting everyone in our College community.

I started with the College in March this year as the Bursar and prior to this I had worked part-time as the Administration Officer at a Kindergarten and various relief contracts in schools working in the General Office and carrying out both finance and administration duties. I am also a CPA.

At home, I am wife, mother to 3 children and love watching and playing sports especially netball and supporting my family in all their pursuits.

If you need to contact me, I can be contacted on darvell.gabrielle.g@edumail.vic.gov.au and my direct line is 03 9573 1902.

Again looking forward to supporting the community.

*Gabrielle Darvell
Business Manager*

LANGUAGES CORNER

Hebrew Roots Project

In semester 2, Year 7 Hebrew students will be working on the new Roots Project. Students will investigate their own identity and family, and will compile beautiful pages in a scrap book depicting the information they have learnt about their ancestors through interviewing family members and

researching old photos. Students are excited about the project and have already started planning for it.

Chinese

On Thursday 11th of June, all year 9 students studying Chinese attended a Chinese excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria where they admired the exhibition "A Golden Age of China" and attended a calligraphy workshop. More information and photos about the excursion will be in the next edition. Thank you to Ms Feng for organising this great experience.

French

Year 10 French

Year 10 French students had "les mains à la pâte!" during their French lesson in the kitchen. Photos to be followed in the next edition!

Sister school Host Families

We are looking forward to welcoming 24 students from New Caledonia to the school from the 20th to 27th of July. Merci to all families who have volunteered to host a student in their home for one week.

Berthe Mouchette Poetry Recitation Competition

249 students from Year 7 – 10 participated in the nation-wide French poetry recitation competition on Tuesday 9th June organised by the Alliance Française de Melbourne. We are looking forward to the results to be announced in term 3.

*Loveena Narayanan
Languages Coordinator*

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Please join the Parents 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.

Movie Night – Thursday 23rd July

Be one of the first to see the movie Mr Holmes, starring Academy Award nominees Ian McKellen and Laura Linney. Join us at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick around 7:00pm (exact time to be confirmed) on Thursday 23rd July, to watch the movie and enjoy a drink and nibbles afterwards. Please watch your email inbox for further details.

William Angliss Dinner – Change of Date

We have moved the date of our dinner at the William Angliss Restaurant, as the original date is on the Melbourne Cup Weekend. Please mark the event in your diaries now – **Saturday 7th November.**

We are looking forward to a night of fine dining at an economy price, art activities and sales. Again, please watch your email inbox for further details.

Supper at Intermission of GEC Production

The GEC Production of Legally Blonde will run from Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th August, and once again the Parents Association will provide a light supper at intermission of each evening's performance (for a gold coin donation). We will ask for volunteers and donations of baked goods as the dates approach.



What Do We Raise Money For?

All monies we raise are used to support Glen Eira College. Remember that every time you support our events, you are also supporting your children's school.

The money raised at last year's Trivia Night (\$8,000) has been spent on a quality video camera and two Mac computers with video editing software. An additional \$1,400 is about to be spent on extra microphones for use in GEC Productions, and more will be used to provide additional outdoor seating. We have not yet decided on where to direct funds to be raised from the William Angliss Dinner, but are considering purchasing resources for the college's science programs. We are also holding some funds in reserve, in anticipation of some 'finishing touches' once the college's rebuilding program (currently in the planning stage) has been completed.

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KEY DATES TERM 3 2015

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

MONDAY 13TH JULY – FIRST DAY TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY – MID YEAR AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

**MONDAY 20TH JULY – MONDAY 27TH JULY – OUR SISTER SCHOOL
JOINS US**

TUESDAY 21ST JULY - VCE INFORMATION SESSION 4:30PM

THURSDAY 23RD JULY – YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

THURSDAY 23RD JULY – GECPA MOVIE NIGHT – MR HOLMES

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST – ANDREW FULLER PARENT EVENING 7PM

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST – INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORT

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

**TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST – THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST – LEGALLY
BLONDE**

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST – YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

**WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS –
12:40PM DISMISSAL**

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – LAST DAY TERM 3

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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