

# College News



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome to the 20 new students who have joined our school this term and the many more new students in the English Language Centre. We were pleased to have Rebecca Poulos, John Hooper and Richard Brewer on staff for the first 2 – 4 weeks of term to replace staff on leave.

The semester one Music Soiree was a wonderful evening, showcasing the many musical talents of our students and staff, both on and back stage. The instrumental teachers, inspired and led by Robyn Keane, are doing a wonderful job and we thank them sincerely.

As you are aware for the first time we have students participating in the Mass Choir for the State Schools Spectacular. I am very proud to announce that two of our students who auditioned for dance and the orchestra were successful. Zoe Tuttleby in Year 10, was accepted as an ensemble dancer and Elana Hain in Year 11 as a violinist in the orchestra – a huge achievement.

We had our largest number of students ever participating in the Berthe Mouchette Poetry Recitation competition run by the Alliance Française – 99 students achieved a score of 17 or more out of 20. We have 12 finalists who scored 20 out of 20 – at Year 7 Jennifer Foster, Caetlin Jones, Emilee Layton and Eliza Miller; at Year 8 Hui Chen; Nishika Hewett, Loeva Le Cam and Yann Li Fat Chuen, at Year 9 Benjamin Hobbs–Gordon, and at Year 10 Sunrita Batthacharya, Rohan Kalanje and Fleetwood Seager. Well done to everyone who participated.

In the last week of term our Year 10 students participated in a week of work experience. Thank you to Maria Anbar for coordinating this program and to the staff who visited the students in their workplaces. This program would not occur without the generous employers who gave of their time and experience to support these young people.

This year's mid-year awards assemblies were, again, a wonderful celebration of our students' success. Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to attend. The assemblies also featured a sneak preview number from Hairspray which promises to be another wonderful production.

Congratulations to 8B students who were successful in winning the Open Division Keyboard Competition for the MusicEdu program that has been operating in our classroom music program. All Year 8 classes were filmed playing an ensemble performance of Viva LA Vida.

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**Bastille Day**



**Year 12 Formal**



**Instrumental music at GEC**

This newsletter is posted 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.



Each 8B student will win a prize and the college will receive a fantastic new keyboard for the classroom. Thank you to Robyn Keane for this initiative.

The recent Year 12 Formal was a wonderful evening. There was such a lovely atmosphere amongst the group as everyone danced the night away. It is a big job to organise such an event - congratulations and thank you Rabia Yukselen, Clement Lancelot and Gabby Apter for all the work involved.

There are many extracurricular activities for students before and after school and at lunchtime. This term has seen the introduction of breakfast club and morning fitness club. Thank you to Dorit Tane and Daniel Mulligan for these initiatives. Breakfast Club is made possible by the generous donations from Brian at Brumby's Centre Road Bentleigh.

I have been pleased to welcome a number of visitors interested in supporting the college in our French language and cultural programs. Ms Danièle Ney-Kemp, the newly elected Conseiller Consulaire in Melbourne who represents the French community in Melbourne to the French authorities was delighted to meet with staff and students regarding our French Programs. Yves Jacquier, representative from the Vice-rectorat of New Caledonia has visited us recently and is supporting us in developing a sister school relationship with a school in New Caledonia.

The International Convention for the CNED is currently with the French Embassy in Canberra and will be finalised soon – Glen Eira College will be the first Government school to have this agreement with France.

Thank you to all families for their patience as our new Uniform Supplier, Bob Stewart Uniforms has been working to ensure our approved college uniform was available as soon as possible. We are delighted with the new sports jackets - these can be worn over the school jumper, not instead of the school jumper. The new sports top will be available before the end of term.

All other items are available. Should you have any issues please contact the Waverly Road store directly or our Business Manager, Debbie Panakos.

Bob Stewart Uniforms is the only supplier approved by school council to sell our uniforms.

## **GEC GOES TO HOLLYWOOD ON TRIVIA NIGHT, SAT 6TH SEPTEMBER, 7PM.**

### **A note from our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee**

'Our glittering Trivia Night is approaching and you can now book via Trybooking.com - please check the GECPA email sent on the subject. After raising \$10,000 last year for shade sails, our aim this year is to raise even more for film editing equipment - useful and 'funky' technology for our children. We still need some help to make it a success, please check the GECPA News for more information on how you could participate.

An important fundraiser for GEC's students, the Trivia Night, is also an opportunity to meet with friends and new parents, to have a lot of fun and to purchase some great items. Don't miss out as you are the main contributors to the Night's success!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Hairspray – this year's musical production.**

Evening performances are on the 21st, 26th and 28th August and the matinee performances are on 21st August and 27th August.

### **THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2014 - SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 1PM & 6.30PM**

Come and see our students perform in the 1200 voice Mass Choir and Zoe Tuttleby of Year 10 in an ensemble dance performance. There are two shows on Saturday 13th September at 1pm & 6.30pm.

*Sheereen Kindler  
Principal*

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The College offers a number of scholarships

***For more details see the College website***

<http://gec.vic.edu.au/>

go to the Scholarships page under About Us.

For most, the closing date is **Friday 28th November**.

Please note: Closing date for applications for the Noel Parker Scholarship is **Wednesday 20th August**.

*Student safety our  
top priority ...*

Whether they are walking across a road, riding bikes or just getting in and out of a car, children are our most vulnerable road users. To reinforce safe driver

behaviour around schools, I am urging parents and carers to drop off and pick up your children safely from school, adhering to the simple parking and road regulations and by following the safety suggestions below;

- Not making a U-turn outside the College, particularly on Booran Road.
- Ensuring you park in a non-restricted parking zone and adhere to time limits.
- Reducing your speed limit to 40 between the hours of 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm.

The regulations governing road use behaviour are designed to promote road user safety (including pedestrians) and encourage the free and unimpeded flow of traffic. Recently, a joint meeting was held with VicRoads to discuss road safety outside the College and the surrounding road network. A number of suggestions were put forward and a few of these ideas will be investigated by VicRoads and Glen Eira Council. I'll keep you informed of developments over the coming weeks.

*Rhonda Brooks  
College Council President*

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome back to term 3 and what a terrific start we have had! Congratulations to all students who received awards at our Mid Year awards assembly. A big thank you to the many parents who attended the assembly – it was absolutely terrific to see you there sharing in the celebrations.

We are looking forward to seeing many students sparkle on the stage in the Hairspray musical, and shine backstage with hair and makeup, lighting and the backstage crew. We have a number of sporting teams representing the college at the Southern Regional Finals: best of luck to the Year 9 boys' soccer team, Year 8 boys' and girls' badminton teams and the Year 7 badminton boys' team. Stay tuned for the results in the next newsletter...

Congratulations to Barney Miller who was nominated by the Scouts and sponsored by Murrumbeena Bendigo Bank to attend the Magic Moments Youth Leadership Summit. We love sharing in our students' successes outside the college.

Just a reminder to all families, if your child is absent on any school day, please ensure that they have a signed note to hand in to the General Office on the day they return to school. Remember to keep communication lines open and don't hesitate to contact Mr Lou, Ms Maniatis, Miss Brown or Miss McLean.

Now that you've had the chance to read your reports, it's time to get organised and get focused on your academic studies in semester 2.

*Junior School Team*



*Year 8 Badminton Team*

## YOU CAN HELP

Knitting and crochet club is running again at lunchtime on a Monday. We are making blankets for Wrap with Love; an aid organisation that will ensure our blankets are sent to refugees overseas who are in desperate need.

If you have any 8 ply wool or number 4 needles at home that can be donated, our keen students and staff would be very appreciative.

Donations can be dropped off at the General Office. If you would like to knit or crochet squares for the blankets, instructions will be available at the General Office.

## YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

Semester 2 has finally arrived. Parents - this is an exciting semester as you will now receive home cooked meals as all students are studying home economics and will be mini master chefs before you know it!

The college was well represented at the Division Interschool competition last term with students participating in soccer, badminton, netball and football. We even had several Year 7 boys play in the Year 8 competition: David, Gordon and Liam – well done boys.

Badminton Report: out of the ten teams from five different schools, the GEC badminton B team had to win against Albert Park A team in order to play in the grand final. It was such a nail biting game and ultimately came down to points with the GEC B team winning by 1 point! For the first time ever we had a GEC vs GEC grand final! Well done to captain Ivan, Nelson, Jacob, Thomas, Oscar and Jay R. Best of luck to the badminton A team: Kyle, Sean, Will, Pierre and Ayal. I know their tremendous dedication to training will pay off when they represent the college at the SMR finals this month.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter to hear more about the Year 7 successes!

*Keira McLean  
Junior School Leader*



*Year 7 Badminton Team*



*Junior School Mid Year Awards Assembly*

## STUDENT ABSENCES

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



## YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Well, here we are in term 3. Half way through the year and we haven't even blinked twice! Now that all the reports have been sent home and we've all had a well-deserved break, let's focus on the positives and the future of your 2014 academic year.

Our Junior School Assembly was an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students who make great efforts to be the best Glen Eira College community members that they can be. Congratulations to all of our year 8 award recipients.

At the assemblies I asked the students to think about what they can do to be the best versions of themselves, both within their relationships and through their academic achievements and goals.

I ask all of the year 8s of Glen Eira College and their families to reflect upon semester one and think about what was good and what was not so good? What can you change to ensure an even better semester two?

I am looking forward to this semester and I hope you all are too. And don't forget... Get Organised; Get Focussed; Get Involved!

*Emily Brown*  
Year 8 Coordinator



*Year 8 Mid Year Award Recipients*

## YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

While Mr Lou was holidaying in the breathtaking Greek Islands, it was my pleasure to fill in as Year 9 Coordinator.

The term started on such a positive note with so many students recognised for their outstanding achievements during semester 1. Our Junior School captain, Amber Meadow, did a splendid job running the Junior School assembly ensuring proceedings ran smoothly and without a glitch. Well done Amber.

## Making Connections Program

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, was a very successful term with Tri Tactics attending the college each week to focus on emotional awareness and self defence programs. Peter Keogh was interesting, engaging and relevant to the students. The main message students took from these sessions was: Options • Choices • Consequences. Get ready for a busy Term 3 with the Cityscape program. Students will be heading off into the city to investigate a topic about Melbourne, conduct interviews and surveys, and finally share the findings with their peers.

I wish all Year 9's a great semester and the goal is to see them all build on their successes.

*Mary Maniatis*  
Acting Year 9 Coordinator

## RELAY FOR LIFE 2014



Relay for Life is back again! Our team, **GEC Getting Even with Cancer**, is participating in Relay For Life at Murrumbeena on Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th October 2014.

Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams keep a baton moving in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The event brings the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

Come join in the fun by clicking on the link below to visit our team page:

<http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=80334&langPref=en-CA>

From our team page, click on the 'Join My Team' button to register and help us fundraise. If you can't join us, you can also support our team by making a donation online. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Keira McLean*

## BUPA AROUND THE BAY



The Glen Eira College Bike Squad is back again. This year we are celebrating our 5th year participating in the BUPA Around the Bay event.

On Sunday 19th October 2014, Glen Eira College will be riding 100km from Alexandra Gardens to Frankston and back.

If you'd like to join the team go to the website:  
<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/shop/23/>

Select **Ride2School 100km Ride** and join our team. Search for Glen Eira College.

*Keira McLean*





## FRENCH CORNER

### Le 14 juillet au College Glen Eira - Bastille Day

Students and teachers at Glen Eira College marked the first day back at school in term 3 with the celebration of "La Fete Nationale Française", Bastille Day.

The day began with the playing of "La Marseillaise" and the French flag flying proudly in front of the school. Lunch time was filled with activities in the PAC which was transformed in a French town decorated with French colours, French music and crêpes stalls.

The "French club," led by our language assistant Sofia, enjoyed performing a dance in front of a big crowd.

*Loveena Narayanan  
French Coordinator*



*Celebrating Bastille Day at GEC*

## LIBRARY TALK

This year, three Year 7 students volunteered to become Library Monitors and what a wonderful job they are doing. They are reliable, efficient, helpful and always polite and courteous. Hopefully, Jennifer Foster, Jasmine Chang and Tali Maltz are also benefiting from the experience. Proficient in using the Library Management System to search for resources as well knowing how to lend out and return borrowed items, the girls have also learnt a number of new computer skills and clerical duties. Jennifer, Jasmine and Tali display a great deal of initiative and enthusiasm and I thank them for their contribution to the College Library.

'Since Term 1, I have been a Library Monitor. I enjoy the opportunity to help students by lending out and returning their books. But not just that, I also like to help students find the book/s that they want to read. I am also glad to help Ms Eyre with anything that is needed to be done. I like being a library Monitor.' Jennifer Foster

'I have been a Library Monitor since the beginning of Term 1. My experience of being a Library Monitor has been wonderful, especially for the first year of secondary school. What I like most about being a librarian is helping people out with their books. However, I like all library work in general. I also plan on being a librarian until the very second I leave school because it's really fun helping students and staff.' Jasmine Chang

*Carmel Eyre  
College Librarian*



*Celebrating Bastille Day at GEC*



*Jasmine, Jennifer and Tali*

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## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### VCE Information Evening:

On Tuesday, 22nd July, the college held the 2015 VCE information evening. The evening was very well attended by parents, students and staff. The aim of the evening was to provide the audience with information about the general VCE structure, VCAA requirements and assessment procedures. Vocational studies and courses beyond the VCE were also discussed.

It is important that parents support their child in making informed decisions about their future studies. The most important message of the evening was a simple one – students should explore a variety of career options that suit their interests, capabilities, strengths and find out more about the subjects that they enjoy the most. They, of course, also have to investigate a range of courses and their prerequisites in order to choose VCE/VET subjects that will lead them to the next part of their pathway, particularly if they are interested in tertiary studies.

A recent publication, *'Lost Talent? The Occupational Ambitions of Young Australians'* outlining research conducted by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), defines the lowering of educational or occupational ambitions by high school students as 'lost talent'. It looks at the extent to which talent loss occurs among high achieving students and the consequences of this on later occupational attainments. A significant finding of the research states: *'Having a specific occupational career plan in secondary school helps young people to enter high-status employment.'*

**Further research indicates that students who do not complete Year 12 or its equivalent**

- Are more likely to become unemployed;
- Are more likely to stay unemployed;
- Have lower earnings; and
- Over the course of their lives accumulate less wealth.

It is imperative that students take an active part in planning their career. By participating in all activities designed to provide them with information and completing set tasks they are able to develop skills, knowledge and capabilities to make appropriate career decisions. This combined with the support from our Careers/MIPS Coordinator, Mrs Maria Anbar, and the recommendations from their teachers, students can be confident with their decisions.

In addition, at this stage senior school students should have read over their Semester 1 reports with their parents, acknowledging their strengths and looking at strategies and ways to improve. All students need to focus on some areas of improvement. Some examples: putting together a study regime for the week, taking time to revise notes, completing more practice exam questions, participating more in class discussions, asking class teachers for further assistance or areas you can go to in search for additional information. Using a variety of strategies helps consolidate your learning and will help you achieve your learning goals.

*Elizabeth Tasiopoulos  
Senior School Leader*

## YEAR 12 NEWS

Term three is upon us and for year 12 students it is a hectic term. Semester two is relatively short, with the end of year exams in November. The two things that come to mind are effective revision and time management. It is very important that each student is not only completing all of the set homework but also completing past exam papers every night as part of their home study program.

During the term, each student will use the VTAC website to enter their preferred tertiary courses. Ms Anbar will be working with each student to make sure that they understand and follow the correct process. It is important that when this process begins students are present at school and meet the deadlines.

On Friday 25th July, students and teachers attended the Year 12 Formal which was held at 'Leonda by the Yarra'. It was a fantastic night which was enjoyed by all. I would like to particularly thank the Year 12 Executive Committee and Ms Tasiopoulos for all of their hard work and organisation in making the night a great success.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the college on 9571 7838.

*Laura Brancatella  
Year 12 Coordinator*



*Year 12 Mid Year Award Recipients*



*Year 12 Formal*





*Year 12 Formal*

### YEAR 11 NEWS

The arrival of the semester one reports has identified some outstanding results for many students. I would like to congratulate the fine efforts of the award recipients for Academic Endeavour and Academic Excellence. The semester one report gives a clear insight into the academic progress of your child in each subject but more importantly highlights areas for improvement. I urge you to take the time to discuss each subject report with your child and identify goals and strategies for improvement in semester two.

In light of the semester one reports, it is quite timely that I am currently organising study skills workshops for all year 11 students in the coming weeks. The workshops are delivered by top performing VCE graduates who discuss and demonstrate the importance of goal setting and give clear study skills strategies for success in the VCE.



*Year 11 Mid Year Award Recipients*

It is also that time of the year for our year 11 students to make some very significant decisions regarding their future. I am of course talking about the finalisation of subject selections for Year 12. This can be a very confusing and stressful time for both students and parents alike. To alleviate this stress, students have been involved in a variety of information sessions to clarify the process and identify the importance of subject selections for university entrance. Each student has also received individual course counselling to ensure they

are making informed decisions for their final year of study. Glen Eira College also held a VCE parent information night on the 22nd July where teachers were available to answer any further questions by both parents and students alike. I was very pleased to see a large number of year 11 parents attending the evening. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your pupil's subject selections, please don't hesitate to contact me at the College to discuss the matter further.

*Ben Wickham  
Year 11 Coordinator*

### YEAR 10 NEWS

Term three is a busy term for Year 10 students who begin to make important decisions about their careers. At the end of term two, all Year 10 students went out on work experience where they got a taste for what it's like working in the 'real world'. They successfully completed placements all over Melbourne, from Melton and St Kilda to Dandenong, at a range of work place such as: the Macedonian Consulate, La Mama Theatre and the Salvation Army. A big thank you to Ms Anbar for all her hard work in organising work experience and to those teachers who visited students on their placements.

Students have now all completed their Careers Fast Track Interviews. Last term they undertook an extensive online questionnaire, and then each individual student had a half hour appointment with an external careers expert to begin thinking about the kinds of things they might like to do in their futures. This term, each student will have another meeting with the school careers coordinator and the Senior School Team, to advise them how to carefully select their VCE and VET subjects. Subject selection is an important process as many university courses require certain prerequisite subjects and study scores. Students are encouraged to select subjects they enjoy and that they find rewarding when making career pathways.

*Emma Schmidtke  
Year 10 Coordinator*

### GLEN EIRA COLLEGE CAREERS PROGRAM NEWS

**Term 2** was an action packed term for the Careers program, especially for Year 10 students.

**In the first half of term 2 all year 10 students participated in the Careers Fast Track Program as part of their careers planning and subject selection process.**

The Careers Fast Track program consists of three stages.

**Stage 1:** Online careers based testing which was used to produce a personalised careers folio for each student.

**Stage 2:** Working on their individual folio under guidance of career practitioners.

**Stage 3:** Individual 30 minute career focused interviews with a qualified careers practitioner.

Most students and many parents found this process very valuable as they moved towards making important decisions regarding subject selection for their VCE studies and potential further studies.

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## The second half of term 2 saw the focus on our Year 10 Work Experience Program.

All year 10 students attended a Work Experience Placement for the last week of term 2. Students were strongly encouraged to seek their placements in an area of work which reflected their personal career interests. Students secured and attended placements over a wide variety of work place types.

Some of the placement types include Legal Chambers, Defence Force, Victorian Archive Centre, Medical centres, Whitehouse Design College, Veterinary Clinics, AAMI Park Sporting Campus, University Departments, Retail, Marketing, Communications, Child Care, Hairdressing, Real Estate, Police Force, Library, Manufacturing, Schools, Physiotherapy, Dance studio, Tradesman, Community service, Sound Recording studio, Art studio.

Each student was visited at their work place by a college staff member. Staff were delighted by the overwhelmingly high level of positive feedback received from both students and employers. Well done to all students on their great performance at work experience placements.

**Term 3** Careers has started with subject selections for 2015. All year 9-11 students have been counselled as part of their subject selection process.

The main Careers focus this term will be the tertiary course application process for our Year 12 students. Students will be guided and supported throughout the application process and each will attend an individual Careers Counselling session this term. It is hoped that all students will have registered their tertiary applications by the end of this term before their stressful exam period begins.

Many Universities and Tertiary Providers are holding Open Days this term. All year 10-12 students received a list of Tertiary Open days as well as two Career Newsletters enclosed with their Semester 1 Reports. I strongly encourage all senior school students to read these newsletters and to attend at least two tertiary open days. This will assist students to make better informed decisions when applying for tertiary places.

*Maria Anbar*

*Career Practitioner and Pathways Coordinator*

**Briohny Wright**  
with her Work  
Experience supervisor



**Maggie Yashchenko**



**Ben Bloom**

## HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

We will now be sending the Newsletter to you via email as well as post. The last edition of the Newsletter was the first time we have sent it by email. If you did not receive it via email or would like to update your details please contact the College on **03 9571 7838** or at **[glen.eira.co@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:glen.eira.co@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

**Debbie Panakos**  
Business Manager

## KEY DATES: TERM 3 2014

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST – INTERMEDIATE WINTER ROUND ROBIN  
THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST – YEAR 8 WINTER ROUND ROBIN  
TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST – IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7 & YEAR 9 BOYS  
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST – HAIRSPRAY 1PM & 7:30PM  
TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST – HAIRSPRAY 7:30PM  
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST – HAIRSPRAY 1PM  
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST – HAIRSPRAY 7:30PM  
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST – LES MISERABLES EXCURSION  
FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST – YEAR 7 WINTER ROUND ROBIN  
WEDNESDAY 3RD – FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – YEAR 10 CAMP  
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM  
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER – SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR  
MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER – SMR TRACK & FIELD  
TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS  
– STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:37PM  
FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER – LAST DAY TERM 3  
– STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:30PM  
FRIDAY 19TH – WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER  
– QUEENSLAND TOUR  
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – FIRST DAY TERM 4





### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE SNAPSHOTS....

At the end of term 2, the Year Ten cohort, were sent off to fend for themselves in the land of adults: Work Experience. So, naturally, I fled back to the younger years! I spent my week with the Preps and Grades One and Two at Carnegie Primary School. I was painted on, glued on, sneezed on and breathed on. I witnessed masterpieces made and knees scraped. I cut, organised, and glued together many a Memory Book, and painted with the Preps an innumerable quantity of newly-imagined fish. I rested in the staff room at lunch times. I sat through many a story about Horton and his supernatural hearing, and spent the week cringing as I wiped snotty noses. Horrible, right? Actually, no. All in all, the time I spent on Work Experience was one of the most educational weeks I've ever had. I learned that teachers do a whole lot more than they get credit for. And, finally, I learned that little kids are so much cuter than people our age.

*Elly Connett-Porceddu*

During the last week of term 2 I was lucky enough to be offered a Work Experience placement at a dance school in Caulfield called, Hunger For Dance. I got a taste for what it would be like to run my own dance school and as I found out, it is definitely not as easy as it seems. I learnt so many things that are going to help me in the future such as, teaching dance classes, not only taking phone calls but making them myself, learning about the emailing system, handling money and writing receipts, investigating theatres and visiting costume shops. Although there was a lot to do and a lot going on, it was such a great learning experience and a lot of fun too!

*Zoe Tuttleby*

I completed my work experience at Consolidate Chemical Company in Dandenong. My work experience was actually a lot of fun and a really worthwhile experience. I learnt so much including the following: how to deal with dangerous and hazardous chemicals, how to drive a forklift and how to bond with a community. There is nothing worse than going into an unaccepting community but while I was there they took me in and made sure I was safe and treated me with respect, even though I was a high school student. I loved my work experience including the early mornings and physical challenge that came with it.

*Tyson Arif*



*Elly Connett-Porceddu*



*Zoe Tuttleby*



*Tyson Arif*

### Glen Eira College Student Representative Council (SRC):

The SRC at Glen Eira College has been busy during the year planning events and participating in charity fund raisers. At the beginning of the year we participated in the Leukaemia foundation – World's Greatest Shave plus Funky Hair Day activities. With the generous support of students, staff, parents and friends of GEC the school was able to raise \$1300.00 for the Leukaemia foundation. This was a fantastic effort as it was the highest monetary amount that we have ever raised.

After our success with the Leukaemia charity event the SRC student leaders decided that our next activity was for students to come 'out of school uniform' at the end of each term. As the last week of Term 1 coincided with Harmony week the SRC decided that the money raised for this event (\$300.00) would go towards the Fred Hollows Foundation. This foundation has been set up to improve the eyesight of indigenous Australians and people living in third world countries.

Our last charity event for the semester was to raise funds for our school library. Again, an impressive effort was made by all Glen Eira students. All students were able to come in casual clothes if they donated a gold coin on the last day of term 2. We were able to raise a grand total of \$400.00. Ms Eyre, GEC librarian, and the SRC members are deciding how this money will be spent.

In addition to charity events the SRC has been active in providing advice and suggestions for the school. Due to the efforts of Jayde Glass in year 11 we were able to have both the Australian and Aboriginal flags raised on our flag pole. Sean Kelly in year 7 and Cassidy Marr in year 8 represented GEC at the SRC leadership conference held at MacRobertson High School. After attending this event they had the idea of placing a suggestion box for school improvements or ideas for activities in the school. At present the SRC is in the process of organising this suggestion. The other activity that is being organised is a House Dodgeball competition which will occur during Term 4. Stay tuned for further details!

If students have any questions or suggestions for the SRC then remember to contact your team SRC representative or Ms Allan.

*Elizabeth Allan*



*SRC Representatives Sean Kelly and Cassidy Marr*

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### TRIVIA NIGHT - GEC GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

Dear parents and staff, we hope your Trivia Night flyer is on your fridge, Saturday 6th September marked in your diaries and to see many of you that evening for a glittering night!

We still need some help with preparations to ensure the night is a great success. In particular, we need to source donations of goods and vouchers for prizes and for our silent and loud auctions. You may like to donate goods, services or vouchers, any item will be welcome, including a bottle of wine or a few hours of your time (private lessons, gardening etc.). We will also ask for contributions to class hampers, which make popular silent auctions items. Please bring or send your donations in to the office, with a completed donation form, available from the office, so we know who to thank.

We also need more helpers to set up the gym on Friday 5th September and during the day on Saturday 6th September, then with cleaning up and stacking tables and chairs after the event and on Sunday 7th September. We'll send out details of the times by email as we get close to the event.

Finally, you could also help by approaching various businesses in which case we'd like to hear from you.

Send us an email at [gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au](mailto:gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au), we will send you details of businesses we'd like you to approach and a letter you can provide to them.

Please check your emails regularly for further news. Thank you.

*Marie-Pierre Deleplanque  
GECPA Trivia Night Chairman*



*Our Student Wellbeing Leader Jenny Sanchez, judge at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games with the mascot Clyde*

### GLEN EIRA GROWS GREEN THUMBS!

For the past few weeks 7C science students have been studying habitats and ecosystems, taught in the French language. In conjunction with the Sustainability Club, they now have the chance to build a habitat themselves!

Using a small space at the corner of the school quadrangle, the development stages are well underway. Students in year 7 and 9 have been working hard removing unwanted stones and weeds to make space for fertile soil. The year 9 boys in particular have thoroughly enjoyed breaking up the stones and digging down to the clay. Caitlin Shaw, a student in the year 7 Science/French immersion class said;

*"it's fun and it's helping the community...it makes me feel happy."*

It has been an exciting experience seeing students from different year levels coming together to help realize this project, which will see plants planted on Wednesday 6th August. This day marks the last day of the 7C science class's unit of work and to celebrate, they will all get the chance to plant a plant that is indigenous to the area and will provide birds and insects with shelter.

In anticipation of the event, the coordinator of indigenous plants at Bayside Community Nursery will be visiting the class and explaining to them the values of each plant to the habitat. Stay tuned for more news of these exciting green developments.

*Alex Deal*



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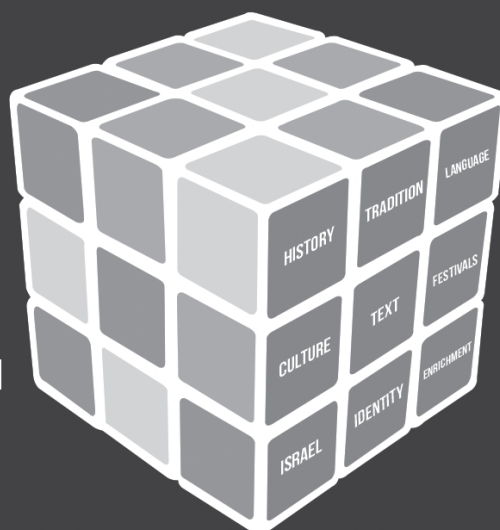
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