

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new students and families who have joined our College and the English Language Centre this term.

I am pleased to welcome the following new staff this semester: Veronica Gaylard and Fotoula Reynolds in the student support area, Charlotte Cowley in Arts, Cedric Chamontin in French/Humanities.

We have farewelled Evelyne Reichmann our Library technician who has retired after 29 years of service of which 19 were spent at GEC. Evelyne has been a valued member of the team and provided excellent support to students and staff. We wish her all the best.

Jenny Sanchez has headed to Rio as a weightlifting judge for the Olympics – a wonderful achievement. We wish her all the very best.

I was delighted to welcome Jacques Thebault, Principal of Collège de Dumbea-sur-mer in New Caledonia, our sister school, on the first day of term. It was a wonderful opportunity to further develop our relationship and investigate a range of opportunities. Our students will travel to New Caledonia next July – details to come soon.

Students and staff from Ogaki Japan will be hosted by our students and staff 18th – 23rd August coordinated by the City of Glen Eira sister city program. They will spend the Friday at school – we will have a welcome assembly, they will have a lesson on Australian culture and then spend the remainder of the day in class with their host student. Thank you to all families hosting a student.

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.

Capital Works Update

We are pleased to welcome the Honourable James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education to the college later this month to officially turn the first sod for the capital works project. After his 'official' duties he will visit our arts and technology classes.

Tenders have currently been called for from builders which will take about 4 weeks. We hope to have builders in place by early September. Once in place we will be able to finalise a timeline for the works and share this with you.

There are some images on the front page of our website for

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Bastille Day Festival



Year 10 Work Experience



Variety Bash

you to view – colours not yet determined.

Work Experience

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.

Course Counselling

Course counselling is underway for students entering senior school next year. Students are filling out their subject selection sheets and meeting staff to map out their future studies.

Upcoming Events

I hope you are able to attend some of the following events

- Music Festival – Wednesday 17th August in our Performing Arts Centre at 7pm
- The Government Schools Spectacular 2016 - Saturday 10th September 1pm & 6.30pm. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au/ or phone Ticketek on 132 849.
- Relay for Life – 22nd and 23rd October

Unclaimed Lost Property

There are still many items of unnamed lost property in our lost property cupboard - shoes, shorts, jumpers, jackets etc. As the items are unnamed we are unable to return the items to the rightful owner. Please assist by naming every item of clothing, including shoes.

Child Safe Standards

Glen Eira College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students.

As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by new Child Safe Standards.

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

As would be true of all schools we are well placed to implement the Standards. We have recently written our Child Safe Policy and Child Safe Code of Conduct which will apply to all people who work or volunteer in the school. School Council has reviewed the policy documents and will ratify the documents at the next Council meeting. The documents will then be placed in the policies section of our website.

We have reviewed our existing policies and procedures to ensure we are compliant and will implement a communication strategy to ensure all policies and procedures are implemented to the highest level.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to parents of VCE students who attended the parent teacher interviews on Thursday 21st July. Interviews

for Year 7 – 10 will occur on Wednesday 14th September 2.30pm to 7.15pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

Progress Reports

Progress reports for your child will be available for viewing on Xuno from Monday 29th August. Year 12 progress reports will continue to be made available every three weeks this term.

Uniform Sub-Committee

Thank you to all the parents and students who contributed ideas and suggestions through the uniform review survey or directly with the committee. The results of the survey can be accessed from the school's website. The committee is working hard to have recommendations ready for the School Council meeting in August.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

Bob Stewart is the only GEC approved supplier of GEC school uniforms. Uniforms are available at the **Bob Stewart Uniform Shop** 150 Waverley Road, Malvern East
Phone: 9036 7342

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Semester 2 is here so it's time to Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved!

By now you will have read through your reports and decided on your goals for semester 2.

It's an important time of the year for Year 9 students who are busy selecting their Year 10 and enhancement (Year 11) subjects for 2017. During the Year 9 Program, students have been involved in course counselling. If you're not sure about a subject and have a question or two, don't be afraid to ask. Speak to one of the teachers so you are well informed.

Junior School Team:

Miss Keira McLean - Year 7A, 7B and 7C Coordinator / Junior School Leader

Ms Elizabeth Allan - Year 7D, 7E and 7F Coordinator

Mr Shaun Reynolds - Year 8 Coordinator

Miss Fiona Finnegan - Year 9 Coordinator

Holidays should ideally be taken in the school holiday period. If you do plan on going away on a holiday during school time, please send your request to the Principal and inform the relevant coordinator and provide a note with the dates of your absence. Coordinators will work with classroom teachers to ensure students do not fall behind in their studies.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or XUNO if you have any questions or concerns. Here's to a successful term 3.

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*



YEAR 7 REPORT

The Mid-Year Awards assembly was held on Wednesday 13th July to celebrate the academic achievement of Year 7 students who achieved excellent results in all their subjects for the semester 1 reports. Mr. Reynolds and myself would like to congratulate all these students on the excellent results that they have achieved over the semester.

In addition it has been very pleasing to see the large number of Year 7 students participating in extracurricular activities such as GEC Athletics day, French Poetry Competition, Year 7 Interschool Sport, GEC Annual Spelling Bee and the school production 'Hopes and Dreams'. The extracurricular activities for this term have been posted in all team rooms so 'Get Organised; Get Focussed; Get Involved'!

A reminder to parents and students of some housekeeping matters:

In semester 2 there are a few subject changes. Students need to check that they have the appropriate textbooks and class materials for these new subjects. Also, we want to mention to 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 are looking forward to working with all students/parents and guardians this semester and we hope you all are too.

Elizabeth Allan
Year 7 Coordinator



Junior School Mid-Year Awards Assembly

YEAR 8 REPORT

Thanks to everyone who made contributions to the school community who were recognised at the Junior School Assembly. Since taking over from Mrs Conroy I've noticed that the classes are running very well and the Year 8s are back into the swing of things - getting organised and involved! Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming excursions and incursions!

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries. Looking forward to a successful semester.

Shaun Reynolds
Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 9 REPORT

It is a pleasure to introduce myself as the new Year 9 Coordinator for semester 2. Congratulations to all those students who received Academic Excellence and Endeavour awards. It was a pleasure to present the awards in week 1 on behalf of Ms Fompudie.

Last week 30 students headed out on Year 9 camp at Rubicon. We had the opportunity to go cross country skiing on Mt Baw Baw as well as participating in other adventure activities such as caving and high ropes challenges.

All Year 9 girls will travel to Deakin University on August 16th for the Go Girls Go for IT excursion. This is a great opportunity for them to see the incredible range of career options in IT.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fiona Finnegan
Year 9 Coordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

Since the last newsletter, much has gone on in the Junior School! Last Wednesday we held our mid-year awards assembly and we would once again like to give a huge congratulations to everyone who received an award.

This term the Year 9s as part of their "Making Connections: Real World" program are looking to the future with introductions to resume writing, mock interviews and career pathway action plans. Later on in the term they will also be having their course counselling sessions to decide their electives for next year. We have had various information sessions with the Senior School coordinators to create a better understanding for our future and the next 3 years.

We thank Miss Fompudie for all the wonderful memories we have had with her and we wish her the best of luck for the future, on behalf of all the Year 9 students.

Sean Kelly & Sierra Danon
Junior School Captains

STUDENT ABSENCES

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



LEADERSHIP CAMP

Over the past school holidays, I attended a Leadership Camp run by the Impact Project. This Camp was for kids between the ages of 14-17, and its aim was to 'unleash their inner greatness'. The Camp did this through a range of activities from mud obstacle courses every day, to standing on a small platform 25 metres above the ground, to a full on 'all flavors' edible mousse fight.

We were very lucky to have an awesome speaker - Nathan Hulls – who spoke about all of the things that are blocking us from achieving our full potential. Some of those things were; overcoming negative beliefs, how to reach your personal greatness, believing in yourself and what you can achieve and having a positing mindset.

Each activity was designed to help us use our skills to achieve our full potential. Some of the activities were;

- Walking on nails - We walked on a bed of nails 1m x 3m In bare feet!!!
- Team obstacle challenges - Usually in mud, we had to use our co-operation, teamwork and leadership skills to overcome the various challenges.
- The bride - We put on a harness and then walked (or tried to) across a very wobbly bridge that was 5m above a freezing lake!!

This was an amazing way to spend four days of the holidays and has made a huge difference to how I live my life.

And I will leave you with a quote from the camp.....

"Do something today that your future self will thank you for."

*Ashleigh Harris
Year 9*

LIMITLESS CAMP

Now you've had a chance to read Ashleigh's experience on the Limitless Camp nominations are open for the next round to be held in September 2016.

The camp dates are as follows:

- camp 3 - Sunday 18th - Wed 21st September 2016
- camp 4 - Friday 23rd - Monday 26th September 2016

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Miss McLean to register your interest.

YEAR 9C HOME ECONOMICS

At the end of the semester Year 9C students completed a cupcake decorating activity as part of the Home Eco course. The students did a wonderful job designing and decorating their cupcakes and some examples of their work are outlined below.

*Elizabeth Allan
Home Economics Teacher*



Year 9C Cupcake designs

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It's been a busy start to the semester with our Mid-Year Awards Assembly and our many pathways information sessions. A huge congratulations to all award recipients in Years 10, 11 and 12 who received Academic Excellence and Endeavour awards. They have shown a commitment to their studies and received very pleasing results in all subjects. I encourage all students to aim high and make learning their focus. Here's hoping we have even more students receiving awards at the end of this semester.

Congratulations to Grace Wheildon for her beautiful rendition of The Australian National Anthem, "Advance Australia Fair" and to Zoe Tuttleby for her moving dance performance at the assembly which she choreographed herself.

Our VCE information Session on Wednesday 13th July was very successful and I would like to thank all the students and parents of Year 9 and 10 students who almost filled the PAC! I would also like to thank our staff who set up subject displays and were available on the night to answer the many questions you had.

Information was provided on:

- VCE and VET subject offerings
- VCAA guidelines
- Subject selection process
- College regulations and procedures
- Strategies to assist students to successfully complete their VCE

The PowerPoint used on the night was emailed to all parents of Year 9 and 10 students. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you had issues accessing this information. Relevant documentation for students is also available on the GEC Hub.

Important resources for students and parents to refer to include:

- GEC Senior Years Course Handbook (available on the website and GEC Hub)
- Publications on the VTAC site (<http://vtac.edu.au/publications/#year10and11>)
- Youth Central (www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au)
- Myfuture (www.myfuture.edu.au)
- VCAA (www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)
- Job Guide (www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au)
- TAFE Course Directory (www.tafe.vic.gov.au)
- Qilt (www.qilt.edu.au)
- What degree? Which Uni? (<http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com/>)

*Haroula Christodoulou
Senior School Leader*



Senior School Mid-Year Awards Assembly

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you to all staff who visited the Year 10 students on their Work Experience. Thank you also to Ms Anbar and Ms Boletti for all their hard work in making the Work Experience week possible. Here is some of the feedback from our students:

Mine was at the Pullman Hotel in the city. It was interesting because I got to experience a different environment.

– Andriane Demetriou

I was in a café and it was fun serving people and getting food ready, and speaking to all the customers. It was fun being in a different community. – Elizabeth Lindner-Craig

It was a fun experience. I worked with different types of tools, learning how to use them. Bricklaying was terrific. – Lewis Morgan

I went to WJ Transport systems. I did tax invoices and was shown around by the boss to see what he does. – David Shulz

I worked in the pharmacy in The Avenue private hospital. I actually enjoyed it because the people were really nice. I actually went around to patients giving them their medicine. I also stocked medicines in the pharmacy storeroom. – Chandra Windi

Year 10 camp is still open for more students, so if you need forms or more information, please contact me.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator*



Adam Cosgrave



Anna Rowsell



Lara Moisi



Coen McGinniss

YEAR 11 NEWS

It was a positive start to term 3, with a number of Year 11 students receiving awards for Endeavour and for Excellence. As a Coordinator, it is especially pleasing to read the names of these students, knowing that students have worked diligently, putting in the hours and then being rewarded for their hard work. I know that our list of students receiving awards at the end of the year will grow as so many came so close mid semester. A special congratulations to Alysha Lowery who received an award for Excellence. Alysha attributes the following strategies to her success:

- Define key vocabulary terms and include them in study notes for tests and SACs
- Make best use of class time to consult teacher about the work, if required
- Take photos of notes so when in the car or out where there is spare time, read over notes
- Constant re-reading of notes
- Explaining concepts and ideas to others as this consolidates knowledge

Winner of the Pierre de Coubertin Award - Charly Layton Year 11

A special congratulations to Charly Layton who won the Pierre de Coubertin Award. The Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities. Charly is a worthy winner as he has been an active and dedicated participant in sporting programs both at the College and in the community. "Winning this award means a lot to me. I feel very humble and grateful," Charly beamed when asked what it meant to him to win the award. Well done Charly! We are all proud of you.



Charly Layton

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Student Exchange Program

We also welcome back Ruby Douglas who left the College last year to participate in a student exchange program in France. Ruby has had an amazing experience and I felt, who better to tell her experience, than Ruby herself. Every month, Ruby will write about her memorable time in France.

"My journey to France started on September 3rd when I arrived at Melbourne airport not knowing what was in store for me. You can never just guess how a new school, new family and a new dynamic will present itself.

I arrived in my host country and found myself absolutely gob smacked...Where am I? I yelled in my mind, when people on the street attempted to sell me "very pretty and well-priced," keychains.

I arrived in Vinassan, (my host village) and met my host family for the first time. Now just to be clear, I had just signed up to live with strangers for a year, so you can see how that may be terrifying. I prayed to a higher order that some English would be spoken but oh how mistaken I was. I walked in and armed only with the knowledge of how to name the contents of a kitchen in French, I suddenly realised how long 10 months was really going to be....."

English Rules!

Year 11s studied *The Importance of Being Earnest* last semester and one class staged their own English tea party to rival Lady Bracknell's. The array of delicious cakes and other treats was a sight to behold as platter after platter was laid out with many homemade favourites. Students were also treated to a number of Victorian English tea party rituals, and some memorable moments were shared. Well done to the students involved and I am especially proud of how you all conducted yourselves on the day.



**Year 11
The Importance of
Being
Earnest Tea Party**

Fit2Drive Program

Coming up this term, all Year 11 students will be involved in the FIT2DRIVE program at the College on Tuesday 23rd August. The program aims to teach road safety and awareness to young people who are at an age where applying for a learner driver permit is becoming a reality. Information will be distributed shortly.

Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

Semester 2 is a relatively short semester for our Year 12 students. It is imperative that students continue working towards completing all SACs and outcomes so that they are successful in gaining a tertiary placement for 2017. As our students are approaching the end of their secondary studies, I strongly urge each and every one of them to access past exam papers and examiners reports that will strengthen their ability to perform well. Subject teachers are holding lunch time supplementary classes for those students who want some extra help. Students can attend Homework Help on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for extra assistance and the possibility of working with a tutor. These are just some of the strategies and resources that students can use and access to help them with maximising their marks.

During this term, the students will be working closely with Ms Anbar who is providing counselling sessions for every student regarding VTAC procedures. It is important that they come fully prepared and do not miss their counselling sessions.

Overall, I encourage all students to keep themselves as healthy as possible. Physically healthy by eating well, having a good sleeping regime, and ensuring that they leave some time for healthy relaxing activities, which along with a good study plan, will ensure that they will continue on their pathway to VCE success. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator

ELEARNING CORNER

This term in eLearning news we discuss the various new technologies teachers and students can now utilise in our classrooms. These include various internet based classroom resources and the Google suite which consists of docs, slides and sheets, new changes to the Student Tube competition and more updates on the GEC Hub.

These various educational websites include Quizlet where students or teachers can create lists of vocabulary or definitions for students to then test themselves and increase their knowledge using games that the site offers. Another site called Kahoot is similar to Quizlet in a way but different in others. It is an educational learning tool in which teachers or students can create a competitive learning environment, increasing student involvement and enthusiasm.

Google Classroom is a place where teachers can assign work and where students can submit work. It is also a place



in which students can access resources that the teacher has posted. Google Classroom is compatible with the Google suite which entails Google docs, slides and sheets. These are similar to the Microsoft Office word, powerpoint and excel. An advantage of the Google run programs is a function that allows multiple people to access and edit the document at once, which is great for group projects.

We would also like to inform you of some changes to the Student Tube Competition which include a change of due date (end of term four) and a new prize for the winner which is a \$20 itunes voucher. If you would like to enter the competition, we would like to remind students that they don't have to make a video from scratch, they can simply:

- link a video (from Youtube ect.) that they have enjoyed or
- edit an already existing video or
- enter any other multimedia presentation whether it's for school or a hobby.

Look to the GEC Hub for more information about where to enter and other details. We hope to see many entries soon!

Other news on the GEC Hub includes a new eLearning sports liaison that will keep all the sports information on the hub up to date and with the same information as the sports notice board near the library. A new recent updates page has been included to allow students at a glance to know any changes that may be affecting them. If you are curious, the results from the uniform survey are in and can be located under 'recent updates'. Also if you notice any bugs, issues or problems associated with the GEC Hub, make sure you let us know.

One of the most exciting updates is the inclusion of a map where multiple teachers and students have pinpointed where they come from and who they identify as. We shall be updating this at the start of every term, so make sure that you are included in the next one! It is a great way to celebrate how multicultural the Glen Eira College community is.

We would love to hear about all the great ways that you have been using all of these great technologies in your studies! Have a great term and we will see you soon!

*Elizabeth Lindner-Craig and Declan Boyd
Year 10*

HUMANITIES NEWS

Indigenous Cultural Experiences through Curriculum

As part of the Victorian Curriculum, learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, 7A students painted message stones in the style of central Australian aborigines' artwork. After considering the symbolic meaning of leaving imprints behind in the sand, students carefully constructed and painted their message stones to show their own personal meaning.



In preparation for the Japanese exchange students, 8B students developed techniques to teach Indigenous style paintings on message stones that overcome language barriers. Understanding our Indigenous heritage and culture allowed students to delicately paint messages that they will teach our visiting students later in August.



As part of Grace Robert's student-teacher rounds, she organised for her uncle to come and teach students at GEC the art of digeridoo playing. Uncle Stax presented a wide range of digeridoos in the library and taught the students from 7A and 8B how to play the instrument and make a range of musical notes. Stax is an accomplished musician and plays the digeridoo all over the world in bands and orchestras. Every student was able to blast out a sound and learn about the rich heritage of indigenous music and its centrality in understanding the values of our first peoples.

*Year 7A & 8B
students learning
to play the
digeridoo*



VCE Philosophy Initiative: Singer's "The Most Good You Can Do"

Last year the VCE Philosophy class collected shopping bags of food and necessities for the Asylum Resource Centre to feed families who needed a helping hand. This year the class decided to collect warm jumpers and coats to keep people warm in the chilly days leading into winter. After a collection in the library, junior and senior school offices, 48 jumpers and 28 coats were collected to offer to those in need. The VCE Philosophy class would like to thank the generous GEC community for giving to those in need and we look forward to the next initiative in 2017.

*Deborah Cordingley
Head of Humanities*

EXCURSION TO METRO LAW TALKS

On Wednesday 13th July Unit 4 Legal Studies students went to RMIT and the Old Magistrates' Court to participate in the Metro Law Talks organized by the Victorian Law Foundation. There were a range of presentations that directly related to the VCE Legal Studies curriculum. Some of the presentations included:

- Centre for Innovative Justice – Rob Hulls
- The Victorian Law Reform Commission – Eve Gallagher



- The Victorian Jury System – Paul Dore
- Study Tips – David Thomson
- Mediation Presentation – David Leonard
- Culpable Driving Mock Trial

During the Culpable Driving Mock Trial students from the various schools were required to participate in a range of roles. Suzannah Stone was nominated as the Judge.

"It was a really good experience that allowed me to understand the role of a judge. I would definitely participate in the mock trial again."- Suzannah Stone

"I enjoyed the various presentations covering a range of topics as they were all relevant to our current and future studies. It was very helpful to act as motivation as well." - Amber Meadows

"Rob Hulls was very passionate about encouraging making a positive difference." - Pratima Rajak

"The speakers were engaging with good experiences and stories to share." - Shiree Vallins

"I liked the number of people from different organisations as they talked how they became the people they are today including their journey and challenges in the workplace. The role of the Victorian Law Reform Commission, the jury system and how the Magistrates Court works are clearer once they have been explained by people who work there. This serves as great revision now." - Marija Korunovska

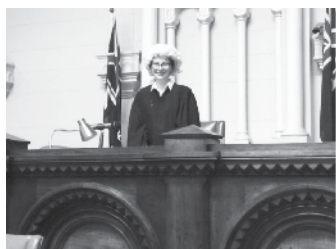
"The Juries Commissioner, Paul Dore, was particularly interesting as he shared some stories about the problems with the jury system currently." - Daniella Goldman

"Rob Hulls had a positive and motivating message for us - to make sure that we don't listen to negativity, follow our passion, work hard, don't give up and it's not all about the ATAR." - Talia Barylak

"It was engaging, well organised and very informative." - Gal Gross

"The mock trial was useful as we were able to see how the court would look in a trial." - Michelle Lesser

*Melanie Mattsson
Legal Studies Teacher*



**Suzannah Stone
as the Judge**



Legal Studies class

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Ariella Hain - Reader of the Month.

2016 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE AND THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

With just a little over six weeks to go until the close of the 2016 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (VPRC), The



Children's Book Council of Australia's short listed novels offer an additional challenge to those young adult students looking to add to their VPRC quota and expand the breadth of their reading choices. All 2016 short listed books from all categories are presently held in the library. The short listed novels for older

readers include a mix of themes which reflect current as well as past social and moral issues.

- Fly Wheel by Erin Gough – LGBTQ themed
- The Pause by John Larkin – tackles the serious issue of mental health – namely anxiety and depression
- Freedom Ride by Sue Lawson – addresses the problems faced by indigenous Australians during the 1960s
- A Single Stone by Meg McKinlay – a story about gender and power
- In Between Days by Vikki Wakefield – a complicated story about relationships and family dynamics
- Cloud Wish by Fiona Wood – gently and engagingly explores the issue of identity

New Lunchtime Activity

Initiated by a Year 11 student, the Doctor Who Club was formed at the end of term 2. The group meets in the Library at lunchtime on the second Wednesday of every month to discuss all things 'Doctor Who'. New members welcome.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*

SRC REPORT

Thank you everyone for your great support and participation.

Semester 1 ended with a BBQ to raise funds for OXFAM to fight poverty around the world. We have raised \$650. We have also been collecting all types of books for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and textbooks for the Philippines. The hundreds and hundreds of books will be collected soon.

In the holidays, Elouise (Year 10) and Paul (Year 7) went to Congress for three days where they discussed and debated SRC ideas from several schools around Victoria. They have come back with lots of ideas!

Term 3 started with the Elvies of the Variety Bash visiting our school. There were many activities taking place, including a BBQ and throw the ball in the hole activity, and we raised \$440. Students had fun doing karaoke, checking out the car and taking photos with the Elvies.

To raise awareness of Homelessness Week, students enjoyed crepes at lunch time. All proceeds were given to the homeless. The collection of non-perishables continues and will be collected by an organisation which will distribute it all to the homeless.

On a different note, we were given the opportunity to have our voice heard at the Glen Eira Council with regards to Council's sustainability goals for the next five years. It has been discussed during Team meetings and a report is being written which includes students' comments from across all year levels.

Your support is much appreciated!

Dorit Tane

Student Voice, Team Program and Special Weeks Coordinator

KEY DATES TERM 3 2016

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST – STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST – YEAR 9 GO GIRLS GO FOR IT EXCURSION

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST – MUSIC FESTIVAL 7PM

THURSDAY 18TH – TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST – HOSTING STUDENTS FROM OGAKI, JAPAN

MONDAY 22ND AUGUST - VTAC INFORMATION EVENING 6:30PM

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST – YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST – MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL EXCURSION

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER – STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER – STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR REHEARSAL

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 1PM & 6:30PM

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER – BEACHSIDE TRACK & FIELD

WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER – YEAR 7 – 10 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2:30PM – 7:15PM (STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:30PM)

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER – LAST DAY TERM 3

WEDNESDAY 21ST – FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER – YEAR 12 PRACTICE EXAMS

LANGUAGES CORNER

French News

The Languages Team has been busy this term as well!

On 14th July we commemorated Bastille Day at the school, the choir performed a French song “On écrit sur les murs” at recess and the foyer was full with an audience cheering and clapping!

On Sunday 17th July, Glen Eira College was present at the State Library for the annual Bastille Day Festival. The choir sang in French and the Year 10 French class performed a dance and some students recited a poem. Un grand merci to all the parents who accompanied their son or daughter to the festival. A big thank you as well to the Committee of French parents who showcased Glen Eira College over the weekend at the State Library!

This year again about 200 students from year 7-10 participated in the Alliance Française Berthe Mouchette poetry recitation competition and we are very proud to announce the results.

Here are the names of our finalists with a perfect score of 20/20. We have about 30 others from year 7-10 who have got 19.5, so just missed out. And about 37 others who have got a score of 18/20. So we're very proud of them! And it's great to see that the finalists come from all 3 French streams! Well done team!

BERTHE MOUCHETTE POETRY RECITATION FINALISTS

Year 7	Rachel Hoch (8C)
Luisa David (7C)	Estelle Lipovetsky (8C)
Paul-Antoine Galliot (CNED)	Bridie Skinner (8C)
Jeanne Lamy (CNED)	Louis Villeseche (8C)
Benjamin Matthews (7C)	
Coline Le Bas (CNED)	Year 9
Clea McKeown (7C)	Lara Genovesi (9C)
Sapir Triffon (7E)	Twiza Christian (9C)
Alannah De Jesus (7D)	
	Year 10
Year 8	Morgan Edwards
Mitchell Bennie (8C)	Anna Roswell
Guy Cosgrave (8E)	



On Thursday 4th August, we welcomed Crêpes for Change, a social enterprise which donates all their profit to youth homelessness. Students and teachers enjoyed delicious French Crêpes while donating to a very important cause.

Loveena Narayanan
Head of Languages



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Bastille Day Festival

Hebrew News

Year 7 students have received their album for the Roots Project. They have enthusiastically commenced working on their family trees. The students appreciated the visit of some year 8 students who came to share their experiences and tips for working on the Roots Project.

Year 8 students have completed a creative project of designing their dream home. Some included a theatre, a water slide, seven floors and other interesting features.

The Year 9 students completed their creative project of designing a school using shapes and colours in their description. One school was made out of glass and placed in the Antarctic while another was made in the shape of a soccer ball.

*Dorit Tane
Hebrew Teacher*

Japanese News

In the last week of term 2, students in 7F and 8F had fun making onigiris.

O-nigiri (おにぎり), or rice ball, is a Japanese food made from white rice formed into triangular or cylinder shapes and often wrapped in nori (seaweed). Traditionally, an onigiri is filled with pickled umeboshi (pickled plum) salmon or any other salty or sour ingredient as a natural preservative.

In Japan, onigiri is a basic convenience food. People carry them on hikes, car trips, have them for breakfast and as late night snacks. Just about every supermarket and convenience store sells them, not to mention train station kiosks, vending machines and more. They are as common as pre-made sandwiches are in Australia.

In our Japanese cooking class, students were able to choose from a variety of fillings including: tuna, umeboshi (pickled plum), daikon (pickled radish), onigiri seasoning and nori (dry seaweed). They learnt how to make them and also how to give the instructions in Japanese. All students tried them and hopefully they enjoyed them too!

Here are some links to some onigiri recipes. "Itadakimasu!" "Bon appetit!"

<https://www.japancentre.com/en/recipes/14-onigiri-rice-balls>
<http://www.japanesecooking101.com/rice-ball-onigiri-recipe/>



*Nishikubo Sensei
Japanese Teacher*



Year 7F & 8F making onigiri

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

All GEC parents and guardians are welcome to attend our meetings – a great chance to meet some school families and help the school. Our meetings are friendly and informal, and your level of involvement is up to you. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th August 7:30pm. If you are interested in coming to any of our meetings, please send us an email to gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au so we can send you the address.

Fundraising on Election Day

We ran a sausage sizzle and sold other goodies provided by our community. With a good turnout of volunteers and mild weather, things ran very smoothly, and we made a healthy profit of over \$830.

A big thank you to John Tserkezidis, all our volunteers and those who baked, made jam and donated other items.

GEC Variety Night in June

Thank you to all our volunteers and bakers, who provided a delicious supper for the audience of the show each night. Donations and sales of small items enabled us to make a profit of \$145.

Well done to the cast and crew who put on another wonderful show - quite an achievement given that this year they only had a short time to prepare.

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Trivia Night - GEC goes to Rio

The Trivia Night on Saturday 6th August brought our community together to have fun and raise money for new musical instruments and landscaping. Thanks to all those involved in the organization of the event, all the businesses that donated and GEC staff and community members who helped, and especially

- Mr Lou, Tori Mulligan, office staff and the trivia night committee
- The Guss family - Melbourne Table and Chair Hire

- Peter Wenborn for a beautifully handmade timber bed
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 - Woodards Real Estate, Glen Huntly
 - Simply Sensational Catering /Three Sweeties, Glen Huntly
- A full list of thankyou's for the many business and people who helped is attached.

Cathy McNaughton and Juliet Brianton



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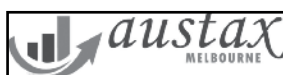


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GEC Variety Night – Hopes & Dreams

