

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All the Very Best to the Class of 2014

Our wonderful Year 12 students will soon be completing their end of year exams. Although this is a stressful period of time for them we trust that their preparation and the guidance and assistance they have received over the past years ensures that they are able to demonstrate their full potential to the examiners.

Relay for Life

The recent Relay for Life event at Duncan Mackinnon was a fantastic community event. This year we had 130 students, staff, parents, families and friends involved. It was certainly a team effort but particular thanks should go to our Junior School Leader, Keira McLean, for her enthusiasm and her leadership of the GEC Getting Even with Cancer team. It was also wonderful to see our students up on stage singing and entertaining the crowd. The baton, covered with the names of the team members, was carried around the oval continuously to raise money and give hope to those suffering or affected by cancer in our community. I am incredibly proud of all who gave up their time to be involved.

Our Students and Staff Shine

It was exciting to have several students competing recently in the Southern Zone finals - well done to all involved. Congratulations to Ben Becker 3rd in the boys under 13 shot put in a very close final; Adrien Dubois 3rd in the under 15 1500m walk; Jacob Vadas 4th in the under 13 discus; Maximus Koveos 3rd in the under 14 400m and 1st in the under 14 long jump. Maximus will now go onto to compete in the Victorian High School Athletics State Championship – we wish him all the best.

Mary Maniatis accompanied 5 Year 11 students - Digby Mooney, Zalie Rowe, Nina Colon, Astrid Dunkley and Jaedon Lewis-Hanafin – to Malvern primary School to teach a class of selected Grade 6 students how to use persuasive language. The students were very engaged and the presentation was very well received and reflects our continued excellent relationship with primary schools in our area and the way we share our learning experiences.

The GEC staff team enjoyed perfect weather and some fierce competition in Bendigo at the Teachers Games - GEC's 7th year in the last school holidays. They achieved a bronze medal in the softball – a great team effort.

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Queensland Tour



SRC Clothes From Yesterday



Adrien Dubois and Maximus Koveos

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.



Mental Health and Physical Education Weeks

We began the term engaged in numerous activities to improve our understanding and knowledge of physical and mental wellbeing and how to ensure we look after both. Activities included quizzes, sporting competitions, walking around the oval after lunch, engaging in "two minutes of silent time" each lesson to improve our mental capacity, and information sessions for staff and parents presented by Headspace. Our School Nurse, Christalia, worked with our year 12 students on "Smiling Minds Meditation" and stress reduction.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey sent to you late last term. We value the positive feedback received and take on board the suggestions for further improvements. You will read further in the newsletter about Xuno – our new learning platform that will greatly improve communication between school and home.

All families should have received this newsletter via email. If you did not, please provide the General office with an updated email address. Also emailed in the last week or so were invitations to the Art Show and the Music Festival. As of 2015 email will be the primary method of sending newsletters, excursion forms and notices. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the General Office know.

Queensland Camp

It was wonderful to see the Queensland trip up and running – thanks to Mr Tsarpalas for this initiative. All the students who attended had a great time, forged new friendships and many saw parts of Eastern Australia they had not seen before. Thank you to Mr Tsarpalas, Ms Maniatis and Mr Tserkizidis for attending and giving their time in the holidays to provide this opportunity for our students.

Sister School Relationship

As I reported in the last newsletter we have begun developing a Sister School relationship with Collège de Dumbea-sur-mer in New Caledonia. It is a bilingual school that opened at the beginning of the year. I am delighted to announce that we were successful in achieving a \$10, 000 grant to assist us in developing this important relationship.

Our students going to New Caledonia next year from March 28th to April 3rd will visit the school for 2 days. There are still a few places left for our 2015 New Caledonia trip and students can collect information forms from the General Office.

We will welcome approximately 20 students from Collège de Dumbea-sur-mer to Melbourne from 19th to 24th July 2015 and we will be asking interested families to host a student. It is a wonderful and enriching experience. Further details will be available at the beginning of 2015.

Enrolment Confirmation Process 2015

Soon you will receive Enrolment Confirmation packages for 2015. These will include:

- Student Details - to be checked and updated. Please ensure emergency contact details have been provided and that they are still current. The parent the student lives with cannot be the emergency contact.

- 2015 Booklist
- 2015 General Charges invoice
- Relevant permission forms for camps/excursions/sport
- Instrumental Music invoice

Enrolment Confirmation Day, when paperwork and payments are to be submitted, is Tuesday 25th November 2014 for students entering Year 10 in 2015 and Friday 28th November 2014 for students entering Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 in 2015.

Early submission of forms and payment is welcome.

If your child is not returning to Glen Eira College in 2015, please ensure the college has been notified in writing and the appropriate exit forms are collected from the Office and returned.

Staffing for 2015

We are currently busily interviewing to complete our staffing for 2015. It has been wonderful to see the numbers of teachers seeking to join our school and the growth in student numbers and programs which necessitate this employment.

I hope to see you on 13th November at the Art Show and / or on 3rd December at the Music Festival!

Sheereen Kindler
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Xuno

You will soon be hearing about Xuno – our new communication tool. Feedback from the recent parent surveys indicated that there was a need to improve electronic communication between the school and home. Xuno will definitely fulfil that need. The software will allow us to do the following:

- Allow newsletters, excursion forms, enrolment information etc. to be sent by email efficiently or accessed through the portal.
- Provide a parent-student portal that gives information to parents on student progress.
- Provide Year Level Coordinators with the ability to monitor student progress more effectively.

We will be sending out usernames and passwords for parent access to the portal very soon.

Please ensure we have a relevant email address for you.

Booklists

With the end of year fast approaching we are well underway with planning for 2015. The booklists are currently being compiled. The school invests considerable time in carefully choosing books that will meet the educational needs of your children. It is vital they come to school ready to learn with the correct materials. Please ensure your child has all the books required for their subjects. Their learning is impeded if they do not have the correct books in class. Please contact us if you need assistance in obtaining the books required.



Chromebooks

We are striving to provide our students with learning tools that will assist them to achieve outstanding results. This year staff and students have been involved in trialling Chromebooks. A Chromebook is a small, portable, relatively low-cost device that allows students and teachers to use the full range of applications available in the Google Apps for Education suite. Chromebooks have been very successfully deployed in many schools. The devices are to be used for educational use only.

This term a Year 8 class will be trialling the use of Chromebooks with a view to rolling these out at the Year 9 level. This will enable all students to have 24-7 access to a range of digital learning opportunities. This will be carried forward into years 10 and 11. At Year 12 a more specialised BYOD program will operate. This program will ultimately provide every student with access to the internet and a tool to access individualised and collaborative learning.

Families of a Year 9 student will be required to purchase the device online prior to classes starting in 2015, at a cost of approximately \$320. A link to a purchasing portal and other information about ordering your child's Chromebook will be emailed to students' families. We recognise this is an additional expense for families so we have made every effort to reduce the cost of the devices. We believe digital learning opportunities are critical in the 21st century, preparing students for the modern workplace.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

VOYAGE EN NOUVELLE CALEDONIE. LAST CHANCE!

Please contact Mme Loveena Narayanan by 3rd November 2014 if you want to join in this exciting adventure. The trip will run from 28th March to 3rd April 2015! The trip is open to all students!

BULLY STOPPERS:

SPEAK UP AGAINST CYBERBULLYING



Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour.

Glen Eira College puts a big emphasis on making sure we provide a safe and respectful environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying. All students at Glen Eira College are expected to be responsible, ethical users of digital technology. We work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention where required and a consistent focus on promoting positive behaviours.

However, with the rise of social media bullying may occur online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and it can occur at any time of the day.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Glen Eira College is supporting the Victorian Government's Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying.

These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more. Year 8 and 9 students studying Health this semester have participated in the Bully Stoppers online program for schools.

Another website that has very helpful and up to date information is the Australian Government cybersmart site www.cybersmart.gov.au There is information for parents and young people including advice on safe use of technology and parental controls.

Hopefully you will have the time to check out the resources on line and for your family to discuss the issues raised. If you have any concerns at any time please contact the college on 9571 7838.

*Jenny Sanchez
Student Wellbeing Leader*

RELAY FOR LIFE 2014

GEC Getting Even with Cancer was ready and raring to go on Saturday 11th October. At 12 noon, the first lap of the Relay for Life, dedicated to survivors and carers began. Many exciting activities happened during the next 24 hours! The Mrs Relay Pageant was a hit, won by our very own Fleetwood. The candlelight ceremony for remembrance of those who have lost their lives to cancer was very moving. Barney was selected to light one of the candles and led the lap of silence. Special mentions to Brooksy, Coen, Reena and Sierra for running 100 laps! Thanks to all the staff and parents for coming along and to the singers on the main stage. Most

STUDENT ABSENCES

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



importantly thanks to the 130 people who participated and donated to a wonderful cause.

Laura Ellenbogen Year 8

RELAY FOR LIFE: FUNDRAISING

Massive congratulations to the students, staff and parents who raised money for the Cancer Council. A special mention and thanks to the following participants who raised enormous amounts for our team tally, which currently stands at \$2989.05.

- Ben Hobbs-Gordon..... \$521
- Vincent McKeown-West..... \$410
- Sean Kelly..... \$250
- Rebecca Poulos..... \$230
- Michael Frajman..... \$193
- Adam Golding..... \$150
- Suzannah Stone..... \$150
- Matilda Quintal..... \$130

You still have a few weeks to donate to our team: GEC Getting Even with Cancer. Visit the website www.relayforlife.org.au and find our team.

Keira McLean

BUPA 100KM RIDE2SCHOOL

Hot and windy weather was on the cards for the Glen Eira College Bike Squad on Sunday 19th October. Remi, Ashley, Benson, Jack, Maximus, Sierra, Doron, Ross, Geoff and Mr Mulligan all took up the 100 km Ride2School BUPA challenge, which involved riding from Alexandra Gardens to Frankston and back again.

The weather was in our favour on the ride to Frankston, however, it turned against us on our journey home. Simone was our team driver, meeting us at Mordialloc and Frankston with some much needed energy and water. It was a terrific effort by all students, parents and teachers with some of us beating our times from last year. Well done team!

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING PART IN BUPA AROUND THE BAY 2014

Keira McLean



GEC BUPA Around the Bay Team

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - TERM 4

At Glen Eira College we provide a range of activities for students before school, during lunchtime and afterschool throughout the year. A snap shot is outlined below. Copies of the schedule are posted around the school and in team rooms.

Monday	Concert/Stage band, Comic Club, Games Group, Percussion Ensemble, Knitting/Crocheting Club
Tuesday	Chess Club, Weightlifting Club, Acapella Singing group, Keyboard Ensemble, Year 11 Rock Band practice, Homework Help, Instrumental Music practice
Wednesday	Ensemble Practice (Woodwind, Brass, Rhythm, Guitar, Percussion and Brass), Book Club, Radio Club, Python Game Programming
Thursday	Beginner Concert/Stage band, Weightlifting club, Games Group, String Ensemble, Sustainability Club, French Club, Trivial Pursuit, Homework Help, Instrumental Music rehearsals
Friday	Breakfast Club, Comic Club, Choir, Games group, House Dodgeball Competition, Jewish Network, Robotics, Year 11 Rock Band practise, Futsal training, Year 8 Badminton

If you have any queries about these activities then do not hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Allan
SRC Coordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

We have had a busy start to term 4 with the Junior School Assemblies, celebrating the achievements and successes throughout term 3. Well done to all those students who got organised, focused and involved in their academic studies and extracurricular activities.

The Year 9s are back into the swing of things with the Year 9 Program. It is careers time and the Year 9s are busy getting prepared for their mock interviews. Reality is sinking in as they begin to transition into the Senior School.

Congratulations to Maximus Koveos, Ben Becker, Adrien



Dubois and Jacob Vadas who represented the college at the SMR Athletics competition.

We had 54 Junior School students involved in Relay for Life. Well done to Anais, Hannah, Anna, Suzannah, Jade, Ben, Leana, Tiffany, Emili and Rabia who performed on the main stage. An amazing 24 hours for a good cause.

Transition for the Year 7 and 8s begins in the first week of December. Students will meet their new classmates and teachers, and participate in time management and growth mind set incursions. It is an introduction into 2015.

Continue to keep the lines of communication open and contact Mr Lou, Ms Brown or Miss McLean.

The Junior School Team

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

The Year 7s are cooking up a storm! I hope you are enjoying your home cooked meals as your mini master chefs continue to build upon their recipes bank.

On Friday 17th October the Year 7s took part in the School Nuts study by the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. We learnt about food allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis and the impact these have on students. Students now have more of an understanding as to how this could impact their friends and family.

The 7A English class had two special guests come to the college to discuss the issue of homelessness. Ashleigh and Sierra organised for Carly from the Sacred Heart Mission to talk to the class, and Ben, Bailey, Tahlia, Jasmine and Ruby presented their money and food drive donations to Lucinda from the Salvation Army. It was an eye opening presentation and we all walked away learning something new from the experience. Nelson and David, Mia, Emili and Emilee, Erin, Georgia and Sasha, and Tali all held bake sales at the college in order to raise money for a charity of their choice. Lots of money was raised and donated to the Red Cross, MAD Foundation and Lighthouse Foundation.

Some upcoming events include our final interschool sports day, PE dance presentations and then transition into 2015. Stay tuned for more news....

*Keira McLean
Year 7 Coordinator*

7D ENGLISH

Students in 7D have been participating in a new initiative to develop independent skills in the English classroom. The initiative is called, 'English Suitcases' and the students carry their English in a personalised suitcase the holds all their tasks for the term. In this way, students become responsible for their own work and organisation. The cases are portable and allow students to work independently in the library or beyond the classroom.

Deborah Cordingley (English teacher)

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

HUGE congratulations to all of the award recipients at the recent awards assembly. I spoke on the day about how it is

so hard to select just a few students who have shown great endeavour and excellence in their studies, so those of you who received an award should be very proud of yourself and your achievements, they don't go unnoticed.

Late last term students participated in the Project Rokit program targeted at cyber bullying and harassment. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents to be vigilant when it comes to being safe with social media. If you need support in this please check out the Project Rokit Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Coming up this term is a huge opportunity for the year 8s. We will be running elections for the Junior School Captains for 2015. This is a fantastic chance for students to display their leadership qualities and develop some excellent life skills in the process. Everybody should consider the possibility of applying for Captaincy. If it's not for you, have a think about what you want your captains to do for you!

*Emily Brown
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome back to term 4, the last term in the Junior School for Year 9 students. It will be a very busy term in terms of getting ready for the Senior School and ensuring that all relevant paperwork is completed.

We have begun the ball rolling in the Year 9 Program with our careers unit. As part of their assessment students will need to have completed their resume, OHS general module and three OHS industry specific modules. Students can complete these at home (they have been given the web link) and submit them to me.

The year 9 camp to Phillip Island is during week 6 and this is the final opportunity to submit forms to attend the camp, only a few places remain.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 9 Coordinator*

9D ENGLISH: ROMEO AND JULIET

9D English class were immersed in the characters of Romeo and Juliet while studying the play in preparation for an essay response. To understand the complexity and nuances of Shakespeare's language, students used props to identify characters that they were representing while discussing issues and comparing the two protagonists to their own lives.

Deborah Cordingley



Year 9D English

STUDENT ABSENCES

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term four is already in full swing and has started off very well. As our year 12 students are entering their final stage of school, and most of our other students have selected their subjects for the next stage of school life, we are entering a crucial part of the year.



Senior School Examinations:

Senior School students will be undertaking exams in the next few weeks. Parents need to be aware of the following arrangements:

YEAR 9B, 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

- Exams run from Tuesday 18th November to Thursday 20th November. All exams will be held on the top floor of the main school building. Exam timetables will be handed out to students shortly.
- Timetabled classes will not be running during the examination period.
- Students will then begin their 2015 Transition Program on Monday 1st of December.

YEAR 12

- Year 12 written exams will, in most cases, be held from 29th October to 19th November.
- It is essential that students read the Navigator booklet and attend exams punctually with the required equipment. Dates, times, rules and required equipment are clearly set out in the Navigator.
- If a student is sick during the 2 days before the exam or on the day it is vital that parents contact the school immediately so that an application for a Derived Exam Score may be organised. **Year 12 exams cannot be rescheduled.**

This is an important time of the year for all senior students. Parents are encouraged to assist their students to prepare adequately prior to exams. Revision in a quiet room in the house away from distractions is important.



Year 11 and 12 students would be well advised to create a study timetable in the weeks leading up to exams. They are a crucial part of the learning process and some students may be able to achieve Outcomes by passing the exams.

Best of luck to all students during this time! If you prepare beforehand then you should be confident of success in your exams.

If there are any concerns please contact me at the College on **9571 7838**.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PLANNING – GEC TRANSITION PROGRAMS:

It is important that parents/guardians are aware of the importance of our **transition processes and dates**. The information will be sent home shortly. Students are expected at school up to and including the dates listed in these documents. Holidays and/or part time work should not be

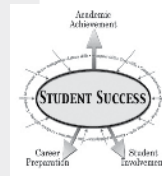
arranged prior to these dates and international students should not arrange flights back home prior to these dates. When holidays are arranged early, it compromises your son/daughters' readiness for 2015 as they will miss out on valuable information regarding introductory lessons for each of their studies, holiday preparatory homework and important study materials. **Transition materials are not available earlier.**

Current Year 10 and 11 students are required to attend up to and including 5th December 2014.

2015 GEC STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Year 11 students are currently in the process of applying for the leadership positions of Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Year 12 Executive Member. We encourage all students with a strong sense of self confidence, who believe they uphold the school's values well, have a desire to serve their school community and who want to make a difference, to apply. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all the current senior school leaders for their support and effort this year.

2015 EXTENSION STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY AS PART OF YOUR VCE COURSE:



Year 11 students who are currently undertaking a unit 3 / 4 study this year and who expect to achieve a study score of 40 or above or Year 11 students who have excellent reports all round with high assessment task results, are encouraged to consider completing a University level subject in 2015 as part of their VCE studies. These studies are recognised by the VCAA and can count as a fifth or sixth subject **ONLY**, and can be used to calculate a student's ATAR. A high distinction will add 5.5 points to the students ATAR. Only one enhancement study can be used in an ATAR calculation. Students and parents can also find more information regarding subjects they can undertake, application process and deadlines at each University's website:

University of Melbourne: <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/extension-program>

Monash University: <http://www.monash.edu.au/study/enhancement/>

Swinburne University: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ict/courses/undergrad/hesvce.html>

Victoria University: <http://www.vu.edu.au/future-students/secondary-schools/year-11-and-12-students/extension-studies>

*Elizabeth Tasiopoulos
Senior School Leader*

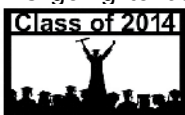
YEAR 12



Firstly I would like to say how excited I am for the year 12 students as they come to the end of their secondary schooling. The last day of classes is Thursday 23rd October, with the cohort going out to Side-tracked on Friday 24th October to celebrate the end of their school days.

Each student is working towards achieving the best that they can and are revising their coursework in classes.

However the most important time for them is going to be SWAT VAC. SWAT VAC is a time for them to revise their year's work within the comfort of their home or if they chose at school. Students are able to make appointments with their teachers during this time or during the examination period.



Lastly I would like to thank the year 12 student body who have shown exceptional initiative and cooperation in all school and extracurricular activities throughout the year. I am very proud of the presence of the students during all of the schools extra-curricular programs.

On behalf of the entire community of Glen Eira College, I would like to take this opportunity to send each and every year 12 student my best wishes for the forth-coming examinations. Good luck to them all and I look forward to seeing them on the night of the Valedictory, which is on Thursday 20th November. It is expected that every student attend this important event and that they keep their school uniform until this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the college regarding any issue that may arise from now until the end of the examination period.

*Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*

YEAR 11 PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy students have been participating in a collaborative thinking game as part of their high end challenge learning activities. Students work together to construct arguments while challenging assumptions that we would normally accept. After explaining their understanding and providing authority from their own experiences, history, current affairs, thought experiments or references to media, such as, films, novels or social communications, students look for counter-arguments before identifying poor reasoning and inconsistencies in the method of argument. The activity is set up as a card game where everyone participates and is able to show their thinking capacity while developing sophisticated responses to a range of assertions.

*Deborah Cordingley
Year 11 philosophy teacher*

YEAR 11

The yearly exams are only a few short weeks away and I strongly urge each student to ramp up their revision and home study regime. Now is the time to finalise their revision notes and practise completing past exam papers. Some of our Year 11 students are about to complete VCE exams for their Unit 3 / 4 subjects and I wish them all the very best.

The conclusion of the VCE exams brings with it the departure of Glen Eira College's Year 12 cohort and our current Year 11 students will become our new school leaders. This means that we will be seeking nominations from students for the School Leadership Council. Once the nominations have been received, the participating students will have the opportunity to present a speech to the College as part of their campaign

before the elections take place.

A small group of Year 11 students have formed a committee for the designing of the Year 12 Collegiate Jackets. The committee is currently in the process of surveying students for ideas and potential designs for their final year jackets. These jackets are accepted as part of the school uniform for Year 12 students only. Whilst on the topic of uniforms, perhaps it is a timely reminder that all students ensure that they are in full school uniform every day (including proper school shoes).

*Ben Wickham
Year 11 Coordinator*

YEAR 10

Term 4 begun with an impressive turn-out of Year 10s as a part of the Glen Eira College contingent at the annual Relay for Life on the 11th October. Fleetwood Seager deservedly won the Mrs Pageant prize! Thank you to all the other Year 10s who walked, ran, collected stamps and camped over on the day and night.

The applications for Melbourne University's Kwong Lee Dow Scholar Program have been made and I wish all the candidates the best of luck. I would also like to congratulate Talia Lutchner on receiving a grant from the Department of Education to be involved in a French Immersion Program.

Year 10 students are well on the way to completing their final assessments and preparing for their end of year exams. They will be making the important transition into their Year 11 subjects very soon and I wish them all the best and encourage them to make the most of this time in preparation for VCE.

*Emma Schmidtke
Year 10 Coordinator*

KEY DATES: TERM 4 2014

WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
– VCE UNIT 3 / 4 EXAMS

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER – MELBOURNE CUP DAY – STUDENT FREE

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER – WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
– YEAR 9 CAMP

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
– ART & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER – ART & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION
OPEN NIGHT 5:30PM – 7PM

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER – STUDENT STUDY DAY FOR
YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
– YEAR 11, 10 & 9B EXAMS

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY 6:30PM

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – REPORT WRITING DAY – STUDENT FREE

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 11 & 12 SECOND-HAND
BOOKS SALE

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – RE-ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 11 & 12 2015
(THESE STUDENTS ONLY REQUIRED FOR RE-ENROLMENT ON THIS DAY)

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER – YEAR 7-10 SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER – MUSIC FESTIVAL 6:45PM

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2015 PARENT INFORMATION
EVENING

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2015 ORIENTATION DAY

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER – PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER – LAST DAY TERM 4

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.



GEC FUTSAL COMPETITION

The 2014 GEC Futsal competition came to an end late in term 3. The tournament featured twelve teams with participants from every year level in the college, as well as students from the ELC. There was an excellent atmosphere at all games, and the tournament was played with great spirit.

The final was a thrilling encounter; with defending champion Chile taking on Russian VFC. A controversial penalty call from referee Mr Golding awarded Russian VFC a heart stopping and well deserved victory. Congratulations to Russian VFC and to all teams who participated. A big thank you to all the staff and students who helped out and supported the competition.

Daniel Mulligan



Futsal teams Chile and Russian VFC

SRC CLOTHES FROM YESTERDAY FUNDRAISER

After much discussion and many suggested ideas the SRC finally decided that the end of term 3 out of uniform theme would be 'Clothes from Yesterday' and the money raised for this event would go to the Australian Red Cross. Both staff and students embraced the theme and we had a fantastic range of outfits from different eras. In addition, we were able to raise \$420.00 for Red Cross Australia.

All SRC members would like to thank staff and students for their support of this event.

*Elizabeth Allan
SRC Coordinator*



Year 8s in Clothes from Yesterday

LIBRARY NEWS

Although not all Year 7 & 8 students completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) by the completion date - all should be congratulated on their endeavours. In particular, for their enthusiastic participation and their respectful observance during the Silent Reading classes. Indeed, borrowings increased significantly during the six month period as did title requests. Much of the interest generated by the PRC was driven by the students themselves through peer discussions and recommendations. *Big Nate, Captain Underpants, If I stay, Looking for Alaska, Abundance of Katherines, Hunger Games, Divergent, Cherub, Percy Jackson, Ranger's Apprentice, I am number four* as well as a number of popular Classics topped the Glen Eira 'Best Reads' list for term 3.

Whilst Chess has always been a popular lunchtime activity at Glen Eira, last term, we engaged the services of the Chess Kids organisation. Meeting on a weekly basis, Coach Carl, guided students through a number of different strategies to help improve their problems solving, critical thinking and pattern recognition skills. Due to the success of these sessions, Chess Kids will resume in 2015 and hopefully continue throughout the year.

Book Club has enjoyed a very successful year with good attendances and valuable input from members. So much so, we have decided to 'up the ante' by increasing our bookshop visits over the next term.

As well as sharing a common interest, Comic Clubbers have also learnt some significant skills this year. Their achievements include:

- sourcing of resources;
- maintaining a ledger;
- keeping within a budget;
- recording loans;
- care in the maintenance of the Comic/Graphic Novel Collection;
- chairing meetings

Unfortunately, due to the number of extra-curricular activities taking place in the Library, we have had to put our Trivia Quizzes on hold for the moment.

In the lead up to the VCE exams, the Library is now opening at 7.30 am as well as at recess in order to provide VCE students with additional study opportunities in a quiet environment to best prepare them for their up-coming exams. Extra support resources such as study guides, practice exams, Notes, and Teach Yourself publications have been purchased to further assist. Specialist tutors and GEC teaching staff attend both our Tuesday and Thursday Homework Help sessions from 3.30 – 4.30 pm and students from all year levels are encouraged to attend.

Due to high student demand, our Fiction Collection continues to grow. Multiple copies of popular fiction have been purchased to avoid protracted delays in waiting periods for reserved items. Although the borrowing period is generous (two weeks with the option to renew for a further two weeks) unfortunately, many books are not returned on time – causing unnecessary frustration for those students on the 'waiting list'. Therefore, I would be very grateful if I could enlist the



help of parents in ensuring that library books are returned on time and in good condition.

Collection Management remains an integral part of library operations and as such we are committed to transitioning to a Collection that is relevant, current, authoritative, unbiased and supportive of the Curriculum. This year, we have continued our 'weeding' process – removing obsolete items and replacing them with relevant resources. Areas targeted include: General Science, Endangered Species, Diseases, Pollution, Alternative Fuels, History and Geography (materials to support the curriculum).

After much discussion and planning, we are now looking forward to the realization of our Library refurbishment. By removing our existing shelving and replacing it with wall shelving, floor space will increase significantly to better accommodate our growing student population. Other benefits include: greater access, improved lighting and aesthetics as well as the elimination of out-of-reach shelving.

As always, I thank parents and students for their ongoing support of the Glen Eira College Library.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*

LANGUAGES ACTIVITIES



Les Misérables Stage Excursion



Roah Hashanah Activities



Year 8 & 8 Chinatown Excursion



*Year 10 Les Misérables
Excursion*

QUEENSLAND TOUR

A fantastic time had by all.

Spending 24 hours on a bus with students is a terrific experience. It may sound crazy but it allows us to experience the same feelings and watch the world go by.

Queensland was warm and sunny although cold on the last morning during our beach walk. The theme parks were a great place for the students and the staff to unwind and "chill."

Thank you to our students, Mr Tserkezidis and Ms Maniatis for so many memorable experiences. Thank you also to Mr Jason Griffiths for providing us with 31 complimentary movie passes, which we used on the Sunday night. Finally, thank you to school council for their support and approval of the tour.

I am looking forward to the next trip in 2016.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Camp Coordinator*



Queensland Tour Group



Drying off at Dreamworld

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.



19TH VICTORIAN TEACHERS GAME



This was Glen Eira College's 7th year at the Victorian Teachers' Games held in Bendigo and the GEC Geckos did not disappoint. Keira, Osi, Simone, Louise, Emily, Lyn and Sean were back for another year of trivia and softball, and Tong finally made his way back to the team after being MIA for two years.

Well it was Fluro night and the feeling was right for trivia on Tuesday at the Foundry Hotel. The Geckos looked the part with glow sticks, fluro outfits and our rather sleek GEC tops. There was a lot of singing and dancing to gain those extra points, however, it didn't help us win.



This was the Gecko's 7th time playing softball. Although we hadn't trained this year, we were still in fine form as the game was a little different: we were playing Ozpitch 7's. This was the first time we had recruited members outside

of the college to play softball with us. Hsien Tran (Vermont Primary), who we normally competed against, and Kerry Eeckman (Hampton Park Primary), were two terrific recruits that we hope will come back and play with us again! We looked rather threatening in our red GEC tops and matching red socks – we meant business. We were off to a flying start with a win in our first game. We had worked out some serious tactics to employ in our next game. We came up against our old rivals, the Mighty Geese, in the semi-finals. Even with some serious pitching by Lyn, Kerry, Simone and Louise, and fantastic hitting by Hsien, Tong and Sean, we were unable to secure our spot in the gold medal match, losing by three runs. Instead we were playing off for bronze. We knew this team and had already worked out our tactics. Osi and Louise were cheering for us as we pitched, hit and ran our way around the bases. Simone took two terrific catches at 3rd base, Sean managed to stumble his way past the home plate (tripping twice), Lyn was able to put off batters while pitching and talking to them endlessly, Tong and Hsien dominated the outfield with some huge throws and catches, and Kerry managed to stop two massive hitters belt home runs with her high pitching. The scores were close the entire game but ultimately the GEC Geckos took out the bronze medal! It was a terrific day with family and friends supporting us. Bronze never felt so good!



Thank you to Sean, Osi, Tong, Kerry, Hsien, Simone, Louise, Lyn and Emily for an absolutely terrific day! Stay tuned for next year.....

Keira McLean

GEC PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT 2014 - GEC WENT TO HOLLYWOOD...

We are delighted to announce that GEC's Trivia Night fundraiser was a great success. We had 150 participants, many donations by sponsors, individuals and businesses. Our MC, Tim Newton, oversaw the contagious positive energy and wonderful community feeling and ensured we raised \$8000.

Your presence, your generosity and the goods, services and/or vouchers donated will help GEC purchase a professional camera and film editing equipment for students, both very useful to increase their technological knowledge and practice.

The Trivia Night Committee thank you for your generous support and your enthusiasm.

*Marie-Pierre Deleplanque
Trivia Night Committee Chairman*

2ND HAND BOOKS AND UNIFORMS

In a few weeks, we will hold 2nd HAND BOOK and UNIFORM SALES as a service to the GEC community. A letter will be sent home explaining how it will work. Please read it carefully, put the dates on your calendar, and make sure you don't miss any deadlines. We will also need volunteer helpers, so please consider whether you can help us (volunteers get the first chance to buy books!).

Books: If you have suitable textbooks to sell, we will offer them for sale on your behalf. It is important that books are submitted with the required paperwork (as attached to the letter). If they are sold, we will retain \$5.00 for each book and return the rest of the sale price to you.

Please note that not all textbooks are suitable for sale second-hand. Please refer to the enclosed letter for further details.

Uniforms: Donations of 2nd hand uniforms will be accepted up to the end of the school year. A sales stall will be held in January 2015, to coincide with the collection day for new textbooks. Please note that all 2nd hand uniforms provided will be treated as donations to the college – we will not return any money for these.

Updates: We will send out updates and reminders by email as each event approaches. If you are not already on our email list, please send us an email at gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au to ensure you do not miss any important information.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CAKE STALL

On **Saturday 29th November**, the school will be used as a polling booth for the State election. We will take advantage of the opportunity to hold a **sausage sizzle and cake stall** at the school on that day.

Please consider whether you can help us on the day, and/or contribute a cake or other homemade goodies. We will send out more information by email, closer to the date.

Join us: New committee members are always welcome. Our meetings are usually once a month and are no longer than 2 hours. If you would like to find out more, please send an email to gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au

*Juliet Brianton
Convenor, GECPA*



GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS



GEC goes to Hollywood Trivia Night

THE Handmade SHOW

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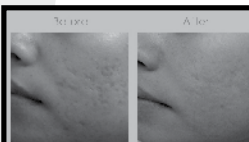
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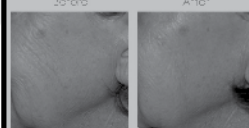
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