

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All the Very Best to the Class of 2015

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. On their last day before the exam period students enjoyed a breakfast together before being farewelled on to the buses, to head off to Funfields, with a guard of honour.

Thank you to our Year 12 Captains Jayde Glass, Digby Mooney, Mailys Perfrement and Vincent McKeown-West who have been wonderful ambassadors for the College. They spoke beautifully at assemblies, assisted on school tours, mentored junior students and supported staff in a variety of ways.

Congratulations to Elana Hain who has been accepted into the Aspire Program at LaTrobe University – Bachelor of Exercise Science.

Relay for Life

The recent Relay for Life event at Duncan MacKinnon was a fantastic community event. We had over 120 students, staff, parents, families and friends involved. It was certainly a team effort but particular thanks should go to Dorit Tane, for her enthusiasm and her leadership of the GEC – Getting Even with Cancer team. Thank you to Andrea Guss from All Melbourne Trestle & Table Hire who provided a great marquee free of charge. It was also wonderful to see our students up on stage singing and entertaining the crowd. The GEC Community raised almost \$9,000 I am incredibly proud of all who gave up their time to be involved.

Health and Physical Education Week

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 and the entire Junior School walking around the oval after lunch.

Application for the Label France

We are currently in the process of applying for the "LabelFrancÉducation" accreditation for our French Immersion program. "LabelFrancÉducation" recognizes and rewards schools that offer students enhanced instruction in the French language while also teaching other subjects in French.

"LabelFrancÉducation" is granted by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs based on the advice of an inter-ministerial

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Mr Siriamphone at Teachers Games



Year 12 Last Day



Around the Bay

This newsletter is emailed home to all families twice per term. If you have any items of interest to the college community or want to advertise your business, please contact either Penny Marks or Gabrielle Darvell (Business Manager) on 9571 7838.



advisory committee composed of representatives from the French Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE) and Mission Laïque Française, a non-profit organization.

Eric Soulier (Counsellor Cultural and Scientific, Embassy of France) and Bruno Delvallé (Education Inspector, France) visited Glen Eira College recently. They observed an Immersion class in action, reviewed curriculum resources and programs and met with our wonderful language staff.

If Glen Eira College is granted the "LabelFrancÉducation", the school will be known world-wide as a school of excellence for the teaching and learning of French. We will be listed on the official website and we will be able to display the logo in the school and in our communication documents. Teachers will also have the opportunity to access teaching resources and training offered by the Institut de Français and our students will benefit from challenging experiences (various competitions, interactive activities with other accredited schools and exchanges).

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the parent survey sent to you late last term. We value the feedback received and take on board the suggestions for further improvements.

Enrolment Confirmation Process 2016

You will have received Enrolment Confirmation packages for 2016.

These included:

- 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.
- 2016 Booklist
- 2016 Parent Payments
- Relevant permission forms for camps/excursions/sport
- Illness Management form if not previously submitted
- Instrumental Music form if relevant

Enrolment Confirmation Day, when paperwork and payments are to be submitted, is:

- **Tuesday 24th November 2015** for current 9A, 9B, 9C students entering Year 10 in 2016
- **Wednesday 25th November 2015** for current 9D and 9E students entering Year 10 in 2016
- **Friday 27th November 2015** for current Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students entering Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 in 2016

Early submission of forms and payment is welcome.

If your child is not returning to Glen Eira College in 2016, please ensure the college has been notified in writing and the appropriate exit forms are collected from and returned to the General Office.

Capital Works

I am delighted that we have engaged Brand Architects as our architects for the capital works. We have begun the planning process. We have confirmation of the enrolment projection from DE&T who have finally signed off on AMP GATE 1. As a growing school this was an important figure in ensuring we prepare for the future growth.

So far we have:

- ✓ Had the official start up meeting with DE&T and the architects
- ✓ Begun the full staff consultation at a recent staff meeting. There was a great 'buzz' in the library as staff heard from the architects and then spent time writing suggestions.
- ✓ Last week the architects began small group consultation with staff
- ✓ This month the architects will do a presentation to School Council

They will also get feedback from students, our plumber and our electrician.

The architects are keen to offer learning opportunities to our students. In transition they will:

- Do a presentation to the 2016 Year 11 VCD students
- Teach the 2016 Year 10 VCD students 'Sketch Up'. The students will then spend 3 or 4 lessons designing a 'classroom'.

Finally

Congratulations to Henri – Eloï Collins who has been accepted as an exchange student to Spain next year.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully applied for the Emet Israel Programme – Eli Douek, Davi Hammer, Joshua Susskind, Pessy Trakhtman, Shiri Vallins and Shahaf Triffon. They will participate in a wonderful program from 25th November to 8th January.

Congratulations to Zoe Tuttleby and Erin Herr who were successful in auditioning for *Fame, The Musical*. Zoe played the part of Iris Kelly and Erin played Olivia Baron. It played at the Alexander Theatre last month. Well done to these two very talented performers.

The GEC staff team enjoyed good weather and some fierce competition in Shepparton at the Teachers Games, GEC's 8th year, in the last school holidays. Ounsane Siriamphone won gold in the 100m sprint and the softball team made it to the finals. GEC also made it into the news with Adam Golding being interviewed by WIN News. Well done to the GEC team.

Thank you to our Canteen Managers - Bernadette and Glen who place a Fundraising Piggy on the canteen bench to raise funds for Very Special Kids. The amount raised by the School community this year was \$135.05. Bernadette and Glen will match this amount and submit on behalf of the students, teachers and the canteen a total of \$270.10.

The money will go towards helping families with children who have serious and terminal illnesses. Very Special Kids are very happy with the amount we all raised and would like to thank everyone for their support.

We will be keeping the Piggy in the canteen to continue to raise money for this Special Charity. To find out more on this special charity go to <http://www.vsk.org.au/>

We are currently busily interviewing to complete our staffing for 2016. 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.

Hope to see you on 2nd December at the Musical Festival!

Sheereen Kindler
Principal

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.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Council recently endorsed a school charter committing the college to promoting and facilitating the riding of bicycles and skateboards/scooters to school. The Ride2School Network will now provide us with a grant to obtain new bike racks for the school. Cathy McNaughton has been a driving force behind this initiative. Thank you to Cathy for enabling our students to have improved bike parking facilities.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

JUNIOR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Year 9 mock interviews

2015 is almost over and soon our 2016 transition begins! But before we discuss 2016, let's briefly look at some of our recent highlights...

Year 9 students dressed in their finest attire for the Year 9 Program mock interviews with volunteers from the company FingerprintMe. The feedback from the volunteers was absolutely fantastic, with many students being "hired" on the spot! They now have excellent resumes and can now begin the job hunt. All Year 9s will be participating in a Leadership workshop run by ProjectRockit plus Peer Support Training. Let's not forget camp! Stay tuned for more Year 9 news...

On the sporting front, Mr T Mulligan took some very keen Junior School students for a 'casual' 100km ride on Saturday 11th October in the BUPA Around the Bay event. Well done to all. The Year 8 Table Tennis team will represent GEC at the regional finals. Good luck to Sierra, Manon, Pauline and Reena. The Year 7 cricket team represented GEC on Monday 19th October and won their Southern Regional quarter final. Awesome work boys and Mr D Mulligan! Congratulations to all students, parents and families who participated in the 3rd Annual Relay for Life. What a fantastic community event for everyone.

In weeks 9 and 10, all students will transition into their classes for 2016. We will farewell Year 9 students as they move into the Senior School. Students will participate in a range of activities and get to know their new classmates and teachers. If you have any questions or you just want to touch base, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Baragwanath, Ms Fompudie, Ms Allan or myself.

Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved!

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS



Year 7C English students

Welcome back to term 4. On 30th November the Year 7 students will transition to Year 8. This transition program is a great way for our students to be organised and focused when they return to Year 8 in 2016. They will begin working on the Year 8 curriculum as well as participating in a range of activities such as, PE dance performances, Growth Mindset workshop, Junior Captain Elections and the Melbourne Zoo Excursion. A busy two weeks to look forward to.

Huge congratulations to the following 7C English students who had their short stories published in a book called The Write Track; Rachel Hoch, Bridie Skinner, Kei Someda, Tahlia Delaney-Murnane, Pamela Parvakis, Lily Gordon and Estelle Lipovetsky. These girls have shown great imagination and creativity under the guidance of their English teacher Ms McLean.

As the weather starts to heat up, it is a good time to check that all students have a water bottle that they can bring to class and a hat that they can wear for PE.

*Louise Baragwanath
Year 7 Coordinator*

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

This term Year 8 students will participate in the Project Rockit program on social labels and judgement.

We will be running elections for the Junior School Captains for 2016. 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, then have a think about what you want your captains to do for you!

*Celine Fompudie
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 4 has started on a very positive note for Year 9 students. We had great feedback about our students from the 40 school representatives that were attending our school recently as part of the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC). They spoke highly of Anna Rowsell, Barney Miller, Kai Cappel and Mathilde Papon who were assisting representatives on arrival. Well done to these students.

In addition, all Year 9 students developed their presentation and job interview skills as part of the Year 9 program. I was most impressed with all students' conduct and it was great to see the very formal job attire that was worn.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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



Year 9 mock interviews

The Year 9 camp is occurring from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th November at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Students will be involved in a range of activities including canoeing, laser tag and disco dancing. We see the camp as a very valuable educational experience for all students. If you haven't yet returned the required forms then please do so as soon as possible. The students who are not attending the camp will be required at school. If you require any further details about the camp then do not hesitate to contact me.

Students in 9B will be undertaking exams on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. So in preparation for these exams (plus given the fact that all other Year 9 students will be undertaking exams in 2016) I thought it would be timely to provide some tips that will help students prepare for exams:

Exam tips

Find out about the exam from your teachers

- What type of exam is it?
- Will there be a choice of questions or tasks?

Ask for help

- Don't feel bad if you need to ask for help.
- Talk to your teacher and pick the brains of other students.
- If you're feeling really stressed you might also find it helpful to speak to someone.

Sort Out Your Subject Material

- Check that you have all the relevant handouts and get all your notes together.
- Read through the course outline and use it to organise the information you've collected.
- It might help to write your own summaries of each textbook chapter or section of the subject guide. This will make it easier to find what you need while you're studying.

Lastly, I hope all Year 9 students and parents/guardians have a great term 4!

*Elizabeth Allan
Year 9 Coordinator*

YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome to term 4, the term of longer days, lots of sunshine and a lot of work and preparation. In fact, this preparation was made obvious to our students on Monday 12th October, when Adam from Elevate spoke to our Year 10 students about the importance of preparation and study. The students thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and all the feedback has been extremely positive. I would like to thank Emily Brown,

Senior School Leader, for organising this important event for our students.

The Year 10 Camp to Anglesea is fast approaching and I would like to thank the parents who have supported this activity. I am looking forward to surfing, but more importantly, to having a terrific time with students.

As always, if you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator*

YEAR 11 NEWS

ON THE LAST STRETCH OF THE YEAR



Rohan Kalanje

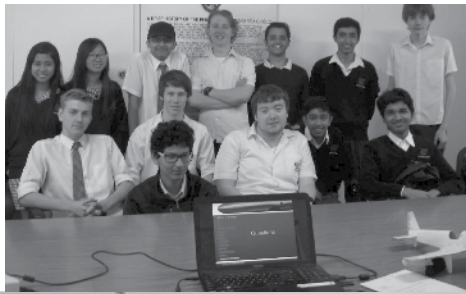
It was a great opportunity to spend time with the Year 11 Physics class when Mr Pereira and I accompanied students on a Physics excursion to Moorabbin Airport. Students consolidated their understanding of the principle of flight with a theory lesson from a trained pilot. It was hilarious to see one particular student who shall not be named, in an effort to answer a question posed, pull out his enormous Physics textbook, slam it on the table and refer to a page for the answer! Ever the diligent student! How many students in Year 11 can say they flew a plane, stalled it in mid-flight, and recovered to assist in the landing of the aircraft? I am sure this opportunity will remain with them as a treasured moment.

I urge all Year 11s to persevere with their study, remain positive and always keep the end result in sight. It is easy to lose track of goals with the heavy workload ahead but it will all pan out and be worth the effort and sacrifice you put in.

There are students who still have not paid and returned permission forms for the end of year dinner at Maxy's Restaurant on Thursday 3rd December. It promises to be a good night of celebration as we farewell exiting students and celebrate the successes of the school year. If you have not committed to attend the night, I strongly urge you to do so as it will be great to have everyone attend.

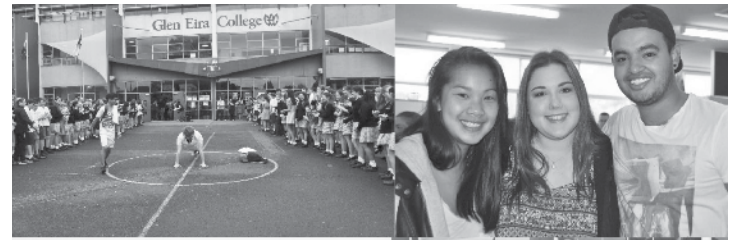
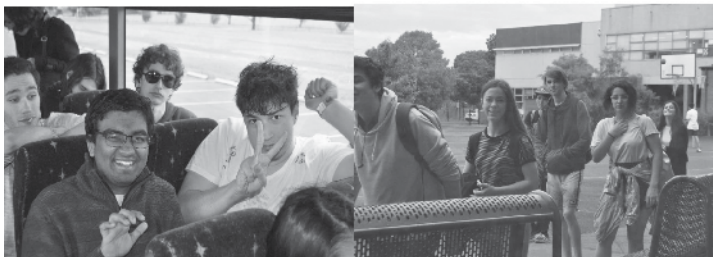
Keep Calm and Study
The end is in sight!

*Mary Maniatas
Year 11 Coordinator*



Year 11 Physics Flight Excursion

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY 2015



Year 12 Celebration Day 2015

Congratulations to all of our year 12 students who have completed their final year of secondary school. I wish you all the very best for the examination period. It has been a privilege to be your year level coordinator.

*Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As the end of the year is creeping up on us, we in the Senior School have a lot to celebrate and much to look forward to. Please note the following key dates for the rest of the year:

- Year 10 & 11 SWOT VAC day: Monday 16th November
- Year 10 & 11 Examinations: Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th November
- 9B Examinations: Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th November
- Year 10 Camp: Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th November
- Year 10 Transition: Monday 30th November – Friday 11th December
- Year 11 & 12 Transition: Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December
- Valedictory: Thursday 19th November
- Year 11 Dinner: Thursday 3rd December
- Presentation Night: Tuesday 15th December

I encourage everyone to get involved in term 4 and I hope that it is a happy and successful term for all students and their families.

*Emily Brown
Senior School Leader*

Facade

To have such a thing, is collateral fraud,
To see past such a thing, is to be worthy of God;
To know of such a thing, one must have no flaw
No matter how rich or desperately poor.

Reasons one builds such a thing, are shrouded in mystery,
One must assume, it's as simple as their history;
But delve a little deeper, I'm sure you will find
Those unfortunate faces, I've left buried behind.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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I know what you seek, for it is forever elusive
Searching and seeking, for something conclusive;
You search and you seek, exhaust all that you know,
And while you fail, It does nothing but grow.

It grows so monstrous, it forgets it's purpose
It fails to protect, and the demons resurface;
So substantial is it, my own soul is forgotten,
The treasures you seek, are now nothing but rotten!

A facade it is no longer, it now owns and consumes,
A soulless factory, that spits out putrid black fumes;
I am what it is, no angel can ever change this,
Please I do beg, do not fall into my mangle abyss.

Michael Clune, Year 11

AROUND THE BAY

Sunday 11th October saw a small, but committed, team of cycling enthusiasts take on the annual Around the Bay in a Day - Ride for a child in need to raise funds for the Smith Family, who aim to empower Australian kids in need with the education they deserve. The Around the Bay in a Day has been running for 23 years, of which Glen Eira College has been involved for the past 7 years.



Sierra Danon with her father Doran



Around the Bay participants

Our ride, the 100km Ride2School Challenge, took us from Alexandra Gardens, along Beach Road for a stop at Mordialloc and then onto the halfway point at Frankston. After a quick refuelling at Frankston, it was back into the saddle to ride to Mordialloc and finish up at Alexandra Gardens. In previous years the return trip has been a bit of a struggle just as you climb the hill near Rickett's Point and then continue on through Beaumaris, Hampton and Sandringham, as there have been some really strong head winds that make you feel like you are riding through sand. This year saw no headwind at all, so all riders breezed through this section and powered their way home to Alexandra Gardens to post some of the fastest finishing times we have ever achieved.

Congratulations to our competitors:

First time Around the Bay riders: Boris Pribil and Eli Douek.

Experienced campaigners: Ashley Szmerling, Benson Crick, Maximus Koveos, Sierra Danon and her father Doran Danon.

We are hoping to build our peloton next year, so if you are at all interested in supporting the Around the Bay ride, please see any of the students named above or come and see me for more information. Remember, you don't have to start with a 100km ride. Just start by riding to school. Active transport is the best way to travel.

Tori Mulligan

Teaching and Learning Leader

LUNCH TIME IN THE LIBRARY

Paper Crafts



Paper craft in the Library

In addition to our usual lunch time activities, Mrs Betty Hanner has initiated paper craft sessions to be held on the last Friday of every month. During our first class, students created a

number of paper sculptures using out-dated books. Students are welcome to attend our next flower making session.

Book Club

Thank you to Miss Emily Stansfield-Smith and the Book Clubbers for compiling a list of Best Reads for 2015, including categories such as mystery mayhem, suspense and spies, classics, truth bombs and fantasy filled. This highly recommended reading list was picked by members of the GEC Book Club. If you love to read, consider joining us! We have fun, food and books! Speak to Ms Eyre for more information.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*

RELAY FOR LIFE

It was a privilege to be part of this 22 hour community event dedicated to raise funds for to research, to put an end to cancer. Thank you all for participating, donating and helping out!

Our Team, GEC - Getting Even With Cancer, consisted of about 150 participants! We raised about \$8000, being \$5100 in donations and the rest in member registrations. This means that we achieved the research grant for further research to go ahead.

Everyone had a great time! All students walked the track many times. Some were busy counting laps. Some were making sure that our activities book was stamped. Most dressed up as Disney characters by day and Neon by night. It was beautiful to see students from all year levels walking and socializing together, sharing the relay experience. Various students performed three times on Saturday; the third being a surprise to our team with Ben Hobbs-Gordon and Anna Rowsell performing Candle in the Wind at the emotional Candle Lighting Ceremony.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a special Thank You to...

- Chloe's parents, Andrea and Marcus Guss of All Melbourne Trestle and Table Hire, for donating the 3 x 6 marquee for the weekend.
- Michael's dad, Ross Meldrum, Leah's dad, Bruce Sandow, Cal's dad, Narrim, Michael Frajman, Michael Meldrum, Kate Stanhope and other year 10 students for helping set up / pack up the marquees.
- Michael's mum, Elsa Meldrum, for bringing 200 spring rolls at 2 am and various other parents for your kind gesture in bringing food for students and for relaying with us, adding to our lap count.
- Sierra Danon for making the baton.

I have already registered our team for next year. Looking forward to catching up with you there. Once again, thank you for your generous donations and your precious time in helping to make this event a successful and memorable one!

*Dorit Tane
Team Captain*

Congratulations

GEC – Getting Even With Cancer,
who raised the 3rd highest amount at the
Murrumbeena Relay for Life 2015

KEY DATES TERM 4 2015

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – GECPA WILLIAM ANGLISS DINNER
MONDAY 9TH – WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 9 CAMP
MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – STUDENT STUDY DAY FOR YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS
TUESDAY 17TH - THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS
WEDNESDAY 18TH – THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 9B EXAMS
FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENT FREE)
MONDAY 23RD – WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 CAMP
TUESDAY 24TH & WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 2016 ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 8, 9, 11 & 12 2016 ENROLMENT CONFIRMATION
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER – YEAR 11 & 12 2016 TRANSITION
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER – YEAR 8 – 10 2016 TRANSITION
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER – MUSIC FESTIVAL 7PM
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER – YEAR 11 DINNER 7PM
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2016 PARENT EVENING 6:30PM
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2016 ORIENTATION DAY
MONDAY 14TH – THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 – 9 END OF YEAR PROGRAM
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER – PRESENTATION NIGHT
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER – END OF TERM 4
THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY – CAMPION BOOK COLLECTION
THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY – STUDENTS RESUME TERM 1

ENRICHMENT AND ENHANCEMENT A BRIEF PEAK AT HISTORY ITSELF

At the end of term 3, Glen Eira students were given the opportunity to meet and listen to Geoffrey Blainey, a world renowned historian and philanthropist, during period three on 9th September.

Professor Blainey's talk consisted of a brief summary on China's great leap forward in the global society, and methods in which the World Wars were fought. He defined his first experience in China before it recovered from the communist regime, the extent of the poverty, the poor quality of the lifestyle and the lack of technological innovation. Professor Blainey recounted a memory of being in China during its early days, seeing peasants in the country side hacking away at the rice by hand to remove the individual grains, something we can do today in Australia within minutes using machines. 'This story alone exemplifies the dramatic increase in China's productivity rate, to think that they used to husk the stalks by hand, when now they have nearly engraved the phrase, 'made in China' on nearly every plastic item is amazing,' comments a student that attended the lecture.

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Professor Blainey commented that; like its neighbour, Japan also improved in self strengthening itself dramatically, though this even occurred earlier in comparison to China. Professor Blainey amusingly described the poor quality of Japan's products when he was still a young boy in St Kilda. He illustrated his childhood Christmas memories with one trait in particular, the presents. He defined the excitement of receiving the small cheap toy racing cars made in Japan, and the disappointment of them breaking the following day. Professor Blainey deliberately amplified his time spent on defining the world's shock when the Japanese took such a major role in WWII. Geoffrey Blainey is convinced that the two nuclear bombs used to demolish Japan were necessary to end WWII because of the country's strength.

Glen Eira has been honoured to receive Geoffrey Blainey as a speaker to students. Thank you to Ms Cordingley for organising the event as Geoffrey Blainey has not visited a school for a long time. Many of his books can be found within the GEC library, and for any eager emerging historians, his books are highly recommended, A Short History of the World being one of them. He graciously signed our library books to commemorate the occasion.

*Madeleine Buckingham, 8B
and Deborah Cordingley*



Professor Geoffrey Blainey

HEALTH & PE WEEK

Health/PE week was held during week 2 of term 4. The purpose of the week was to promote healthy living and for students and staff to be involved in fun activities.

During recess free fruit was handed out to students. It appeared that students had not tasted fruit before as there were swarms of people flocking from everywhere!

Every lunchtime there were a range of activities that anyone could be involved in. Such activities consisted of sprinting races, skipping, 3 on 3 basketball competition, fitness training before school and a staff versus year 12 netball match. All these activities were supported really well by students and we had a large number of participants. The highlight of the week was the girls AFL match, which was held at the back oval. The girls put on high class show. The intensity that every player showed during the game made Mr Mulligan and me very impressed. There was a great turn out of spectators from the whole school and I think they were also excited in seeing the GEC girls play their hardest during the game.

Thank you to the staff who helped with the 20 minute walk during period 5 each day. This was a huge success as all students walked the course that had been marked, and they also walked at a high pace. Another thank you goes out to the PE staff for helping to organise and run the week.

*Adam Golding
Health & PE Coordinator*



Girls Football for Health & PE Week

LANGUAGES CORNER

Bonjour, Shalom, Ni Hao!

We have been very busy already in the Languages Department! A lot is happening in term 4. Just to name a few:

- Chinese Excursion – Chinese Museum and Chinese Restaurant
- Hebrew Dance and Songs for the Languages Assembly
- French Immersion Excursion – Immigration Museum and French Crêperie
- Languages Assembly on 30th November
- Prize-Giving Ceremony for the Berthe Mouchette Winners on 25th November
- LabelFrancEducation – Application for our French Immersion Section
- DELF Examinations on 27th, 28th and 29th October

Photos of all the events above will be posted in our last edition of the Newsletter for 2015!

*Loveena Narayanan
Head of Languages*

INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR BUCKERIDGE

Recently Remi Hudson (Year 9B) had the opportunity to interview Professor John Buckeridge from RMIT University. Professor Buckeridge is an expert in Natural Resource engineering. He maintains wide international involvement in the environment and ethics, and teaches ethics in a range of RMIT programs. Professor Buckeridge has published extensively on professional ethics, environmental impact



assessment, geotechnology, and the palaeobiology, evolution and distribution of marine invertebrates.

Raising awareness to the current state of the environment and our interaction with it is an important issue that is being addressed all over the world. With the continuous increase of temperatures and threats of global warming it is vital for everyone to see the effects they are causing. Professor Buckeridge has answered some key questions about himself and the environment that may help people to realise what we need to do to live sustainably.

Did you imagine yourself being an environmental engineer when you were younger and what inspired you to become one?

- Professor Buckeridge said he didn't think of becoming an environmental engineer but had a passion for the environment and that's what drove him when he was older. He stated: "It's important for people to see the environment because it's the only thing that keeps us alive and too often we take it for granted." When asked about his environmental heroes he stated Charles Darwin and Aristotle, although he's been dead for a while now."

After being questioned on where environmental science will be going in the future Professor Buckeridge highlighted the following problems facing areas:

- Pollution of freshwater due to over irrigation of agricultural crops. For example, the salinity issues facing areas around the Murray River.
- Waste management (not referring to your average garbage man) are rising issues. We have 7.3 billion people on earth who are consuming more material products and we do not have the capacity to cater for the waste generated by these items. He highlighted this area as a growing problem and one that would provide job opportunities for young people wanting to become involved with environmental science. He stated: "We are now facing sustainability problems on Earth and you have to look for the aspects of environmental science we are falling behind in and there will be job opportunities presented there."

What can we do to help improve the environment?

- Professor Buckeridge stated that 'solar panels would play a key role in maintaining a sustainable society'. Citing Germany as an example he explained how they have created roof tiles that are covered in a coating so they act like solar panels. In addition, the majority of houses in Germany have solar power and produce their own energy. These are some of the things Australia needs to start thinking about because we are behind with this technology. He said "once we all produce our own energy, for example solar energy, there won't be any pollution problems from the toxins released into the air."

Are there any marine areas under greater threat than assumed?

There are many marine areas that have been destroyed due to pollutions and waste, take the Great Barrier Reef

for example, and this is also a growing problem we need to address. One topic Professor Buckeridge highlighted was the high amounts of eutrophication of the Nile, Yangtze and Mississippi rivers. Eutrophication is the enrichment of chemical nutrients in a water system. Unfortunately, it means large amounts of algae grow on the surface and deplete the river of oxygen killing other marine life. With the excessive amounts of chemical waste being released into these rivers it means massive amounts of algae are growing and causing an overkill of natural marine life and ecosystems.

Do you have a favourite place in Australia?

When you ask an environmentalist if they have a favourite place in Australia you tend to think something amazingly exotic. Professor Buckeridge commented that it was in fact his home. This highlighted the importance of appreciating your local area and its environment.

Is there a message that you think people should hear or understand.

Professor Buckeridge said the phrase that "Not in my backyard" is not appropriate to the environmental problems that are occurring in the world today. We have to realise that we are now living in a global society and our actions impact on all areas of the world.

Remi Hudson, 9B and Elizabeth Allan



Professor John Buckeridge

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS

Having a sustainable household.

The majority of Australian households are run off fossil fuel energies and use an excessive amount of electricity for everyday appliances without understanding the environmental impacts. Have you ever taken the initiative to look around and check how many lights are on in your house? ...and then turn them off?

Do you ever take time to think what impact your heaters and airconditioners may be having on the environment or whether your standby lights are emitting up to 700 kg of carbon dioxide? Global Warming is currently our largest environmental problem and one of the least recognised. Although you may not know it, you are able to help slow climate change, simply by altering some of your unnecessary

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habits around your house. Think of it this way, food, transport and appliances.

Transport - How many cars do you have in your household? Do you regularly walk, ride or take public transport instead of driving your car, even when it is inconvenient? How many plane trips do you take every year and what could you do to lessen them?

Food - Do you eat organically and locally grown products? Does meat provide for a large amount of your meals? Could you alter your eating habits slightly and consider the environmental and social impacts?

Appliances - Are your appliances powered by renewable energy sources and if not, how much carbon do they release? Is your fridge energy efficient? How big is your shower head and could you install one that minimizes water wastage? These are all relatively simple things that can be accomplished by anyone and go a long way to helping global warming.

For more information visit the Australian Conservation Foundation Plan.

Remi Hudson, 9B

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT NOVEMBER 2015

Glen Eira College School Council will provide a regular report to the school community through the school newsletter. This report is a brief summary of the work of the Council so far in 2015. Council currently runs two sub-committees to support its work – the Finance and Facilities Sub-Committee and the Building Our Community and Identity (BOCI) Sub-Committee. If you are looking for more information about GEC School Council, including parent representatives and contact details, please see the GEC website. Key area of work in 2015 for School Council are summarised below.

Governance Training

Glen Eira College hosted a School Council Governance Training session for schools in the local area in August 2015. This was well attended by GEC Councillors as well as Councillors from neighbouring primary schools. The training was very useful in guiding the work of Council and delineating the responsibilities of Councillors and staff. Participation in the training has led the Council to develop Standing Orders (see below) and to increase communication with the school community through these newsletter reports.

School Council Standing Orders

School Council commenced drafting Standing Orders to guide the work of Council in line with Education Department guidelines and regulations and tailored to the specific needs of GEC. It is anticipated that the Standing Orders will be finalised and approved by Council by the end of 2015. The Standing Orders will be posted on the GEC website once approved.

Monitoring Performance

This includes receiving feedback on VCE and NAPLAN results, staff and student surveys, monitoring the introduction of new programs and trials such as Chromebooks and looking at future enrolments.

GEC Alumni (GECOS GEC Old Students)

A key achievement of Council, through the BOCI sub-committee, has been the establishment of the GEC Alumni for past students and staff. The aim of the GEC Alumni is to develop a network of past students and staff and facilitate reunions and contribution to the College community. The Alumni is in an establishment phase and people interested in joining can register their interest at alumni@gec.vic.edu.au.

Trial of wearing PE Uniform to school

As the College is growing, pressure on change room facilities for PE classes led to a trial of junior school students wearing PE uniform to school if they have PE in periods 1 or 2. Students are still expected to change back into school uniform after PE classes. School Council has been monitoring this trial and this will continue in 2016.

Caulfield Racecourse Master Plan Public Consultation Submission

In September School Council consulted with staff and students to gain ideas and input into a submission to the development of a Master Plan for Caulfield Racecourse. Council felt it was important to ensure the views of our students, and young people in general, are taken into account in developing the Master Plan. The submission is on the GEC website and contains some innovative and interesting ideas from our community for how this public space can be utilised for the benefit of our community.

Other key work of School Council includes:

- Approving School budgets, setting parent payments and fees for hire of school facilities.
- Overview and input into building works.
- Approving school camps and external excursions such as SRC Congress.
- Listening and responding to student concerns through SRC reports and presentations.
- Approving celebrations and special events such as IDAHOT, cultural celebrations and Year 12 formal.
- Providing support for school initiatives such as Sustainability, Ride to School, etc.
- Supporting the profile of GEC by attending information nights, open days and other school events.

*Ruth Gordon
Vice President*

Glen Eira College School Council

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOC NEWS

Join us! We are a friendly group of parents who support our kids' school and also have some fun and meet new local friends. If you are not already receiving our emails please ask us to add you to our list by sending an email to gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au

William Angliss City Dinner Saturday 7 November 6.30pm

We are looking forward to the dinner and art items. All profits will go towards buying Robotics equipment for GEC.

Venue: William Angliss Restaurant, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Thank you! Marie-Pierre Deleplanque WA Dinner Event coordinator



Multicultural Supper – Thursday 26th November

An informal family get-together at the college, celebrating the cultural diversity of our community. A chance to share some of the good food from your family's heritage and get to know more GEC families. We will ask each family to bring a plate of finger food to share, plus a \$5 donation to the school.

Secondhand Uniforms - January sale – Please donate old uniforms

Please donate any items your child/ren have grown out of – to the school office until Wednesday 16th December. Please wash items before donating them. Recent uniform sales have been very popular, helped families save on uniform costs and raised funds for the school.

Secondhand Books - Please note that we will not run a stall for secondhand textbooks this summer. Glen Eira College has registered with the Sustainable Book Shop, which will allow families to buy/sell their used textbooks via a website. We hope this will be a more convenient option for most families (as well as saving many hours of work for the office staff and our volunteers)

Earn and Learn

Thanks to everyone who collected the supermarket stickers - we sent in 6900 stickers. GEC has used the points earned to purchase a variety of new sports balls.

Bike and Scooter Parking and Active Travel to school

Glen Eira College has applied for funding from the Ride2School Program at Bicycle Network (with GECPA funds) to install new bike and scooter parking racks and promote active travel to GEC. New bike and scooter parking will complement the planned school redevelopment. This will encourage healthy travel to GEC and reduce driving and parking near the school.

<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/programs/345/>

Cathy McNaughton

Christmas Craft Market Caulfield Primary School Sunday November 22, 10-3

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