

College News



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GLEN EIRA COLLEGE IS AWARDED THE "LABELFRANCÉDUCATION" SEAL.

Glen Eira College is delighted to announce that we have successfully achieved the "LabelFrancÉducation" seal. We join only 3 other schools in Australia and 91 other schools across the world and we are the only secondary school in Victoria to gain the "LabelFrancÉducation" seal.

We are very proud of this achievement which recognises our outstanding French Immersion program at Glen Eira College. Our students have the opportunity to study French language and Humanities and Drama (as of 2017) in French language. This program is now in its third year. Vindication of its success is apparent in this year's NAPLAN results which have shown that these students have achieved greater growth in literacy and numeracy than many of their peers. This supports the research around the enhanced learning outcomes achieved for students that study language learning through immersion.

The "LabelFrancÉducation" seal is granted to schools promoting French language and culture as part of their specific curriculum. "LabelFrancÉducation" recognizes and rewards schools that offer students enhanced instruction in the French language while also teaching other subjects in French. "LabelFrancÉducation" promotes outstanding education in French among students and parents.

The application process was rigorous and consisted of a lengthy written application with supporting documentation, a visit from the French Government (members from the Inspectorate of AEFE- Agency for French Education Abroad) and the support of the French Embassy in Canberra. This work was done by our outstanding staff members who really did spend hours getting all of the documentation together, all of which was in French. Thank you to Loveena Narayanan, Languages Leader, Nathalie Lepetit-Tremoliere, CNED teacher, and Anne Dupont.

"LabelFrancÉducation" is granted by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs based on the advice of an interministerial advisory committee composed of representatives from the French Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE), the French institute (IF) and Mission Laïque Française, a non-profit organization.

More information can be obtained on
<http://labelfranceducation.fr/en>



Sheereen Kindler, Senator Jacky Deromedi and Danièle Kemp



Year 12 Celebration Day



SMR Track & Field

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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

State Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the State Schools Specular Mass Choir and to the students in the technical team. Once again it was a fantastic show and a fantastic opportunity for our students. Thank you to Frances O'Neill who supported students throughout all the rehearsals and the performances.

All the Very Best to the Class of 2016

Our Year 12 students have certainly been committed to getting the very best results they can – they are a very focussed group of students. They will soon be completing their end of year exams. Although this is a stressful period of time for them I am confident that the preparation, guidance and assistance they have received over the past years will ensure 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 and then were farewelled with a guard of honour from the entire school before heading off to Funfields.

Relay for Life

The recent Relay for Life event at Duncan Mackinnon was a fantastic community event despite the weather on Saturday. We had over 100 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 and Marcus Guss from Melbourne Table and Chair Hire who provided a great marquee free of charge. Prior to the event actually beginning, the GEC Community had raised just under \$7000.00. 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 activities to improve our understanding and knowledge of physical and mental wellbeing and how to ensure we look after both. Activities included the entire Junior School walking around the oval after lunch. As part of their work in Year 10 Health, Grace Wheildon and Elouise Krelle coordinated a fundraiser to promote awareness about cardiovascular disease and raised \$115.50.

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.

Enrolment Confirmation Process 2017

Soon you will receive Enrolment Confirmation packages for 2017.

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.
- 2017 Booklist

- 2017 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 22nd November 2016 for current 9D and 9E students entering Year 10 in 2017
- Wednesday 23rd November 2016 for current 9A, 9B and 9C students entering Year 10 in 2017
- Friday 25th November 2016 for current Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students entering Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 in 2017

Early submission of forms and payment is welcome.

If your child is not returning to Glen Eira College in 2017, please ensure the college has been notified in writing and the appropriate exit forms are collected from the General Office and returned.

Capital Works

I am delighted that we have finally begun our capital works. Initially this has involved fencing off areas and ensuring that the site is safe. Before demolition could begin much work had to occur that involved the isolation of services.

Safety in the Car Park behind the school

I received this email from a concerned parent. Please observe the speed limits in the car park and take care when using this car park to ensure the safety of all people.

"I drop my child off between 0830-0840 hours at the rear car park which adjoins the sports oval and children's park. I have noticed numerous cars travelling well in excess of the 10kph limit. There was a white Toyota that narrowly missed hitting one of the students that was walking through the car park this week... I would hate to hear of an accident occurring between a pedestrian and one of these cars... The drivers seem to not be showing due care and attention."

Finally

The GEC staff team enjoyed good weather and some fierce competition in Shepparton at the Teachers Games, GEC's 9th year, in the last school holidays. They came a very respectable third in the Softball. Well done to the GEC team.

We are currently busily interviewing to complete our staffing for 2017. 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 7th December at the Musical Festival!

Sheereen Kindler
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The uniform sub-committee will continue to meet in 2017 to further implement changes to the uniform as informed by our consultation process. The first of these changes has already occurred with all students in term 4 able to wear a school jacket without the jumper underneath. Next year all students will be wearing black socks. This decision was based on feedback from the surveys indicating people wanted a simpler



approach to uniform. A number of parents wanted one colour for girls and boys socks. Another change next year is that all students can select items from the approved uniform list with the headings of 'girls' and 'boys' and 'summer' and 'winter' removed from the policy.

The sub-committee are currently looking at providing a spray jacket on the uniform list.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. It is important they are ready for learning by arriving punctually. Team meeting in the morning is a crucial time in preparing for the day and setting up conditions for optimal learning. If your child is late to school they require a note from home explaining their absence. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

I recently met with the Glen Eira College Parents and Friends Association (GECPA) regarding the Xuno communication platform. We are keen to have parent feedback about Xuno and what improvements could be made. We discussed four major areas – Communication, Parent Teacher Interviews, Progress Reports and Assignments and Assessments. Overall, the satisfaction with the Xuno platform is positive. Parents seem to enjoy the ease of access to the attendance details of their children and to progress reports. Many parents are utilising the potential for direct communication with teachers. We are continuing to build teacher capacity in using the Assignments and Assessments feature. A number of key staff have been providing professional learning around entering work requirements on to the parent portal.

The opportunity for me to meet with the GECPA was valuable in continuing to have parents help inform decision making at the school. They are capably led by Juliet Brianton and Cathy McNaughton. I encourage parents to become involved in the GECPA and make a significant contribution to our school.

Thank you to parents who completed the Reporting Review survey. We are currently in the process of reviewing our reporting system and making some changes for next year to make reporting simpler and more meaningful.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

JUNIOR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The Junior School Assembly was held on Thursday 15th September where we celebrated the successes from term 3. Many students were recognised for their achievements throughout the term including debating and public speaking awards, SRC, Enhancement and Enrichment and History and Geography Competition awards. Congratulations to all those students who were recognised.

Congratulations to all the students who represented the college at the Beachside Division Athletics competition. In particular a big shout out to Francis Maimarosia, Ben Becker and Jett Meadows who all represented the college at the Southern Regional Finals. Ben and Jett returned to school sporting medals.

It's nearly the end of the year and our 2017 Transition program will soon commence. Students will be placed in their new classes and meet some of their 2017 teachers. There

will be a range of activities running throughout the transition period so stay tuned.

*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

During this time of year it is important that students are checking with their teachers that they have completed all their work requirements to enable them to pass their subjects. If any students/families are going on holiday during this term then it is important to check that your son/daughter has all work requirements completed. On 28th November all Year 7 students will begin the transition program into Year 8. This program is designed for students to become familiar with the Year 8 2017 curriculum. It will run until the 13th December and during this time not only will students be hearing about the Year 8 curriculum they will have the opportunity to be involved in the PE dance performances and other activities.

After the Year 8 transition program our End of Year Program will run from 15th to 19th December. Students will be provided with a range of activities to be involved in during this time.



Year 7 Girls Badminton Team

The Year 7 students have been actively participating in sports throughout the year. However, recently we had for the first time at Glen Eira College two Year 7 girls teams make it to the Victorian state finals. Now it has to be noted that both these teams have been coached by a very excited and enthusiastic Miss McLean. Our Year 7 Girls Badminton team include Devanshi, Cherry, Ysabelle, Georgia, Sam and Ishwarya. All the girls and their coach had a great day as they competitively played each game.

Our Year 7 Girls Softball team is about to participate in the Victorian State school finals in November. We would like to extend our best wishes to the team and their coach, Keira McLean, in the upcoming final.

Lastly, as we are coming into summer and the weather is beginning to heat up we remind you that students need to bring a water bottle and a hat to wear in the yard and in PE.

If you have any queries or questions re this information then do not hesitate to contact me at the school on: 9571-7838.

*Elizabeth Allan
Year 7 Coordinator*

STUDENT ABSENCES

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

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Good luck to the hard-working girls' Table Tennis team for their up-coming regional competition, hopefully moving on to state championships next (Ashleigh, Yael, Indi and Megan). Many of our Franchophone Year 8s are preparing for their DELF exams. Jazz has an exciting dance opportunity with Disney in America coming up. Zoe (8A) won some art supplies for winning the Van Gogh colouring competition. And we wish Daijan luck at the upcoming Tag20 Oceania Cup.

Something to look forward to is Transition into Year 9 and your introduction to the Year 9 Program for 2017.

*Shaun Reynolds
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 4 is an exciting time for the students as they get ready for the transition to Senior School.

This term, the Year 9s are working on Gymnastics routines for PE. I look forward to seeing the results of their efforts when they perform for the rest of the Year 9s during Transition. In the Year 9 Program, students have started a series of visits to the city as a part of their Making Connections topic. They will be creating a promotional video for the city of Melbourne based on the photos and information they gathered during their visits.

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

*Fiona Finnegan
Year 9 Coordinator*

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS REPORT

So far this term there have been lots of wonderful activities happening in the Junior School, and there are many more to come in the near future. An annual highlight of ours is Relay for Life. Thousands of students, parent, teachers and relatives will spend time at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve to help support the Cancer Council.

The Year 9s this term, as part of their "Amazing Race" Program, will be taking trips to the city. Our task is to find the locations of set clues that were given to us, and then produce a video on our findings. As well as this, the Year 9s have been preparing for the 2017 Year 7s, in a series of leadership activities that will help us for the orientation day.

We hope everyone has had a great and successful academic year! Good luck to those who have exams and to the Year 7 softball team who will be playing in the state finals this term! We would also like to congratulate Mr Givogue on the birth of his child! As this is our last term in the Junior School, we would like to thank all of the teachers who have made an impact on our past three amazing years.

*Sierra Danon and Sean Kelly
Junior School Captains*

LIMITLESS CAMP REPORT

Limitless Camp was the best experience we have ever had! The second we pulled up at the campsite, it was clear that the

next four days were going to be unbelievable. The first thing we noticed was the loud music playing and the smiling and energised coaches in blue shirts. It was eye opening to see everyone so happy to be there. There was no waiting around, the second we got there to the minute we got back on the train to leave was an action packed, life changing experience. Not only did we become friends with the most genuine people but we learnt about how we can live life using our "inner greatness". The obstacles and hurdles that we overcame have helped transform us into the best version of ourselves.

All the sessions that were conducted revolved around the idea that a positive mindset can affect the outcome of what you're doing. For example, if you're running a marathon and tell yourself you won't be able to run the distance you're more likely to fail the race, but if you tell yourself you can run the distance you're more likely to.

As well as this we learnt that fear is only in your head. Through this camp we feel as though we have changed positively. Every single person we met on the camp influenced us. Thank you to all the coaches who volunteered to be part of this camp and to our tribes who we got to know so well over the few days.

In future we hope we hope that more students can experience this incredible camp as it offers so many great opportunities. We wish to come back to the camp and extend our knowledge of how 'Limitless' we can be. Thank you to all the teachers who nominated us for this once in a lifetime experience and we hope all students who will be attending in the future will find it as beneficial as we did.

"I don't know what I'm capable of achieving."- Nathan Hulls (Limitless Speaker)

*Nick Szyrpallo-Martin, Erin Herr, Sierra Danon and Sean Kelly
Year 9*



Limitless Camp

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

In term 4, Senior School students and staff have a lot to celebrate and much to look forward to. As our Year 12 students are entering their final stage of school, and the Year 10 and 11 students have selected their subjects for the next stage of school life, we are entering a crucial part of the year.

Please take note the following key dates for the remainder of Term 4:

- **VCAA Written Exams:**
Wednesday 26th October – Wednesday 16th November
- **Year 10 & 11 SWOT VAC:**
Monday 14th November
- **Year 9B, 10 & 11 Exams:**
Tuesday 15th November – Friday 18th November



• **Year 12 Valedictory:**

Thursday 17th November 7.00pm

• **Year 10 & 11 CAMP:**

Monday 21st November – Wednesday 23rd November

• **2017 Year 11 & 12 Re-Enrolment Day:**

Friday 25th November

• **2017 Year 11 & 12 Transition:**

Monday 28th November – Friday 2nd December

• **2017 Year 10 Transition:**

Monday 28th November – Tuesday 13th December

• **2016 Presentation Night:**

Wednesday 14th December

It is essential that students undertaking the VCAA Written Examinations read the VCE Exams Navigator 2016 booklet (http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/documents/vcaanavigator_web.pdf) 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. These 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. 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 feel free to contact anyone in the Senior School Team at the College on 9571 7838.

It is important that parents/guardians are aware of the importance of our transition processes and dates. Students are expected to be at school up to and including the dates listed above. 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 2017 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 2nd December 2016.

*Haroula Christodoulou
Senior School Leader*

YEAR 10 NEWS

Before we know it the students will be sitting their Year 10 exams, so now is the time to begin preparing and getting ready. Good luck to all of you.

It is still not too late to get your paperwork and money in for the Year 10 camp. The camp is the week following the exams. Any questions or queries, please contact me.

The week following the Year 10 camp is transition week into Year 11 - it is also the final week of the year for current Year

10 students.

Go, go go, that's how it's feeling.

As always, please feel free to contact me.

*Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator*



Year 11 Physics flight excursion

YEAR 11 NEWS

The year's end is almost upon us and Year 11 students are undergoing final assessments and preparation for exams. Not only is it a busy time but for many, it is an anxious time and all students need to look after themselves and be given support by those around them. Maintaining a healthy balance of study and rest is vital to a healthy mind and healthy body.

Early this month, the Year 11 Physics class went on an excursion to Moorabbin Airport and had the amazing opportunity to learn first-hand from pilots, the mechanics involved in flight. They were then given the unique opportunity to apply that knowledge when given the controls in mid-flight. Students were thrilled to fly around the bay and perform 60 degree turns which saw them flying on their sides. Students were also taken through the museum by volunteers who are passionate about aviation. They learnt so much about the development of technology in this area from pre-World War 1 to modern day jets and fighter planes. Having accompanied the Year 11 class in 2015, I asked one student to seek out a retired gentleman, who in his heyday, was a pilot for TAA Airways and flew the plane he flew in, into the airport to retire it. In retirement, this gentleman, whose name escapes me, devoted his time to rebuilding the rusted plane to its original glory. Sadly, it was reported back that this gentleman had passed away.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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On a happier note, a function is in the works for a Year 11 Celebration Dinner on Thursday 1st December and hopefully all Year 11 students will attend. It will be a great way to celebrate the year completed.

2017 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 2017 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 in calculating a student's ATAR. A high distinction will add 5.5 points to the student's ATAR. Only one enhancement study can be used in an ATAR calculation. Students and parents can find more information regarding subjects they can undertake, application process and deadlines on each University's website.

*Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016

Congratulations to all year 12 students. You have completed your 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*

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2016





LANGUAGES CORNER

Berthe Mouchette Poetry Writing and Recitation Competition organised by Alliance Française de Melbourne.

We've done it again! We are very proud to announce our winners for this year's competition! Un grand BRAVO!!

More than 14,000 students participated in the competition from Prep to Year 12 this year and each category had hundreds of finalists; so to get a prize or a special mention from the jury is really an OUTSTANDING achievement!

Our GEC winners are:

Year 7 Poetry Writing Category

Special Mention of the Jury - Paul-Antoine Galliot

Year 7 Special Mention of the jury Poetry Recitation:

Sapir Triffon

Year 8 Poetry Recitation:

1st Prize (hors concours category for French speakers)

– Mitchell Bennie

2nd Prize – Estelle Lipovetsky

Year 10 Poetry Writing Competition:

1st prize- Mathilde Papon

Special Mention of the Jury - Lucile Naegele

*Loveena Narayanan
Head of Languages*

JAPANESE EXCURSION TO ACMI AND DAISO

At the end of term 3, students from 7F and 8F went on an excursion to the city. We went to ACMI and watched a Japanese movie called *I WISH*. This is a beautiful film set on the Japanese island of Kyushu. In *I WISH*, Koichi struggles to deal with the breakup of his parents' marriage and his separation from his brother. He becomes convinced a new bullet train will create a miracle and reunite the family.

After watching the movie, we had lunch at Federation Square. As it was a beautiful day, the students enjoyed sitting out in the sun, especially those who were on deckchairs!

After lunch, we went shopping at DAISO on Swanston Street. DAISO is a popular, cheap convenience store in Japan. Students bought a variety of items including: Japanese lollies, stationery and one student even bought a Halloween mask!

The students were very well behaved throughout the day. I would like to thank Ms Cornelia and Ms Stansfield-Smith for accompanying us on this excursion.

*Emma Nishikubo
Japanese Teacher*



7F & 8F relaxing in Federation Square



Shopping in DAISO

ABBA ON THE RADIO

Anna, Boris, Barney and Ashley (ABBA) from Year 10 have been rocking the airwaves on Southern FM 88.3 Community Radio with some early morning AC/DC and ABBA tunes, helping commuters get to work.

After their morning slot last month, all four students went off to State Schools Spectacular rehearsals at Melbourne Park Arena. These students model the idea of getting involved.

Shaun Reynolds



Ashley, Anna, Boris and Barney

HUMANITIES NEWS

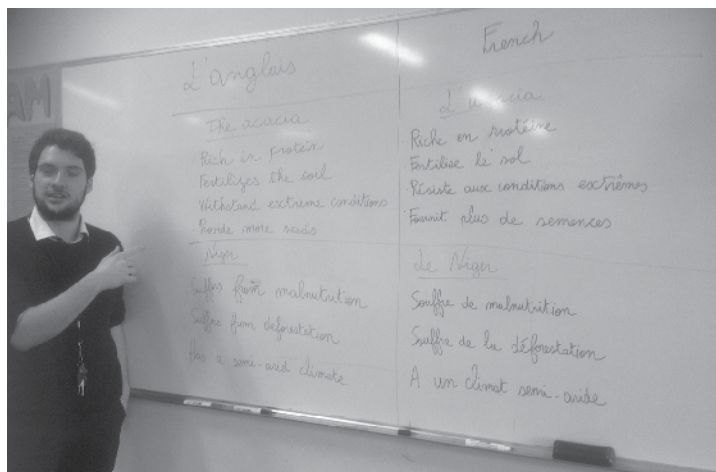
Immersion Geography

If you visit the 9C Immersion French Geography classroom you will see the benefits of studying a subject in another language. Learning about Biomes in French allows students to have wider and deeper connections to the knowledge while opening up the scope to allow a three way connection between two languages and the understanding of Geographical Concepts and Knowledge. In addition to discussing the similarities between the two languages, French and English, during the acquisition of French language skills students are also seeing the explicit and implicit language connections to the discussion about Biomes. It is exciting to see that the challenges and benefits of learning Immersion Geography allow for an interesting and enriching learning environment on many levels.

*Deborah Cordingley
Head of Humanities*

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Cedric Chamontin teaching Immersion Geography



Year 10 IT interactive games session

ARTS & TECHNOLOGY: CELEBRATING NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK

To coincide with National Skills Week (29th August - 2nd September) Glen Eira College celebrated the diversity of subjects offered through the Arts and Technology. Lunchtime activities were run for both students and staff with Food Technology starting off the week with a Crepe making and decorating competition. On Tuesday students who had just competed in the RoboCup Junior Victorian state Championships got to demonstrate their Robotics skills to the college. In the computer lab on Wednesday Year 10 Information Technology students displayed their skills in creating interactive games. A range of talented singers performed in the PAC on Thursday to a full house whilst Friday's highlight was seeing the demonstration of a hovercraft that students built in Materials Technology. The week also finished with the close of the Puzzle Drawing Competition with many entries coming from both the College and the English Language Centre making judging difficult. The 3 winners were Anna Rowsell, Zoe Gross and Susie Chen. Each winning student received the prize of a packet of drawing and painting equipment.

*Bernadette McIvor
Head of Arts & Technology*



Food Technology Crepe Making & Decoration Competition

SPORT NEWS

Last term in sport:

The Year 7 Girls Badminton team competed in the state finals. This is one of two college sport teams that made the state finals this year, an absolutely outstanding achievement. The girls played 4 games on the day and each game was very close. The girls should be very proud of their efforts.

The intermediate boys futsal team were the Beachside competition champions, which is the highest level of the futsal competition.

The Year 8 girls table tennis team were also the Beachside competition champions.

Already this term in sport:

On Thursday the 6th October, first week of term 4, the following students represented the College at the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals for Track and Field.

Charly Layton
Jordan Yeramian
Jett Meadows
Ben Becker
Francis Maimarosia
Samuel Soultanakis
Lewis Morgan
Jonah Bloom
Coen McGinniss
Taylor Abbott
Ross McNaughton

All students competed to the best of their ability and went very well in their events. Special mention to Ben Becker who came 2nd in shot put and to Charly Layton who came 3rd in the 100m sprint.

What we have to look forward to in sport:

The Year 8 table tennis team will play in the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals on the 28th October.

The Year 7 Softball team will play in the State finals on the 21st November. This is the first time we have ever had a softball team reach the state we wish the girls all the best in the competition!

*Emma Power
Sports Coordinator*



Taylor Abbott and Charly Layton with other SMR Track & Field finalists

RELAY FOR LIFE

It was a privilege to be part of this 24 hour community event dedicated to raise funds for research, to put an end to cancer. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather, we had to cancel the night part of the event but resumed with an emotional Sunrise Ceremony. Although it rained, students walked the track. Most dressed up for Halloween, the theme which was decided upon by all participating students.

Thank you all for participating, donating and helping out! This event highlighted what an amazing team of students, parents, teachers and other staff we have at our college.

Our Team, GEC - Getting Even With Cancer, consisted of more than 100 participants! We raised about \$6700 which means that we have achieved the research grant for further research to go ahead.

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

- Chloe's parents, Andrea and Marcus Guss of Melbourne Table and Chair Hire, for donating the 3 x 6 marquee for the weekend.
- Michael Frajman, Mr Ebert, Mr Siriamphone, Tobey Matusik, Leah's dad, Bruce Sandow, and some other parents for helping set up/pack up the marquee.
- Sierra Danon for making the baton
- Everyone else for helping in many ways!

I have already registered our team for next year and am 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*

IT NEWS

ProgCom Computer Programming Competition

The School of Computer Science and Engineering of the University of NSW hosts the ProgCom Computer Programming Competition every year. Congratulations to the following teams for their inspiring effort. This competition

allowed our students to take their programming skills to another level. They competed against the best programmers from all over Australia.

STUDENT	YEAR	TEAM NAME
Rathin Patel	12	GEC Code Masters
Rohan Kalanje	12	GEC Code Masters
Jesse James	12	GEC Code Masters
Andrew Giannakis	11	GEC Coders
Joshua Susskind	11	GEC Coders
Manas Malaviya	11	GEC Coders
Abraham Brash	10	Code Compilers

Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

Congratulations to Anika Dixit who is the first student from Glen Eira College to achieve a Distinction Award

STUDENT	YEAR	AWARD
Anika Dixit	9	Distinction
Christopher Rudel	8	Credit
Louis Jacobe de Naurois	8	Merit

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Anika Dixit



Jesse, Rohan and Rathin

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GEC GECKOS GET BRONZE IN SHEPPARTON

The September holidays have a lot going for them. Spring has sprung, the football is getting exciting due to finals fever and, most importantly, the Victorian Teachers' Games are held. The GEC Geckos travelled to Shepparton this year to participate in team Ten Pin Bowling, Softball 7s and Trivia.

Monday the 19th September was Ten Pin Bowling, with the GEC Geckos fielding two teams. The competition had its highs and lows. The lows were Miss Brown's score, the lowest female score of the day. The highs were that Tina's Team (Tina, Mr Dalton, Mr Reynolds and Mr Mulligan) narrowly missed out on a bronze medal.

Tuesday was the day we had all come for. The Softball competition. Instead of running the competition with 9 players, only 7 are allowed on the field (3 males and 4 females). The pitcher must lob a slow pitch and you score a run for each base you get to. If you make a homerun, you score 5 runs. The competition, as is usual at the Teachers' Games, was fierce. Miss Peters made her debut for the GEC Geckos and was a bit worried about her softball ability. She needn't have worried, as she had a golden softball glove and took about 7 amazing catching to keep the GEC Geckos ahead in the competition.

After only one narrow defeat in three games, The GEC Geckos played off in the bronze medal match against School Sport Victoria (SSV), who had taken out the gold medal in 2015. The Geckos opted to bat second and got off to a great start. Mr Osi was sprinting around the bases, Ms Finnegan's batting and fielding had stepped up a notch, Miss Brown was formidable as the catcher, Mr Golding and Mr Reynolds were belting the softball around the park, but the Geckos just couldn't quite shake the SSV team. It came down to a last innings run chase. The first three batters were lost without a run. Miss Brown, Miss Peters and Ms Finnegan had all been run out at first by an aggressive field. With only four batters to go, everyone was needed to stay on base. Miss Power pulled out a well-timed, sneaky strategy on the fielders, surprising them with a bunt-shot and a sprint to first base. The Geckos were still in with a chance. Mr Mulligan got a hit away and advanced himself and Miss Power around the bases. Mr Reynolds played a powerful shot to run Miss Power and Mr Mulligan home and he made it all the way to third base. The last batter was called up to the plate. Dalton the Debutant. It was his first time out in the Geckos colours and it all rested on his shoulders. All that was required was for Mr Reynolds to get home, and Mr Dalton to get to first base and that would be it, bronze would be won by the GEC Geckos. The atmosphere was tense. It was like the whole of Shepparton had stopped to watch this moment. The fielders took an intimidating position and moved in on Mr Dalton, who was so steeled in his gaze that it was like his blood ran ice cold in his veins. The pitch was thrown in, Mr Dalton stayed steady and swung the bat – Crack! The ball sailed out over into the outfield and both Mr Reynolds and Mr Dalton made it home! The Geckos won the bronze medal, Mr Dalton had delivered the victory and was hoisted to the shoulders of his jubilant team mates!

A big thank you to all staff involved – Tina, Miss Brown, Ms

Finnegan, Miss Peters, Miss Power, Mr Dalton, Mr Golding, Mr Kelty, Mr Lou, Mr Osi, Mr Owen and Mr Reynolds.

*Tori Mulligan
Teaching & Learning Leader*



Teachers Games 2016 Softball Bronze Medal winning team

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS GEC Parents Association – join us!

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. If you are interested in coming to any of our meetings, please send us an email to gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au

School Crossing Safety Campaign.

GEC school Council and many parents, teachers and students are concerned about the safety of students walking across Booran Road between the 2 sides of Glen Eira College and at the corner of Booran and Neerim Roads. Fast traffic and cars that fail to stop at the pedestrian lights make the streets near school unsafe for people walking or cycling. The school's concern recently made front page of the Caulfield Glen Eira Leader local paper. Go to their website and search for the 27th September 2016 edition: <http://leader.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

The speed limit along this stretch of Booran Road is 40km/h during school zone times, but 60km/h at other times, including times during the school day when students need to cross (e.g. during breaks, going to and from PE classes).

School Council has asked for the speed limit to be changed



to 40 km/h for the entire time between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on school days, and for an electronic sign to alert motorists to the change of speed limit as they drive along Booran Road or turn from Neerim Road.

While VicRoads have listened to our concerns, they have not given the problem a high priority, and have indicated it could be 5 to 10 years before action is taken. The risk to our children is too high to wait that long.

Ruth Gordon, Glen Eira College School Council Vice-President, advises that "After the article in the Glen Eira Leader and sending numerous letters to Councillors and MPs, there has been a positive response in wanting to support Glen Eira College on the issue of improving the safety of the school crossing. I have been contacted by several Councillors and candidates in the forthcoming Council election who see this issue as a priority.

I urge you to write emails, write letters to the Leader and raise this issue in the Council elections and with local MPs so we can make the school crossing safer for our children."

We have written a template you can use when writing to Members of Parliament or Glen Eira Councillors. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2LoYKF3IY5IZGMzdi04eGt2SWc/view>

Use our template to draft your own letter. Feel free to change the wording to suit you, and to add in any examples you or your children may have witnessed at this crossing.

For the list of government representatives and their email addresses: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QMNRjcGU3LMhL6WfH3tARRtAjhXbRmK01vtitso0i4Y/edit>

As part of our campaign to have variable electronic signs installed at the pedestrian school crossing on Booran Road, we have set up an online petition. Please show your support by **signing the petition** - go to:

<https://www.change.org/p/urgent-action-on-speed-signs-for-glen-eira-college-students>

Please also **send it on** to your family, students and other concerned people and ask them to sign, too.

Secondhand Uniform

The Parents association will organise a stall on the 25th January 2017. Please consider donating school uniform items if your children have outgrown them or are finishing at Glen Eira College. Uniforms can be left with the office until Friday 16th December 2016.

We cannot sell items that are no longer part of the college uniform, such as spray jackets and polar fleece jackets. Please ensure that all items have been washed and thoroughly dried before you bring them in.

Previous uniform sales have been very popular, helped families save on uniform costs and raised funds for the college.

Weekly walk and talk

As the weather is warming up, it's a great time to get outside and exercise. We have started up a weekly walking group on Tuesday evenings, where GEC families and staff can walk and chat together for an hour or so. Meet at 7.25pm for a 7.30pm start at the corner of North Road and Crosbie Road

(you can park on Crosbie Road). All welcome!

Bicycles

Gran Prix Bicycles in Caulfield South are keen to get more kids riding. They supported GEC at the Trivia Night and have now offered school families a 5% discount and 5% donation back to Glen Eira College. Collect a loyalty card from the school office and present in store at Gran Prix Bicycles, 710 Glenhunting Road Caulfield South.

Scooter and Bicycle Parking

The Brighton Men's shed have made GEC two timber scooter parking racks that are to be painted by the school students and then installed. The scooter parking racks will allow scooters to be locked when parked and parked more efficiently than in bike racks. GEC also needs new and more bike parking rails as building works demolish the current poorly designed racks. GECPA has allocated funds for new bike racks and will support kids riding to school and applying for funds for new racks from the Bicycle Network's Ride2School program. We look forward to seeing new bike racks installed.

Cathy McNaughton and Juliet Brianton

KEY DATES TERM 4 2016

WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – UNIT 3/4 WRITTEN EXAMS

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 & 11 SWOT VAC

TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 9B, 10 & 11 EXAMS

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY 7PM

MONDAY 21ST – WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 & 11 CAMP

TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - YEAR 10 2017 RE-ENROLMENT (9D & 9E 2016)

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER - YEAR 10 2017 RE-ENROLMENT (9A-9C 2016)

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENT FREE)

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 11 & 12 2017 RE-ENROLMENT 8:45AM – 10AM

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 9 2017 RE-ENROLMENT 9AM – 12PM

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER - YEAR 8 2017 RE-ENROLMENT 12PM – 3PM

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER – YEAR 11 & 12 2017 TRANSITION

MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER – TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER – YEAR 8 – 10 2017 TRANSITION

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2017 ORIENTATION DAY

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER – PRESENTATION NIGHT REHEARSAL (ONLY STUDENTS INVOLVED IN REHEARSALS TO BE AT SCHOOL)

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER – PRESENTATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 15TH – MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER – END OF YEAR

PROGRAM (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER – END OF 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.



Glen Eira College Presents:

2016 Arts & Technology Exhibition

Annual Student Exhibition



Wednesday 9th
November -

Friday 11th November

9am - 4pm

Performing Arts Centre,
Glen Eira College
76 Booran Rd, Caulfield

Opening Night:
Wednesday 9th November,
5:30pm - 7:00pm

