# College News



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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **OPEN DAY/NIGHT**

Our recent Open Days and Night were fantastic community events. Our staff, students and parents were passionate and committed in showing the community what a wonderful school we have here at Glen Eira College. French Open Day allowed parents particularly interested in our French programs an opportunity to see these classes in action. Joining me on the tour were Year 11 students Vincent McKeown-West and Maria Mazi. On Open Day we ran three incredibly well attended tours during the day and had standing room only in the PAC in the evening. Special thanks to Year 7 students Sean Kelly and Caitlin Shaw and school captains Clement Lancelot and Kimberly White who spoke so beautifully at the formal presentation to a packed PAC. Subject areas really were on show with lots of opportunities for our visitors to participate in a wide range of learning activities. Our parents were on hand all over the college to share their experiences with prospective families. In the afternoon we held our annual 'Share Our Success' event where Year 7 students invited a teacher from their primary school to show them around the college and to share in their success. I am very proud of all students who engaged with our visitors, who led tours and who assisted staff in so many ways - I have received wonderful feedback from those who attended the evening regarding the outstanding qualities of our students.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for being a part of these events – greatly appreciated.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new school council had their first meeting in March and I am delighted to announce the following office bearers:

President: Rhonda Brooks Vice president: Meaghan Leith Treasurer: Mike Seager

#### **UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

We thank parents for their patience while our new uniform supplier, Bob Stewart Uniforms, established their new shop. The shop opened on Tuesday 13th May. Price lists and contact details are enclosed in this newsletter.

#### **HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY**

At this year's annual Holocaust Remembrance assembly, we were delighted to have two very special guest speakers,

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Year 7 Archaeology Incursion



Year 8 Home Economins



French Open day

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.

our own Lucy Shapiro and Wollfe Lewis, 93 year old great grandfather of one of our students. Mr Lewis, or Gunner as he is known, was an Australian soldier in the Second World War. They shared their stories and that of their families with our Year 9 and 11 students. We were also pleased to have Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Lipshutz speak and explain to our students the significance of the candle lighting ceremony. Thanks to Peter Brown for his initiative and organisation.

#### TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Our Parents and Friends Association have planning for this year's Trivia Night well underway. Further details are enclosed in this newsletter. Their goal this year is to purchase film editing equipment, a very useful and 'funky' technological tool for our students. I look forward to seeing you there.

## PERFORMING ARTS CARNEGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

It was wonderful to have the following students performing a range of songs to entertain the crowd at the Carnegie Primary School fete — Anais Keenan 8B, Berenice Mickelburough 8B, Anna Rowsell 8B, Hannah Schauder 8B, Tiffany Vainer 8C, Jade Clay 9A, Suzannah Stone 9B, George Vogiatzis 9D and Alizee Morin 11B. I am very grateful to our music teachers Robyn Keane and Lachlan Mack for supporting the students and being there on the day.

#### **MUSICAL SOIREE**

I hope you will be able to attend our first Musical Soiree for 2014 which will be held on the evening of 11th June in the PAC. It is a wonderful opportunity to see so many of our students demonstrate their musical talents.

#### HAIRSPRAY - THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's production – Hairspray. Make sure you save the dates – evening performances are on the 14th, 19th and 21st August.

#### **STAFFING**

We welcome two new staff to the college – Radcliffe Owen – Maths/Science and Helen Amir – Materials Technology. Peter Fleming has retired after 38 years of service in Government Education, the last 10 of which were at Glen Eira College. We are grateful to Peter for his wonderful contribution both in and out of the classroom. As well as teaching materials technology and engineering, Peter also managed the facilities and was the OHS representative. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Sheereen Kindler Principal

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome to Term 2. We have already begun the term with several sports days, Open Night, Share our Success and incursions.

Well done to Alexander Ide and Caity James who represented the College at the Regional Diving finals. Congratulations to Caity who came 2nd and then went on to the State Finals and placed 9th. A superb effort!

Thank you to all the Junior School students who assisted at our Open Night – there are too many to name here but you know who you are. A special mention goes to Caitlin Shaw

and Sean Kelly who gave a speech in front of a rather large audience. A daunting task but they were organised and prepared.

Get Organised, Get Focused, Get Involved and we look forward to a terrific Term!

Junior School Team

#### **YEAR 7 REPORT**

Term 1 ended on a high note with the Year 7 Assembly. We had the opportunity to celebrate many successes – academic, sporting and performing arts. Congratulations to all students who received an award.

This cohort of Year 7s is proving to be rather sporty! The cricket boys' team were Division winners, defeating many schools convincingly. They now have the anxious wait until Term 4 when they will play at the Southern Zone finals. The softball girls' team won their Division competition and went on to the Southern Zone finals. It was an absolutely fantastic day! The girls won three of their four matches and are the Runners Up for the Southern Zone Region. Thank you to Ruby Caroll, Ruby Smith and Alanna Gray's families for coming along to support the girls on the day. I am very proud of all the girls and the way they represented the College. We are already looking forward to next year so stay tuned....

It was exciting to see a large amount Year 7s assisting on Open Night. These students all volunteered their time and were eager to help out.

The 'Share Our Success' afternoon was a huge hit as many Primary School teachers came along to visit our students and 'catch up'. Well done to all the presenters.

On a final note, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Remember the planner is an excellent way to communicate with all teachers as the students should be taking them home each night.

Keira McLean Junior School Leader



Year 7 Softball Zone Runners Up

Year 7 Boys' Cricket



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.

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#### **YEAR 8 REPORT**

Congratulations to all of our year 8 award recipients presented at the End of Term Assembly. Special congratulations to Binil Mathew, Anna Rowsell, Declan Boyd, Laura Ellenbogen, Lara Moisi and Caitlyn James, all of whom received the Coordinator's Award.

This term the year 8s will be participating in the Glen Eira Youth Services 'Sense and SenseAbility' program. This program looks at the common issues of 'Belonging, Control and Communication'. These sessions will be run in class time in weeks 5 to 7.

Have a great term 2 year 8s! And remember, 'Get Organised, Get Involved & Get Focused!'

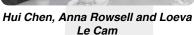
Emily Brown Year 8 Coordinator

#### YEAR 8 - FRUIT MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE

As part of the Year 8 Home Economics course students are set a 'Fruit Mystery Box Challenge'. All students are required to use a set amount of the same fruit to design and create an original fruit salad. When creating their fruit salad they need to consider presentation, taste and creativity. All students did a fantastic job and there were many creative fruit salads designed.

Elizabeth Allan Year 8 Home Economics teacher







Year 8 Friut Salad

#### **FRENCH CORNER**

Félicitations à nos gagnants! Congratulations to our winners! To celebrate Francophonie week, our students from year 7 to 10 participated in the photo and video "concours dis moi dix mots" organised by the Alliance Française de Melbourne. Every year the "Organisation Mondiale de la Francophonie" chooses 10 words which are diffused around the world to enable Francophiles to reflect on them during Francophonie week.

We had several winners form our school!

1er prix: Berenice Mickelburough, Anais Keenan and

Anya – Marie Connett (Year 8 French 1st language) for their video to illustrate the

word "Zig zag"

2ème prix: Camille Dubois (Year 7 French 1st

language) for her video to illustrate the word

"zig zag"

3ème prix: Phoebe Foldvari (Year 7 French Immersion)

for her poster/photo to illustrate the word

"s'enlivrer"

Special mention to Gabriela Del Castillo Suarez and Laura De Carteret for their photo to illustrate the word "s'enlivrer"





Poster by Phoebe Foldvari

Photo by Gabriela Del Castillo Suarez and Laura De Carteret

#### FRENCH OPEN DAY

We held a successful French Open day on the 29th April. Several parents and children from local primary schools came for a tour of the school and to have the opportunity to see our French classes in action. They were guided on the tour by our principal, Sheereen Kindler who was ably assisted by two students in year 11, Vincent Mckeown-West and Maria Mazi. The families met with teachers and students from the French 1st language program, French immersion and French LOTE.

#### **CNED CONVENTION**

We are very pleased to announce that a convention will be signed between Glen Eira College and the CNED in France (Centre National d'Education à Distance). Mr Mahé, Executive Director in charge of International and European Affairs of CNED and Mr Artaud, Head of School of Education of CNED will be coming to Glen Eira College on the 2nd June. More information will follow!

Loveena Narayanen LOTE Coordinator



French Open Day

## CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL AND INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

On the last day of term 1, GEC held the Cross-country Carnival. Well done to all those students who ran the whole distance (3km), and to those who walked around the whole course. Congratulations to Gold House who once again were the winning house on the day. It was very close for first place however as Blue House was second by only 34 points. Thank you to all the staff and house captains for their help.

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Interschool Sports has seen some successful teams for term 1. We have had a number of teams represent our Division in regional finals, which is a mighty effort considering the number of schools GEC competes against in the Beachside Division. Congratulations to the Year 7 girls' softball team who finished second and the intermediate boys' volleyball team who finished second in the preliminary regional final. Congratulations also to the year 7 boys' baseball team who represented our division in the regional finals. Hopefully we can have just as many winning teams for term 2 sports.

On Monday the 28th April, 4 students represented GEC in the Regional Diving Finals held at MSAC – Max Hubert, Ruth Boneh, Caitlyn James and Alexander Ide. Caitlyn finished second in her age group and qualified for the state final which was held later in the day. What a gallant effort. As Caitlyn is a trampolinist and not a diver, finishing 9th in the state for her age group was a terrific result. Well done to all the competitors for their efforts on the day.

Adam Golding Sports Coordinator

#### **GLEN EIRA ART STUDENTS SHINE**

All Year 8, 9 and 10 Glen Eira art students participated in "The Great Community Art Mashup" as part of the Glenhuntly Village Street Festival.

Students developed possible ideas and media for their mashup in their art classes. Each artwork needed to consist of three A5 pieces of paper when joined together created a figure. The work had to be able to separate so that another student's work could be inserted to create a new work. Some of the year 10 students took their designs further and produced three A1 painted boards.

Our students spent many classes creating their final artworks using such media as paint and texta. The students work was displayed in local shop windows prior to the festival.

On Saturday 15th March the railway car park was transformed for the Street Festival. Our students' work was displayed along with other participants from the area. The judging of "The Great Community Art Mashup" took place on the day and I am proud to announce a large number of our students won prizes in their age category.

#### Age 12/13

1st prize — Anna Rowsell 'Fairy Demons From Outer Space'

2nd prize - Monica Smirnov 'Mini Mouse Corpse Bride'

#### Age 14/15

1st prize - Laura De Carteret 'Fiva'

2nd prize - Oscar Docherty-Phillips 'Valross'

#### Age 16/18

1st prize - Akhil Mathew 'Dawn'

2nd prize - Gabby Del Castillo 'Untitled'

Best Large Scale Mashup - Laura De Carteret "Fiva"

Bernadette McIvor Arts/Technology Coordinator

#### **YEAR 10 I OBJECT EXCURSION**

For an excursion that started with us all being thrown in the clink, the Year 10 'I object!' class was a great success. On arrival at the Old Melbourne Gaol, the students were 'welcomed' by a Sergeant who promptly arrested, charged, searched and locked them up! Of course this was not a real arrest but a learning experience in which students became active participants and learned about the role of the police. The next activity was to enact a trial with students taking the roles of prosecutor, defence counsel, judge, offender, jury and witnesses in the authentic wood-panelled setting of the Old Magistrates Court. The students gained some valuable insights into our justice system. Thankfully we were all released at the end of the day!

Celine Fompudie

#### SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to all students, families and staff after a welldeserved break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the senior school team for their hard work and support of all senior students, particularly those new to the College, during term one. I hope that students feel refreshed and excited about the term ahead. In many ways, the commencement of term two marks the end of the transition for students into a new year level and new subjects. Students should now feel confident that they understand the expectations for learning and behaviour in each of their subjects. Based on the interim reports at the end of the term the senior school team is very pleased with student progress in general at this stage. We would like to congratulate and thank all those students who go above and beyond normal class work to be involved in a variety of school events and programs. Your leadership and participation is valued greatly.

With parent-teacher interviews over, I encourage parents to take the opportunity to read through the assessment report and discuss their child's learning goals. It is imperative that you have a discussion about their progress to date and outline strategies that they can use to improve their performance. Term two is a time to consolidate and extend the concepts taught in term one. Please also remind your son/daughter that they can attend Homework Help every Tuesday and Thursday afterschool between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. However, if you feel that your child is still having difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the relevant year level coordinator.

## GLEN EIRA COLLEGE HIGH ACHIEVERS CLUB (GECHAC)



The Glen Eira College High Achievers' Club (GECHAC) aims to improve students' chances at achieving a high ATAR score. Programs are organised for students to enhance their chances and improve their practices.

These programs include:

- Study nights
- Information sessions on how to achieve better results

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- Guest speakers including VCE assessors
- Programs such as a leadership forum and exam techniques forum

The college goal is to improve results and have twice the amount of students who obtain ATAR scores above 40 than in the previous 3 years. The GECHAC program is now open to ALL Year 12 students at Glen Eira College and will run every Monday in the senior school study centre to help all students gain the highest ATAR score possible.

#### **GECHAC**

The aims of the program are:

- To provide students who wish to achieve their best with a program of structured study and information sessions that allow them to set goals, identify strategies and track progress towards a maximum ATAR score.
- To provide students who wish to achieve their best support from likeminded students.
- To provide students who wish to achieve their best a forum for sharing of study tips, ideas and goals.
- To provide students who wish to achieve their best access to a range of workshops and seminars.
- To build the learning capacity of students and raise study scores at Year 12.

#### WHY JOIN GECHAC?

- All Year 12 students are welcome to join.
- Learn proven techniques to improve studying habits.
- You make a commitment to attend extra study sessions, guest speakers and pizza nights.
- Great for your resume, especially when looking at special entry schemes for university.
- Have a mid-year evaluation of your goals with a nominated teacher.
- · Work collaboratively with fellow classmates.
- Attend study skill sessions.
- · Learn stress management procedures.

Application forms for this program were handed out early in the term. We encourage all Year 12 students to participate. For further information contact either: Ms Tasiopoulos (Senior School Leader) or Mrs Brancatella (Year 12 Coordinator)

> Elizabeth Tasiopoulos Senior School Leader

#### **YEAR 12 NEWS**

I hope that all year 12 students had a happy and safe holiday and that they have returned to school ready to tackle this term. Term 2 is always a busy time for the students as they prepare themselves for end of unit 3 GEC exams and the VCAA General Achievement Test (GAT). It is expected that each and every student undertakes all of the exams and the GAT. The exams are imperative to their understanding of On Friday 9th May students attended the VCE Careers

where they stand in relation to their studies to date. Just as important is that each student experiences completing work under the 'stress' of exam conditions and they practise the behaviour that is expected of them during this time.

Obviously students should be working towards completing exams to the best of their ability even at this stage of the year, by accessing the VCAA website and downloading and completing past exam papers. This should be part of their home study as well as completing all of the set homework.



Expo at Caulfield Racecourse. It was a great opportunity for them to collect information on the tertiary institutions and courses that they would like to attend next year. They have also attended other excursions for their various subjects. It is pleasing to report that the students always display exemplary behaviour during these excursions.

Each student has been given a form for Year 12 camp; please return these by Friday 30th May. This year we are going to Phillip Island for the last three days of term. It is a school event and therefore it is expected that each student attends. Students not attending camp will be required to attend school.

If you have any queries relating to the camp or any other issues please contact me on 95717838.



Laura Brancatella Year 12 Coordinator

#### **YEAR 11 NEWS**

Welcome back to term two... I hope you had a safe and enjoyable break!





The beginning of the new term has marked the beginning of the cooler weather. Non school uniform jumpers are not acceptable so please

remember to ensure that you are wearing the correct winter uniform each day.

During Parent/Teacher interviews, I had the pleasure of meeting many parents and discussing a wide range of issues and topics. The main issue raised was related to 'home study'. Many students were unsure of how much home study they should be doing, how to organise their time and what 'effective study' actually means. In addition to this, it is important that students understand the difference between

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homework and home study. Homework is set by your class teacher to be completed by a set date. Home study is additional work, revision or research that you undertake to develop and strengthen areas of knowledge that you have identified yourself. At year 11, you should be aiming to complete 15-20 hours of study per week (2-3 hours per day). Creating a home study timetable will allow you to prioritise what subjects to study more often. You should set more time to study subjects that you know require more work than others. There is a study timetable template in your school planner to help you get started however, you may find that a digital timetable is more appropriate and flexible to use. Here are some useful study tips...

## • The most effective study is completed within 45 minute sessions.

Remember to take small breaks (10-15 minutes) to maintain effective studying.

#### Study should be done when you are most mentally alert.

Some people focus better in the morning while others focus better at night.

#### Set more study time to difficult subjects.

This will allow you greater time to strengthen weaker areas in your knowledge. You don't need to spend as much time on areas you are already good at!

#### • Be realistic and keep a balance.

Many students have casual jobs or community and sporting commitments. Remember to keep yourself balanced and include time to socialize, exercise/work etc. so that you don't overload yourself.

#### • Minimize the distractions.

Find a quiet place to study free from unnecessary distractions i.e. TV, mobile phones, Facebook, IM etc. Quiet, gentle music is a useful way to reduce distracting background sounds.

#### Make it visible.

Make sure your study timetable is somewhere that you (and your parents) can see it. This will help you get into a routine that you have set for yourself and allow you to achieve your overall goals.

#### • Sleep.

Sleep is a vital requirement for a healthy mind and a healthy body. Make sure you aim for eight hours of sleep each night!

I will be organising an intensive 'study techniques' workshop early this term. This workshop is aimed at teaching students a variety of ways to study efficiently and effectively with their study timetable. Stay tuned!

Ben Wickham Year 11 Coordinator

#### **YEAR 10 NEWS**

Term 2 has started well for Year 10 who began the first phase of the Careers Fast Track Program, organised by Ms Anbar. This program will continue over the next few weeks and will help students when making important decisions about career pathways and course selection for VCE.

In week two of this term a small group of Year 10 students attended the Salvation Army Youth Homelessness Tour of the City, where they learned about the problems faced by young people who do not have a permanent and stable home.



Year 10 Salvation Army Youth Homeless Tour

At the end of term 1 students participated in a road safety seminar: the 'Keys Please Pre-Driver Education'. Young people who are 16 years of age in Victoria are eligible to obtain their 'Learner' permits, allowing them to drive while supervised on Victorian roads, and this program provided lessons about road safety and responsible driving. Parents are advised to view the following resource: 'Lessons From the Road' which provides information for supervising drivers.





Please see link below: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/supervisors

Upcoming events for Year 10 include the one week Work Experience placement, mid-year examinations and a visit to a tertiary institution.

Miss Schmidtke Year 10 Coordinator

#### GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER GEC GOES TO HOLLYWOOD!

The Trivia Night is back! After last year's success with \$10,000 raised, we bring you the 2014 version of that essential fundraiser event. Our goal this year is to purchase film editing equipment, a very useful and funky technological tool for our students.

The night's glamorous theme promises fun, games and costumes galore!

To make it a success, we need you - parents, students, teachers, family and friends.

You can help by sourcing sponsorship by collecting vouchers, services, goods, hampers, art... and/or donating for the silent and live auctions. You can spread the word, join our Committee, share your ideas and network and, last but not least, make sure to be at the heart of the action on the 13th September.

Let's bring Hollywood to GEC! And let's not forget that every gesture will impact on the night's general and financial outcome!

Don't hesitate to contact us at gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au if you wish to contribute in any way.

Marie-Pierre Deleplanque GECPA Trivia Night Chairman

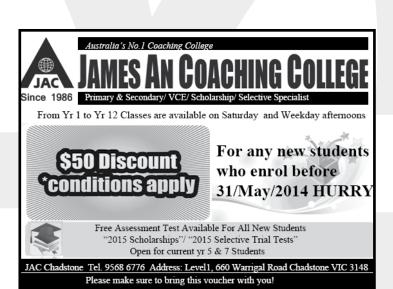
#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

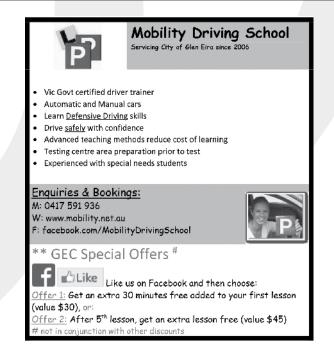
Areminder that you can order the books or Digital Memberships — with fundraising to support the school. You can use the form sent with the previous newsletter or order online at www. entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1879k65.

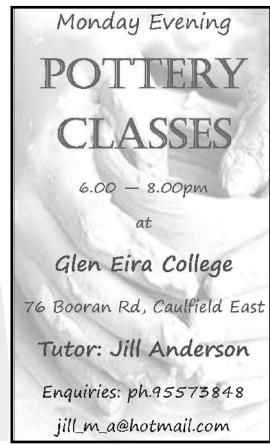
#### **BENDIGO BANK**

Glen Eira College (through the Parents Association) is lucky to have a sponsorship agreement with Bendigo Bank Ormond Branch (485 North Rd at Ormond Station, ph 9576 8211 – brochure available at the office). Bendigo Bank offers generous donations to community organisations including Glen Eira College. Each person who mentions GEC when opening a new account or taking out a loan will attract a donation to our school. Further annual sponsorship is also possible. Bendigo Bank Ormond Branch bank has funded a new honour board in the gym.

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## YEAR 10 | OBJECT EXCURSION







#### **KEY DATES: TERM 2 2014**

SATURDAY 17TH MAY - ACE TEST

**MONDAY 26TH MAY - SMR CROSS COUNTRY** 

FRIDAY 30TH MAY - INTERMEDIATE WINTER ROUND ROBIN

MONDAY 2ND JUNE - THURSDAY 5TH JUNE - YEAR 9B, 10 & 11

**EXAMS** 

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE - REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENT FREE)

MONDAY 9TH JUNE - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE - GAT (FOR VCE STUDENTS)

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE - MUSIC SOIREE 7:00PM - 9:30PM

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE - YEAR 8 WINTER ROUND ROBIN

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE - YEAR 7 WINTER ROUND ROBIN

MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH JUNE - YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE – LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – STUDENTS

**DISMISSED AT 2:30PM** 

MONDAY 14TH JULY – FIRST DAY TERM 3

