

# College News



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I reflect on our achievements in 2014 I could not be more proud of our students, staff, parents and community – we are a fantastic team at Glen Eira College. This year we completed our 4 year review and have set our strategic direction for the next four years. You will be able read the Executive Summary on our website and the new Strategic Plan early in term 1. Our reviewer commented: 'This review period is one characterised by implementation of targeted strategies that have delivered improved outcomes on a range of performance indicators, for example, those for senior secondary qualifications. The review panel is confident, based on current and planned strategies and the commitment to improvement displayed by all, that the college can look forward to achieving even higher performance on DEECD student outcome indicators.'

Highlighted were the following:

- The 2014 enrolment of 540 has increased by 25% since 2010.
- A theme that emerged was one of 'high challenge' for students and teachers. This vision is illustrated through the college approaches to curriculum, teaching and learning, for example, the use of high challenge teaching strategies targeted to each student's needs. Further aspects are illustrated through the rich range of curriculum experiences designed to interest and extend all students, and the introduction of new information and communication technologies to support 21st century learning. The high challenge approach is supported by clear expectations about what each member of the school community – leaders, teachers, students and parents – is responsible for in improving learning. These expectations are conveyed via the 'Glen Eira 5', a set of protocols that establish clear understanding of each party's obligations to improvement and to each other in that endeavour.
- The VCE All Study mean score has moved upward to 29.41 in 2013, above the state mean of 28.71. The 2013 mean and the four-year (2010-2013) average were above the state median. College mean and median ATAR scores have also trended upward since 2009.
- NAPLAN Year 7 and 9 Reading and Numeracy mean scores have been above those for the state and consistently in the top 20% of state secondary schools.
- The various indicators of student cognitive, emotional and behavioural engagement with schooling improved from 2012 to 2014. For example, the 2014 student Attitudes to

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*November*



*Arts & Technology Deans Art Winners*



*Music Festival*

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.

School Survey scores for Teaching and Learning measures were all at or above the state medians, with Stimulating Learning at the state 75th percentile.

### Showcasing Student Talent

The Art Show was absolutely fabulous and it was wonderful to have so many parents and friends come to see the array of student work. I was delighted to see such variety on display. I am very grateful for the huge amount of work put in by Bernadette McIvor and Ben Wickham, supported by John Tserkezidis, Helen Amir, Matthew Weekes and Ounsane Siriamphone, in making the Art Show such a success.

The Music Festival was again a great success showcasing the performance talents of our students. I am delighted with the hard work of all of our Instrumental Music teachers, led by Robyn Keane, and their commitment to developing the talents of each of their students.

### Year 12 Valedictory

It was wonderful to celebrate the completion of secondary schooling with our Year 12 graduates and families. Students entered the auditorium to a standing ovation. They were awarded with certificates and commemorative 'bears'. Quy Fatouros wrote and played on piano a beautiful piece called 'Valedictory'. Mary Maniatis again excelled with commemorative cupcakes and a wonderful main cake of a stack of books - you had to look twice to see if they were real. I look forward to the results of our wonderful Year 12s.

### Languages News

It was exciting to see so many students recognised for their success in French, Hebrew and Chinese at our annual Languages Awards assembly. The results for students participating in the DELF (Diplome Elementaire en Langue Francaise) exams get better every year. The results also show that whichever option our students have chosen, a high level can be reached.

I am very grateful for all of the hard work and commitment to language education provided by all of our language teachers.

### Term 4 Activities

There was no shortage of activities for students to be involved in during the term as you will read about in the newsletter. We were delighted to celebrate our inaugural Diwali (**Festival of Lights**) led by Lilly Francis and Bernadette Ronald. There were quizzes, displays, workshops, dancing and great food. The students standing with lit sparklers on the oval was a visual highlight. It was also wonderful to have parents involved.

The Year 9 camp was a huge success with 76 students attending. They engaged in a range of activities to challenge themselves and further develop their team building skills.

### ICT News

- You will read further about the implementation of the Xuno Suite – our electronic learning and communication platform continues to progress. As of 2015, newsletters will only be emailed home. If you would like a hard copy please let the office know as this can be easily arranged. Please ensure you keep your email address updated at the General Office.
- As of 2015 Year 9 students will each purchase a Chromebook for use in class and at home. Year 12 students have the

option of purchasing a Chromebook or continuing to use the laptops and desktops at school.

- We are delighted that DEECD has upgraded our broadband from 20mb to 50mb which will significantly improve access to the internet.

### Staffing

We say farewell to:

- Celine Barrau who is returning to Reunion Island as her teacher exchange concludes. Celine has been a wonderful asset to the French area teaching the French 1st language course and trialling Science Units for the immersion class as well as many other contributions.
- Sofia Bouchareb, French Assistant, returns to France. Sofia has provided enormous support to students at all year levels and has been particularly active in the development of student oral skill development.
- James Campton, integration aid, is leaving to do his teaching degree in Canberra. There is no doubt he will be a brilliant teacher.
- Victoria Papaioannou has been successful in achieving an ongoing position at Camberwell High School. Victoria has been an excellent contributor to the English / Humanities KLAs and she will be missed
- Simone Giulieri has completed her teaching degree - a fantastic achievement and has secured a position at Narre Warren South. Simone has been a wonderful lab technician. Even more so, she has initiated and contributed to a range of extra - curricular activities at the school to ensure our students have a well-rounded education. We wish her all the best.
- Alex Deal has taken a position at Albert Park College. Alex has made an excellent contribution to the French department and will be missed.
- Helen Amir, Technology and Lucy Shapiro, Hebrew, finish their contracts this week. They have both been valued members of our team.

Elizabeth Tasiopoulos is taking a year of well-deserved leave and we wish her all the best. Maria Anbar will take the first 5 weeks of term 1. We are delighted that Despina Filippidis will replace Maria during this time.

I am delighted to have a wonderful Leadership Team in place as we begin our new Strategic Plan. Congratulations to:

- Nick Hamer-Smith – Assistant Principal
- Keira McLean—Leading Teacher, Junior School
- Jenny Sanchez—Leading Teacher, Student Wellbeing
- Tori Mulligan—Leading Teacher, Teaching and Learning
- Emily Brown— Leading Teacher, Senior School
- Mathieu Givogue— Leading Teacher, eLearning and Pedagogy

As our numbers continue to grow we are in the wonderful position of recruiting excellent teachers to the college. We welcome:

- Georgina Peters – French / English
- Matthew Robson – Maths / Science
- Emma Power – Health / Science
- Gerard Cameron - Maths
- Fiona Finnegan - Food Tech / Science
- Dominique de Mareuil – French / English
- Sharmila Periakarpan - Flute



We will also have Marine Courbois as an intern from Telecom Lille for January to May 2015 working in the area of communications.

Finally, I wish all students and families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all ready for the 2015 academic year which begins on Thursday 29th January.

*Sheereen Kindler  
Principal*

## FIRST DAY BACK 2015 – THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas holiday!

We look forward to seeing all students back on Thursday 29th January. Our high expectations of students in all facets of college life means that we expect to see everyone back in full school uniform with the correct equipment (including text books), ready to learn.



**GLEN EIRA COLLEGE**

*Glen Eira College is committed to providing a positive and co-operative learning environment. To ensure all can achieve their best, students are expected to comply with College policies and procedures.*

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

### • Do your best:

- ▶ Make learning your focus
- ▶ Be punctual and prepared
- ▶ Listen respectfully
- ▶ Follow teachers' instructions

### • Allow others to do their best:

- ▶ Work co-operatively with students and teachers
- ▶ Behave responsibly and safely
- ▶ Always act respectfully:
- ▶ Respect the rights of others
- ▶ Respect personal property
- ▶ Respect the school environment

Please remember to have names on books and uniform to avoid loss and also remember to bring a lock on the first day for lockers. You can purchase these for \$15 at the General Office.

## XUNO SUITE IMPLEMENTATION

We will soon be sending usernames and passwords for parents to access the school portal. This will allow you to keep up to date with the latest college news as well as the academic progress of your child.

*Nick Hamer-Smith  
Assistant Principal*

## KEEP AN EYE ON THE ROAD GLEN EIRA

It is with a great sense of accomplishment in the long and winding journey we have traversed throughout the year that we are now walking off into the sunset of 2014. But before we reach the crossroad where we choose our new and adventurous path for 2015, we must remember to look right

and left, and then right again. We need to be cautious of all the hazards that we may face on our journey towards success. 'Why all the walking metaphors?' you may ask.

I'll tell you why. While we are all figuratively walking our own path, striding towards our own goals and milestones, we are also literally walking to and from school each day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our crossing supervisors, Niki and Angela, who ensure that our journeys to and from school are safe. Niki has supervised the crossing on Booran Road for all of 2014. Angela, our newest crossing supervisor who started her position this term, ensures our students are safely crossing Neerim Road. Please take the time to thank both Niki and Angela for their vigilance and wish them both a safe and happy holiday.

In terms of safe and happy holidays, I want each and every one of you to remain safe over the holidays. It is always a timely reminder for everyone to use our road and railway crossings safely. Please ensure to cross at the lights and use pedestrian and railway crossings at all times. It is always a risk when crossing the road, especially at this busy time of year when drivers and pedestrians have a lot of their minds and aren't always concentrating on the task at hand. Make sure to minimise your risk of harm by being safe at all times.

Speaking of safety, Neerim Road has become just a little bit safer. Thanks to the strong campaigning by our College Council and parents, led by Council President Rhonda Brooks, we are happy to advise that Glen Eira City Council and VicRoads have approved a part time 40km/h school speed zone along the Neerim Road frontage of the College. The new and existing part time 40km/h zone will also extend beyond the Neerim and Booran Road intersection, which will hopefully further improve the safety of all of our students and pedestrians crossing at the intersection during these periods. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday period and look forward to seeing you all safe and well in 2015.

Now the only inevitable question left is: 'Why did the chicken cross the road?'

*Tori Mulligan  
Assistant Principal*

## MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

Our vocal students have delighted lunchtime crowds with weekly performances underneath the big eucalypts at the front of the school. This will be a regular event, creating more performance opportunities for our students. Students include Eloise Wenborn, Tiffany Vainer, Erin Herr, Eden Abrahamov, Suzannah Stone, Georgia Goodson, Emili Sahnovski, Hannah Schauder, Anais Keenan, Anna Rowsell, Sasha Missell and Maayan Ashkar. Mitch Midler, our in house sound engineer, has enthusiastically volunteered his time to help with the smooth running of each show.

On Sunday the 30th November our vocal program students participated in the Caulfield Junior College 100 Year Festival. Our singers were billed alongside world-class performers including Slava Grigoryan. This was a fantastic opportunity and we were excited to be part of CJC's celebrations.

*Lachlan Mack  
Instrumental Music Teacher*

## STUDENT ABSENCES

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





## ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

The Arts & Technology Exhibition was held on 12th-14th November in the PAC. Over the 3 days students at all year levels were given the opportunity to view the vast array of artwork on display and place their vote for the "People's Choice Award".

The official opening occurred on Thursday 13th November and was attended by many parents, students, staff and friends. Mr Michael Culling, a jeweller and metal sculptor, was key note speaker on the night. He spoke very highly of the talents of our students in Visual Arts, Visual Communication Design, Media and Materials Technology. Michael spoke about the value of the Arts and Technology studies in the curriculum. He demonstrated how students who engage in an active, demanding, high-quality arts education are more likely to excel in their academic and non-academic lives.

This year the college acquired sponsorship for our Visual Arts students from Deans Art Supplies. Their representative Daniela Scaramuzzino was in attendance and presented The Deans Art sponsorship awards for 2014. These students demonstrated excellence in their field and are intending to pursue a career in The Arts.

The following students were awarded a certificate and prize:

Year 10 Visual Arts – Alexandra Maybloom

Year 12 Studio Art – Jacinta Markoutsas

Year 10 Visual Communication Design – James Brooks

Year 11 Visual Communication Design – Astrid Dunkley

Year 12 Visual Communication Design – Jenny Yu

For more information on our sponsor Deans Art please go to <http://www.deansart.com.au/>

*Bernadette Mclvor*

*Arts & Technology Coordinator*

## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

What a terrific end to 2014. There have been so many highlights in the Junior School throughout the year. We are very proud of our Junior School students and farewell the Year 9 students who are moving to the Senior School.

But before we do that, let's look at some of our recent highlights:

- The Year 9 students had a great camp to Phillip Island where the weather was glorious and the students (and staff) had a blast.
- The Year 9 Making Connections program had two weeks of First Aid courses where they learnt CPR and DRSABCD (hopefully they won't need it).
- The Year 7 and 8 girls' table tennis teams represented the college at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals and both came Runners Up (we have a beautiful red pennant to show off now).
- The Year 7 cricket boys represented the college at the SMR finals and narrowly missed out on going to the next level.
- Last but not least, MOVEMBER! We had Mo Bro's and Sista's who got involved and supported a great cause – Thanks Coen for all your hard work!

Thank you to all parents for your support over the year. We look forward to working with you again in 2015.

*The Junior School Team*



**Year 7 & 8 Table Tennis Teams**

*November*



## YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

What an absolutely fantastic year we have had! I am very proud of the Year 7s and the dedication they have shown towards their academic studies and extra-curricular involvement throughout the year. Sadly Home Economics has wrapped up for the year so I hope the Year 7s continue practising their cooking skills at home (otherwise you have to wait until Semester 2 next year!).

Let's recap some highlights and begin with the Year 7 Dance Presentations. What better way to finish the year than with all Year 7 students performing their PE dance routines to staff and students in the PAC. Each routine was very different: a minion dance, ghost buster routine, a mash up of Tip Toe Through the Tulips, and some fantastic large group routines that were perfectly in sync. All in all the performances were absolutely amazing and I congratulate all those who dressed up and performed (there are too many names to mention here).

The Year 7 girls' table tennis team proved to be quite a dynamite group. We headed to Dandenong to compete in the SMR Finals (the next step is State Finals). Ashleigh, Sierra, Alanna, Pauline, Manon and Coach Bailey all looked the part and had been training for this day. The girls won their first two games which put them into the finals. They played exceptionally well and were runners up taking home a 2nd place pennant. Well done team!

Thank you for an action packed, fun filled year with lots of great memories. I hope your transition into Year 8 is smooth and that you continue to strive for excellence in everything you do.

Remember to always Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved!

*Keira McLean*  
*Year 7 Coordinator*



## YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Here we are at the end of another year. It feels like yesterday I was greeting the year 8s as their new coordinator. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all year 8 students. You have been wonderful. I cannot think of a better example of students who represent Glen Eira College as well as you. Every one of you has embodied the Junior School motto of 'Get Organised, Get Involved, Get Focussed'. I feel privileged to have been your coordinator this year, and I look forward to seeing you grow and mature as you make your way through the remaining years of your schooling.

As the year comes to an end, it is now time to celebrate all the hard work that you have all done. We celebrated Presentation Evening for those of you who have excelled in your endeavours or achievements. Congratulations to all award recipients. It really is a great accomplishment to receive an award, as it is so hard to pick just a few.

It is also great to see so many year 8s getting involved in activities week! It's always a fun day at the pool to let off the steam and have some fun.

Thanks again year 8. Have a great summer break and we will see you all as year 9s in 2015!

*Emily Brown*  
Year 8 Coordinator

## YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

A terrific time was had by all during the recent Year 9 camp to Phillip Island. The behaviour and attitude of students was terrific and it was great to see so many students moving out of their comfort zones and working with other students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Year 9 students and their families for their co-operation and support during 2014. As the Year 10 Coordinator for 2015 I am looking forward to continuing the journey we've started together and to ensure that their transition into the Senior School is as smooth as possible.

Thanking you and wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*Lou Tsarpalas*  
Year 9 Coordinator

## SRC REPORT



Well the year is coming to a close for the SRC representatives for 2014. The major activity that the SRC has been involved in for term 4 has been organising the Junior and Senior School House Dodgeball competition. It has been very pleasing to see the number of students and staff members who have been willing to participate in Dodgeball during Friday lunchtimes in the gym. After much 'dodging and throwing' the GEC houses that made the finals were:

### Junior school:

Green House versus Gold House, the winner being Gold House.

### Senior school:

Green House versus Gold House

The SRC and myself would like to wish 'Good Luck' to the Senior Green and Gold house teams for their finals.

*Elizabeth Allan*  
SRC Coordinator

### House Dodgeball Competition



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2014



The 2014 academic year has drawn to a close. Like most people I find myself asking 'where has 2014 gone?' For our Year 12 students in particular, the last month has vanished quickly and for them it was a case of waiting anxiously to reap the rewards of their efforts when their results were announced this week. Our Year 12 students need to be congratulated on having a

very positive year and being significantly involved in College activities. The way they finished up last month was a great reflection of them as a cohort.



## STUDENT ABSENCES

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It was with great pride that we celebrated the completion of secondary schooling with the graduating class of 2014 at the College Valedictory Presentation held at our Performing Arts Centre. The event was a huge success, with the IT talents of Gaby Apter who put together a fantastic visual presentation that celebrated the journey of our 2014 cohort through their secondary education and in particular their final year. Thank you to the wonderful staff that contributed to the success of this important event.

The senior school team works to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students and are to be thanked and commended for their ongoing efforts. I see these efforts every day from the Year Level Coordinators, Laura Brancatella (Yr 12), Ben Wickham (Yr 11) and Emma Schmidtke (Yr 10). Maria Anbar (Careers Coordinator), Jenny Sanchez (Wellbeing Coordinator) and our educational support staff member Matthew Polwarth, have worked extremely hard to provide assistance to students, parents and teachers this year. Finally, we would like to thank all the hard working and dedicated Senior School teachers, who have committed themselves to helping the students achieve every success in 2014. Without their enthusiasm and dedication to students, we would not have had such a great and rewarding year.



We would like to wish all senior school students and their families a safe and prosperous holiday season.

### HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR MY 2015 STUDIES?

During our end of year transition program all teachers set both written and reading homework to be completed over the term 4 holiday break. For Year 10 students this means that they should spend one day of study over the term break for each 2015 Year 11 subject they are undertaking. For Year 11 students, this should be the equivalent of two school days per year 12 subject. This will allow students to prepare properly for their VCE year and still allow them plenty of time to have a break from study, relax and have fun. Undertaking vacation homework can help to organise and prioritise early on and prepare you to start your VCE studies well. For Year 12 students aiming to go to University, not undertaking any vacation homework can have serious drawbacks. Holiday work will be collected and assessed by teachers upon return. Those students who do not complete the set work will be followed up and will be required to complete it during afterschool sessions.

**REMEMBER, PROPER PREPARATION PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE**

### GLEN EIRA COLLEGE - SENIOR SCHOOL EXECUTIVE STUDENT LEADERS

The appointment of our senior school student leaders has been finalised. I was impressed and pleased to see that a large number of highly respected students submitted nominations to fill these coveted leadership positions. Competition was fierce and the quality high.

The nominated students, with a strong sense of self confidence, spoke in front of their peers at a senior school assembly. The presentations were well thought through and reflected the high calibre of candidates. Following the presentations, students and staff voted for their preferred candidate. I would like to congratulate all applicants for the professionalism, enthusiasm and confidence they showed during this process and their desire to increase their involvement in College life.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Senior School Student Leaders for 2015. Congratulations on your appointment to these positions. We all look forward to working with you next year and know you will represent the College to the best of your ability.

POSITION	STUDENTS	
College Captains	Vincent McKeown-West	Jayde Glass
College Vice Captains	Digby Mooney	Maily's Perfrement



Vincent McKeown-West



Jayde Glass



Digby Mooney



Maily's Perfrement

### KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The University of Melbourne's Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving students. The program is named in honour of the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne: Professor Kwong Lee Dow. The Program offers high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to engage with the University through an extensive program of events and activities. The University of Melbourne received over 1700 applications from all over Victoria, so this is a fantastic achievement.

James Brooks, one of our current Year 10 students, has successfully gained a place in Melbourne University's Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program for 2015. The process involved students writing an extensive application and a teacher of their choice writing a comprehensive endorsement of their application. During the remainder of his secondary education, James will participate in a tailored program of events and activities to support and enhance his learning. Congratulations to James.



James Brooks



## ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards aim to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship", that are integral to Australian society. The awards are an important initiative by the Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Defence Force designed to encourage senior students – tomorrow's leaders – to actively participate in the life of their schools and local communities.

Two Glen Eira College students were nominated and received the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards for 2014. They are:



**Jessica Venier**  
Year 10



**Michael Horovitz**  
Year 12

Congratulations to all the worthy recipients.

*Elizabeth Tasiopoulos*  
Senior School Leader

## KEY DATES: TERM 1 2015

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY – BOOK COLLECTION AND SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE 9AM – 3PM  
THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY – STUDENTS RESUME  
WEDNESDAY 11TH – FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – YEAR 7 CAMP  
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY – SENIOR INTERSCHOOL SPORTS  
FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY – STAFF PD DAY (STUDENT FREE)  
TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY – GEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY – SCHOOL PHOTOS  
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY – INTERMEDIATE INTERSCHOOL SPORTS  
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH – YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS  
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH – BEACHSIDE SWIMMING & DIVING  
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH – YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS  
MONDAY 16TH – WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH – YEAR 8 CAMP  
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH – YEAR 7 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS  
TUESDAY 24TH MARCH – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS  
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – GEC CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL  
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – LAST DAY TERM 1 – 1:30PM DISMISSAL  
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH – SATURDAY 4TH APRIL – NEW CALEDONIA TRIP  
MONDAY 13TH APRIL – FIRST DAY TERM 2

## YEAR 12 NEWS

Congratulations to the class of 2014 on finally graduating. It was an absolute pleasure and honour to lead this group of young people. I wish them the very best for their future endeavours.

I sincerely thank all students for their cooperation and enthusiasm this year. I especially thank the students on the Year 12 Executive Team who gave so much of their time to support and organize functions for their peers, including the formal and the yearbook. Thank you also to our committed Year 12 leaders for their invaluable contributions to the college and to their peers: Clement Lancelot, Kimberly White, Callum Murphy and Shruti Malaviya.

I would also like to thank all of the staff at GEC for their support during 2014, in particular the senior school staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

*Laura Brancatella*  
Year 12 Coordinator



**Year 12 Valedictory**

## YEAR 11 NEWS

The end of the year is here and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the Year 11 students who are now progressing onto Year 12 in 2015. These students have risen to the challenges and the rigours of VCE to achieve their Unit 1 & 2 credits.

All students have participated in the Transition Program to ensure a smooth changeover into Units 3 & 4 next year. Students were given a clear understanding of the course outline for each of their subjects and experienced some of the work for next year. Each subject has presented students with homework that must be completed during the school holidays.

I now hand the Year 11 cohort over to the Year 12 Coordinator, Laura Brancatella, who has many years of experience coordinating Year 12 students. As I pass on these fine young students, I would like to thank them for being such a wonderful cohort to work with this year and wish them much success in their final VCE year.

*Ben Wickham*  
Year 11 Coordinator

**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.**





## YEAR 10 NEWS

Once again the year seems to have flown by. Term 4 has been filled with examinations, assessment tasks and important subject selections for next year. Year 10 students finished the year with a very successful and valuable week of Year 11 transition where they were given unit overviews, study designs, holiday homework and a head start on work and outcomes for next year.

I would like to wish those Year 10 students leaving Glen Eira College good luck for the future at their new schools. And for everyone else, I will see you all next year. Enjoy your Christmas holidays and have a relaxing break before you return to start the challenges of VCE.

*Emma Schmidtke  
Year 10 Coordinator*

## LANGUAGES CORNER

### Languages Assembly

We were very excited to have our inaugural Languages Assembly on the 11th December. There were performances from our students studying Chinese, Hebrew and French. There was even a Bollywood dance to celebrate the Festival of lights! Photos will follow in the first edition of the newsletter in 2015!

### DELFL (Internationally Recognised French Exams) Results 100% success

We are very proud of all of our students' achievements. To give you a brief idea of why we are so excited, here is a little overview of what the DELF levels are and what they mean.

In the DELF exams (Diplôme Élémentaire en Langue Française), students are assessed on 4 components, listening, reading, writing and speaking. There are 4 levels of French proficiency from A1 to B2.

B1 is the equivalent of French VCE (Units 3 & 4). B2 is the highest level of achievement for junior (high school) students and is harder and more complex in all 4 components. Once a student achieves B2 and receives his/her certificate, which is internationally recognised and valid for life, he/she can have the opportunity to study and work in French speaking countries.

We've had some outstanding results from our students, especially those in Year 8 and Year 9 achieving a B1 or B2 level. It is very important to note that some students do not speak French at home even if they are in the French 1st language program. This year we had 28 students from the French 1st language program, Advanced French and LOTE French take part in the exams. The results show that whichever option our students have chosen, a high level can be reached.

Our next aim is to get our French Immersion and LOTE students from Year 9 onwards taking part in the exam!

**More information will follow early next year regarding our after school French Enrichment and DELF preparation workshops which will be available to our students in collaboration with the Alliance Française de Melbourne.**

## French Immersion Show and Tell

On Monday 1st December, Year 7C French Immersion students hosted a very successful Show and Tell. Parents and students participated in engaging activities, all in French! It was also a great opportunity for our students to show to their parents what they have learnt during this year in French and Humanities.



*Year 7 French Immersion Show and Tell*

## YEAR 10 FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

### MESSAGE DE TALIA LUTCHNER

From Friday 24th October until the Sunday afternoon of that week, I went to The Portsea Camp with Alliance Française. I went with forty other Year 10 students also studying French. This experience really helped me improve my French-speaking skills and taught me more vocabulary through the classes and activities that were run. I would certainly recommend it for students wanting to meet other people also studying French and to be immersed in the language.

*Talia Lutchner, Year 10*





### PARIS DE PROVENCE FESTIVAL

Our students were invited to perform at the annual Paris de Provence Festival at Como House on Friday 21st November as part of "Le Projet des Ecoles".

Mathilde Papon, Anais Keenan and Jeanne d'Udekem D'Acoz proudly sang 'Aux Champs Elysées' and 'Je l'aime à mourir'.

**The languages Department wishes you very good Holidays.**

Bonnes Vacances

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節日快樂

*Loveena Narayanan  
Languages Coordinator*

### TERM 4 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

It has been a massively successful year for GEC with interschool sports. Across all the year levels GEC has won 17 Beachside Division Competitions, including runners up at the Southern Metropolitan Regional level for Year 8 table tennis. The achievements don't stop there either. Maximus Koveos in year 8 was our first ever student to compete at the state level (I have never seen Miss McLean so happy). Not only did Maximus qualify for the Victorian State Athletics Championship, he finished second in the under 14 Boys Long Jump. Well done Max! Ben Becker, Jacob Vadas and Adrein Dubois also qualified for the SMR Athletics final, a great effort.

Next year Mr Daniel Mulligan will be our Sports Coordinator and I can tell you that he is eager to have another positive year for interschool sports. I have really enjoyed my time being the Sports Coordinator over the past 2 years. It has given me many different experiences. Thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way during my time in the role.

Bring on 2015 for even more winning results.

*Adam Golding  
Sports Coordinator*

### YEAR 10 FOOD AND YOU

During this semester the Year 10 Food and You students have been learning about the importance of nutrition for overall body health. One of the key areas that was addressed in the course was dietary disorders, specifically coeliac disease. As part of the unit requirements students had to select and prepare a gluten free recipe. Below is a recipe that Marija Korunovska selected and produced with great success. All her classmates enjoyed tasting this slice. Bon Appetit!

*Elizabeth Allan  
Year 10 Food and You teacher*

### GLUTEN FREE CHOC-HAZELNUT MERINGUE SLICE

#### Ingredients:

125g butter, melted  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2/3 cup gluten free self-raising flour  
¾ cup hazelnut meal (ground hazelnuts)  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder, sifted  
¾ cup Nutella  
2 egg whites  
½ cup caster sugar

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease an 18cm x 28cm (base) slice pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, allowing 3cm overhang on all sides.

Combine butter, sugar, egg, vanilla, flour, hazelnut meal and cocoa powder in a bowl. Spread over base of prepared pan. Bake for 25 minutes or until top is just firm to touch (base will sink slightly). Spread with Nutella. Set aside to cool.

Increase oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Using an electric mixer, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until dissolved. Spoon meringue onto Nutella. Using a spatula, swirl mixture to create small peaks. Bake for 5 minutes or until golden. Cool. Cut into squares. Serve.

### EMPOWERING WOMEN - ACTUALLY, WHY DOES IT MATTER?

"Empowering women - why it matters!" This was the topic at the Bentleigh Moorabbin Central Rotary Club's function held at Hemisphere Conference Centre, Holmesglen Moorabbin Campus.

Today, it is widely acknowledged that gender inequality is still a large problem throughout society. However, society is not yet at the point where appropriate changes have been made in an effort to try and fix this imbalance. At the Rotary event, there were four confident female speakers first there was Bareetu Aba-Bulgu, who was inspiring through her enthusiasm for life and her passion to her commitments. Bareetu is a crew leader for the Reach Foundation, a volunteer at the Salvation Army, coach at her local hockey club, student of economics and receiver of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh and Empowering Monash Women's awards. From the moment Bareetu opened her mouth with a smile stretching from ear to ear, I was absolutely absorbed in everything that she said. From the plethora of commitments that Bareetu has, it is clear that she is an individual whose gender had not held her back, and nor should it. Often, gender inequality is the elephant in the room, a subject often brushed under the carpet, and alienating women who aren't aware or have forgotten the extent of their value as individuals and to society. Bareetu reminded me of every woman's, actually, every person's worth as she was someone taking the world by storm and not slowing down for anybody. Thus, she reinforced the power and possibilities of every female.



The second speaker was Dr Toni Meath, the principal of MacRobertson Girls' High School, who is in no way limited to just this role. One only needs to look online to see that she is respected across the world due to her participation on various foundations, committees and alliances. She has also presented at conferences in Melbourne, Sydney and Taiwan, while also publishing work in over eight instances. Listening to the quietly spoken Dr Meath speak was interesting as she is a woman who's intelligent, understated manner does not reflect her achievements. She is the sort of woman who you would never guess has achieved a vast array of achievements. Like Bareetu, Dr Meath has not let her gender or the current construct of society prevent her from achieving awe-inspiring things. Dr Meath spoke at length of the philosophy and attitudes of MacRobertson Girls' School, which could have been uninteresting but proved to be valuable. There are eight principles that Dr Meath identifies as the core values of MacRobertson Girls' High School and it is this that they try to instil in each student and I think these should be the aims of every female. In summary, to always strive for academic success while engendering a love of learning; build your confidence; foster learning self-discipline and responsibility in an environment that is based on respect and democratic values. I believe the implementation of these values into everyday life would help any individual to be successful in their goals and it would not be so uncommon to see expertise and academic strengths in areas as vast as those achieved by Dr Meath. Dr Meath was able to articulate something that is achievable for every woman and to hear someone as accomplished as her say the truth was very inspiring indeed.

The third speaker was Jo Fisher. Ms Fisher has been the managing director of the Jo Fisher Group (JFG) since 2002, and last year she was the winner of the Victorian Business Owner Award for the Telstra Business Women's Awards. The Jo Fisher Executive initially focused on bringing exceptional people and organisations together but the JFG has since expanded well beyond the Executive, now incorporating JF Career Transitions, Future Boards and Catch Recruitments. Ms Fisher's talk was mainly focused on the process of getting a job and the appropriate forums and procedures to follow in order to achieve this goal. She spoke about how to create a good resume, cover letter and general 'how to' issues that may arise when seeking work. At the JFG there is a large statistic of females that had major roles at the JFG, for example; on the JFG website they proudly state how 44% of executive research assignments that are undertaken at JFG have resulted in the appointment of senior female leaders. The JFG is led by a strong and independent woman, who, through the support of a large and competent team which provides an international service, is able to help women succeed in the workplace every day.

"It has been statistically proven that hurricanes with female names are statistically more violent than hurricanes with male names" and it was with this statement that the final speaker, Kate Jenkins, opened her speech. The whole audience laughed but Ms Jenkins had a blunt and observant point behind this quirky statistic, that misconceptions can be

very damaging. Kate Jenkins was appointed as the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner in 2013; she is also the Vice-President of the Board of Berry Street Victoria, which is the state's largest independent child and family welfare organisation. The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission helps people resolve complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, racial or religious abuse and victimisation through a service that is free, fair and provides a timely resolution of disputes. The Commission's role is also to educate people about their rights and responsibilities that are contained in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Throughout Ms Jenkins speech it was clear that she had a quirky sense of humour and effervescent personality and her speech was full of humorous and meaningful anecdotes and jokes. According to the report Women in the legal profession: Theory and Research in 1947 only 2% of all practising lawyers in Australia were women but by 1991 this number had sky-rocketed to an estimated 25%. However, it became harder to comprehend a statistic such as this as Ms Jenkins' speech continued; how could there be a quarter of lawyers in Australia were women as of 1991 when there are women like Ms Jenkins who have the determination, enthusiasm and life experience that makes them perfect for a leading legal role?

I found this very conflicting at first, as I am currently studying Legal Studies as a Unit Four VCE subject and it has, overtime, become one of my favourite subjects as the protection and equality that the law provides is a topic I personally think is amazing. So, shouldn't this same law allow women who are as vibrant as Ms Jenkins the opportunity to thrive just as she has clearly done? This is when it hit me and the real message of all four speakers came together. Although, society has still not totally succeeded in creating a 'level playing field' for women and men in the workplace and society, this does not mean that women cannot still succeed. Bareetu, Aba-Bulgu, Dr Toni Meath, Jo Fisher and Kate Jenkins are examples of this, they pushed through the "glass-ceiling" and have gone on to play major and inspiring roles in society, and the contribution they have already provided in countless areas is inspiring. It is through the success of women such as these, and being able to hear their stories, that more progressive steps will occur, as younger women such as myself see that misconceptions that are a result of information like the aggression of female tornadoes, does not define each woman as an individual delays something that is certain; that women will eventually become truly equal to men as women offer invaluable contributions every day, at every level and in every field.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend the breakfast and in light of recent events I wanted to add one extra point to this article. On October 21st, the former Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, passed away. During his time as PM and in Parliament Mr Whitlam implemented and legislated for changes in an attempt to minimise the gap between men and women. During his political career he introduced, among other things; the single mother's benefit that provided financial assistance to single mothers who did not qualify for the widow's pension, he appointed a Women's Adviser to





the Prime Minister (which was the first role of this nature in the world) and fought for equal pay for women. I know that without many of these my grandmother would not have been able to become a mature age student and eventually go on to become a teacher. So, it is through the co-operation of women and men that can help minimise this gender divide and create a fair and equal world for everyone regardless of their sex.

*Zalie Rowe, Year 11*

## GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Uniform Sales – Second-Hand uniforms January

Tuesday 20th 8.30-10.00am (or a little later if there are people waiting)

This is the same day as the book collection.

If you have any uniform items you no longer need but are in good condition, please consider donating them to the school. Please bring uniform items to the office by Wednesday 17th December (end of the school term). Please ensure the items have been washed and thoroughly dried first.

All proceeds from the stall go to the school.

### Text Book Stalls

Our second hand book stalls were very popular with book buyers and sellers. Our parent volunteers saved/earned our school families plenty and earned money and books for the school.

Thank you to everyone who supported these sales, especially the volunteers and GEC office staff who helped offer this valuable service to our school community and especially Juliet for being the main organiser. The college librarian, Carmel Eyre, is also delighted that some of the unsold books have been donated to the college.

If you still have unsold books or you missed out on some books you wanted to buy, you might like to try buying or selling through this website, which has been recommended to us by parents from another school:

<http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

### Election Day Sausage Sizzle and cake and craft stall

The stall was lots of fun and raised over \$1000. Thanks to everyone who helped cooking sausages, baking cakes, serving at the stall etc and even those who visited and had a chat while eating sausages and cake. Many people were pleased to support the school and happy to see the school community working together at the stall. Prospective parents were keen to find out more about the school by chatting to parents. Special thanks to key stall organisers and helpers - Vicky Karitinos, Michael Frajman, Debbie (from the Office) and Cathy Mc Naughton.


## NEW FILM EDITING EQUIPMENT FROM TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDS

The Glen Eira College Parent Association's fun and successful Trivia night in August raised funds for new film and editing equipment. This will support our budding student filmmakers, school productions and a variety of presentations.

**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.

**Join us** 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](mailto:gecpa@gec.vic.edu.au)

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