

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO THE 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR AT GLEN EIRA COLLEGE!

I am delighted with a very positive start to the year for students and staff. Thank you to our families for ensuring our students were well prepared for 2014.

Our staff spent the first two days of the year engrossed in professional learning. Our focus is to continue to improve outcomes for each of our students, providing them with a challenging and supportive learning environment with a range of opportunities to develop their skills and talents. The staff reviewed the VCE and student focus group data, established protocols in regards to homework and homestudy, developed their skills in the use of Gen Ed – our new IT learning platform and planned together in their subject teams.

NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Each new year brings a wonderful group of young people and their families to our school. We welcomed over 100 Year 7 students and more than 50 new students across years 8 - 12. Thank you to the Parents & Friends association for a lovely welcome morning tea on the first day of school for our parents.

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic camp at Marysville, with many new friendships forged over this time. Special thanks to Keira for organising such a wonderful experience for our students and to all the staff who attended.

BEING INVOLVED AT GEC

We are always looking for ways to involve our parents in our community. Please contact me if you have ideas of how you would like to be involved. Our Parents and Friends group is an excellent way to meet other families and I encourage you to join.

Are there any parents or grandparents with excellent language skills and time on your hands who are interested in being literacy volunteers in our classrooms? If you are, please contact the school and we will run some training sessions towards the end of the term.

Information has been mailed home to all families re School Council Elections. The close of ballot is Tuesday 11th March, 2014.

Another way you or a member of your family can assist is if you are a permanent Telstra Group employee. This means you can apply for a Telstra Kids Fund grant (www.kidsfund.telstrafoundation.com) of \$1,200 to support a project or activity run by the college.

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Year 7 Orientation Day



Cooking on Year 7 camp



Canoeing on camp

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.

Each year \$750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. There are three funding rounds per year. Requests for musical equipment, educational resources, sport and recreation equipment and building upgrades have been among the grants given by Telstra's Kids Fund. Schools cannot apply directly – an employee must apply on behalf of the school.

Last year the aunt of one of our students applied for funding for cricket equipment for our very keen cricketers. We will do all the preparation for the application – we just need you to submit it. So if anyone in your family works for Telstra please contact me as we would love to apply for funding for our students.

VCE RESULTS

We were very pleased with the superb results of our Year 12 class. Congratulations to Muirenn McMahon, our Dux, with an ATAR of 95.8. Muirenn will be studying Veterinary Science. The ATAR score is the key to opening the doors to the most sought after tertiary destinations. Our average ATAR in 2013 was 66.4 – representing more than 10% growth over the last 4 years. 34% of our students scored ATARs greater than 80, and 16% achieved ATARs greater than 90 (averaging 19% increase each year for a cumulative 96% increase since 2009).

Not surprisingly, the percentage of students receiving first round offers of university education has also increased with 89% of our 2013 cohort offered tertiary places compared with 65% in 2011. It is incredibly gratifying to see our students reaching these very high standards. We are very proud of our students, families and teachers.

NEW TEACHERS

With our growth in student numbers comes growth in our staff also. I am delighted to welcome and introduce our new staff.

- Phillip Pereira (Maths / Science)
- Christine Hughes (Maths / Science)
- Mirela Magyar (Maths / Science)
- Dorit Tane (Hebrew / Maths)
- Celine Barrau (French / Science)
- Sofia Bouchareb (French Assistant)
- Yuyun Feng (Business / Chinese)
- Deborah Cordingley (Philosophy / English)
- Victoria Papaioannou (English / Humanities)
- Justine Douglas (EAL)
- Daniel Mulligan (PE / English)
- Bernadette Mclvor (Arts/ Technology)
- Baptiste Moreau (IT intern from France)

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 1st April. Students will be dismissed at the end of period 4 (12.35pm) and are encouraged to attend the interviews with their parents, and to contribute to the discussions about their progress and any strategies for continued improvement.

We have many wonderful events planned for 2014 – Cultural

Diversity Week in March will be a highlight for term 1. We are currently in the process of applying for a convention between CNED and Glen Eira College. The CNED Internationale will give our French first language program accreditation and will validate our students' French studies as eligible students will obtain a certificate at the end of the school year.

I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to leading the Glen Eira College community in the planning and implementation of our next Strategic Plan and in the provision of the highest quality education, focused on continuing to build a culture of inclusiveness, high expectations and academic achievement and providing a range of opportunities for our students to experience success.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome students and parents to a new year at GEC! High expectations are a feature of our school in all aspects of college life. The Glen Eira 5 outlines these expectations in detail. This can be found in the student planner. We look forward to working with you to ensure these are maintained. Just a few reminders;

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that the College has a designated telephone line for notification of student absence – 9571 4178. Parents and carers are asked to provide a note or medical certificate explaining the student's absence. This is to be handed in to the General Office on the day the student returns to school.

PUNCTUALITY

There are high expectations at the college in regards to being on time to each and every class. Being punctual is very important in ensuring students have a positive, organised start to the day and are making the most of every learning opportunity.

Students are expected to be at the College by 8.40am each morning to give them enough time to collect their books, catch up with friends and be ready for Team Meeting which begins at 8.50am. Students who arrive late to school are required to get a late pass before going to class. Students who are late three times will receive an after school detention. Please help us reinforce the value of punctuality and attendance with your children.

UNIFORM POLICY

The college community regards uniform as an important aspect of the college's image and general philosophy. Students are expected to wear it with pride and self respect. A note from a parent/guardian is always required if students are not in correct uniform.



Particular attention is drawn to the following:

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted is a watch and up to two pairs of earrings (studs or sleepers only) in the ears only. Thus, no visible necklaces and no friendship bands may be worn. Also, no other visible piercings and no other jewellery may be worn.

Shoes

For boys and girls, the only shoes allowed are black leather lace ups. Socks must extend above the ankles.

Make Up

Nail polish is not permitted. Only natural coloured foundation is permitted. No eyeliner or mascara should be worn.

Shirts

Either short sleeve **or** long sleeve shirts may be worn.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Thursday 27 February make sure that you come to school with your uniform looking neat and tidy, your shoes polished and shined and be ready to smile for the cameras – it's school photo day!

All students have been provided with an envelope and/or form to choose what photo package they would like to purchase. Please make sure that you bring this envelope with you on the day of the photos. It must be clearly labelled with your name, what photos you wish to purchase and your payment for the photos. If you choose not to purchase your photos you still must return the form and envelope, clearly labelled with your name.

A few things to remember on photos day:

- All photographs will be taken in the Performing Arts Centre
- Students are to be in full school uniform before they arrive at the photograph location. This includes no coloured T shirts, correct footwear, white socks with summer dresses and no jewellery other than a watch and a max of 2 pairs of studs or sleepers in the ears only.
- Photos will be taken without school jumpers. It is best if you leave them in your lockers.
- Girls are recommended to wear the summer uniform
- A representative from the photo company will collect the envelopes from all students at the PAC before they have their photo taken
- Students are to line up in height order
- All students will have their photo taken whether they are purchasing them or not

So get ready to say 'cheese' and smile for the cameras!

*Tori Mulligan – Assistant Principal
Nick Hamer-Smith – Assistant Principal*

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

As you will now be aware our uniform supplier, the Brighton store of Campus Choice, has closed.

I understand that some families have items of uniform on order with this store. The company's liquidator has been contacted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, but the liquidator was unable to provide information on the status of those orders.

For those families – particularly with students in Year 7 – waiting on orders for sports shorts, I'd ask that students wear plain black sports shorts until this situation is resolved.

We do have some stock available at school that can be purchased through the General Office; however we do not have any sports shorts.

We have had meetings with uniform suppliers and hope to get a new supplier engaged as soon as possible.

*Sheereen Kindler
Principal*

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome to all Year 7-9 students and parents to a new year. Ms Brown, Mr Tsarpalas and I are very excited for what the year ahead will bring.

We have the Year 7 and Year 8 Camp, Year 9 Program, school photos, GEC Swimming Carnival and plenty more activities to keep us busy during Term 1.

Parents, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

A reminder to all students to Get Organised, Get Focused and Get Involved! We are all looking forward to a terrific year and celebrating many successes.

YEAR 7 REPORT

I'd like to congratulate the Year 7s on such a smooth transition into their secondary schooling. Although this can be a daunting time, for both parents and students, the Year 7's have taken it in their stride and jumped at opportunities presented.

On Friday 7th February, Kidproof visited GEC and worked with students in the areas of cyber safety and digital citizenship. Students are amazing with technology, and they often know more about it than their parents. The main message from the session was that everyone needs to be encouraged to THINK before posting anything online.

T— is it true?

H— is it helpful?

I— is it inspiring?

N— is it necessary?

K—is it kind?

STUDENT ABSENCES

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Once again, Camp Marysville was an absolutely amazing experience for both students and staff. The three day camp provided us with hot weather however we survived the bike riding and rock climbing, and we were able to cool down in the river walk. Students were able to set challenges and step outside their comfort zone – on many occasions! We even celebrated two birthdays whilst on camp, Lachie and Alanna. We all had a sensational time at Camp Marysville working together in teams and getting to know each other! Stay tuned for the next Year 7 instalment....

*Miss McLean
Year 7 Coordinator*



Year 7 camp



Year 7 camp

YEAR 8 REPORT

Welcome back to the 2014 Year 8 students! I hope that you all thoroughly enjoyed your summer holidays and survived the heat. We have welcomed twelve new students into our ranks. I would like to thank all the students for making them feel welcome and for helping them find their feet in a new school.

Our camp will be in Week 8 to Camp Kangarooobie from 17th to the 19th of March. I hope that all students can attend. It is a fabulous camp with lots of new adventures to be had.

So, let's 'Get Organised, Get Focused, and Get Involved!' and I am sure this year will be as successful and fun as last.

*Miss Brown
Year 8 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 REPORT

Welcome back to all students and their families and in particular our new Year 9 families. Thank you to all the staff and students in Year 9 for such a smooth start to the year. Students are all settled and working.

The Year 9 Program promises to be lots of fun and very worthwhile. This term the theme is exploring Port Phillip. Please feel free to discuss with your children their experiences whilst on the Year 9 Program.

Have a great year and please feel free to contact me with any issues you have.

*Mr Tsarpalas
Year 9 Coordinator*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Semester 1 Music Soiree - Wed 11th June (Week 8 - Term 2)
Semester 2 Music Soiree - Wed 3rd December
(Week 8 - Term 4)

Our 2013 end of year concert was fantastic. 2014 is shaping up to be even better so please make sure that you put these dates on your calendar for later in the year.



*Ms Keane
Instrumental Music Coordinator*



GEC HONOUR BOARDS

The gymnasium has been given a face lift with the addition of two new sports honour boards. They are located in the front entrance above the gymnasium doors and they look terrific. We were lucky enough to have Bendigo Bank Ormond Branch sponsor the boards, which was greatly appreciated. The boards show off GEC sporting achievements that have happened over the years, including the house carnival winners and the interschool team sport division and regional winners. Hopefully we can add more winning teams to the boards this year.

A big thank you goes to Lesley and Sheereen for their help organising the boards and to John Devitsakis for painting the wall behind the boards.

*Adam Golding
Sports Coordinator*



New GEC Honour Boards

FRENCH CORNER

Bonnes Nouvelles!

- GEC is in the process of signing a **convention with CNED** (Centre National D'Etudes a Distance). This agreement will validate the work that started 8 years ago at Glen Eira College when it first offered the French 1st language program. The college will be recognised by the French Department of Education and eligible students will be able to receive a certificate issued by the French Embassy at the end of the year validating their work during the year in French, History/Geography and Maths following the French curriculum. We will be announcing more details in the next issue
- We are excited to announce that **our French Immersion program** has started from week 1 and our Year 7C students are settling in well and have been learning how to talk about the past in history and how to communicate in class in French. They are already used to hearing 90% of their French and History lessons delivered only in French.

- Our French department is growing and we are delighted to introduce our new staff who will be working with our team of French teachers in 2014.

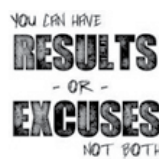
Celine Barrau – Celine is with us through the Jules Verne Program from Ile de la Reunion and will be teaching year 7 French 1st language and will also be teaching science in French to our immersion students in semester 2.

Sofia Bouhareb - Sofia is our language assistant from University of Reims and employed by the Department of Education through the Language Assistants program and will be assisting in our language classes in 2014.

Baptiste Moreau – Baptiste is doing a communication internship at our school and is from Telecom-Lile. Baptiste will be working in the French and IT departments and will be with us until May 2104.

- Year 7 parents are reminded to fill in the excursion form for the French Film Festival due on the 3rd of March. All Year 7 students will be going to the French Film Festival organised by the Alliance Francaise de Melbourne on March 14th to watch the movie "Belle et Sebastien".

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



I would like to welcome all students to another academic year and particularly those students who are new to the College. To Year 10 students who are entering the Senior School for the first time, I wish them the very best for their journey through the final years of their secondary education. I hope that all Senior School students take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that will be presented to them throughout this year.

The Senior School team has made every effort to ensure a smooth start to the year. Students or parents who experience any issues relevant to either learning or wellbeing should contact their relevant Year Level Coordinator, because working together we can ensure the successful progress of each student. The team is experienced, compassionate and is genuinely interested in ensuring the best school experience for all students.

The senior school office is open to all and each year level will be under the guidance of the following coordinators:

Yr 12 Co-ordinator:	Mrs Laura Brancatella
Yr 11 Co-ordinator:	Mr Ben Wickham
Yr 10 Co-Coordinator:	Ms Emma Schmidtke
International Student Coordinator:	Mr Matthew Polwarth

STUDENT ABSENCES

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Being part of a Learning Community...

Students' time at school is vitally important to their wellbeing and success. Their engagement and completion of secondary education enables them to build the right skills and attitude to continue into tertiary pathways or job placement. No matter what the pathway chosen is, it will allow students to become valuable members of the community. Here are some things that are known to make a difference.

Attendance is vital:

Be at school every single day, unless too ill to do so. No one can be successful at school if they regularly miss classes – it is impossible. Even 90% attendance, our school policy, equates to half a day missed a week, which becomes 5-6 days a semester and over the year quickly adds up to 4-5 weeks of lessons missed. Missing over a month of lessons is clearly very difficult to overcome and makes a huge difference to the continuity of the learning process for any student.

Attitude makes all the difference:

Come to school with a 'can do' attitude and come with the intention of staying on task in all lessons. Before school, recess, lunchtime, and after school are all times to socialise and enjoy the company of friends. In class success will come if you are switched on and willing to complete tasks and regularly ask questions to improve your knowledge and skills.

Time management and organisation are the key:

Use your planner each and every day to write down what you are required to do and when. If this is used in conjunction with a study wall planner that you keep at home you will know what tasks you have to complete and by when and it will help in a big way to get you organised and meet deadlines.

Involved students are happy students:

All students should take up all as many experiences that the College offers them – so much is learnt and gained by being part of the huge range of events, involved with students across year levels and being part of opportunities that exist within the school.

***"Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits..."
GHANDI***

CLASS OF 2013

We are very pleased with our 2013 VCE results and have achieved a school goal that we have been working toward—a median study score of 29. This is a significant achievement and exemplifies the focused work of our teachers and students over several years. It was wonderful to see 89% of our students receiving first round tertiary offers, this increases to 98% when we include students who applied to institutions directly and even more exciting is the fact that 90% of this cohort received either their first or second preference. We look with interest to the realization of our students' goals.

On behalf of our school community, I want to extend our sincere congratulations to all members of the Class of 2013 with special congratulations to our Dux, Muirenn McMahon; who achieved an ATAR of 95.8 and is undertaking studies in Vet Science at Point Cook University.



**2013 Glen Eira College
Dux
Muirenn McMahon**

Tertiary Placement

89% of Glen Eira's 2013 VCE cohort who applied for tertiary places received a first round offer in January 2013. The breakdown of University and TAFE offers was

- Offer of **University Studies** in Victoria (69%)
- Offer of **TAFE studies** in Victoria (20%)

The breakdown of tertiary courses has changed vastly in the three years. Many more of our students are achieving university placement with, University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT University, Swinburne University and Latrobe University continue to be the top five most popular tertiary providers.

Glen Eira has so many other success stories and so many fantastic first and second round offers including Accountancy, Arts/Commerce, Biomedical Science, Commerce, Engineering, Science, Science/Engineering, Marketing, Health Sciences, Teacher Education and Nursing just to name a select few.

Congratulations and best wishes to all students of the Class of 2013.

***"Success consists of going from failure to failure
without loss of enthusiasm."
Winston Churchill***

University Enhancement

Extension Programs provide high-achieving Year 12 students the opportunity to study a first-year university subject sequence while completing their final VCE year. It also gives them the chance to gain an ATAR increment. Students choose one subject from over 18 study areas, including languages, history, mathematics, philosophy, sciences and more. They are able to take on an academic challenge, exploring a particular subject area in greater depth and at a more advanced level providing a challenge for the most able student. Students enjoy a university experience and study in an atmosphere of intellectual vibrancy, meet like-minded students, whether first year University undergraduate students, or fellow Year 12 Extension Program students.



Access to University services, such as a variety of libraries, computers, a University email account, the Academic Skills Unit, the Student Portal, and the Learning Management System (LMS) is also an important aspect of the program. Finally students can gain credit from Extension Program studies and use this towards an undergraduate degree at that University.

This year we have three Year 12 students who were selected and are undertaking part in one of these extension programs.

Congratulations go to Michael Horovitz, Prerana Ghosh and Tristan Octaviano



Prerana Ghosh
Melbourne University
Biology



Tristan Octaviano
Melbourne University
Physics



Michael Horovitz
Monash University
Australian History and Politics



Ms Elizabeth Tasiopoulos
Senior School Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Year 10 Coordinator for 2014. I am excited about the opportunity to work with this group of Year 10 students.

Term One has started very well for Year Ten. Students have settled into their new teams and have approached their transition from the Junior School to the Senior School with maturity and enthusiasm. It is important that students maintain this conscientious attitude and an organised and focused approach, so that they can achieve success this year. I would like to remind students that being in full school uniform is important in the Senior School. For students who had difficulties in Year Nine, the Senior School will be running parent interviews during Term One.

It is definitely going to be a busy year with a range of activities already organised including:

- Keys Please Pre-Driver Education Session, an initiative of Vic Roads running in Term 1 ,



- The "Summit Camp" in Trafalgar in September,



- A Youth Homelessness tour of the city in Term 2 run by The Salvation Army and



- Excursions to a variety of tertiary institutions throughout the year.

One of the exciting leadership programs that Year 10 students are involved in this year is the Peer Support Program which involves Year Ten students being partnered up with new students in Year Seven.



Ms Emma Schmidtke
Year 10 Co-ordinator



YEAR 11 NEWS

The new school year has started well with the Year 11 students settling into their new VCE subjects. Many students are showing signs of a strong commitment to their course work and developing healthy study routines. As the VCE is fast paced, I encourage all students to maintain a continued development of their work habits. All Year 11 students will be involved in an intensive study training incursion later in the term. This incursion is designed to motivate and help students understand the value of study and how to go about it.

I am delighted to see that 2014 has brought with it a large cohort of new students to the college. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newcomers and express my gratitude to the student mentors who have welcomed and assisted the new students to settle in. A 'Welcome Luncheon' has been organised to allow our new students to meet both their teachers and each other.

To all students, I am looking forward to working with you this year to assist in your academic development and extend a reminder of the college's full school uniform policy and 90% minimum attendance expectation.

To all parents, if you have any queries regarding your son or daughter, please contact me at the College on 95717838.



Mr Ben Wickham
Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

The school year has started extremely well for all of the year 12 students. They have settled into their classes and are looking smart in their school uniform. They are waiting for their year 12 jackets and I am sure that the students will wear the jacket well and with pride.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the year 12 students on the fantastic beginning of the school year. I hope that their behaviour is indicative of their commitment and involvement to their studies and extra- curricular activities. It is also important to remind students that they need to be present for 90% of scheduled classes and that a medical certificate is required for two day absence or absence during a SAC.

We also welcome Caspar Le Cornu and Hung Vu who are new students to the college.

If there are any queries regarding your son or daughter please do not hesitate to contact me at the college on 9571 7838.

*Ms Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*

GLEN EIRA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome to all new families who joined our school community this year. We welcome your involvement with the school and encourage you to join the parents association and help in whatever small or larger way suits you. We are busy planning our events for this year, and will keep you informed via emails and newsletters.

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

Welcome Morning Tea - On the first day of school recently many parents and staff (including many new to the school) enjoyed morning tea and an informative chat with the Principal – Sheereen Kindler. A key theme of the conversation was providing good information, particularly electronic information, on school events and news. Thanks to those parents who offered to help with events or joining the committee.

The Second-Hand Uniform Stall organised by parents in January was extremely popular – and benefitted families both buying and selling uniforms. The stall made \$2300 (wow! - last year we made \$800).

Bendigo Bank - Glen Eira College (through the Parents Association) is lucky to have a new 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 funded a new honour board in the gym.

Farewell and Thanks to Ellen. Ellen Frajman was instrumental in setting up GECPA several years ago and through it has contributed greatly to Glen Eira College. Thank you for all your hard work. The GECPA December end of year dinner at a Glen Huntly restaurant was a very enjoyable way to end the year and farewell Ellen.



CANTEEN NEWS



This Year the School Canteen is supporting "Very Special Kids" a very deserving charity which supports families who are caring for a child with a life-threatening condition. We have installed a bright PINK Piggy on the counter in the canteen. All donations made will be handed to Very Special

Kids at the end of the year on behalf of the students, teachers and the canteen.

Very Special Kids is a unique Victorian organisation that supports families who are caring for a child with a life-threatening condition. Through the only dedicated children's hospice in Victoria, we offer respite care and end-of-life care, along with a support program for parents and siblings of the affected child. Our Family Support team work with the families for the duration of their journey caring for the child, from diagnosis right through to recovery or bereavement, and beyond.

With less than one-third of our running costs covered by State Government funding, Very Special Kids relies heavily on the support of individuals, along with corporate and community organisations. We currently support over 800 Victorian families, but with an estimated 2000 Victorian families currently qualifying for the services that we provide, we are fundraising to ensure that waiting lists are minimised so that all Victorian families can access the appropriate level of support. All services are provided free of charge to families.

So keep an eye out and help us support some Very Special Kids.

Bernadette and Glen Bertoli

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Parents/guardians should be aware the school does not carry accident insurance for students. DEECD reminds parents/guardians that families who do not have student accident insurance are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Also the Department (DEECD) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

COMING SOON: THE NEW 2014 - 2015

Entertainment Memberships will soon be available... keep your eye on the GEC Newsletter.

A Membership costs \$65, and \$13 of that comes back to our kids' College.

The Book contains more than 1,200 offers of significant discounts and "buy one get one free" deals for -



- cafe and fine dining at establishments in Melbourne and Victoria
- leisure and touring activities
- accommodation at hotels, motels and resorts in Australia, New Zealand and Asia
- shopping with national retailers
- also Books for other cities and countries

There are also frequent special offers, such as these in January and February 2014-

New restaurants- Half Moon, Pavarotti Pizza, Lebanese Talk of the Town, Eleanore's, Bel Sorino, State of Grace, Coconut Thai, Sweetwater Cafe, Simply Dumpling, Cherry & Twigs, Scooter

Accommodation- 15-30% off Daydream Island, Ramada, Rydges, Jupiters, Hilton (Vic, Qld), Best Western, Oak Resorts (Aus, NZ)

Leisure- 30% discount on tickets to "Grease, the musical", Dreamworld on the Gold Coast, 20% off Europcar 3-day rentals, 40% off KEA campervan rentals

Shopping- 70% discount on selection of New Zealand wines, 25% off Amante Jewellery, Snowgoose

KEY DATES: TERM 1 2014

Tuesday 25th FEBRUARY – SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thursday 27th FEBRUARY – SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 28th FEBRUARY – INTERMEDIATE SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

Tuesday 4th MARCH – YEAR 7 PARENT SUPPER EVENING 6:30PM

Thursday 6th MARCH – YEAR 8 SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

Friday 7th MARCH – IMMUNISATIONS (YEAR 7, 9 & 10)

Monday 10th MARCH – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY

Tuesday 11th MARCH – SMR SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday 13th MARCH – YEAR 7 SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th MARCH – YEAR 8 CAMP (KANGAROOBIE)

Tuesday 1st APRIL - PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Friday 4th APRIL – GEC CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 4th APRIL – LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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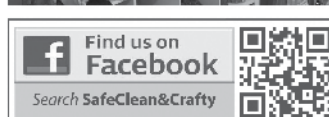
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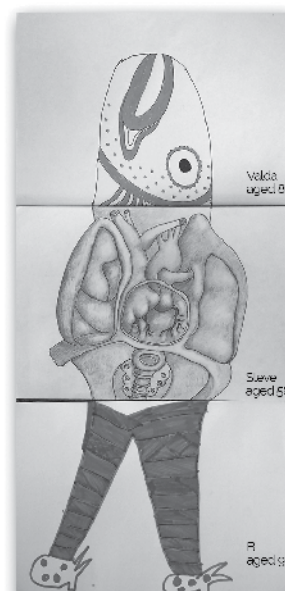


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