

College News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Legally Blonde

I am overwhelmed with pride at just how fantastic this year's musical, Legally Blonde, was – I do not know how they can possibly get better every year as every year is superb. I am so proud of the work that the nearly 100 strong cast and crew achieved – 3 sell out shows. Particular thanks must go to Lachlan Mack, Robyn Keane, Tania Tuttleby (parent), Belinda Johnson (parent), Ben Wickham and John Tserkezidis for their overall leadership and creative talent in production, music, set design and building and costumes. This year saw our students taking on many of the leadership roles in the production, their talents being nurtured by our staff. Congratulations to Zoe Tuttleby for her outstanding choreography, Tristan Coomerawel as Assistant Director, Emili Sahnovski as Stage Manager and Assistant Director, Eli Douek in Communications and our wonderful technical crew, the Shoe Horns. It is experiences such as these that stick in the minds of students for decades to come.

Australian Association of French English Bilingual Schools

Glen Eira College has joined The Australian Association of French English Bilingual Schools (AAFEBS) which is an organization of Primary and Secondary French/English bilingual schools in Australia, most of which are accredited by the French Ministry of National Education or recognised through a label "France Education". The curriculum taught in these schools is enriched by aspects of French and Australian culture and educational practice.

AAFEBS's member schools educate bilingual, bicultural students, whose academic excellence prepares them for global citizenship as well as entrance to the finest universities on the world's stage.

There are currently 10 AAFEBS schools throughout Australia. The level of French immersion and the number of subjects taught in English or French vary by school and grade level.

AAFEBS Mission

- Promotion and support of French/English bilingual education in Australia
- Development of bilingualism to promote excellence in education
- Sharing of knowledge, experience and expertise in bilingual education within an Australian setting
- Professional development for school leaders in bilingualism and best practice
- Distributing knowledge of bilingual education to the wider community

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Legally Blonde



RoboCup Junior Victorian State Championships



AAFEBS Launch in Canberra

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



Loveena and I were delighted to attend the launch of the association in Canberra last week and appreciate the support of our EFSM (French Parents Association).

Great praise for our students

A few weeks ago when our students were in the city as part of the activities on the Year 9 program some students noticed that an elderly gentleman had suffered an injury. The students stayed with the gentleman for about 45 minutes reassuring him and looking after him until help arrived.

So impressed by the students' care and kindness, we received a call from a member of the public praising our students. The students were Benson, Remi, Henri and Jack and they are great ambassadors for our school – well done boys.

NAPLAN Results

We are again delighted by the progress of our students in literacy and numeracy as demonstrated through the NAPLAN results. Our students achieved above the State in high growth from Years 7-9 in reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. Each Year 7 and 9 English and Maths teacher is in the process of analysing their class results. Also, the English and Maths Key Learning Areas are analysing the cohort and trend data to further refine teaching practice and programs. If any Year 7 or 9 parents have questions in regards their child's NAPLAN results please contact the relevant teacher or year level coordinator.

Ann Tonks – Principal For A Day

Every year we participate in the Principal For A Day program coordinated by ACER. The mission of Principal for a Day is to increase and strengthen relationships, based on knowledge and understanding, between the private sector and education.

I am delighted to have welcomed Ann Tonks as our Principal For A Day this year. Ann has had a rich career most notably as the CEO/Manager of the Melbourne Theatre Company from 1994–2012. She has also managed radio stations and developed training programs for women. She is a Life Member of Live Performance Australia. Ann continues to teach Arts Management and Advanced Arts and is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne. She has also been researching arts leadership and has presented work at a number of international conferences as well as having published papers on the subject.

Ann spent her time in classes with students listening to their stories and sharing her own. She presented to a student assembly bringing with her costumes from the MTC. She also spent time with our Radio Club students and the cast members of Legally Blonde.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Interim Reports

It was again wonderful to see so many parents at school for the parent teacher interviews. I understand that it is becoming increasingly difficult for teachers to accommodate all requests for interviews. We hope that decreasing the distance between teacher locations assisted this time. We are looking to split the parent teacher interviews in 2016 over two weeks.

Thank you also to those parents who completed and submitted the Parents' School Review Survey. You can still submit these to the General Office.

Year 7 2016

It was wonderful to officially welcome our 2016 Year 7 families to Glen Eira College at last week's welcome afternoon tea. Parents had the opportunity to meet staff who will be involved in the transition of their child into GEC; begin networking with other parents; learn about our wonderful Instrumental Music Program and our very successful French immersion program.

Rosh Hashana

Thankyou to UJEB for providing all students at GEC an opportunity to participate in Rosh Hashana celebrations at lunchtime last Friday with activities and food.

Great news! Telstra Kids grant

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids funds the little things that can make a big difference to kids' lives, helping kids to play and learn. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used to purchase soccer goals and balls.

Huge thanks to Anita Abbott from Telstra, who is the mother of Taylor in Year 11 for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids across Australia to connect to their local communities.

Finally

I am delighted that we have engaged Brand Architects as our architects for the capital works. We will now begin the planning process. A further update with timelines will (hopefully) be in the next newsletter.

I wish all students and their families all the best for the holidays. To the Year 12 students - I trust you will make the most of the opportunity to complete the practice exams to the best of your ability. This will inform you as to where your energy and time needs to be spent in the final weeks of study.

Our enthusiastic staff will again be competing in the annual Teachers' Games in Shepparton and I wish them all the best – bring back a medal!

Sheereen Kindler
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

You will have all had the opportunity to view your child's interim report. I encourage you to have conversations with your child about their progress and steps they might take at home to further improve upon their results e.g. study timetable, a suitable location for study free of distraction etc.

Our *Behaviour for Learning* focus continues into term 4. We are noticing a marked improvement in students' punctuality to school since implementing the new process at the beginning of semester 2. We are also pleased with the neat and tidy appearance of our students. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child continues to uphold our school uniform expectations including the correct socks and shoes and no jewellery or wrist bands.

Transition is fast approaching and our teachers are looking forward to meeting their new students for 2016. Transition dates run from Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December.

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.



Have a safe and happy holiday break.

*Nick Hamer-Smith
Assistant Principal*

GIRLS SPORTS SHORTS

Girls Sport Shorts are now available to purchase from Bob Stewart (150 Waverley Road, Malvern East), our uniform supplier at the same price (\$28.95) as the unisex shorts.

R U OK?

By the time you read this article Glen Eira College will have turned yellow for R U OK Day! The mental health and wellbeing of our student community is a high priority. Throughout the year our teachers and students are involved in a range of activities to raise awareness of mental health issues.

R U OK Day is about being prepared to have the conversation with someone you care about when you feel they may need some extra support.

"If your gut says something's not quite right with someone, chances are that they might need a bit of extra support from the people around them. They might be acting a bit differently, seem to have a lot on their plate, or simply aren't themselves. Don't ignore those signs but instead take some time to start a conversation." <https://ruok.org.au/how-to-ask>

These can be difficult conversations but critical in providing support when mental health and wellbeing is being challenged. You do not have to be an expert and step in to be the "solution provider or problem solver", you are just saying you have noticed and you are concerned. Check out the link above for advice on how to have the conversation.

Seeking professional support is crucial if you are concerned – see below for web links to key support mental health services. Headspace has an office in Elsternwick - our Year 9 students visited the centre as part of the Year 9 Program, organized by our School Nurse Christalia.

<http://headspace.org.au/>

<https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/>

At Glen Eira College student support for mental health issues is led by the Wellbeing Team.

Wellbeing Leader – Jenny Sanchez
(jsa@gec.vic.edu.au) Ph: 9571 7838

School Nurse – Christalia Formoso

Psychologist – Alexandra Graham

All Glen Eira College staff are involved.

All teachers and education support staff play a vital role in supporting the wellbeing of our student community. Please take the time to check out the web links in this article and build your understanding of how you can support the mental health of young people.

Is it time for you to have that "R U OK?" conversation with someone in your life?

*Jenny Sanchez
Wellbeing Leader*

JUNIOR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

All students will have received their interim reports. Make sure you sit down together and read through the report. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Ms Baragwanath, Ms Fompudie, Ms Allan or myself.

Students have again been involved in many different activities including the production, robotics competition, SRC food drive, interschool sport (with several winners) to name only a few. Getting involved in a range of activities helps students foster positive relationships with staff and students across different year levels.

Just a reminder, if your child is ill and cannot attend school for extended periods of time please contact the relevant coordinator for work to be organised. We want to ensure students don't fall behind in their work.

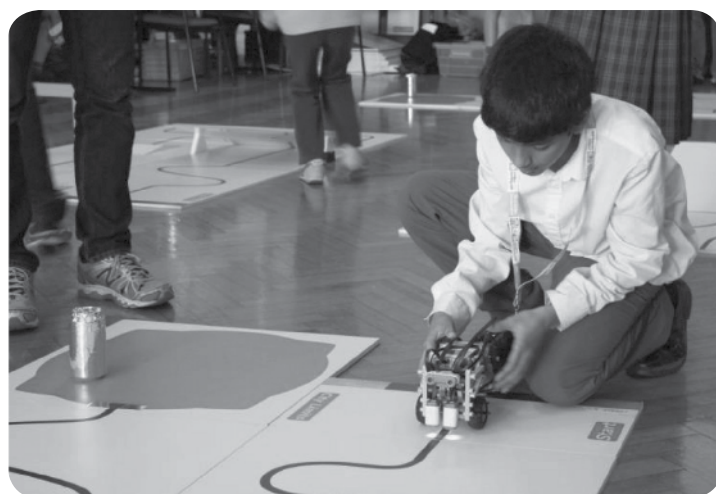
*Keira McLean
Junior School Leader*

YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

What a fantastic end to a busy term 3. There have been so many events and activities that our Year 7s have been actively involved in. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the talent displayed in this year's musical production of Legally Blonde. I was very pleased to see the number of year 7s getting involved from the cast, crew, hair and makeup, and front of house support. This was a great opportunity to learn new skills and collaborate with students across all year levels.

The following Year 7 students participated in the robotics competition on Friday 21st August - Ariella Hain, John Fassoulis, Eitan Nikolaevsky, Christopher Rudel, Tahlia Delaney-Murnane, Abhinav Tummala and Andreas Pastras. Under the guidance of Mr Ebert, these dedicated students worked each week, after school, in preparation for the competition. Their hard work and commitment is certainly to be admired.

Ariella Hain, Luise Verhoeven and Emma Johnson attended the Melbourne Writer's Festival in the city on Wednesday 26th August. What a great opportunity for these students to enrich their literacy studies.



Abhinav Tummala with his robot, Le Bonhomme de Neige

STUDENT ABSENCES

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The Year 7 interschool sport day was another great example of team spirit and competitiveness - the girls' table tennis team placed 2nd, the boys' A and B team also placed 2nd whilst the C team placed 3rd. Our futsal teams were also successful with the girls and boys teams coming 1st.

I am looking forward to our final term for 2015, which I'm sure will be just as busy and rewarding.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and restful break.

*Louise Baragwanath
Year 7 Coordinator*



Year 7 Girls' Futsal Team

YEAR 9 HIGHLIGHTS

We've had a very busy term with course counselling, subject selections and the City Experience in the Year 9 Program.

Students completed the Amazing Race in the city for two weeks where they had to solve clues and take pictures of landmarks. For several weeks students have been filming a promotional tourism video on different areas including parks and gardens, laneways, cultural precincts and theatres. In the last week of term 3, students will be showcasing their City Tourism video that promotes the City of Melbourne – we are looking forward to seeing the new “Getaway” style video.

Year 9 Camp is right around the corner, Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th November. Our confirmed activities include archery, canoeing, raft building and laser tag. Hopefully the weather will be perfect for some swimming in our free time! A camp meeting will run during term 4 – more information to follow.

A big thank you to Shaun Reynolds for stepping in to coordinate 9D and 9E while Elizabeth Allan was on leave. Ensure you read your reports and get ready for your final term in the Junior School.

*Keira McLean and Shaun Reynolds
Acting Year 9 Coordinators*

YEAR 8 HIGHLIGHTS

Term 3 has been a very busy term. Congratulations to all Year 8 students who participated in the musical – they put in a lot of effort and energy and I know it was a huge success!

I would also like to congratulate the girls' table tennis team who won all their matches and will go to the Southern Regional Finals in October. Great effort Sierra Danon, Reena Zelenkova, Manon Personnier and Pauline Eysseric!

In September all Year 8 students were very lucky to enjoy a show by an Indigenous author and performer, Monty Pryor. Our students learnt a lot about Aboriginal life and culture.

It was a pleasure to meet with some of you at parent teacher interviews. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. Enjoy a well-deserved break!

*Celine Fompudie
Year 8 Coordinator*

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



Take a deep breath. Let it all in.

What a ride. The students who participated in Legally Blonde the musical were and are, quite simply, stunning.

Their story began in March 2015. A disparate group of students came together to form, over time, a supportive and tightly bonded community.

They committed to 3 hours per rehearsal twice a week for 22 weeks. That's 7920 minutes! This alone is an outstanding achievement.

As time passed the show gradually took shape. Our assistant directors Emily Sahnovski and Tristan Coomerawel settled into their roles with the natural aplomb you would expect from well-seasoned theatre professionals. With little encouragement they set to tasks demonstrating diligence, thoughtfulness and constructiveness. Both worked with the entire ensemble and individual cast members at various stages, helping to develop stagecraft and scene improvement. Their contribution to the production was deeply valued and we are very grateful to both.



As the cast blocked out each scene, step by step, our choreographer Zoe Tuttleby worked feverishly with the dancers to bring a dynamic physicality and energy to the show. Each rehearsal began

with Zoe leading the entire cast for their ritual warm up... and they loved it! No, really, they did, despite the occasional groans they returned beaming with smiles and an abundance of zest. Zoe's ability to direct a large group of cast members, her peers, is a testament to her professionalism and passion for dancing.

The ensemble cast was delightful to work with. Each student contributed ideas to the show, gave feedback and engaged wholly with every aspect of the rehearsal process.

They were tirelessly patient at times, having to hold their stage positions whilst we blocked complex scene movement and staging. Their discipline was inspiring.



Behind the scenes a talented group of technical enthusiasts autonomously created the foundation for the show. Thank you to Fergus and Ashley for developing the lighting design, Boris and Alex for essential

sound effects and Michael, Yan, Reena and Sierra for lighting operation. Thank you to Eli for communications, Jennifer for stage communication & curtain operation, Louis for poster design, the set and props crew, front of house ushers, hair and makeup crew and every other student involved with the designing and running of the show.

There were many people who gave their time to help. Thanks go to staff (particularly to John and Ben for outstanding set creation, design and painting), parents (gratitude to Belinda for stunning costumes, Tania for fabulous props, Jenny and Ruth for their support and Doug for set construction), Irena and Charlotte (Bruiser), Nicole and Daisy (Rufus) and everyone else who supported the production (so many to mention but we appreciate all of you).



'Wait, where are you going?' There's more.



Those with lead roles pursued their character development with intense focus and dedication. There was an abundance of dialogue, movement and singing to learn, all done with grace and sincerity. We had laughter, even a tear or two

and friendships were forged, none more compelling than the

heart melting bromance between Corey, Dim and Alex.

But where are they now?

Ashley is contemplating wearing his 3-piece suit to school, everyday, if allowed. Barney would surely be planning to wear his pink pants, who wouldn't? Anna probably has Bruiser in her school bag...someone should check. Dim is definitely still wearing his sunglasses... 'hello ladies'. Corey definitely wears his postal uniform out of school. Sharon is booking an appointment to get a perm done. Kali is researching to find out if her family actually has Irish heritage.

Alex was last seen at the department store. Michael returned to his beloved homeland and is the first Prince in his family with a law degree. Declan sold all his yachts and bought a bush hut where he spends his days producing homemade soaps and scented candles. Tristan was handpicked for a movie and is now in Hollywood.

Zoe decided to create a series of DVDs called 'Nutcracker Workouts For All My Sisters'. Amber was last seen wearing Elle's bunny suit at a fundraiser for a Presidential candidacy. Erin is still searching for Bruiser (she really needs to check Anna's school bag). Georgia has gone off to join the Oakland Raiderettes Cheerleaders...go Georgia! Sofia now runs self-development workshops on 'How To Bring Out Your Inner Sassy', sometimes with guest appearances from Erin with 'How To Bring Out Your Inner Freak'.

Ashleigh regales people with tales of how she singlehandedly brought Elle's score up to 175. Abi is cautious of who is actually coming through the door. Mathilde has taken up golfing and is quite good, I hear. Haylie is trying to obliterate the memory of Nikos' 'uniform'. Mitchell was last seen skipping, somewhere. Morgan runs Bend & Snap workshops.



Trinity has changed her name to Kiki...who wouldn't? Jenifer's gone into journalism...a natural. Sophie's still singing, acting and dancing...so unlike her. India is still wondering who the guy in the white pants was. Jasmine has decided to never wear heels

again. Liora went into the fashion industry and now runs a multimillion-dollar perfume company. Charlotte just smiles a lot. Sam was last seen auditioning for a dog food commercial.

Henri purchased Zoe's DVDs and looks amazing. Daniel became a Rasta. Yael and Jade opened up a dance school. Pamela and Daphne opened up a restaurant. Estelle and Chloe run a modeling agency. Emma was last seen clambering out of a stack of costumes.

Well, that's all for now. We leave you with the credits rolling, an emotionally charged score and the memory of an epic journey. The cast of 2015 will be remembered for being a very special group of people, talented, diligent, humorous, engaging and delightful. Until next year, 'shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake, shake...yeah!'

Lachlan Mack

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We have had much to celebrate in the Senior School and we will have our end of term assembly on Thursday 17th September to celebrate the achievements of our students. Congratulations to all students who receive recognition or an award.

Over the holidays the Year 12s will complete their practice exams for Unit 3 and 4. The examination timetable has been available to students and was emailed out to all parents and guardians. If anybody has any questions regarding these practice exams please don't hesitate to contact me at the college.

Speaking of exams, the Year 10 and 11 exams are approaching. This year they will run from Tuesday 17th November through to Thursday 19th November, with the timetable being released early next term. The year 10s have an incursion on 12th October to help prepare students for the exams to come and help them get organised and into a proper routine for study and exam preparation.

Have a safe and happy two week break, and we will see you all back fresh and ready to go for the last term of 2015!

Emily Brown
Senior School Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

As we get ready for term 4 I strongly urge all Year 10 students to "hang in there" and continue working, studying and doing all the right things.

I would like to thank all the parents and students who have supported the Year 10 camp to Anglesea – the camp is still open, so if you need any forms or further information please contact me.

Having experienced such a long and drawn out flu season please do not forget to send in to school your child's absence/medical notes for days absent or to ring the school and let us know if your child is going to be away.

As always, let's keep the lines of communication open and to all students, have a terrific term 3 break.

Lou Tsarpalas
Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 11 NEWS

It has certainly been a busy month. Our Year 11 students were involved in course selection for Year 12, 2016. It is a confronting time, as they are faced with important decisions that will impact on their future career paths. I often try to think of what it was like many, many, many years ago when I and so many others were faced with the same decision and found it nerve-racking to have definite career decisions. I must have changed my mind about five times!

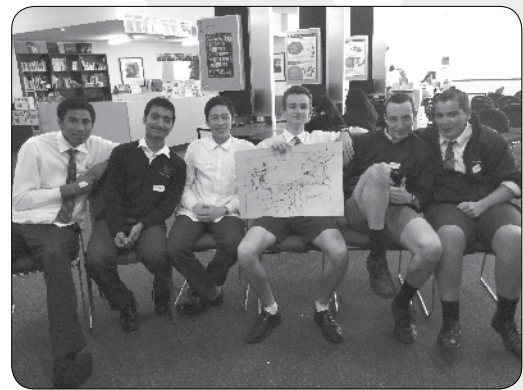
It was exciting to have the Fit 2 Drive team come to the College and take our Year 11s through a series of sessions aimed at teaching them to be responsible drivers and passengers. It was a very sombre moment when a real case scenario was

presented where 4 youths lost their lives when a driver made a reckless decision and put his mates at risk. Hopefully none of our students ever find themselves in such a situation. I was very proud of the Year 11 cohort who behaved in a mature manner and were very proactive with ideas of how they could reduce the risks to themselves by devising their own safety plans.

On another positive note, it was refreshing to see a number of the Year 11 students juggling their studies and dedicating much time and effort to the school production of Legally Blonde. Congratulations to Sofia Vamvakidou, Tristan Coomeraweral and Zoe Tuttleby. It was wonderful watching you shine on stage.

I wish all our students a restful term break; it is certainly well deserved.

Mary Maniatis
Year 11 Coordinator



Year 11 Fit 2 Drive

YEAR 12 NEWS

For our cohort of year 12 students the end of term 3 means that the end of the year examinations are just around the corner. Hence it is imperative that each student is focussed on achieving the best results possible. In this way they will be able to move forward into a tertiary course of their choice, but they will need to ensure that they have followed the correct VTAC procedures (registered, paid and entered courses online). Ms Anbar has been working with each student to help them with these procedures but ultimately each student



needs to take on the responsibility of doing this in their own time. All students have been encouraged to research and submit SEAS applications and scholarship applications as part of VTAC procedures.

Each student has been given a copy of the Navigator 2015 which they are required to read to ensure that they understand the rules and regulations of the examinations. Students will also be given a copy of their individual examination timetable and this document should be kept in a safe place.

Term 4 is the next phase of each student's life and with this comes the expectation that each and every one of them continues their studies in a diligent manner, attends all of their scheduled classes including team meeting, wears the correct school uniform and generally continues to do themselves, you their family and the school proud.

During the school holidays each student will be completing practice exams for each of their subjects. This last lot of practice examinations gives each student a clear indication of how well they are performing and also indicates areas of concern. It is expected that all students attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9571 7838 regarding any queries that you have regarding your son/daughter.

I wish all of the year 12 students a safe and productive end of term break.

*Laura Brancatella
Year 12 Coordinator*

YEAR 9 & 10 GIRLS' FUTSAL

The Year 9 & 10 Futsal girls were gutsy and keen in the Pit-Lane Futsal Comp.

Leah played the last game in the goals on one foot. Kaeli, Neve and Steph Lau did not stop working hard. Runcha's tricky footwork was exciting. Nadine took a few hard falls when going in tough.

They played with great team spirit and were assisted at times by rowdy GEC supporters from the Boys' teams.

Shaun Reynolds

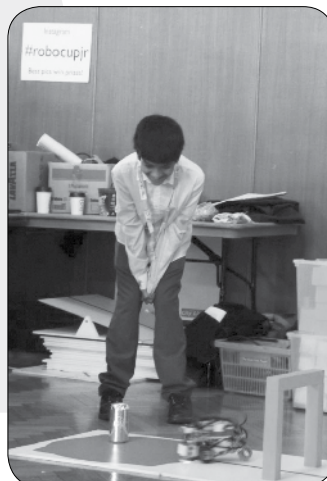


Year 9 & 10 Girls' Futsal Team

ROBOTICS CLUB

Five teams from the Glen Eira College Robotics Club competed in the RoboCup Junior Victoria State Championships at The University of Melbourne on Friday 21st August. It was the largest competition ever held in Victoria with 499 students representing 42 schools and clubs across the state. Our teams competed in the Rescue division, but also had opportunities to watch the RoboCup Junior Dance and Soccer competitions. They performed well under highly competitive conditions. Although there were no trophy winners this year, everyone gained experience and had fun. There was much talk on the way home about ways to improve their robots for next year's competition!

*David Ebert
Science Coordinator*



"Le Bonhomme de Neige" built and programmed by Abhinav, Tahlia and Ariella completing the rescue

Eitan watching his, Andreas' and John's robot making the final turns on its way to rescuing the victim



Alex getting ready to start "Geoff"

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SRC REPORT

The SRC worked hard this term to raise awareness of Homelessness Prevention Week, running two initiative concurrently, a Food Drive and the 5 Cent Campaign.

The Food Drive went for two weeks and lots of non-perishable food was donated. Year 7C students completed English work relating to homelessness. They found the company Anonymous X and recommended it to SRC to be the company of choice to distribute the food collected by the College to the homeless. The suggestion was welcomed and the founder of Anonymous X came to the school to pick up the food and spent some time talking to 7C students.

Some students learned of the 5 Cent Campaign at a Leadership Conference earlier in the year. It was promoted at the school as a Team competition which ran at two Extended Team meetings. About \$400 was raised for YGAP. 7F was the winning team raising \$48 for this good cause.

Casual day was coupled with 'Are You OK Day' on 10th September. Once again we had a sausage sizzle and fun activities. The SRC voted to use the funds for a PA system which is much needed in our school.

Thank you for all your donations. Your support is much appreciated!

Relay for Life is fast approaching. Please join our team: GEC Getting Even With Cancer. It is \$20 to register and even if you can't make it on the day, make it to the team. Go to: http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=1981&team_id=14079 to register. Thank you for your support.

Dorit Tane

*Team Program and Special Weeks Coordinator
Student Voice - Student Leadership (SRC) and Extra-Curricular
Activities Coordinator*

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK

This year we celebrated Book Week at GEC with daily quizzes, colouring competitions as well as our annual excursion to the Melbourne Writers' Festival.

"The Docklands Library was awesome, it had a great vibe with lots of different resources. The Library runs classes on how to use a 3D printer and you can play a variety of games. They also have a recording studio which is open to the general public where you can listen to music, record your own music. There is a great café which looks out over the water. They also have an art gallery which looked pretty good. You can play table tennis on the terrace and there is a three that you can rent out for private occasions. Their Wi-Fi is free and you can borrow iPads. There's a lot of great interactive sections in the Library offering all age groups something to do. Overall it's a great Library." *Ben Bloom, Year 11.*

Thank you to the many students who participated in the Book Week competitions. All art work was of an extremely high standard making it difficult to choose just two winners. However, after thoughtful deliberation, Mrs Brancatella

awarded first place to Siena McShane and second place to Chloe Galileos.

*Carmel Eyre
College Librarian*



Melbourne Writers Festival Excursion

ELEARNING NEWS



I'm elated that eLearning will now have a section in this Newsletter. So many exciting things are being done by our learning community to help prepare students for lifelong learning and the challenges they might face ahead.

eLearning is about collaborative team work and teaching young people the resilience needed to adapt and learn from change. It involves technology yes, but when has our teaching or learning not involved technology? This year we have introduced Chromebooks, but more importantly, we have increased the access to Google Apps for Education Suite. Google Docs, Forms, Sheets and Classroom all engage students and provide them with the opportunity to synergise their abilities and learn from one another. Teachers can give immediate feedback which can be continuous throughout the year.

At the college we have a student-body in charge of promoting



eLearning. It's named the eLearning Squad and I asked the Junior Captain Elizabeth Lindner-Craig and Year 9 teachers if they wanted to share their experiences of the Chromebook Program. I have since heard about how staff appreciate the 'sustainability' of the Chromebooks (Ms Douglas) and how it helps keep students engaged and 'focused' (Mr Lou). This reflects my own surveys of students, staff and parents which, considering the scale of change that comes with this kind of program, have been very positive. Vasundhara in 9C loves the flexibility, "if you want to know more than what's in the book, you can access the internet and go more in-depth with your learning".

Here is a more in depth case study by one of our teachers, Miss Brown:

In 9A science we have been focussing on the writing of practical reports. We have been utilising the Chromebooks and google documents to work collaboratively as a whole team to come up with a 'best practice' model for writing our reports. Here is what some of the students have said about their learning:

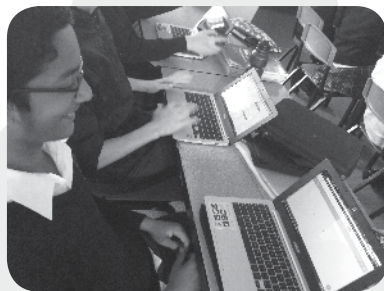
"It's fun when Miss Brown shares Google Docs and we learn together in one document." - Chandra Windi

"It's really helpful for learning on Google Docs." - Justin Santosa

"Google documents is truly a thing of the future that strengthens the bond between student and teacher in the school environment." - Tomas Smith

Although students are able to access Google Apps for Education from any device with an internet connection, Chromebooks provide an affordable means so learning can be reactive, organic and differentiated for the individual to help both challenge gifted or talented students and support those that may be struggling. It has been invaluable in my own teaching to be able to allow students to easily engage with what interest them. In my Geography class I'm able to change the learning focus to suit contemporary concerns. For example on the Immigration Debate we were able to look at SBS's *Go Back To Where You Came From* program and set learning tasks that suited our needs in the moment. And lastly, and perhaps most importantly, it allows us to say yes, yes to their interests, yes to their needs, yes to their learning.

*Mathieu Givogue
Teaching & Pedagogy Leader*



eLearning at GEC

LANGUAGES CORNER

All Hebrew classes went to see the movie *Foreign Letters* on Friday 4th September. The movie is about a 12 year old girl who emigrated with her family from Israel to the US. At first she experiences all kinds of challenges but then she meets a Vietnamese girl her age, bringing a changing point as the movie progresses. Its themes include the immigrant experience, learning English, dealing with prejudice, sharing secrets, opening to other cultures, and creatively handling conflict in friendships.

Rosh Hashana celebrations followed on 11th September. UJEB coordinated fun activities at lunch time which included apple bobbing, eating honey cake and playing backgammon.

Year 11 and 12 Berthe Mouchette Oral Competition

All our Year 11 and 12 students studying French participated in the Berthe Mouchette Oral Competition. It was a simulation of the VCE Oral Exams. We are delighted with the results of our students and a big félicitation to our finalists Sofia Vamvakidou (Year 12 French), Louis Walmsley (Year 11 French) and Youen Jamieson (Year 11 French).

*Loveena Narayanan
Head of Languages*

GLEN ERIA COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOC NEWS

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

WILLIAM ANGLISS CITY DINNER

Saturday 7 November

6.30pm dinner served at 7pm.

Don't miss our mouth-watering event, a mix of Food, Fun and Art! Eat deliciously, laugh irresistibly, paint passionately! Joins us for a beautiful three-course meal, express your creativity on canvas and win a raffle prize. All profits will go towards buying robotics equipment for GEC.

Venue

William Angliss Restaurant, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Ticket Price

\$55/head or book early on Trybooking by 25th September for a discount.

Included

3 courses + tea/coffee. Other drinks available for purchase on the night.

When booking please let us know about special dietary requirements and your preferred table group/year level or staff tables

Thank you!

Marie-Pierre Deleplanque WA Dinner Event 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.



Legally Blonde

Glen Eira College Parents provided a delicious and popular supper at recent the GEC Production of Legally Blonde. Thanks to parents who baked, helped with the stall at intermission, set up and clean up and to the lucky customers. We raised over \$200, which will be used to buy educational, strategy-based games for GEC.

Earn and Learn Supermarket stickers - please return stickers to the school ASAP.

Multicultural Supper

In term 4 we will host a relaxed Multicultural Supper at the college - a casual, family get-together early one evening to share some food from our families' traditions.

KEY DATES TERM 4 2015

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER – LAST DAY TERM 3 – 1:30PM DISMISSAL

TUESDAY 22ND – FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – UNIT 3 & 4 PRACTICE EXAMS (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY)

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER – START OF TERM 4

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER – YEAR 10 ELEVATE EDUCATION INCURSION

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER – INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER – LAST DAY YEAR 12 CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER – YEAR 12 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 24TH – SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER – RELAY FOR LIFE

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST INCURSION

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER – MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – GECPA WILLIAM ANGLISS DINNER

MONDAY 9TH – WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 9 CAMP

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 & 11 SWOT VAC

TUESDAY 17TH - THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS

WEDNESDAY 18TH – THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 9B EXAMS

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER – REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENT FREE)

MONDAY 23RD – WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER – YEAR 10 CAMP

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER – YEAR 11 & 12
2016 TRANSITION

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER – YEAR 8 – 10
2016 TRANSITION

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER – MUSIC FESTIVAL 7PM

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2016 PARENT EVENING

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 2016 ORIENTATION DAY

MONDAY 14TH – THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER – YEAR 7 – 9 END OF
YEAR PROGRAM

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER – PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER – END OF TERM 4

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Murrumbeena

Competition starts:

Sat 12 Sep, 8:30am to 10:30am
Sat 19 Sep, 8:30am to 10:30am

Registration/Information Day:

Sat 5 Sep from 1pm-4pm
St Patricks Primary School
Rovira House
3 Dalny Rd, Murrumbeena

Registration details at:

www.caulfieldlittleathletics.org.au
Contact Asst Registrar:
Mary Harper on 0425 719 384
or secretary@caulfieldlittleathletics.org.au

**All new members who join before 1 October will go
into the draw to WIN a CLAC sports bag and uniform!**
Register by Thursday 1 October. Drawn at the track on Saturday 3 October.



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