The Great Debate

Fiona Harmer

A huge congratulations to the lovely Galen debating ladies who won the district Debating Grand Final on the weekend! The topic for the debate was “that nuclear power for Australia is inevitable,” with Galen taking the negative side. With two weeks to prepare, the team made a quick decision to follow the line that Australia has other, more viable energy options. Speakers Stephanie O’Kane, Brodie McPhie and Claire Luxford highlighted the many sources of clean, cost effective and renewable resources available in Australia. They compared these with the potential costs and risks associated with nuclear energy. The recent events in Japan served to further cement our case, that nuclear power is simply not worth the risk. Other team members Olivia McMillan, Chelsea Fleming, Rebecca Davis, Grace Harmer and Candace O’Keefe provided the research, statistics and sound rebuttal to outclassed the opposition’s case on the day. It really was a team effort! There is an enormous trophy in my possession to celebrate our win, which is on display in the front office.
- Parents -

Please note

All parents please be advised that students can be dropped off on the roadside nearby any of the school entrances. Parents cars must not enter the school grounds for drop off purposes—the driveways are not drop off zones. Using them this way congests traffic and is a safety hazard for students.

Cake Day

Michelle Hill

The annual Cake Day was held on Friday 11th March, hosted by 7/2. The event has a twofold purpose – to raise money for Caritas and as a bonding activity for our homeroom group.

All students were encouraged to bring along home-made cakes, slices, tarts and biscuits. The students then sold their cakes to staff. Over $350 was raised this year which was a wonderful effort! Thanks to everyone who supported the kids.

HELPERS NEEDED

- in the Uniform Shop either Tues 10.30 – 2.30 or Thurs 1.00 – 5.00.
- in the 2nd hand bookshop at the end of the year.

Please phone Alison on 03 5723 8320 if you can help in either shop.

What’s Happening: Next Fortnight

For the full Term calendar, you can also visit the College website.

MARCH

28th-29th
29th-30th
Wed 30th
30th-31st

Year II DECA Trip 4
Parents Assoc. Meeting
Discovery Walk 9/4
Interim Reports Posted

Year II DECA Trip 5

APRIL

Thurs 7th
Thurs 7th
Fri 8th
Fri 8th

Caritas K’s Walkathon
Parent-Teacher Evening
Parent-Teacher Morn
Pupil Free Day

End of Term

Term 2 begins 27th April

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The rollout of laptop computers is continuing over the final three weeks of this term. By the end of first term, all students across Years 7 to 12 will have their laptops and be using them in their classrooms.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, professional development and further training in the use of the laptops is continuing for the teaching staff, especially in regards to how they can be used as an effective tool for engaging our students even further in the process of their learning. As I have stated at each of the induction nights and in previous newsletters, the bottom line coming from the laptop program is improvement in the learning process for our students – otherwise it is a considerable waste of time and money.

Congratulations to the debaters!

Our senior debating team competed in the Grand Final of the Rotary Debating Competition last Saturday afternoon, in front of an audience of around 700 Rotarians in the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. The competition included entries from over 30 schools from as far afield as Seymour, Walla Walla, Rushworth and Corryong. In the end, the final of this eight month competition came down to a contest between Galen Catholic College and St Mary’s of the Angels (Nathalia).

I am happy to report that the Galen team won an enthralling debate on the topic “that it is inevitable that Australia will adopt nuclear power”. Congratulations to Year 12 students who represented the team on Saturday, Claire Luxford, Brodie McPhie and Stephanie O’Kane and their coach, teacher Mrs Fiona Harmer. Congratulations, also, to the remainder of the student team for their invaluable contributions over the eight months of the competition: Chelsea Fleming, Rebecca Davis, Grace Harmer, Claire Luxford, Olivia McMillan and Candace O’Keefe.

The Ian Murphy Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the winners of the competition, is on display in the front reception area. Well done, girls!!

News from CREW

The first meeting for the Board of Catholic Regional Education (CREW) was held at St. Bernard’s Primary School on the 2nd March 2011. The Board’s Vision is:

Catholic Regional Education Wangaratta (CREW) is committed to providing quality educational opportunities enriched by the teachings of Jesus Christ and supported through strong community partnerships.

The Board is made up of representatives from the four Catholic Schools in Wangaratta and Borinya, the Community Partnerships School. The Galen representatives are the Principal, Bernard Neal, teacher representative, Anthony Holligan and Board representative, Tony Lane. The Board works on focus areas with a working party established for each area:

(1) Interschool Relationships
(2) Early Years Education
(3) Promotion & Celebration
(4) Education Structure and Provision.

The Working Parties explained their focus for the benefit of the new Board members and shared their strategic intentions for the year. New Board members were asked to consider what focus area they would be suited to support.

Items discussed included:

- Teacher Shadowing - a teacher from each of the Primary schools will spend two days at Galen before the end of term one following a class for the day and then Shadowing a Teacher for the day.
- Developing a new CREW logo, brochure and poster – all of which will be unveiled at the start of second term.
- Planning for Catholic Education Week from May 13th to May the 19th.
- Teacher Shadowing - a teacher from each of the Primary schools will spend two days at Galen before the end of term one following a class for the day and then Shadowing a Teacher for the day.

Quick feedback on school visits

As you are aware, on March 15 Galen teaching and support staff visited a range of schools looking specifically at innovative learning & teaching techniques, pastoral care arrangements and organizational structures.

In all, staff visited 44 schools on the day, so you can imagine that there will be plenty of data to work our way through over the next few weeks. Each group will submit a two-page written report to the rest of staff by Friday, with a number of more detailed reports being prepared for different working groups within the school.

Mr Darren Hovey, Deputy Principal: Learning & Teaching, and Mrs Bernadette Albertson, Professional Development Co-ordinator, will have a more detailed report in the next newsletter after the written reports from staff have been collated.

As parents, you will be invited to participate directly in this process at a later stage. Our timeframe for making any major decisions coming from this process is that we make any broad decisions by the start of third term.

To contact the newsletter editor, email reflections@galen.vic.edu.au or telephone 5721 6322 during school hours
### Work Experience for Year 10 Students

Work experience (Term 2 June 14-17) is compulsory for all year 10’s. Mr Walker has now spoken to all year 10 homerooms. If you were away you need to talk to your homeroom teacher. Students can work at sporting clubs, museums, research centres, flight simulators, television stations, studios etc. Students need to find a work placement now. Do not wait until the end of Term 2 as most positions will be taken.

**Helpful tips:**
- Research previous work experience placements. List outside Mr Willett and Mrs Morrow’s office.
- Use [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)
- Use the Yellow Pages. This will be useful to gain a number contacts for potential employers.
- Look at interest areas as well as specific jobs
- Talk to your parents, other students, teachers, friends, family.
- You need to complete your safe@work general and industry test modules. Once completed, print them off and put them in Mr Walker office.
- If you organise a work placement away from your residence you also need to organise your accommodation.

If a student is thinking about doing work experience with a plumber, builder, electrician, bricklayer, concreters or painter etc, they will be required to obtain a Construction Industry Card (CI card). CI cards are required on all industry sites. For Galen students the training day is at TEC/TAFE, Cusack street, Wangaratta, on Monday 2nd June. The cost is $60. Give your name to Mr Rob Walker ASAP.

### KeysPlease Presentation

**Liz Morrow, Year 10 Coordinator**

Supervising a teenager learning to drive fills many adults with feelings of fear and frustration. Research suggests that to reduce the high number of fatalities and crashes involving P Plate drivers, a Learner needs to gain at least 120 hours driving practice in all conditions, as a mandatory requirement.

On Wednesday 16th March, Rob Allen, educational representative from Vic Roads presented an informative, interactive & educational presentation to all Year 10’s. This is what some of the students had to say about it:

“Watching Will Carlile out the front driving the pretend vehicle was really funny to watch. It showed the importance of concentrating & multi tasking when driving.”

“It was cool at the end of the Presentation when we were given our own L/P plates to take home.”

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### Senior Boys Cricket Regional Final

**Brian Carr**

Having beaten cross-town rivals Wangaratta High, Galen went on to play in the regional final of Senior Boys Cricket. On Thursday the 10th of March, a wet and overcast day, the team travelled to Benalla to play two games in order to qualify for the Twenty20 Championships in Melbourne.

Galen had a tough assignment first up in Euroa High, Euroa batted first after losing the toss. Despite reaching no wicket for sixty, the Galen bowlers fought against the wet conditions, tightened their lines and wrestled back the momentum, particularly Paul Szeligiewicz and Ashley Robbins. The Euroa side finished with 103 runs, and the Galen boys knew they could chase it down. Isaac Willett and Josh Schonafinger started brilliantly with a 52 run partnership, which set up the rest of the innings. Solid contributions from Thomas Williams, Matthew Ryan, Tom Adams and Jake Mountey got the side to the required total in the final over with only five wickets down.

Next up, in the qualifying match, was Notre Dame. Galen lost the toss and were sent in to bat. A fantastic 58 from Isaac Willet and a good supporting 25 from Matt Ryan got Galen to the solid total of 6/117 after twenty overs. Jaden Scobie bowled particularly well, and a sparkling run-out from Mitch Montgomery and the catch of the year by Josh Schonafinger kept Galen in the match right until the end. However the side would walk away unhappy, as their total was passed in the final over.

It was a great team effort all day from Galen, considering they played all day with only ten players. Coach Brian Carr was pleased with all the boys efforts and said it was an enjoyable day.
**Junior School News**

**Patrick Arcuri, Junior School Director**

The Junior School has seen its entire Year 7 cohort issued with MacBook laptops. The successful rollout occurred on the 7th, 8th and 9th of March. It has been fantastic to see so many Year 7 students using their new laptops in class to assist with their learning. Many teachers have now incorporated key learning activities with the use of the laptops. A big thank you must go to the ICT group led by Mr. Pasczor and Mr. Rosicka, Senior library staff, Principal Mr. Neal, IT trainees Sean O’Neil and Steven Frezzini as well as Year 7 Co-ordinator Miss Lee. Can I please remind students that they must transport their laptops always in their carry bags. The Year 8 roll out will take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March.

A reminder to all parents in the Junior school to ensure they book a day and time for term 1 parent-teacher interviews. Students should have taken home their parent-teacher interview-booking sheet; I encourage all parents to contact the school to organise a time if they have not yet received a sheet from their child.

Last Wednesday the class of 8/2 led by Miss Bellani delivered a very successful Junior School Assembly on Friendship and Community. Guest speakers included Year 12 student Lauren Parker who spoke about Wangaratta Youth Council nominations for Year 8 students and Year 11 student Alison Taylor spoke about YCS (Youth Christian Student group).

Recently both the Year 7 and Year 8 homerooms have conducted a spelling bee to determine the best speller in each perspective homeroom. The representative will then compete against the best spellers from other homerooms for valuable points to be awarded in the inter-homeroom competition.

The Year 8 inter-homeroom tennis competition will come to an end this week. Many students have been involved in this activity and it has been pleasing to see the excellent sportsmanship displayed on the courts.

I have great optimism that this year’s SRC will be fantastic leaders in the Junior School. They already have several ideas in motion to improve school facilities, entertain the students and raise money for worthy causes.

Finally, many students from the Junior School are involved with the Junior Production, Alice in Wonderland. Don’t miss Alice in Wonderland on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre.

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**CARITAS K’s & ‘Go Green for Sandhurst’**

**Paul Maher, Deputy Principal — Catholic Identity**

Easter brings with it a number of events here at Galen this year. Families should have received their CARITAS K’s Sponsorship Booklets by now. This has proven to be a significant fundraiser from the school for Caritas each year. After the many devastating natural disasters that have occurred this year and the ongoing hardships that are ever present in many third world nations we want 2011 to be bigger and better than ever.

All students have been asked to make a concerted effort this year to support those people who are struggling by getting sponsors and raising the much needed funds that go to rebuilding lives and communities.

Our Caritas K’s event will be held on Thursday 7th April. It will run in the afternoon after the students have attended a performance on the Crucifixion in the Max Fletcher Auditorium. We see it as being very important that we make clear the links between our fundraising activities and our call to ‘love one another’ and need to respond proactively to social justice in our world.

In accordance with this we will also hold a GO GREEN FOR SANDHURST day at this same event. All students will be hold to come to school dressed in green for a gold coin donation. This event will be used to support the Sandhurst Fundraising initiative to help those people who have been affected by flood recently. This day was to be held on St. Patrick’s day but unfortunately we had to move the day to our Caritas K’s event. We hope you understand this and see Thursday 7th April as an opportunity to support the lives of others. It’s also the students last day of term one and the disruption to the school will be minimal.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and I urge you all to talk to your sons and daughters about becoming actively involved in this important fundraising event – not for themselves but to enhance and improve the quality of life of others!

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**Host Families Needed**

**Franco Cudini, LOTE Coordinator**

Galen now has a student exchange policy and it will soon be available on the school’s site. There are many exchange agencies recruiting host families via advertisements in the media and also approaching schools for placements. However, the reality is that each school, depending on its resources, will have its own limitations on the number of places that it can make available. For 2011, Galen has made available approx 10 short term (8/10 weeks) places for exchange students. These places have already been allocated to exchange agencies and individual requests from Galen parents.

We are asking any family who may be thinking of hosting an overseas student to register their interest by calling the school office (not responding to advertisements or approaches by private agencies and then approaching the school). In order to avoid disappointment, we ask parents not to commit to hosting an exchange student without consulting with the school first. Parents are encouraged to be part of the Galen College Host Family Register. Please contact me for more information.

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**Would you like to host a student from ITALY?**

**ITALIAN STUDENTS**

2 Month: 28 June - 23 August 2011
3 Month: 28 June - 20 Sept 2011

Students attend school and stay with Australian families. Email Franco.Cudini@galen.vic.edu.au or phone 5721 6322 for a host family application form and details about the students.

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**Would you like to host a student from FRANCE?**

**FRENCH STUDENTS**

2 Month: 8 July - 28 August 2011
1.5 Month: 17 July - 28 August 2011

Students attend school and stay with Australian families. Email Franco.Cudini@galen.vic.edu.au or phone 5721 6322 for a host family application form and details about the students.
Cyber Safety for Parents
Special Information Seminar

The roll out of computers for all students has highlighted the need for students, teachers and parents to be well informed about the possible risks associated with digital technology.

To help children stay safe online Galen and Cathedral College are hosting a Cyber safety Outreach – Internet Safety Awareness seminar. Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program.

Issues to be covered include:
- The way children use the internet
- Potential risks: bullying, identity theft
- Tips to help stay say safe online

As one parent declared: ‘It was an eye-opening experience’ – and so it will be for you. The presentation will be thorough, non-technical and conducted by an accredited cyber-safety trainer.

Details:
- TUESDAY, 10 MAY, 2011
- 7 pm
- MAX FLETCHER AUDITORIUM, Galen Catholic College

Laptops and Ergonomics

The physiotherapists of North East Physiotherapy are concerned about the number of people seeking physiotherapy treatment for back, neck and shoulder pain caused by poor computer posture and lack of exercise.

With the roll out of laptop computers within the Galen student community, we think it is important for staff, students and parents alike to consider the recommendations for minimizing the physical impact that frequent use of laptop computers may have on posture.

Get it set right—from the beginning.

There are 4 accessories to make a laptop ergonomically friendly:
- Laptop Riser
- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Chair support

With extended use of a laptop (>30 minutes), raise it to eye level and plug in a separate keyboard and mouse.

- A Laptop riser should bring the top of the screen to eye level
- Attaching a mouse reduces wrist & finger fatigue
- Attaching a keyboard provides more space for finger activity
- Provide appropriate seating, at a desk (not bed or sofa)
- Support the “S” spinal curve with an adjustable office chair or a lumbar support desk set-up

aim for “S” shaped upright curve

avoid “C” shaped slouched curve

More information will follow in the next issue of Reflections.

Consult North East Physiotherapy for prompt, expert diagnosis and management of any aches and pains or computer posture advice.

North East Physiotherapy & Clinical Pilates sites are at:
- 10 Chisholm St, Wangaratta- 57 22 1424
- 39 Nunn St, Benalla- 57 62 6866
- 24 Belmore St, Yarrawonga- 57 43 1142

Words From Wellbeing

National Youth Week
Art Comp & FREE Youth Festival

As part of this years National Youth Week celebrations there will be two events that young people and families can take part in throughout the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The first is the Thru Ur Eyes art competition. Young people aged 11 - 25 years are able to submit any form of art work (eg: Photography, painting, textiles, sculpture) that represents the world around them. There is cash prizes for three categories (11-13 years, 14-18 years, 19-25 years). We encourage all young people in these age groups to submit works in the free competition. Art works will be on display at the National Youth Week festival in King George IV Gardens. The festival will include a FREE BBQ, French speaking and crapes, FREE BBQ, live local acoustic bands and short bread decorating.

For more information please contact Katy Hawkins (Youth Worker at the Wangaratta Council) on 03 5722 0819.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wangaratta

Would you like to become a Big Brother or Big Sister to a young person in your community?

We have young people (aged 7 - 17) waiting to be matched to caring and supportive adults (aged 18 +) who can offer them friendship and positive life experiences.

Find out more by contacting Cath Warnock on 37 218 638 or email: cath.warnock@bbbs.org.au

For any wellbeing concerns contact Therese or Neville on 03 5721 6322.
OPEN DAY DATES FOR 2011 – Attending Open Days is a great way to find out more about universities and TAFE Institutes; see facilities, find out about courses, collect information. Here are some dates for your diary. More information and dates as Open Days get closer.

- Sun 27 Mar – Veterinary Science Open Day, Werribee
- Sun 26 June – Victoria University (well ahead of the other universities this year)
- Sun 17 July – Burnley Gardens Open Day, Burnley Campus, Uni of Melbourne, 500 Yarra Bvd, Richmond
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses)
- Sun 7 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Melbourne); Monash Uni ( Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses); William Anglis TAFE
- Fri 12 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Shepparton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne); Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); La Trobe Uni (Mildura); RMIT (University and TAFE)
- Sat 20 Aug – Holmesglen TAFE
- Sun 21 Aug – Deakin Uni (Geelong); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga); Uni of Melbourne; Swinburne (Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe Uni (Renrigo)
- Sun 14 Aug – Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day

It is especially important to attend open days if you intend to apply for a course that requires an interview, folio presentation or audition. You will be at a serious disadvantage if you have never visited the institution involved.

MARINE CAREERS DISCOVERY DAYS – The Marine Discovery Centre will run career days with speakers including biologists, tour operators, chemists, education officers, technicians and fisheries officers. Dissect a fish, tour behind the scenes and discover how volunteering can lead to jobs. When: 15 April & 8 July (school holidays); Where: MDC, Queenscliff; Cost: $40 (including materials and lunch); Info: www.dpi.vic.gov.au/mdc (application form can be downloaded); ph 5238 0238, pam.haebich@dpi.vic.gov.au.

FLIGHTCAMP is an opportunity for teenagers between the ages of 15 & 19 to explore the many facets of a career in aviation as a pilot flying fixed/rotary wing aircraft or flying for fun. It occurs at the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome. For more information visit www.flightcamp.com.au

KEEPER FOR A DAY @HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY is an engaging day of activities for aspiring zookeepers where students spend a day working alongside our Zookeepers. Keeper for a Day runs each school holidays. Term 1 holiday dates are April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20. Bookings: 9285 9406. More information can be found at: http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/HSKeeper_for_day

DO YOU LOVE DANCE AND DRAMA? NIDA's 2011 Autumn Holiday Program runs from Saturday 9 April to Thursday 21 April. If you are 16 years or below, you can participate in courses and workshops at NIDA in Kensington and 'on location' sites including the Bowen Library at Maroubra, Centennial Park, Cockatoo Island, Nutcote and Taronga Zoo. NIDA are also offering their Drama School courses in Casula and the Blue Mountains. For more details, go to www.nida.edu.au

FOCUS ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (HCS) CAREERS
- One of the most diverse industry groups in the Australian workforce. There are over 500 occupations in the HCS sector.
- Tipped to be the fastest growing industry in Australia in the next 5 years.
- Highest number of skill shortage occupations out of all industries in Australia.
- As technology develops, so do the jobs (i.e., medical engineering, nuclear therapies) and lots of new jobs are yet to be invented over the next 10 yrs.
- You can work here or overseas and in many occupations you can work flexible hours and travel and also open your own business.
- If you don't want to work directly with people, there are many occupations where you can work 'behind the scenes' in research, policy development, health information management and information technologies.
- Community services include occupations such as Youth Work, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, Alcohol and Other Drugs Work, Child Protection, Disability Work and Aged Care. Health occupations include Nursing, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Dietetics, Podiatry and Radiology.

Choosing the right subjects at school that will support further education and training pathways will depend on what HCS occupation you would like to pursue. See your career adviser for up to date advice and also check out VICTER if you are in year 10 or 11: www.vtac.edu.au/pdf/publications/victer2012.pdf

Galen Catholic College @ www.galen.vic.edu.au

Library Link

Konnichiwa. Simon Higgins (above), author of a number of fiction novels on Japanese history, spies and crime is visiting our school this week. He will be speaking to the Legal Studies classes in VCE and some of the Year 10 Humanity classes, relating his experiences as a former policeman and prosecutor in South Australia. He will also be running writing workshops in the Year 9 area. Look out for him and say hello.

The Senior Library is going traditional Japanese for a short while. Pop in and walk under the arches, have a look at the samurai sword and Simon’s novels on display on the book pagoda. Sayonara.

Madang Immersion

Jim Samon

It looks like we will be able to offer the exciting opportunity for a 10 Day immersion experience for a small number of Year 11 students to Madang in Papua New Guinea. We have been in contact with past principal Dave Seiter who is working in schools around Madang with his wife Marilyn.

We would like to initiate a trip similar in nature to the Santa Teresa experience that has students working with students of a different culture in their schools and communities.

Our proposed time for the trip would be the second week of August for 10 days. This would be about the 5-14th August.

We will be calling a meeting for interested students soon. Following this there will be an application and interview process. We will have a better idea of costs later on but at this stage we are just letting students know about this opportunity. We hope to have Dave and Marilyn visit Galen later in Term 2 to speak to the group going to Madang.

Please contact Jim Samon for further information.

Above: Emma Grant and Kiandra Kerby
Junior Maths Challenge
Maree Timms, Maths Domain Leader

Tomarsh Loki and Miss Lee’s 7.3 homeroom of 2010 are now on the new Galen Junior Maths Challenge honour board.

In 2010, the maths faculty added junior maths challenges into the mix of homeroom challenges. These maths challenges are designed to encourage students with an interest in maths and to experience more challenging questions. The questions are from past Australian Maths Challenges (Australian Maths Trust). The students are given two weeks to complete the challenges. An added bonus for the maths faculty is that the challenges can generate great mathematical discussions at home. It great to see little comments along their answers, “Mum/Dad helped me with this” even “Pop helped me with this one”.

The competition has grown from only about 15 students entering at the start of the competition, to approximately 60 entrants in the first of the challenges this year. Maddie Smith (7.1), Ian Christy (7.6) and last year’s Champion Tomarsh Loki (8.4) have taken out the prizes for the first Galen Challenge of 2011. It makes me very proud to see so many students “having a go” and making the best of the opportunities presented to them.

Galen Board Candidates

SUELLEN LOKI
Child/ren at Galen: Tomarsh Loki (Yr 8)
I believe I can be a valuable advisory and support person to serve Galen College in the areas of Community development and participation, Vocational Education and Catholic values.

My professional skills include Educational Development in the areas of Vocational Education and Training, business and strategic planning, and Partnership development.

Over the years I have been part of various Community, Church and School environments and achieved great satisfaction in contributing to and being an ambassador for the values and beliefs of those organisations.

I would enjoy the opportunity to assisting in the growth and development of Galen College, with the goal of achieving a balanced environment in which our children can flourish.

JOANNE RYAN
Child/ren at Galen: Tara Ryan (Yr 11), Tom Ryan (Yr 9)
My prior experience is predominately in Accounting, Management and Administration which extends some 25 years. My formal qualifications of a Bachelor of Business (Finance) I acquired from Charles Sturt University. As the Finance and Operations Manager at The Centre, it is my role to manage and lead specific cross centre responsibilities including Finance, Customer Service, Administration, Marketing, Information Technology, Occupational Health & Safety, Buildings and Property. I have completed the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program and I’m keen to make a valuable contribution to my community. I currently hold positions on the following committees:
- Rural City of Wangaratta Audit Advisory Committee – Community Member
- Galen Catholic College – Board Member & Chair of Finance Sub Committee
- Uniting Care Goulburn North East Board of Governance - Current Chair

MARK WILLIAMS
Child/ren at Galen: Thomas Williams (Yr 11), Peter Williams (Yr 8)
I have held the positions of Committee Member and Chairperson of the St Bernard’s Primary School in the past. I have attended the Catholic Education Office School Board Member Training at Harrietville Retreat.

I am a firm believer in the Catholic philosophy in Education and Community.

I have a background in Emergency Management (DISPLAN), Strategic Planning and the Risk Based Assessment Process.

I have been a Committee Member and President of the Wangaratta City Football Club for approximately six years.

I am committed to the development of Galen Catholic College as a basis for the development of our children and providing the best education possible for all children attending the School.

JOHN BYRNE
Child/ren at Galen: Bridgitte Byrne (Yr10), Georgie Byrne (Grad 2010), Madeline Byrne (Grad 2008).

I am applying for my second term as a parent representative on the school board.

In my first term on the Board I have been chairman of the Facilities and Resources sub-committee and been actively involved in all the Board activities.

Galen College numbers are growing at the moment and the Board needs to plan for the future, particularly in the finances and resources areas to meet this demand. That will be my main objective if elected for another term.

I have wide experience in developing long term strategies, particularly in sport with young people. I was employed by Football Victoria for twenty years, and for twelve of those years I was the Regional Manager of the Murray Bushrangers. I have also served as an elected councillor with the Shire of Wangaratta.

I currently run my own business, as a Primary Producer on a property north of Wangaratta My wife Olga is a Maths, Science and Biology teacher at Galen College.

VOTING FORM
Please complete the four boxes in order of preference (1 – 4).

Return to the College by 4pm on Thursday 7th April.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Whole School Event
Thursday April 28th
Second Day Back in Term 2
Families Welcome to Attend
9am—3.15pm at Galen College

This is a compulsory school day for all students, competitors and spectators.

Who’s Who at Galen...

Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Darren Hovey: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Paul Maher: Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Paul Carson: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett: Middle School Director
- Pat Arcuri: Junior School Director
- Marlene Kittel: Staff member
- Gary Watson: Timetable/Daily Organiser

Parents Association Executive
- Meg Paino: President
- Ailsa Box: Treasurer
- Di Crockett: Secretary

School Board
- Monsignor John White: Parish Priest
- Tony Lane: President
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal - Staff & Students
- Max Fletcher: CEO Sandhurst Representative
- Cameron Butler: Parent and Community seat holder
- John Byrne: Parent
- Joanne Ryan: Parent
- Angie Semmens: Parent
- Mick Grogan: Teaching Staff
- Terry Magree: Teaching Staff
- John Pasztor: Teaching Staff
- Paul Walker: Teaching Staff

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