Applications are now open for students wishing to participate in the Timor Leste Immersion. Peter Brien and myself were fortunate in being able to travel to Timor Leste in mid-August as a reconnaissance trip to aid our planning and preparation for the student trip in 2013. We met many friendly and hospitable people in the region around Baucau which was our base. Our contact is Br. Tony Clark (Marist) from the Teacher Training Campus in Baucau. Tony administers a number of developmental projects and has a wide network of groups that he works with there. So we were in good hands when seeing first hand the sort of things our students could be participating in.

Our aim is to take a small group of mainly Year 11 students to Baucau in April 2013 to build relationships with local Timorese by working in schools, community youth centres, a crèche, the teachers college and other similar places. Baucau is a beautiful town and the students will be exposed to many new experiences such as learning Tetun (the local language), eating simple food, experiencing their culture and visiting the local market.

If your son or daughter may be interested in this immersion and you would like further information please feel free to contact myself or Gerard Sullivan. - Written by Jim Samon

Application forms available from the Middle School Office or from Mr. Samon: Jim.samon@galen.vic.edu.au or geard.sullivan@galen.vic.edu.au

Over 130 students were involved as actors, dancers, musicians, and backstage crew at the Peter Pan performances held on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of August. Students involved in the production were predominantly from Years 7-9, with Year 10 students involved in production direction and choreography.
What's On

- Thurs Sept 13 & 14 - 9.5 Bushwalk
- Wed Sept 19 & 20 - 9.6 Bushwalk
- Thurs Sept 20 - Last Day of Term 3
- Thurs Sept 20 - Parent Teacher Evening
- Fri Sept 21 - Parent Teacher Morning

- Mon Oct 8 - Term 4 Commences
- Tues Oct 16 - Arts/Tech Exhibition
- Tues Oct 23 - Year 12 Last day
- Thurs Nov 1 - Year 12 Exams begin
- Thurs Nov 22 - Yr 12 Graduation Evening

The latest 'What's On' is also updated daily on the Galen website homepage. www.galen.vic.edu.au

Galen Parents' Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD ALLERGIES AND OUR TUCKSHOP
Tuesday 9th October 7.00 pm at school (exact location to be advised) If your child suffers from food allergies please come along and help us compile a list of suggestions and advisory guidelines for the operators of our tuckshop.
Please RSVP to: uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au or 035723 8320

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday October 16th at 7.00 pm in the Staff Room - entry via side door on auditorium/senior library side of Main Office Block.

PRESENTATION BALLS 2013
Early Term 4 we will be holding an info session with all current Year 10 students regarding the 2013 Presentation Balls, we will also hold a Parent Info night at 6.30 pm on Tuesday October 16th in the Staff Room.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of you attended the Junior Production of "Peter Pan" last week, a colourful, vibrant and most entertaining display of the musical and theatrical talents of some 250 Galen students from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Congratulations to all the students involved, whether on stage, in the band or backstage!

The Junior Production at Galen is always an excellent showcase for a large number of our students. There is a deliberate policy to cater for as many students as possible and to enable all those who wish to have an acting role to do so. And what a strong foundation this then builds for our young people who wish to continue their experience into the whole school production.

Watching a variety of Peter Pans, Wendys, Brothers, Tinkerbells, Lost Boys, Indians, Captain Hooks, dancers, and so on, over two performances, I was once again struck by the display of sheer joy that is integral to all the Galen productions – the students genuinely have a great time whether as actors, musicians or stage crew. This is due to the outstanding educational and theatrical professionalism of the major producers, Mrs Julie Nolan and Mr David Ashfield and the consistent support they receive from other staff who volunteer their services over and over again for our productions.

The overall experience for the Galen students is invaluable. There is always a strong focus on production values which results in great costumes, great sets, great lighting, and great stage management.

Staffing news

Congratulations to staff member, Mr Peter Mills, on the birth of his daughter, Ruby Ann, born the day before Father’s Day: nice timing!

Also, congratulations to staff member, Mrs Carla Murphy, on the birth of her daughter, Bonnie Janina, born on Tuesday 4th September.

A number of staff are either on long service leave at present, or will be soon: Mr Peter Brien, Mrs Nicole Nixon, Mrs Margaret Moore are already on leave; Mrs Bernadette Albertson will commence leave in the last week of term.

I will be taking long service leave myself for the first five weeks of fourth term, returning to school on the 12th November. In my absence, Mr Geoff Welch will assume the mantle of Acting Principal.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Following on from the Interim Reports for all year levels, there will be Parent-Teacher Interviews held on Thursday September 20 and Friday September 21. Details of times and for booking appointments are provided on the following page of this newsletter.

Insight SRC Surveys

Many thanks to those parents who have returned their Insight SRC surveys. If you were one of the 60 parents randomly selected and you have not yet completed the survey, please do so: it is important that we get as close to the full 60 surveys completed as possible so that the information has great validity and usefulness.

Staff and students are also completing the surveys from their perspectives.

New Hospitality Centre

Recent visitors to the college will have noticed that work on the new Hospitality Centre is well under way. Over the term holidays there will be even more noticeable work completed, so the students will see quite a change when they return in term four.

Thanks to parents

I would like to thank all parents for their co-operation and understanding in regards to our altered arrangements last Wednesday. Once again, I apologize for the inconvenience caused to families by the changes.

Regards,

Bernard Neal - Principal
Parent Teacher Interviews

**SEPTEMBER 20 – 21, 2012**

- Session 1: THURSDAY, Sept 20  4.30pm – 6.00pm
- Session 2: THURSDAY, Sept 20  6.30pm – 8.00pm
- Session 3: FRIDAY, Sept 21  9.00 am – 10.30 am
- Session 4: FRIDAY, Sept 21  11.00am – 12.00 pm

- Important to keep interviews to 5 minutes
- Issues that require lengthy discussion should be arranged outside parent interview sessions

**BOOK ON-LINE**

1. GO TO:  www.schoolinterviews.com.au
2. ENTER SCHOOL EVENT CODE: YUXSM

*Suggestion: Book 10 minutes apart to allow time for movement to next location.*

**BOOK THROUGH GALEN**

For those who cannot access the internet or are having a problem call Galen on 57216322. We will do the bookings for you.

Student Exchange

Hello to everybody, my name is Gianmarco, but you probably know me as Marco. Until today I have spent two wonderful months in Australia and I have visited Sydney, Canberra, Albury, Wangaratta, Geelong and Melbourne. There isn’t very much to know about me: I am 17, I am from a small city near Venice called Padua and I am going to complete my last year at my Italian School “Tito Livio”, where I study classical subjects like History, Philosophy, Latin and Greek. I have decided to come to Australia because I want to learn English and also because I like meeting new people. I really would like to stay here a little longer, but our Italian Visa lasts only until the 18th of September. I am sure I am going to enjoy my last month at Galen.

The Facts on Catholic School Funding

Almost one in four Victorian students attends a Catholic school. On average, they receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they went to government schools. The families who choose to send their children to Catholic schools are pretty similar to government school families. Catholic schools tend to charge low fees, so that more families can make that choice for their children. When parent fees are included, Catholic schools operate on around 90 per cent of the cost of government schools. Many parents make big sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. This includes parents whose children have special needs. Special needs students in Catholic schools receive less funding from government than if they were going to a government school. Despite the lack of funding, Catholic schools continue to show improvement for their students, including their most disadvantaged. Parents should be free to choose the type of education they want for their children. When parents choose a Catholic school for their children, governments can invest more on students in government schools. Any decision to stop government funding for Catholic schools, or to reduce funding by not having school funding keep pace with government school funding, will mean that fees will have to go up. If Catholic school fees go up, parents may have to change their mind about where they send their children to school. Their only choice may be government schools, which will put further pressure on the government system. Properly funding Catholic schools now, and in the future, will help take pressure off government schools.

Battalion Association Award

Year 11 student Tess Rowland is this year’s worthy recipient of the 2/24th Battalion Association Award. The award is made by the Zonta organisation in recognition and appreciation of a Year 11 student who has shown involvement, contribution, consideration and awareness of the needs of others for the betterment of school and community life. Tess is currently an SRC representative at Galen.

From Champagnat to Galen

As part of the celebration highlighting the Marist charism for Founders Day in August, there has been a uniform display in the senior library for the past few weeks. The display features the original Champagnat College uniform that was worn by the boys between 1955 and 1982. It also shows photographs of the original Galen College uniform. This was worn by senior students between 1975 and 1995 when Galen College changed from browns and camel colours back to maroon, grey, and blue. The students have been very interested in the ‘model’ student. Next year it is hoped to focus on the Brigidine Convent/St. Joseph’s College uniform.

Library News

Year 7s are gearing up for the Reader’s Cup Homeroom competition. The teams are ready, the books chosen and the book trailers are ready to roll.

**Who will win this prestigious event?**

9.00 Wednesday 12th September at the Stadium

- 7.1 - The Named
- 7.2 - Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets
- 7.3 - Tomorrow when the war began
- 7.4 - Tales of Beedle the Bard
- 7.5 - Mission Survival: Bear Grylls; Gold of the Gods
- 7.6 - Bungawitta
- 7.7 - Conspiracy 365: January
- 7.8 - Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

*Immerse yourself in the National Year of Reading!*

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### Training For Parents

**ENROL NOW for Work Skills and Training course (Certificate II) covering a range of areas including Customer Service, IT and OHS.**

**Starts early September. Spaces are limited!**
- 2 days per week • 9.30 am to 2.30 pm • 26 weeks duration
- No classes during school holidays

Courses are run in partnership with a Registered Training Organisation. At the completion of your course we can assist you to manage your condition and find work. We also provide six months support after you find work. To be eligible you must be:
- in receipt of Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment or Youth Allowance, and
- have a health condition or disability (e.g. back pain, anxiety), and
- be an Australia Citizen or a Permanent Resident.*

To enrol now, call April at CRS Australia Wangaratta on (03) 5723 4700

*Additional eligibility criteria may apply. © Commonwealth of Australia CRS0359 August 2012

### Lorin Nicholson : Motivational Speaker

I’d like to highlight the inspirational life which was presented to every Galen student on Thursday 6th September, that of Lorin Nicholson. The motivational speaker, who was largely organised by Laurie Burt, showed us an aspect of life that all Galen students take for granted – our sight. Lorin is a happily married man who has been legally blind since birth. On Thursday he shared stories with the school including arduous bike rides and breath taking guitar solos.

Some students left feeling confused. Some joked about the hour spent with Lorin. But taking your advantaged life for granted will inevitably come back to haunt you. Lorin stressed during his presentation that anything is achievable, and the only one holding you back from reaching your dreams is yourself – for Year 12’s in particular this is a thought that should be embraced. He also demonstrated how life should be lived to the fullest – he rode his bike from Perth to Sydney over four weeks – if this doesn’t motivate our VCE students to put the foot down for the final few weeks of their schooling live, then nothing will. **Make the most of it.** - Written by Josh Schönafinger - Year 12

### Attention Yr 9 Students : Work Experience

**Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th June 2013**

Careers Coordinator, Mr Walker spent time with Year 9 students on August 23 & 24 to prepare them for work experience next year. Work Experience for students in Year 10 is compulsory. Choosing a work experience placement can be extremely useful for students preparing for VCE subject selection or the transition from school to work. Testimonies from past students clearly indicate how helpful work experience is. Talk to friends, past students, teachers and family about what your dream job would be. This can be a unique experience if you want it to be!

Most local employers won’t have to be contacted until February 2013. However, it is so competitive for places, it doesn’t hurt to make contact soon. For some placements students will need to contact employers NOW. These include national or state level sporting clubs such as AFL, VFL, NRL, Netball Australia and Football Federation Australia. This is also the case with most large companies in metropolitan areas. Again, students will also need to contact these employers NOW. These include hospitals, law firms, museums, television stations, zoos, newspaper and magazine companies. If you’re thinking of the Wangaratta hospital or the Victorian Police you will need to see Mr Walker.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. Last weekend for 2012 is: 12-14 October in Melbourne. Book early. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk: (03) 9733 0997 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

www.wwme.org.au

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### Eating Disorders

**The Ugly Truth**

A free information session for anyone wanting to know more about mental illness and how to support someone.

**Wednesday 10th October**
- 6pm - 8pm
- Wangaratta Library
- 21 Docker Street

- Is an eating disorder just disordered eating?
- What to do when you think you or someone you care about might have an eating disorder.
- Recoverers and carers perspectives - living with an Eating Disorder
- Open discussion, questions & answers

Speakers:
- Kim - Psychologist CMH
- Liz - Dietician
- Morgan & Sherylin - recovering
- Judy - carer

For information and RSVP, phone:
- Belinda - Carer Consultant
- Kerferd Unit - North East Health
- Ph: 03 57 22 5050

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### Excursion to Pivot Point Hair Academy

Hairdressing students recently attended an excursion to Pivot Point Hair Academy in Melbourne. Students had the opportunity to listen to a presentation about the history of the academy and gain information about the hair and beauty courses on offer. Courses at Pivot Point cost $24,000 for 14 months, however students under 20 years of age can get a government grant for $10,000 which brings the course down to $14,000 for the 14 months. The academy is also affiliated with cruise ship jobs and work placement opportunities. Throughout the course, the academy rent out Melbourne nightclubs and put on hair shows and competitions. The Pivot Point certificate is highly regarded throughout the world. After the presentation the students had their hair done and enjoyed a very informative day.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At the recent Founder’s Day Assembly the following students were awarded Distinction Certificates in recognition of their strong academic performance in Semester 1:

Year 12 - Nathan Whinray, Molly Lea and Chris Traill

Year 11 - Ben Seager, Tom Bromley and Eliza Honybun

Congratulations on these outstanding achievements.

YEAR 12 HOODIE AND T SHIRT

Thanks to Billie Sullivan and Chris Parsons who have worked steadily to finalise arrangements for the Year 12 Hoodie and T Shirt. Costs are: Hoodie $47.50 T-Shirt $29.50

Allison King has kindly offered to co-ordinate the orders through the uniform shop.

Year 12 students interested in purchasing these items please place your order details with payment by Tuesday 18th September.

The Uniform shop is open Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm, Thursdays 1pm - 5pm.

SPORT FINALS

Congratulations to all students who have been involved in finals and good luck with the remaining games.

Art Therapy Workshop

Tues Sept 18th 3:45 – 5pm

Come to A3 to learn about how art can be medicine! Be guided through an art workshop and take something home!

Parents, teachers, and student’s welcome! 10 places only! Please book in as numbers are limited. Email: therese.rodway@galen.vic.edu.au

Battle of the Bands

21st September
7 local bands
St Pats Hall Wangaratta - 6pm
$5 - Tickets on sale at Dislocation and Galen next week.

All ages event (drug, alcohol and smoke free)

Book Launches

Go to the following link to find out about upcoming High Country Library book launches:

Wellbeing has decided to actively participate in the nationally celebrated, R U OK? Day on the 13th of September. The R U OK? Foundation aims to raise awareness about the importance of connection, providing resources throughout the year and preventing isolation by empowering people to support each other through life’s ups and downs. At recess, Wellbeing will hold a morning tea for all staff with the aim of reminding them to look out for each other, especially during times of stress; for students there will be a lunch time, R U OK? balloon stall, in hope that they will pass on this balloon to someone and ask them, ‘Are you ok?’ - Written by Shari Webb (La Trobe Uni student).

Words from Wellbeing

Therese Rodway - Wellbeing & Pastoral Care

The Crucible Performance

Below are some comments from Galen’s Year 12 English students who attended The Complete Works Theatre production of The Crucible on Wednesday 15th August in the Max Fletcher Auditorium.

“I enjoyed the performance and getting out of class. I gained excellent knowledge of conflict in The Crucible.” - Sally Cappelli

“The performance was entertaining and informative.” - Demi Kerr

“The actors did tension very well.” - Molly Lea

“The actors captured the essence of the characters.” - Demelza Bust

“I’ve played Elizabeth Proctor in Theatre Studies earlier this year. I thought the actor portrayed her cold-hearted nature very well. The way the actor held herself and delivered her lines helped the audience to get an understanding of her Christian values and the Puritan way of life.” - Amelia Taylor

“The Complete Works Theatre Company’s portrayal of Rev. Parris (whom I have played in Theatre Studies) gave me greater awareness of the nature of the conflict he was involved in and his role in it.”

Senior School News

Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

Once again Galen College Year 11 students have been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forums. This year Michael Raleigh has been selected to attend the 10 day forum in Perth while Bridgette Byrne, Ben Seager and Ben Leith will attend forums in Canberra during January. These students were selected by Rotary after a rigorous selection process. The NYSF helps students moving into Year 12, who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, by encouraging the achievement of excellence in all their undertakings, and by helping to develop their communication and interpersonal skills. It also fosters discussion of, and interest in major national and global issues and emphasises the importance of maintaining continuing active interests in sport, arts and music.

National Youth Science Forums

Written by Shari Webb (La Trobe Uni student).

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FOCUS ON CAREERS IN SPORT

If you are passionate about sports, there are many career options for you to consider. Depending on what you are interested in, you can study at either a vocational education institution or a university. Below are only a small snapshot of courses and careers in the sports industry. For more comprehensive information, you can search for Victorian courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre www.vtac.edu.au and research sports occupations via myfuture: www.myfuture.edu.au/occupations

Clinical Exercise Physiologists: develop exercise plans and services for people living with or being at risk of illnesses such as cancer, mental illness, cardiovascular disease, neuromuscular/neurological disease, respiratory disease, chronic pain and musculoskeletal pain.

Sport Management: Is for students who have an interest in both sport and business (including management, marketing, elite athlete management, events, facilities management, tourism, accounting etc.). Different institutions offer different majors or specialisations, so make sure you do your research.

Sports Physiotherapists: are qualified Physiotherapists who have undertaken further specialised training and education. They assess and diagnose sports related injuries and develop a treatment plan, which may include hands-on therapies and exercise plans.

Sports Engineers: design and develop sports equipment and sports apparel; design products and develop solutions to enhance the performance of athletes; and are at the forefront of designing new sports technologies for elite athletes. Students typically study human movement sciences, and electronic, mechanical and software engineering.

Sport and Recreation Management: students typically can specialise in areas such as outdoor recreation, recreation management, tourism, facilities management, policy development and events management.

Sports Development: students learn how to promote sport in the community and increase the level of participation in sports for different cohorts such as young people and people with disabilities. Sports development officers create new and innovative sports programs or work for existing organisations to run their programs in the community (i.e., Auskick).

Sports Journalists: undertake research on sporting events and issues and report on them via various media mediums (i.e., print, broadcast, radio). Students generally have to complete a journalism degree with a sports specialisation within the degree or as a graduate program.

Other sports careers include: Sports Psychology, Exercise Rehabilitation, Sports Coaching, Physical Education Teaching, Fitness and Personal Training etc.

Meet Brendan Ashcroft: He is in his final year of the Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science at Victoria University. He is planning on undertaking honours next year and is hoping to complete a PhD in biomechanics and performance analysis. Brendan is currently on the committee for Athletics Essendon and has started the first ever Victoria University Athletics Club of which he is the president. Between studying, Brendan volunteers as a coach at a national level and Ultimate Frisbee at Victoria University.

VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL NEWS

UNI4U-Study Locally for a University Degree

Learn Local Education Centres now offer opportunities for you to study an associate degree without leaving your home. UNI4U is a facilitated learning program delivered both in class room and online at your learn local centre. Associate degrees on offer are Business Administration, Applied Management & Health & Community Care.

An affordable & supportive approach to University For further information contact Mansfield Community Education Centre on 5775 2077

Health science videos: La Trobe University has posted videos you can view about their health science programs. You can learn about their Human Nutrition program, take a visual tour of the Alfred Clinical School for Nursing and the Podiatry Clinic, and learn about their Social Work program. To view the videos, go to: www.latrobe.edu.au/health/active-in-health

Exercise Physiology at La Trobe University Bendigo: Exercise Physiologists develop exercise plans and services for people living with or being at risk of illnesses such as cancer, mental illness, cardiovascular disease, neuromuscular/neurological disease, respiratory disease, chronic pain and musculoskeletal pain. To learn about the Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Exercise Physiology at La Trobe University, go to: www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/exercise-physiology

Applying for an Electrical Apprenticeship?: The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) provide a national pre selection test for young people interested in applying for electrical apprenticeships that measure literacy, numeracy and comprehension. For more information on test dates/locations, please go to: www.neca.asn.au

Flight attendant pre-training program: William Angliss Institute is running a pre-training program for students who wish to become flight attendants. Upon completion of this course, students will be fully prepared for the application and interview process to apply for Flight Attendant/Cabin Crew training. Summer intakes available, to find out more, visit www.angliss.edu.au/Flight-Attendant-Pre-Training

My Work Rights: a resource for young women workers. Do you know that a recent report by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission found that more than a third of Victorian young women have been discriminated at work and a third have been sexually harassed? In response to this, the commission has developed an innovative online tool to assist young women to identify and respond to sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace. For more information, go to: www.myworkrights.com.au/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Find out about Law Careers at ACU: Australian Catholic University is hosting a panel of law graduates on Wednesday 12 September between 6pm – 7.30pm at the Melbourne Campus. Any regional students that can’t travel to the event may be able to view the session via Skype. Contact Sarah Boswell at Sarah.Boswell@acu.edu.au for more information.

TVSA Pilot Training Careers Seminar: The seminar will be held at the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome on 12 September and is open to anyone to learn about the career paths available to pilots, how to select a training institution and you will be able to find out about VET FEE HELP. For more information and to register, go to: www.tvsa.com.au

Gaming Industry Experience Day: The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) in Melbourne is running a free game development Industry Experience Day on Wednesday 30th October. For more information, please email Rebecca O'Donnell at AIE, melbourne@aie.edu.au

Zoo Keeper for a Day: Are you in years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers. You will be able to: help with food preparation, assist with animal enrichment, help with enclosure maintenance, do animal health checks etc. Both places have events running throughout the school holidays. For more information and to book your place, go to: www.zoo.org.au/ Learning/Camps-Holidays

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are currently applying for TAFE or University courses, make sure you thoroughly research your scholarship options. Besides applying for scholarships through VTAC and UAC, make sure you search the myfuture website for scholarships.

1) Log onto www.myfuture.edu.au
2) Click on ‘The Facts’
3) Click on Awards and Scholarships
4) Use the search facility to find scholarships you may be eligible for.

It is a very busy time of year for year 12 students, but try and make time to find and apply for scholarships - also be aware of closing dates and methods of application.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

• 10, 12: Health & Community Services Information Sessions, Wodonga TAFE, disability (10 & 12) and community services (12), www.wodongatafe.edu.au
• 12: Law Expo, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, www.acu.edu.au/law/events
• 12: Advice Night, Swinburne University, Hawthorn Campus, www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/
• 15: Open Day, Bedford College, www.bedford.edu.au
• 19 & 21: Creative Industries Events, Box Hill Institute, Music Showcase (19) and Momentum Dance Performance (21), www.boxhill.edu.au
• 21: Robotics Competition, Swinburne University, www.swinburne.edu.au
• 25, 26 & 27: Swinburne course information sessions, Digital Media Design and Film & Television (25), Communication Design (26), Health Science, Industrial Design, Interior Design and Product Design Engineering (27) www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/

OCTOBER EVENTS

• 1 & 2, 4, School Holiday Program, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne, www.aie.edu.au
• 3: Industry Experience Day, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne, melbourne@aie.edu.au
Hume Regional Finals Junior Badminton

On Thursday the 23rd August I had the privilege of travelling to Shepparton with the Year 7 Boys and Girls teams for the Regional Badminton finals. Congratulations to the following students for making it to this level: Lucy Lee, Henry Beck, Alannah Kelly, Brad Andison, Shaniel Dyer, Jack Larkin, Chloe Chamberlain, Brayden Bigham, Emma Gamble, Jesse Levesque, Olivia Curran, Ben Nolan. The boys finished second overall, winning one rubber and losing another on count back. There were six other teams competing and Galen was represented very well (considering we hadn’t trained for the cross country event)! We were in several events such as relays, single events and mix events. Overall, we finished 5th out of the six schools. On day two all members of the team were entered in the skiers or boarders cross. It wasn’t the best weather conditions for the race but Galen managed to place very well. On the last day, we had the giant slalom and the four fastest (two boys and two girls) skiers and boarders from the cross events were entered. We had Rose Parsons, Kate Brown, Austen Fendyk, Tom Samon (Skiing) and Hugh Amery, Michael Hennessy and Clare Hogan (boarding). Overall, the trip was great and a really rewarding experience to race against other schools. A big thank you to Mandy Hogan, Donna Samon and Lauren Parsons for accompanying us on the trip. Another thank you to Liz Orton and Rob Parsons for organising and supervising us.

- Greg Matulich (Coach)

Year 7 Upper Hume Basketball

On Monday 27th August, the Year 7 boys and girls took to the courts at the Barr Reserve to compete in the Upper Hume Basketball Championships. The boys played and won against Wodonga Middle Years College (Huon campus) and Catholic College Wodonga before defeating Wodonga Middle Years College (Felltimber campus) 33-11 in the grand final. This means they have qualified to continue on to the next round of competition. Best on court players were Jack Jenkin, Jordan Storer and Frazer Judd. We wish them well at the Hume Region Championships next term. Thanks to Jacqui Pengelly for coaching the boys on the day.

Outstanding Sport Achievements

Tom McDonald 8.2
Following Tom’s success in the Victorian Junior Road Cycling Championships, he was selected for the U15 Victorian State Cycling Team. He will travel to Canberra with the team, departing on the 5th September and will return on the 9th.

This year’s National Road Championships will be held in the Mt. Stromlo State Forest, just outside the National Capital. Tom will ride the Time Trial, Road Race and the Criterium. As the current State Time Trial Champion, he will go into this event as one of the favorites. Congratulations on making the team and good luck in the championships.

Brooke Morley 9.2
Brooke was voted the best and fairest player in the Tallangatta Under 18 Netball competition. This is an outstanding achievement for a 15 year old playing her first season at this level. Her exceptional efforts have enabled her team, Wahgunyah, to make this year’s final series. Well-done Brooke. Good luck in the final series.

Australian Secondary Schools Ski Team Comp

The Galen snow sports team has been training at Mount Hotham over this term. We have participated in lessons to improve our racing skills for the ASSSTC competition (Australian Secondary Schools Ski Team Competition). ASSSTC is a competition that is held over three days at Falls Creek and included various events such as cross country skiing, skiers cross, boarders cross and giant slalom. On Wednesday August the 15th, 16 members of the snow sports team were chosen to represent Galen at Falls Creek. We left early that morning arriving at Cosela Lodge where we stayed for two nights. That day we hired our cross country skis and skied to Nordic bowl where the course was. There were six other teams competing and Galen was represented very well (considering we hadn’t trained for the cross country event)! We were in several events such as relays, single events and mix events. Overall, we finished 5th out of the six schools. On day two all members of the team were entered in the skiers or boarders cross. It wasn’t the best weather conditions for the race but Galen managed to place very well. On the last day, we had the giant slalom and the four fastest (two boys and two girls) skiers and boarders from the cross events were entered. We had Rose Parsons, Kate Brown, Austen Fendyk, Tom Samon (Skiing) and Hugh Amery, Michael Hennessy and Clare Hogan (boarding). Overall, the trip was great and a really rewarding experience to race against other schools. A big thank you to Mandy Hogan, Donna Samon and Lauren Parsons for accompanying us on the trip. Another thank you to Liz Orton and Rob Parsons for organising and supervising us.

- Written by Sarah Hynes
Galen Snow Sports Team 2012

The Galen Snow Sports Team has had a wonderful season of skiing and snowboarding. 18 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 11 have spent a day a week for six weeks waking early in the morning to make the trip up to Mt Hotham. The members of the Galen Snow Sports 2012 team included Gemma Tua, Campbell Fendyk, Jordy Direen, Brendan Wallis, Fergus Samon, Clare Hogan, Thomas Samon, Hugh Amery, Emma Brown, Annie Brien, Rose Parsons, Kate Brown, Sarah Hynes, Declan Bedford, Austen Fendyk, Hamish Smeeton, Oscar Bussell-Poole, Michael Hennessy. Once there we were split into different groups: a Snowboarders group, an Intermediate skiers group and an advanced skiers group. We each spent an hour and a half with an instructor learning new techniques and skills especially focusing on racing methods. In the afternoons we skied or boarded with our friends and practiced our latest techniques. One of the goals of the team has been to increase our skills so that we could proudly represent Galen at the ASSSTC competition. (This was held a few weeks ago at Falls Creek.) The snow and weather conditions have been fantastic this season which has made the trips really worth while. Each week traveling to Hotham we have been accompanied by either Mr Rob Parsons or Mrs Liz Orton, with additional support from parents, who have graciously given up their time to help us all with our sport. The team has worked really well together, supporting each other and creating an awesome experience for everyone! It has been great to meet new people as well as improving my skiing. It has been heaps of fun!
- Written by Annie Brien

Yr 8 Upper Hume Basketball

On 4th September the Year 8’s headed to Wodonga for the Upper Hume Basketball Competition. The boys won 32 to 12 against Cathedral College, 42 to 8 against Frayne and drew against Huon. They then moved into the finals against Catholic College Wodonga. A valiant game was played against Wodonga, but unfortunately a late comeback wasn’t enough to push them over the line and Wodonga were the victors 34 to 25. Best on court players were Riley Smart, Isaac Waite and Dion Ploegmakers. Tom Kalkulka needs a mention for most improved across the day. Nick Richards and Will Nolan played like they were six feet tall - they gained many rebounds and turned around possession of the ball. Will Robinson and Daniel held a strong steady pace throughout the game. All boys gave it their all! The girls won one game and lost another in their pool and so unfortunately did not make it to the final. Tamarah Chambeuron played extremely well in her first competitive game of basketball, whilst Ellie Ploegmakers was best on court for the day. Ellie was a stand out for her ability to drive the ball down the court and score. All the girls played a really consistent game. Many thanks to Deb Doyle and Linda O’Donohue who organized and coached the teams.

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• Gerard Sullivan : Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
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• Gary Watson: Timetable/Daily Organiser
• Mick Grogan : Senior School Director
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