Galen Achievers!

Year 11 Award recipients above (from left): Alexandra Cheshire, Laura Thiele, Jess Murtagh, Tom Bromley, Maika Kamiyama, Hazel Vaughan, Harrison Berenger, Carly Ramsden, Kirsty Crockett, Eliza Honeybun, Ed Scott, Liana Stafford, Shane Allan, Sarah Tassol. Absent: Bridgette Byrne, Georgie Waite, Angela Perri, Cody Schutt, Samara Robinson, Drew Hiskins, Ben Leith.


Make sure you check the next issue of Reflections for our 2012 VCE results.
**What’s On**

**2013 Term 1 Dates**

- Tues Jan 29 - Staff start Term 1
- Thurs Jan 31 - Year 7, 11 & 12 start Term 1
- Fri Feb 1 - Years 8, 9 & 10 start Term 1
- Thurs March 28 - Term 1 ends

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

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**Lost Property**

We have a VERY large mountain of Lost Property at the Main Office.

If you have lost anything this year and have not found it, please come and check if we have it at the Main Office. Even if you have checked before, it may have been brought in from another part of the school.

There are a lot of things that were left after the Wizard of Oz and Peter Pan productions including many items that are not school uniform.

If these items are not claimed by the end of the Term, they will be given to charity before Christmas.

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**Uniform Shop**

**DECEMBER:** 13th (1 pm – 5 pm)
**JANUARY:** Sun 20th (10 am – 5 pm), Mon 21st (4 pm – 8 pm), Tues 22nd (4 pm – 8 pm), Wed 23rd (4 pm – 8 pm), Thurs 24th (10 am – 4 pm)
**FEBRUARY 2013 ONWARDS:** Tuesdays 10.30 am – 2.30 pm and Thursdays 1 – 5 pm

**BOOK SHOP**

DECEMBER: Wed 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th (10 am – 3 pm)
Any queries please contact: Allison (books) 0413 561 586 or Uniform shop 5723 8320

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**Junior School Awards**

Lauren Lee - Junior School Director

**SRC AWARDS** – Religious education department: Ryan McNeilly, Lauren Baker, Charlotte Green, Jade Gibson, Molly Homewood, James Connor, Antonia Diramacca, Ben Lyons, Maddison Talarico, Zac Sullivan, Brooke Callahan, Jayden Bear, Chloe Chamberlain, Danielle Archer, Ainslie Bear, Special Assistant to SRC - Declan Taylor

**YEAR 8 TEXTILES AWARD** – Susan Callas - My Little Patch: This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated great skill and dedication in textiles: Emily Huntington

**PERFORMING ARTS AWARD** – Allison King Galen Parents and Friends
Presented to a student who has displayed excellence and dedication to the performing arts:

**YEAR 7 BOY** - Josh Bevacqua, **YEAR 7 GIRL** - Charlotte Green, **YEAR 8 BOY** - Ben Lyons, **YEAR 8 GIRL** - Chloe Hancock

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS** – Religious Education Department
Presented to students who are willing to help out in their homeroom, who are friendly and co-operative and who try their best on a daily basis: **YEAR 7** - 7/1: Isabelle Prestianni, 7/2: Paige Branson, 7/3: Lachlan Austin, 7/4: Meg Amery, 7/5: India Dal Zotto, 7/6: Mikaela Trethowan, 7/7: Jack Larkin, 7/8: Paul Sanderson

**YEAR 8 - 8/1** - Ella James, 8/2 – Tom McDonald, 8/3 – James Connor, 8/4 – Madison Smith, 8/5 – Will Nolan, 8/6 – Jazmyn Coonan, 8/7 – Jemma Walker

**OVENS BUSINESS AND TAXATION SERVICES** – Stan Sirianni
This award is presented to a student who has been successful both in the classroom and on the sporting field. **YEAR 7 BOY** - Frazer Judd, **YEAR 7 GIRL** - Bianca Mulqueen, **YEAR 8 BOY** - Sam Harvey, **YEAR 8 GIRL** - Sophie Crosbie

**STUDENT OF THE YEAR**
This award is presented to a student who has worked hard to achieve academically, who has been involved in extra curricular activities and who has maintained a positive and friendly attitude throughout the Year: **YEAR 7 BOY** - Tyler Spencer, **YEAR 7 GIRL** - Lucy Lee, **YEAR 8 BOY** - Jayden Bear, **YEAR 8 GIRL** - Kate Bear

**EDGARS NEWSAGENCY AWARD**
This award is presented to a student who always does their best to achieve all that they are capable of: **YEAR 7** – Rebecca Newton, **YEAR 8** – Isaac Waite

**ACADEMIC DUX AWARD** – DBK Financial Solutions
This award is presented to a student who has achieved the most outstanding academic results for the year: **YEAR 7** - Brooke Callahan, **YEAR 8** - Ian Christy
Indonesian Cultural Activities Day

On Thursday November 8, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students that study Indonesian participated in an Indonesian Cultural Activity Day. The program started in the morning with SUMARDI and Indonesian puppetry where students were able to not only view the storyline but also see how the master puppeteer created the special effects behind the scenes. In the afternoon session students were entertained by Indonesian dancers in spectacular traditional dress. The traditional costumes of the MAHINDRA BALI dancers were absolutely stunning to say the least. Students were also involved in a dance workshop which was highly entertaining. A great cultural appreciation day!

Sports Star of the Year Awards

This year the winners of the Sports Star of Year Award were decided on by staff. Students who made the shortlist for the Sports Star of the year Award had to be involved in the school swimming and athletics sports in some capacity. They had to show a good level of ability in the sports they played as well as good sportsmanship. Congratulations to the following winners of the 2012 Sports Star of the Year Award:

Year 7 Male: Frazer Judd, Year 7 Female: Emma Collet,
Year 8 Male: Zac Elliot, Year 8 Female: Tamarah Chambeyron
Year 9 Male: Ryley Pasquali, Year 9 Female: Renee Collet
Year 10 Male: Jackson Clarke, Year 10 Female: Adrienne Murphy
Year 11 Female: Georgie Waite and Mikhaila Lovett
Year 11 Male: Harrison Berenger

Exchange Experience

After being in Australia for 10 months I have really come to appreciate everyone and everything here. I couldn't have asked for a better family or school. I really feel like a part of the Galen family and it kills me that I won’t be starting Year 12 in February. I have had so many experiences that I wouldn’t have gotten anywhere else, and I’m forever grateful. The people I have met are just so nice to everyone and I am going to miss them so much. As much as America is a part of me, so is Australia. I’ll never forget my time here or the people that I have come to know. I just want to thank everyone who was a part of my experience for making the time of my life.

Written by Breta Alstrom - Year 11 Exchange Student

WANTED

Bikes & Helmets

The Wangaratta Friends of Lacluta Committee are conducting an appeal to obtain 20 bikes and helmets for the use of teenagers in the Lacluta district of Timor-Leste. The use of a bike would make it so much easier for students to continue their secondary schooling. It would enable students to cycle to and from school each day instead of walking to Dilor on Sunday afternoon, finding a place to stay during the week and then walking home again on Friday afternoon. The bikes we are appealing for need to be in sound roadworthy condition with mountain bike type tyres so they can handle the rough terrain. If you are able to donate a bike and/or helmet or you would like further details of our appeal please contact:

John Bradford:
Phone 03 5727 1480 or Mobile 0437 271 480
Liz Walpole: Phone 03 5727 1352

EMA Info for Parents

Please ensure that you check the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) forms in Issue 17 of the newsletter, which can be accessed from this link: http://galen.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/GalenNewsletterIssue17Online.pdf
If you need a hard copy of these forms they may be obtained from the office at Galen.
MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS AND PRESENTATION

Last Friday Nov 30th the Middle School students and staff celebrated our annual end of year graduation mass. The mass was conducted at Our Lady’s with Father Eugene being the celebrant.

Despite some unbelievably hot and uncomfortable weather the students of Year 9 and 10 were terrific in the manner in which they participated in and celebrated the graduation mass.

At the conclusion of the mass the following scholarships and awards were presented. Students who were recipients of any of these awards should be very proud and satisfied with their achievements. These scholarships are not simply given out they are hard earned and a fitting reward for achievement both academically and across a range of extra-curricular activities.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS 2012

RSL Scholarships - Year 9: Blake Nixon, Rebecca Morris
Year 10: Robert Speziale, Annie Brien
Galen Scholarships - Year 9: Ryley Pasquali, Eliza Nolan
Year 10: Ben Talarico, Demi Shale
Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award:
Ruby Gardner-Russell
Zonta Award - Melinda Suter
Lions Award - Olivia Storer
Galen Bursary - Rhianna Dunne
Edgar’s Newsagency Scholarship Year 9 - Ellie Lea
Edgar’s Newsagency Scholarship Year 10 - Dylan Syres
Textiles Award - Billie Kate Rourke, Lauren Giffus
Performing Arts Award - Simeon Goebey, Georgina Hamer, Darcy Gibson, Mindi Suter
Sports Awards - Renee Collett, Ryley Pasquali, Adrienne Murphy, Jackson Clarke
Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships (University of Melbourne)
Demi Shale, Ruby Gardner – Russell

Thanks are extended to the Wangaratta Sub Branch of the RSL, ZONTA, The Wangaratta Lion’s Club, Edgar’s Newsagency and Centre Quilters for their ongoing contribution to Galen College in the form of their generous scholarships. The support of these organisations is both highly valued and appreciated.

In this final article for 2012 I would like to thank all of the Year 9 and 10 students for their efforts and contributions in 2012 and wish them every success with their schooling in 2013.

In addition to this I would like to thank the Home Room teachers of the Middle School: Tegan McKeowan, Kate Howard, Wendy Chuck, Christine Duff, Greg Matulch, Jacqui Pengelly, Paul Benedetti, Olga Byrne, Shannon Murphy, Alicia Leonard, Betty Holdsworth, James Heath and Rob Parsons for their professionalism, care, good humour and good sense as they have worked through the year with their respective home room groups.

I would also like to thank James Bourke and Liz Morrow for their hard work and support of the students in Year 9 and 10.

- Written by Keith Willett

Year 11 Awards

The following awards were presented at the final assembly for Year 11 students:

- The Business and Professional Women’s Award for academic excellence: Eliza Honeybun
- The Wangaratta Coacheslines Award for academic excellence: Tom Bromley and Ben Leith
- The Centre Quilter’s Award for excellence in Studio Arts: Liana Stafford
- The NetTek Award for academic excellence and application in Information Technology: Drew Hiskins
- The IGA Award for Outstanding Effort and Achievement in Food and Technology: Alexandra Cheshire
- The Long Tan award for Leadership and Teamwork: Bridgette Byrne
- The Charles Sturt University Vocational Education and Training Award: Kirsty Crockett
- The Willtronic prize for the Pursuit of Excellence in Science and Technology: Cody Schutt
- Visual and Communication Design Think Print Award: Maika Kamiyama and Jessica Murtagh
- Hansen Printing award for VCD: Angela Perri and Sarah Tossole
- Outstanding effort and achievement in their studies: Georgina Waite, Laura Thiele, Shane Allan
- Contribution to the Galen community: Hazel Vaughan
- Consistent effort throughout the year: Ed Scott
- The Edgars Newsagency Award for Excellence and Resilience: Carly Ramsden

Conveyance Allowance Changes have been reverted to 2012 Guidelines

This notice is to update you on changes to the Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) announced by the Minister for Education. The information below explains how the changes affect Galen College.

Means testing

In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from 1 January 2013. After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament on November 28th that the means testing component of the CAP will be removed. This means in 2013, students in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2012 criteria.

Urban Metropolitan Boundary

The Minister for Education also announced that a new metropolitan boundary based on Melbourne’s Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) would be used for the CAP. This change, including the grandfathering of existing students currently receiving an allowance, will proceed.

Next steps

A revised conveyance allowance policy will be issued in due course. In the interim, eligible schools should refer to the 2012 conveyance allowance policy and procedural guidelines. Assistance, if required, is available through the Department’s Information and Referral Service. The number is 1800 809 834 and select option 6. This information line operates 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, and is available for a limited time.

An Act of Kindness

Congratulations to Ryan Clohessy and Patrick Eefting of 10.2 for shaving their heads in order to raise $332.60 for the Leukemia Foundation. An excellent contribution to a very worthy cause.
Caritas Global Gifts

At Christmas we are more acutely reminded of God’s love - a love that knows no bounds. It’s a love above all for those who are poor, excluded and marginalised. Through Caritas’ work in vulnerable communities, you can put that love into action.

This year you can help build a world where everyone lives in dignity and peace by giving a Caritas Global Gift. For friends and family, who like you, know they don’t need more ‘things’, your gift can help provide clean water, a nutritious meal or educational opportunities - things we so often take for granted here in Australia, yet mean so much to those who are less fortunate. There are six gifts to choose from, ranging from $10 to $200. In return for your donation toward your chosen gift, you receive a beautiful card to give to your loved one which explains how you have made a contribution on their behalf.

Donations can be made online at: www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts
Or see Miss Cudini at Galen for an order form.

Galen Exchange Program Bursary Winners

The 2012 Bursary winners are: Bailey Allen, Sean Bartlett, Harrison Berenger, Molly Burnett, Eliza Honybun, Rebecca King, Angela Perri, Carly Ramsden, and Rose Sartori. This year the bursaries of $400 each are made available by Galen College in association with its partner exchange agency. Galen has 16 students going to Italy on a 2 months exchange. They will be staying with host families in Central and Northern Italy and attending Senior High School. Added to having lots of opportunities to tour Italy the students will spend 2 days in Rome before they return to Australia. As part of the Italian course, the exchange program is conducted at the end of Year 11 in order to complement and maximize their prior learning and their VCE language outcomes. Students return with increased fluency in Italian and a much greater appreciation of Italy and its culture. This experience is a great preparation for their final year at school. Students return not only with improved language skills but also greater maturity, which enables them to confront the year ahead more confidently and successfully. This overseas immersion experience is then further extended and developed by formal studies of VCE unit 3 & 4 at Galen where lessons are conducted predominantly in the target language of Italian.

Written by Franco Cudini - LOTE Domain Convener & Exchange Program Coordinator

Year 9 Adventure Camp

The Year 9 Adventure camp is the best camp I’ve been on in my time at Galen. On the camp we got to do many activities, some of which most of us never thought of doing like abseiling and underground caving. The other activities we got to do were canoeing, rock-climbing and a bushwalk. My favorite two activities were abseiling and canoeing.

By Corey Van Aken

Christmas is here!
“Jingle all the way” …or what really matters!

As the year draws to an end, rather than focusing on gifts and what to buy, how much do I spend, is it enough, are they going to be happy, and will they like it? Think about the people who really matter in your life: your family, friends and your loved ones. Invest in them and it will pay dividends.

Thank you for your support this year, feel free to make contact via email in the future: therese.rodway@galen.vic.edu.au

Have a safe and peaceful holiday and may you be refreshed and ready to embark on each moment that presents itself in the future!

From Therese Rodway and the Wellbeing Team.
Indonesia Study Tour 2013

Planning has begun for Galen’s Indonesia tour for 2013. This will be a great opportunity for students of Indonesian at any year level to experience the language and culture of South East Asia.

A key feature of the trip will be the eight hours of intensive Indonesian language tuition, conducted by staff from the Indonesia-Australia Language Foundation, based in Bali.

The current draft itinerary is for a fourteen day tour, commencing in the Indonesian province of Bali. Here students will experience Hindu-Bali culture and complete four sessions of intensive Indonesian language learning. The tour then moves on to the predominantly Muslim culture of Yogyakarta, in Central Java.

The itinerary is designed to enhance language and cultural learning. It includes dance and music workshops as well as a number of tours to markets, temples and handicraft workshops (silver, wood, leather and pottery). Time is also provided for essential relaxation and souvenir shopping.

Current quotes and the current exchange rate (AUD 1 = US$ 1.01) mean the cost will be in the approximate range of $2500 - $3000, excluding costs such as passports, insurance etc.

Please contact Jeff Faithfull at the College to express interest in your child participating in the study tour at: jeff.faithfull@galen.vic.edu.au A $300 deposit (refundable) will be required by the end of the second week of Term 1, 2013.

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Attention Year 12 students: GAP year and permanent employment positions will be updated to the scholars website regularly.

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

Interested in Early Childhood Education? Deakin University is running a new program for students who have completed Year 12 – either VCE or Senior VCE. You can apply direct to Deakin for the program and you will be qualified to work with children up to 8 years of age. For further selection and application information please go to: www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/BEC

New science and technology programs at Deakin University: Deakin have just released information on three new exciting degrees - Bachelor of Architectural Technology, Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile and Apps Development) and Bachelor of Engineering Science. For more information, go to: deakin.edu.au/scitech/courses

UNSW Preparation Program: UNSW are offering a free program to eligible students from disadvantaged backgrounds who may not receive the requiredATAR to gain access to eligible Bachelor degrees. Students must apply for the program as one of their preferences via UAC to be considered. For information about this new program, go to: http://www.unsw.edu.au/upp17-20

Vocational courses at ACUCom: Australian Catholic University will be offering vocational courses starting in 2013. ACUCom will offer the following courses in 2013: nursing, aged care, exercise science, fitness instruction and education support. For further information please contact Alannah Morony: acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au

Join the LaTrobe University Library! All students in Years 11 and 12 can join the La Trobe University Library. You can borrow books and use the library to study. For more information, go to: http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/services/clients/secondary-students-membership

Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies): La Trobe is a recognised national centre for Asian studies and is one of only two universities in Australia to teach Indonesian and Hindi as well as offering Mandarin. To learn about the course, go to: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/asian-studies

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tertiary Preparation Summer School at NMIT: This school is for Year 12 leavers who are interested in studying a Bachelor Degree at NMIT. You can choose to undertake either or both of the following units- academic skills or mathematical literacy. The schools begin on 7 January. For more information, phone 03 9269 1390.

Qantm College Open Day: Qantm offer courses in Animation, Games Design, Games Programming, Graphic Design & Interactive Media. The Open Day will be run on Sunday 8 December at the South Melbourne Campus. For more information, go to: openday.qantm.edu.au

SAE Open Day: SAE offer courses in Audio, Film, Electronic Music, Live Sound Production, and Interactive Digital Media. The Open Day will be run on Sunday 8 December at the South Melbourne Campus. For more information, go to: www.openday.sae.edu.au

UNSW Info Day: This event is for students and parents who would like to know about courses and services at UNSW. You will be able to attend lectures, speak to course advisers and tour the campus. The event will be held on Thursday 3 January 2013 at the Kensington Campus. For more information and to register, go to: http://studentlife.unsw.edu.au/events/unsww-info-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 and be a Keeper for the Day! You will be able to: help with food preparation, assist with animal enrichment, help with enclosure maintenance, listen to Keeper talks, do animal health checks and handle animals safely. Healesville Sanctuary: January 16, 17, 22, 23 or 24. Werribee Open Range Zoo: January 16, 18, 21, 22 or 24. To book your place, go to: www.zoo.org.au

Careers News

Rob Walker - Work & Further Education Coordinator

DECEMBER EVENTS

• 08: SAE Open Day, South Melbourne, www.openday.sae.edu.au

• 08: Qantm College Open Day, South Melbourne, www.openday.qantm.edu.au

• 10, 11: Yr 12 Students and Parents Information Evening, University of Technology Sydney, http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/undergraduate/events/detail.cfm?ItemId=32983


• 18: Diploma of Nursing Information Session, Australian Catholic University, acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au

• 18: Box Hill Change of Preference, Elgar Campus, www.boxhill.edu.au
Year 7 Boys State Tennis Final

Congratulations to our Year 7 boys tennis team who competed at the State Tennis Championships at the Boroondara Tennis Centre in Melbourne. The team of Henry Beck, Frazer Judd, Charlie West, Harrison Gorman and Patrick Knowles had a great day and were ranked 4th overall, a fantastic effort. Thanks to Nicole Nixon who took the team on the day.

Year 8 Boys & Girls State Tennis Final

We wish our Year 8 boys and girls tennis teams all the best as they head to the Boroondara Tennis Centre in Melbourne on Monday 10th December to compete in the State Tennis Championships. The members of the boys team are: Zac Sullivan, Daniel Lloyd, Lachlan Cose and Harry Condon. The members of the girls team are: Sarah Ward, Tamarah Chambeyron, Kate Bear, Sophie Crosbie and Jess Spence. Thanks to Stephen Rosicka who will coach the two teams on the day. Good luck!

Year 7 Boys Volleyball State Final

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys volleyball team who recently competed in the State Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The team of Jordan Storer, Charlie West, Jack Jenkins, Nick Impink, Ely Holland-Dean, Adam Poole and Frazer Judd won one game lost 2, coming 4th overall in their pool. Thanks to Terry Magree and Laurie Burt who coached the team on the day.

National Athletics Championships

Congratulations to year 7 student Ned Penny who ran a close second in the 800m at the National Athletics Championship in Tasmania on 1st December. Ned ran in a strong head wind but still managed to achieve a personal best time. A fantastic effort!

Year 7 Boys Basketball State Final

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys basketball team who recently competed in the State Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The team of Jordan Storer, Lachlan Bedendo, Jack Jenkin, Frazer Judd, Will Allen, Jack Larkin, Daniel Murphy and Joe Richards played well but unfortunately lost 3 close matches on the day. Thanks to Jacqui Pengelly who coached the team on the day.

2013 House Co-Captains

Congratulations to the House Co-Captains for 2013. The Year 8 and 10 House Co-Captains were chosen by a combination of both peer votes and teacher input. The Year 12 House Co-Captains were selected after their performance in an interview with the Sport Co-ordinator and the Student Leadership Co-ordinator. Thanks to all students who nominated for the positions.

YEAR 8 CAPTAINS
McKillop Girls
Amelia Walton
Maeve Coveney
McKillop Boys
Lachie Austin
Oliver Biddulph
Champagnat Girls
Bianca Mulqueen
Lucy Lee
Champagnat Boys
Alexander Patton
Ryan McNeilly
Chisholm Girls
Amelia Leffing
Anannah Kelly
Chisholm Boys
Tyler Spencer
Paul Sanderson
Delany Girls
Monique Szeliegiewicz
Taylah Reidy
Delany Boys
Joe Richards
Zac Lea

YEAR 10 CAPTAINS
McKillop Girls
Hayley Stibilj
Eliza Nolan
McKillop Boys
Murray Waite
Aaron Taylor
Champagnat Girls
Renee Collet
Jemma Hales
Champagnat Boys
Ryley Pasquali
Kyle Woods
Chisholm Girls
Olivia Storer
Maddy Oates
Chisholm Boys
Xavier Ham
Tim Feehan
Delany Girls
Montana Eisenhauser
Kaitlyn Ritchie
Delany Boys
Luke Whitten
Joel Murphy

YEAR 12 CAPTAINS
McKillop Girls
Bridgette Byrne
Georgie Waite
McKillop Boys
Cody Schutt
Isaac Smith
Champagnat Girls
Laura Godde
Mikailia Lovett
Champagnat Boys
Sean Bartlett
Josh Morrow
Chisholm Girls
Kya Byrne
Sarah Iwanuch
Chisholm Boys
Drew Hiskins
Harrison Berenger
Delany Girls
Zoe Levesque
Tess Rowland
Delany Boys
Jake Murphy
Rob Carnovale

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Year 10 History: People & Power

Over the past term, Year 10 Pathway History: People & Power students have been studying the ongoing Arab uprising. One of the major assessment tasks was an essay topic on the fundamental causes behind the Arab uprising and what effect social media had in fueling the ongoing revolutions. Were these uprisings at all predictable? The following is a small edited excerpt from Mary Watter's essay:

“Social media was, and continues to be, a key factor in sustaining the Arab Spring. In oppressive environments such as Syria and Egypt, Facebook and Twitter rose to the occasion, giving the people both information and motivation. As internet activist Wael Ghonim famously said, “If you want to liberate a society, just give them the Internet.” Egypt in particular utilized the freedom of uncensored opinions with approximately two million citizens joining Facebook between the 5th of January and the 5th of April, 2011. Not only were political developments shared within the country, the movement allowed updates to be spread internationally at a phenomenally rapid pace.

YouTube too was a powerful device during the uprisings. Videos captured by rebels depicting grotesque levels of violence could be smuggled out of areas with tighter Internet restrictions and then uploaded to the website to be viewed globally. In the case of one man who was shot by Tunisian police, the video of the event was being watched worldwide before he had even reached a hospital. As well as media depicting the widespread violence that arose as a result of the revolutions, the successes of countries also received attention. This not only provided incentive for activists within countries to persist against the regime but also inspired hope for other countries in the Arab World whose totalitarians may have been relentless in their goal to retain power.

The Arab Spring brought tremendous changes to the dynamics of northern Africa and the Middle East. After many years of oppression and corruption, the people fought against the government, receiving in return the employment opportunities and rights to freedom of speech they rightfully deserved. As some countries continue to fight for these liberations, social media continues to keep the issue in the minds of people of all ages across the world.”
- Written by Mary Watter

Learn Zen do Kai

Come and try a Monday night Zen do Kai class

Kids 5pm, adults 6pm, and women only 7pm. We will be having a short break for Christmas and will be starting classes again in early January. Come and see us at the Wang High Sports Centre for fun, fitness and self defence. Call Tom: 0410 922 890 or Bec: 0420 279 229 for more info.

May the Lord bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year

From the staff at Galen Catholic College

Who’s Who at Galen

Leadership Team
• Bernard Neal : Principal
• Geoff Welch : Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
• Darren Hovey : Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
• Gerard Sullivan : Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
• Dom Giannone : Business Manager
• Bern Albertson : Professional Development Co-ordinator
• Gary Watson : Timetable/Daily Organiser
• Mick Grogan : Senior School Director
• Keith Willett : Middle School Director
• Lauren Lee : Junior School Director
• Marlene Kittel : Staff member

The best way to contact Galen staff members direct is by email. All staff have email addresses which follow the formula: firstname.surname@galen.vic.edu.au

Members of the Board and Parents Association can be contacted via the office on 03 5721 6322 or email: admin@galen.vic.edu.au

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• Monsignor John White: Parish Priest
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• Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal - Staff & Students
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• John Byrne: Parent
• Suellen Loki: Parent
• Angie Semmens: Parent
• Mark Williams: Parent
• Darren Hovey: Staff Representative
• Mick Grogan: Staff Representative
• Elizabeth Holligan: Staff Representative
• John Pasztor: Staff Representative

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Galen Parent Network Meetings  
For Parents of Students with Diverse Learning Needs.

As a Parent / Carer of a student with Learning Needs, it can be quite a challenge.

Galen Catholic College has started a Parent Network Meeting, where Parents and Carers can meet and discuss the every day challenges that they face, with their child/children.

The meetings are held in the Galen Staffroom, between 6pm and 7:30pm, and we meet about 3 times per term. The atmosphere is very relaxed and supportive, with parents of year 7 students right up to year 12 attending. The parents of our senior students have a wealth of experience and are very open and willing share their struggles/challenges and often are able to offer practical and realistic advice.

Each meeting tries to address a topic/challenge that the group has asked for more information on.

In 2012 we have looked mostly at “What is an ASD” (Asperger’s/Autism Spectrum Disorder) and characteristics of such a diagnosis.

We have had guest speakers in:  
Tricia Glass - (Autism Spectrum Project Officer at the Catholic Education Office).  
Kathrin Baer – Worktrainers and two of her colleagues to look at job opportunities/pathways for the future  
Mick Loscavo – GO TAFE – also to look at pathways after Galen.

Other topics we have looked at are:  
Homework – timetables/study flow charts  
Creating matrixes - to assist in creating a profile for your child

I have created a web site that parents can access, where I have uploaded resources, and created a “blog” of our meetings. This “blog” gives a rundown of what we have done in each of our meetings. And contains some of the “pearls of wisdom” from our parents:  www.galengpc.weebly.com

If you are interested in being involved in, or learning more about our meetings, please feel free to contact me via email: maree.timms@galen.vic.edu.au or phone: 57216322

Yours Sincerely

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