Our Annual Opening Mass was held on Tuesday 26th of February. This was a very special event for Galen as our Student Leaders for 2013 were presented to the school and it was also the final time that Monsignor White would celebrate mass with the Galen community. Monsignor White's contribution to Galen was honoured by all. Galen also showcased the exceptional talent of our musicians and vocal performers with several outstanding musical features. A number of Galen students also received Academic Achievement Awards for their consistent effort and commitment towards their studies at Galen during 2012. For 2013 our Year 12 group has chosen to lead Galen Catholic College with the theme of “Unity and Belonging”.

2013 Opening Mass

Year 7 Student Leaders

Year 10 Student Leaders

Year 8 Student Leaders

Year 11 Student Leaders

Year 9 Student Leaders

Year 12 Student Leaders
What’s On

- Wed Mar 20-21: Yr 11 DECA Camp 6
- Wed Mar 20 - 9/10 Volleyball, 9/10 & Senior Tennis
- Tues Mar 26 - Athletics Sports
- Wed Mar 27 - Vic Swimming
- Wed Mar 27 - Caritas K’s Walkathon
- Wed Mar 27 - Parent Teacher Evening
- Thurs Mar 28 - Parent Teacher Morning
- Fri Mar 29 - Good Friday
- Sun Mar 31 - Easter Sunday

- Mon Apr 15 - Term 2 Starts
- Mon Apr 22-23: Yr 10 OutEd Bushwalk
- Wed Apr 24 - ANZAC Assembly
- Thur Apr 25 - ANZAC Day Holiday
- Mon Apr 29-30: Yr 8 Author visit
- Mon Apr 29-May 1: Yr 9 Adv Camp 1
- Mon Apr 29-30: Yr 10 OutEd Bushwalk
- Wed May 1-3: Yr 9 Adv Camp 2
- Tue May 2-4: High School Musical
- Tue May 2 - Galen Board AGM
- Sat May 4 - Presentation Ball 1
- Mon May 6 - Yr 8 Village Space
- Tue May 7-8: Yr 10 Author visit
- Wed May 8 - Yr 7 (2014) Info Night

‘What’s On’ is also updated daily online: www.galen.vic.edu.au

Top Tweets

@theRoadtripAU Thank you so much for visiting us yesterday and for inspiring our students to #EndPoverty #theRoadtrip
@GalenCatholic thanks for supporting us! #EndPoverty #theRoadtrip

Follow us: @galencatholic

Parents’ Association

We would like to thank the following families for donating their time on the Sunday of the long weekend to work at the Harness Racing Meeting: Barnes, McMonigle, Cooper, Nixon, Clareborough, Rainey, Russo, Willett, Sampson, Impink. Thank you all for your hard work. Allison King

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Tuesday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Direct Line: 03 5723 8320
uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we close in on the end of the first term and rapidly approach Easter, the most important Christian season of each year, there is much to occupy our times of reflection.

In the space of the last few months, we have had the announcement of the Royal Commission into sexual abuse in institutions, we have had the once-in-six-hundred years experience of a Pope resigning, we have a new Pope in Francis I, we have the impending retirement of Wangaratta parish’s Monsignor John White, our Canonical Administrator, we have the announcement of our new Canonical Administrator-elect, Fr Michael Pullar, and last weekend we had the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Wangaratta’s parish.

At the same time at Galen, we have a new Board constitution awaiting ratification at the AGM in May, we have seen the opening of the new Hospitality centre, the construction of the new Engineering facility, our move to the new digital portal, SIMON, complete with the Parent Access module (PAM) about which all parents should have received information last week via a special flyer sent home with your children, and we have successfully completed a self-review and external validation of our Learning & Teaching practices as part of our ongoing requirements for renewal of our registration as a secondary school.

To complete the picture of “Galen on the Move” within the larger picture of the “Church on the Move”; at the college we are in the process of evaluating presentations from two architectural firms who are in contention to lead us through the development of our next Master Plan for our resources moving ahead for the next five, ten and fifteen years. An important part of this process will be to engage input from the parent community.

Similarly, we will be inviting you all as parents and guardians to contribute your ideas to the next School Improvement Plan (strategic plan). Much work has been done already but input from parents will form an important part of the final plan.

Staffing news

The following staff are either on long service leave already or will start periods of LSL in the near future:

- Mrs Deb Doyle – 12 March – 22 April
- Mrs Tracey Walsh – 12 March – 28 March
- Mr John McKenzie – 15 April – 28 June
- Mr Terry Magree – 15 April – 20 September
- Mr Peter Watson – 6 May – 28 June

We welcome Mr Renea Duursma to our staff as a replacement teacher for Mrs Doyle. We will welcome other new members of staff in the first newsletter next term. Mrs Walsh’s classes are being covered by existing Galen staff.

Our condolences go to staff member, Mr Paul Benedetti, on the recent death of his father, Julio. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and his family.

Happy Easter, happy holidays

I hope all families are able to enjoy a happy and holy Easter. As Catholics within the Christian tradition, we are a resurrection people. We believe in hope, renewal, new life, and the possibility of rising above our basic human condition. We believe in the possibilities of forgiveness for the wrongs we have done, and in a loving God whose Son shared the human condition with us to enlighten us in how to be fully human.

As you gather with your family, loved ones and friends this Easter, please pause to think on the significance of the death and the resurrection of Jesus and why, after more than two thousand years, we continue to commemorate in our own modern way, tempered by tradition, the life, impact and message of Jesus of Nazareth.

Best wishes,
Bernard Neal - Principal

Next week there will be a mini edition of Reflections which will include a call for expressions of interest from the Galen Board.
ZONTA Breakfast

Written by Monique Semmens

On the 7th of March, a number of the Year 11 girls from Galen got the opportunity and privilege to attend a breakfast at the Gateway coordinated by ZONTA International. ZONTA is a women’s organization devoted to ‘Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide’. To those interested, a sheet was given out which had a wide range of professions mentioned on it with us requiring to chose the areas in which we were captivated by and which we would one day hope to be a part of. I chose veterinary science as number one and fortunately, was able to sit on the table with a vet. There were a number of times throughout the morning where there was a chance to talk to the professional and ask questions about their area to get an insight into what it’s like. A few speakers also talked to the group as a whole about their life choices, which got them to where they are today.

One thing that stuck in my mind from the morning was to choose something that makes you happy. If there’s no heart and passion with what you’re doing, do something else that does.

Year 9 Literature

Year 9 Literature students have been studying Raine’s poem “A Martian writes a postcard home.” This is Rebecca Hawkins murder-style poem:

A hard hit then a leak,
then they lay to sleep,
the people start to shriek,
that life was cheap.

The hitting stick,
lye dripping there,
up against a brick,
it made people stop and stare.

The sirens blare,
uniforms ask what they saw.
The people line up and stare,
at the sight of blood and gore.

The powder danced in the air,
prints are taken,
the weapon bagged with great care,
it has the crowd shaken.

The crowd take their final look,
the body zipped up tight,
written up in the book,
as the body drives out of sight.

Coffin made from the finest lumber,
from hurse to ground,
he lies in eternal slumber,
then he comes around...

Written by Bek Hawkins

Senior School News

Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

Opening School Mass & Assembly

At the recent opening school mass and assembly School Captains, Bridie Naughtin and Andrew Mair acquitted themselves very well in their role as MCs. The Student Leaders were formally acknowledged and were presented with their badges. Congratulations were extended to Eliza Honybun and Alex Cheshire on being presented with Distinction Awards for academic excellence during the assembly.

DECA Camp

Year 11 students have been gaining extensive experience with their driving while participating in the DECA program. The level of co-operation and enthusiasm for this program has been strongly evident.

The recent Zonta breakfast held at the Gateway was a terrific opportunity for 24 Year 11 girls to listen to and meet wonderful female role models.

Opening Mass Performers

Control ALT Delete

Enjoy the World Premier of Control Alt Delete at WPAC. This dynamic, honest and youthful performance blends the athletic qualities of Circus with the poetic symbolic aspects of physical theatre to entertain and challenge audiences. Working around the theme of CONTROL, it explores how young people stay in control of their life, and the fine line between control and chaos that our whole existence is based upon.

Tuesday 26 March @7pm & Wednesday 27 March @10.30am & 1pm
60 mins running time (no interval)
Adult: $30, Conc: $27, Child (15 & under): $15
Family (2A/2 Ch): $18 ea

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
Box Office (10am – 4pm / Mon – Fri)
33-37 Ford Street Wangaratta
www.wangarattapac.com.au
Ph. 03 5722 8105

FOR ALL AGES Recommended: Grade 5 – yr 12
The 7 Hats of Confident Parents

Like elite sports coaches, we need to take a flexible approach to raising kids dependent on their temperament, ages and situations. Some parents get stuck in one or two modes and just can’t change. The main task of parenting - i.e. the task of raising independent, resilient, caring children - requires us to wear seven different hats. Sometimes we wear more than one hat but generally we can keep it simple and just wear one hat at a time.

1. Listening hat: This is the watchful observant hat. We were born with two eyes, two ears and one mouth and we need to use them in that order. We need to use our eyes and ears so we know what is going on in our children’s lives and also to listen to their problems and concerns.

2. Teaching hat: This is the hat that we wear constantly from a child’s early age. As parents we teach children skills and knowledge to gain independence as well as deal with a whole range of issues and challenges. It requires parents to be both patient and pro-active as they teach children a whole range of skills from how to set a meal table to educating them about sexuality.

When is this hat needed? …You can read the full article online at: http://www.galen.vic.edu.au/2013/03/15/words-from-wellbeing-issue-4/

Do you feel passionate about the needs of young people? Do you want to make a difference in your community?

If you are a community minded person aged between 14 and 18 years and would like to provide support and advice to Council on youth related issues, then why not consider nominating as a representative to the Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Advisory Committee and really make a difference.

Through Youth Council you will:
Gain Confidence
Develop Leadership Skills
Help Organise Youth Events
Enjoy camps, forums & community events
And HAVE FUN!

Unearth the Young Leader in You!

Nomination forms are available from Council’s Customer Service Centre, Wangaratta High Schools, Council’s website www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au or by Contacting Katy Hawkins Community/Youth Development Officer (03) 5722 0819 / 0438 362 984 or youthcouncil@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday 26th April 2013

Tales from 7/1

The students of 7/1 recently read and examined a scene from Roald Dahl’s autobiography, Boy, Tales of Childhood. The students then employed their writing skills, using verbs, adjectives, similes and dialogue to recreate a childhood memory in a humorous way. Below is a snapshot of their experiences.

Michael was bitten by a big brown worm and nearly died; it turned out it was a snake!

Lachie S’s mother promised no needle at the dentist but it turned out the promise was broken and blood was spilt.

Passing out after getting pushed off the slide during recess wasn’t enough fun for Jayden, he went back at lunchtime to break his leg falling off the monkey bars.

The stitches that sit above Josh’s left eye have something to do with a golf club, a cricket bat, one friend and a sister.

A dog can yell louder than an MCG crowd on Boxing Day, especially if hit by a three year old called Aaron, unaware of his own strength.

Sara couldn’t stop herself after hitting a bump whilst riding her scooter. The doctor said she was fine but the x-ray told a different story!

Sam unable to swim, fell into his grandparents’ pool and was saved by his father.

Lachie M. had a close call with a candle whose flame got out of control.

Matt’s car ride turned into a terrifying ordeal as the car skidded off the road and nearly flipped.

Thankfully someone hauled Shayla out of the spa away from the bubble jets that seemed to want eat her bathers, suck her up and take her last breath.

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Just ask Grace C!

Can it be that 7/1 has an aunty already? Auntie Abby loves her nephew Gideon very much and spoils him whenever she can.

A trip to the hospital with a toe that bled non-stop allowed Zane a moment of reflection: I should listen to my mother and pop’s advice and wear my shoes.
Year 10 House Captains

McKillop: Hayley Stibilj, Eliza Nolan, Murray Waite, Aaron Taylor
Champagnat: Renee Collet, Jemma Hales, Ryley Pasquali, Kyle Woods
Chisholm: Olivia Storer, Maddy Oates, Xavier Ham, tim Feehan
Delaney: Montana Eisenhauer, Kaitlyn Ritchie, Joel Murphy, Luke Whitten (absent)

Swimming Age Group Champions – Middle School

Elli Warren, Joel Murphy, Olivia Storer and Harrison Clarebrough

Middle School Student Leaders Co-Captains

At our first Middle School Student Leader Meeting held last week Blake Nixon and Jade Gibson were elected as Co-Captains of the Middle School Student Leadership Group.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted on:
- Wednesday 27th March from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Event code: PJY8H

Please use the online booking system to book times. If you have any questions or do not have Internet access please contact the College.
Year 10 Work Experience June 11-14
In November 2012 Mr Walker talked to students about work experience and possible future occupations. Year 10 students’ new need to start organizing their work experience. This is compulsory for all Year 10 students. No classes will run for year tens on Tuesday 11th June to Friday 14th of June.

Students can work at sporting clubs, museums, research centres, flight simulators, television stations, studios etc. Help tips:
• Read about various jobs in the Job Guide.
• Use the Yellow Pages. This will be useful to gain a number of potential employers.
• Talk to your parents, other students, teachers, friends.
If you organise a work placement away from home you also need to organise your accommodation.

The Construction Induction Card (CIC) is for all students who wish to participate in work experience on an industry site. For example builders, plasterers, electricians, painters, plumbers etc. This card is compulsory for students who work on an industrial site and can be used again if students wish to do more work experience. The date that has been organized is Tuesday 23rd April, Term 2.

If you think you will need this email Mr Rob Walker to add your name to the list.

CAREER EVENTS CALENDAR: MARCH – APRIL
At Monash Seminar Series: Dates for March are as follows:
• 6: Architecture and Interior Architecture
• 7: Nursing, Midwifery & Emergency Health
• 13: Business & Economics
• 14: History
• 19: Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy
• 20: Information Technology
• 21: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
For more information and to register, www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/

Chemistry and nanotechnology: La Trobe University Professor Mulvaney and Dr Nguyen will be hosting a lecture for students in Years 9 – 12 on Friday 15 March at the Bendigo Campus. They will explain the role of chemistry in nanotechnology and students will see how certain materials are used as quantum dots and liquid magnets. To register, email Kristen Pascoe at k.pascoe@latrobe.edu.au

Considered pursuing a career as a Veterinarian? The University of Melbourne are hosting their annual Veterinary Science Open Day on Sunday 17 March at the University of Veterinary Hospital. The day provides prospective students and their families the opportunity to learn about pathways into the Doctor of Veterinary Science program. Register your attendance at www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday

Meet Melbourne is a great way for regional students and parents to meet with staff from the University of Melbourne. You will be able to find out about topics such as: Study options, Accommodation, Scholarships, The Melbourne Model, and Access Melbourne. March seminars include: Bendigo (26), Sale (26), and Warragul (27).

To register, go to http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_a_and_interstate/victoria.

Charles Sturt University will be running the following MyDay events in March:
• 14: Clinical Practice (Paramedic) and Nursing-Bathurst
• 22: Arts, Psychology and Social Work-Wagga Wagga
• 26: Accounting, Business, IT, Computing Studies, Management and Marketing - Albury-Wodonga

For more information and to register, go to www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Engineering Information Evening at UNSW: Parents and students are invited to this event being held Wednesday 20 March at the Kensington Campus. All engineering schools will be represented to ensure you can have your questions answered. For more information and to register, go to http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/student-parent

The Engineers Australia Careers Expo will be held Thursday 21 March, 11am – 7pm at the Etihad Stadium, Melbourne. You will be able to:
• Participate in interactive workshops
• Talk to over 80 exhibitors from engineering, science and technological industries
• Attend inspirational engineering presentations.

For more information, contact Sarah Cooke: 03 9521 1703, scooke@engineersaustralia.org.au or go to: www.engineeringexpo.org.au

Passionate about science? RMIT are running the first of three Science in the City Lab Tours on Thursday 11 April between 1.30pm – 4.00pm. You will be able to:
• View their state-of-the-art learning laboratories
• See first-hand the broad range of sophisticated equipment and facilities and
• Discover what science at RMIT is all about. Lunch is provided. Please register at: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover

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
• Listen to Keeper talks
• Do animal health checks
• Handle animals safely


Experience La Trobe is designed especially for future students to get a taste of what it’s like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to:
• Chat with staff and students
• Participate in structured workshops focused on your desired career/ course
• Meet student ambassadors and talk to them about studying at La Trobe
• You can participate in workshops across a huge range of areas – this is an event not to be missed

The event will be held Friday 5 April at the Bundooora Campus. For more information and to book your workshops please go to: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

Have you considered a career in Forensic Science? Then you should attend the next Forensic Science Careers Information Day on Friday 5 April, 12.30 – 4.00pm at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM), Southbank. Work at the VIFM includes:
• Forensic pathology
• Clinical forensic medicine
• Medico-legal death investigation
• Paternity testing
• Forensic science services
• Preparing coroners reports
• Offering expert opinions on a range of issues

You will receive information on careers in the industry, but you will not be able to participate in a tour of the building. There are only 70 spaces available so you will need to register quickly.

For more information and to register, go to: http://www.vifm.org/about-us/careers-at-vifm/

Curious about health and natural therapies? The Australian College of Natural Therapies are hosting an Open Day on 27 April at the Sydney Campus. You will be able to:
• Find out about healthy eating
• Discover herbal treatments
• Find out the best way to burn fat and build muscle
• Explore careers in health and wellbeing.

To register, go to http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/

Thinking of studying beauty? The Australian National College of Beauty will be hosting an Open Day at their Pyrmont Campus on Saturday 27 April. You will be able to:
• Spend the day at the new Pyrmont Campus
• Attend information sessions on careers in the beauty services industry
• See their clinic in action
• Learn about courses and career options,
• Meet students and staff

For more information, go to http://www.anbc.edu.au/about-the-college/open-days-events/sydney-open-day.html

Access All Areas: Students in years 10 - 12 have the opportunity to attend the Access All Areas program at the University of Melbourne on Friday 5 April.

You will be able to learn about:
• Courses and careers including the ‘New Generation’ Melbourne undergraduate and post graduate programs
• Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas, going on exchange and study abroad or participating in community involvement activities
• Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
• Accommodation options by visiting the residential colleges
• Your parents will be able to attend information sessions too.

For more information and to register, go to: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

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April:
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• 1: Law • 7: Health Sciences & Social Work
• 13: Medicine • 21: Education & Nursing
• 28: Gippsland Campus Showcase
• 29: Biomedical Science, Radiography, Nutrition & Dietetics • 30: Engineering

For more information and to register, go to: www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/

The Age VCE & Careers Expo: This is a fantastic annual event, which enables senior school students and their parents to be able to participate in a diverse range of over 150 seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills.

Over 100 organisations will be in attendance, enabling students to be able to talk to course and program advisers directly about their services. Cost is $10 per school and students have been sent free passes.

The event is being held at Caulfield Racecourse between Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 May To find out more go to: www.vceandcareers.com.au, 03 9596 8881

Rob Walker - Work & Further Education Coordinator

Careers News
Congratulations to all swimmers who competed at the Upper Hume Swimming Championships in Albury on Thursday 28th Feb. Galen had a great day in the pool and a number of students broke records. Kate Brown broke both the 17 year old girls 50m and the 100m breaststroke record, whilst Elli Warren broke the 400m open freestyle record. Our 20 year old girls medley relay team and our 13 and 17 year old girls freestyle relay teams also broke the existing records. Swimmers in these teams were Emma Brown, Kate Brown, Elli Warren, Paris Woods, Bridget Cole, Jessie Gerrish, Sarah Berry, Paige Cooper and Sarah Lockwood. Well done girls!

Students who had individual wins on the day included Bridget Cole, Madison Pease, Darcie Clarebrough and Ned Penny. Other placegetters included Declan Taylor, Lucy Lee, Ellenor McKenzie, Jackson Clarke, Shaniel Dyer, Harrison Clarebrough, Olivia Storer and Emma Brown. Galen also had four age-group winners on the day. Congratulations to the following students:

- **Bridget Cole**: 13 year old girl age group champion
- **Kate Brown**: 17 year old girl age group champion
- **Ned Penny**: 14 year old boy age group champion
- **Darcie Clarebrough**: 20 year old girl age group champion

The first two placegetters in each event have automatically qualified to compete in the Hume Swimming Championships which will be held in Albury on 12th March. Thanks to Fiona Harmer for managing the Galen team so well on the day, and also to Tom Frawley and Bec Morris who both did a great job with marshaling on the day.

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Twenty-one of Galen’s fastest swimmers attended the Hume Region swim meet in Albury on Tuesday 12th March. Winners at this meet automatically qualify to race at State level in Melbourne at the end of March, so the standard of competition was high.

We had four individual swimmers win races on the day. Congratulations to Elli Warren (400m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 100m butterfly), Bridget Cole (50m butterfly and 50m backstroke), Kate Brown (200m individual medley) and Paris Woods (100m freestyle).

A number of our relay teams have also qualified to swim at the State Swimming Championships. The 20 year old female medley team of Emma Brown, Kate Brown, Elli Warren and Paris Woods smashed the Hume record in their event. The 13 year old girls freestyle relay team of Sarah Berry, Bridget Cole, Jessie Gerrish and Paige Cooper just missed out on breaking their record. The 17 year old girls freestyle relay team also smashed their age group record – well done to Kate Brown, Emma Brown, Paris Woods and Olivia Storer.

Congratulations are also in order for Bridget Cole who was the 13 year old girls age group champion and Elli Warren who broke the 400m record.

It was pleasing to see a large number of our other swimmers placing 2nd and 3rd in both individual and relay events. Thanks to all swimmers for their co-operation, exemplary behavior and willingness to participate.

Thanks must also go to Fiona Harmer and Tom Frawley for their help and assistance with managing the team on the day.

Good luck to all swimmers competing at the School State Titles on March 27th!
Parent Access Module (PAM)

Since the start of this year Galen has been implementing a Learning Management System called “SIMON”. This system has replaced the “Scholaris” and “Markbook” systems. One feature of this change to SIMON is the Parent Access Module (PAM). PAM allows you to see the school calendar, daily notices, your child’s attendance, work requirements and assessments. To view what is contained in PAM, parents simply need to log onto the Internet, type in the Internet location and their parent access code.

Interim Reports
Interim Reports will be posted in PAM on Friday March 22nd. To view your child’s report, simply go to Assessments and open the interim report. For families who do not have Internet access we will print a copy and send it home. Please contact the office if you would like a hard copy.

Current Data in PAM
Over the term some staff have been trialing the Learning Management System in SIMON. This means that some students will have assessment and homework tasks listed on their calendars. Also, some students may have comments from their teachers regarding the work they have submitted. It is important to realize that this particular use of PAM is a trial, it has not been mandated that all staff must use it at this stage.

Over the first few weeks we experienced a few bugs with the attendance module, this has now been rectified. If you notice that the data on your child’s attendance seems inaccurate please contact the office.

Parent Information Sessions
To explain how to access and utilise “SIMON” and “PAM” we will provide two meeting times for parents this Thursday March 21st, a lunchtime session (1:05 – 1:40pm) and an evening session in the Max Fletcher Auditorium at 7:00pm. Please use our online booking system to book a seat.

Event code: WKSVM

Yours sincerely,

DARREN HOVEY
Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching
GEOFF WELCH
Deputy Principal – Staff & Students

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
- Anthony Batters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett: Middle School Director
- Lauren Lee: Junior School Director

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

School Board
- Monsignor John White: Parish Priest
- Tony Lane: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal - Staff & Students
- Max Fletcher: CEO Sandhurst Representative
- Cameron Butler: Community Representative
- 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

Parents Association Executive
- Allison King: President
- Di Crockett: Treasurer
- Angie Semmens: Secretary

Members of the Board and Parents Association can be contacted via the office on 03 5721 6322 or email: admin@galen.vic.edu.au
Galen Catholic College has initiated an immersion experience to Timor Leste for 8 senior students in 2013. A very important aspect of this immersion has been to make a 3 year commitment to the Baucau Diocese and the village of Abafala to raise funds for the rebuilding and refurbishment of the Abafala school.

There are 264 students and 5 teachers at the school which has the greatest need of the 62 primary schools in the Diocese. We aim to raise enough funds over the 3 years to make one wing of 3 classrooms structurally sound, re-roof both school wings, fix the toilet block so that it is usable and more hygienic and improve the prep classroom. Any donations will make this goal more achievable.

Ceilings falling in, roof collapsing on both wings. Local children who attend the school.

The prep classroom for 40 students.

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There are 264 students and 5 teachers at the school which has the greatest need of the 62 primary schools in the Diocese. We aim to raise enough funds over the 3 years to make one wing of 3 classrooms structurally sound, re-roof both school wings, fix the toilet block so that it is usable and more hygienic and improve the prep classroom. Any donations will make this goal more achievable.

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