Galen Catholic College is extremely proud to announce that three promising Year 11 students have been offered places at the annual National Youth Science Forum. The National Youth Science Forum is a program that is unique within Australia. It offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to learn about and try out a wide variety of universities and careers in the scientific realm.

Students Michael Naughtin, Fletcher Barnes and Chris Traill (pictured with Principal Mr Bernard Neal) are not only proud, but very excited to have been selected. Out of approximately 60 students in this Rotary District who applied, 23 were successful. For three of those students to come from the one school is quite a considerable achievement.

“We are all looking forward to the chance to make friends and get to know like minded young students from all around Australia. With almost 150 participants at each session there is going to be a lot of opportunities for us to meet people and make contacts” says Michael.

“I am interested in all areas of science” says Chris, “I don’t have a specific university course in mind. During the forum I hope to gain clarification on what areas I really enjoy and where I want to go with it.”

When asked whether he would recommend future Year 11 students interested in science apply for the Forum, Fletcher replied “without a doubt! Past students say it is the best thing they have ever done. The program looks fantastic and I can’t wait to be there. I’d encourage students to go for it because even if you don’t make it in, the application process was a valuable experience in itself.”
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Those of you who had the opportunity to see Galen’s production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* know what an outstanding production it was! Congratulations to the cast, crew, and myriad of other helpers and participants. Not only did we have the talented and committed Galen students, staff and parents contributing to the enterprise, we also had students, staff and parents from the five Catholic primary schools of St Bernard’s, Our Lady's, St Patrick’s (all from Wangaratta), St Mary’s (Rutherglen) and St Joseph’s (Chiltern).

I attended opening night and Friday night’s performances so I saw both casts in action. There was a genuine quality in the acting, musicianship, staging and overall presentation of this production. The fact that there were over 160 students involved from six different schools is a great tribute to the organizational and creative talent of the show’s director, Julie Nolan, and musical director, David Ashfield. I am aware, too, that there was enormous input from other staff and parents both at the performances, and in the preparations for such things as costumes, tickets, supervision, etc.

As I reported to staff afterwards, this was an experience that should make us all very proud to be Galen!

Subject Selections for 2012

The important process of subject selection has already begun for students undertaking studies at Year 11 or Year 12 next year. It will soon spread to include students going into Years 9 & 10.

I encourage all parents to take an active and close interest in this process as the decisions made will have a significant bearing on your child’s pathway over the coming years, including those years immediately after they finish secondary school.

Please ensure that you take full advantage of the resources at Galen to assist you and your child to make the most appropriate decisions to meet their individual goals.

Regards

Bernard Neal
Principal

Junior School News

Lauren Lee, Year 7 Coordinator

Year 7 and 8 students have had a very busy couple of weeks. The Year 7 homerooms all enjoyed great weather when they attended retreat days at the 15 mile creek camp. The students were challenged by mountain bike riding and team building games. They were also able to reflect during an RE activity on their time at Galen and their hopes and dreams for the future. Thanks must go to all teachers involved for making the trips possible.

7/1 were in charge of running the prayer assembly last week. They organised some entertainment by the band Conspiracy Plan who are touring the region as part of Haworth music. The band not only provided students and staff with some great entertainment but also reinforced the message that bullying is not ok and that if problems arise there are people who you can talk to for help. Year 8’s were also lucky enough to watch a presentation of The Hurting Game which also focused on the impact on bullying in many different contexts.

Students in Year 7 were treated to an outing to the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. As always Julie Nolan, David Ashfield and all of the team managed to pull together another fantastic show.

This week is PE week and there are a number of activities for both staff and students to get involved in. Readers cup challenges also get underway this week with the Year 8’s involved this Wednesday and Year 7’s involved next Wednesday.

The Junior School also welcomes back Mr Arcuri and Ms Bellani after their wedding in Italy over the holidays.
Hi everybody!

My name is Azzurra Selvaggia Magrin or, as everyone calls me since I have arrived here in Australia, Zoo or Zou and I’m the new Italian Language Assistant. I think that most of you already know me but it’s never too late for a short introduction!

Something about me? I was born 25 years ago in Vicenza, a really nice city in the north-east of Italy, 70km far from Venice. After a diploma at the liceo scientifico in Vicenza (which is an high school focused on sciences), I completed my bachelor in Philosophy at the University of Padova and, a year ago, I graduated in Philosophy of Language at the University Ca’ Foscari, in Venice, with a thesis on Wittgenstein, Language games and Linguistic mythologies.

I arrived in Australia at the end of April thanks to a scholarship provided by the Italian Ministry of Education and Co. It is a non profit organization for Italians and Australians of Italian descent. I was supposed to work in Melbourne but I managed to come to the country, instead of working in the city, to experience the real Australian life and…here I am! I’m really happy to be here in Wangaratta, Galen College is a fantastic place to work and to learn the difficult but rewarding art of teaching.

I will be working at Galen until the end of the school year but something tells me that I’ll not leave Australia so easily!

Buon lavoro a tutti

Zou

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A Little Act of Kindness...

It’s the little things that make a difference

Thank you to Georgina Waite (10.5) & Laura Godde (10.5) for assisting Mrs Morrow with Year 10 Camp preparation last Friday.

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Pauls Collect-A-Cap

By collecting your Pauls milk bottle caps through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap program for schools and community groups, you can help Galen raise funds. Pauls will contribute 10c for every cap that we collect, so the more we can get the greater the contribution! So bring your specially marked caps into the office and add to our collection.

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Coles Sports for Schools

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that Galen will be participating and collecting vouchers for new sports equipment.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 11 August to 19 October and we ask that if you shop at Coles, please get involved to help collect vouchers for our school.

By donating your vouchers and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

Please visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available. Just drop your vouchers in to the Front Office here at Galen and the points you earn will go towards earning new sports equipment.

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Woolworths Earn and Learn

From now until 18 Sept, Woolworths will give customers one Earn & Learn point for every $10 they spend at Woolworths (Excluding purchases of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).

Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you can then bring in to the office here at Galen.

Parents and kids can go to www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn to see how well we are doing. Once the program ends, the school will be able to redeem the points for a huge choice of educational resources including library books, mathematics, science & robotics, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

So if you shop at Woolworths/Safeway, collect your dockets and bring them in to the Front Office to help us earn fantastic learning resources!

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Killester College Network Launch

Are you an ex- Killester College student? You may be interested in knowing that on October 14th Killester College Alumni Network is getting together, as well as recognizing past School Leaders. Please keep this date free. Further information will be available on our website soon.

Past students and teachers are welcome to register their details on the College’s website: www.killester.catholic.edu.au. For further information con-
Year 10 Formal

And just what is ‘Phoebus’ lodging’?
Keith Willett, Middle School Director

On Monday August 3rd thanks to the organisation of our English Domain Leader Mrs. Anne O’Dwyer, the Year 10 students were treated to outstanding performances of one of William Shakespeare’s most famous works, ‘Romeo and Juliet’. The presentation of this play is part of the semester two study of ‘Romeo and Juliet’ undertaken by all Year 10 students.

This performance was presented by Nicole, Tim and Ross, members of the Complete Works Theatre Company.

Their performance of Romeo and Juliet was outstanding. The actors, true to their claim that Shakespeare’s works were ‘meant to be played and not read’ really brought the play to life for their audience.

Following the performance the actors generously shared their knowledge of the themes and character portraits that are part of Shakespeare’s everlasting legacy to literature.

Were Romeo and Juliet driven by love or lust? Was Romeo reckless and a shameless risk taker? Was Juliet a simpering sex siren or just a naive native of Verona or did she really love her man? Was Friar Lawrence an egotistical idiot? Was Tybalt a better swordsman than Mercutio? What drove Tybalt to slide his rapier between Mercutio’s ribs? Did Lady Capulet have a drinking problem? These are just some of the timeless questions that were both asked of and answered by the talented cast.

As well as an analysis of character roles the thematic content of the play was also given colourful consideration. The themes of love, revenge, family disharmony, fate, destiny and recklessness were all key themes discussed during question time.

A highlight of the play was the contribution of four of Galen’s more theatrical students in Molly Burnett, Nick Dellicastelli, Jared Hargreaves and Eliza Honeybun who all starred in the opening scene. ‘Do you bite your thumb at us Sir’! These students really produced great efforts at short notice. Thanks guys and girls!

In short ‘Romeo and Juliet’ was a great performance and no doubt a highlight of the Year 10 English Curriculum for 2011.

Knitting Club
Rachel Froude, Junior Library

The launch of the Junior Library knitting club occurred on Monday 25th of July. Lots of students took advantage of the opportunity to learn the craft of knitting. Some students are already proficient knitters and brought their own projects along and enjoyed the warm and cozy environment. Lots of variety of wool and needles are available, and also a knitting nancy.

This year the club will support the Wraps for Love program. Knitted squares 10” x 10” are donated to the program, where they are sown into blankets and given to worthy causes. Any parent or student who would like to knit for this program are warmly welcome to participate and to donate squares. Needles and wool are available in the Junior Library if you don’t have any at home. The squares can be a mish mash of colours and patterns or just plain stocking stitch, it all adds to the fun of the finished blanket. Pictured: Shannon Mays

Year 8 Leadership Day
Paul Maher, Deputy Principal: Catholic Identity

Galen College hosted students in Year 8 from across the region last Thursday. They spent the day with members of the CARITAS organisation discussing ways that they can have a voice about the global issues of poverty and injustice. A number of our year eight SRC representatives were involved in the day and contributed significantly to the discussions that were held. CARITAS Australia see these young people as the way forward in solving many of the global issues that we have struggled to confront and respond to.

Much of the day was spent identifying some of these issues, working in teams to look at ways that our schools can raise awareness of the ‘Millennium Goals’ and to join together in solidarity to commit to social justice issues both in Australia and around the world.

Pictured: Year 8 students from a number of local schools kick the footy and get to know each other during their lunch break.

Galen Catholic College @ www.galen.vic.edu.au
Cardboard for a Bed

On Friday the 29th July, students and teachers from Galen Catholic College slept out in the school auditorium to raise awareness of and show solidarity for the homeless in the Wangaratta vicinity and to raise money for St Vincent de Paul. The event was organised by two year 12 students, Isobel Tait and Maddie Burder.

The organization of this event fulfilled part of their religion class requirements and was evidence of their keen passion for social justice and their desire to make the winter sleep out an annual event. “It’s a great way to get younger kids involved in social justice. As students who did this in the past, Maddie and myself wanted the younger students to have the same experience that we did”, says Isobel Tait.

Students participated in quizzes, improvised songs, decorated boxes and drew their homes and families. Having to think about relationships, sometimes there’s a fine line between what’s ok and what’s not. What crosses the line for one person might be perfectly ok for another. And while sometimes the line is crystal clear, other times it’s a bit blurred. It all comes down to respect. Respect for others, and understanding of what crossing the line means to them. And respect for yourself, so you can be clear about where you draw the line. For more information about relationships and links to great resources and people you can talk to visit this website: http://www.theline.gov.au/

The following morning, the night’s events were hot on everyone’s lips as teachers and students alike packed up their box and sleeping bags and headed off.

The student organisers would like to thank those who helped create the successful night: Deputy Principal-Catholic Identity, Mr Paul Maher; youth counsellor, Ms Therese Rodway; Principal, Mr Bernard Neal and Social Justice and Community Service teacher, Mrs Fiona Neal as well as many other friends and family members.

Words From Wellbeing

Therese Rodway

Where do you draw the line?

When it comes to relationships, sometimes there’s a fine line between what’s ok and what’s not. What crosses the line for one person might be perfectly ok for another. And while sometimes the line is crystal clear, other times it’s a bit blurred. It all comes down to respect. Respect for others, and understanding of what crossing the line means to them. And respect for yourself, so you can be clear about where you draw the line. For more information about relationships and links to great resources and people you can talk to visit this website: http://www.theline.gov.au/

Headspace!

Mental health is the single largest health issue facing young Australians. Headspace provides services tailored to young people aged 12 to 25, taking into account the different challenges they may face such as: depression; body image issues; problematic drug and alcohol use, family or relationship problems and difficulties at school or at work. Visit www.headspace.org.au today.

ABCD Parent Support Program

Supporting parents parenting, engaging different strategies and looking at transition.

Where: Wangaratta High Country Library, 21 Docker St. Wangaratta.

When: August 19th, 26th, Sept 2nd, & 9th (Friday’s).

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Facilitator: Diane Hourigan.

RSVP by August 17th.

Cost: $25.00.

Women, Family, Violence and Financial Security

Seeking Brave Women who Want to be in Control of their Finances

On August 1st, the Complete Works Theatre Company came to perform one of Shakespeare’s most renowned plays ‘Macbeth’.

The performance was clever considering they only had three people to act out the play, with one actor performing more than 10 characters. The way they carried out the performance was perfect for a school project considering they picked out the most influential and important scenes.

At the end of the performance there was a short period for question time, they answered the questions with thorough and descriptive knowledge, overall a very good step towards a better understanding of the complex, famous Shakespearian language.
Careers News
from Rob Walker

Vocational & Higher Education News

TVSA Flight Camp: If you are interested in a career in aviation as a pilot, you can start your training during the school holidays whilst you are still at school. You must be between 15 – 19 years of age. For information on camp dates, costs and program details please go to www.flightcamp.com.au

Graduate Careers Australia: www.graduatecareers.com.au, this website provides students with information on where their degree can take them in the future. You can explore skills shortages, graduate outcomes for specific industries and career pathways.

Demands for Engineering graduates: Engineers Australia have just released a report about the future of engineering in terms of demand for Australian graduates. One finding is that the demand for graduates will continue and that “all indicators show that the engineering sector will continue to experience growth, particularly in engineering construction”. To read more, go to http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/divisions/victoria-division/news/article.cfm/?obj_uuid=552EBB6F-E833-4F1E-5211-46BDD3D4F2B9

Are you a female interested in Engineering? According to the Engineers Australia report above, only approximately 10% of all engineers in Australia are female. Many tertiary institutions offer scholarships for women applying for engineering programs. Institutions such as RMIT, Monash University, Deakin University, University of Melbourne and organizations such as Thiess offer substantial scholarships and bursaries. For more information, go to www.myfuture.edu.au > The Facts > Scholarships and Awards > and search for women, engineering and undergraduate.

New Fashion Degree at Holmesglen: In this degree students focus on apparel and pattern engineering and design in one of 3 areas: clothing, textiles or footwear. The Bachelor of Fashion (Apparel Engineering and Design) will start in 2012. For more information, go to www.holmesglen.edu.au/fashion

Holmesglen will be offering substantial scholarships and bursaries. For more information, email tourism.events@holmesglen.edu.au

Interested in Tourism and Massage? Holmesglen will be offering the dual qualification Diploma of Tourism/ Certificate IV in Massage Therapy at their Waverley Campus in 2012. Graduates will be able to travel the world and work in areas such as spas, resorts and cruise ships. They will also work in the Holmesglen Simulated Travel Office using the latest systems in fares and ticketing. For more information, email tourism.events@holmesglen.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Career Days at RMIT- Advertising and Public Relations: RMIT will be running an Advertising Career Day on Saturday 27 August and a Public Relations Career Day on Saturday 10 September. You will be provided with an overview of the industries, employment opportunities and courses at both TAFE and University level offered at RMIT. Cost is $55 per person and the events will be held at the City Campus. For more information and to register, go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

On Tuesday 2nd August Galen Catholic School hosted the day. Burt and to Michael Clark for their support and attitude was fantastic. Thanks to Mr. Smith as well as Andrew Cusack and Tim Feehan, Ryley Pasquali, Daniel Bannister and Aaron Taylor.

Best players included: Ethan Rimmer, Zac Elliot, Josh Taylor and Will Eefting.

Congratulations to the Year 8 soccer team who competed in the Hume soccer competition on Wednesday 27th of July. The team played some incredible soccer throughout the day and were beaten by a committed Notre Dame. As a result they finished second. Thanks to Michael Clark for his help with the team on the day.

Well done to Ryley Pasquali and Tim Feehan who took on the responsibilities of coaching and managing the team for most of the day. Best Players: Tim Feehan, Ryley Pasquali, Daniel Bannister and Aaron Taylor.

The competition was the school cycling championship, held in Wangaratta on Tuesday 2nd August. Thanks to Jim Samon who accompanied the team.

Tomarsh Loki won the U15, Thomas MacDonald 3rd, Fergus Samon 6th. All rode exceptionally well and represented Galen in a fine manner. Well done boys!

The game was played in great spirit, with both teams using the ball well by hand and foot. Thomas Kukulka was outstanding in the ruck, winning most hit-outs and picking up a lot of possessions around the ground. On ballers, Will Nolan and Fletcher Stewart were all class around the packs. Both boys were good in and under, and used the ball well when in space.

Gareth Boak was another to impress, dominating at the stoppages and showing plenty of courage to win the contested ball. In defence, James Gibson, Sam Westra and Jayden Bear read the ball well and provided great rebound. James Bennett was another who never stopped trying for the whole four quarters.

Thanks to Michael Clark who has done a great job as coach of the Yr 7 football team this year. The help of Ben Talanico, Dylan Landgren and Jeremy Nankervis was also much appreciated.

Senior Football

On Tuesday 2nd August Galen Catholic College played 2 round robin games of football against Notre Dame Shepparton and Tallangatta High School. Things didn't get off to a good start only having 15 boys turn up on the day to represent their school. Under these circumstances it made a difficult task for these boys to succeed. As a result Galen were defeated in both games, they were outnumbered on most occasions.

There was some very inspiring and determined play evident on the day by all players. An excellent display in the ruck by James Smith as well as Andrew Cusson in the centre provided a real driving force. Other players contributed admirably on the day despite being significantly under manned.

Hopefully in future those students who initially make the commitment to play on the day will turn up. Otherwise it puts future events at this level in jeopardy.

Thank you to those boys who played both games on the day. Their behaviour and attitude was fantastic. Thanks to Mr. Burt and to Michael Clark for their supervision of the day.
Who’s Who at Galen...

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

School Board
- Monsignor John White: Parish Priest
- Tony Lane: President
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Max Fletcher: CEO Sandhurst Representative
- Cameron Butler: Parent and Community seat holder
- John Byrne: Parent
- 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
- Graeme Spence: Treasurer
- Trish Impink: Secretary

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For example, to contact Geoff Welch you would address an email to: geoff.welch@galen.vic.edu.au

Reflections