On Wednesday 24th August, the students, staff and parents celebrated Founders Day. Founders Day is an important event on our college calendar. It is a chance for us to remind ourselves of our identity as the Galen Catholic College community and to ask ourselves what it means to be a Galen student, staff member or parent. We look back at the important men and women who shaped Galen College due to their dedicated work; here at Galen, and before at Champagnat and St. Joseph's and we are reminded of the educational, personal and community values that they have passed on to us.

Our focus this year was on our relationship with the Brigidine Sisters and how that relationship has enriched the story of Galen Catholic College. Our guest speaker representing the Brigidines was Sr. Cecilia Merrigan from St. Joseph's College, Echuca. Sr. Cecilia was the first Deputy Principal of Galen and her inspiring words enabled all the students to firmly believe that their contribution to Galen is always valued and will be remembered by their friends and teachers in years to come.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday we celebrated one of the rare occasions each year when we gather as a whole school: the celebration on this occasion was for Founders’ Day when we acknowledge our heritage and wonderful contributions to the Galen spirit made by the Marist Brothers and Brigidine sisters.

In a colourful and musical celebration, our liturgy adopted the theme “One Body, One Spirit in Christ – Called to Action”. Our Senior SRC Captains, Candace O’Keefe and Henry Dayman, led the liturgy. In my address to the students, I exhorted all students to pick up the theme by having the courage to act whenever they see that something is not right: to Do Something About It! Our guest speaker from the Brigidine sisters, Sr Cecilia Merrigan spoke about her time in the role of Deputy Principal at Galen when it was first formed as a school.

Year 10 (2012) Information Night
The Year 10 (2012) Information Night is scheduled for next Wednesday 31st August. I encourage all parents with a child currently in Year 9 to attend the Information Night and become actively involved in the subject selection process.

Insight SRC
During the week starting 5th September, Galen will be participating in the annual school surveys conducted by Insight SRC. Most Catholic and government schools in Victoria participate in this survey which provides excellent data on key aspects of a school’s operations.

At Galen, all staff, 150 students and 60 parents randomly selected will have the chance to provide feedback as part of this survey. This is something that Galen takes very seriously as part of its’ commitment to continuous improvement.

We have already seen many changes and improvements come out of the previous surveys and we are keen to continue this process following this year’s survey.

I offer thanks to those randomly selected parents who have agreed to complete the survey.

Regards
Bernard Neal
Principal

From the Principal

VCAL Herb Garden

Bridget Feehan, VCAL student

On Friday 12th August 2011 the VCAL class had a guest speaker called Ute come and talk about the veggie gardens. Ute talked to the class about her herb garden. Ute brought around some herbs that we could smell. She talked about what kind of herbs she had. The class showed Ute where the vegetable garden is. After recess one group went with Ute to the veggie garden and the other group stayed in the classroom and looked through some of her books of herbs. We researched some herbs on the laptops and books. We found some info on some herbs then put it on the whiteboard. The first group went out and planted some herbs in the veggie gardens. The second group went out and planted the rest of the herbs in the two gardens.
Junior School News

Patrick Arcuri, Junior School Director

It’s great to be back in the Junior School! A big thank you to Mr. Geoff Welch for covering me while I was away. Thanks must also be given to all year 7 and 8 Home room teachers as well as Miss Lauren Lee and Miss Jess Clarke for assisting student and staff concerns.

The Year 7 Overnight Camp to Melbourne has been organised for the following dates:
CAMP 1 will be on the 27th – 28th October for 7/2, 7/3, 7/5 and 7/7
CAMP 2 will be on the 3rd – 4th November for 7/1, 7/4, 7/6 and 7/8

New activities included this year are a tour of Etihad Stadium and a Scienceworks Planetarium show. More information will be given to both students and parents closer to the date.

2012 Year 7 enrolment offers have been sent to 200 students. This is the largest Galen intake ever. The Yr 8 Information session for 2012 will take place with all current Year 7 students on Wednesday 31st August during extended homeroom and period I. Year 7 students will receive the Yr 8 Brochure and subject selection sheets. There is no information evening.

The Year 7 retreat days at 15mile creek were a huge success – these days were designed for each homeroom to develop team bonding skills. The retreat days took place from the 27th July to 5th August.

Year 8 Tree planting is currently underway. At the start of the year all Year 8 students were responsible for seed propagation. They are now planting those seedlings in the Upper Lurg area close to Glenrowan and Winton. The following Year 8 homerooms will be away on their scheduled tree planting day.

8/4 - Monday 15th August, 8/6 - Tuesday 16th August, 8/3 - Wednesday 24th August, 8/5 - Friday 26th August, 8/1 - Tuesday 30th August, 8/2 - Tuesday 6th September.

Recently the Junior school had its infamous Inter-homeroom READERS CUP. Mrs. Annette Fletcher along with Mrs. Rachel Froude organised both the Year 7 and Year 8 Readers Cup during extended homeroom. A big thank you to both of them for all of the hard work and organization they put into planning this rewarding activity. Thank you must also go to Mr. Bernard Neal, Mr. Laurie Burt and Miss Vicky Bennett for acting as judges for the Readers Cup. Congratulations to both 7/7 and 8/6 for winning the READERS CUP in their year level.

We currently have the Year 7 Inter-homeroom Basketball competition in place at lunchtime. At this stage it is a very close competition.

Congratulations must go to year 8 student Tomarsh Loki for his selection in the Victorian Road Cycling team. Tomarsh will be representing Victoria at the National Road Cycling competition to be held on the 5th September. We wish Tomarsh all the very best!

Junior Science Quiz Update

Carla Murphy, Junior Science Lab Technician

If you have ever sat back and thought about how a motorbike runs, you would know that it takes a bit of science to work (e.g. Physics – combustion).

A Honda CTX200 Bushlander Motorbike has a 197cc motor. What does this mean?

A 197cc motor means the motorbike has the capacity to hold 197 cubic centimetres of a fuel/air mixture in its cylinders at full expansion.

The cylinders are where combustion occurs. The process of combustion in a motorbike is important as this gets the motorbike going ready for you to ride. Generally speaking, the greater the cc of a motorbike the greater the power and carrying capacity it has.

Congratulations to Zachary Sullivan of 7/2 for winning this week’s Science Quiz! Once again, 7/4 had the highest number of student entries. I am very proud of you 7/4, keep up the great work! It is a fantastic achievement.

I have had one person answer every Science Quiz correctly to date. Great work Ms Timms!

A Little Act of Kindness...

It’s the little things that make a difference

Congratulations to Emma Grant & Verity Handcock for consistent encouragement in their coaching of the netball team Flight Risk.

Their dedication to the team has been noted by the Wangaratta Netball Association. Well done for taking on the coaching challenge.

Founders Day Pancakes

Kate Howard, Social Justice Coordinator

The Social Justice Group cooked pancakes on behalf of the Santa Teresa students on Wednesday at recess. Pancakes were available for staff and students to purchase, with funds raised going towards Santa Teresa. We are hoping this will become a new tradition and given that the Santa Teresa school is a Marist school, it was more than appropriate to do it on Founders Day.

Middle School

GPC Study Groups

This semester has seen a small group of motivated, enthusiastic and appreciative students from both Year 9 and 10 join Private Study Groups in the Pathways Centre. The GPC in consultation with teachers, students and families supervises these sessions with the aim of providing opportunities for extra working time and support for students to complete tasks, assessments and meet deadlines.

Private Study Groups are timetabled across the Year 9 & 10 elective blocks, meaning that participating students have chosen to do one less elective with no negative impact on their mainstream studies, but with many benefits to keeping on top of their required workload.

Many thanks to Keith Willett and James Bourke for setting up the groups and to the students – it’s a pleasure to work with you all…on behalf of the GPC team, Nicole Nixon.

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Year 10 Formal

Date: Tuesday 13th September, 2011
Venue – St Pats Hall, Wangaratta
Time – Students 'Red Carpet' arrival from 7.00-7.30 pm
Strictly no Alcohol or Passouts
Tickets - $15.00 pay with correct money at the door on the night.
Band – Scott (Solimo) & Amanda will be the band.
Pick up – 12.00 Midnight
Parents/Family Members are Welcome at the Start of the Evening – Please come & join in the celebrations from 7.30 -8.30 pm approximately where you can watch the Formal part of the evening.
After Parties – The School doesn’t encourage any after parties.
Wednesday 14th September is a normal Year 10 School day.
Dress – ‘Formal’. Males are generally in a Suit with a shirt and tie. Some choose to wear a nice pair of pants, shirt and tie and no jacket that is fine. Op shops are great for picking up Suits!
Supper – Students are asked to bring along a Plate of supper to share – e.g Fruit platter, box of biscuits, tray of sandwiches. Anything is appreciated. Please if you send along a tray you wish to have returned please put your name on the base of the tray!
Occasion Studios – Will be taking photos throughout the evening. These will be displayed on their Website. Information will be given out regarding this. Thanks to John Perri for his ongoing support. Any enquiries to Liz Morrow, Year 10 Co-ordinator

Library Link

Annette Fletcher, Library Coordinator

John Larkin, author of 22 books, visited Galen Junior School last Thursday and Friday. John presented to both Year levels as a group and ran six writing workshops for selected students. He talked about writing as taking small moments of your life and expanding on the detail. He said that everyone had stories within him or her.

His presentation was a humorous account of some of the details of his life including his experiences as a child with an Irish mother, and his family life now with an Eurasian family. He spoke of his visits to places in Australia as an author and how many of these situations form the basis of his stories.

John’s workshops gave the students a specific structure to follow with their writing. He spoke of subtexts and allowing the reader to construct the story, rather than the writer telling everything.

READERS CUP

The Readers Cup competition was held in the Junior School during extended homeroom in the last fortnight. Four students from each Year 7 & 8 homeroom were asked to form a team and read 4 books. Students from each Year Level came together to answer questions about the books and present a creative piece to the audience on one novel.

The most popular novel for Year 7 was Once by Morris Gleitzman with many of the teams making movies, skits and trailers about the circumstances of a young boy in Nazi Germany. The popular book in Year 8 was Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan. This novel followed the life of 13 year old Koly who suffered an arranged marriage, lost her sick husband and became a widow wandering the streets of the city.

The students entertained the audience with their interpretation of events. The Grand winners were 7.7 and 8.6.

A big congratulations to all of the teams!
Wangaratta Jazz Festival Promotion—
Quote Promotion Code: ‘Galen College’

Are you or your family/relatives/friends planning to go to the Jazz Festival this year?

When you purchase your tickets at the box office -
before your purchase mention Promotion Code: Galen College

When you purchase on line -
at the first screen enter the Promotion Code: Galen College

The Jazz Festival promoter will donate 10% of all proceeds to our school, when tickets are purchased under the promotion code Galen College. Donations received from the promoter will be used to purchase instruments for our school bands!

Go to wangarattajazz.com for ticketing details and remember... Quote Promotion Code: Galen College

For further info contact Graham Spence 0419 304 500

In addition to the above promotion, the Jazz Festival are this year offering special local rate tickets.
Until August 31, residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta are able to purchase 1/2 price tickets! That's a full weekend’s pass for only $110! These special rate tickets must be purchased at WPAC, some ID will be required and there is a limit of 5 per person.

Words From Wellbeing
Therese Rodway

As has been mentioned before in wellbeing words, social media has become a much used resource for young people in the way they communicate, socialise and express themselves. The follow clip will allow you to immerse yourself in the reality of this media and its impact on young people. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTWqZczIb44

As this area moves at such as fast pace, as a community we are all grappling with the explicit teaching and moral development for our young people. Cheryl Taylor (Library) and Therese Rodway recently attended a workshop about Generationsafe ikeep safe, an interactive whole school and community framework to the Internet world: http://generationsafe.ikeepsafe.org/

This framework, starting with an evaluation of our systems and policies, will incorporate the already good things happening by the IT reference committee, IT Team, Library and Resources team. Plus developing processes and systems in the school. Stay tuned for more developments here!

The following resources will be useful for parents for putting parameters in place at home, having the conversation about computer usage and conversations together about the reality for families these days with technology: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/

Have a browse of the resources and continue to have the conversation with your children. The online world is everybody’s business!

For more information please contact the IT team or Wellbeing team on 5721 6322.

English Language Excursion
Christine Duff

On Monday the 8th of August Ms Duff’s English Language excursion visited well known linguist and head of speech pathology Libby Clark at Charles Sturt University in Albury. The students were lucky enough to be given a one and a half hour discussion group session in the library on topics including ‘How children acquire language’, ‘Written versus oral communication’ and other related linguistic issues.

Prof Clark was very impressed with the students level of knowledge, questions and humour. The students were most impressed with Clark’s passion, communication skills and ability to cover such a wide range of topics in a hugely engaging manner.

The students were then taken to visit ABC Golburn Murray Radio where they meet with presenter Joseph Thomsen to discuss the differences between spontaneous speech and presenting on the radio. The students were also given the opportunity to practice what they are studying by recording an interview whilst they were there which they will analyse in class later on.

The day out served to further the class interest in English Language and allowed us to get a glimpse of some further applications of this wonderful subject both in tertiary studies and in the workplace.
Indonesian Incursion

Barbara Burns

All Year 7’s and the Year 8 Indonesian classes, as well as grade 5 & 6 from Benalla East enjoyed an Indonesian Cultural day on August 9th. Each student participated in three different activities, from craft to dancing to games. An Indonesian dancer from the Consulate in Melbourne performed two dances for the students when they met after lunch in the stadium to showcase the three dances which they learnt on the day.

Our presenters included Vicky Bennett and Samantha Pond who were brilliant, as well two guest presenters from Benalla. Several of the activities, such as craft and games, were run by classroom teachers who helped make the day a fantastic one!


Careers with the Victoria Police Protective Services Unit: Victoria Police Recruitment Services have just commenced a campaign to recruit 950 Protective Services Officers (PSO’s) over the next three years. The Protective Services Division (PSD) is Victoria Police’s specialist provider of security services, located within the State Emergencies and Security Department of Victoria Police. PSO’s work in law courts and in 24-hour deployment. Recruits undergo eight weeks of training at the Victoria Police Academy, Glen Waverley, before being sworn-in as a PSO. For more information, go to www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=123

Folio Preparation Programs at RMIT: If you are planning to apply for an arts or design based University or TAFE course, chances are you will need to present a folio at an interview. RMIT will be running folio preparation courses over the term three school holidays for students in years 11 and 12. These courses give students the opportunity to learn and try new techniques to use in their folios. For more information and to enrol, go to www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au

Scholarships

Engineering Scholarships at University of Technology Sydney: Each year, approximately 20 scholarships are awarded in Engineering, ranging between $13,000 and $73,000. Not only does a scholarship provide financial support, it provides an opportunity to gain real world experience through established industry links. Applications close 4 October 2011. To find out more and to apply, visit www.eng.uts.edu.au/scholarships

IT Scholarships at the University of Technology Sydney: The Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) Co-op Scholarship program is regarded as one of Australia’s leading IT programs. It is a 3-year fast track IT course with a business focus, designed to meet the needs of employers by combining information systems knowledge with an understanding of IT management and strategic planning. Students receive a scholarship of $43,300, paid over the 3 years of the course. You will need to apply for this scholarship in September. Go to www.it.uts.edu.au/courses/scholarships/bit/
Interview:
Josh Taylor, 7/4

Josh, you have recently had some good news with your soccer, what was it?
I have been selected for the Country Victoria Under 13 Soccer Team. I'm really excited about it! It is a great opportunity and will be a good chance to learn. It is a great step in my soccer career.

How long have you been playing soccer for?
I think I was about 7 when I started playing properly, and I am 12 now. When I was little I used to kick the ball around with my family. Then I started playing at school before I heard about the Saturday league. When I started playing for a team I loved it straight away. It was always so much fun when I got out on the field, an adrenaline rush.

Why do you like playing soccer so much?
It is a very tactical game, but also very exciting. Soccer is really fast moving and so while you are doing one thing you have to be thinking about the next move. You have to really concentrate and work hard but it is an awesome feeling when you win a game or save a goal!

How do your family feel about you being selected?
Mum was really excited but a bit surprised because I am an underage keeper (I could get selected again next year because I am younger). The other keeper is a lot bigger and a year older than me! Mum is very proud of me.

Where do you go from here?
Well my aim is definitely to get selected again next year. I would really like to make it into the Allstars team of 24 players, which is selected from this tournament. In the long term, I will take any soccer opportunities that come along!

North East Zone Clay Target Championships
Galen Shooters find windy conditions very testing
Keith Willett, Middle School Director

On Thursday August the 11th Galen participated in the annual North Eastern Zone Clay Target Championships held at Echuca. The competition on this day comprised of a 20 Target Single Barrel event and in the prevailing windy conditions this proved to be challenging and demanding for all of the 173 competitors who attended.

Galen had a number of shooters who performed very well throughout the day with the outstanding result being Kayla Grassi’s second overall in the Senior Girls. This result qualifies Kayla for the State Schoolperson’s Finals to be held in Bendigo in early September. Great shooting Kayla!

Other Galen students to perform creditably were Jaden Scobie14/20, Jamieson Stewart14/20 and Braden Ellis 14/20.

Other students to represent Galen were Isaac Dean, Adam Evans, Briaana Grassi, Cody Schutt, Mitch Oats, Tom Adams, James Ackerly, Sam Peters, Brad Collihole, Sean Szeligiewicz, Jack Bosnich, Jayden Bosch, Codi Rasmussen, Jak Canning, Hugh Amery, Alex Reid, Bailey Hourigan, Isaac Smith, Riley Carter, Tom Noble, Sam Canning Scobie, Bryan Green, Patrick Powell, Tim Judd and Wyatt Griffiths.

All students are to be commended for their behaviour and presentation throughout the day. Special thanks are expressed to parents Mr. Angelo Grassi, Mr. Rod Green and Mr. Brian Reid for their attendance, advice and support.

Year 9 Ski Trip
Keith Willett, Middle School Director

As the moon set over the distant mass of the Warby Ranges and a golden glow in the eastern sky heralded the approaching dawn Year 9 students gathered at the Galen bus area to prepare for the departure of our annual pilgrimage to Falls Creek and a day of downhill skiing.

The weather at Falls Creek was absolutely magnificent. Clear blue skies meant bright sunshine and a very comfortable air temperature of about 6 degrees. Mr Bourke’s weather predictions and decision to have the snow trip on the Friday and not the day before when strong winds had closed down the ski lifts was well and truly vindicated.

As the lessons progressed many students showed how quickly they could learn and adapt to the new skills and challenges presented by this exciting sport. Of course there were a few students who struggled, but they persevered and by the end of the lesson time most had a rudimentary grasp of the basic skiing skills. It was great to hear a number of the ski instructors comment on their cooperation and positive attitude.

Following lunch students had three hours of skiing on the Drover’s Dream and Towers Ski Runs. It was amazing to see how much improvement in skiing techniques was displayed throughout the day.

Thanks are extended to all Year 9 students for their participation and cooperation throughout the day, Mr Bourke and Mr Minns for their organisation along with Stephen Rosicka, John Pasztor, Paul Benedetti, Alicia Leonard, Jim Samon and Kylie Girolami for their attendance on the day.

Galen was also very fortunate to have Alice Minns, Mark Staley and Paul Jaeger who volunteered to assist on the day. Their assistance and support of the Year 9 Ski Program is greatly appreciated.
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

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

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

Health & PE Week

Jennie Annett, Personal Development Coordinator

There was something for everyone last week as part of our program celebrating Health and PE Week. All year levels enjoyed displays and competitions in the library and participated in staff vs student games organised at lunch times.

All activities were designed to remind us of the importance of diet, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices and to inspire us to make changes if necessary. The Personal Development Department hopes that everyone enjoyed the activities.

The winner for the Beverage ranking competition in the Junior Library was Olivia Diramacca of 8/2. Students had to look at the 10 different beverages on the board (eg. Latte, cordial and water, orange juice) and rank them from least to most calorie content.

Miss Howard and Miss Duff were the winners of the staff guessing competition. Well done to all who participated!