Calves come to Galen

From the 29th of August to the 15th September, 7.1 and 7.5 are going to be looking after two adorable calves. They arrived at about 11:00am last Monday, and we named them Coco and Caramel. They are both Illawarra breed. Coco is dark brown all over, Caramel is light brown and white. When they arrived Coco was 85 kilos and Caramel was 84 kilos.

The groups of 7.1 and 7.5 must feed the calves twice a day morning and afternoon. We have to make a two litre bottle of milk for each of them, they also have grain to eat. We need to clean out the pen and check that they are healthy.

During our science lessons we take turns to brush the calves, pat and play with them. We also have to keep a journal for every second day about how they are, how much they weigh and if they are healthy. We had to research and prepare for their arrival, like putting down rice hulls in their shelter and removing any rubbish that was in there. In our groups we have to make our own newsletter about the three weeks that they were here for and write a letter of thanks to the farmer who lent us his calves to look after.

A big thankyou to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Crowhurst for their help with information about the calves and looking after the calves while they are here.

By Taylah Matheson Gray and Annie Jordan from 7.1

Pictured: Allana Young, Simon Gulliford, Alex Antonello, Bailey McLeod and Tarni Semple.
Parents please note:
Due to the variable weather, we will permit students to begin wearing summer uniform in the last 3 weeks of Term 3.
Uniform must still comply with those items specified be they summer or winter.

HELPERS NEEDED
• in the Uniform Shop either Tues 10.30 – 2.30 or Thurs 1.00 – 5.00.
• in the 2nd hand bookshop at the end of the year
• in the tuckshop
Please phone Alison on 03 5723 8320 if you can help in either shop.

Subject selection forms
for students going into
Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2012
are due by
Wednesday September 14
to homeroom teachers.

What’s Happening:
The next fortnight
For the full Term calendar see the Galen website.

SEPTEMBER
Mon 12th UH: Basketball I-BG
12th - 13th Discovery Walk 9.5
Tues 13th Yr 9 B.A.L.L.S
Yrs 7-8 English
Yr 10 Formal
Wed 14th Subject forms due
(students in yrs 7,8,9)
15th -16th Discovery Walk 9.6
17th - 20th Senior Band - Canberra
20th - 21st Discovery Walk 9.7
21st - 23rd Italian Camp
Thurs 22nd Last day of term
Parent Teacher
Parent Teacher Morning
Fri 23rd

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of its regular cyclical whole school review each Catholic school in the Sandhurst Diocese follows a routine of externally validated reviews of key areas of school operations. This is an integral part of each school’s ongoing registration process.

Galen had a full school review in 2009, then a “fallow” year in 2010 when no areas were reviewed. This year we have had a review of Catholic Identity, clearly a central consideration in the very nature and purpose of a Catholic school. We have completed a self-review by a panel consisting of Paul Maher (DP-Catholic Identity), Bernard Neal (Principal), Jim Samon (Heritage Co-ordinator), Kate Howard (Social Justice Co-ordinator), Joan Ellis (Assistant to the DP-Catholic Identity).

The validation panel consisting of Audrey Brown (Senior Education Consultant – Secondary from the Catholic Education Office), Maria Weatherill (Religious Education Consultant from the CEO), Alannah Doherty (Director of Religious Education at Catholic College Bendigo) and David Leslie (Principal, FCJ College Benalla) attended Galen on Monday this week to interview the review panel as well as a range of students and other staff.

There were many examples in the panel’s initial verbal report affirming the social justice, liturgies, pastoral care, vision, values and mission of the college, all important aspects of our Catholic Identity. Recommendations included being more explicit in our connecting social justice, learning, and our general school practices to basic gospel values and our mission statement.

The validation panel will provide a detailed written report some time during the next month.

I wish to thank the members of this review panel for their outstanding work in piecing together such a thorough and professional self-review and for the excellent presentation made to the validation panel. Thanks also to the students and staff interviewed by the validation panel.

Once again, we find ourselves Proud to Be Galen!

Year 10 Information Night
This year we have used a streamlined format for our Information Nights under the leadership of Darren Hovey, Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning. The feedback from parents on this revised format has been very positive.

The most recent Information Night was held last week for students going into Year 10 in 2012. It was well attended by parents and students. There was a follow-up session at school for students later in the same week.

Staffing news
We welcome back from long service leave Mr Brian Carr and Mrs Leanne Carr. Mrs Sylvia Worboys, who replaced Mr Carr while he was on leave, has left us temporarily but will be back for part of fourth term to replace Mrs Bethne Hulme when she takes some long service leave.

Forthcoming student events
Publications

Good luck to the Year 10 students as they prepare for the Year 10 Formal to be held next Tuesday evening. We are all looking forward to an exciting and vibrant occasion!

Good luck also to those attending the annual Italian Camp in the last week of term.

Similarly to those attending the Senior Band Tour to Canberra next week.

Interim reports, Parent Teacher Interviews, End of Term

Interim reports for mid-semester are almost completed and will be distributed next week. Followed by parent-teacher interviews on the evening of Thursday 22 September and the morning of Friday 23 September.

We will be using a different format from the past at the end of this term for booking parent/teacher interviews. Parents will need to book interviews online or by contacting the college. More information on this change in format can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Please note that the last of classes for this term is Thursday 22 September.

Regards
Bernard Neal
Principal
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 information contact Graham Spence 0419 304 500.

Parents...

This semester you are able to book Parent Teacher Interviews ONLINE at a time that suits you.

1. Log on to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
2. Enter the event code: VREZS
3. Press: ‘GO’

Please contact the college if you need any assistance.

A letter containing more information will be sent home to parents shortly.

Junior Science Quiz Update

Carla Murphy, Junior Science Lab Technician

In which country was the world’s first National Park established?

What was the name of the National Park?

The world’s first National Park was established in the United States of America in 1872. The name of the National Park was Yellowstone National Park.

Congratulations to Jemma Mahoney (8.5) for winning this week’s science quiz! Jemma has now won two quizzes this term. Top Job!

7/2 have blown the competition away this week, being the class with the most entrants. Well done guys!
The 18th, 19th and 25th, 26th has seen the entire Year 10 group travel to Melbourne to participate in a range of activities related to Religious Studies and Humanities.

Traditionally this excursion has included the whole year level on one trip, but this year with the Year 10 cohort at its all time record of 175 students it was decided that two trips were necessary.

The 18th and 19th of August saw 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 on excursion and then the following week on the 25th and 26th August 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 travelled to Melbourne to participate in the different activities on offer.

Day one of each excursion included a visit to either the Temple Beth Jewish Synagogue or the Tara Institute Buddhist Temple with roughly half of the Year 10’s attending one venue and the remainder the other. Depending on their choice of venue students were exposed to some of the rituals, cultures and religious teachings of Judaism and Buddhism.

The second excursion destination on day one was the Jewish Holocaust Museum. The Holocaust Museum is fascinating. Not only is this a highly informative presentation but it is also very powerful and at times confronting. The lecture, the displays and in particular the heartfelt testimonials from Holocaust survivors is indeed a moving experience.

Thursday evening of the excursion presented students with the opportunity to dine along Lygon Street and then participate in the activity of their choice from ice skating, indoor rock climbing, ten pin bowling or the cinema.

Friday morning began with a beautiful walk of about 45 minutes from the accommodation at Urban Central, along South Bank to St Kilda Road and The Shrine of Remembrance. This activity engages students in a short seminar on aspects of World War One followed by a guided tour of The Shrine. Following this was lunch at South Bank and then a late afternoon return to Wangaratta.

The behavior and attitude of the Year 10’s on this excursion was terrific. They were interested, cooperative and participated in all of the activities very enthusiastically. Organisation of excursions such as this is vast and thanks are extended to Mrs Morrow for all of her hard work along with Mr Murphy, Mrs Byrne, Mr Samon, Ms Scarce, Ms Larkings, Mr Heath, Mr Faithfull, Mr Hovey, Mr Maher and Ms Rodway for their attendance and generous support.

Pictured clockwise from top left: Andrew Mair and Spanish exchange student Rodrigo Archer at the Shrine. Molly Holmes and Emma McDonald at Tara Institute. Tayla Ward with Darcy Fella at the Shrine. Joshua King with James Oddie enjoying Lunch at a Park in Caulfield. Year 10 Girls sharing a meal in Lygon Street (left to right) Sarah Lockwood, Molly Holmes, Tayla Ward, Belle Culhane, Bec Montgomery & Darcy Fella.
The Australian Teenage Expo is a one of a kind event for young people and parents, which provides everything a teen wants to know about, all in the one place. There will be stalls with info on education and employment options, services for any of the issues young people face and youth focused products. Some of Australia’s best speakers on youth issues and careers will run master classes. Amazing entertainment, including an all styles dance competition featuring some of Melbourne’s best dance crews, some local bands performing and finishing off the three days with our headlining band British India. Celebrities, giveaways, show-bags, fun activities and special performances throughout the whole three days.

Tickets online at www.teenageexpo.com.au. 16th - 18th September 2011 @ Moonee Valley Race Club. More info on website, call 1300 080 33 0, or email sonya@teenageexpo.com.au.

Women, Family, Violence and Financial Security

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

Tools for Change is a unique financial mentoring program. We have trained volunteer women across Wangaratta and Shepparton to support you in your journey to financial confidence over 12 months.

It is not unusual that women exiting domestic violence often have limited financial skills because of the extreme level of control from their partners. Pre-existing skills, resources and self-belief are often eroded through years of abuse and put-downs.

Tools for Change gives women the opportunity to meet regularly with another woman, who is compassionate, a good listener, who is trained in basic financial management and who can support you in your journey to financial independence.

Tools for Change is not a counselling service. While the mentor will be sympathetic to the your situation, her role is to support and guide you in the financial aspects of your and your family’s life.

If this sounds like something you need to know more about, please contact Sandi King or Karen O’Connor at Women’s Health Goulburn North East on 0357223009 or whealth@whealth.com.au. All enquires are treated with confidence and respect.

For any other wellbeing concerns speak with your child’s homeroom teacher or contact a member of wellbeing on 5721 6322.
Distinction Awards

Distinction awards for Semester 1 were handed out to students in each year level at the recent Founders Day assembly. Congratulations go to all students who received awards! Keep up the great work.

Year 7 (left): Back row – Jessica Spence, Sophie Archer, Zac Sullivan
Front row – Maddison Smart, Jesse Gardner-Russell, Chloe Mitchell.

Year 8 (right): Tim Feehan, Olivia Storer, Tomarsh Loki and Riley Pasquali

Year 9 (left): Matthew Spence, Ellen Knox, Emmaline Howard, Ruby Gardner-Russell

Year 10 (right): Mitch Horwood, Tess Rowland, Bridget Byrne, Carly Ramsden, Georgia Waite.

Year 11 (left): Back row - Darcy Marum, Fletcher Barnes, Amelia Taylor, Michael Naughtin
Front row - Lara Seeger, Molly Lea

Year 12 (right): Avril Woodstock, Grace Harmer, Stephanie O'Kane, Jacob Keehan.

La Trobe Talk & Tour
A great event for senior secondary students and their parents. It gives secondary students and their parents a chance to spend the day getting to know La Trobe, and finding out all they need to know about studying there. Participants can chat to La Trobe staff and students, find out about courses and application procedures, and visit some of La Trobe’s fantastic facilities.

Melbourne campus: Wednesday 28 September, 9.30am to 12 noon. Register now at http://latrobe.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/tt928

Keeper for a Day
Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary are offering Keeper For A Day in the September holidays.

Keeper for a Day is a hands-on school holiday program for students interested in a career working with animals. Participants will help out our animal keepers and learn about one of the most rewarding jobs. You have the opportunity to speak with animal keepers about their jobs and experience. Be prepared for the smell, sweat and of course the fun of it all!

Werribee Open Range Zoo
29th September, 3rd, 4th 6th October
Times: 9.30am – 4.00pm
Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road, Werribee.

Healesville Sanctuary
Yr 7 & 8: 27th September, 4th October
Yr 9 & 10: 28th September, 5th October
Times: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm
Location: Healesville Sanctuary, Badger Creek Rd, Healesville
Cost: $102.00 Includes morning tea (BYO lunch)
Age: Secondary students (13-18 years).
Bookings: (03) 9285 9406
Pre-payment essential at time of booking.
Please go to http://www.zoo.org.au/ Learning/Camps-Holidays for further details on our school holiday programs.
Brooke Harding
Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Road Werribee, VIC 3186
P:03 9731 9630, F:03 9731 9644
Year 7 & 8
Bushrangers Cup

Michael Clark, Junior School Officer

On Tuesday the 30th of August a combination of Year 7 and 8 boys participated in the Bushrangers Cup, a carnival run annually by the Murray Bushrangers Football Club. The carnival consisted of a round robin format where the Galen boys got to participate in 4 matches of football playing against Marion College, FCJ Benalla, Yarrawonga College and also Wangaratta High School.

Galen’s campaign kicked off against Yarrawonga College with Galen prevailing by a margin of 26 points. Only some inaccurate kicking from the Galen forwards prevented the margin from being even greater finishing with a final score of 3.11 29. In the following two games Galen was able to successfully defeat FCJ Benalla and Marion College by margins of 19 and 15 points respectively. Galen’s final match against Wangaratta High School was shaping up to be a very exciting affair, with both sides going into the match undefeated and a win ensuring Galen would take home the Bushrangers Cup. But it wasn’t to be, with Wangaratta High School proving far too strong from the outset against a determined Galen outfit. A 20 point halftime deficit proved to be costly with the final score being Galen 0.2 2 to Wangaratta High School’s 5.2 32.

The Galen team put in a great effort throughout the day to finish 2nd overall behind Wangaratta High School only on percentage after 3 teams (Galen, FCJ Benalla and Wangaratta High School) all finished with 3 wins for the day after FCJ upset Wang High School in the final game of the day. Galen had a number of players put in consistent performances across the course of the day with Nick Cox being named Galen’s best player for the day. Other players to feature prominently throughout the day were Hugh Amery, Brydon Robbins, Sam Peters, Nathan Schmidt and Hamish Falla. A big thank you to Mr Burt who did a great job coaching the boys on the day. The help of Murray Waite and all the students who were goal and boundary umpires on the day was also much appreciated.

Table Tennis

Laurie Burt

On 29th August 6 teams played in the Upper Hume Table Tennis Competition at the Wangaratta Table Tennis Centre. The results were:

First Place
Year 7 Boys: Zac Sullivan, Sam Harvey, Jayden Bear, Will Eefting.
Year 8 Boys: Jack Allan, Jack Huntington, Connor Scully, Ryan Scully.

Second Place
Year 8 Girls: Clare Hogan, Bella Gigiotti, Briony O’Halloran, Renee Collet, Issy Byrne.
Year 9/10 Girls: Adrienne Murphy, Maicee Harrison, Shelby Collins, Kate Smith, Ruby Gardner-Russell.

Third Place
Year 9/10 Boys: Max Whitty, Matt Thrum, Ben Ralston, Holly Judd.

Congratulations to the winning teams who will advance to the next round as well as all other competing teams. The students were well behaved and displayed good sportsmanship. Thank you to Michael Clark for his assistance on the day.

Year 9 & 10
Boys Soccer

David Morris

On Thursday morning recently there were eighteen of us Players, Teachers, bags and boots and Kev who drove the bus Bound for Bendigo we were to battle unknown foes To win, to lose, perhaps to draw, which one nobody knows

From Wang to Murchison we sped, then further to the west With spirits high the miles past by, I knew they’d do their best At Bendigo the bus did stop and out we jumped all set To show the Galen strength and skill to any team we met

Brunswick was the first team that did test the boys from Galen Despite our many shots at goal, our efforts all were failin’ Lady Luck deserted us, too hostile shots went in Too nil the final end result, so Brunswick had a win

The last game was against the team of local name and fame Bendigo, and don’t they know just how to play this game But Galen boys have other plans, to fight, to shoot, to score And Bendigo are shocked and stunned, they stagger back in awe

But skilled they are and soon they strike and put one in the net Galen boys respond with force, they block and pass and yet It’s not enough, the time is gone, the triple whistle blows And so our soccer efforts now come to a final close

Galen boys, your job is done, return to Wang with pride. Games lost, games won, it all was fun, you were an awesome side.
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

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

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

Reflections

Year 10 students on excursion in Melbourne.