Santa Teresa Immersion Experience

Turn to page 5 to read a student's view of this life-changing experience.
From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now well and truly approaching the “pointy” end of the year for our students. VCE exams are past the halfway mark and we have the final week of Year 10 & 11 classes this week leading into their exams next week, followed by the HeadStart program in which they will start their 2012 subjects.

Our Year 9 students, meanwhile, are enjoying their outdoor adventure camps, while the Year 7 & 8 classes move into the final few topics and units for this year.

A great deal of work has already taken place in preparing for our 2012 school year, with the processing of subject selections leading to the final creation of next year’s timetable. Work has also started on compiling the 2012 school calendar. This is typical of all schools, that future-planning takes up such focus. I am excited as the possibilities for 2012 begin taking real shape.

As a reminder of the great things that have been accomplished at Galen over the past twelve months, our annual School Magazine has gone to the printer and will be available in the coming weeks. I have seen a mock-up of this year’s magazine and I am confident that you and your children will be delighted with it as a vibrant record of life at Galen in 2011.

Remembrance Day
I had the privilege of accompanying 18 Year 10 students to the Wangaratta Remembrance Day service on Friday. Students Bridgette Byrne and Jonathon Panozzo laid a wreath on Galen’s behalf as part of the service at the Cenotaph which was attended by several hundred community members. Many thanks to the Year 10 students for their mature and responsible approach to this most important event on the Australian calendar.

CREW News
The CREW Board met last Monday evening for the final meeting for 2011. As part of the meeting, the Board reviewed its many achievements over the past year and planned its goals and actions for next year. There is no doubt that CREW has undergone significant development this year on several levels: the energized work of the four working parties, the development of a new logo, brochure and posters, the Catholic Education Week liturgy featuring the five member schools, the teacher exchange program, the increased frequency and output of the Board meetings, the integrated planning and work of the five Principals and the community forum night have been some of the features of this year’s CREW experience.

We are looking forward to further development of CREW over the coming years.

Regards
Bernard Neal
Principal

Junior Science Quiz Update
Carla Murphy, Junior Science Lab Technician

QUIZ 25: True or False... The Dust Bowl is a volcano in the USA?

False. The Dust Bowl in America is not a volcano. The Dust Bowl was caused by the introduction of new farming techniques, over farming to produce food for the war and a serious drought in the 1930’s. The top soil was removed and heavily deposited across the land, during major dust storms. Many people lost their farms, animals, machinery and lives.

Congratulations to Lucy Sturgess of 7/3 for winning Quiz 25. This is the second time Lucy has won the quiz!

QUIZ 26: What is the name of the world’s deepest lake? Where is it?

Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia - maximum depth is 1637 m and average depth - 730 m.

Congratulations to Luke Ashcroft 8/5 for winning quiz 26. Great work to 7/1 who had the most entrants.
Junior School News

Patrick Arcuri, Junior School Director

The Junior School has been a buzz of activity both inside and outside the classroom. Our Year 7 students enjoyed their overnight excursions to Melbourne. Both Camp 1 (7/2, 7/3, 7/5 and 7/7) and Camp 2 (7/1, 7/4, 7/6 & 7/8) were huge successes. All staff who attended the camp were very proud of the way our Year 7 students conducted themselves, their behavior was exemplary. Some of the destinations that the students visited included Eureka Tower, Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Etihad Stadium, State Library, Old Melbourne Goal, Scienceworks Planetarium, CBD, Southgate and the Queen Victoria Market. Thank you to all of the staff who accompanied the students on the camps.

The Junior School witnessed some outstanding musical and dance acts during our Year 8 Inter-homeroom Talent Quest. Thanks must be given to our esteemed judging panel of Mr. Geoff Welch, Mrs. Julie Nolan and Junior School Officer, Vicky Bennett. The joint winners of the talent quest were Julia Gillard A.K.A Jesse Sanderson (8/4) and beat boxer Simeon Goeby (8/3). Well done to all participants.

Our Year 7 students were also involved in the Year 7 Inter-homeroom Essay Writing Competition last Wednesday in the Junior Resource Centre. Well done to all students involved in this rewarding activity. Congratulations to 7/8 for winning the competition. A big thank you to Mrs. Rachel Froude and Brianna Schutt for reading and judging the essays.

Orientation Day has been set for Tuesday 13th December. Information will be mailed to incoming Year 7 students and parents later this week. The booklists will also be in the mail out.

The 2012 Year 7 Information Evening for parents will take place on the Tuesday 29th November at 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Max Fletcher Auditorium.

The Grade 6 Transition Camp for small rural primary school students entering Galen in 2012 will be on November 17th and 18th at 15 Mile Creek.

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys tennis team for making the next stage of the VSSSA tennis competition. Matthew Wilson, Zac Sullivan, Sam Harvey, Fletcher Stewart and Harry Condon. Under the watchful eye of coach Mrs. Hill the boys will now play against St. Mary’s Nathalla and St. Helena Secondary in Bendigo this Friday 18th November to book a place in the state finals. We wish them all the best and good luck!

Parents’ Association News

Allison King, President

• We have just purchased 3 stand-up banners with photos and the school logo on them to be used by the school for events. They look fantastic and will be put to great use, thanks to Rob and his staff at Think Print for all their help.

• The Parents Association controls the running of the Year 11 Presentation Balls and planning is well underway for next year’s season of balls commencing in May. If any parents have questions regarding the balls please feel free to contact me (Allison King) at the Galen Uniform Shop, or by email on uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au.

• Our last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday the 29th of November in the staff room commencing at 7p.m. We would love to see you there.

• If any parents have second hand uniform or books that they would like to sell please drop them off at the Uniform Shop or at the Front Office.

• Please note some of the operating times during December are different for Uniform Shop. The following are the operating hours for December:
  ◊ Uniform Shop 1st-6th-8th normal operating hours.
  ◊ Uniform Shop and 2nd Hand Bookshop 12th-14th-16th-19th between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.
  ◊ We will open for Uniform sales in January of 2012 on the following dates: 26th-27th-28th-29th-30th between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Year 10 Exams

Parents and students of Year 10 are requested to read the following information in respect to Year 10 exams.

As has been school policy in recent years there will be a formal Year 10 exam in each of the core subjects, Religious Education, English, Maths, Humanities and Science. Please read and note the exam timetable below.

Some elective subjects will also run exams in normal timetabled double lessons in the week preceding the core subject exams. The exception to this is Italian which will run an exam in the same timetable as the core subjects.

Over the next 2-3 weeks students will be briefed by their subject teachers as to what will be required for each exam. It is important that in the remaining time before exams are held that students spend study time revising content for each of the subjects in which they will be examined.

Any queries or concerns in respect to Year 10 exams are to be directed to Keith Willett at school.

### WEEK 7 NOVEMBER 21 - 25, 2011

(Exam Duration: 95 minutes – Exam: 90 minutes, Reading Time: 5 minutes)

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### HeadStart

#### Information for Parents of Year 10 and 11 students

Galen Catholic College is pleased to announce the introduction of a HeadStart Program for 2011. The aim of the program is to begin instruction in VCE subjects in both Years 11 and 12 so students can commence the 2012 school year ready to do their best. These classes are compulsory.

HeadStart will begin at the conclusion of Year 10 and Year II exam period. Students will attend their new classes where they will be introduced to the coursework and begin the content involved. HeadStart orientation including the timetable for the two weeks will be given out in the first introductory session. Holiday homework tasks and preparation for School Assessed Tasks and Coursework will be given.

For Year 10 and Year II students the first day of Headstart will be Tuesday November 29th.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform (including hats) for the duration of the HeadStart Program.

If you have any questions about the HeadStart program or would like more information please contact Mr. Darren Hovey, Mr. Paul Carson, Mr. Mick Grogan or Mr. Keith Willett.

The key dates are listed below:

- **17th November – 18th November:** Study Days – no formal classes for Year II’s only
- **21st November – 25th November:** Year 10 and Year II Examination Week
- **28th November:** Report Writing Day – Student Free Day
- **29th November:** HeadStart classes begin
- **9th December:** Middle School End of Year Mass
  - Periods 3 and 4
- **9th December:** HeadStart classes finish
- **3rd February 2012:** VCE classes commence
- **8th February – 12th February 2012:** Year 12 Retreat – Howman’s Gap and Lake Hume
- **13th February 2012:** Year 12 Jumper Pres Night – WPAC
- **March 2012:** Year II DECA Camps – Shepp & Dookie

**Keith Willett**

Middle School Director

**Paul Carson**

Senior School Director (2011)

**Mick Grogan**

Senior School Director (2012)

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### Year 10’s perform Ancient Greek Comedy

Ms Bromley’s Year 10 Drama students did an excellent job last week of performing ‘The Acharnians’ by Aristophanes (C. 447 - 385 BC). This unit of performance gives the students a direct appreciation of the 1st Golden Age of Theatre as well as an understanding of ancient times and cultures. Only 11 of Aristophanes plays survive. ‘The Acharnians’ is an anti-war comedy that pleads for peace, set in Athens during the great wars of Sparta. Living in peace is actively and comically compared to living in war time, particularly during the mocking scenes with the Ambassadors and Lamachus. Students who took part include: Damian Albertson, Harrison Berenger, Jesse Bowen, Courtney Dillow, Jared Hargreaves, Ben Jose, Sarah Lockwood, Mikhaila Lovett, Laura Mc Millan, Bridie Naughtin & Hazel Vaughan.

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Santa Teresa Immersion Experience

Emily Hunt, 10/2

It all started with an application, we had to answer the impossible question, “why?” Why did we want to go on this immersion experience? We all had our various answers - wanting to learn more about indigenous communities, contributing to the school, having a better understanding of what goes on in the culture that originally held this land as its own - little did we know, we were about to embark on a journey that would change our lives forever.

There were 13 applicants, all eager, all excited, all raring to go. We showed up to our interviews with clammy hands and full of nerves. We were greeted by Mr Neal (doubling our nerves instantly), Ms Howard, Mr Walker and Mr Maher. They questioned us almost to breaking point. After much deliberating, the teachers decided upon eight of us, Des Flanagan, Hazel Vaughan, Bec King, Zoe Levesque, Belle Culhane, Bridie Naughtin, Frances Samon and myself. Our destination, Santa Teresa, an indigenous Catholic mission 80km out of Alice Springs. We were pumped!

What ensued, were months of preparation. We needed to know some information about the community before we left. There were some rules that we needed to understand before we went to the mission, including the difference of culture and what is socially acceptable.

Unfortunately, just before the time it came for us to head off, Frances lost her grandfather and was unable to join us on our journey.

On Saturday October 15 we all got up well before the sun was peeping its head over the horizon, jumped in our various modes of transportation, and headed to Melbourne, where, at the airport, we would leave for one of the best experiences of our lives.

That afternoon we arrived at Santa Teresa to a warm welcome and climate. Our accommodation was old and basic, but we had heaps of room.

The next morning was a Sunday, so we got up and went to Mass. It wasn’t an ordinary Mass though, a seminarian who had worked in the community for two years had recently been ordained as a priest. Parents within the community wanted the new priest to baptise their babies. We also sung songs, except, we sung them in Arrernte (pronounced Aranda), the indigenous language of that region.

Throughout the week, we all did various activities. All the girls got to spend a day each in the women’s centre, where they have a child care centre with some adorable kids, and a kitchen set up for a meal on wheels service.

For most of us, the week was spent at the school, we all had different jobs, some were cleaning, some were helping teach the younger kids Maths and English. Bridie and Des were lucky enough to sit in with Brother Rod’s senior boys class and from what they’ve said, it was confronting, but fun.

On the second last night, we drove out to a dry river bed just outside Santa Teresa. We took out a bunch of swags, guitars and some dinner and camped out. We climbed the hill behind our campsite and watched the sun set. It was a tough climb, but the view was worth it. We felt like we were on top of the world. It was the perfect way to end our trip.

It was probably the most fulfilling, enriching and enlightening experience that any of us will ever have. Mr. Walker and Ms Howard were the perfect people to accompany us on the trip. I highly recommend this trip for those who are interested in social justice and the world around them. It’s hard to put into words what the experience meant to us, you’ll just have to experience for yourself!

We’d like to thank many people for helping us raise a total of $2,700 for the community; teachers who auctioned themselves, those who bought the teachers, preserves and chocolates, Lesley Johnson for her kind donation of preserves to sell, Mick Oxenham from Edward’s Street butchers for his donation of meat for our sausage sizzles, Baker’s Delight for their donation of bread, Safeway for allowing us to have a BBQ there and for all the parents who supported our busking efforts on the night of the parent-teacher interviews. We would also like to thank our parents for supporting us in taking the journey.

Words From Wellbeing

Therese Rodway

Evolve @ Typo – Young Vinnies keep the tradition going!

An enthusiastic group of Galen students volunteered their time on Friday 4th November to mosaic, garden, wax boots, and clean the camping gear at Typo Station, Rose River.

This was our final trip to Typo for the year, the energy and effort was outstanding.

Evolve at Typo is a bush adventure therapy program for young men and women who might be struggling with school, home, life and the law. Camping, bush craft and group work help young people get back on track in a supportive environment.

On asking how students felt about the day and the program some said “you’re never alone”, “you can always get helpers”, “we all work together to get things done”, “it’s good to help others”. Thank you very much Mehret Hill, Blake Saunders, Jemma Walker, Jemma Mahoney, Dane Levesque, Billie Kate Rourke, Grace McMahon, Rhianna Dunne and Amanda Umasani on a great day out!

For any other wellbeing concerns speak with your child’s homeroom teacher or contact a member of wellbeing on 5721 6322.
Financial Assistance
for parents/guardians with children
commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012.

Education Maintenance Allowance:
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August. The parent portion is often used for uniforms and excursions, while the school portion may be used for expenses such as textbooks, stationary and special programs.

You can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque. In 2012, the total annual amount is $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

School Start Bonus:
The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school. If you hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off $300 payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account in late January 2012. The School Start Bonus is separate from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form before 15 December, 2011. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012. For more information about the School Start Bonus and the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/financial-assistance

Education Tax Refund:
The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of it, such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationary.

For more information visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.

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VOCATIONAL & HIGHER
EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in studying health in the future? Gap Medics are offering a two-week work experience for students in years 11 and 12 who are looking to study medicine, nursing, dentistry and midwifery in the future. Placements in Thailand and Tanzania are being offered during school holiday periods. You will have the opportunity to shadow highly skilled professionals in a clinic during your placement. For more information, go to www.gapmedics.com or email Tom Baker at tom@gapmedics.com

New ICT programs for students interested in Gaming: Swinburne has developed new Information Communication and Technology TAFE courses in games design and development. Students can complete the qualification at TAFE and then undertake a pathway through their Guaranteed Entry Scheme into a degree. For more information about course content, contact Laurie Johns at ljohns@swin.edu.au 03 9215 7015.

RESOURCES

The Good Universities Guide: assists young people to make informed decisions about university study in Australia. The guide contains information about what a degree is, what you can study and where, and it contains independent 3-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

The Job Guide: provides comprehensive information on hundreds of occupations. For each occupation, you can find out what you do on a day to day basis, what school subjects you need, where you can study courses related to the occupation and state specific information. It is an excellent guide for young people and their parents. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

So You Want to be a Doctor? This book by Kerry Breen has been written specifically for young Australian students wishing to study medicine at an Australian University. The book is very comprehensive and will give you all the information you need to know in helping you choose the right course, to the application process, to starting and getting through your degree. To order the book, go to http://shop.acer.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Engineering Expo: Swinburne’s Faculty of Engineering and Industrial Sciences are running an Engineering Expo on Wednesday 30 November, 12 – 3pm and their Advanced Technologies Centre, Hawthorn campus. The expo will give students from Years 9 to 12 the chance to explore the range of engineering courses available at Swinburne. For more information contact Alleen Noonan at anoonen@swin.edu.au 03 9214 5792. Register to attend at www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/expo

TAFE information sessions at the University of Ballarat (UB): During November and December, the University of Ballarat is running a series of information sessions about their TAFE programs. Session dates are as follows: November: Automotive (18), Food, Land & Service Industries (23), Technical Education & Trades (28), Human Services (28) and Allied Health (29). December: Business (6). For more information contact info@ballarat.edu.au, 1800 811 711.

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning will be running its successful Architecture & Design Summer School for year 10-12 students from 12th – 15th December on campus at The University of Melbourne.

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to experience university life regardless of their economic background The Office of Admissions is pleased to be able to offer 10 bursaries to interested students who would like to participate in the program. Students who are successful in receiving a bursary will only have to pay a fee of $50.00 to attend this 4 day event. Additionally, the Office of Admissions will cover the cost of accommodation at Trinity College for students who require accommodation whilst attending the Summer School.

More information about the Architecture & Design Summer School can be accessed online at www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/summer/.

Careers News
from Rob Walker

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Year 8 Table Tennis

David Morris

Congratulations to Ryan Scully, Connor Scully, Jack Allan, Jack Huntington and Earyyn Divinagracia who were successful in their quest to become Hume Region Champions.

Their skill, sportsmanship and cooperation throughout the day were exemplary.

Party Safely

Jennie Annett, Head of Personal Development

On Wednesday the 26th of Oct all Year 10 students were treated to guest speakers from various local health and safety agencies to promote the message of safe partying, being sexually healthy and looking after your mates.

Deanne Hourigan from the Ovens and King Community Health Centre spoke to students about their sexual health.

Robert Wright from NESAY reminded students about the risks involved in sending inappropriate text messages and safe social media use.

Doctor Matt Byrne conducted an open forum where students could discuss health issues that related to them and Mark Staley from the Wangaratta Police chatted about standard drinks, safe partying and legal consequences related to underage drinking.

We would like to thank these experts for sharing their precious time and knowledge with us and hope that this experience has helped our Year 10 students to use this information to make informed decisions about their health in the future.
Italian Excursion to Melbourne

Jacquelyn O'Keefe, 10/5
On Wednesday the 2nd of November, all of the year 10 Italian students travelled to Melbourne for an educational excursion.

We left late and arrived at Museo Italiano in Melbourne at lunchtime. Here we learnt many things about the history of Italians in Melbourne, their immigration, and the pieces of Italy that they brought with them to Australia. After looking around the museum, we participated in a workshop called La Storia in Valigia, or “The Story of the Suitcase”. We got to see some items brought over by Italian cooks, shopkeepers, even cyclists, and learnt about the people that owned them.

After the workshop, we all went our separate ways for a late lunch on Lygon Street. We met back at the museum for one last look around, and then began our Carlton walk, where we saw the large amount of stores founded by Italian immigrants.

The bus trip home was loud and fun, but the entire day was great, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We'd all like to thank Ms Bellani, Mr Cudini and Mr Magree for taking us.

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 Willert: Middle School Director
- Pat Arcuri: Junior School Director
- Marlene Kittel: Staff member

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

Reflections

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