Year 12 students began the year formally at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, with their annual VCE Jumper and Award Presentation evening last Wednesday.

The Honorable Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Daniel Andrews a former Galen student, as special guest speaker delivered an inspiring speech. He impressed upon the students the importance of persistent hard work—“nothing that’s worth having comes easily”, the fact that this year presents many opportunities that may not occur again and implored students to appreciate the wonderfully fertile and nourishing environment that Galen provides. He emphasized that there are many people throughout Victoria and across the world who would give anything for an education in a safe, supportive school, such as ours.

Students were encouraged to focus on the importance of attitude, “the one thing over which they have total control” and how this will enhance their chances of “doing their personal best”.

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**Swimming Sports**

Swimming Sports have been rescheduled to Thursday 23rd February. Gates open at 4.30, 1st race at 5. Swan St Olympic Pool. Be there to support our swimmers!

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. In modern times, there is an emphasis on prayer, fasting and alms giving (or “doing good deeds”).

When most of us were growing up we were called on to “give something up for Lent”. While that remains an important part of the Lenten season, more emphasis is given today on looking for meaningful actions that will help alleviate someone else’s burden – a very Christian approach in itself.

I urge you to speak with your children, as we will continue to do at Galen, about the importance of walking in others’ shoes, and of recognizing when we are in a position to help someone in difficulty and of then doing something to alleviate that difficulty. It might be a child offering to do the dishes, or take the garbage out when that is not usually their chore. Or it might be more dramatic like assisting someone who is ill or bed-ridden, or suffering the consequences of an accident. Or it might be to speak a kind word to someone who is lonely, marginalized or friendless – goodness knows, to our great shame, that even in Wangaratta we don’t have to look too far to find such people.

**Year 12 Retreat**

The Year 12 students have returned from their three-day retreats to Howman’s Gap and the Hume Resort. I was able to spend good quality time with the students at both venues and was hugely impressed with their approach to reflecting on their current lives, looking ahead to their future lives, and focusing on the family love and support that nurtures them. I was also impressed with the obvious energy and enthusiasm they displayed as a group for both doing their best this year, and being their best this year.

**VCE High Achievers & Jumper Presentation Night**

Congratulations to our VCE High Achievers from 2011, including Dux, Claire Luxford, all of whom were acknowledged and presented at the WPAC last week. At the same event, our current Year 12 students received their jumpers and were addressed by Galen Old Collegian and current Victorian State Opposition Leader, the Honourable Daniel Andrews. Mr Andrews exhorted the students to recognize the many choices and opportunities before them and to go out and make their mark in the world.

**Year 7 Parents afternoon and laptop night**

We welcomed the parents of our 194 Year 7 students at two events last week: the welcome afternoon, and the laptop rollout night. Parents were shown through the Year 7 classrooms and treated to a afternoon tea before addresses from the Director of the Junior School, Miss Lauren Lee, and myself. We informed the parents that their children had made an excellent start to their secondary school life and that as time goes by to please let us know when we do things well, as well as when we do not do things as well as they would like.

**Swimming Sports**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Swimming Sports from their original date because of the electrical storms in the district on that day. It has not been easy to find another date when the pool is available but one was found, Thursday Feb 23. Unfortunately, this revised date clashes with the evening we had scheduled for the Year 8 laptop renewal and parent cyber safety session. As a result, the Year 8 night has been rescheduled. We apologise for the inconvenience and for any possible confusion arising from these changes.

Bernard Neal
Principal

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**WHAT’S ON FEBRUARY & MARCH**

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For the full Term 1 Calendar, check out the website [www.galen.vic.edu.au](http://www.galen.vic.edu.au)

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**Fair Funding for Your Child**

Catholic parents’ message to Canberra

The Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling will be released on Monday 20 February 2012. The Australian Government is expected to provide its initial response at the same time.

Galen, along with other Catholic schools around the country, have pushed a number of core principles for funding, including:

- Additional funding for Catholic schools to close the gap between Catholic schools and government schools
- Government funding that keeps pace with the cost of educating a child in a government school
- Fair funding for students with a disability and special needs so that all students, regardless of the school they attend, receive funding to meet their needs.

For every dollar in funding that a student in a government school receives, Catholic students receive on average just 80 cents. Any cut or freeze in funding for Catholic schools could mean higher school fees, Catholic students transferring to government schools and added pressure on state government education budgets.

Over the next few weeks, our school will receive materials to support fair funding for Catholic schools. The strength of these efforts will be based on your commitment to ensuring fair funding for your child.

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The term is well and truly under way in the Junior School. Year 8 students have been beginning to understand the new technology that has been implemented this year in the form of E-books. Many Year 7 students and their parents attended the first of the information evenings relating to the appropriate use and expectations involving the laptops. Year 8 parents have also been asked to attend a refresher session with their student in the coming week these dates can be confirmed by calling the front office.

We would like to thank all of the parents who were able to attend the Year 7 open afternoon last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you there and we were glad to hear that your students are settling in well. Please remember that we are happy to hear from you if you have any concerns or if you have any positives that we should be aware of.

Year 8 students have a big few weeks ahead. On Wednesday 22nd each homeroom will be involved in a seed propagation session with Ray Thomas as part of the regent honeyeater project. The students will then assist with the planting of the seedlings later in the year.

Don’t forget Year 8 Camp begins on the 29th of February for 8/3, 8/4 and 8/7. We are all looking forward to the adventures ahead.

On Wednesday 8th of February two busloads of Year 12 students and teachers travelled in different directions with the same purpose in mind, to build relationships and reflect upon their own spiritual journey.

Over three days students were given the opportunity to work with and share their ideas and thoughts with each other and with their teachers. This happened in the large group and also in small groups of students.

On Thursday each retreat group shared a Eucharistic celebration with Parish priests from the local areas. We would like to thank Father Jake Mudge, from Sacred Heart, Wodonga and Father Peter Taylor from St Mary’s Parish, Myrtleford, for celebrating the Eucharist with our students and staff. Both retreat groups became very involved in the preparation to share and reflect on our Christian story in the sacrament of Eucharist.

Teachers and staff really appreciated the presence and leadership of Fr. Peter and Fr. Jake at the retreats.

Year Twelve retreats at Galen have a wonderful tradition and history. This retreat proved to be no different. The students and staff value and respect each other. After attending both retreats I could see immediately that there is something special in the relationships between the students and the staff at Galen. I would like to thank all the staff who made the retreats such a success, the students who engaged so willingly and the parents for supporting their children to attend.

In his time on earth Jesus Christ constantly challenged us to be more, more for God, more for each other and more for ourselves. The teachers and students who experienced the retreat gave of themselves and examined who they are and where they want to go in the future. What a great way for Year 12 to begin 2012. Well done.

Pictured: above (L-R) Deputy Principals Gerard Sullivan, Geoff Welch and Darren Hovey. Below students at Lake Hime and Howman’s Gap. Groups get to know each other with a variety of activities.
Senior School News

Mick Grogan, Senior School Director

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The Year 12 students were further inspired and encouraged to work hard when, prior to the presentation of the jumper, the VCE academic awards for 2011 were presented, including Dux for 2011, Claire Luxford with an ATAR of 99.25. The full list of subject award winners is below.

Additionally two other students were recognized for their achievements. The Business and Professional Women of Wangaratta, in particular Helen Ross have been wonderful supporters of our College for many years. The group now officially non-operational, donated funds to the College, to provide a bursary each year to a Year 11 into 12 female student who has demonstrated diligence, organization and a capacity to support her peers. Kelly Closter was awarded this scholarship.

The Australian Vocational Student Prize introduced by the Federal Government and worth $2000 has been established to recognize the benefits of vocational programs. Emily Schultz was presented with a certificate to acknowledge her wonderful success in winning this award.

Principal Bernard Neal, in his speech, observed a sense of optimism within this year’s group and a determination to make their mark and to work collaboratively.

College Captains for 2012, were also officially announced. Successful candidates Mary Paine and Nathan Whinray were both extremely pleased and proud to be given the opportunity to represent Galen as student leaders this year. The start to the year has been terrific. Students have been keen to embrace their studies and participated enthusiastically in the retreats held last week.

Year 11

Shortly Year 11 students will be receiving details about the upcoming Driver Education Camp conducted in Shepparton. It is important that the forms associated with this activity are completed and returned to school promptly please.

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National Youth Science Forum

Michael Naughtin, VCE2 and Chris Traill, VCE3

During the summer holidays, Fletcher Barnes, Michael Naughtin (pictured) and Christopher Traill attended the National Youth Science Forum, a 12 day program which aims to expose Year 11 students to the broader fields of science and technology, as well as hone their interpersonal skills, which will be needed throughout life.

During their time at the Forum, the students were introduced to a huge range of scientific research organisations, such as CSIRO and the research facilities at the Australian National University. The Forum also fostered discussion regarding present national and global issues and emphasises the importance of maintaining continuing active interests in sport, arts and music during Year 12.

The three boys came back from the Forum describing it as ‘the best two weeks of their lives’. They returned with a wider perspective of career prospects, a more enthusiastic look towards their studies and all plan to grasp the opportunity to represent Australia internationally.

They highly recommend it to any Year 11 student that is interested in a career in science, and emphasise that applicants with a well-rounded personality can be very successful. Any interested student is encouraged to contact Mr Carr, or Fletch, Chris or Michael for more information.

Our Lady’s Parish Mission

Conducted by Fr Ray Sanchez

3rd - 9th March 2012, Our Lady’s Parish, South Wangaratta. For details phone 5721 3826.

There will be morning and evening sessions throughout the days of the program. All morning sessions will be preceded by a special focus on Masses at 9am followed by a cuppa prior to the Mission session. Masses on Saturday evening (3rd) and Sunday morning (4th) will be celebrated by Fr Ray and will focus on mission themes. Saturday evening Mass at 6.30pm and Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am will be Masses of Anointing.

Session 1: Sun 4/3, 7pm-8.45pm ‘On being a Christian’
Session 2: Mon 5/3, 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm, ‘Jesus and Justice’
Session 3: Tues 6/3, 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm, ‘Male and Female spirituality’
Wednesday 7th March - No Mass or Mission Session
Session 4: Thurs 8/3, 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm, ‘The Third Age and the Final Journey’
Session 5: Fri 9/3, 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm, ‘The problem of evil and God’s mercy’
All participants and parishioners are invited to supper after this session. Please bring a plate.

A Mission is a time for personal and community renewal: a time when we look closely at where we are and how we might improve in our relationships with God and each other.

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The Life and Times of

TOMMY MCRAE (1835 – 1901)

A talk by Hilary Jankelson
Saturday 25 February, 2.30pm

Tommy McRae is one of the very first Aboriginal artists to record aspects of his life and times in Australia in the European manner. His sketches have been known to curators and historians for decades.

Art historian Hilary Jankelson is a recognised authority on Tommy McRae, his life, art and times. The public are welcome to attend this free talk and meet with Hilary following her presentation.

For further information contact Benalla Art Gallery: 5760 2619
gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au

Fresh Start for 2012 - Top Tips

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**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).

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**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/financialassistance

**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 stationery.

For more information go to: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

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**Financial Assistance**

**Education Maintenance Allowance:**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to 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, stationery 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.

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**Words From Wellbeing**

Therese Rodway

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**Year 12 Parent Support Blog/Forum**

Is the onset of VCE and VCAL presenting some challenges as you work out what it all means for your son or daughter? A VCE/VCAL parent blog/forum will be set up to connect parents with each other to answer the questions you may have. Some areas may include differences between 1/2 and 3/4, outcomes, SATs and SACs, the UMAT, preferences, university course codes, prerequisites and basic familiarity with the VCAA website. Please refer to Galen Catholic College Wangaratta VCE and VCAL Study Information for 2012 for immediate information (info sent home in December 2012). For further info visit www.vcca.vic.edu.au or speak with Rob Walker (Careers Adviser) or your child’s homeroom teacher on 5721 6322.

For any other queries, suggestions or topics please email therese.rodway@galen.vic.edu.au

See the Galen website for information on The Big Brother Big Sister Program and how to be involved! http://galen.vic.edu.au/student-wellbeing/community-opportunities/
Victorian learner drivers are invited to take advantage of the national keys2drive learner driver safety program and receive a free lesson with a keys2drive accredited driving instructor.

Over the next 12 to 18 months, across Australia, keys2drive will deliver 200,000 free lessons funded by the Federal Government.

The free lesson uses a ‘train the trainer’ model with the accredited driving instructor assisting the supervisor (often a parent) to guide the learner driver to adopt safe driving practices. It does this through face to face practical information and instruction on how they can most effectively assist in the training of their learner drivers.

keys2drive provides a different approach to learning to drive – a coaching method called ‘find your own way’ which encourages the learner driver to make their own decisions rather than always being told what to do. This technique assists a learner driver to become P plate ready. Over time, this approach will create a new culture of safer driving.

Throughout Victoria, driving instructors have been keys2drive accredited and are available now for free lessons. Those listed on the website as being in the Wangaratta area are listed below.

For further information about the keys2drive program, visit www.keys2drive.com.au

Jacques Martin-Lefevre
Jacques’ Driving School
Phone: 0417 777 576
Mobile: 0417 777 576
Email: gljml@bigpond.com
State: VIC
Type(s) of Vehicle: Both Auto and Manual

Damian Gough
Graduate School of Motoring
Phone: 07 4772 2323
Website: www.gsomp.com.au
State: QLD
Type(s) of Vehicle: Manual
Affiliations: ADTA QLD

Steven Barson
Graduate School of Motoring
Phone: 07 4772 2323
Website: www.gsomp.com.au
State: QLD
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Shaun Kelly
Wangaratta Drive School
Phone: 0466 695 153
Mobile: 0466 695 153
Email: driveschool@optusnet.com.au
Web: www.wangarattadriveschool.com.au
State: VIC
Type(s) of Vehicle: Manual
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Rob Walker, Work & Further Education Coordinator

FOCUS ON EARLY INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR TAFE AND UNIVERSITY

It’s never too early to start considering your future career directions. Many students often feel lost about what they would like to study and many feel like they don’t know where to start! There are so many things to consider-complete year 12 or leave early? TAFE or University? Have a gap year or go straight into further study? Can I afford to move away if I can’t study locally?

For students and their families who haven’t been to a University or TAFE information session, there are even more questions- where can I study the course I am interested in? How do I choose? How much will my course cost? How do I find out about scholarships? What if I don’t get theATAR I need? What is University and TAFE actually like? These decisions can be difficult to make.

Not only can it be tough for students, but also for parents! Where do we access information? How do we best support our child? How can we best afford costs associated with further study? Will Youth Allowance and HECS-HELP be available?

In addition to meeting with your career adviser early in the year, it is a great idea to attend information sessions run by tertiary institutions. Many run focus days and information seminars throughout the year, and all run Open Days in August. By attending information sessions you and your family will be able to do the following:

• Speak directly to current students and lecturers and hear from them about the courses you are interested in
• Look around the campus and get a feel for the culture of the institution (i.e., does it have a modern or traditional feel? Do you think it would be easy to meet people? Would you prefer to study at a small campus or a large one?)
• Learn about scholarships, course costs, government fee assistance, global exchange and accommodation options
• Ask about alternative pathway programs available as a back up in case you don’t get the ATAR you need for your course
• Attend workshops and sessions on the courses you are interested in and compare facilities and students services between institutions.

Attending information sessions will assist you in setting new career goals or firming up ideas you already have. Information sessions are usually free and you have to register. Here are some tertiary information programs to get you started:

• University of Melbourne- ‘Meet Melbourne’: sessions will be held in various locations across Victoria between March and August. To find out when the closest Meet Melbourne seminar is being run and to register, go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne
• University of Melbourne- ‘Access All Areas’: sessions are run on campus and are for Year 12 students only. The first session will be held Friday 13 April at the Parkville Campus. Contact http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events for more information
• Charles Sturt University- ‘MyDay’ CSU: will showcase over 40 courses on various dates up until June. March events include environmental science, teaching, arts, psychology, social work, business, IT & computing. To register, contact Judy Walsh: infoevents@csu.au.au 02 6338 6010.
• RMIT- ‘Get Real Experience’ School Holiday Programs: If you are in Years 10 – 12 and are passionate about science, engineering or health, you have the opportunity to attend a ‘Get Real Experience’ School Holiday Program at RMIT in your area of interest. To find out what workshops are running and when, go to www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays
• La Trobe University- ‘Talk and Tour’: held on Friday April 13 (TBC).
• Monash University- ‘At Monash Seminar Series’: showcases different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. Students will be able to attend seminars in areas such as engineering, arts, sport, education, health, design etc. Check the following link for dates: www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/at-monash.html
• Deakin University- ‘Discover Deakin’: runs at different campuses over several months. Dates for 2011 have not been released yet. There will be more information in a future newsletter.

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

• Help to settle into tertiary life: Did you know that most TAFE and University institutions have programs in place designed to help you settle into your studies? For example, the University of Ballarat’s program UBReady, allows you to undertake a 6 day intensive program which helps you to learn what personal and study skills you will need to be able to cope at Uni. Don’t be nervous about the future- there will be lots of support in place for you!
• Science, Technology & Engineering at La Trobe- meet the students! Check out La Trobe students profiling their achievements including the ongoing success of their pharmacy students in the latest edition of Synergy from the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering. www.latrobe.edu.au/scitecheng/about/corporate-publications/synergy/edition-3/
• Pre Apprenticeships: If you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway and are unsure about continuing on at school this year, you may want to enroll in a pre apprenticeship. Contact your local TAFE institution to ask about the programs they have available. You can undertake pre apprenticeships in areas such as bricklaying, building, plumbing, electrical, automotive, floor and wall tiling etc.
• Interested in Early Childhood Education? The University of Ballarat has opened its new $2.5 million Children’s Centre for Early Childhood Education at the SMB Campus. The Centre can accommodate up to 80 children and incorporates teaching space for Early Childhood Education students in TAFE and University programs. For more information, go to www.ballarat.edu.au/earlychildhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Interested in Teaching and/or Environmental Science? Charles Sturt University will be holding two MyDay events in March. Teaching and Education will be held at Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 6 March and Environmental Science on Tuesday 13 in Albury-Wodonga. Application forms can be obtained from Judy Walsh by emailing her at infoevents@csu.au.au

www.galen.vic.edu.au
OUR LADY’S FUNFAIR
SUNDAY
18th March 2012
10.00am to 2.00pm


Music and Entertainment
AUBCTION STARTS 11.30am
Major Raffle drawn at approx.12.45pm
1st Prize $1000-00 worth of fuel
2nd Prize $500-00 Woolworths Voucher
3rd Prize $250-00 Coles Voucher

2012 CVGT Australia
Wangaratta Fun Run

Sunday 26th February
8am Batcholers Green

Hosted by 2010 Female World Ultra Athlete of the Year Sharon Scholz

10km run - $15 ($20 on the day)
5km run or walk - $10 ($15 on the day)
2km primary kids - $5 ($10 on the day)

- Great prizes, trophies & giveaways (over $4000 value)
- Beautiful course along the One Mile Creek – no road crossings
- Accurate, generally flat, all-bitumen sealed course
- Excellent start / finish facilities including BBQ’s and playground
- Enter & pay on-line today – www.wangarattafunrun.com.au

Proceeds go to: Wangaratta Little Athletics Club

Preparing Your Child for School Sports Days

Sports carnivals are a highlight in every school’s calendar, and it is important that all students are able to participate to the best of their abilities. Exercise is a trigger for over 50% of people with asthma, so asthma exacerbations are common on sports days. Parents and carers can take several easy steps to help manage their child’s asthma, and to prevent them from having a serious asthma attack.

- Return an updated Asthma Action Plan to the school so that staff are ready to respond appropriately to any asthma symptoms that your child may have
- Teach your child to recognise early asthma symptoms, and help them to feel confident to self-administer reliever medication (also using a spacer where possible)
- Encourage your child to notify staff if they experience asthma symptoms, even if they self-administer reliever medication and feel comfortable returning to activity
- Be aware that if your child is unwell or has poorly managed asthma, they are more likely to experience symptoms during exercise.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Wangaratta City
FC Soccer Club

TRAINING AND REGISTRATION
FOR 2012 SOCCER SEASON

Registrations are now open on-line for players 4 years to adults

Registrations must be made on-line by following the instructions on our website www.wangarattacityfc.com.au or at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Payments with receipt from registering will be taken at club Friday nights from 5.

Juniors (Sunday Comp)
Every Friday at 5pm
Boys & Girls U11 to U17 (or Seniors)
OSSF (Saturday Comp)
Muster Days 21 & 28 April from 9am - 11am for season start on 5 May. FFV packs available for those U11 who register and pay before the end of March. Players 4 to 14 years.

South Wangaratta Reserve,
Shanley St Wangaratta
All new & past players welcome!

Enquiries to:
The Secretary, PO Box 128
WANGARATTA 3676
mobile: 0427 218283
secretary@wangarattacityfc.com.au
www.wangarattacityfc.com.au

Come and play Badminton

Juniors
4 – 5.30 pm Thursdays
at the Barr Reserve
For more information please call Di on 5721 3812

Wangaratta Table Tennis Association

2012 Autumn Competition
Muster Nights : 29th of Feb & 7th of Mar.
Juniors 5:30 p.m. Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ’n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed
Comp Starts : 14th of March, Juniors at 5:30 p.m. Seniors at 7 p.m.
Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.

(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).
For further information call
Robert (Seniors) : 0407228280,
Andrew (Juniors) : 57273871
or Chris: 57212946 or 0408519814 after 7 p.m.

Wangaratta & District
Badminton Association

SPLASH into LIFE
FREE SWIM

Wednesday 22nd February
From 5 -30pm
Outdoor Olympic Pool, Swan St
Fun family event in support of organ and tissue donation – ask and know your loved ones’ wishes

Free Drink Bottle – Give-aways at the end of the night
Sausage sizzle or bring a picnic
Homework Centre

Maree Timms, Numeracy Coordinator / Special Education Coordinator

The Galen Homework Centre has started again for 2012, after it's success in 2011. There was a great response with a number of students from all year levels accessing the class. Students are able to work in small groups with their peers and help each other or get one on one support from a wide variety of teachers who attend and give their time freely to assist students. It is held on the Senior Library each Wednesday Afternoon at 3:40pm to 4:45pm. An attendance role is taken however students are allowed to leave as early as needed. Some students may only require 30mins or so to complete a homework task. Some students have utilised the class from 3:40 to 4:30 and left early to attend their netball or football training over at the Barr Reserve. A great atmosphere has developed, we look forward to seeing more students attend in 2012. If you have any inquiries they can be directed to maree.timms@galen.vic.edu.au

From the Students...

“Homework Centre is a place to go with no distractions and with teachers ready to help and explain things easily about any homework you need to do. In homework class you will get more done that sitting at home with no help and distractions.”

Josh Wason

“I go to homework centre occasionally if I need one on one help. It’s also a good place to make up time before heading over to the Barr for sport with my friends.”

Maddie Mc Bain

“I find the homework class very helpful because at home there are so many distractions and it is great having teachers for most subjects there to offer us help if needed.”

Eliza Nolan

Who’s Who at Galen...

Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Darren Hovey: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Gerard Sullivan: Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Gary Watson: Timetable/Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett: Middle School Director
- Lauren Lee: 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

Members of the Board and Parents Association can be contacted via the office on 035721 6322 or admin@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
- Graham Spence: Treasurer
- Trish Impink: Secretary