Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of the 2015 school year! We extend a special welcome to those who are new to Galen: we hope you find our school community to be supportive, challenging and positive as we work together for the best possible future for your children.

I had the pleasure of greeting all the new Year 7 students on Friday morning in assembly, and then again in their classrooms and around the yard during the day. Starting secondary school is such a big milestone for everyone in the family. I look forward to working with your children – and you, their parents – over the coming years. Please remember that there will be an Open Afternoon for all parents and guardians of Year 7 students on Wednesday, 11th February straight after school ends.

Also on Friday, I also had the opportunity to welcome the Senior School students back at their assembly. I made the point to the senior students that at this stage of their learning journey, their best resources are their teachers. Our expectation is that all will strive to do their best, whatever that best might be for each individual, and to be appropriate role models for the younger students. We will support those who put their best foot forward regardless of whether they are completing the VCE, VCAL, VET or some combination of the above.

Our Years 8, 9 & 10 students returned on Monday with similar levels of enthusiasm and energy. I wish them all well for this year also.

Uniform
It was very pleasing to see the overwhelming majority of students wearing correct uniform on the first two days. There are some families still awaiting shoes to be delivered to shops and I thank those parents for making contact with the school to explain their predicament.

It was disappointing, however, to discover a number of students who were not fully in correct uniform. These students have been spoken to and are expected to be in proper uniform from now on. I ask parents to get on the front foot and make contact with their child’s homeroom teacher or Year Level Co-ordinator or Mini-School Director if you have any outstanding issues regarding uniform items. The school will be contacting parents of students in incorrect uniform if we have not heard from them first.

Thanks for your co-operation in this: your attention to this matter allows our time at school to be much better utilized on the real issue of learning.

Living Galen History
We were delighted to extend a very warm welcome back on Friday to Galen’s first ever Principal Ross Keane (formerly Brother Ross). Brother Ross, as he was then, was the inaugural Principal when the two Catholic secondary schools of St Joseph’s College (girls school) and Champagnat College (boys school) combined their Year 11 & 12 classes. Ross brought with him a number of historical documents, including copies of the first three ever Galen Year Books, and the formal minutes from the meetings that led to the establishment of Galen College.

New staff this year
- Erica Waite – Administrative support for Mini-school Directors
- Ren Seymour – Teaching PE, Health
- Zac Wingrave - Digital Media & Technology Trainee
- Sarah Hynes - PE/OEd Trainee
- Jayden Burt - PE/OEd trainee
- Ben Talarico - Education Support Trainee
- Robert Speziale - Education Support Trainee
- Lisa Power – Wellbeing counsellor
- Eleanor Chan – Teaching Maths, Science
- Grace McGregor – Teaching VET Hospitality, Food Technology
- Michelle Campbell – Exchange teacher from Canada: teaching Maths, Science
- Lina O’Donohue - Reception
- Fiona Neal – Food Technology, Health, SENIT
- Malcolm Vickery – VCAL, Systems Tech, Materials & Technology, Discovery
- Sarah Taylor – Religious Education, Humanities

Staff returning from extended leave
We welcome back the following staff who are returning from extended leave:
- Kate Howard and Sonia Bourke, returning from maternity leave last year
- Paul Benedetti and John Pasztor returning from long service leave in 4th term
- Maree Timms and Annette Fletcher returning from leave without pay for 2014
- Claudia Bellani returning from leave since 2012

Good luck to everyone as we embark on the exciting journey of 2015 at Galen Catholic College.

Best wishes,
Bernard Neal - Principal
**What’s On**

- Wed Feb 4-6: Year 12 Retreats
- Mon Feb 9-10: Yr 9 Author Scott Gardner
- Wed Feb 11 - Year 7 open afternoon
- Wed Feb 11 - Yr 12 Jumper Presentation
- Wed Feb 11-12: Yr 9.1 Discovery Walk
- Mon Feb 16-17: Yr 9.2 Discovery Walk
- Mon Feb 16-18: Yr 11/12 OEd Marine Trip
- Wed Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday
- Wed Feb 18 - Year 7 Injections
- Thurs Feb 19 - School photos
- Thurs Feb 19 - Swim Sports
- Fri Feb 20 - School photos - extra day
- Mon Feb 23-24: Yr 9.4 Discovery Walk
- Wed Feb 25 - Injections Year 8, 9 & 10
- Thurs Feb 26 - Anzac Centenary Tour 9am
- Thurs Feb 26-27: Yr 9.3 Discovery Walk
- Fri Feb 27 - Timor Leste Trivia Night
- Mon Mar 2-3: Yr 11 Camp 1
- Mon Mar 2-6: Yr 9 Adventure Camp 1
- Wed Mar 4-5: Yr 8 Author Emile Zoe Baker
- Thurs Mar 5 - Upper Hume Swimming
- Thurs Mar 5-6: Yr 11 Camp 2
- Mon Mar 9 - Labour Day
- Wed Mar 11 - Opening Mass Yr 10-12 P2
- Wed Mar 11 - Opening Mass Yr 7-9 P4
- Thurs Mar 12 - Zonta Breakfast
- Thurs Mar 12-13: Yr 10 OEd Windsurfing
- Mon Mar 16-17: Yr 10 Guest Author
- Wed Mar 18 - East Timor group departs
- Wed Mar 18-19: Yr 10 OEd Windsurfing
- Mon Mar 23-24: Yr 11 Author J.C Burke
- Thurs Mar 26 - Parent/Teacher Evening
- Fri Mar 27 - Parent/Teacher Morning
- Mon Apr 13 - Term 2 begins

For the latest What’s On visit:
www.galen.vic.edu.au

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**Uniform Shop**

Opening Hours
Tuesday: 10.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Direct Line: 03 5723 8320
uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au

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**2015 Swimming Carnival**

Thursday 19th February 4.00pm
at the Wangaratta Olympic Pool

The evening will conclude between 8.30 and 9.00pm

Come along, have some fun and support your house!

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**Term Passes - Town Bus Travel**

Dear Schools, Parents and Guardians

For your convenience term passes for school Town Bus travel are now available for purchase at Fallons Wangaratta.

**Term 1 (42 days)**

- Return Journey (AM & PM Service) $92.40
- Single Journey (AM or PM only) $46.20

These passes are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Term Passes must be carried and shown when travelling. Failure to show your term pass will require the student to purchase a ticket to travel.

Replacements for lost passes can be issued for a $5 fee.

To obtain your Term 1 pass please visit the Fallons Wangaratta office at 14 Sinclair Drive.

**Please note we do not have EFTPOS facilities.**

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**Galen Parents’ Association**

Our next meeting will be held:
Monday 9th February
6.00pm in the Galen Staff Room

Come along, share some pizza, meet other parents and have the opportunity influence the future of your school! We’d love some more support and urge all parents, new and old to come along!
Participation in the following trips will be available to the extended Galen Community: Students, parents, staff, ex-students and others.

**Galen College International Trips Info Night - Feb 5th**

**2015**

**September/October Holiday Break**

**Trekking and Community Engagement in Nepal**

This trip will involve extended trekking in the Ghorepani - Ghandruk area near Pokara. A highlight of the trip will be a combination of community/school projects in a village along the trek.

*Contact Ian Minns for further information.*

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**March/April Holidays**

**The Kokoda Trail, PNG**

The Kokoda Trail or Track is a single-file foot thoroughfare that runs 96 kilometres overland, 60 kilometres in a straight line through the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea. This is an exciting challenge for reasonably fit adventurers.

*Contact Jennie Annett for further information.*

Each trip will be cost in excess of $4000.

**Information Night for Nepal Expedition Thursday Feb 5th 6:00pm in Staffroom**

Information Night for The Kokoda Trail to be announced soon.

Guest speakers and staff will outline the trips, fitness requirements, travel documentation, clothing and equipment needs, expenses and timeline requirements leading up to the trips.
Welcome Back Senior School

Welcome back to all the students who have been at Galen Catholic College previously and a special welcome to the students who are joining us for the first time in the Senior School. We hope that you will enjoy your time here and that you will consider the many opportunities on offer. A warm welcome is extended to parents and guardians who are new to the Senior School.

The Senior School Pastoral Teaching team consists of the following personnel:

- **Senior School Director:** Mr Mick Grogan
- **Year 12 Co-ordinator:** Mrs. Anne O’Dwyer
- **Year 11 Co-ordinator:** Mrs Kirsty Woods
- **VCAL Co-ordinator:** Ms Beth Code
- **Year 12 Homeroom Teachers:** Mr Faithfull, Mr Vickery, Mr Rispin, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Byrne, Mr Cudini
- **Year 11 Homeroom Teachers:** Mrs Evans, Ms Leonard, Mrs Faithfull, Ms Code, Mr Ottavia, Mrs Petersen, Mr P Walker, Ms McKeown, Mrs Campbell.

Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s homeroom teacher should the need arise.

Congratulations to Aaron Taylor and Olivia Storer the Co-Captains of the College for 2015. They will be wonderful ambassadors and strong leaders for Galen College.

Congratulations are also extended to the following student leaders: Year 12 – Nathan Schmidt, Luke Whitten, Harry Clarebrough, Hayley Stibilj, Montana Eisenhauer, Blake Nixon, Bec Morris, Amy Cook.

Year 11 – Alana Young, Tess Keenan, Jess Morris, Ben Lyons, Jesse Russell, Kate Saunders, Gabriel Martinelli, Nic Smith, Marcel Tonini, Nina-Maree Dummett.

We are looking forward to working closely together as a team.

We also welcome back our Italian exchange students and trust that they have been enriched by the wonderful opportunity to send time in this part of Europe.

Year 12 students and parents/guardians are invited to the Jumper Presentation evening Wednesday, February 11 at the WPAC.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform. Please move into the theatre from 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The evening usually goes for about 90 minutes.

The Year 12 students will be on retreat from Wed 4th – 6th February at Howman’s Gap and The Bright Chalet.

Year 11 students doing Unit 3/4 subjects will have study periods while the retreat is on.

**Important Dates:**

- Jumper Presentation evening: 7.30 pm Wednesday Feb 11
- Swimming sports – Thursday Feb 19
- School Photos - Thursday Feb 19
- Opening Mass – Wednesday March 11
7/5 presents:
St Valentine’s Day Helium Balloons

1. Donate $3 to end poverty.
2. Write who you are buying the balloon for.
3. 7/5 will deliver the balloon to your chosen person (during homeroom on Friday 13th February)

Free: you can include a message (it can be anonymous) inside the balloon.
*Balloons need to be purchased by Thursday 12th Feb.

Buy a red balloon for a friend you love.

Full name of person to receive the balloon: 

Year level/Homeroom of the balloon recipient: 

If you would like a message to go inside the balloon write it below:

This message can be anonymous and will be typed and printed on your behalf. Messages will not be sent with your name unless submitted to 7/5 members by you personally, with your identity verified. Offensive messages will not be delivered.
Galen welcomes a bright new group of Year 7s

An eager and excited group of 225 new Year 7 students commenced Term 1 last Friday at Galen Catholic College. The new Year 7s have come from schools in the CREW cluster (Catholic Regional Education Wangaratta) and from several other local feeder schools in the North East area.

Tilly Chick said that despite some nerves in the morning she had “a really fun first day”. “Galen is a lot bigger than my last school at St Mary’s Rutherglen!”

Tayla McLeod mentioned that she is “looking forward to making new friends”, and James O’Callaghan is eager to “get involved in sport teams”. All three students agreed that they can’t wait to be a part of all that Galen has to offer.

Above: Tayla McLeod, James O’Callaghan and Tilly Chick settle into Galen’s Junior Library.

Who’s Who at Galen

Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Patrick Arcuri: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Shaun Mason: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Gerard Sullivan: Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Anthony Batters: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Kylie Quin: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Rob Walker: Middle School Director
- Wendy Chuck: Junior School Director

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 03 5721 6322 or email: admin-enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

School Board
- Father Mike Pullar: Parish Priest
- Mark Williams: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Phil Bretherton: CEO Representative
- Patrick Arcuri: DP - Staff Representative
- Anthony Batters: Staff Representative
- Suellen Loki: Parent
- Liz Nelson: Parent

Parents Association Executive
- President: Elizabeth Jolly
- Vice President: Julie James
- Karyn Howard: Secretary
- Karen Archer: Treasurer

Community Notices

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FUN SOCIAL FITNESS ACTIVITY

- Social Ballroom Dance Classes
- Classical Ballet Classes
- Contemporary/Lyrical Dance
- Stretching & Conditioning classes
  All ages welcome

Classes starting in Wangaratta on Monday 9th February 2015. Register your interest by emailing your details to: info@intencitydanceacademy.com.au

Learn from fully qualified and insured instructors chosen to teach the 2015 Galen College Debutante participants.

Classes run on Monday, Tuesday & Friday’s

Corowa Rutherglen Junior Football Club
CRJFC REGISTRATION DATES 2015

CRJFC 2015 Season registration nights: Friday’s 6th and 13th February from 6pm at the club rooms.

COST: $120 per child. $100 for additional children in the same families for all junior grades.

If you have not already registered online, please come down and register on one of these nights and meet the 2015 coaches!

WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
2015 AUTUMN COMPETITION

Muster Nights : 4th & 11th of March, 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 : 18th 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) : 0498954081

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