On October 30th two Year 9 History classes travelled to the Buckland Valley and Bright Museum as part of their unit of work on the Gold Rush. The experience gave students a ‘hands on’ local Historical experience. This was focused on the Gold Rush Riots that occurred in the Buckland Valley, targeting the Chinese Miners. Students were kindly guided by local Historian and Author, Diann Talbot and the Bright Museum was generously opened for the students to explore, which included a re-constructed Joss House and Chinese artifacts. Students were also given the opportunity to pan for gold after visiting the Historical cemetery and monument to the Chinese Miners before heading to the Bright Museum. Some student feedback from the excursion included:

“The aim of the excursion was to learn about the Chinese riots in the Buckland Valley. We visited a Chinese cemetery and the Bright museum. Thanks to our guide Diann Talbot and the Bright museum for helping us get a good insight into the Chinese riots.”

*By Lochie Hourigan*

“I learnt that if the Chinese were sick the Europeans would give them a day pass, giving them only 1 day to leave the Buckland Valley before they were ran out and possibly killed. I also learnt that the Chinese would make camps in the middle of the Buckland Valley which had a graveyard, Butcher shop and Chinese Temple. I enjoyed going down to the river and trying to gold pan!”

*By Chloe Elliott*

“On the history excursion that we went to in Bright, we looked at the Gold Rush riots and mining that took place in the Buckland Valley. We were closely looking at the Chinese miners, what had happened to them while they were there and what they had to do to survive. We also looked at their techniques for mining that were so successful. Thanks Ms Bromley for this great day.”

*By Daniel Hines*
**Reflections - Issue 18**

**What’s On**

- Thurs Nov 13 - Yr 11 Swot Vac
- Fri Nov 14 - Year 11 Exams begin
- Mon Nov 17 - Year 10 Exams begin
- Wed Nov 19 - Yr 8 Band to Bendigo
- Thurs Nov 20 - Yr 12 Graduation Evening
- Fri Nov 21 - Report Writing Day - student free
- Mon Nov 24 - VCE Headstart Program
- Thurs Nov 27 - Yr 9 Night of the Notables
- Fri Nov 28 - Year 9 Finish Term 4
- Mon Dec 1 - Yr 9 Adventure Camps
- Mon Dec 1 - Junior Band Concert 7pm
- Tues Dec 2 - Year 7 Band Trip
- Thurs Dec 4 - Year 9 Finish Term 4
- Fri Dec 5 - Year 7 & 8 Mass
- Fri Dec 5 - Year 7 & 8 Finish Term 4
- Tues Dec 9 - Orientation Day
- Wed Dec 10-16: Staff PD
- Wed Dec 17 - Last Day for Staff

**For the latest What’s On visit:**

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Master Planning Process and Update**

I plan to include the Master planning information below in upcoming newsletters so that you know exactly where we are up to. It can at times appear a slow process but we are constantly planning and discussing where to for Term 1 next year.

We are currently exploring flexible learning experiences in Term 4 with a small Action Research group of interested teachers.

The process so far that staff have engaged upon...

1. Our Core educational beliefs, informed by key Vision statements and Student graduate outcomes, have led to the development of an Educational Brief in 2012, outlining the teachers’ vision of what learning experiences our students need for the future.
2. The Pedagogical experiences/encounters- shaping what we have and dreaming of what we would like. **WE ARE HERE**
3. The learning spaces we require; the final outcome to be achieved (in the latter half of 2015), after consulting the school community of students, parents and teachers.
4. The physical building and refurbishing of our college site begins in 2016.

**Events…**

**Year Twelve Exams**

We have nearly reached the halfway point; so well done to the students (and the parents!) and teachers. We look forward to seeing you all soon on the Graduation Night on the 20th November.

**The Geoff Welch Farewell Night November 7th**

Last Friday night at The Gateway 123 people gathered to farewell Geoff Welch.

The gathering included retired staff members, former Principal Max Fletcher, Fr Mike Pullar, a table of Geoff’s extended family, college staff and their partners.

The speeches were delivered by Principal, Mr Bernard Neal and an entertaining Q and A session was facilitated by former Galen staff member, Keith Willett. The MCs for the night, Julie Nolan and Terry Magree kept the crowd engaged and entertained.

Geoff was employed 17 years ago and has served the Galen community for the last 14 years as Deputy Principal. A particular quality of Geoff that staff, parents and students alike have experienced is Geoff’s inclusive, compassionate way of listening to others. This quality was on show on the night, mirrored back to Geoff, after the many years of his giving of himself to others. This particular quality is something that many parents cite as ‘something special’ at Galen in Yr 7 transition interviews each year.

Geoff has been a significant contributor to the culture of our school, as a person and as a leader.

Galen Catholic College is indeed very blessed to have had such a significant leader for such a long time who epitomises the school motto of ‘Faith and Integrity’.

We wish Geoff all the best in retirement.

**Fire Carriers Commissioning and Workshop (please see the article in this newsletter)**

I mention this briefly to thank Jim Samon, Louise Levy (Indigenous Education Officer CEO) and Uncle Wally Cooper for their presence and leadership on Friday with the commissioning of staff and students as fire carriers. We are deepening our awareness of relationships founded on understanding and compassion. This is what it means to live out the mission of the Church and Jesus, reaching out to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Uncle Wally often says what he likes about the Galen Catholic College community is that we are ‘hands on’. We want to do things to make the world a better, a more equal place for all.

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**All Saints Day and All Souls Day- first weekend of November**

An excerpt from Phil Billington’s ‘Communication Matters’ reminds us all that we all have stories and lives of loved ones and friends who we miss, people who have inspired us to be our best selves. There are very recent losses, where the grief sits strongly, and then there are long ago losses, that we remember like they were just yesterday. In a community the size of Galen Catholic College students, families and staff are experiencing these new and old experiences of grief all the time. We are blessed to experience such a loving and caring community as Galen.

‘This first weekend of November is a time to stop and remember those who have gone before us – All Saints Day and All Souls Day. ... This is a time when we remember those we have loved who no longer live with us and the “communion of saints” with whom we are eternally in relationship and from whose lives we draw strength, wisdom and hope. …

Continued following page…
Year 12
By now many of the Year 12 students have completed their exams and have moved into the next stage of life. For those who are yet to finish, try to maintain focus for the last bit as perseverance and practice do pay off. VCE results and ATARs will be available from 7am Monday 15th December. Students will need their VCAA student number and PIN (first four digits of their birthdate). Thanks are extended to all the Year 12 students and parents/guardians for the contribution you have made to the Galen College community.

Graduation Evening: Thursday 20 Nov at WPAC
Tickets are $38 per person and are available at the College Office.

Year 11
Year 11 parents are welcome to attend the final level assembly for Year 11 students:
9.00am – 9.45am, 26th November.
at the Auditorium

Parents of Year 12 VCAL (2015) students should have received a letter outlining their Headstart program.

Important dates for Year 11
• Year 11 SWOT VAC: Nov 13
• Year 11 Exams: Nov 14 – 20 (Students have Exam Timetable) it was also published in the last Newsletter
• Year 11 Final Assembly: Nov 26
• Year 11 Final Day Nov 28

Senior School News
Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

Year 10s
Year 10s have less than a week of Year 10 classes before exams. The exams start Tuesday November 18 and are excellent preparation for 2015 particularly for students who intend to study VCE. After the exam week is the Headstart week. This is where students from Year 10 start their Year 11 subjects. The Headstart program runs from Monday Nov 24 and continues to Friday November 28. The only interruption to the Headstart program will be on Friday 28th November. Students will miss periods 2, 3 & 4 for their final end of year mass at Our Lady’s Church.

Year 9 Camps
Camp 1 Monday December 1-3. Homeroom 9.1 & 9.4
Camp 2 Wednesday December 3-5. Homeroom 9.2 & 9.3

All Year 9 information has been distributed to parents and students so preparations need to be well underway. All permission forms and tent groups should already be organized. Key things students often forget in preparation for this camp include plenty of warm bedding and waterproof jackets. Also students will get wet when underground caving so make sure you bring a complete change of clothes and if you are required to bring medications don’t forget these either. There is no reception at Mount Buffalo so no phones are required or is there a need for ANY electronics such as ipods or laptops.

Any queries please check with your homeroom teachers.

Term 4 Important Dates
• Nov 18-20 Yr 10 Exams
• Nov 21 Report Writing Day
• Nov 27 Yr 9 Discovery Night of Notables
• Nov 28 Yr 9/10 Mass. Yr 10’s Finish
• Dec 1-3 Yr 9.1 & 9.4 Adventure Camp
• Dec 3-5 Yr 9.2 & 9.3 Adventure Camp

On Friday the 24th October the Year 8 students enjoyed a presentation from The Shell Questacon Science Circus. Young scientists from the Academy of Science in Canberra presented exciting demonstrations. They made air rockets, crushed cans and used liquid nitrogen to freeze a rose and then shatter it.

From the Principal (from page 2)
Loving God open our hearts and minds to the witness of those who have gone before us that we may learn from their lives as we dedicate this month of November to remembering and to praying for all the departed. We especially remember the students and staff members within our community who have died.

May they rest in peace.
Amen
Take care
God bless

Gerard Sullivan - Acting Principal (Term 4 2014)
The 2014 Bursary winners are: Fergus Samon, Tim Feehan, Thomas Judd, Amy Cook and Kaitlyn Ritchie. This year the bursaries of $500 each are made available by Galen College in association with its partner exchange agency. Galen has 5 students going to Italy on a 2 month exchange. They will be staying with host families in Central and Northern Italy and attending Senior High School. Added to having lots of opportunities to tour Italy some of the students will spend 2 days in Rome before they return to Australia. As part of the Italian course, the exchange program is conducted at the end of Year 11 in order to complement and maximize their prior learning and their VCE language outcomes. Students return with increased fluency in Italian and a much greater appreciation of Italy and its culture. This experience is a great preparation for their final year at school. Students return not only with improved language skills but also greater maturity, which enables them to confront the year ahead more confidently and successfully. This overseas immersion experience is then further extended and developed by formal studies of VCE Units 3 & 4 at Galen where lessons are conducted predominantly in the target language of Italian.

Hosting a student from overseas can be a great experience for all involved. Galen’s student exchange policy encourages parents to be involved in such a program. If you are interested in hosting a student from overseas please email me: franco.cudini@galen.vic.edu.au

Furthermore please note that all expressions of interest about hosting MUST GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL FIRST AND NOT THE EXCHANGE AGENCY. Galen has a number of exchange places already allocated to preferred agencies and consequently there is no room for extra enrolments. This has been done so that we can plan ahead and be better organised. If your child is interested in an exchange please encourage them to come and see me for more information.

Franco Cudini
LOTE Domain Convener & Exchange Program Coordinator

On the 28th of October, Year 8 Italian students went along to the Auditorium and watched a performance called ‘Venice in Love’. The play told a very old love story and involved the crowd throughout. There were two people in this play and they played many different characters each so there were lots of quick changes. The characters all wore different coloured and shaped masks to help tell the story. The play was very entertaining as it was funny and also taught us many new Italian words. At the end of the play five students got to dress up in the costumes with the masks and we asked questions. After the play the students received a pizza and pasta lunch.

*Written by Sarah Ashton - Year 8*
Year 7 & 8 Boys Hume Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 boys volleyball teams who played in the Hume competition in Wodonga on 6th November.

The Year 7 boys found the competition tough, going down in all 3 sets, although the 3rd set was a close nail biter. Well done to Jack Andison and Callum Spencer who were the best players on the day. Thanks to Lauren Wilson who coached the team on the day.

The Year 8 boys had a great day, winning the Year 8 competition to advance to the State Finals in Melbourne on 28th November. All the boys played to their strengths and were willing to go the extra mile to get the points. Ed Dayman captained the team well on the day, and all students displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thanks to Ashlee Burke who coached the team on the day. We wish them all the best at States!

Year 8 Boys Hume Cricket

Congratulations to the year 8 boys team who convincingly won the Hume region Competition on Tuesday 28th October. Oliver Willett was named Man of the Match after his strong batting performance saw him make 50 runs. Thanks to Mr Nick Beattie who coached the team on the day.

Year 7 Boys Hume Cricket

Well done to the year 7 boys team who played Notre Dame in the Hume region Competition on Tuesday 28th October. Unfortunately Notre Dame were too strong on the day, however there were some very good performances by the Galen team on the day. In particular, Alessandro Belci and Angus Heslin bowled strongly, whilst Jordan Eyers batted strongly to make 20 runs. Thanks to Mr Tom Anson who coached the team on the day.

State Athletics

Congratulations to the State Athletics Team who competed in Melbourne on Friday 17 October. Ned Penny placed 3rd in the 400m run with a cracking time of 52.71 sec. He also ran 4th in the 800m event. Fergus Samon posted a personal best time of 4.42 to come 9th in the 1500m event. Adam Enever placed 5th in the High Jump, clearing 1.55m. Kyle Woods competed well in the 400m run and the 110m hurdles. We also had 2 boys relay teams in the 14 and 20 year old age groups compete. Congratulations to Ryan Clohessy, Josh Ismale, Ned Penny, Kyle Woods and Oliver Willett, Lachlan Moore, Macauley Murtagh and Cameron Nolan who ran in these events.

Mansfield Junior Motorcycle Club Fundraiser - GRASS TRACK EVENT

- Sunday 16th November 2014
- Neely’s Farm, 290 Soldiers Road, Barwite
- Adult & Junior competitive events and a separate Junior non competitive track
  - Sign in 7.30 - 8.30 am
- Full details at: www.mansfieldmc.com or contact: Kristie Payne: 0438 578 300

“We are a Junior Motorcycle Rider Development Club. Our aim is to help children learn the necessary skills in order to ride a dirt bike safely while having fun in a safe environment.
We cater for ages 4 to 16 yrs. MMC is affiliated with Motorcycling Victoria (M.V) and operates under their regulations for Junior Riders.
We have certified Motorcycling Victoria Coaches that provide free coaching on Club days.
New comers are welcome to attend any of our club days (incl Grass Track) and join in for the day.”
Galen FIRE Carriers

On Friday 7th November we had a number of staff and students including Grandchildren commissioned as FIRE Carriers by Uncle Wally, accompanied Paul Phillips, Louise Levy and a number of our student leaders who are already FIRE Carriers. FIRE stands for Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education. It was a meaningful ceremony held in our Heritage Garden in the shade. Commissioned participants received their badge and the Covenant Prayer below.

Galen Catholic College
FIRE Carriers Covenant 2014

Covenant Prayer with the Land

Today, we make a covenant with this land. As a branch is grafted onto mature stock, so we want to be grafted onto the ancient heritage of this land, so that it’s life may flow through us.

We commit ourselves to the land we live in and to all who belong to it, most particularly our Indigenous people and also the newcomers to this country, who have bound themselves to this land.

We will care for it with gentleness, patience, simplicity and compassion, rather than merely something to be bought and sold.

We will see the land as a gift for which we are truly thankful, and undertake the privileged duty of respecting and looking after it.

We thank God, the Great Creator Spirit, for all the earth provides: water, food, and all the riches above and below the ground. We undertake to use them sparingly and thoughtfully.

As we enter more deeply into the Spirit of the land, we see the land as a Sacrament and Icon of our mothering Creator Spirit.

Be still. Listen to the breath of the Spirit which has blown through it for ages past, today, and always; for this is: The Spirit of the Dreaming.

Aunty Betty Pike

Year 7 Girls Table Tennis

On Tuesday the 28th October the Year 7 Galen Girls Table Tennis Team were successful in winning the Hume Region Championships. The team consisted of Mollie Shanley, Jess Vincent, Kendyl White, Ebony Donald and Keely Tua who all performed extremely well on the day. There were some very close individual matches that were quite exciting to watch. To the girls credit they worked well in both individual and team matches. They displayed some excellent skills and had a very positive attitude. Well done girls on a wonderful effort. The next stage will be at state level in Melbourne on 19th November.

Year 8 Table Tennis

On Thursday 30th October the Year 8 Galen boys table tennis team played for the Hume Region Title. Adam Enever, Declan Joyce-Lawford, Oliver Willett, Michael Sundblom and Jayden Oats played extremely well and ended up taking the title. The boys were very determined and played some very exciting table tennis. Their positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship they displayed on the day were a credit to the boys. They will now go to Melbourne on 20th November for the State Championships. Well done boys and good luck at the State Championships.
Year 7/8 Upper Hume Tennis

On Wednesday 29th October, the Years 7/8 Upper Hume Tennis Competition was held in Wodonga.

Galen was triumphant in the both the boys and girls sections at Year 7. All players were great ambassadors for Galen, playing with great skill and sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Sam Allen, Mollie Shanley and Rebecca who were the standout players on the day. We wish them all the best as they progress to the Hume Competition in Wangaratta in November.

The Year 8 teams also played well, but unfortunately didn’t progress to the next level. All members of the boy’s team played very well together, whilst Georgia Allen and Sarah Borbidge where the Best on Court players for the girl’s team.

Many thanks to Michelle and Peter Hill who selected and coached the teams on the day.

Year 11 Exam Timetable - Semester 2 2014

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<td>All Unit 1/2 RE Exams (125) Room 1-2-3 Holligan, Peterson, Brien Room 6-7-8 Samon, Ellis, Murphy, Ottavi</td>
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Note: Year 12 Examinations for Galen Year 11 Students are held in the Auditorium until Nov 19.

* - NOTE different start times for Maths Methods, GMT and English
I was reminded recently of just how important it is to check in with your kids and make sure they’re taking responsibility for their actions and comprehend the effect of their behaviour on others.

I have often explained my feelings to my boys; whether they’ve made me feel happy, proud, worried, angry, frightened or otherwise and I’ve always taken the time to ask them how they feel too… That is until recently when I couldn’t remember the last time I had such a conversation with any of them.

So I said this...”I’m sorry I haven’t been as available lately – I’ve been working and studying and I just want you to know I’m here for you. I love you and I want you to know that. And if there’s anything you want to talk to me about, I’m here for you now”.

Within seconds, I had one with eyes filled with tears and he just seemed to melt into me. He went on to tell me he had split up with his girlfriend.

It’s easy to get too busy, but it’s just so important to remember to say those really important things to your kids.

Boys in particular tend not to articulate their emotions, but they still need to be able to identify them and take ownership of their behaviour and understand how it can make others feel. My kids still get angry when they feel a sense of injustice, but they always come to me afterwards and say they know it was the wrong thing to say/do, they were just angry, upset or whatever. And that is how I can see that they’re taking responsibility for their behaviour and comprehending the effect on others.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you maybe aware all students entering years 11 or 12 are required to participate in the head start program preparing students for the following year.

There have been some minor changes to the head start program for both year 11 and 12 VCAL students:

Students who will be in year 11 VCAL in 2015 will be required to attend school on Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th November to coincide with assemblies and other information sessions as well as the end of year mass for students currently in year 10.

Students who will be in Year 12 VCAL in 2015 will be required to attend school on Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th November, coinciding the information session for the year 12 retreat as well as the assembly Wednesday.

It is vital that students attend these days, as they will receive vital information regarding the VCAL program as well as other information essential for the beginning of 2015.

There have also been some changes made to the format of the VCAL program for 2015. All students will be on campus for 5 days each week. Many of the VET subjects offered at Galen will run through the normal timetable so that students can easily accesses the subjects. This is a change from past arrangements where many VET subjects were only offered in blocks on a Thursday or Friday. Structured workplace Learning will take place in blocks of time throughout the year rather than one day a week, as is the current arrangement.

All year 11 students must undertake two VET courses of study in 2015. One of these can be in the form of a Traineeship or School Based Apprenticeship; however before this can occur the student must be fully enrolled or fully signed up with an employer before deemed as participating in either of these courses. Once this has been established the student can then negotiate with the VCAL Coordinator as to which subject the will discontinue in compensation for undertaking the traineeship or School Based Apprenticeship.
All year 12 students will be required to undertake at least one VET course of study as part of their VCAL. Students may opt to undertake a traineeship or School Based Apprenticeship, however they will not have an option to discontinue other subjects in compensation of undertaking the SBAT. This is partly to ensure that students accumulate enough credits to be eligible for the satisfactory completion of the VCAL certificate at the end of year 12.

Booklists have now been finalised and published. All VCAL students are required to have stationary for each of their subjects. A list of these requirements has been included in the booklist, which can be accessed via a link on the school web site.

As of 2015 Miss Beth Code will be taking over the role of VCAL Coordinator. Any questions regarding course requirements or other concerns you may have can be directed to Miss Code who will be able to assist you.

Yours Sincerely,

Anthony Holligan
VCAL Coordinator,
Galen Catholic College