On Monday a group of students went to Wangaratta West Primary School to read their ‘Raccontini’ (Italian short stories) to students of Grade 3 and 4. This was a highly enjoyable experience for all concerned and gave the Galen students a chance to put into practice what they had learned in class.

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What’s On

- 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

Term 1 2015

- Tues Jan 27 - New staff induction
- Wed Jan 28 - All staff return
- Fri Jan 30 - VCE & Year 7 return
- Mon Feb 2 - Years 8-10 return
- 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 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

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

Year 11 Awards

2nd/24th Battalion Association Citizenship Award
Hayley Stibilj

VCAL Award for consistent effort and excellence
Joshua Creed

Galen award for outstanding Academic Effort
Isabelle Clarke
Harrison Clarebrough

Edgars Newsagency Award for Excellence and Resilience
Tassika Elliott

Wangarata Coachlines Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Kaitlyn Ritchie
Ryley Pasquali

Outstanding effort and Achievement in a VET subject
Luke Ashcroft

Wangaratta RSL Scholarship
Jessica Long

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

Uniform shop opening hours during the school holidays (January 2015)

- Sat 17th - 9:30am-4:30pm
- Sun 18th - 9:30am-4:30pm
- Tues 20th - 10:30am-2:30pm
- Thurs 22nd - 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Tues 27th - 10:30am-2:30pm
- Thurs 29th - 1:00pm-5:00pm

2015 Booklists

A reminder that the Galen booklists are available on the North East School Supplies Website: http://www.northeastschoolsupplies.com.au

To guarantee stock could you please ensure that booklists are completed by the 8th of December. Please ensure that you download the appropriate booklist for your son/daughter and complete the order online or alternatively you may print out the lists and drop them into Edgars Newsagency and pay when picking up.

Kind Regards,

Shaun Mason
Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching

Galen Parents Assoc. have added an extra Debutante Ball for 2015. If you are an interested couple, or if you are interested but haven’t asked a boy/girl yet please contact: uniform.shop@galen.vic.edu.au
**Senior School News**

Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

On behalf of the Senior School Executive, Homeroom teachers and Subject teachers:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Year 11 & 12 students and their parents/families/guardians!

Thanks are extended to all the Year 11 & 12 students, parents and guardians for the contribution you have made to the Galen College community in 2014.

Late last week, we received the very sad news that Lauren Duncan, mother of Lucy and Thomas in Years 11 and 10, died in a car accident. We remember Lauren, for the gift of love that she gave to Greg, her husband, for the gift of life she gave to her children, Lucy and Thomas, and for the gift of friendship she gave to those who knew her.

**Important dates for 2015:**

- Senior Students (Year 11 & 12 VCE and VCAL) Start: 30th Jan
- Jumper Presentation WPAC: 7pm, 11th Feb.

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**Galen Parents’ Association Christmas Meeting**

Several parents enjoyed a glass of Prosecco, delicious food prepared by Allison King and the beautiful spring weather during the final Galen Parents’ Association (GPA) meeting, held on the terrace outside the Galen Staff Room, 18 November. Business discussed included:

1. next year’s meeting dates and the possibility of other venues such as Corowa so that Galen parents living in those areas will have the opportunity to attend a GPA meeting;
2. moving current funds into an interest-bearing account;
3. the installation this summer of the Year 9 area shade sail, funded by the GPA.

The next GPA meeting will be Monday 9 February 2015 at 6:30pm at Galen. The exact venue will be announced closer to the date. All Galen parents are cordially invited to come share ideas, light refreshments and general conviviality!

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**Galen says farewell to long-serving Canteen ladies**

On Friday 28th November, students and staff gathered outside our canteen to farewell our canteen ladies, Di Griffin, Cathy Van Berlo and Joan Selwood. The ladies were presented with some lovely gifts and were given a wonderful send off. There was not a dry eye around and the hugs were plentiful.

Galen has been blessed to have these incredible ladies for up to 15 years. They have worked tirelessly to build us a delicious menu, which any school would be envious of and we have all enjoyed immensely. They have worked through temperature extremes, impatient people and cricket plagues, without ever showing they were having a bad day and always smiling.

Di, Cathy and Joan have made an amazing team and will be sorely missed. Without them we would have all gone hungry and would have not been exposed to their infectious and generous personalities. The Galen Staff will certainly miss the amazing Christmas lunch prepared every year.

We wish Di, Cathy and Joan all the best in the next chapter in their lives. Enjoy your time with family and friends, relax and unwind, you certainly deserve it.

HIP HIP HOORAY!

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**Arrivederci Galen, and Australia!**

Dear all,

Here we are at the end of the year, and here I am at the end of my Australian experience.

This has been a great experience for me as I’ve grown up and I have learnt a lot about work experience, life, travelling and Australia, and it has been a wonderful adventure as I met a lot of fantastic people, visited many new places and found myself in dangerous, hilarious and incredible situations.

I truly believe that each relationship is a mutual exchange of ideas, skills or whatever, and I reckon that’s what exactly happened between you and me this year.

For that, I’d just like to say a few words to say thank you to all of you, especially to the people (both staff and students) I have been working with during the past 8 months.

A special thank you to Franco, Lauren, Ian, Mal, Pat (and Claudia), Marlene, Vicky, Cheryl, Lia and the boys from I.T., and to you all, staff members for your assistance, availability, chatting, lifts, rescues, coffees and whatever, and thank you students, for your patience in listening and in trying to understand when I was speaking English with you. While you learnt a few things from me, I learnt a few things from you as well.

I am very satisfied about all that happened during this amazing Australian time, and about my English, which has improved a lot (I hope so!). For instance, I am now able to use “though” and pronounce properly “juice” (but not still able to pronounce properly “thirtieth”!!!). Also, I learnt some Australian expressions like “g’day mate!” or “snag” (and something bad too that I am not reporting here though).

I really hope to have the chance to come to Australia and meet you again.

Although, this is not a real farewell, as I hope to keep in contact with most of you, or whoever would like to!

Ciao ciao!

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Middle School Awards

RSL Scholarships
Effort & application in class & positive contributions to the school community.
Yr 10 Male: Ben Lyons
Yr 10 Female: Chloe Mitchell

Galen Scholarships
Excellence & High academic achievement
Yr 9 Male: Paul Sanderson & Oliver Biddulph
Yr 9 Female: Maddison Talarico & Emma Gamble
Yr 10 Male: Jesses Gardner Russell
Yr 10 Female: Zoe Stinson

Long Tan Award
Is an Australian Government Defence For Award for Leadership & Teamwork both within school & the broader community
Yr 10 Kate Saunders

Zonta Award
Excellent in high academic achievement and cooperation with our school community
Yr 10 Lucy Tharratt

Lions Club Award
George Orford award for Community Service: Significant involvement in Galen and the wider community. High quality relationships with staff & peers. Exhibits hard working and conscientious qualities
Yr 9 Jaymz Bright

Edgar’s Newsagency Scholarship
Role model of effort and determination
Yr 9 Sarah Maher  Yr 10 Aidan Howard
Kwong Lee Dow (University of Melbourne)
Is an academic enrichment program. Students get access to the university in VCE. Students has to apply for this program and needs to have demonstrated high academic performance and leadership skills.
Yr 10s Ben Lyons & Zoe Stinson

Sports Award
Students had to be involved in the school sports in some capacity. They had to show a good level of ability in the sports they played as well as good sportsmanship and leadership.
Yr 9 Male Frazer Judd  Yr 9 Female: Mikaela Trethowan
Yr 10 Male: Will Robinson  Yr 10 Female: Tayla Russo

Performing Arts Award
Excellence and effort in the Arts domain
Yr 9 India Dal zotto, Amelia Walton & Tom Whitechurch
Yr 10 Jade Gibson, Chloe Hancock & Marcel Tonini

Music Award
For outstanding participation and contribution to the music program
Yr 9 Lucy Lee & Cain Stephens
Yr 10 Marcel Tonini, Issac Waite & Chole Hancock

Congratulations to all Middle School students on a fantastic year.
Participation in the following trips will be available to the extended Galen Community: Students, parents, staff, ex-students and others.

**Galen College International Trips 2015 & 2016**

**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.*

**2016**  
*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.

Early in the 2015 school year two information nights will be held at Galen. 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.

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**Night of the Australian Notables**

Last Thursday evening Galen was delighted to host dozens of notable Australians from all walks of life. The Discovery students worked hard over a number of weeks to research the lives and achievements of many Australians who had made a huge contribution to their country and often across the world. They took on the roles of these notables and presented their stories to family and friends.

On the night parents were able to vote for students in a range of categories and while all students were winners in terms of their wonderful presentations, parents selected the following students:

- **Laura Ronnfelldt and Claire Knox**  
  *Joint Winners Best Visual Display*

- **Amelia Walton**  
  *Best Dramatic Performance*

- **Ben Nolan**  
  *Best Dressed*

*Congratulations to these worthy winners and to all of the students who gave such thoughtful presentations on the night.*
After an early morning and some rocking tunes on the bus, we finally made it to MSAC where the boys were instantly thrown into some umpiring and scoring. Eddie Dayman was named captain and had a good day of play, especially considering he was injured last week.

The first game was played against Keysborough College and the boys, after a rocky start, won in straight sets. This game was a huge learning curve and we all learnt what it was really like to play at this level. Jack Gerrish had a smashing game with a strong serve. 20-17, 20-18. Tom Young also had an impressive game getting most of his serves in, and as usual, always smiling.

The second game was played against Maffra SC and the boys went in all guns blazing. They lost both sets, 11-20 & 14-20, but were in front for part of the game and gained confidence. Michael Cooper made amazing shots but it is safe to say that his celebrating was far more entertaining. Ollie Willett consistently going for hard-ball gets made him man of the match.

The third and final game was played against a very strong Kew HS and was the toughest game of the day. The boys kept it together and finished the day with good sportsmanship and smiles on their faces. Nick Salmon was impressive with his serve and Michael Cooper was backing him up. Bryn's game was touch and go at times but he was willing to have a go at different plays - maybe next year.

A long but great day was had and the boys showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done. Thanks to Ashlee Burke and Lauren Wilson who drove the boys on the day and coached them to this high level.

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**Year 8 Boys State Table Tennis**

Thursday the 20th of November saw the year 8 boys table tennis side head down to Melbourne to contest the state finals. The team consisted of Michael Sunblom, Adam Enever, Declan Joyce-Lawford and Nick Salmon. Laurie Burt had done a great job in getting the boys to the state level, well done again Laurie. The trip down was perhaps the most entertaining journey I have ever undertaken. I don't think there was a movie the boys did not critique.

First up the boys played McKinnon SC which, proved to be a very tough task after 3 hours in the car. The team had some close matches but in the end came a very close runner up to a very seasoned combination.

Second round was against Wonthaggi SC. This round saw some very hard fought table tennis with neither side wanting to lose. The doubles pairing of Adam and Nick proved to be a very exciting game. Deep in the third the boys were down two sets and facing 3 match points. This looked like it would be a heavy defeat. However, Adam and Nick saved the 3 match points, took the set 13 and 11. They then easily won the fourth set to force the game to a fifth set. The boys narrowly lost the fifth set and in the end it was a very close match, 48 games to 40. Well done boys.

The third and final round was another tough match, coming up against Balywn SC. Their team although small in stature, proved to be a powerhouse. Singles were tough matches for our side and we struggled to win a set. The doubles proved rewarding for Nick and Michael, despite losing in five very tough sets, they pushed the number one and two players all the way to the wire.

Well done boys on a great day out, you should be proud of your efforts.

One school commented on how professional and polite the boys were, both on and off the court. Many thanks to Stephen Rosicka who coached the boys on the day.
Engineers Without Borders

Last week three Year 10 Galen Catholic College students, Jess Morris, Jesse Gardner-Russell and Tom McDonald, took part in an Innovation Challenge run by Engineers Without Borders at the Engineering department at Melbourne University.

The students worked in groups to solve a number of mini challenges and then were judged on a major challenge on day 3. The major challenge was to design a Sustainable village with a $9,000,000 budget. Congratulations to Jess Morris whose team won the Major Challenge and the $250 prize.

Who’s Who at Galen

Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal (presently on leave)
- Gerard Sullivan: Acting Principal (Term 4 - 2014)
- Patrick Arcuri: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Shaun Mason: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Jim Samon: Acting Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Anthony Batters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Rob Walker: Middle School Director
- Lauren Lee: 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

VCE Summer School

If you’re going into Year 11 or Year 12 next year and would like to get ahead and reduce your stress levels before the school year begins, consider attending TSFX VCE Summer School lectures. To find out more about the sessions on offer, simply go to: www.tsfx.com.au