Galen Catholic College wants to congratulate all Year 12 students across the 2013 VCE and VCAL on their results. We are very pleased to announce 100% success rate at VCE and that a further 14 Galen students have achieved their Senior VCAL.

We are very pleased to announce that the Dux for 2013 is Sean Bartlett with an ATAR of 96.45. We are equally pleased to report that so many students have achieved to the best of their ability and have given themselves the best possible opportunity to move onto their preferred next steps whether that be employment, further study or a “Gap” year.

Galen Principal, Bernard Neal, said that the staff and community should be proud of the efforts of the 2013 cohort. “This was one of our biggest Year 12 cohorts for some years and the breadth of opportunities available to our students through VCE, VCAL and VET has ensured that our senior students have been able to tailor courses to suit their particular needs and interests. Today’s results will enable them now to capitalize on having accessed that range of opportunities.”

Mr Neal also said, “We are equally proud of all students who put in their best effort regardless of their subject scores and ATARs and regardless of whether they completed their VCE or VCAL.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christmas wishes
On behalf of the Galen staff, I offer all parents a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May you find the peace of Christ this festive season.

Year 12 results
I want to congratulate all Year 12 Galen students for their success this year in VCE, VET and VCAL. We are very pleased to announce 100% success rate at VCE and that 14 Galen students have achieved their Senior VCAL. This is a great outcome in a school of just over 1,000 students.

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Parents, staff and the community should be proud of the efforts of the 2013 cohort. This was one of our biggest Year 12 cohorts for some years and the breadth of opportunities available to our students through VCE, VCAL and VET has ensured that our senior students have been able to tailor courses to suit their particular needs and interests. Today’s results will enable them now to capitalize on having accessed that range of opportunities.

We are equally proud of all students who put in their best effort regardless of their subject scores and ATARs and regardless of whether they completed the VCE or VCAL.

I would also like to commend those Year 11 students who undertook Year 12 subjects this year: the experience and the learning you gained will serve you well as you move into your final year of school.

Uniform requirements in 2014
As has been mentioned in the previous newsletters and to the students at school, all students are expected to be in full and correct uniform from the start of the year.

Of particular concern is the wearing of the correct girls’ shorts. The correct shorts for girls can only be purchased directly from the Galen Uniform Shop. We have had a number of girls over the past year wearing non-uniform shorts, especially those with button-up hems. These are not part of the Galen uniform and will not be permitted under any circumstances next year.

For a full description of the correct uniform, please visit our website: www.galen.vic.edu.au and look on the right hand side of the homepage under “Quick Links” for the “Uniform Brochure”.

Office closing and opening dates
The Galen front office will be closed from Wednesday 18 December 2013 and will re-open on Monday 20 January 2014.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

Best wishes,

Bernard Neal
Principal
**Galen Parents Association**

Galen Parents Association would like to wish every family at Galen Catholic College a Merry Christmas, Safe Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings throughout 2014.

1st meeting for 2014 will be Feb 11th 6.00pm in the Staff room.

**Thanks for Volunteering**

Galen Parents Association would like to thank Di Crockett for the nine years she has served on our Parents Committee. Di has put in countless voluntary hours helping with any projects the Committee were organising as well as roles of Treasurer and Secretary during her time with us. We appreciate her commitment immensely and wish her and her family - Greg, Samantha and Kirsty all the best for their futures.

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**Yr 9s research Ned Kelly**

Year 9 students attended a Ned Kelly Tour on the 2nd of December. Students worked on a local history task in the Benalla Gardens and also visited the Kelly Homestead site in the Greta region.

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**School holidays, time to celebrate!**

**Hands Up Wangaratta – 20th December 2013**

$5 entry at the gate for an awesome night of entertainment! DJ’s, Bucking Bull, Pool Inflatables, BBQ, Waterslide and more.

Olympic Pool, Swan Street, Wangaratta, 6.30-10.30pm

**Turn It Up Mulwala – 21st December 2013**

Stafford Brothers are coming to Mulwala! Make it simple, for $35 including your ticket and transport. Catch the bus to Club Mulwala Foreshore and back to Wangaratta.

Limited seats available, bookings essential.

For more information or to book, contact Community/Youth Development Officer Lauren Glass, (03) 5722 0819 0438 362 984, l.glass@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Student ID may be required

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**School holidays! Nothing to do?**

Are you 13 – 17?

Youth Prime Times activities are for you!

Book your seat to Melbourne

**Luna Park**

Tuesday 14 January 2014

Unlimited rides for 4 hours

$25 will cover entry and travel by bus!

**Bounce Trampoline Park and**

**Hardrock Indoor Rock Climbing**

Wednesday 22 January 2014

1 hour at Bounce and 2 hours at Rock-climbing

$35 per person includes travel by bus and entry!

For more information or to book, contact Community/Youth Development Officer Lauren Glass, (03) 5722 0819 0438 362 984, l.glass@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Student ID may be required Limited places available. Booking essential!
Year 8 Italian Day

On Monday the 25th students studying Italian were treated to a lunch of Penne e Spiralli pasta with Ragu followed by Panettone. In the afternoon the year 8 students watched a Commedia dell’Arte performance of Arlecchino e La Principessa. In their respective classes the year 8 students researched and made masks that celebrated the masked characters of the Commedia dell’Arte and Carnevale.

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
- Anthony Batters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett: Middle School Director
- Lauren Lee: Junior School Director

School Board
- Father Mike Pullar: Parish Priest
- Tony Lane: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Angela Killingsworth: CEO Representative
- John Byrne: Parent
- Suellen Loki: Parent
- Angie Semmens: Parent
- Mark Williams: Parent
- Liz Nelson: Parent
- Darren Hovey: Staff Representative

Parents Association Executive
- President: Vacant
- Angie Semmens / Karyn Howard: Secretary
- Karen Archer: Treasurer
- Angie Semmens: Board Liaison

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

Applications for student scholarships are now open via the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) website:

Some scholarships require applicants to demonstrate financial need, parents/guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance, the Family Tax Benefit or students receiving the Youth Allowance meet this requirement

Students will need their 2013 end-of-year results in order to apply and the closing date for applications is 31 January 2014.

For the application to be valid, principals must verify a student’s 2013 end-of-year results via the Principal Verification tab on the above website.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Year 11 & 12 students and their parents/guardians. Thanks are extended to all the Year 11 & 12 students and parents/guardians for the contribution you have made to the Galen College community in 2013.

Some of our students have been working hard over the last few days under the guidance of Mr. Paul Walker, painting The Shack in readiness for 2014. Thank you to Lachie McKellar, Benji Taylor, Ruby Gardner-Russell, Adrienne Murphy, Ben Talarico and Georgia Delaney for volunteering to do this and to Annie Brien for her efforts in co-ordinating this team of painters.

Important dates for 2014:
- Senior Students Start: 30th Jan
- Year 12 Retreat: 5th – 7th Feb
- Jumper Presentation at WPAC: 12th Feb

Pictured right: Adrienne Murphy, Lachie McKellar and Mr Walker painting The Shack.

May the Lord bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

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