Swimming Carnival

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Congratulations Chisholm!

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**A great night had by all!**

Last Friday night around a hundred parents, staff, students and friends filled St Pat’s parish hall for the Timor L’Este Trivia Night. This year, Galen is sending two immersion groups to Timor L’Este – the first group consists of 8 students and 3 staff members; the second group consists of 10 staff.

Galen has committed to assist with the development of a new Catholic Primary School in the remote rural village of Abafala. Nearly 30% of Timorese children do not have access to education, and a similar percentage of the adult population cannot read or write. The almost $2,000 that was raised on Friday night will go directly to the new primary school and will help the children of the mountain village receive an education – something that we in Australia so frequently take for granted, along with our access to clean water, regular food and a steady income.

**Busy times - Camps and Opening Masses**

We have entered one of the busiest fortnights of the year for Galen. This week, 2 Year 11 Camps head up to Harrietville for a combination of study skills and personal reflection over two days. At the same time, we have our first Year 9 Adventure Camp for 2015 up at Mt Buffalo for those students in the Discovery stream in first semester. (The second Adventure Camp will take place in fourth term when the other half of Year 9 students have their Discovery semester.) This means that over the course of this week we will have 200 students on camp and over 30 staff rostered to be with them overnight.

Good luck to all those students involved in the camps this week, and thanks to the many staff who will be foregoing their own family time and leisure time over the next few nights to allow the camps to take place.

Next week, we have the official Opening Masses for the 2015 school year on Wednesday March 11. Bishop Les Tomlinson, Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst, will be the chief celebrant of both masses, assisted by Parish Priest of the Wangaratta parishes, Fr Mike Pullar. The students from Years 10-12 will attend the first mass which will be followed by an awards and performance assembly. The second mass and assembly will be attended by the students from Years 7-9.

We are very privileged to have Bishop Les celebrate the two Masses with us. The Opening Masses will mark the official start of the 2015 school year – despite their taking place in Week 6!

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to staff member, Mrs Deidre Turner, on the birth of her son, Maximus John Turner, on 26 February. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Regards,

Bernard Neal
Principal
Ruby’s highly skilled design titled ‘Ruby’s Resin’ consists of contemporary resin based jewellery pieces including a necklace and bracelets. The work was completed in the VCE Product Design & Technology class she studied during 2014. “Students were required to create a fictitious design brief, source real quotes for their proposed project and follow that through to the completion of final works,” said Ruby’s teacher Mrs Deb Doyle.

“I first taught Ruby when she was in Year 8 and she has always been a very creative and conscientious student. I’m so proud of her achievement, it’s certainly well-deserved.”

Ruby explained that at the beginning of last year one of her goals was to get into Top Designs, “but I can’t believe that I’ve actually made it. I certainly didn’t expect it,” said Ruby.

Ruby is currently taking a gap year to work, but will be resuming study at RMIT in 2016. “I’ve been accepted in the Fine Arts course where I’ll be majoring in Gold & Silver-smithing and Ceramics”, explained Ruby. “I’m really looking forward to getting started as the course is exactly what I want to be doing.”
Ciao Ragazzi! My name is Sofia Russo.

I come from the ancient art city of Florence in the centre-north of Italy. I lived most of my life in a small but cosy apartment in an area called Santo Spirito. This part of the city is famous for its good ice cream shops and beautiful gardens. Florence is a very rich city, there is a lot to see and I recommend spending at least one week there.

The best places to visit are definitely the Cathedral Square and The Ancient Bridge (Ponte Vecchio) pictured below. Seeing the David Statue in the Art Gallery and the paintings in the Uffizi Gallery is also a must.

I have graduated Nicoló Machiavelli High School near the Arno River and been studying mainly phycology, English and Latin for the five years.

I came to Australia on a working Visa for my Gap Year and have been living near Melbourne for about four month now. In these last months, my life has been nothing less than an unexpected journey; incredibly challenging and full of amazing opportunities.

After finding work in hospitality, I had the wonderful chance to start working at school! And how could I say no? So here I am, currently working as an Italian Language Assistant at Galen Catholic College and teaching almost all classes with Franco Cudini and Claudia Bellani.

They both helped me a lot during my first weeks and made me feel home. The LOTE department is so lucky to have both of them as teachers.

The Italian classes have been good fun and learning a new language is so worth it later on in life. Everyone should realize that. I am meeting many interesting people and having such a good time. It’s incredible how much self-esteem you gain while helping others.

It’s obviously hard work but the curiosity of the kids and the happiness that this job brings me every day can’t be measured in words.

Seeing the kids smiling at me while they learn Italian is the best feeling ever.

I am so glad to be here with such an amazing staff and even if I’m still really young and have all my life ahead of me I know this experience will be useful in the future. I will cherish this moment forever.

My future plan after finishing term one would be to travel as much as possible and go backpacking to continue to see what else Australia has to offer.

Ciao belli,
Sofia

Would you like to be a host family?

Galen is looking for generous families willing to host a student from overseas. In the past Galen families have hosted students from European countries such as Italy, France, Germany and Holland. Last year we also hosted two students from Indonesia. These exchanges will usually occur during term three and will last for 6 to 8 weeks.

If you are interested in being a host family or simply want to participate in an exchange program overseas, please contact Mr Franco Cudini at Galen franco.cudini@galen.vic.edu.au
Under the microscope

Year 8 Galen Catholic College Science students have been studying cells under the microscope. Students have been making their own slides with samples of onion and banana, and have been examining the difference between plant and animal cells. Students will also be building on their knowledge and looking closely at the human body through studying the structure of human cheek cells.

Above: Riley Daws, Cooper Elliot and Kie Sunderland take a close look at cells in Science.

Valentine’s Day Caritas Fundraising

7/5 spent the first two weeks of term getting to know the school grounds as they approached every homeroom to sell Valentine’s Day balloons. After two weeks of sales, they delivered over 100 balloons to teachers and students from Year 7 through to Year 12 on the 13th of February. The students’ efforts are worthy of much praise as they had to overcome their shyness to speak to each class. 7/5 managed to fundraise a total of $254.15, with the proceeds going towards Caritas Australia.

A big thank you to the members of 7/5 who came early to school in order to help inflate, tie and prepare the balloons with their messages.

Kate Howard – 7/5 homeroom Teacher

Senior Boys Cricket

The senior boys cricket team played Catholic College Wodonga at Wareena Oval in hot conditions on Friday 20th February.

The Galen boys batted first piling on the runs, making 168, with 5 wickets down. Jack Ryan had a hard hitting 68, which included balls lost to the creek with five sixes. He was well supported by Nick Cox who finished 50 not out. They restricted Wodonga Catholic College to 126 off their allocated 20 overs. With Nick Cox backing up his good batting with two wickets.

They then progressed to the final, held at the Barr reserve against Victory Lutheran College. Victory batted first, struggling to put together any partnerships and were all out for 76 runs, with Lachlan Busk taking three out of the first four wickets. In reply, Galen responded with a solid display lead by the opening batsmen Tristan Lenaz, who was unbeaten as Galen passed Victory’s score in 17 overs.

Thanks to Nick Beattie for managing the team and assisting in umpiring for the day. Well done to the boys, and good luck at the next level which will be held in Wangaratta on Thursday 12th March.
ANZAC Centenary Roadshow

Recently our Year 7 students had the opportunity to witness the ANZAC Centenary Roadshow, a travelling multimedia performance funded by the Victorian Government to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. This performance also included actors who brought to life the emotional departures, the horrors of the trenches, the letters and diaries of the servicemen and women and life at home.

Mr Arthur Bretherton OAM also addressed the students reminding them of the local impact of WW1 and the importance of commemorating the service of our brave men and women.

Each of the students present received a commemorative pack that included a medal and information and educational resources and were encouraged to attend local ANZAC Services on the 25th April but to also take some time to explore their own family history of personal WW1 stories.

Written by Shaun Mason

Kokoda visitors encourage students to visit in 2016

On Wednesday the 18th of February, Galen hosted a visit from 10 porters from Papua New Guinea. These men along with Guide Leader, Daniel Hogarth visited Galen to promote our intension to send a group to walk the KOKODA trail in March/April of 2016.

The group commented on how welcoming Galen students and teachers were towards them and how amazing the facilities were as they were shown around (especially the Soul Food Café!).

Interested students were invited to an information session at lunchtime to learn more about the KOKODA trail.

Hopefully, their visit has inspired some to seek more information about this experience.

There will be an information session held for interested students and parents on Thursday the 12th March in the Max Fletcher Auditorium at 7pm. Daniel Hogarth from “NO ROADS”, the guide company leading the experience, will be in attendance to show a presentation and answer any questions you may have. Students who will be in Year 10 or 11 next year can express their interest.

Please email Jennie Annett for any other details.

Email: Jennie.Annett@galen.vic.edu.au
Swimming Carnival

Thankfully after the previous day of rain, it was nice to see the sun shining on the day of the Galen Swimming Carnival for 2015, making it a fantastic night for swimming.

There were some creative costumes on show, demonstrating a great amount of effort students had been to, to display their house colours and cheer on all competitors. The house captains did a fantastic job organizing the relays, encouraging others to participate, generating house spirit and leading by example by competing in their own novelty noodle relay event. Congratulations to Chisholm for taking out this event, in a tight finish.

A number of records were broken during the night. Well done to the following record breakers, an amazing effort!

Elli Warren - 20 Yr 50 Freestyle, Backstroke and Super Swim
Paige Cooper – 15 Yr 50m Breaststroke
Henry Lee – 13 Yr 50m Backstroke
Harrison Clarebrough – 17yr 50m Backstroke & Freestyle

The Super Swim was definitely a highlight of the evening. This event is a 50m freestyle swim between the eight fastest females and eight fastest males of the night.

Representing the females were Meg Rogers (yr 8), Phoebe Osbourne (yr 7), Bridget Cole (yr 9), Lucy Lee (yr 10), Elli Warren (yr12), Jessie Gerrish (yr 9), Lucy Hughes (yr 7), Shayla Leavett Brown (Yr 9). Elli Warren beating her own record, completing the swim in 29 seconds! Well done, Elli.

The eight fastest males were Gabe Watson (yr8), Harry Clarebrough (yr12), Ned Penny (yr 10), Harry Skewes, Douglas Mannion Hunter (yr 11), Ryley Pasquali (yr 12), Ryan Squires (yr 11 ), Henry Lee (yr 7). Congratulations to Gabe Watson who won in a fantastic time of 30.59s.

The last event of the evening was the staff/student freestyle relay. This event consisted a female staff team including Mim Murray, Maree Timms, Sarah Hynes, and Amanda White. The male staff team included Peter Watson, Mick Grogan, Peter Girolomi and the popular Nick Beattie. We were joined by two enthusiastic student teams wanting to beat their teachers. Unfortunately, neither of the teacher teams could uphold their win from last year, with the Yr 12 students team consisting of Aaron Taylor, Olivia Storer, James Ackerly, and Ryley Pasquali taking first place, followed closely by the male staff team. Thank you to all competitors, it’s always a fun event to finish off the evening.

Finally, congratulations are in order for our age group champions. These are the best performers from each age group, males and females, on the night. Each age group champion will be presented with a medallion at an upcoming assembly.

12 year olds  Phoebe OSBORNE
13 year olds  Lucy HUGHES  Henry LEE
14 year olds  Bridget COLE  Gabe WATSON
15 Year olds  Jessie GERRISH  Jack GERRISH
16 Year olds  Lucy LEE  Joshua BEVACQUA
17 Year olds  Elli WARREN  Harrison CLAREBROUGH
20 Year olds  Olivia STORER  Ryley PASQUALI

Special thanks must also go to Allison King, Elizabeth Jolly, Beth Code and the East Timor Crew who organized the sausage sizzle. A big thank-you to all of the house captains, teachers and parents who helped out on the night, and to all students for creating such an enthusiastic and fun atmosphere.

The final house results were:
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VET Sport & Recreation students run primary school Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 24th Feb, a group of eleven Year 10 VET Sport & Recreation students assisted with the running of the Ovens and Mitta Primary School Swimming Carnival at the Olympic Pool in Wangaratta. Their roles included recording results, distributing awards, time keeping and marshaling. This hands-on experience relates directly to their schoolwork by satisfying work place competencies.

Students were complemented on their willingness to help, their responsible manner and their efficiency. They were great ambassadors for Galen College.

Reminders for Parents

The Parent Access Module

The Parent Access Module is available via Galen webpage http://www.galen.vic.edu.au under Quicklinks. For new parents in 2015, your username is your account number, located on your galen school fees account, and your password is your surname (the first letter is a capital and the remainder is in lower case. Eg: Smith. Existing parents login with their usual username and login.

Absences: All Day, Late to School, Leave Pass

Please email both your child’s homeroom teacher and the office. Teacher emails are: firstname.surname@galen.vic.edu.au
Office email is: admin-enquiry@galen.vic.edu.au

Comments On Pam

The nature of ongoing formative reporting means that comments about your son/daughter’s progress in their subjects will be made at various times throughout the course of the study, and will be made available to you via PAM. As a staff we have set dates for when there must at least be one update added this semester – these dates are listed below:

• Tuesday 10th March
• Monday 18th May
• Tuesday 16th June
Year 11 students are encouraged to consider the following opportunity:

The main purpose of the Rotary Murray-Darling School of Freshwater Research (RMDSFR) is to enable Year 11 students who live in and around the Murray-Darling Basin to experience activities that are inherent in the fields of freshwater research, conservation and the environment. The students work in teams for five days from 8th April - 13th April. One of the aims of the School is to introduce students to the process of scientific investigation and the role that research plays in living in a sustainable environment. By combining problem solving activities with intensive support and advice from staff from the three institutions, MDFRC, La Trobe University and Charles Sturt University, the students gain a realistic and hands on introduction to freshwater ecology, conservation and the environment.

Please see Mrs. Woods or Mr. Grogan if you are interested.

Tomarsh Loki and Thomas McDonald competed in the Under 19 category Oceania Cycling Championships that were held in Toowoomba, QLD on the 13th and 14th of February. These races were part of a series of races that go towards selection for the Junior World Championships, held in Richmond, Virgina, USA in September this year.

The first day was the Time Trial in which Tomarsh came 8th and Thomas came 18th over the 22km course.

The second day was the Road Race, contested over a 106km undulating course with strong cross winds. Tomarsh also came 8th in this race after being in the breakaways most of the race. Thomas came 12th. Congratulations are extended to both of you.

Year 12 students have settled into a regular work routine as they negotiate initial assessment tasks and unit outcomes. Their responsible approach to silent study has been particularly pleasing.

The newly revamped Senior Resource Centre was buzzing last week with students engaged in four different classes, research, private study and requiring ICT assistance. They also checked out the bright new furniture.
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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COROWA QUILTERS
Corowa Quilters will be holding an exciting quilt show in Corowa from Saturday 4th April to Sunday 5th April at St Mary’s School Hall, 201 – 207 Federation Avenue Corowa. Visitors can enjoy looking at a huge array of quilts made by local quilters in Corowa and surrounding areas. Morning and afternoon teas are available and visitors will also have the opportunity to take part in the raffle of a beautiful quilt, purchase craft items or browse through a range of quilting materials and accessories on sale. Corowa Search and Rescue will be this year’s beneficiary from the raffle. Admission is $5 and entry is from 10.00am to 4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

WANGARATTA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB
GIRLS COME & TRY NIGHT
Thursday, March 5th
3.30pm - 7.00pm
Open to all girls born 1998 - 2002
Light dinner provided afterwards

Contact: Anne Taylor - Club Secretary
0478011822   email: secretary@wangarattacityfc.com.au

YES, IT’S BACK!!
Do you think you have talent???
Don’t keep it a secret!!
The “Goorambat Idol” is an open mic singing competition for everyone of all ages (except professional singers)!
There are prizes for winners & place getters and fun to be had by all!

Two categories:
Junior - up to 12 years
Open - 13 years & over

The idol is a family event, food & beverages will be on offer through-out the night plus a jumping castle and bucking bull to entertain the kids!

In addition to the competition, live band “Cracked Pepper” will be performing!

Where: Goorambat Recreation Centre
When: Saturday 14th March, 2015
Time: 6.00pm til late (Registrations open from 5pm.)

Presented by The Goorambat & District Community, Goorambat & District Football & Netball Club, Goorambat CFA, Broken Creek Primary School, Goorambat Hall, Goorambat Recreation Reserve.

*STRICTLY NO BYO ALCOHOL*
For all enquiries contact Mark 0437 622 612

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Do you have the skills to make a difference to young lives?

COME ALONG TO THE “HOMEWORK HUB”
every Wednesday 3.40pm – 4.50pm
in the Senior Resource Centre

Get help to complete your homework, assignments, essays etc...
Stay on top of your work, don’t get behind!
Teachers and other staff members volunteer their time to help you.
You can organise a group of friends and study together.
By being in the Resource Centre you have access to many resources, such as photocopier, books, magazines, laptop charging bays etc. and teachers!
Any questions/queries Chat to Ms Timms or email: mareae.timms@galen.vic.edu.au
Galen Catholic College
2015 PRODUCTION

Grease

Thurs April 30
Fri May 1
at 7.30pm

Matinee:
Sat May 2 - 1.30pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
In person or by phone (10am - 4pm Mon to Fri)
Or online: www.wangarattapac.com.au
Library on the Lawn

Beneath dappled shade on the lawn area outside the Senior Resource Centre on Friday at lunchtime, staff and students were treated to some laidback tunes from talented student performers at a pop-up ‘Library on the Lawn’. Thank you to the Senior Resource Centre staff for organising the afternoon. It provided for a perfect end to a busy week.

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

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