2014 Athletics Carnival

Above: McKillop house captains Jackson Clarke, Kate Brown and Xavier Murray with the house trophy. (Absent - Carly Perso).

Above: Mac Hill Memorial Gift winners: Ryan Clohessy, Mikaela Trethowan and Jackson Clarke.
What's On

- Wed Apr 30 - Yr 11/12 Soccer
- Wed Apr 30 - Yr 11 Oed Rock Climbing
- Thurs May 1 - Yr 11 Oed Rock Climbing
- Thurs May 1 - Unit 3/4 Hospitality Angliss trip
- Thurs May 1 - Yr 10 Sport & Rec MCG visit
- Thurs May 1 - Hairdressing Excursion
- Fri May 2 - ICT Day @ Galen (Student Free)
- Tues May 6 - St Vinnies Conf. Melb
- Tues May 6 - Yr 11/12 VCD Top Designs
- Tues May 6-7: Yr 10 Oed Bushwalk
- Wed May 7 - 11-12 Football (Boys)
- Wed May 7 - 10-12 Football (Girls)
- Wed May 7 - Yr 7 (2015) Info Night
- Thurs May 8-9: Yr 7 Guest Author
- Thurs May 8 - Injections Yr 7 BG, Yr 9 B
- Thurs May 8 - Italian Opera Trip
- Thurs May 8-9: Yr 7 2015 Tours
- Fri May 9 - VCAL Speaker
- Mon May 12-13: Yr 7 2015 Tours
- Mon May 12 - Upper Hume Athletics
- Tues May 13-15: NAPLAN
- Wed May 14-16: Yr 8 Anglesea Camp 1
- Thurs May 15-16: Yr 10 Oed Bushwalk
- Thurs May 20 - Yr 7 Soccer
- Tues May 20 - Yr 9 Dot.Com Workshop
- Wed May 21 - UH Athletics
- Wed May 21 - Yr 11 RE Discovery Day
- Wed May 21 - VCE Music Studies Melb
- Thurs May 22 - Yr 12 RE Discovery Day
- Thurs May 22 - 9/10 Football (Boys)
- Thurs May 22 - 7-9 Football (Girls)
- Fri May 23 - Correction Day (Student Free)
- Mon May 26-28: Yr 8 Anglesea Camp 2
- Mon May 26 - UH X-Country
- Mon May 26 - Yr 7 (2015) Interviews start
- Wed May 28 - Galen Talent Quest at WPAC
- Thurs May 29 - 7-12 Netball
- Thurs May 29 - 7-10 Badminton (Boys)

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

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a strange but very full return to school despite the shortened first week of only three days. There have been a number of noteworthy events in that short space of time.

Firstly, on Wednesday morning’s Senior School Assembly, the Leader of the Victorian State Opposition, the Honourable Daniel Andrews (second from left), a former student of Galen, addressed the students. He spoke to them of his love for Galen, and his gratitude for the life-long values the school gave him during his time here. He called on the current students to recognize and adopt the school’s core values. He informed them that the strongest value that he learned was that if you have the opportunity to help others in need, then you have an obligation to do so.

At the same assembly, the senior students who attended the Timor L’este Immersion Trip over the last week of term and the first week of the holidays reported to the assembly what they had experienced, what they had learned and how they had grown as a result of the trip. It was a very moving tribute to the commitment and hard work of the girls who attended the trip. Congratulations to the girls and to the staff leaders, Mr Jim Samon, Ms Lyndell Peterson and Ms Beth Code.

On Late on Wednesday afternoon down at the Galen billabong, Mr Ian Minns led an information session for the general public on the LandCare grant awarded to Galen and a number of other partners to improve the area around the billabong and river frontage. About 30 people attended and interest in the project was very high.

The Galen Anzac ceremony on Thursday morning was also very moving. Notwithstanding a questionable version of “I Was Only Nineteen”, I thought the assembly was excellent. The attentiveness of the students, the crispness of the format, the quality of Year 12 student, Monique Semmens’, address and the appropriate mix of solemnity and reverence were another cause for us all to feel proud. Well done to Mr Pat Arcuri (in absentia) and Mr Shaun Mason for the assembly.

On Thursday, I attended the opening night of Hairspray and I was blown away once again by the exceptional talent that Mr David Ashfield and Ms Julie Nolan are able to nurture and showcase. The quality of acting, musicianship and stagecraft exhibited by the cast and crew was first class. Well done Julie, David, Beth and all your long list of staff helpers, and to the long list of students – more than 120 – who participated in this great event.

On Friday at the Wangaratta Anzac Day march, 7 staff and 7 students marched representing Galen. Monique Semmens’ speech was delivered with even more panache than it was at the Galen assembly and she quite rightly received huge accolades from those present. I was overwhelmed by the number of people not directly connected to Galen who have emailed me or even stopped me in the street in two instances, to say how impressed they were and how proud I must be. Thanks to those staff and students who attended and marched.

Student-free day this Friday
There will be a student-free day this Friday as Galen will be the location for a huge ICT Education Conference. All Galen staff will be attending the conference, as will more than 70 other teachers from many local regional schools as well as others from as far away as Ararat.

Year 7 (2015) Information Night and tours
The Information Night for parents of prospective 2015 Year 7s is scheduled for Wednesday May 7 in the Max Fletcher Auditorium at 7pm. Applications open on May 8 and organized tours will be available on May 8, 9, 12 & 13. Please contact the front office to book a tour.

Best wishes,

Bernard Neal - Principal

Galen Board AGM

The Galen Catholic College Board AGM is scheduled for Thursday 8th May. The Board is seeking expressions of interest from parents who wish to serve on the Board or one of the Board sub-committees. If you are interested in lodging an expression of interest, please contact Tess Barnard, Personal Assistant to the Principal by email at: principal@galen.vic.edu.au or by phone on 5721 6322. Tess will then forward you some information explaining the process of appointment and provide some background to the Board itself. The sub-committees of the Board are as follows: Catholic Identity; Pastoral Wellbeing; Leadership; Learning & Teaching; Stewardship of Resources.

Bernard Neal  
Principal

Tony Lane  
Board Chair
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**Upcoming VCE dates:** Senior Tertiary Trip – May 13

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**Caritas Day 2014**

At Galen Catholic College we value the importance of making a difference in the world for those less fortunate than our community. The word ‘Caritas’ is Latin for love and compassion. Caritas began in Australia in 1964 and is a leading Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development. We see this as our Christian calling, actually doing something to help create a fairer, more equal world. With this in mind we have decided to design a different format this year for our annual Caritas Day. We did plan to walk from Our Lady’s Primary school to symbolize the walking that other children in the world have to do every day, just to get daily supplies of water or to access education. Wangaratta Coachlines had already donated bus travel for the day, for which we are very grateful. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather this part of the day was cancelled. Luckily the weather cleared up in the afternoon for a range of activities and stalls to raise funds to donate to Caritas to create a carnival atmosphere back at the college. This continued until the end of the school day. This initiative would not be possible without the vision, coordination and drive of two particular teachers, Miss Kelly Smith and our Social Justice Coordinator, Ms. Lyndel Petersen. They both deserve the utmost praise in achieving such success in this exciting new school event. Additionally, the support these teachers have received from our staff and students has been simply amazing. It was wonderful day that raised money for Caritas and celebrated the Galen community.

Mr Gerard Sullivan
Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

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**Senior School News**

Mick Grogan - Senior School Director

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**Upcoming VCE dates:** Senior Tertiary Trip – May 13
On Tuesday 1st April, the weather was perfect, the track was freshly marked and Galen held its annual Athletics carnival a day earlier than planned to try and avoid the forecast inclement weather on the 2nd.

The standard was once again high this year. Year 9 student Ned Penny broke the record set back in 1981 for the 15 year old boys 400m by a massive 4.9 sec. Dion Ploegmakers also smashed the 16 year old boys long jump record, setting a new distance of 8.46m.

The tug-of-war events were once again a hit with students. One of the most popular events of the day was the tug of war between staff and students. First up were the female staff team of Wendy Chuck, Jacqui Pengelly, Kim Saunders, Deb Doyle, Lizzie Orton and Kelly Smith who were narrowly defeated by the Year 12 girls. Then came the men. Led by Mick Grogan, Nick Beattie, Peter Girolami, Laurie Burt, Anthony Holligan and James Bourke, there was never much doubt about the result of this powerhouse team being victorious over the Year 12 boys, who, to their credit, fought valiantly whilst their opponents barely raised a sweat!

As always, the final two events on the day were the Galen female and male Mac Hill memorial gifts. These gifts are an opportunity for the 8 fastest females and males over 100m to compete against each other, and they are hotly contested.

The female field was strong with fastest qualifiers being Hayley Trethowan, Madison O’Keefe, Mikaela Trethowan, Emma Collet, Olivia Richards, Cheyenne Bryon, Hannah Fitzgerald and Alice Hales. In a close race, Year 9 student Mikaela Trethowan managed to hold off her rivals and narrowly won the event. Well done Mikaela!

The male field was equally strong with the eight fastest being Ryan Clohessy, Ben Talarchi, Jackson Clarke, Dylan Landgren, Murray Waite, Josh Ismale, Ned Penny and Callum Honey. An extremely close finish saw a dead heat between Year 12 students Ryan Clohessy and Jackson Clarke. Congratulations to both boys, a fantastic effort and a great race to watch! Jackson also is the first student in Galen’s history to win both the SuperSprint event at the Swimming and the Galen Gift at the Athletics Carnival in the same year. Well done Jackson!

Congratulations are also in order for our age group champions. These are the best performers from each age group, males and females, on the day.

**Age Champions**

**FEMALES**

- 13 Year old: Grace McIntyre
- 14 Year old: Mikaela Trethowan
- 15 Year old: Emma Collet
- 16 Year old: Gemma Enever
- 17 Year old: Olivia Storer
- 20 Year old: Shivonne Watson

**MALES**

- 13 Year old: Adam Enever
- 14 Year old: Oliver Willett
- 15 Year old: Edward Penny
- 16 Year old: Dion Ploegmakers
- 17 Year old: Murray Waite
- 20 Year old: Jackson Clarke

All students who won track and field events have qualified for the Upper Hume athletics team which will compete in Albury on May 12th in Term 2.

The overall house results are below. After losing to Delaney last year, it was fantastic to see McKillop make a comeback to hold off Champagnat for this year’s overall house win. Congratulations to McKillop house captains Kate Brown, Carly Perso, Jackson Clarke and Xavier Murray and all the McKillop participants who contributed to their win.

**House Results**

- **McKillop – 842**
- **Champagnat – 803**
- **Delaney - 732**
- **Chisholm – 681**

Thanks to all staff, house captains and students who helped with various duties before and on the day. And finally well done to all who were present for creating such an enthusiastic and enjoyable atmosphere.

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**Galen Catholic College**

**YEAR 7 - 2015 ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

Galen Catholic College would like to announce the following important dates in regard to enrolments for students going in to Year 7 in 2015:

- **DON’T MISS** the **May 7: Parent Information Evening** 7.00pm in the Max Fletcher Auditorium (enter off Phillipson Street).
- **Applications open** May 8, Enrolment Forms available at the Information Night or from the College Main Office and Catholic Primary Schools.
- **May 8, 9, 12 and 13: School Tours available**. Tours will be conducted at 9:15am and 1:50 pm. Please pre-book your tour online prior to the information night by going to the following link:
  
  www.schoolinterviews.com.au
  
  Login Code: ZKM6F
  
  You can also contact the front office to book a tour.
- **May 19: ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS DUE**
- **May 26: Interviews commence** for all families who have submitted enrolment applications.

Please contact the College for more information regarding enrolments and tours.

**Telephone:** (03) 5721 6322
Galen Catholic College presents

Anything Goes!

Talent Quest

May 28th 7.00pm 2014

Proceeds will go towards The Arts at Galen and Social Justice fundraising.

Tickets $15

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
In person or by phone (10am - 4pm Mon to Fri)
Or online: www.wangarattapac.com.au
“The Gathering Place”

Commemorating the ANZACS of the Greta Valley

The Greta Heritage Group, Greta-Hansonville Hall and the Greta Sporting Complex

INFORMATION DAY
Sunday May 4
2-4pm
Greta-Hansonville Hall

• Information and update on “The Gathering Place” project and the Greta Valley ANZACS
• WW1 display
• Guest speakers will share their experience
  o Mr Bob Iskov - Kokoda Veteran
  o Mr Geoff Dinning - walking Kokoda

$5 entry fee which will include a light afternoon tea.

For further information please contact

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“Alias Ruby Blade: A Story of Love and Revolution is extraordinary and uplifting; the story of Kirsty and Xanana’s unlikely romance and a country’s fight for independence makes this action-packed documentary hard to miss. Highly recommended!”

-Jennifer Tate, View London

“Presenting a surprising and privileged viewpoint on the climax of East Timor’s long struggle for independence.”

- 2013 Tribeca Film Festival, The Hollywood Reporter

Alias Ruby Blade

A story of love and revolution

The acclaimed documentary film follows Kirsty Sword Gusmao who aspired to be a filmmaker and instead became a revolutionary. Whilst working for the Timorese resistance she fell in love with the imprisoned guerrilla leader Kay Rala "Xanana" Gusmão, and risked everything. Together they fostered the birth of a new nation. Fast-forward to today and Kirsty’s original footage from 1990 onwards makes up parts of the raw and evocative documentary, Alias Ruby Blade.

GO TAFE AUDITORIUM, DOCKER STREET, WANGARATTA

FRIDAY, MAY 2 7:30P.M.

TICKETS $15

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT OUTLOOK ALTERNATIVES OR AT THE DOOR

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FRIENDS OF LA CLUTA & ALOLA FOUNDATION
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
- Geoff Welch: Deputy Principal (presently on leave)
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Anthony Batters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Keith Willett/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
- Tony Lane: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Phil Bretherton: CEO Representative
- Patrick Arcuri: DP - Staff Representative
- Anthony Batters: Staff Representative
- John Byrne: Parent
- Suellen Loki: Parent
- Angie Semmens: Parent
- Mark Williams: Parent
- Liz Nelson: Parent

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

Uniform Infringement Notice

A reminder to all parents and students that the school has implemented uniform infringement rooms at lunchtime for students not wearing the correct school uniform. If a student has a parent/guardian note to explain the out of uniform item of clothing the student is excused. However students who attend school without the correct uniform and without a note will be directed to the uniform infringement room at lunchtime. The uniform infringement begins at 1.17 - 1.40pm. Students will be allowed to have their lunch between 12.54 - 1.17pm.

Galen Parents’ Association need your help!

Galen Parents’ Association is looking for a new President. If you would like to be directly involved with what’s going on at your children’s school, this Committee is a great opportunity for that. Unlike Primary school, our secondary school Parents’ Association does not require a very big time commitment, we meet twice a Term, the 2nd Tuesday of each Term and the 2nd last Tuesday of each Term. As we all know a Presidents job is to delegate and therefore this can be a relatively easy position to take on. It is very rewarding being able to have a say on where Parents’ Association money is spent throughout the school. Last year we organised and paid for the building of the Senior School tea, coffee, food prep shed, this year we will be looking at perhaps providing some shade shelters for the Year 9s. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 25th at 6.30 pm. We would love to see you there!

Galen Catholic College
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Galen Parents’ Association
Lauren Lee - Junior School Director

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a busy term it will be. At this stage I am hoping that all Year 8 parents have received a copy of the permission forms for Camp. Please make sure that you fill these in and return them to your child’s homeroom teacher as soon as possible. We are really looking forward to seeing another group of students step up to the challenges the activities provided both individually and as a group. Congratulations to all Junior Students who participated in the recent production of Hairspray. A great deal of time and effort goes into these types of activities and whether you were on stage or assisting back stage or with props your enthusiasm and effort is much appreciated. Finally I would like to thank all of the Year 7 and 8 students who are representing the school and conducting tours in the next week. We will have approximately 200 families coming to visit the school to see what we have to offer their children. The Galen students are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to lead these tours and we wish them all the best with this.