



# Term 1 Holidays

**We hope you enjoy a safe and blessed Easter break!**  
*Term 2 starts back for students on Tuesday 21 April.*

## Term 1 Principal Wrap-Up

As we wrap up Term 1, we reflect with gratitude on a fantastic start to the year - from welcoming our Year 7 students to the strong community spirit shown at key events and the many opportunities for growth both in and beyond the classroom.

As we continue through Holy Week, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, hope and renewal. Wishing all our community a safe and blessed Easter break.

*Please take a moment to watch the full video message from Principal Shaun Mason to hear more about our Term 1 highlights.*



[Check out the video here](#)

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Dates to Remember

**\*whole school event in red** **April/May**

End of Term 1	<b>Thu 2 Apr</b>
Timor Leste Immersion departs	<b>Sat 18 Apr</b>
GSEP Work Placement starts	<b>Mon 20 Apr</b>
Student-free day	<b>Mon 20 Apr</b>
First day of Term 2	<b>Tue 21 Apr</b>
ANZAC Assembly	<b>Fri 24 Apr</b>
Glowrey House Feast Day	<b>Wed 29 Apr</b>
Italian Opera Trip	<b>Tue 12 May</b>
School of Rock - Whole School Production	<b>Thu 14 - Sat 16 May</b>

COLLEGE NEWS

**Billings Brothers Shine at National MTB Championships**

Levi and Jackson Billings delivered outstanding performances at the National Mountain Bike Championships held recently at Mount Buller, showcasing their skill, determination and commitment on a demanding national stage.

Levi's highlight was an impressive third place finish in the Under 19 Cross Country Olympic (XCO) event, earning a bronze medal on a tough and technical long course. Jackson also performed strongly, placing 11th in the Under 17 XCO, demonstrating great resilience and effort throughout the race. Their achievements reflect the hard work and dedication they continue to invest, supported by their family, friends and West End Cycles.



Christ the King Catholic Parish

*Holy Week Ceremonies*

**Holy Thursday**

St Patrick's: 6.00pm  
Our Lady's: 7.00pm

**Good Friday**

St Patrick's:  
2.00pm - Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm - The Passion of the Lord  
Our Lady's  
9.30am - Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm - The Passion of the Lord

**Easter Vigil**

St Patrick's: 6.00pm  
Our Lady's: 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday**

St Patrick's: 8.00am and 10:30am  
Our Lady's: 6.00am ("Salubong") and 9.00am  
Holy Cross (Moyhu): 10.00am

## Celebrating FIRST: Term 1 Commendation Award Winners

This term, we recognised the outstanding efforts of students through our FIRST Commendation Awards, with all commendation recipients entered into a draw. Across Term 1, an impressive 4,736 commendations were awarded, highlighting how students are living our core values of Faith, Integrity, Respect, Self and Team each day.

From this pool, one winner was selected from each House, along with additional major prize winners. Congratulations to our Term 1 winners, pictured below from left to right: Chloe Littel, Grace O’Keefe, Zoe Saunders, Christopher Ford, Declan Baker, Zac Freeman, Brackston Reid, Audrey Jansson and Finn Jarvis. Levi Butler, who is currently in Japan, was also recognised as a winner.



### Community Conversations with the Principal

*A relaxed opportunity to meet our Principal, Shaun Mason and talk about life at Galen. Current and prospective families are warmly invited.*

 **Tuesday April 28 - Corowa Club**  
5.30-6.30pm

 **Wednesday April 29 - The Victoria, Rutherglen**  
5.30-6.30pm

 **Tuesday May 5 - Bridge Road Brewery, Beechworth**  
5.30-6.30pm



### TERM 1 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

Tuesday 14th April: 10am - 2pm  
Thursday 16th April: 10am - 2pm  
Monday 20th April: 8am - 11am

**TERM 2 TRADING HOURS**  
*(The following normal trading hours resume from **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**)*

Tuesday: 8am - 4pm  
Thursday: 8am - 4pm



## Galen Girls Impress at Upper Hume Tennis

The Year 9/10 Girls Tennis team delivered an outstanding performance at the recent Upper Hume competition in Wangaratta, finishing second overall after a strong day on the court.

The team recorded dominant wins over Wangaratta High School, Cathedral College and Catholic College Wodonga, winning nine of their ten sets across the day. Their only loss came in a closely contested match against Victory Lutheran, going down by just three games after splitting sets. Congratulations to Phoebe, Mia, Johannah, Rose and Maddie (missing from photo) on their skill, teamwork and sportsmanship, representing Galen with pride.



## State-Level Success for Chloe Mercer and Team

Year 12 student Chloe Mercer, alongside Liam Keane (Learning Mentor) and fellow Year 12 student Marley Miller, represented their brigades at the CFA State Firefighter Championships recently, showcasing exceptional teamwork, skill, and determination.

A major highlight of the event was Chloe's team taking out the Champion Female Team title and placing second in a thrilling final run-off—an impressive achievement, particularly as they were competing together for the first time. Their effort reflects not only talent but also strong community spirit.

Local CFA brigades welcome new members from age 11, providing opportunities for students to get involved and develop valuable skills while contributing to their community.



**Got a Galen story to share?**

*We'd love to hear it!*

**Send your contributions to [news@galen.vic.edu.au](mailto:news@galen.vic.edu.au)**

## Throwback Thursday

A couple of sessions back, our Year 7 and 8 Thursday morning Footy Program celebrated Throwback Thursday, with students encouraged to wear retro and vintage football jumpers, long socks, and themed gear. Despite the rain forcing the session indoors, the energy didn't drop, and students trained hard while enjoying the fun atmosphere.



## Top Arts, Top Ideas

Year 11 and 12 Creative Practice students recently travelled to Melbourne to experience Top Arts, where they viewed some of the best student works from the previous year.

They also visited the Buxton Contemporary and Myer Gallery, exploring artworks that encouraged them to appreciate the small, often overlooked details in everyday life. Many pieces used unconventional materials such as resin to imitate ordinary objects, challenging perception and "tricking" the viewer's mind.

Through this experience, students were inspired to see value in things that are usually considered unimportant, developing a deeper awareness of their surroundings. The exhibition also allowed them to reflect on the dedication and creativity of past students whose work was recognised in Top Arts, motivating them to consider their own artistic journey and growth throughout the year.



## Building & Construction Students Complete White Card Training

On Tuesday 24 March, the first of our Year 11 Building & Construction students completed their Construction Induction (White Card) training, delivered by Wodonga TAFE. This mandatory course ensures students are equipped with essential work health and safety knowledge before undertaking construction work.

The training covered identifying and reporting common construction hazards, understanding basic risk control measures, responding to potential incidents and emergencies, and correctly selecting and using personal protective equipment (PPE). With this qualification, our students are now prepared to work safely on construction sites, ready to apply their skills in real-world settings.



## What a fabulous Athletics Carnival we had on Tuesday 31st March!

From the track and field events to the novelty races, the day was full of energy, participation, and incredible school spirit. Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and gave their all in every event. A special congratulations to those who broke records on the day, six in total, with Dean Balfour achieving an outstanding two new records himself.

### Gift Winners

**Female:** Shylah Witte

**Male:** Dean Balfour

### Age Champions

#### 12/13 Years

**Male** – Ryan Allan

**Female** – Zara Pell

#### 14 Years

**Male** – Judd Campbell

**Female** – Charlotte McMahon

#### 15 Years

**Male** – Seth Mizzi

**Female** – Shylah Witte

#### 16 Years

**Male** – Noah Gillies

**Female** – Bethany Perry-Heyden

#### 17 Years

**Male** – Oliver Gillies

**Female** – Phoebe Alexander

#### 20 Years

**Male** – Charlie Maher

**Female** – Melissa Lepoidevin

### Records Broken

#### 17 Year Male Shot Put

Archer Gray – New: 13.75m

Old: 13.55m (*G. Thompson, 1984*)

#### 20 Year Male Shot Put

Jack Parker – New: 13.5m

Old: 13.27m (*Anthony Siperki, 1996*)

#### 17 Year Female High Jump

Lily Lyster – New: 1.67m

Old: 1.52m (*R. Rigoni, 2022*)

#### 20 Year Male Gift

Dean Balfour – New: 11.65

Old: 12.00 (*Callum Bott, 2022*)

#### 15 Year Male Javelin

Sebastien Oates – New: 57.5m

Old: 42.1m (*M. Handcock, 1991*)

#### 20 Year Male 100m

Dean Balfour – New: 11.43

Old: 11.47 (*M. McCormack, 1996*)

### House Results

**1st:** Glowrey – 523

**2nd:** Chisholm – 475

**3rd:** Champagnat – 419

**4th:** MacKillop – 379

**5th:** Vincent – 264

**6th:** Brigid – 363

**7th:** Patrick – 295

**8th:** Delany – 270

## RESULTS

The success of the day was made possible by the incredible support of our staff and students, many of whom volunteered their time and energy. An event of this scale simply wouldn't be possible without your efforts, thank you all.



[Check out our Point of View video from the day!](#)



Galen Catholic College

THE NEXT GENERATION

# SCHOOL *of* ROCK

THE MUSICAL

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May | 7pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May | 7pm**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May | 1pm & 7pm**

**Galen Performing Arts Centre**  
**Tickets via QR or Eventbrite**



## Busy Start for the Year 11 VCE VM Students

### Induction Day

The term began with a VCE Vocational Major induction, introducing students to course expectations and key learning outcomes. Students took part in team-based activities, including assembling bikes to donate to local community organisations, showcasing teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance.

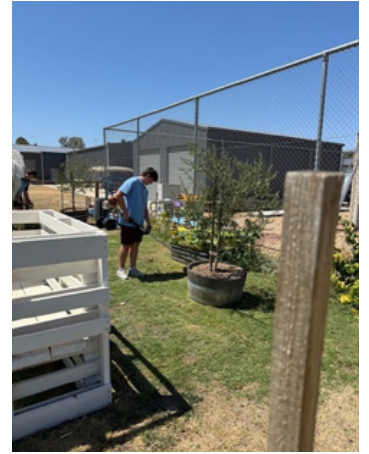
### Shrove Tuesday

Students applied their collaboration and organisational skills to plan and run the Shrove Tuesday stall, raising \$469.85 for Caritas while fostering community spirit and hands-on learning.



### Community Garden & Green Industries

Students explored sustainable practices through a research project on Green Industries, examining how these sectors contribute to a more environmentally responsible future. They then applied their learning by designing and building models from recycled materials to showcase aspects of green technology, sustainability, and environmental innovation.



### Food Handlers and Barista Course

To develop workforce skills, students completed accredited Barista and Food Handlers courses, gaining practical hospitality experience while building essential workplace skills such as customer service, hygiene, and time management.



### Delivery of Bikes

Assembled bikes were delivered to support students with disabilities at the Wangaratta District Special School, reinforcing teamwork, community engagement, and social responsibility while demonstrating real-world application of VCE VM Personal Development Skills.



## Learning Through Action: Term 1 Highlights

### Unit 1 & 2 – Exploring Recreation in the Community

Term 1 kicked off with our Unit 1 & 2 students getting hands-on with recreation activities at Melbourne Cable Park and Riverside Skatepark. These excursions allowed students to experience different recreational opportunities while developing important skills such as communication, teamwork, and session planning. They also visited Wangaratta West Primary School to run games and activities with younger students, putting their leadership and teaching skills into practice.



### Unit 3 & 4 – Challenging Themselves & Inspiring Others

Our Unit 3 & 4 students also enjoyed a fun-filled term with visits to URBNSURF and Bounce, experiencing inland surfing and indoor trampolining. Later in the term, they will take their skills to St Bernard's Primary School, leading activities for Grades 5 and 6. These opportunities help students build confidence, teamwork, and leadership, while gaining valuable practical experience in recreation and teaching.

We look forward to continuing these hands-on learning experiences in Term 2, further developing the skills that will serve our students both in and out of the classroom.



# YEAR 7&8 HOMEWORK CLUB

**Want help completing your homework or overdue tasks?  
We are here to help!!**

**DETAILS:**  
**When: Wednesdays**  
**Where: Green Tiered Seating**  
**Time: 3:20pm - 4pm**

## Want to support your teen with anxiety or depression?

**Check out** **Partners in Parenting**

**What is Partners in Parenting?**

- Evidence-based, online program designed to help build your skills and confidence to support your teen's mental health
- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

**You will:**

- Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:
  - Self-guided version** (explore the online program at your own pace)
  - Peer-guided version** (paired with a 'PIP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

**You may be eligible if you:**

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

**You will be asked to:**

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 coaching sessions with a PIP Coach, via videoconferencing

**All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)**

[p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au](https://p2p.partnersinparenting.com.au)

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# AMP'D

act, music, perform, deliver

**Improv & Characterisation with Colette Quin & Shane Douthie**

**Stage Combat with Lyndall Grant**

**Stage Craft**

**Musical Theatre**

**Collaboration**

**Scripted Scenes**

AMP'D is a 5 day **music** and **theatre** workshop for high school students.

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April  
 Galen PAC, Wangaratta

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**LEFT OF CENTRE**

## Learn to X-COUNTRY SKI

Wangaratta Snow Sports Youth Development  
 Years 6 to 12  
 No experience needed  
 Come and try free of charge

**Term 2 & 3 Roller-skiing**  
 Mon & Thursday 3:45-5:30pm  
 Starts 23rd April @ Barr Reserve netball courts  
 All equipment supplied  
 \$125 per year, \$200 per family

**Term 3**

- XC ski camps at Mt Hotham & Falls Creek \*
- Introduction to biathlon & competitions\*

\*additional costs

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Wangaratta Snow Sports Youth Development Group

# YOUTH PHOTO COMP

**THEMES: MACRO/CLOSE-UP & NATURE**

Now is your chance to show us your photography skills and you could also WIN a \$100 Platypus shoes voucher!!

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