



As I reflect on Term 2 at Galen, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride.

I am deeply thankful for our wonderful community, whose generosity, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace opportunities continue to inspire me. I am equally grateful for our exceptional staff, who consistently go above and beyond to support and challenge our students. Together, they make Galen the special place it is.

This term has been filled with opportunities for learning, service and personal growth. Students represented the College with distinction through experiences including the Timor-Leste Immersion, Justice Matters Camp, Year 11 Interfaith Retreat and Outdoor Education programs. We also celebrated academic success, supported students through examinations, and saw more than 150 Year 10 students complete Work Experience alongside our VCE-VM students undertaking valuable workplace learning.

The creativity and commitment of our students shone through in the School of Rock production, while our 2026 College theme, *Now is the Hour, Lead with Grace*, was evident across classrooms, performances, service opportunities and sporting events. Students, staff and families have all demonstrated this theme through their dedication, compassion and support of one another.

At the end of this term, we farewell Phil and Tara Hunter, Alex Carlin, Brett Webbers, Dannielle Bell and Denise Graham. We thank them for their valued contributions to Galen and wish them every success in the future. We also warmly welcome Brett Phillips (PE/Outdoor Education) and Tayla Russo (PE/Science), who join our staff next term.

During the holidays, we will also complete upgrades to the Year 7 and 8 toilet facilities, including repainting, deep cleaning, new hand dryers and improved cubicle arrangements, following student feedback.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for another outstanding term. I wish you all a safe, restful break and look forward to everything Term 3 will bring.

Stay safe,

Shaun Mason | **Principal**

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Dates to Remember

*whole school event in red	July/August
First day of Term 3	Mon 13 Jul
Bendigo Sheep & Wool Show starts	Thu 16 Ju
Year 10 Careers Day	Tue 21 Jul
Mackillop House Feast Day	Wed 22 Jul
Senior Pathways Evening	Wed 22 Jul
Year 10 Parish Mass	Fri 24 Jul
Year 8 Snow Day	Fri 31 Jul
Italian Day	Mon 10 Aug
Founders Day	Fri 14 Aug

End of Semester Assembly Celebrations

This week, our whole college community came together for our End of Semester Assembly, celebrating the achievements and contributions of students across Years 7-12.

Academic Awards were presented to students who demonstrated dedication, perseverance and excellence in their learning throughout Semester 1. We also recognised our Timor-Leste Immersion participants, FIRST commendation recipients, and students receiving Junior and Senior House commendations.

Congratulations to all students recognised for their hard work, commitment and positive contribution to the Galen community!



Small Kits, Big Impact

Our Human Health and Development students recently partnered with the Zonta Club of Wangaratta to assemble 200 birthing kits, helping support safer births for women in developing countries.

Led by our House Captains, the project has given students the opportunity to raise awareness of maternal health while learning about the life-changing impact these simple kits can have in reducing complications during childbirth and improving outcomes for mothers and babies around the world.

A sincere thank you to the Zonta Club of Wangaratta for partnering with us on this meaningful initiative, and to everyone in our Galen community who has supported the project so far.

Donations are still being accepted as we work towards our \$1,000 fundraising goal. If you would like to support this important cause, please consider making a donation using the link below.



[Donate to Zonta Birthing Kits](#)

Catch-up Vaccinations

Students who missed their Year 10 immunisations can attend one of Council's public catch-up immunisation sessions at the Community Room, Wangaratta Children's Services Centre (1 Handley Street, Wangaratta). No booking is required, simply attend between 8.30am and 11.00am.

2026 THURSDAYS

- 2 July
- 6 August
- 3 September
- 1 October
- 5 November
- 3 December

Got a Galen story to share?

We'd love to hear it!

Send your contributions to news@galen.vic.edu.au

Choose Your Pathway

Thinking about subjects for next year? Start exploring.

Our 2027 Course Guides are now available on the college website.

[Senior School Guides \(10-12\)](#)

[Junior School Guides \(7-9\)](#)



TERM 2 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

The Uniform Shop is **CLOSED** over the holiday period.

TERM 3 TRADING HOURS

Monday 13 July: 8am - 12pm

The following normal trading hours resume from **Tuesday 14th July**

Tuesday: 8am - 4pm

Thursday: 8am - 4pm

[SHOP ONLINE](#)



NOONE
BEST IN CLASS SINCE 1947

Help Us Turn Old T-Shirts into Something Amazing!

Our Year 7 Product Design Materials students are learning about fibres, fabrics, sustainability and weaving in Term 3. As part of their learning, they will be creating a large collaborative woven rug using t-shirt yarn made from recycled clothing.

We are calling on our wonderful school community to help!

We are looking for:

- Clean, unwanted t-shirts
- Plain or printed t-shirts
- Any colour
- Adult or children's sizes
- Cotton or cotton-blend fabrics

Please avoid:

- Clothing with zips, buttons or thick seams
- Wet, mouldy or heavily damaged garments

Throughout the project, students will learn how textiles are made, investigate the impact of fast fashion, and discover how everyday items can be given a second life through creative reuse.

Rather than ending up in landfill, your old t-shirts will be transformed into colourful t-shirt yarn and woven into a unique collaborative artwork that celebrates creativity, sustainability and community.

Donations

Can be dropped off at: Student Services Centre or Office Near A4

Please make sure they are clearly labelled for Ms Caddey

Thank you for helping our students create something meaningful while learning about sustainable design practices. Every old t-shirt has the potential to become part of something new!



Baseball Stars Shine

Our Year 8 students recently took part in a memorable cultural learning experience, travelling from Merriwa Woka to the Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site alongside Uncle Kev Cooper.

Through stories, history and hands-on activities, students deepened their understanding of Country, First Nations culture and the rich cultural significance of the Beechworth region. A highlight of the day was learning how to light a fire in wet conditions using the dry inner layer of stringy bark, demonstrating the ingenuity and resilience of traditional Aboriginal knowledge.

Students also explored the ancient rock art at Yeddonba, including the remarkable depiction of a thylacine, while learning how these natural shelters have long served as places of refuge, gathering and cultural expression.

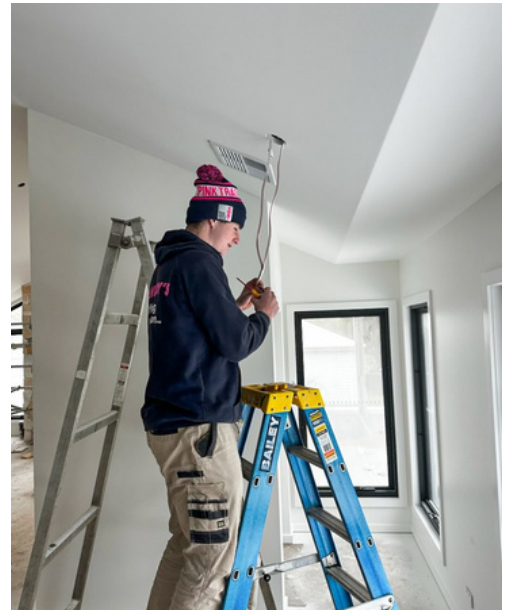
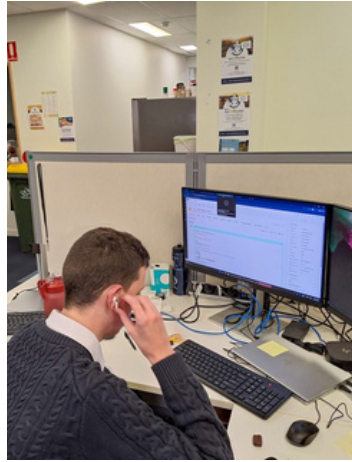
We sincerely thank Uncle Kev for generously sharing his knowledge, stories and connection to Country, providing our students with a meaningful and lasting learning experience.



Workplace Learning in Action

Our Year 10 Work Experience students and Year 11 VCE-VM students have been building valuable workplace skills through hands-on learning across a wide range of industries, supported by local businesses and employers both within our region and beyond.

These real-world experiences help students develop confidence, professionalism and a clearer understanding of future career pathways. We sincerely thank our community partners for their ongoing support and for providing such meaningful opportunities, with many employers commending our students on their enthusiasm, positive attitude and strong work ethic.





Galen
Catholic College

Do you know
what subjects
you're doing
next year?

I'm thinking
Drama, what
about you?

2027

Senior Pathways Evening

Wednesday 22 July | 6-8pm



Scan the QR code for
more information
or click here

We welcome new and existing families

Global Trade at the Port of Melbourne

Our Year 10 Business Studies and Year 10 Finance and Economics students recently embarked on an enriching excursion to the Port of Melbourne facilities. Throughout the day, students were highly motivated and actively participated in an immersive program designed to give them a holistic understanding of the port's complex operations, supply chains, and workforce.

The program provided valuable real-world context, allowing students to identify emerging growth industries in the maritime and logistics sectors and evaluate the specific skills required to pursue them. Additionally, students participated in specialised workshops focused on future career pathways and the diverse professional prospects available within Australia's busiest container port.

Our students are to be commended for their outstanding effort, engagement, and the exemplary manner in which they represented Galen Catholic College.

Fun Facts

- The Port of Melbourne handles 36% of the nation's containers.
- The Port of Melbourne handled around 2.6 million containers in the year 2015-16.
- The Port of Melbourne directly and indirectly generates tens of thousands of jobs for the community.

Mr Espinel, Mrs Armstrong and Mr. Knight

Humanities Teachers



Cultural Learning Experience

Our Year 8 Merriwa Woka students recently visited the Yeddonba Aboriginal Cultural Site alongside Uncle Kev Cooper, taking part in a memorable cultural learning experience. Through stories, history and hands-on activities, students deepened their understanding of Country, First Nations culture and the rich cultural significance of the Beechworth region.

Highlights included learning traditional fire-lighting techniques using stringy bark and exploring the ancient rock art at Yeddonba, including the remarkable thylacine depiction. We sincerely thank Uncle Kev for generously sharing his knowledge, stories and connection to Country with our students.



PIE DRIVE
Raising money for the Galen music camp

Orders close
Wednesday 29 July

Collection day
Thursday 6 August

Order through the link provided

VET Hospitality Students Cooking Up a Storm!

Our first and second-year VET Hospitality students have been cooking up a storm in the training kitchen this term, showcasing their developing skills, creativity, and enthusiasm for the hospitality industry.

Throughout their practical service shifts, students have prepared an impressive range of sweet and savoury dishes while building their understanding of basic cookery methods, flavour development, food presentation, and kitchen operations. From delicate appetisers, canapés, and antipasto platters to classic desserts such as crème brûlée, rich chocolate puddings, apple strudel, honey-poached pears, and silky crème anglaise, students have embraced every opportunity to expand their culinary repertoire.

As they continue to refine their techniques, students are developing confidence in a variety of cooking methods while learning how ingredients, textures, and flavours work together to create high-quality dishes. Their commitment to learning and willingness to challenge themselves has been evident in every practical lesson.

VET Hospitality teachers Kim McLeod and Eva Chick have been impressed by the students' dedication, teamwork, and growing passion for the craft. It has been wonderful to see students take pride in their work, support one another in the kitchen, and continually strive to improve their skills. We look forward to seeing what delicious creations they produce next as they continue their hospitality journey.



Design Ideas Take Shape

Our Year 12 VCE Visual Communication Design students recently took part in a professional-style design critique, presenting elements of their design process, sharing concept ideas and gathering feedback in a way that mirrors industry practice.

Receiving a range of perspectives has helped students refine their concepts as they continue developing their final designs for assessment.


Current projects showcase a diverse range of creative ideas, including:

- Branding and interior design for a high street second-hand clothing store
- A zero-waste restaurant with branding and building design
- A music studio and immersive speaker experience for young creatives
- A Sun Moth sanctuary and accompanying children's book
- A sustainable café with community-focused branding and interior design

We look forward to seeing these innovative concepts continue to evolve throughout the year.



Sounds in the Shelves
Charley Miller



Date: Tuesday 2nd July
Time: From 6:30pm
Where: Wangaratta Library

Library **AMPLIFY**

CELEBRATING 50 NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY GATHERING

Join us in celebrating culture this NAIDOC week

Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, FREE BBQ, Stall holders, Food vendors & Kids activities.

FEATURING ISAIAH FIREBRACE!

THURSDAY 9 JULY
10am-2pm @ Apex Park, Wangaratta
Proudly brought to you by the below partners



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FLTL (AFC) Chrissy Hobbs
Commanding Officer

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Submit an Expression of Interest online now via the QR code for 2026.

AIR FORCE CADETS
INSPIRING TODAY - LEADING TOMORROW

TEEN REFORMER MOVE PILATES REFORMER BARRE

WEDNESDAY 4:30PM - 5:1PM
STARTS 15 JULY

MOVE Pilates
3/49 Reid Street
(behind NAB Bank)

SIGN UP NOW

\$10 per class
10 spots available

Bookings hello@move-pilates.com



Vinnies Winter Appeal 2026

Year 12 Winter Woolies Gloves Beanies Jackets Socks Earmuffs Scarves Hankerchiefs	Years 10 & 11 Non-Perishable Foods Pasta Dry Biscuits Cooking Oil Long Life Milk Rice Cereal Noodles Coffee	Years 7, 8, & 9 Canned Food Soup Beans Spaghetti Vegetables Fruit Tuna Lentils Diced Tomatoes
Staff Hygiene Products Toothbrush Toothpaste Deodorant Hairbrush Soap Shampoo Conditioner Hand Sanitiser Lip Balm	Other Winter Shoes Sleeping Bags Money Blankets Tents Glassware Cutlery	Bring donations to the Main Office. Each donation goes in the draw to win a canteen voucher!



Christ the King Catholic Parish

Mass times

St Patrick's
Saturday: 10.00am, 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm
Weekdays
Thursday: 8.00am (Delany Chapel)
Friday: 12.05pm

Our Lady's
Saturday: 4.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am
Weekdays
Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00am

Moyhu
Every Sunday 10.00am except the first Sunday of the month which is at Whitfield at 10.00am

Boorhaman
First Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

Eldorado
Second Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

Glenrowan
Sunday: 5.00pm (Latin Mass)

DOMESTIC BASKETBALL SPRING SEASON

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/245aab>

SEASON COMMENCES 10 AUGUST
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20TH JULY

REGISTER HERE




Meet the author
Leon Kildea




Join local teacher, high school principal and author Leon Kildea to celebrate the release of his debut young adult novel.

The Finder's Keeper is set in winter wilderness and moves from the world of ancient Nordic sagas to the snow plains of the Victorian Alps where young Edda must overcome her fears in a quest to save an ancient Arctic society.

Confronted and challenged, she must decide what stand she will take in a world where greed has become a potent force. A decision that echoes choices for our own looming future.

Thursday 16th July 6.30pm
Wangaratta Library

Bookings essential.
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Online: humanlitx.com

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