Week 9 was an incredibly busy week for the talented Performing Arts students of Gleeson College!

On Tuesday 19 September, Year 12 vocalist and Performing Arts Captain Cherie Surman (12 MSCOD) sang as a soloist on the Entertainment Centre Stage as part of the 2017 Catholic Schools Music Festival. It was a huge stage and audience, which would have made even the most accomplished performer nervous, but Cherie absolutely nailed it and sang so beautifully. A huge congratulations to her on a spectacular performance. On Wednesday 20 September, the College Stage Band and Concert Band performed under 'The Dome' of the Entertainment Centre as a foyer act for the Catholic Schools Music Festival. It was a balmy evening and the atmosphere under 'The Dome' was electric. Both bands played brilliantly and entertained the many patrons entering the venue to attend the concert that evening.

Friday 22 September saw all three schools on the One+ Campus come together for the annual Campus Assembly. Performing Arts Mentor Tayla Slack (12 MSFAL) beautifully sang the National Anthem as a campus vocalist and the Concert Band performed a combined item with Pedare and Golden Grove HS, which produced a truly magnificent sound! The Stage Band performed the upbeat tune “Birdland” while the Grease Band and Cherie Surman once again wowed audiences with their rendition of “Hopelessly Devoted to You”.

Congratulations to all students who performed last week, giving up their own time to do so. What a huge effort and as always, you represented Gleeson College admirably. Thank you for all you do!

Mrs Carly Meakin, Arts Coordinator

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FAREWELL + GOD BLESS!

Today we say farewell to two very significant people from the Gleeson College community. Mrs Carol Hamilton has been a part of our staff for the past 27 years. After beginning in the College canteen, Mrs Hamilton has worked as an ESO in the Finance Team and Senior First Aid Officer. Literally thousands of students and families would know Carol as the first point of call, and her beautiful and calm nature has been a blessing for so many students in need. We thank Mrs Hamilton for all she has done for our College, and we wish her every blessing in her well-deserved retirement.

We also farewell our Acting Deputy Principal Dr Sue Knight, who concludes her secondment here at Gleeson College. Dr Knight has made a significant impact on our community and we have been so fortunate to have experienced her generous, compassionate and selfless nature in our school. Many staff and students have benefited from Dr Knight’s unshakable belief in people, and in particular, a number of our senior students have her to thank for supporting them to complete assessment tasks. Dr Knight returns to her substantive role as Deputy Principal at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, and she leaves with our greatest admiration and deep thanks for all of her work.

Finally, we wish Mrs Sarah McLoughlin every best wish and blessing as she begins leave for the birth of her first child, and Mr Civetta who is on long service leave for the remainder of the year. We wish them both well.

Archbishop’s Awards

Last Sunday at the Cathedral two of our Year 12 students, Eva Thompson (12 DSAKN) and College President Lachlan Agius (12 MSCOD), received an Archbishop’s Award for Excellence for senior students. Both Eva and Lachlan have provided a fine example over a number of years at Gleeson College, and it was wonderful to celebrate this Mass with them and their families in recognition of their commitment to our community.

Gleeson Day

It has been like our own Grand Final build up this week with Gleeson Day to be celebrated tomorrow. There are a range of activities planned to provide the opportunity to reflect and celebrate all that is good about Gleeson College. Features of the day include Care Group activities, Talent Show and the announcement of the 2017 House Cup. I am certain this will be a great day and a fitting way to conclude Term 3.

“The last will be first, and the first will be last”

Last week’s Gospel of Matthew provides an example of the, at times, blunt message that Jesus delivered in his parables. Jesus reminds us to be thankful for what we have rather than looking to others and what they receive with envy. This can be quite difficult in our consumerist society that can often value wealth and possessions above care of the other.

It might be timely then as we move into holidays, with the opportunity of spending time with those we love and care deeply for, to reflect and be genuinely grateful for the many gifts we have in our lives that stems from God’s love for us.

Mr Andrew Baker,
Principal

GLEESON DAY 2017

> Friday 29 September

A reminder to all families that students have an early finish at 1.05pm tomorrow.

TERM 4 2017

> Monday 16 October

The first day of Term 4 for all students is Monday 16 October.

We wish all families a safe and happy October school holiday break!

With Sympathy

The thoughts, prayers and support of our Gleeson College community are with Sarah Dawber (11 HSPLL) and her family on the recent passing of her maternal Grandmother.

May she rest in peace and God comfort family and friends at this sad time.

Rest In Peace
CONGRATULATIONS > Emily Unewisse Earns Full STEAM Ahead! Scholarship!

Congratulations to Year 10 Science student Emily Unewisse (10 DSAKN) who has been awarded a 2017 Full STEAM Ahead! Careers Scholarship.

Emily was hand-picked from a tough field of applicants and will now attend the 2017 Full STEAM Ahead Careers Camp and also take part in a week’s long work placement in an industry of her choice.

Well done Emily on this outstanding academic achievement and we hope you enjoy this amazing learning opportunity!

Gleeson College Science Students Attend 11th Florey Conference

A group of eager Year 11 Biology, Chemistry and Physics students, supported by Science Teachers’ Mr Nathan Ackan and Ms Veronica Falero, represented the College at the annual 11th Florey Conference held at the National Wine Centre on Wednesday 20 September.

Presented by the University of Adelaide, we had the opportunity to view and ask questions with University Medical Science students, who showcased their year-long research projects and explained their key findings and observations. All students agreed that the quality of work on display was exceptional and was a key demonstration of the Medical Science faculty at the University of Adelaide. We developed strong networks with the Uni students, and heard a first-hand perspective about what they are studying at a tertiary level. As such, this allowed our students to develop a strong understanding of the pathways undertaken to reach their goal, which for some is still not completely decided.

Our day at the National Wine Centre commenced with our students having the opportunity to browse through the project posters on display and ask the Medical PHD and Honours students questions and discuss their project further, which allowed us to extend our scientific understanding. We also had the chance to have a discussion with University professors and doctors. Following this first session, we enjoyed a wholesome lunch and then embarked on an exploration through the Adelaide Botanical Gardens to explore the biodiversity and continue to develop our biological understanding. Students engaged in another showcase of research development in the session after lunch, with an entire new group of students presenting varying research topics and issues within Medical Science.

The venue then provided us afternoon tea, which allowed for a wealth of discussion with Gleeson staff and students regarding what they thought about the conference and whether this was helpful in deciding the pathways into the future and the various tertiary study our students may like to take post-school. The general consensus from students suggests they found the conference extremely informative and that the amount of effort and work put into not only the event but all the projects was enormous.

This is just one of the many opportunities offered to students here at Gleeson College and we sincerely thank the University of Adelaide for inviting our College along to view the high-quality of scientific understanding showcased at the 11th Florey Conference.

Jordan Sandford (11 HSFEL), Year 11 Science Student
ONE+ CROSS CAMPUS ASSEMBLY > Friday 22 September 2017
15 Gleeson Science students ranging from Years 8 to 10 attended the 68th International Astronautical Congress held at the Adelaide Convention Centre this week.

This is the first time that Adelaide has played host to this prestigious international event, with the purpose of this congress to promote investment in South Australia’s space program, as well as getting people (most notably students across Adelaide) interested in space as a possible career choice.

We went to a presentation on future Mars exploration and this lecture discussed the various tasks an astronaut would be required to complete during a journey to Mars, how we would go about sending astronauts there, and most importantly how we would secure their safety in such a hostile environment. We were then given the opportunity to explore the various stalls and exhibits set up in the congress. These ranged from informational sessions on the various space programs in the world today such as Korea, Surrey, Japan and USA, and interactive sessions allowing us to immerse in the experience with flight simulators and virtual reality systems. There was even a replica of the “Curiosity” Mars Rover to see and an autonomous robot wondering around the exhibit.

The experience was greatly educational and beneficial to my future and I really appreciated the opportunity to attend this once in a lifetime event.

Nathan Archer (8 DMMCC), Year 8 Science Student
Our Year 10 History Class was given the opportunity to explore a display of primary and secondary source artefacts from 1942 relating to the War in the Asia/Pacific region this term.

The contents of the educational box, provided by the National Trust of South Australia in conjunction with the Australian War Memorial, were displayed in the Gleeson Chapel for students to explore, wear and peruse. Students have been learning about the events of 1942 including the fall of Singapore, Battle of the Coral Sea and the Kokoda Trail.

The task of students was to investigate the contents of the box, analyse the artefacts and to answer a range of investigatory questions about the items. The box contained artefacts such as helmets, caps, medals, artwork, photographs, map cases, uniform items and much more. The students had a great time exploring the different items and questioning what they were used for and who would have used them. The display was a fun way for students to interact with history in order to bring the events of the past to life. This activity also allowed students to gain an understanding of what it must have been like during that time and to gather an appreciation for the incredible efforts of our armed forces during 1942.

Mr Clint Vause,
Year 10 History Teacher
We experienced four seasons in one day when the Year 10 Outdoor Education Class arrived at Deep Creek Conservation Park for their three-day Bushwalking Camp.

The intermittent rain, hail, wind and eventual sunshine, did little to dampen the spirits of our 12 happy campers! As the camp wore on the weather improved to reveal stunning scenery all over the park. Our students tackled all types of terrain, steep slopes, winding forest trails and some rocky hill climbs, all whilst carrying their loaded ruck sacks on their backs!

Despite the lack of sleep and sore feet, the students demonstrated resilience and dug deep to achieve our goals. Although very happy to see the bus in sight on the third morning, our students were proud of what they had achieved, and most definitely should be!

Ms Candice Mitchell, Year 11 Outdoor Ed Teacher
YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION > Over The Hills + Valleys in Deep Creek
Year 9 Japanese Language Studies students have designed and created their own packed lunch called “obento” after learning about the Japanese food culture and traditions this term.

The students were required to include five colours; white, black, red, green and yellow in their obento demonstrating balanced nutrition. To make their obento more exciting, the students were challenged to design chara-ben. This is a recent trend of decorating obento using cute and whimsical characters.

It was great to see so many well-packed obento with beautiful decorations!

Mrs Satoko Kelty, Japanese Language Studies Teacher
2017 Performing Arts Concert

Tuesday 24 October, 7-9.30pm
Golden Grove Arts Theatre

> Featuring the incredibly talented Music and Performing Arts students of Gleeson College, and also the Adelaide University Jazz Choir ‘The Adelaide Connection’

TICKETS > All tickets will be available at the door
$10 Adults | $5 Student/Concession | Children under 5 free
2017 Gleeson Diary Dates

TERM 3 2017
22 Sep - 10 Oct  Japan Immersion Trip
29  GLEESON DAY > FINAL DAY OF TERM 3 > 1.05pm finish
**FRONT OFFICE CLOSES AT 1.05PM ON THIS DAY ALSO**

TERM 4 2017
16 Oct  FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR ALL STUDENTS
17  Year 9 Retreat
18  P & F Committee Meeting
24  Year 8-11 Parent Teacher Interviews
25  Performing Arts Concert > GG Arts Theatre, 7-9.30pm
26  College Board Meeting
29  College Board Meeting
30  Year 12 Farewell Mass > DRMC, 6.30pm for 7pm start
31  Principal’s Information Session, 7-8pm
30  2017 Sports Presentation Night > DRMC, 6pm
3 Nov  Year 8 HPV Immunisation #3
6  Stage 2 Exams Commence
8  P & F Committee Meeting
16  2017 STEM Expo
20  Year 11 SWOT Vac
21 - 24  Year 11 Exams
22  College Board Meeting
27 - 29  Year 11 > Year 12 Workshops
27 - 1 Dec  Year 10 Exams
28  Year 12 Graduation > Adelaide Entertainment Centre

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www.sfx.catholic.edu.au
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Principal’s Tours

www.stdavids.catholic.edu.au

Saturday April 1st 9:30 - 10:30am
Wednesday May 17th 9:30 - 10:30am
Saturday June 17th 9:30 - 10:30am
Monday July 31st 9:30 - 10:30am
Thursday August 31st 9:30 - 10:30am
Wednesday Nov 8th 9:30 - 10:30am

To book, email info@stdavids.catholic.edu.au or call 8360 3600

ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
4 Carignane Street, Wynn Vale

2017 Tour Dates
• Thursday, 21st September
  4.30pm – 5.30pm
• Friday, 10th November
  9.30am – 10.30am

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