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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

REMEMBRANCE DAY

DRMC, Thursday 11 November 2021

Dear God,
You have called us to be people of peace.
May we have the wisdom to make the choices that promote justice and lead to peace. May we keep an open heart and mind that enables the Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

We ask that all those, who have died fighting for peace may rest in your embrace, and that all those, who mourn them may be comforted in your love.

We ask this through Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Together we pray, With One Heart,
Amen.



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IMPORTANT TIME TO NOT 'LET DOWN THE GUARD'!



Commemoration of Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is always very special at Gleeson College. We are privileged to have a close association with the Defence Forces through our considerable family connections and our Defence Transition Mentor, Mrs Linda DeBoer. Yesterday we held a moving ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day which included a catafalque party, the traditional reading of 'In Flanders Fields' and 'The Ode', and an address from special guest Captain Darrian Williams (see photo below).

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful organisation of the service by Mrs Marissa Favilla and Mrs Linda DeBoer. A very special thank you to the students and staff for their contribution and involvement on the day.

Year 7 and 8 Transition Program

Last week we welcomed our 2022 Year 7 and 8 students through a comprehensive induction program run over two days. Our new students worked side by side with existing students on a number of exciting activities. They met a few of the teachers and enjoyed a taste of the various subjects they will undertake in the future.

It was a pleasure to meet the new students and we very much look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Congratulations to Mr Tom Dawson who has done a wonderful job putting together the transition program and thank you to all the staff and student leaders involved in welcoming our new Year 7 and 8 students for 2022.

PE Week Celebrations

PE Week was celebrated at Gleeson this week with an excellent program of activities in which a great number of students and staff participated with skill and enthusiasm.

We also held our annual Sport Presentation Assembly where we recognise the magnificent contribution of our students, staff and coaches to our extracurricular sporting program. Well done and thank you to Mr Danny Gloria, Ms Rachel Staffin and all the staff and students who organised and participated in the week.

Middle School Learner Conversations

On Tuesday evening this week we saw the second iteration of our pioneering work in conducting Learner Conversations with our Middle School students and their parents (photo above). It was a joy to hear young people articulate their learning and growth over the year in relation to their academic studies and the Key Capabilities. The Learner Profile produced for each student is an insightful



document which portrays the whole student; not just an achievement grade for a subject but their growth against the Key Capabilities, their attendance pattern, personal presentation, life-long learning, pursuit of excellence, pride in success and service to others.

STEM @ Gleeson College

STEM is thriving at Gleeson College. Our Year 7 team won the CESA STEM MAD (Making a Difference) competition this year against all comers from Catholic Schools in South Australia.

Our STEM staff leaders in Mrs Melissa O'Loughlin and Mr Jason Puttnins, have been invited to present at the EduTech International Congress & Expo annual conference in Melbourne next year to demonstrate what can be done with VR (virtual reality) and STEM in schools. Our STEM Society continues to grow and the students who are part of this club enjoy spending lunchtimes and afterschool exploring the wonders of combining Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Congratulations to all!

Finale

The school year is fast approaching its finale with Year 12 students concluding examinations soon, Year 11 students commencing examinations next week and Year 10s the week after. It is an important time of endings, celebrations, opportunities and new beginnings.

At this time, it is important to not 'let down the guard' but to continue our high level of expectations with regard to schoolwork, behaviour and uniform.

I wish all of our students the very best as they undertake important assessments in the coming weeks and trust that they are striving to achieve their very best at the conclusion of this academic year.

J Corbo,
Principal



'CHARITY, HOPE + LOVE: BEING GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE'

COLLEGE MASS, DRMC

Wednesday 3 November 2021

On Wednesday 3 November, the Gleeson College community gathered for the final whole College Mass in 2021, with Fr James presiding over our Eucharistic celebration.

We are leading into the Christmas Season. The stores and display windows are filling up with Christmas cheer and the Summer holidays are on our doorstep, but we need to remember that during this Season of Christmas there are many families and individuals, who will go without and not share in the good fortune of feasts, parties and good will. There are many young people and families, who neither have the gifts, nor the food or the company to spend time with during these festive occasions. So, it was with a spirit of being charitable, hopeful and grateful that we reflected on our community and families, and the people we love, who create a joyous and enjoyable Christmas Season. Let us be mindful today and reflect on our blessings, for everything we have and the people, who love us, so we can give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The staging of the altar featured a basket in front, which presented a symbol and an example of how we can give generously to those people in need. All Care Groups received a list of items and a basket last week, with the aim of filling them with non-perishable food items and gifts, which will be donated to St Vincent de Pauls, and given to people in our own community, who need some extra support and love.

In a similar way to our soup kitchen in Terms 2 and 3, in the weeks leading up to Christmas, we can show our charity, hope and gratitude for all we have, and you can make a small difference to other people's lives. We can show our sense of community and be an example of Christian values by giving what we can.

God Bless,

Alesia Sala,
Acting Coordinator of RE +
Catholic Identity



2021 SPORTS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

We recognised and applauded students who represented the College in co-curricular and Knockout sport at our 2021 Sports Presentation Assembly held in the DRMC on Wednesday.

2021 has seen further growth of both our winter and summer teams, and our Gleeson Old Scholars again stepped up to take on the responsibility of coaching and managing our sides. For some, the sport was new to them, but the commitment and the excitement from our students made it so worthwhile.

This year many students were able to watch and be inspired by not only our Olympians but our Paralympians as well. This has brought the world of sports to more people than in previous years, and I am sure the growth of our Saturday teams this year is a testament to that. Tokyo 2020 had the theme 'Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together', and I find this to be a fitting theme for our awards assembly.

We were fortunate to hold this year's assembly during PE Week - a week which celebrates the importance of physical education within the Australian Curriculum and to the learning and development of young people. This event allows us the opportunity to proudly acknowledge our students who have displayed the values of the Gleeson 10, through Pride in Success, Dignity and Respect and Pursuit of Excellence in their attitude, commitment and dedication to our sports program here at the College. This year we have the 'Most Valuable Player' Award (MVP), the 'One Heart' Award for the student who best displayed the essence of the Gleeson Spirit and the 'Gleeson 10' Award for the student who best displayed the values of our Gleeson 10 throughout the season.

Guest Speaker: Olympian Belinda White
Olympian Belinda White started her career in T-Ball and at the age of nine she transitioned to the game of Softball, playing for the mighty Sturt Falcons. Now, she is the current A Grade Captain and Assistant Coach, has played Semi Pro in Italy and the Netherlands, and represented both South Australia and Australia at four World Softball



Championships! The pinnacle of her career however has been representing the Aussie Spirit Softball Team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Mr Phillips hosted an awesome Q+A session with Bel on stage where she offered some fantastic insight into her sporting journey and some handy advice for our students.

"Yes, I have wanted to give up at times! There are days that are not easy and times when you doubt yourself, but I live for my teammates. Their success makes me work harder because I want them to do well." - Bel said.

Thank you to Bel for being our special guest presenter in 2021 - I am sure many of our young athletes are reflecting on the things you spoke about and are hopeful to one day represent their state and country like you have.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our dedicated coaches who continue to go above and beyond for our students, and without them we wouldn't be able to be represented in the wide array of sports that we do. The success of all our Gleeson sporting teams would not be achieved if it wasn't for the outstanding commitment and dedication displayed week-in, week-out by our students, coaches, parents, and teachers. So, to everyone that participated, organised and facilitated within our Sport Program, we thank you.

Rachel Staffin,
Sports Development Coordinator

AFL/AFLW Football

Typically, Gleeson is known as a 'soccer school' amongst our opposition, but our students managed to push that stereotype aside and unite to continue the success of both our AFLW Wednesday Girls team, as well as our Saturday Morning Boys team. Whilst the season started out shaky for the boys, they managed to unite and play for each other which expanded the original 13 core players to a group of 18 strong. We finished the season with five wins and five losses, but I know we have found a new heart amongst this group of boys that shows that sport can unite all. The Girls AFLW Team continues to grow in strength.

Coaches Mr Simon Barratt and Mr Chad Schoenmakers have driven the attributes that were set with the 2020 Open Girls State Champions to the new crop of Middle Girls AFLW players. These girls play strong and controlled football, and that has helped develop and grow over the AFLW Program. The girls finished runners up in a well contested final to finish their season.

We can't wait to see where AFL and AFLW will go from here at Gleeson.

Middle Girls AFLW (Coaches: Mr Simon Barratt, Mr Chad Schoenmakers, Maddi Nenke, Abby Taverner)
MVP: Charlee Brooksby
Gleeson 10: Alana Zummo
One Heart: Laura Wilson

Middle Boys AFL (Coaches: Mr Lachlan Holt, Aidan Thatcher + Zach Wallace)
MVP: Matt LeRay

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Gleeson 10: Sawyer Smith
One Heart: Kai Williams

Badminton + Tennis

Both Badminton and Tennis here at the College have gathered quite the following! When Tennis almost didn't have the numbers this term, the committed members of the Middle Tennis team gathered and rallied the troops to ensure that I would nominate a team. The students have been fantastic as they have grown and developed their Tennis game each week. Badminton has also flourished in 2021 with the added weekly challenge of who will be 'king of the court'! Old Scholar Michigan San Juan has bought in some interesting new training drills to which the team responded well and continued to show steady improvement in their overall performance each week.

Middle Tennis (Coach: Mr Josh Lamb)

MVP: Mercedes Bates
Gleeson 10: Tristan Garcia
One Heart: Adam Urbaniak

Mixed Badminton (Coaches: Mr Chad Schoenmakers + Michigan San Juan)

MVP: Jonte Russian
Gleeson 10: Finn Russian
One Heart: Tomasz Redel + Thuan Pham

Open Girls Badminton (Coach: Michigan San Juan)

MVP: Monique Barber
Gleeson 10: Madison Celles
One Heart: An Thien Pham + Andrea Calunod



Basketball

Basketball continues to grow and develop with more students getting involved each year. Our teams were all coached by previous Gleeson players and now Old Scholars. This shows the fantastic culture that Basketball is creating for our students.

Jana Ivancic coached both our Year 7 Boys Team and our Open Girls Team and brought some fantastic plays that the boys helped name and try in their games. It was wonderful to see them apply their practice to their games. Our Middle Boys, who trained with the Open

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Boys under Nicolas Logan and Marcus Petts, all showed wonderful composure and the final game of the season saw these two teams play off against each other for some school rivalry! The Middle Boys held their own and all students had a fantastic season.

Senior Boys Basketball

(Coach: Marcus Petts)

MVP: Jordan Deery

Gleeson 10: Ben McGregor

One Heart: Brandon Hendricks

Middle Boys Basketball

(Coach: Nic Logan)

MVP: Thomas Glenn

Gleeson 10: Lincoln Weniton

One Heart: Daniel Altieri

Year 7 Boys Basketball

(Coach: Jana Ivancic)

MVP: Caleb Hendricks

Gleeson 10: Aidan Kendall + Zak Dimasi

One Heart: Mitchell Sobczak

Open Girls Basketball

(Coach: Jana Ivancic)

MVP: Ella Krieg

Gleeson 10: Charlotte Duncan

One Heart: Emma Prince

Netball

The Specialist Netball Program was fortunate enough to have the guidance of Tilly Garrett and Sammy Gooden from the Adelaide Thunderbirds in 2021, and the students were blessed to be able to learn so much from sessions with the girls, as well as the intensive days that allowed some cross-campus competition. Netball has again continued to grow and move from strength to strength. The Year 7 SAPSASA Carnival saw our first boys team entered and also saw both the girls and the boys bring home a trophy! Our students have developed both their confidence in umpiring and coaching also as this was seen through the many student volunteers for carnivals this year.

Growth from the program has been seen in the Saturday morning program through the success of each team in 2021 finishing within the top three places of their competition, and more teams than normal. For several students, they experienced the nerves

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of a finals game for the first time this year as all Saturday Netball teams played off in the final series. We are looking forward to this growth continuing in 2022 with record Year 7 numbers in our specialist program.

Year 10 Girls Netball
 (Coaches: Amy Scragg + Eliza Dodson)
 MVP: Grace Souter
 Gleeson 10: Emilia Gill
 One Heart: Mercedes Bates

Year 9 Girls Netball
 Coach: Madeline Scherer)
 MVP: Amara Quinn
 Gleeson 10: Amara Cichon
 One Heart: Catherine Reiman

Year 8 Girls Netball
 Coach: Miss Olivia Keatch)
 MVP: Daniella Michael
 Gleeson 10: Clare Smith
 One Heart: Savannah Roach

Year 7/8 Girls Netball
 (Coach: Ms Amy Gaedtko)
 MVP: Poppy Davis
 Gleeson 10: Chelsea Perks
 One Heart: Emily Faggotter

Year 7 Team Netball
 (Coaches: Taylor + Alicia Malatesta)
 MVP: Sophie Chessman
 Gleeson 10: Tyra Burns
 One Heart: Tayla Beck-Mysko



Soccer

2021 was a very exciting year for our Middle School Saturday morning Soccer boys. It included a hybrid of teams to strengthen the squads and provide flexibility to play with a range of players from Years 7-9. This provided an opportunity for all students to develop their skills further under the guidance of their coaches to play high quality games with a mixture of players.

Both the Maroon and White team were competitive throughout the season with the Maroon team only losing one game. This was a testament to the hard work completed throughout the semester working with specialist coach Marcos Flores and the players ability to build on their skills from last year. The White team were consistent as they came up against much larger opponents, but despite this, were able

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to outplay most teams through their effective possession and ability to work collectively as a team.

The talent displayed by these boys was a joy to watch every week, their technique, game sense, and overall playing ability improved each week, leading to a very successful final week where both teams were successful in winning their final game. Overall, a massive thank you must be extended to all the coaches who helped facilitate each team, and their families for their efforts in getting the boys up each Saturday morning and supporting them throughout each game, it's very much appreciated. A final thanks to the Middle School boys who made the coaches job an easy one with the amount of talent within the group. I look forward to going again next year and seeing this group continue to develop.

First XI Soccer

(Coaches: Mr Josh Lamb + Jack Ward)

MVP: Cameron Tompkins

Gleeson 10: Jonathon Ierace

One Heart: Keegan Mitchell

Open Girls Soccer (Coach: Taylor Fiorita)

MVP: Natalie Librandi + Alana

Fitzsimmons

Gleeson 10: Alana Zummo

One Heart: Ella Greaves

Middle Boys Soccer A Grade

(Coaches: Ricky Matias + Mr Josh Lamb)

MVP: Kaelan Laird

Gleeson 10: Anthony Fiala

One Heart: Marcel Ghanem

Middle Boys Soccer B Grade (Coaches:

Peter Librino + Bailey Pannone)

MVP: Angus Pevreal

Gleeson 10: Cameron Bowden

One Heart: Nash Pedley

Volleyball

Volleyball has seen the biggest growth of all sports this year. We have had the continued development of our two Senior Girls teams, as well as our Middle

Girls team. However, Term 4 saw the introduction of a Year 7 Girls team and a Middle School Boys team that played on Friday afternoons. I have personally been involved with all these teams either through running their trainings



or coaching and I must say it was a highlight every week. The smile on the faces of players in our Year 7 Girls side, the team spirit and camaraderie as one player scored a point, to the ultra-competitive Senior teams that love any opportunity to win in a game, even just at training.

Our Volleyball teams have been in the safe hands of Mr Simon Barratt, Miss Daniella Minniti, Miss Kerri-Anne Freeth and GC Old Scholars Emily Carden, Eliza Dodson and Alicia Malatesta. Thank you to all of you and I look forward to seeing the continued success of our Volleyball teams in 2022 and beyond!

Open Girls Volleyball 1

(Coach: Ms Kerri-Anne Freeth)

MVP: Paige McLachlan

Gleeson 10: Nicole Mifsud

One Heart: Monique Barber

Open Girls Volleyball 2

(Coach: Ms Daniella Minniti)

MVP: Amy Tschina

Gleeson 10: Poppy Davis

One Heart: Scarlett Hatchard



Middle Girls Volleyball 1

(Coach: Mr Simon Barratt)

MVP: Clare Smith

Gleeson 10: Imogen Gill

One Heart: Savannah Roach

Middle Girls Volleyball 2 (Coaches: Eliza

Dodson + Alicia Malatesta)

MVP: Stacey Cupido

Gleeson 10: Caleigh Sublin

One Heart: Hala Giangregorio

Middle Boys Volleyball

(Coaches: Rachel Staffin + Emily Carden)

MVP: Luke Stewart

Gleeson 10: Aidan Stanley

One Heart: Harrison Pfeiffer

GLEESON YEAR 7 TEAM WIN CESA STEM MAD COMPETITION!

During Term 2, STEM Society students participated in a unique competition held by the Catholic Education Department to create a product, innovation, or model to help those in need. We previously presented the outstanding results of two Gleeson College, STEM Society teams making the state finals. Mr Puttnins and I have the joy of sharing the fantastic news that our Year 7 team consisting of Aidan T, Christian L and Sebastian N are the state winners of the competition!

The Showcase, held on September 22, consisted of six Catholic schools that shared their student designs which provided innovative solutions to real-world problems using Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. This STEM application allowed students to problem solve, build, and modify their designs with the altruistic aim of helping those in need. The teams were required to present a short video along with a pitch to promote their creation.

According to Melanie O’Leary, CESA’s Learning and Curriculum Middle Years Team Advisor, ‘We are confident that the world is in the hands and minds of young people who are deeply critical thinkers, who are creative and have the ability to collaborate with others. You



are able to think morally, ethically and globally, and you are the young people who are going to be our next leaders, and this is a truly marvellous thing.”

We’re elated for the National finals taking place next week on November 16 and proud of all the students who have

taken the time and shown commitment to engage with this meaningful extra-curricular STEM activity aimed at Making A Difference to those in need.

Melissa O’Loughlin,
Science & STEM Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GLEESON COLLEGE STAFF

GLEESON ACTING MANAGER OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MR TOM DAWSON PRESENTED EARLY CAREER EDUCATOR AWARD ON WORLD TEACHER’S DAY!

We would like to proudly acknowledge Mr Tom Dawson for this special award presented by Educators SA in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the teaching profession in South Australia! *Well done Tom!*



GLEESON SCIENCE LEADERS HOST LIVE VR WEBINAR FOR EDUTECH!

Congratulations to our Science Learning Leader, Mr Jason Puttnins, and Science & STEM Coordinator, Mrs Melissa O’Loughlin, for hosting an amazing live webinar on Virtual Reality in schools for EduTech recently! Jason and Melissa spoke about the many engaging ways we have used the kit to enhance learning across our curriculum. The pair were also recently formally invited to present at the Melbourne Convention Centre in August 2022! *Well done!*

WATCH THE LIVE WEBINAR VIDEO >

‘Virtual Reality in Schools: What is possible?’

<https://youtu.be/7kGGZ0xOcjI>



LEARNER CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE LEARNER PROFILE

Throughout 2021 Gleeson College have immersed, embedded and fore fronted CESA's Living, Learning Leading framework.

Student engagement with the Key Capabilities was shared with families on Tuesday with our Learner Conversations taking place. Student-led learner conversations are incredibly purposeful, challenging students to reflect on their learning experiences in and out of the classroom, and to communicate the features of this learning to their family members and a teacher.

Our middle school students shared their individual learner profiles and evidenced assessment pieces showcasing how they have developed their Key Capabilities throughout the year. Our 2021 Learner Profile has evolved this year to reflect more aspects of student development including badges to recognise student embodiment of the Gleeson 10.

Staff were impressed by the students' preparation and ability to articulate who they are as learners, their strengths and the goals they are setting for themselves in 2022.

We thank you all for your attendance and support of this work.

Kate Morgante,
Assistant Principal Teaching
& Learning



A SPECTACULAR SHOWCASE OF GLEESON PERFORMING ARTS TALENT!

2021 ARTS EVENING

GG Arts Centre, Thursday 28 October

Our talented Gleeson College performing artists put on a spectacular showcase in front of a full house at our 2021 Arts Evening held in the Golden Grove Arts Centre on Thursday 28 October!

This year's theme was centred around our 'Year of Service' and each music, dance and drama performance incorporated aspects of this.

Bravo to Gleeson College Arts Leader Mrs Carly Meakin and her amazing team of dedicated staff and students!

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ARTS EVENING 2021 > PHOTO GALLERY



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GC STUDENTS NAMED SAATI DANTE ALIGHIERI COMPETITION WINNERS!

The year 2021 marks the 700th anniversary of the death of the great Italian writer Dante Alighieri, author of The Divine Comedy. To celebrate, a competition was held inviting Italian classes to create an artistic piece that captures the spirit of Dante Alighieri and reflects the ideas and themes of his masterpiece La Divina Commedia/ The Divine Comedy.



Who is Dante? He was born in Florence Italy in 1265. Growing up his love of literature developed at an early age and lead him to study poetry, culture and politics, all of which inspired him to pursue his own writing career.

Dante Alighieri wrote the famous Divina Commedia, which takes the reader on an imaginary journey through Hell, into Purgatory and finally Heaven. It is considered one of the most renowned works of world literature. Dante Alighieri is also considered to be the father of the Italian language.

Our challenge was to take this epic piece written 700 years ago and connect it to our own lives today. After looking into the Divina Commedia, we related Inferno/Hell to be the darkness in our lives and world. Purgatorio/ Purgatory a time to reflect on who we are and transform into who we want to be. Paradiso/Paradise is leading our lives here on Earth creating a world of peace, harmony and respect.

The competition entitled Dante: La storia infinita - "La Divina Commedia" ieri, oggi e domani focused on The Divine Comedy as a story that is infinita/timeless even after 700 years and just as it was relevant ieri/ yesterday, it is oggi/today and will be domani/tomorrow.

The Year 7 classes created a piece that captured 'The many shades of life' and reflected Dante's philosophy about life in general. The students worked together and created a poster that took the very current concept of memes and related these to Dante's views on life.

Year 9 students focused on 'Dante through the ages' and explored The

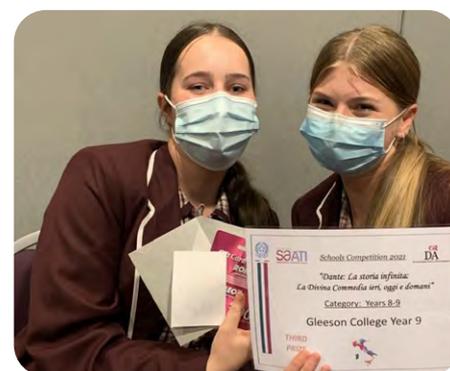


Seven Deadly Sins from the Divina Commedia. They created an artistic piece that highlighted how the choices we make in our lives can impact ourselves and the world we live in.

Our entries in the competition won third prize. This is a fantastic achievement as many State and Catholic schools across Adelaide were involved. On Thursday 21 October, Year 7 students Archie Hugo and Lorelai Buckley, and Year 9 students Giselle Dawson and Skye Sandford, represented Gleeson College at the Awards Ceremony receiving certificates and prizes!

Congratulazioni Ragazzi!

Sandra Zaccagnini,
Acting Languages Learning Area Leader
+ Year 9 Italian Teacher



TRANSITION DAY VIBES > WELCOME TO OUR 2022 YEAR 7 + 8s!

TRANSITION DAYS

Tuesday 2 Nov. + Thursday 4 Nov.

Last week we hosted two Transition Day experiences for students starting at Gleeson in Year 7 + Year 8 in 2022!

Our newest Gleeson members immersed themselves energetically in all sessions and loved the hands-on snapshot lessons!

A big thank you to our amazing Middle School Student Leaders for their wonderful support and guidance on these special transition days - it is so greatly valued by our Gleeson Community! **#withoneheart**



TRANSITION DAY THOMAS LIBRARY SPEED DATING!

Thomas Library Staff were in our best dressed for Melbourne Cup day, and more importantly to welcome our new Year 7 and 8 students on their Transition Day on Tuesday 2 November!

We introduced our newest Gleeson students to our Thomas Library space. We discussed the best ways to choose a book and then students were able to view our new books and judge what they thought were the best covers and titles.

Thank you to Ms Jessica McCarthy and Mrs Jan Fuller for their assistance running this session.

Milinda DeConno,
Thomas Library Teacher Librarian



GLEESON + CROWS AFC STEM FOOTY TEAM UP FOR SCIENCE ALIVE!



ADELAIDE SHOWGROUND
Saturday 20 + Sunday 21 November
Science Alive Adelaide is just one week away - mark your calendar!

Gleeson College has teamed up with Crows AFC STEM Footy to co-host an event at Science Alive 2021 and we are keenly inviting our families to visit us at **Stall 102** (located near the drones, VR and combat robots!). A team of our STEM students will be on duty over the weekend to help the public make and code their own Micro:bit pedometer - how exciting! It will be an entertaining day where you'll meet Crows AFLW players, Claude the Crow and have the opportunity to win your own Micro:bit kit.

It will be a stellar event with spectacular shows, interactive exhibits, crazy challenges and overall, it will be an enjoyable day to discover science and how it influences our everyday lives. We look forward to seeing you there, so make sure you say hi when you visit!

Melissa O'Loughlin,
 Science & STEM Coordinator

Click here for more info >
<https://www.sciencealive.net.au/>



TEA TREE GULLY DISTRICT SAPSASA TEAMS CROWNED STATE CHAMPS! CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 7S DECLAN CORBY (CRICKET DIV. 4) + JOSEPH NAK (TENNIS DIV. 2)



Congratulations to **Declan Corby (7 HMHLT)** and the TTG District Cricket Team who were crowned winners of Division 4 at the 2021 State SAPSASA Championships last week!



Congratulations to **Joseph Nak (7 HMKEA)** and the TTG District Tennis Team who were crowned winners of Division 2 at the 2021 State SAPSASA Championships held this week!

YEAR 7 + YEAR 11 BUDDY PROGRAM > PREPARING FOR LEARNER CONVOS

On Friday of Week 4, the Year 11 members of the Buddy Program supported their Year 7 peers to prepare for their Learner Conversations, which were on the horizon at the time.

The session saw the Year 11s gather with their groups and conduct a series of simple interviews to ease any nerves while building capacity in our young people to speak about their learner style, their particular skills and their areas of growth, with connection to actual evidence which can be demonstrated in their learning this year. Coinciding with the first Buddy Program session of Term 4, this also gave a great opportunity for many of the groups to work outside on a perfect Spring morning, which further facilitated conversation as it offered a greater sense of groups independence.

Throughout the year, our Year 7s have connected their learning and assessment to the Catholic Education South Australia Key Capabilities, which forms part of the Living Learning Leading Framework. This encourages our students to not just think about their work as something that achieves a letter-grade, but rather, something that builds their capacity as talented young people who are thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. This means that they reflect on their ability to communicate in



different ways, or that they consider how they can be creative in their use of ICT to convey their learning. For others, this framework encourages them to consider how they work well with their peers to achieve a better result, or how their learning reaches beyond their local realm by considering their learning with a global or multicultural sense.

As this kind of personal reflection is a challenging skill to master, yet, a vital capacity for future-ready citizens, our Year 11s guided the Year 7s through

different interview questions to prepare for their Learner Conversations with their families and their teachers. Some questions prompted the younger members to identify and discuss with their buddies their strengths and weaknesses as indicated in their learner profile. Others sought evidence from their work that show connection between the Key Capabilities and their assignments to prompt future growth and development. Some questions encouraged the Year 7s to examine their report cards to explore strengths and weaknesses and strategise ways to grow, while other questions enticed personalised goals for next year and beyond.

The fruits of this session were noted in the Week 5 Learner Conversations, where our Year 7s were well-prepared and articulate in their discussion of their learning capacity.

With reflection being a fundamental component of personal learning and independent growth, we hope the youngest members of the Gleeson community continue to exercise this practice into the future, while possibly inspiring their Year 11 peers to act similarly as they prepare for their final year of secondary schooling.

Josh Boden,
Damiani Senior School House Leader



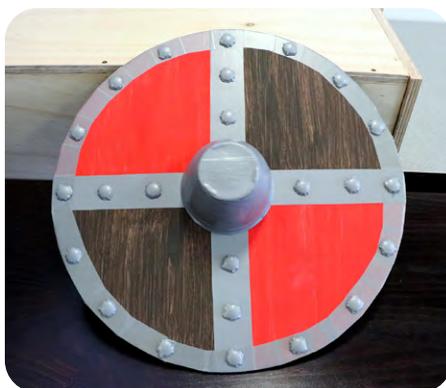
YEAR 8 DRAMA STUDENTS TRAVEL BACK IN TIME!

Over the last three weeks, students in Year 8 Drama have been travelling back in time to research various eras of theatre.

The students got to choose the era they wanted to research and were given probing questions to help with their discoveries. Through that research, students were to produce a product that reflected an aspect of their chosen theatre era. There were a range of products like: Minecraft amphitheatres, paper and paper Mache masks, drawings, props, and model theatres.

The students enjoyed learning about the different aspects of their chosen eras and their involvement throughout was showcased through their PowerPoints of information and their creative products.

Amy Gaedtke,
 Year 8 Drama Teacher



YEAR 8 ITALIAN STUDENTS HEAD TO ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 26 October, Year 8 Italian students were fortunate enough to attend an important event for the Italian-Australian community, the annual St. Ali Italian Film Festival! As well as having the opportunity to immerse in the Italian language and culture right here in their hometown, they watched a film that will form part of their final summative assessment for the year.

Year 8 student Amelia Feltrin from Professoressa Emanuele-Deeprose recounted a little about the film, as well as the excursion experience itself, and various students from Professoressa Ditroia's class also gave their positive comments about the experience (see below). Grazie a Professoressa Zaccagnini, Acting Leader of Languages and Cultural Programs, for organising this wonderful experience for our students!

Antonia Ditroia,
Year 8 Italian Teacher

Student Reflections >

“When Mum is away...with the Family” was an entertaining Christmas-themed movie based on the misadventures of the Rovelli family. Carlo (Fabio De Luigi) and Guilia (Valentina Lodovini) are dealing with the division of tasks within the family. Guilia has started working again and it has become Carlo who takes care of the children and performs daily tasks tending to the house and community. Just as he decides to start working again, Guilia reveals she is up for a promotion that involves moving from Italy to Sweden. Carlo comes up with an idea to bring out the old campervan and drag the family on an adventurous journey to the North to spend Christmas together. But this road trip will not go as planned, a hilarious encounter with Santa Claus (Diego Abatantuono) makes the trip unforgettable.

We began with a 35-minute bus ride into the city. Once arriving on the outskirts of Rundle Mall, the students enjoyed a self-supplied recess before walking towards the theatre. We entered the Palace Nova Cinemas at 10am and were greeted by friendly



staff. The movie was viewed in Cinema 4 and we enjoyed the relief of no advertisements before the movie commenced. The cinema was shared with Valley View High who were all very courteous. “When Mum is away...with the family” Went for 1 hour and 40 minutes and as the movie the finished the students exited the cinema and returned back to school via bus.”
- Amelia Feltrin (8 MMBAR)

“I liked how we had the opportunity to go outside of school rather than just watching it at school it was a good experience. and it gave us the opportunity to watch a new movie that i have never seen before and she hoe movies are in different countries.”
- Lily Simpson (8 HMKEA)

“The excursion was a great experience because we got to be with the rest of the Italian classes and learn more about the Italian language. The movie had a lot of comedy in it which was what made it interesting.”
- Amelie Rogers (8 FMHER)

“I enjoyed the change in environment of being outside of school, in a movie theatre in the city. It was a fun change that also helped me learn about Italian Christmas traditions.”
- Jake Ciotti (8 MMBAR)

“I enjoyed visiting the cinema because it was the first time I’ve been in there. I liked the experience and watching the movie with friends.”
- Jordan Musolino (8 DMCUR)

“I enjoyed going into the city with all the Italian classes and watching a movie at an actual cinema rather than in class, I also like meeting up with some of my friends that were in different classes then me and I also enjoyed just relaxing instead of having to work while watching a movie.”
- Cristian Ennis (8 HMEMA)

“I liked that I was able to hang out with people from different classes and sit with them during the movie. It was nice to get out and go somewhere with half the grade.”
- Shanae Dowling (8 HMKEA)

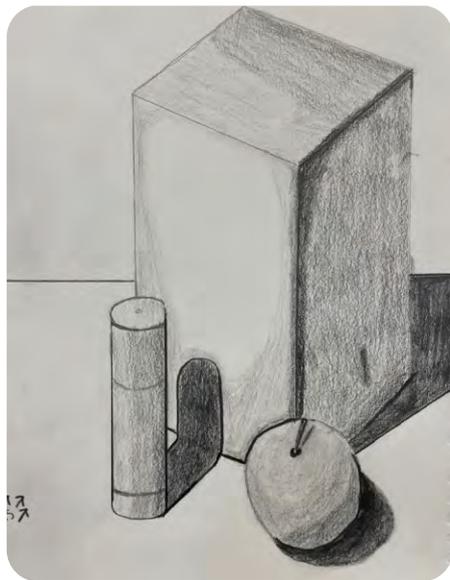
YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTISTS APPLY TONE TO STILL LIFE DRAWING

As part of the Year 8 Visual Art course, students learn about one of the art elements “Tone”.

Tone refers to the relative lightness or darkness of a colour. Students were asked to put together a still life consisting of three found objects. They were required to draw the objects, then use the tonal application skills learnt throughout the term to apply tone.

Here are a few examples of the exceptional talents of our current Year 8 Visual Art students!

Evelina Condo,
 Key Teacher Visual Arts



YEAR 9 ITALIAN > MAKING HOMEMADE CAVATELLI AT MERCATO!



To mark the beginning of the 2021 Adelaide Italian Festival, our Year 9 Italian students went to Mercato to experience the Italian language and culture, through food, cooking and shopping! Students learned the art of making homemade pasta (cavatelli) from Mercato's expert teachers, and then enjoyed eating the fruits of their labour for lunch!

Sandra Zaccagnini,
Acting Languages Learning Area Leader
+ Year 9 Italian Teacher

From November 12-21, Adelaide will come to life with all things Italian from Pasta Master Classes, Art Exhibitions, Bocce Sessions and an Italian Car Rally.

Click on the following link for more information about the Adelaide Italian Festival starting today >
<https://adelaideitalianfestival.com.au/events-new/>

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YEAR 10 CHILD STUDIES CLASS LEADS INTERACTIVE STORYTIME AT SFX



Ms Cooke and Miss Curtis's Year 10 Child Studies classes have been busy creating toys to accompany popular children's books.

For the past six weeks students have been working through the design process investigating, planning, generating, and evaluating the process. Every student was allocated a popular children's book and was required to create a toy that supported the storytelling of the book.

Our aim was to use toys and play to further engage the reception students at SFX in reading/storytime. Storytelling opens children's minds, allowing them to be more creative and imaginative.

Storytelling also provides the opportunity for children to learn more vocabulary and more about the world around them. Everyone was very creative in making their toys and were required to keep an up-to-date folio outlining the processes involved.

The students at SFX loved spending time with our Year 10 students and all enjoyed playing with their creations. We would like to personally thank SFX Teachers Selina Barona & Karen Luhrs for providing us with the opportunity to share with their classes.

**Ms Madeline Cooke & Miss Ashlee Curtis,
Year 10 Child Studies Teachers**



YEAR 11 BIO. ACCELERATED STUDENTS PERFORM KIDNEY DISECTION

On Thursday 21 October, the Year 10 Stage 1 Biology Class completed a kidney dissection as a part of their unit on Multicellular Organisms. The students were given lamb kidneys to dissect. This was not only engaging but provided a great learning experience that developed their understanding of the organ and the excretory system.

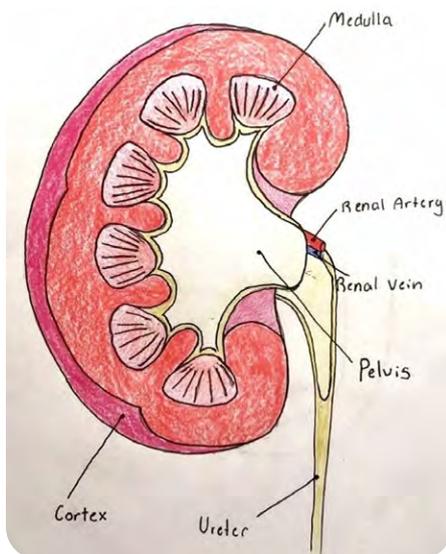
Students cut the kidneys in half and laid the two sides on the cutting board to see the inside of it, where they were able to identify features such as the cortex, medulla, pelvis, and ureter. Many students took the opportunity to dissect the kidney further to look for the veins and arteries to better comprehend the function of the kidney, which was used to help them prepare for an upcoming test on the body systems. The dissection enabled students to think critically on how to approach it and find the best way to cut the kidney for the best point of view of the inside of the kidney.

All students loved the dissection as an interactive practical and welcomed switch up from theory work because they could apply their knowledge of the kidney to dissection.

One of the kidneys had a membrane still attached to the outside, so one of the students carefully removed it using a pair of tweezers and scissors to keep it intact. Additionally, some of the ureters had not been cut off by the butcher; this is not often seen, so it was a fantastic learning experience.

So far this semester, the accelerated class has focused on Cells, Multicellular Organisms and are currently learning about Infectious Diseases. They have actively taken to the challenge of completing a Stage 1 subject in Year 10 through their high work ethic, class contributions and conversations, as well as an overall positive classroom environment.

Ms Renee Simanis,
Year 11 Biology Teacher +
the Year 10 Stage 1 Biology Class

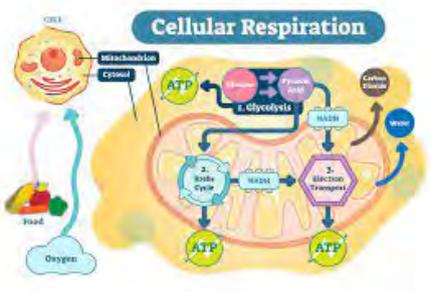


YEAR 11 BIOLOGY STUDENTS EXPLORE CELLULAR RESPIRATION



This Semester, the Stage 1 Accelerated Biology Class has been studying cellular respiration as well as the different organ systems of multicellular organisms; predominately the human respiratory system.

To further support their understanding of the topic, the class conducted a short practical to investigate what factors can affect lung capacity. To do so, a few students from the class were selected to exhale as much air as possible into a balloon at once and quickly seal the balloon. The diameter of the balloon was then measured and converted into volume - the larger the volume of the balloon, the higher the vital lung capacity of the participant. Factors such as age, gender, height, and level of physical activity of the participant were taken into consideration to determine which factor had the largest influence on the results, which was discovered to be the level of physical activity the participant regularly engages in.



ACCELERATED SUBJECT AT YEAR 10

Overall, the practical was fun and simple, yet beneficial activity for the students to test their vital lung capacity and to apply the knowledge they have been learning in class and put it into practice.

Ms Renee Simanis,
Year 11 Biology Teacher +
the Year 10 Stage 1 Biology Class

EARLY OFFICE CLOSURE

GC FAMILIES PLEASE NOTE...
Gleeson College Reception, Thomas Library + Student Services will close early at **3.20pm** on **Friday 19 November.**

Gleeson College Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021

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We are now collecting non-perishable food items and gifts to help make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our local and wider community. Please drop donations in your Care Group basket or at Reception!



STAGE 1 CHILD STUDIES STUDENTS HOST NATURE PLAY AT SFX!



This term the Stage 1 Child Studies class have been learning about the importance of nature play as there are increasing concerns about the disconnection between children and nature. This can cause negative consequences for children's long-term health and wellbeing due to sedentary technology experiences and lack of time for unstructured outdoor play.

For this topic, students had to perform an investigation into nature play and its positive effects on a child's development. The class learnt that outdoor play in nature offers many benefits, including opportunities to learn physical and social skills, learning how to manage risks and forming a respect for nature. From this research, the class then formed groups to plan, prepare and run an activity session with a group of Year 2 children at St Francis Xavier's Catholic School (SFX). The class enjoyed the opportunity to put their new knowledge into practice through a practical and real-life setting. Many thanks to Vanessa Marusic and her Year 2 class for allowing us to visit.

Ashlee Curtis,
Year 11 Child Studies Teacher



2021 STAGE 2 VISUAL ART/DESIGN + DESIGN TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Gleeson College held our 2021 Stage 2 Visual Arts (Art & Design) and Design & Technology Exhibition in the Lowes Study Hall on Tuesday 26 October.

We were exposed to a fantastic range of artistic work produced by our Year 12 Art and Design, as well as the craftsmanship of the Design Technology students. Creative and varied, the practical pieces showcased some of the exceptional talent we have here at Gleeson. The Year 12 Art and Design students focused on their own pursuits across a wide range of fields. The art work covered a range of themes, styles, and media including water colour, pens, oil and acrylic paint, graphite and coloured pencils and mixed media. The Design work focused mainly around branding and Identity packages, promoting businesses and advertising. Overall, it was an exceptional evening!

We wish all the Stage 2 Visual Arts and Design Technology Students all the best and hope the skills and knowledge gained from these areas will help them in their future careers.

"Don't think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if its good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art." - Andy Warhol

Evelina Condo,
Visual Arts Key Teacher

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2021 STAGE 2 VISUAL ART/DESIGN + DESIGN TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR RELAY FOR LIFE 2022?

Early next year, Gleeson College will be taking part in the 22nd Adelaide Relay for Life. To begin preparation for the 2022 event, the first student meeting took place on Friday of Week 4, and already there is strong support and interest from Senior school students!

The 2022 Cancer Council Relay for Life event will be occurring over the weekend of Saturday April 9th – Sunday April 10, the end of Week 10 Term 1. For the past 10 years Gleeson College has offered this opportunity to our Year 11 and 12 students and this will again be the case next year. Our past success with this event has been acknowledged on a much wider scale in the community of Adelaide, with Gleeson College being awarded the perpetual trophy in 2020 as the highest fundraising school at the annual Adelaide event, where we raised over \$13,000. As a school, we have raised funds totalling well over \$150,000 since we began our partnership with Relay for Life, which brings great pride to our community.

Relay for Life is a community event where students participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council SA. The event brings the community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance. The 2022 Adelaide Relay for Life will be held at SA Athletics



Stadium, Mile End (formerly SANTOS Stadium), taking place between 2pm Saturday afternoon and 9am Sunday morning.

Relay for Life offers an inclusive way for our senior students to engage with the Catholic ethos of the College through an active and enjoyable outreach opportunity that is undertaken in the service of others. In preparation to this, our students (and involved members of staff) actively raise funds in the fight against cancer. All funds are utilised by Cancer Council SA to conduct research, to provide life-saving medical support and to aid those battling cancer. With

cancer impacting each and every one of us in one capacity or another, it is not surprising that this event is well supported by our students.

For students who have not yet registered their interest, but would like to be involved, please contact Mr Boden, or collect a student registration form from Student Services. Likewise, keep watching this space and the Gleeson College social media pages as we count down to the event for opportunities to support and donate as well.

Josh Boden,
Damiani Senior School House Leader



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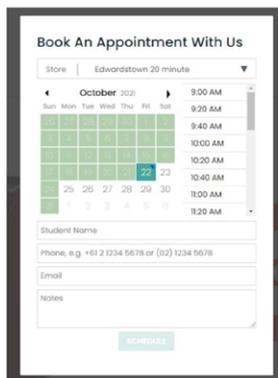
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2021 Gleeson Diary Dates



Term 4 2021

- 15 Nov Year 8 HPV Immunisation Dose #2
- 16 College Tour, 9.15am
- 17 Year 11 SWOT Vac
- 18 VIP College Tour for SFX Families, 9.15am
VIP Principal's Info Session for Saint David's Families, 5pm
- 18 - 24 Year 11 Exams
- 22 - 26 Year 10 Exams
- 23 Year 12 Graduation > Sunnybrae Estate, 6.30pm for 7pm start**
- 24 Middle School Splash Carnival, TTG Waterworld
- 25 VIP College Tour for Saint David's Families, 9.15am
- 25 - 26 Year 12 Workshops (2022)
- 1 Dec 2021 Presentation Evening > DRMC, 6.30pm for a 7pm start
FINAL DAY OF TERM 4 2021**

Term 1 2022

- 31 Jan FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2022 FOR YEAR 7 + YEAR 12 STUDENTS**
- 1 Feb FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2022 FOR YEAR 8-11 STUDENTS**

GC FAMILIES **FINAL DATE FOR 2021 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION**

The final date to submit your 2021 SA Government School Card application is 19th November 2021.

Information on eligibility criteria and application forms can be accessed at the Gleeson website: <https://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/college-fees.html>

Please contact the Gleeson College Finance Team if you require any further information.

Cindy Jones,
Senior Finance Administrator

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