



Newsletter July, 2009

From the Principal's desk:

We are a year on from the sad passing of our founding benefactor, Mr. Arshak Galstaun. On August 9, 2008 we were given the sad news that Mr. Galstaun had passed away, after a short illness. In the coming week, there will be two occasions where our college community and the Sydney Armenian community will have the opportunity to honour his memory, while we celebrate his life and legacy.

Firstly, following mass at the Armenian Apostolic Church on Sunday 9 August, there will be a requiem service and prayers for the repose of his soul. This will be followed by “hogesoorj” - the serving of coffee and sweets in the church’s Edgarian Hall.

Secondly, there will be a special commemorative assembly for all students and staff at the College on Thursday 13 August commencing at 12 noon. The assembly will be followed by “hogejash” - the serving of food for all the students and staff. I invite all parents and students to join us in remembering our beloved Mr. Galstaun.

For a few years now, I have visited art shows and art exhibitions at a number of schools in Sydney. I had always walked away with the wish that we could do the same at our college. This wish became a reality last weekend when we held the inaugural “Galstaun College Art Exhibition”. The exhibition became an opportunity for us to showcase our college to the local community and also provide a venue for artists to exhibit their works.

The realisation of the exhibition was made possible with the hard work of a number of our students, teachers, support staff and Parents’ Committee. However, the driving force and architect of the entire exhibition was our admin manager, Mrs. Wendy Rangi, ably assisted by the curator, Mrs. Shake` Vartanian. Thank you to all who contributed and made this inaugural art exhibition the success it was.

On a sad note, we will be saying farewell to the college administration manager, Mrs. Wendy Rangi, on Friday ,21 August 2009. After 13 months in the job, Wendy has decided to leave Galstaun College to work on a part time basis.

I regret losing a very competent and dedicated professional who has played a major role in enhancing the services our college administration provides, in the relatively short time she has been with us. I am sure she will be missed.

On behalf of the entire college community, I sincerely thank Wendy for her significant contribution to our college and wish her good health, happiness and every success in all her future endeavours.

Kaylar Michaelian

From Head of College:

During the July holiday break our teachers spent five days in professional development and training.

One of the sessions focusing on Literacy examined the value of summarising as an important strategy in student learning. Teachers explored and discussed different methods of summarizing and noted how individual student's leaning styles could be addressed by using a variety of techniques.

An important outcome of this work is the recognition of current educational research indicating that students learn best when they can annotate and mark their texts and hand-outs with information arising from class discussion.

Text Books

A new system will now be implemented regarding student books, stationary and texts.

In term 4 this year, parents will receive a booklist from the College and a book order form from our preferred supplier, NES Books who will supply students' resource materials at highly competitive prices. Parents will be able to mark the books that they need and send in their order. A complete pack of stationary and text books will be provided to each individual student at the start of Term 1, 2010.

The College SRC will be arranging a secondhand book sale late in Term 4. This will take place before the date by which orders must be submitted to NES Books.

Student Absences

As many of you are aware, our roll call procedures have recently changed and roll call now takes place at the start of first period. Shortly after that time, the Office staff contact parents whose children have been marked absent. **Parents are reminded that if a student will be absent from school, then a call to the office before 9am should be made EACH DAY that the student is absent.**

The Board of Studies has specific requirements for student attendance at school. As an independent school, Galstaun College has holidays that extend beyond the normal state school holidays and which allow plenty of time for overseas travel. Families are strongly encouraged to make travel plans that fit within these holidays, as time away from lessons can severely hamper student academic progress and missing work can result in students losing confidence.

In the event that Parents have no option but to take students away from school during term time, they are advised to write to the College applying for leave as soon as travel dates are confirmed. Early notice is required because sometimes special arrangements have to be made to assist students with assessment tasks and other required activities, or to gather work from teachers.

Carolyn Blanden

Administration Manager's News:

Information and Reminders to all Parents and Students:

- Fathers Day Celebration Dinner @ Nalbandian Hall—Saturday 5 September - 7pm for 7.30pm — Please click on the below link to view the flyer:
http://galstaun.nsw.edu.au/community_noticeboard

- **Galstaun College Art Exhibition**

This was a successful fundraising event for the college. The photos taken during the Cocktail Reception held on Friday 31 July, and over the weekend of 1st and 2nd August, 2009, are on our webpage, please follow the link below. There are also some photos at the bottom of this page for you to view.

http://galstaun.nsw.edu.au/community_noticeboard/10

Galstaun College extends its thanks and gratitude to all who assisted with this fundraising event, including the talented artists, staff, students, Parents' Committee and all support groups.

Artworks were donated by artists to assist in raising additional funds via a raffle, over \$500 was raised on the opening night.

Galstaun College raised over \$2,000 from this event. Thank you for your support.

- Friday 21st August will be my last day in my role as Administration Manager at Galstaun College. I am moving on to pursue other career paths, on a part-time basis. I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and students for their wonderful welcome and continuing support, during my 13 months at your College. I will miss you all.

Wendy Rangi



HASG EVENT CALENDAR—TERM 3

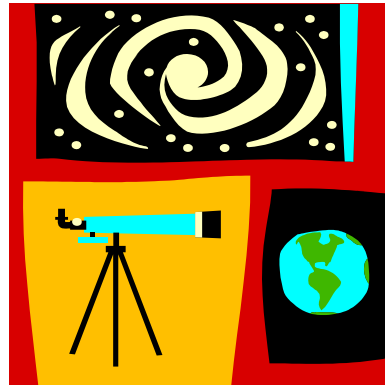
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
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11 Aug	Tuesday	1.15-2.30pm	Grand Final Debate 6 @ HASG	
12 Aug	Weds	2pm – 3pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program—2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
17 Aug	Mon	7.30 pm	Year 10 BoS information evening for Yr 11, 2010	Year 10 parents and teachers JH coordinating @ hall
17 August	Mon	1pm – 3.00pm	Physical Activity & Sports Studies	Years 9 & 10 – Mini putt putt, Narabeen
19 Aug	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
19 Aug	Wed	11am-1pm	Kindy interviews	Venue tba
19 Aug	Wed	TBA	ICAS Mathematics Competition	
24 Aug	Mon	All day	Science Yrs 3-6	
21- 27 August	Fri - Thurs		HSC Trial examination	Year 12
26 Aug		9:30am-11:00am	Book Week Celebration	K-6
26 Aug	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
26 Aug	Wed	9:30-11:00am	Africa Alive: performer Afro Moses	K-6
28 Aug	Fri	7.30pm	Literacy night for parents	@ Kindy block – Armenian classroom
31 Aug	Mon	All day	Science K-Yr2	
31 Aug	Mon	1pm-3pm	Physical Activity & Sports Studies	Years 9 & 10 Zone 3
2 Sept	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
5 Sept	Sat		Y1 South American Night	
8 Sept	Tue		Sports Day – SJS	Yrs 3-6
9 Sept	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
11 Sep	Fri	All Day	Athletics Carnival	Years 3-12
16 Sept	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
23 Sept	Weds	11.30 – 2.15pm	K – Yr 6 Gymnastics Program 2 groups to attend at different times over the program day	Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre
18-24 Sep			Preliminary examination	Year 11
22,23 & 24 Sep			School Certificate trial exams	Year 10
2 Oct	Fri		Last day for Term 3	

Yrs 3 - 6 Science Competition Results:

Credit

Thomas Palat
Aram Nazarian
Alex Shamir



Distinction

Ari Simonian

Well done to these students!

WISE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

You can learn many things from children.
How much patience you have,
for instance.

Student of the Week Term 3, 2009

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Kindy	Damian Kutnuyan				
Year 1	Jack Soghomonian				
Year 2	Caroline Manookian				
Year 3	Anna Berberian				
Year 4	Steven Kechichian				
Year 5	Selin Sarkissian				
Year 6	Rupen Sarkissian				