

2010 STAWELL GIFT LINE HONOURS FOR DALE

Congratulations to talented athlete, Dale Woodhams (2005), who ran 2nd in the 2010 Stawell Gift last month.

Dale ran a time of 12.12 seconds off a 7.25m handicap, for the 120m event, and ran superbly earlier in the meet to also take home the 70m title. These performances saw him win the Eric Cummings Memorial trophy for the best 'Sprinter of the Meet', and in-turn, also an \$8000 cheque for his efforts. Dale is the first South Australian to win the 70m sprint event in over 20 years.

Next on the agenda for Dale is to represent Australia, and we are sure he is well on his way! **Well done Dale - what an amazing achievement! We wish you all the best in your flourishing athletic career.**



Old Scholar, DALE WOODHAMS (in white), finishes 2nd in the 2010 Stawell Gift.

Photo courtesy of The Daily Telegraph newspaper



IT'S BACK TO GLEESON FOR KATE & GRACE!

Old Scholars' Kate Fryer (2004) and Grace Rizzotto (2004) have returned to Gleeson College, this time as teachers! Both were SRC Executives whilst in Year 12 at the College, and now both teach Mathematics, Science and Religious Education to our current cohort of students. *It is wonderful to have former students return to our College Community!*

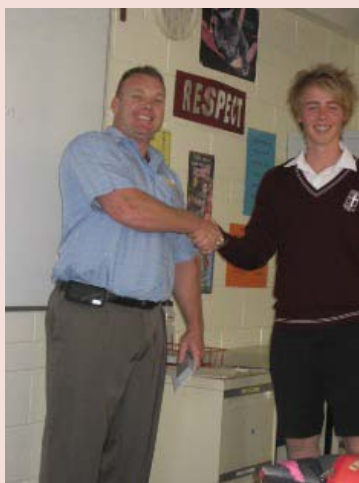


Photo: After reading his Year 10 report comments written by Ms Case and Mr Knight in 1992, Old Scholar, Sam Doman, is thanked by Year 11 student, Bradley Boocock, for his informative visit.

SAM DOMAN SHARES HIS LIFE & WORK JOURNEY WITH YR 11 STUDENTS

A new English course has been added to the curriculum with the new SACE. Stage 1 English Pathways is a course that can be designed to meet the needs of particular groups of students in a school. At Gleeson we have designed a course for students who are aiming to undertake TAFE courses, complete Year 12 or enter the workforce. Many of the students who have chosen this course are already undertaking TAFE courses through VET pathways.

To develop the work capability of students, a guest speaker, **Gleeson Old Scholar, Sam Doman (1993)**, shared his life and work journey with the students. Now working in real estate with Ray White, Sam told the students of the varied work pathway he has taken and how he has overcome many obstacles and setbacks along the way, to establish a good life for himself and his family. His honest and entertaining account of his years at Gleeson and beyond, provided students with useful advice on the role of communication skills in their own pathways.

Helen Gillen,
Key Learning Area Coordinator: English/ Stage 1 English Pathways Teacher



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A Happy New Year to all members of the Gleeson College community. On behalf of the staff, I hope that all families had a wonderful and Holy Christmas and we wish everyone much success and joy throughout 2010 – the twenty second year of Gleeson College.

In 2009, our Stage 2 students achieved a 92% (up by 6% from 2008) pass rate across all subjects (State Average: 89.1%). Merits across 10 subjects were achieved by: Sam Taylor, Jayde Lysy, Daniel Caruana, Samuel Crisp, Yanni Papadopoulos, Nicole Park and Danielle Fuccio. We also had 5 students achieving a TER of 90 or above. Danielle Fuccio was the Dux of the College with a TER of 97.40, followed by Sam Taylor, who achieved a 94.80 TER. *See pg 4&5 for Full Awards Listing.

We acknowledged the academic award winners from the Year 12 2009 cohort at our Academic Assembly on Wednesday 17th February. The College Dux of Year 12, Danielle Fuccio, spoke to the gathering reflecting on her education here at Gleeson. Below is an extract from her speech where Danielle offers some advice to the students about making the most of the many opportunities that are presented to them here at Gleeson and beyond:

“The truth is that the secret to success is not so much a secret. It is the advice that has been presented to you over and over again. You have all the tools you need to succeed here at Gleeson, and your time here is one-hundred percent what you make of it. So I encourage you all to get involved, stay organised, work hard, make sacrifices and enjoy every moment of it. Most importantly, don’t limit your choices to what seems possible or reasonable; instead go confidently in the direction of your dreams.”

Our ‘A’ and ‘B’ results were above the State average, and for a school that does not screen students, the 2009 results indicate a very solid success rate and quality teaching. In 2010, we will continue our high expectations of ourselves and our students in all year levels, so that they can achieve the best possible outcomes.

This year is also a watershed time for Gleeson College as we move into our Vertical House Structure. Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to prepare for our transition to the new structure. Through the Vertical House System, students and staff will work in smaller teams and develop a Pastoral Care system that will raise the students’ sense of identity and belonging.

During Week 1 of this term, I had the pleasure of talking with the House Groups of Gleeson College. I shared with the students a book, “Outliers” by Malcolm Gladwell. The book contains anecdotes, stories and gathered evidence about the key components of successful people in a variety of pursuits from lawyers and sporting elite to technology people like Bill Gates.

The book identified seven characteristics that were common to the success of the people discussed in the book. For the students, I chose to discuss the three common characteristics of success.

The first key characteristic of all the successful people was that at some stage in their lives they were given a gift that they made a real opportunity for themselves.

The second common characteristic was that these people took their gift and embraced it with a positive and proactive attitude.

The third characteristic of the successful people was that they embraced their gift and positive attitude with the best effort they could give. There were no excuses – hard work is required to achieve success. The relevance for students is



that both at school and outside of school they all have gifts and opportunities that are not available to many other students in the world. One specific gift is the level of education our students have that is not available to 80% of children in the world. Our students have a great opportunity to improve themselves and have a fulfilling life.

As parents and educators, our job is to challenge all students to continually improve their level of achievement. In doing so, I hope that students will adopt a positive and proactive attitude and a commitment to hard work.

I pray that God will bless all members of our College, past and present, bring us peace in our lives and guide us as a Catholic Community in our important work throughout 2010. As a staff we began our year praying for peace. The prayer below captures the essence of our liturgy and our hopes for 2010.

**If there is to be peace in the world
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities
There must be peace between
neighbours.
If there is to be peace between
neighbours
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home
There must be peace in the heart.
Lao-Tse,
6th Century Chinese philosopher**

Phil Lewis, Principal

OLD SCHOLAR NEWS



Daniel Centanni (2002) married Katie Campbell on 18th October 2008 and they had their first child, Chloe Victoria Centanni (7 pound 2 oz.), on 23rd October 2009.

Congratulations and best wishes to Daniel & Katie on the birth of Chloe.

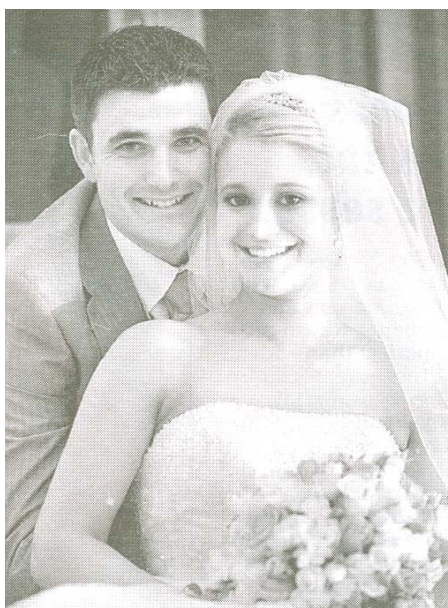
Nathan Spinks (2002) and partner Christina are the proud new parents of a baby boy, Isaiah John, born on the 22nd of January 2010.

Congratulations and best wishes to Nathan & Christina on the birth of Isaiah.



Juliana Cavuoto (2005) graduated from her Bachelor of Education (Primary & Junior Primary) degree earlier this year and has now started a post graduate qualification in Special Education. *Congratulations Juliana on this wonderful achievement.*

Felicia Moore (2005) graduated from her Bachelor of Education degree earlier this year and has now started a post graduate qualification in Special Education. *Congratulations Felicia on this wonderful achievement.*



**Photo courtesy of The Sunday Mail, Adelaide*

Melissa Girke (2005) married Thomas Ainslie at St Laurence's Church in November 2009. After the ceremony, the couple celebrated with family and friends at a reception held at the Old Adelaide Inn.

Congratulations to Melissa & Thomas, and best wishes for the future.

Jessica Zizzo (2005) married fellow Gleeson Old Scholar **Mark Obushak (2005)** at St Laurence's Church late last year. A reception to celebrate with family and friends was held at Next Generation, North Adelaide. *Congratulations to Jessica & Mark, and best wishes for the future.*



**Photo courtesy of The Sunday Mail, Adelaide*



Jane Tonkin (2000) married Dale Gazzard at Rostrevor College Chapel recently. After the ceremony, friends and family enjoyed a reception at Chloe's Restaurant and Function Centre. *Congratulations to Jane & Dale, and best wishes for the future.*

Benjamin Tuckey (1999) married Natalie Luppino at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Prospect recently. Family and friends celebrated with a reception at the Stamford Grand Hotel. *Congratulations to Benjamin & Natalie, and best wishes for the future.*

**ATTENTION:
Gleeson College
Old Scholars**

**Do you have
children in
pre-school or
primary school?**

**Did you know that
we will guarantee a
placement for your
child, if you lodge
an 'Application for
Enrolment' by the
end of Year 5!**

**ENROL
YOUR CHILD
TODAY!**

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AWARDS ASSEMBLY - WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

2009 STAGE 2 DUX OF COLLEGE & DUX OF SUBJECT 2009 STAGE 2 90+ TER & PERFECT SCORES

The Academic Awards Assembly, held on Wednesday, February 17th, was a very special occasion celebrating the efforts and outstanding achievements of the Class of 2009 and current Gleeson College students.

The assembly provided the opportunity to congratulate those students from 2009 who achieved perfect scores for Year 12 subjects, accumulated Tertiary Entrance Ranks over 90 and were the Dux of their Year 12 subject(s).

The overall Dux of the College for 2009, Danielle Fuccio, was presented with the Thomas Medal by Dr Vin Thomas, founding Principal of the College and currently Assistant Director of Catholic Education in South Australia. Danielle gave a moving speech in which she thanked the College community and challenged our current students to achieve their very best.

The Year 9 – 11 students who achieved in the top 10% of their year level in Semester 2, 2009, were also acknowledged and presented to the College community.



Congratulations

DUX OF COLLEGE - THOMAS MEDAL: Danielle Fuccio

90+ TER CERTIFICATES

- Danielle Fuccio - 97.40
- Samuel Taylor - 94.80
- Nicole Park - 94.50
- Paulina Wilk - 91.70
- Cassandra Crothers - 90.70
- Cameron Simmons - 90.70

PERFECT SCORES IN A STAGE 2 SUBJECT

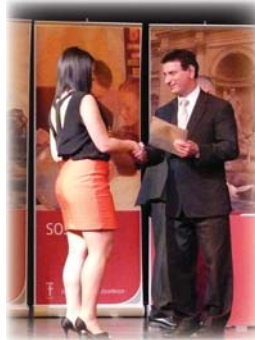
- Daniel Caruana, Yanni Papadopoulos, Samuel Crisp
- IP&P Desktop & Electronic Publishing
- Nicole Park & Danielle Fuccio - English Communications
- Jayde Lysy - Dance
- Samuel Taylor - Accounting Studies



2009 STAGE 2 DUX OF SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations

Accounting Studies	Samuel Taylor
Art Practical	Jacqueline Gowland
Biology	Paulina Wilk
Business Studies	Candice Leathem (GGHS)
Chemistry	Karissa Barthelson
Child Studies	Danielle Fuccio
Dance Studies	Jayde Lysy
English Comms	Danielle Fuccio
	Nicole Park
Food & Hospitality	Diana Feleppa
Physics	Karissa Barthelson
Italian	Laura Shelley – Year 11
Geography	Cassandra Crothers
IP&P – Desktop Publishing	Daniel Caruana – Year 11
	Samuel Crisp – Year 11
	Yanni Papadopoulos – Year 11
IP&P – Electronic Publishing	Daniel Caruana – Year 11
	Samuel Crisp – Year 11
	Yanni Papadopoulos – Year 11
Math Applications	Cassandra Crothers
Math Methods	Samuel Taylor
Math Studies	Daniel Caruana – Year 11
Physical Education	Jay Orlovsky
Psychology	Danielle Fuccio
Tourism	Kristina Markopoulos
Visual Arts Studies	Paulina Wilk
Vocational Studies A	Benjamin Cuell
	Melissa Dew

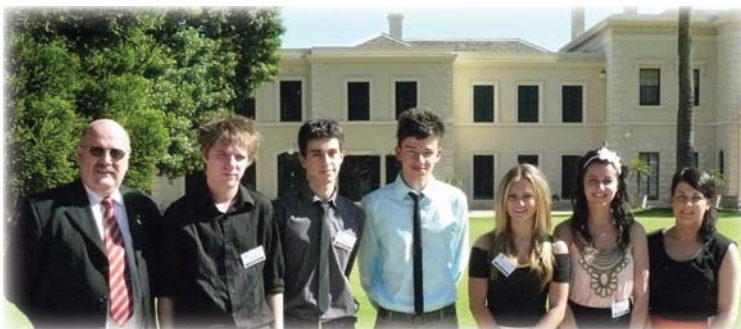


2010 SACE MERIT CEREMONY

Seven Gleeson College students were rewarded for their outstanding efforts in a Stage 2 subject in 2009, at the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 9th February 2010.

WE PROUDLY CONGRATULATE the following students on their wonderful achievements: Daniel Caruana (Yr 11, 2009), Samuel Crisp (Yr 11, 2009), Jayde Lysy (Yr 11, 2009), Yanni Papadopoulos (Yr 11, 2009),

Danielle Fuccio (Yr 12, 2009), Nicole Park (Yr 12, 2009) and Samuel Taylor (Yr 12, 2009).



NATHAN SECURES PLACE IN AUSSIE U19 EMUS SIDE

Nathan Spehr (2009) represented Australia in the Under-19 'Emus' Basketball team, which recently re-wrote the history books by winning a prestigious European tournament for the first time.

The Emus dominated on court, defeating heavyweight basketball countries United States, Croatia and Greece to bring home the crown from the Albert Schweitzer Tournament held in Germany last month.

**News hot off the press...*

On Monday 10th May, Nathan was also named in the Emus side to contest a tournament in China next month.

The Emus will take on China, the United States and Slovenia, with the Australian side using this event as preparation for the world championship qualification tournament, the 2010 FIBA Oceania U19 Championships to be held in September.

We congratulate Nathan on this outstanding achievement and wish him the best of luck for his trip to China.



Curtis Wordsworth (2005) won the 2009 Mick O'Malley Award, crowning him 'Young Referee of the Year' at the annual Football Federation of SA Awards Night.

The prestigious annual FFSA event was held in 'The Marquee' at Adelaide Oval last September.

Congratulations Curtis!



Bradden Inman (2006) was recently promoted to the Newcastle FC first team squad, with the European Football League club renewing his contract for next season.

Bradden left Gleeson in Year 9 to head overseas in pursuit of a first class world football career.

Congratulations Bradden!

THEME TABLES:
dress up as a group (any theme) & win big prizes!

BYO drinks & nibbles
• lucky door prizes
• raffles

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family friends students

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gleeson college
p&f quiz night

saturday 26th june 2010
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