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Functional & Comforting: Ms Thornton and Food By Zach Servadei

Each edition, Zach Servadei asks Glen Eira teachers the ‘hard’ questions by rolling a die. The number they land on is the topic they’re given. This edition, he chats with our College’s new principal Ms Thornton, a fan of popcorn and Lindt dark chocolate, about everything food.

IT’S NOT EVERY DAY you get to sit in the principal’s office. But one May afternoon, I had the chance to escape the pouring rain and settle down for a chat with Ms Thornton, our new principal. “Lindt dark chocolate [is one of my guilty pleasures],” she tells me excitedly. And we can all agree there’s nothing on earth better than a block of Lindt.

AS A KID, Ms Thornton was a sweet tooth, and it’s clear where her liking for Lindt came from. “When I was young, I used to like birthday cake,” she recalls fondly. “[Or] the strawberry donut with the icing.” Whether you’re pro-glazed or pro-filled, strawberry is unarguably a delicious flavour. Another favourite of hers is “popcorn lightly salted... [and] slightly sweet” because of the “crunch” and “saltiness”. I agree: like strawberry donuts, a sweet-salty combination of popcorn is irresistible, as is that satisfying *crunch* of the kernels. But when it comes to drinks, Ms Thornton enjoys life’s simple pleasures. “I drink a lot of tea, like turmeric and T2. That’s my favourite.” I say you can’t go wrong with a peppermint cuppa.

HOWEVER, FOR MS THORNTON, food is not just a matter of taste, but also of nutrition. As a student of PE/Health, and teacher of Health & Human Development, she was

“opinionated at home and cooking” and wouldn’t “buy certain things”. She also “played a lot of sports” like “martial arts” and “basketball”, which meant food was largely “functional”. I ask if anything’s changed since she’s made the transition to principal. “I’m playing less sport [now] and doing pilates, which means I see food more as comfort,” she explains. I remark how fascinating it is that her relationship with food has become more “relaxed” as her career and lifestyle change.

THE END OF THE INTERVIEW is near, and I have to ask Ms Thornton the big question: does she prefer sweet or savoury food? “It depends on the time of day,” she says. “At 3.30, I want something sweet; for dinner, I want something savoury; and I always like to have dessert.” It’s no surprise that I have a hankering for Lindt dark chocolate as I return to the freezing weather outside.





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Interviewed by Shresta Pulaparathi and Sanvi Sood, and photographed by Lily Natalier

1. What is your favourite subject and class to teach (currently)?

Year 12. I feel like I can relate to them the most.

2. Which teacher at this school is the coolest most fun?

Mr Pham and Mr Micallef!

3. What sport is the most fun to play (in your opinion)?

Spikeball. You can play anywhere and it's inclusive.

4. If you weren't a teacher, what job would you most likely do?

Someone who puts in data in spreadsheets. Maybe I could work with the AFL. I love footy data.

5. Who do you think is your celebrity lookalike?

I have been told multiple times that I looks like Will Hayward. But I really wishe I looked like Harry Styles!

6. What is one thing no one knows about, and/or finds most surprising?

I was captain of the debate team, and in the school band. I did also used to do some acting in the school peformances but I wouldn't be a performing arts teacher; I would get too embarrassed.

7. What is your favourite memory?

When I was 11, my family took me to the RSPCA to get a kitten on Christmas Eve. Also, when I went Ice Skating at Central Park, New York, with my family last Christmas.

8. Do you like being a year level coordinator? Why/Why not?

Yes, I want to understand my students better.

9. What is your Zodiac Sign/Month?

Pisces - 12th of March, Year of the Rat!

10. What classes do you teach?

8B and 8D HPE, Yr 11 P.E, and Yr 12 Psychology

11. When did you start teaching?

In 2022. Its my 4th Year at this GEC.

12. Where were you born?

Born and raised in St Kilda, but I go for Richmond(AFL).

13. If you could bring one change to this school, or something new, what would it be, and why?

Homerom Classes and Homerom Teachers, so then students can have one specific teacher to go to if they need help or support.

14. If you had to only teach one, would you choose Junior School, or Senior School?

I love teaching Year 7 and 8 and 11 and 12.



Mr Balme

*P.E, Health and Psychology
Teacher*

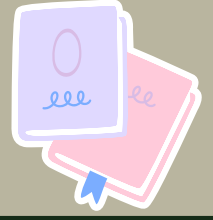


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1. What is your favourite subject and class to teach? What is your favourite subject and class to teach?

I am currently not teaching but I loved studying Literature and History

2. Which teacher at this school is the coolest/ most fun?

Miss Tomkins because she always has really snazzy outfits and I love her croissant top.

3. If you weren't a teacher, what job would you most likely do?

I would love to work in a museum or

historical research at university.

What is one thing no-one knows about, and/or finds most surprising?

I went to a university in Durham Castle

in England.

4. Do you like being a librarian? Why/Why not?

I love it because I love researching new books and

discovering new books and seeing what students read.

5. What is your Zodiac Sign/Month?

Aquarius - 18th February.

6. What is your favourite memory?

Visiting Edinburgh in

Scotland with her family when I was 14. I have been

there too many times now; maybe 10 times!

7. When did you start teaching?

I started teaching 2 years ago at a University, but

started working at GEC this year and I am thoroughly

enjoying it.

8. Where were you born?

Australia

9. If you could bring one change to this school, or

something new, what would it be, and why?

I would start a delivery program so that teachers

can get their food delivered from the canteen to their offices.

The duty officers in Yr 8 could deliver it!

10. If you had only to teach one, would you choose Junior School or Senior School?

She would teach Junior Humanities (7, 8 and 9's).

11. What is the funniest thing that a student has ever said to you?

Someone had mistaken me for a student in my old

school and the principal at the school said to go to

assembly before I got in trouble!



Ms Hanger

School Librarian

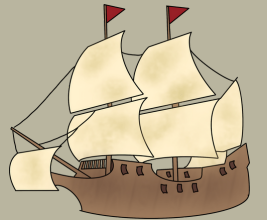


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photographed by Aliyah Pagtalunan*

1. What is your favourite subject and class to teach (currently)?

Yr 8 Humanities

**2. Which teacher at this school is the coolest/
most fun?**

All of them, but a shoutout to Ms Clark!

**3. If you weren't a teacher, what job would you
most likely do?**

A Chef! I was one for 10 years before starting teaching.

**4. What is one thing no-one knows about, and/or finds
most surprising about you?**

Well..I was a Chef!

5. What is your Zodiac Sign/Month?

Capricorn - January 7

6. What is your favourite memory?

When my daughter was born.

7. When did you start teaching?

This year!

8. Where were you born?

Not far from here, in Sandringham.

**9. If you could bring one change to this school,
or something new,
what would it be, and why?**

An option for Yr 12s to do Food Technology.

**10. If you had to only teach one, would you
choose Junior School or Senior School?**

Definitely Junior School

**11. What is your favourite class that you
currently teach/favourite student?**

I dislike them equally! Just kidding!

**12. What is the funniest thing that a student has
ever said to you?** When Finn once said, "Is he ok?"

We were watching a movie so if you were there you know. And shoutout to Aliyah and Jaski for their comic abilities too!



Mr White

Humanities Teacher



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Talent Shows

Aliyah, Pakhwan, Stephanie

This group danced to K-pop song 'DRAMA' by the Idol Group Aespa. Their performance was completely in sync with every move happening at the same time with one another. The matching long hair and outfits is exactly what topped it off! Some may call it fantastic, I call it DRAMATIC.



Avi

'Wizard and I' is one of the more popular songs in Wicked, sung by Carole Shelley and Idina Menzel. The voice control is impressive, the vocal range, OH MY GOD! Absolutely immaculate. He might grow up to be a famous singer. Or even, the main character of an upcoming musical for GEC!



Siyathra

Also a very well-known song 'A Million Dreams' sung by Hugh Jackman, and Michelle Williams from The Greatest Showman, was performed by Siyathra in the talent show! The voice was smooth, soothing even. Not being too loud or high, it was gentle and low. Not even a single line was messed up! With the vocals in perfect control.





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Life Inside a Nutshell by Sahara.J

The last thing I remembered that night was the screams of the wolves as the nutshell collapsed leaving us trapped inside. Something new added to my two year old brain of survival skills was that wolves hate small spaces. They howled like crazy, running around like maniacs... They even scratched my bare bottom a couple of times, causing me to howl just as loud as them. I don't think any animal got sleep that night due to the 'lovely' orchestra of my pack.

The next day wasn't much better, I could still feel the scratches on my butt and the wolves hadn't settled down much. Except for Duke- he was the calmest of them all and was the only one trying to get us out. I slowly walked over and cuddled in with him, making sure my wounds were squished against his fur so that they could heal properly.

He wasn't bothered by the sound of his pack one bit and actually to my surprise joined in and soon 'twinkle twinkle little star' was echoing all around in our nutshell and my mind. This went on for hours on end and before the sun had descended down into space, we all wished we could be witnessing the stars singing the song just as loud as us.

That night I slept like I was in the middle of a hurricane, waking up every 5 minutes, just to stare up at the brown, rigged roof before falling back asleep. Overall, I only got 3 hours of sleep compared to Duke who slept like a ... a wolf!

My bottom was still piercingly scratched, the wounds being centimetres deep. The cuts had already been filled with dry blood that hurt every time they were touched, making it really hard for me to crawl or shuffle around the place.

Duke had cuddled in with me before 'it' happened. His face buried into the warm embrace of my chest. Listening to every heartbeat intently. Too intently to notice the 7 ravens swoop in through the high raised window, too high for anyone to reach and carry Duke straight out of my arms back through the window and far away from our collapsed nutshell.

"NOOOOOOO!!" I screamed as I watched the alfa of my pack and my best friend get carried away...

To be continued...



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Ground floor by Sasha(7C) Part 2

Previously from Part One:

The last thing I saw was the bloody sharp knife sinking into me. The case was real and I was too late. As the sharp blade sunk through me I tried my best to gather all my remaining energy, however, I had none left. Could this be...the end?

My eyes felt like they had 50kg dumbbells hanging from them and I was struggling to keep them open while enduring the stabs of never-ending pain. There was nothing I could do. Hopeless, I slowly let my eyes close accepting my fate.

The moment I woke up bright lights blinded me. Could this be...heaven? I opened my eyes wide to see... a table? Turns out I wasn't in heaven nor hell, I was in someone's living room. Before I could even process what was happening a similar voice spoke behind me. "Someone slept in." I froze. My teeth gritted as I realised my murderer not only tried to kill me, but kidnapped me as well! His footsteps got closer and closer until he was standing right in front of me. I didn't even realise my hands were tied to a chair until I tried to run.

"Where am I and what did you do to me!" I screamed in anger. All Daniel did was stand there with a smirk spread across his face.

"I know who you really are... Samanth Greensburg, 26 year old detective." As I wondered how he found out, I saw a file on the table in front of me with so much information about me I started reading the heavily researched file to find out that it had endless details about me; it even taught me things I never knew about myself. However, one thing I did know was that I was not going to let him get away with this.

As soon as he left I scanned the room for anything useful but all I saw was a dark, barren basement filled with cobwebs. But hang on, there was... a window. The window was located near the top of the basement behind a giant maze of cobwebs so I used my legs as support to move forward. However, I could barely move an inch. I had to free my hands but no matter how hard I tried the duct tape appeared to be invincible. I was about to give up, but the thought of me losing to a case was a feeling I couldn't shake so I collected all my anger and remaining energy, used all my force and finally broke free.

I sprinted towards the window shaking off the cobwebs as if they weren't even there until I heard the creak of the door behind me. All I could focus on was his cold breath over me.

"I thought I could trust you to stay here but obviously that's not going to work." He pulled out a sharp knife and was about to plunge it into me but I somehow dodged and sprinted past the window running for my life.

With no energy whatsoever I felt my mind telling me to stop, however the only thing I could hear was my heart telling me to prove everyone wrong. This wasn't how it was going to end right?



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Injectons- By Juno Dady

The last thing I remember was my head lying against the floor.
The cold tiled surface of my grimy bathroom.

The mirror had fogged up as the steamy shower ran. I carefully stepped up and out of the tub, my body dripping wet, just to stare at my reflection in the greasy glass.

And just like that, I began to cry.

I hiccuped with each shaky breath as I felt my shattered heart crinkle up inside of me. My legs gave up as I collapsed down to my knees, burying my head deep into my bare arms, curling up on the damp bath mat beneath me. In a shivering, sobbing mess of my own horrid misery.

I'm staring at the poorly painted white walls of the hospital ward. Rotting away as the clicking of the clock echoes through my mind, messing with my thoughts as I prop myself up along the side of the bed, with my little legs dangling off.

I hear the door open and close behind me but I don't bother to look back, a tall woman trots over to me. Her shiny black hair slicked back in a painfully tight bun at the back of her head with a blue pen tucked just behind her ear, and wooden clipboard in between her palms.

"Hello there, Orion." She announces her presence in a cheerful tone.

That's not my name. It's not O-Ryan, it's Or-ee-on. Not the first time someone's mistaken my name, and it certainly won't be the last.

"It's Orion." I spit out, without making eye contact as I stare at the floor. The lady smiles up at me as she crouches down beside me, quickly glancing back at her clipboard, her pearl earrings swaying.

"Sorry Orion." She exaggerates a sigh whilst correcting herself, before turning to look back at me, "Where should I begin..."



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Student Interviews- Willow, Freya and Chloe

How well do you know the Grade7s of 2025?

by
Freya

Ok what primary school did you go to?

Carnegie Primary school.

How are you settling in?

Pretty good, it isn't as bad as I thought.

What are your hobbies?

Drawing and playing with my cats.

What is your favourite subject?

Either drama or English because both are fun and the teachers are nice.

What class are you in?

7C, the best class!

What language are you doing?

French Immersion.

What nationality are you?

I am Canadian/Australian.

Who is your favourite teacher?

Miss Schmidtke.

And a random question, if you were an ice cream flavour what would you be?

I don't really know but my favourite is red velvet.

Meet Juno Dady!

When I get out of my computer and sit down, I ask, "So, what primary school did you go to?" She replies so fast that it makes me think that she read my mind. "Glen Huntly Primary School." The next question feels unusual, as if I'm her teacher rather than her friend. "How are you settling in?"

"Good...yeah."

"What are your hobbies?" I ask, she replies with slight hesitation.

"Crocheting,...singing ...and dancing."

"Cool, what is your favorite subject?" Her eyes drift off to the window as she thinks.

"Maybe French or Visual Art." I already know the answer to the next question because it applies to me, too.

"What class are you in, and what language do they teach?"

"I'm in 7D, and we do French." "I know." We laugh for a few seconds before I continue.

"What nationality are you?"

"Indian and Aussie,"

"Cool, who is your favourite teacher?"

"I kinda like all of them, but if I had to choose, it would be Mr Plumbridge [the art teacher]."

Now, that answer I can relate to.

"And a random question, if you were an ice cream, what flavor would you be?"

"Caramel or Chocolate, because they're my favourite flavours."

"And finally what's your name?"

"Twisha Amin!"

by
Willow

As I sit down in front of Michael holding my computer, I take a deep breath and start to ask him questions. I ask him the first question:

"What primary school did you go to?"

Michael responds with, "Riponlea Primary School." Okay, next question.

"How have you been in this school? And have you settled in?"

Michal responds back with "Good."

I hesitate but continue, "Okay next question! What are your hobbies?"

Michael says, "Warhammer and lego!"

"Great!" I say. "What class are you in? Michael smiles and laughs and says 7F.

"Cool." I respond. ""And what's your favourite subject?"

Michal thinks for a while but responds with "History."

"And what language are you doing?"

He quickly responds: "Japanese!"

I smile and ask the next question. "What nationality are you from?"

Michael responds back. "I'm from Australia".

"Great! Well who's your favourite teacher?"

Michal thinks for a bit thinking he responds after a few seconds of thinking, "Ms Sandu."

"Here's a random question. If you were an ice cream what flavour would you be? I wait for a response. Michal doesn't know what to say but says, caramel? He exclaims, confused.

"Same!" I excitedly say.

"Now finally what's your name?"

"My name is Michael YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!" I stare at him unfazed.

"Thank you for your time! Great doing business with you!"

by
Chloe

Game Review- Fisch - by Thomas, Mordechai and Luca



Fisch, the massive roblox game released on October 5th 2024 was a massive success and climbed up to the top of the leaderboard very quickly. The game is based on fishing but the only catch is that it's not normal fishing, it's FISCHING!

You start off in a town called Moosewood where you have a flimsy rod and can catch some regular fish but then you can buy new rods like the carbon rod which is stronger can catch bigger fish and has better luck than the flimsy rod. The lucky rod which is the same as the carbon rod but with boosted luck and there are so many other rods to get like the heavenly rod or even the champions rod; and not just the rods are out of the ordinary THE FISH ARE TOO!

You can catch MEGALODONS, orcas, see through octopi, ancient eels and so much more. There are so many wonders in this game. But sadly on April 10 2025 in the second sea update fisch started to die out and become less popular and more forgotten.



FISCH is a massive Roblox game that launched on But the rods aren't the only extraordinary aspect of the game—the fish are cool too. In FISCH, you can encounter and catch legendary creatures like Megalodons, orcas, translucent octopi, ancient eels, and many more. The game offers a vast selection of over 400,000 possible fish variations, ensuring a unique experience with each catch.

Despite its initial success, FISCH began to see a decline in popularity following the release of the Second Sea update on April 10, 2025. This update introduced new content, including additional rods, bestiaries, and challenges . However, it also marked a turning point where the game's active player base started to lower.

Pro Tip: For early-game players (levels 10 and above), one of the best fishing spots is the Atlantean Storm. This location offers a variety of fish and is ideal for improving your skills and progressing in the game.



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Celebrating the Release of Deltarune Chapter 3 & 4

Artwork by Jana Agpoon



Game Review- Deltarune Toby Fox

If you played Undertale, you might get a kick out of seeing several of that game's more notable figures living regular lives in this parallel story, but I wouldn't quite say it's required. In fact, I'd argue that Deltarune is at its best when it's not trying to focus on what came before it – funny as those interactions may be. The dialogue and character development is phenomenal, and so was the music (The entire soundtrack being made by Toby Fox is amazing). The game play is unique, breaking the border of just simple fighting to acting and sparing. There are also alternative endings and different routes unlike the first chapter. It follows 2 main different routes just like Undertale, however the endings are not complete, leading fans to suggest theories in future chapters. I would give this game 5 stars.



G u y s p l e a s e p l a y i t , i t ' s p e a k



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Interschool Sport By Shresta Pulaparthi

On Thursday the 12th of June, the Year 8 Soccer Teams bustled out of Glen Eira College, and headed to Caulfield Park to begin playing the highly anticipated matches. The day started with a usual briefing, and after that our GEC teams split up. The girls played their first match, and although the match didn't come into their favour, they moved on, keeping their heads high. Isn't that the spirit of interschool sport? Meanwhile, the boys were hard at work in practice, prepping for their first match. The next match was one the girls fought through, and their hard work had paid off. Following a short break, and some practice, the girls team was ready to face their opponents head first, and persevered throughout, even when the opponents were at their best. Even when the game ended against their odds, they still had the biggest optimistic attitude, with support from their coach - Mr Balme. So, during break, they went to go support their peers, who had given their all, and made it to the finals - with great encouragement from Ms Angus. They battled on with some fantastic plays, and prevailed (They will be heading to Regionals).

But at the end of the day, what mattered most wasn't who won or who didn't advance, but it was the positive attitudes, spirits and sportsmanship we were displaying that maybe some of the other schools weren't. The humility the boys displayed, and the fairness and optimism the girls showed were truly amazing. We grew stronger as a team, and know more things about each other that we hadn't before. Saying that, I strongly recommend ALL students to sign up for interschool sport - and give it a go. Even if you've never played a certain sport before, it's completely worth it - I myself was on the same boat. It's a great opportunity to get out on the field, make some new friends, and most importantly, have a great time.



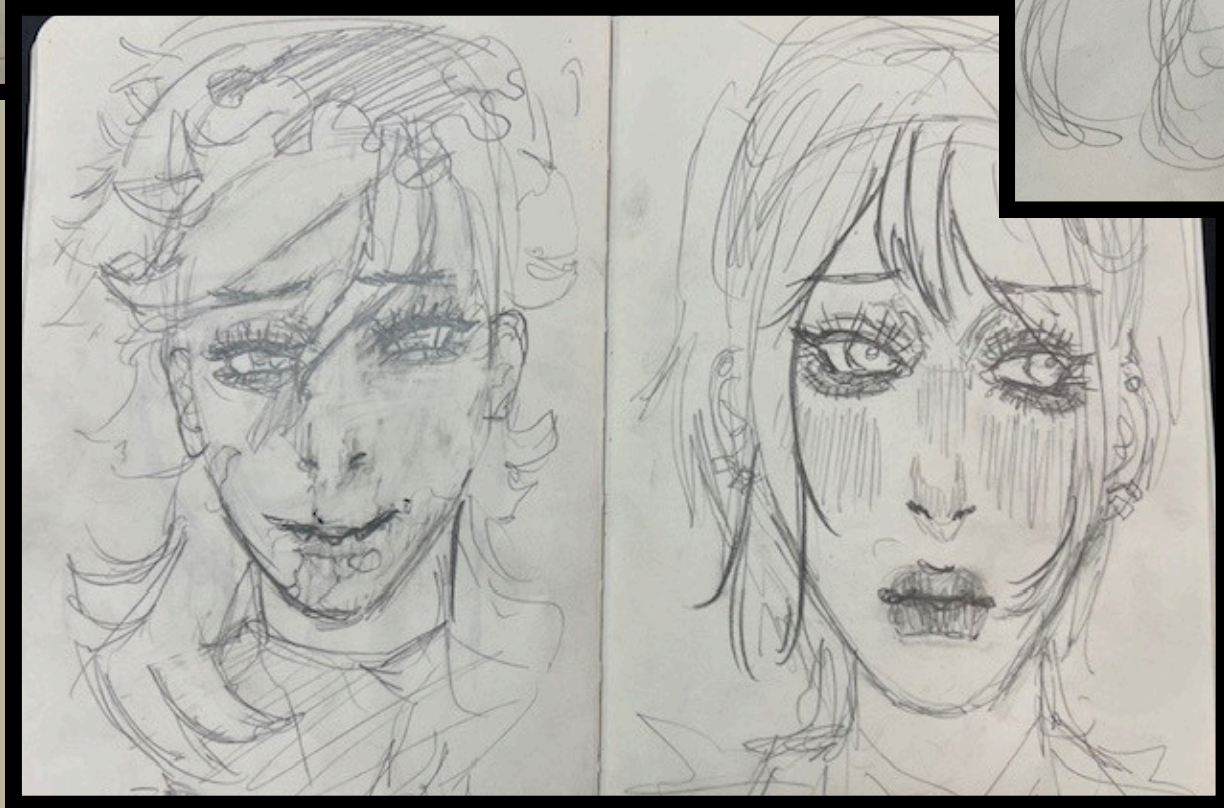


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Art Work

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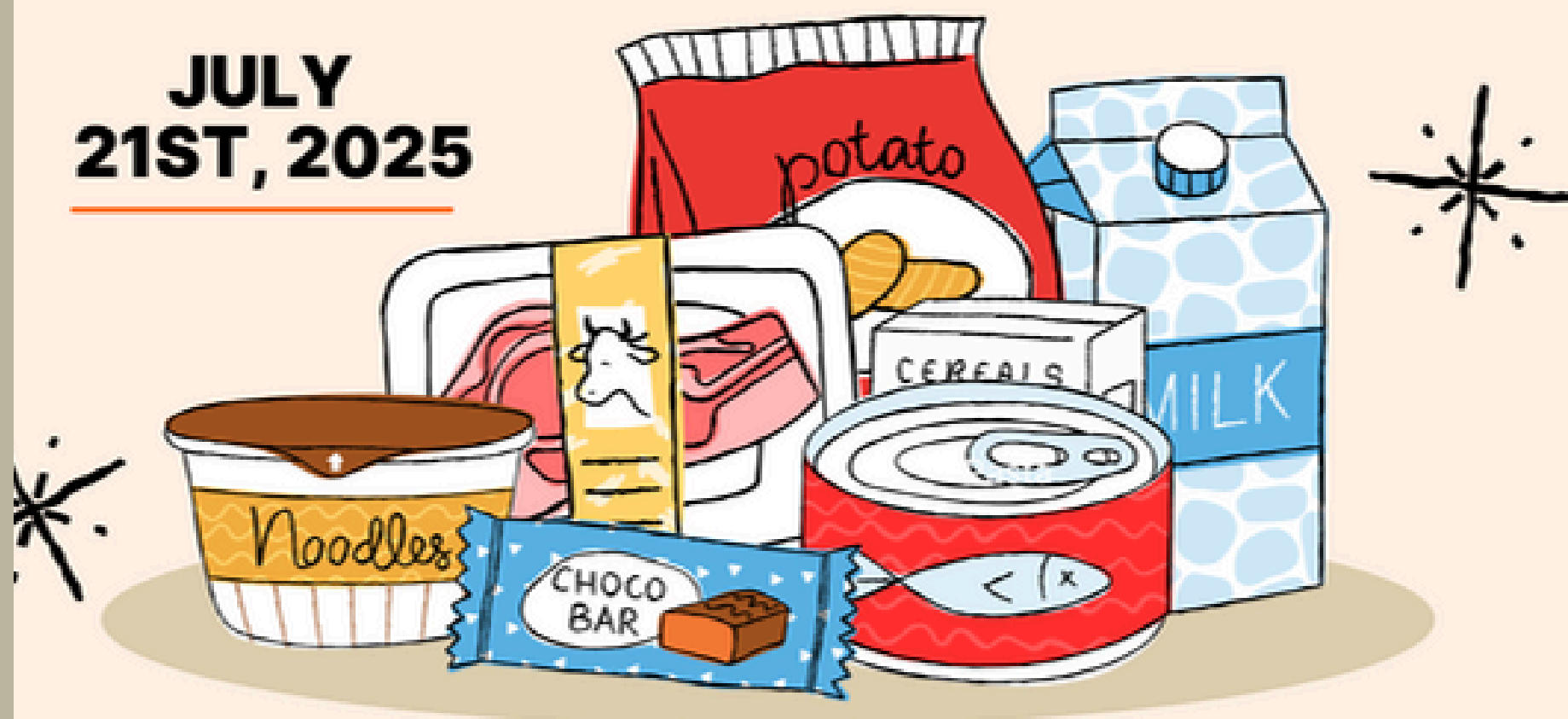
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Food Drive Poster

Glen Eira College

FOOD DRIVE

**JULY
21ST, 2025**



DROP-OFF LOCATION



The School
Library

ITEMS NEEDED

- Tuna in oil, of any size
- Tinned vegetables
- Dried/tinned legumes
- Coconut cream or milk
- Pasta
- Basmati rice
- Tomato paste, honey, peanut butter or jam
- Sweet / savoury biscuits
- dishwashing liquid
- Laundry liquid/powder (1L/1kg)
- Deodorant/razors
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Instant coffee / black tea bags

