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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM 1, FRIDAY 27TH MARCH, 2.30PM**

We remind all members of the school community that dismissal time at the end of each Term is 2.30pm. The City of Casey will not provide crossing supervisors before 2.30pm on any school day and school crossings will only be supervised within the nominated school zone times which are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The bus companies have been informed of these times.

**SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING (SEAL) PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT, 7.00PM “THE SHED”**

**WEDNESDAY, 15TH APRIL 2015, FOR YEAR 7, 2016 STUDENTS**

Applications for entry into the 2016 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.00pm in “The Shed” at the College. No booking required. Applications close on Monday, 27th April 2015 at 12 noon. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program for Year 7, 2016 students is scheduled for Saturday, 9th May 2015. Please let family members or friends who may be interested in this program know that they may obtain the application form and further details through the College website.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, FREE DRESS DAY**

The Student Activities Committee held a free dress day for students on Wednesday, 18th March 2015. Students who came in free dress donated $2.00 and collectively we raised $2,056.70. All funds will go to Victorian State School Relief, which helps to provide uniforms and resources to disadvantaged students. We would like to thank all students and staff who participated in the day.

**OPEN NIGHT, TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL 2015**

Open Night provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the academic programs and diverse co-curricula activities on offer at Gleneagles. We will answer all of your questions as you seek to make the right decision for your child’s secondary education. Our student leaders will run guided tours of our facilities and discuss the many opportunities on offer at the College.

**TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL 2015**

4.30pm to 6.30pm Tours of the School
6.30pm Principal’s Address

We will explain how to enrol your child at Gleneagles Secondary College for Year 7 in 2016. We will also address questions regarding enrolment boundaries/protocols that are in place. Senior staff, teachers and student leaders will be available to answer all your questions, so please come along and join us. No bookings required, families welcome. We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents at this special evening.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS, TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2015**

On Tuesday 28th April 2015, Gleneagles will be holding its first Parent Teacher Interview session for the year. The teachers will be available between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. There are no classes for students on this day. Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. We are continuing to use an electronic booking system which will allow parents/guardians to directly book interviews using the internet. The booking system will be activated on Monday 20th April 2015 at 12 noon. Information regarding the booking process and login details will be posted to each student’s home address at the end of Term 1. Should you not have access to the internet, please give your instructions to your child and they can use one of the school computers to implement your booking requests and print off a hard copy for you to bring on the afternoon/evening.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS
We received a call last Friday from a member of the Endeavour Hills community who wanted to congratulate some Gleneagles students for the assistance they had offered to his wife and himself on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre. It was reported that they had two trolleys of groceries and were having difficulties taking the trolleys down the ramp to the taxi rank, when a group of Gleneagles students offered to assist them and took the trolleys down the ramps for them. They were very grateful for this assistance and commented on how well spoken and well-mannered these Gleneagles students were. It is lovely to receive feedback like this from members of the public and our students are a credit to the school.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy & Kathe Toth

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME MEETING
MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2015, 6.00PM, LIBRARY
On Monday, 23rd March 2015 at 6.00pm in the library there will be a very important meeting for all Year 9 & 11 students participating in the German Exchange Program. The meeting will discuss travel dates, flight costs (revised quote), payment plan and fundraising. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ms. Hillary in the LOTE Staffroom at Gleneagles.

Ms. Hillary, LOTE Domain Leader & Ms. Dannock, German Language Assistant

TRIVIA NIGHT, WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015
FUNDRAISING FOR JOSHUA EVANS, YEAR 12
6.00PM, “THE SHED” GLENEAGLES
$10.00 PER TICKET

Purchase tickets from the College Bursar by 4.00pm Monday, 23rd March 2015.

YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE, PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2015, 6.00PM, LIBRARY
On Thursday, 16th April 2015 there will be a Parent Information evening regarding the Year 9 CBD Experience. It is strongly recommended that all Year 9 parents attend this information session. We would like to ensure that parents are fully informed and we will explain, discuss and answer any questions that parents may have.

Year 9 CBD Experience Dates:
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May (Homegroups 9A-G)
Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June (Homegroups 9H-M)

Ms. Kinnersley, CBD Co-ordinator, Art Department

CASEY STUDENT LEADERS RECEPTION
On Thursday, 12th March 2015, Gleneagles College Captains Mikayla Newton and Claudia Morrison attended a reception to acknowledge the newly appointed school captains and leaders of all schools within the City of Casey. The Student Leaders Reception was hosted by City of Casey Mayor Mick Morland and provided an invaluable opportunity for young leaders to be inspired by motivational speakers and participate in a Casey wide event. This year’s reception featured inspiring speaker, Marita Cheng, who was named the 2012 Young Australian of the Year. Marita founded Robogals Global in 2008 as a response to the traditionally low levels of participation by women in engineering and technology. If you are a student interested in undertaking a career in engineering and technology, please refer to the following website for more information http://melbourne.robgals.org.au/

Pictured: Mikayla Newtown 12D, City of Casey Mayor Mick Morland, Marita Cheng, Claudia Morrison 12MF

Ms Furfaro, English/Humanities/Debating

DIVISION SWIMMING
A group of students from our school competed in the Casey North Division Swimming on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at Doveton pool. The team tried so hard to collect as many points as they could and every swimmer did very well. Our Junior Boys and Senior Girls won the Age Group Championship and overall Gleneagles finished 3rd at Casey North Division Swimming. We didn’t have a big team but it was such a great effort by every swimmer showing great enthusiasm and team spirit. 14 students have made it through to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Swimming on Thursday 26th March 2015. Well done to all the swimmers progressing and good luck!

By Canis Nugroho 9E

Picture 1: Adna Cosic 8H, Ms Peddlesden
Picture 2: Monique Shaw 12MF, Lauren Southall 12MF
CYBERBULLYING – SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ONLINE

Childhood bullying used to be face to face physical and verbal behaviour in the playground, classroom and on the way to and from school. Now online technology and constant connectivity has allowed bullying to harm children through often anonymous contact or actions. Cyberbullying can happen at any time and leave a child feeling unsafe and alone.

Cyberbullying is when technology is used to deliberately and repeatedly engage in hostile behaviour to harm someone. Groups and individuals can be both the perpetrators and targets of bullying.

Cyberbullying most commonly occurs through:-

- Comments posted in an open online environments such as Facebook, Snapchat etc.
- Direct text, email or instant messages online or on a mobile phone.

You can support your child to manage cyberbullying by taking the following action:

Blocking The Person Cyberbullying and changing privacy settings. Retaliating or responding to the bully only gives them the attention and power they want.

Reporting The Bullying Most websites have online help centres and reporting facilities and online abuse is in violation of the Terms Of Use of most social networking sites.

Collecting The Evidence Keeping mobile phone messages and printing emails or IM conversations.

Talking To Someone They Trust Like parents or a teacher.

Visiting The Cybersmart Online Helpline (www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx) to chat with an experienced counsellor or calling the Kids Helpline on Telephone 1800 55 1800.

Mr Van der Westhuizen, Cyber Safety

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Career Excursions

Try A Trade Careers Expo at Cranbourne Racecourse on Tuesday 21st April 2015. There will be over 60 indoor and outdoor exhibits and hands-on activities.

All Year 10 students will attend the VCE & Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday 7th May 2015. Students received their permission forms at assembly and need to return the form with $5 to the Bursar by 17th April 2015.

Work Experience Year 10 – Urgent

All Year 10 Work Experience arrangement forms need to be signed by the employer and returned to the careers office by Friday 1st May 2015 (in Term 2). Please find your placements over the school holidays. See Carol or Chris in the careers office if you need assistance to contact an employer or discuss placement options. Students also need to have completed both of their safe@work certificates.

Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences Course Information Day

Saturday 21st March 2015, University of Melbourne Veterinary Science campus 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Students in Years 11 and 12 can register for a special tour of the veterinary hospital. Go to the website www.fvas.unimelb.edu.au

Career Sessions On The School Holidays


Experience La Trobe University: Thursday 9th April 2015 (Bundoora), Friday 10th April 2015 (Bendigo): http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/

University of Melbourne – A Day at Melbourne: Friday 10th April 2015 at the Parkville campus (note for Years 10-12) http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/a-day-at-melbourne

Nursing and Health Expo: Saturday 18th April 2015, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon St, South Wharf. Vex Robotics Engineering camp for Years 7-12: Tuesday 7th April & Wednesday 8th April 2015, Burwood East at 178-180 Mahoney’s Road (Forest Hill College). Cost $250 http://roboticsclub.com.au/teen-innovator-technology-holiday-programs-grades-7-to-12/

Monash University – At Monash Seminars

Register to attend a seminar (there will be more disciplines May to September):

- Tuesday 21st April 2015: Design and Fine Art
- Tuesday 28th April 2015: Architecture
- Wednesday 29th April 2015: Interior Architecture

Go to register on-line http://destination.monash/at-monash

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
Carol McCaskie, Careers Assistant/Administration
Dear Parents,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s Home Group teacher. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check-in** regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you have any concerns. Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

*Claire Logue, Adolescent Health Nurse*