COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The new School Council met for the first time on Monday, 31st March 2014 and I am pleased to announce that Paul Newton was elected President and Jeff Riley, Deputy President. Jordan Sarkissian, Tricia Clarke and Jason Jurjens were seconded onto Council as Community Representatives. Brett Webb (Parent Representative) and Sam Florence (DEECD Representative) attended their first meeting. The Council farewelled retiring members Helana Corrigan and Jackie Keyt. Jackie has been a long standing member of Council and held the role of President from 2010-14. Jackie was thanked for her dedicated service to the community and accepted a small gift as a token of appreciation from Council. The College website provides details about the role of Council, lists the Councillors and their tenure and provides the schedule for meetings, for your information.

SEAL INFORMATION NIGHT
Over 200 parents and prospective students gathered into the Shed on Tuesday 1st April 2014 to learn about the SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Development) program for 2015. Representatives from each SEAL class from Year 7 to Year 10 answered questions and shared their own perspectives of what it was like to take up the opportunity to be in a SEAL class. Special guest, former student and School Captain, Jordan Sarkissian observed the surge in interest in SEAL since he attended his Year 6 Information Night and reflected on the enjoyment and challenge he experienced through the program. SEAL Applications for Year 7, 2015 close on Tuesday, 29th April at midday.

OPEN NIGHT – MONDAY, 28TH APRIL 2014
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.

Monday 28th April 2014
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 2015. 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. along and us. No bookings required, families welcome.

Important Dates for Term 2, 2014

22/4 First Day Term 2 – all students present
23/4 Outward Bound Leadership Camp (selected students)
25/4 ANZAC Day Public Holiday, no school
28/4 Open Night, 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Principal’s Address 6.30pm
- Immunisation – all Year 7 students & Year 9 Boys
- Year 11 & 12 Students Studio Arts Excursion
29/4 State Swimming Carnival (selected students)
- SEAL Year 7 2015Applications close midday
- Year 10 Try A Trade Day (selected students)
30/4 Year 10 ADF Talk (8.30am – 9.30am)
30/4-2/5 Year 8 Camp
6/5 Parent Teacher Interviews (1.00pm – 8.00pm)
- Senior Football, soccer
- Intermediate and senior badminton
7-8/5 Year 12 Business Management excursion
- Year 8 Resuscitate A Mate incursion
- Year 11 Geography Coasts excursion
8/5 VCE Careers Expo Year 10 excursion
9/5 Gleneagles Athletics Sports Carnival
12/5 Junior girls football, boys netball
13/5 Year 12 Sociology excursion
13-15/5 NAPLAN
15/5 Year 12 Legal Studies excursion
- Senior girls football
16/5 Year 11 & 12 Media excursion
19/5 Year 11 & 12 Visual Communications excursion
21/5 VCE Special Program Day (No Year 11 or 12 classes)
22/23-5 Year 7 Girls Angel Light Program
23/5 Intermediate netball, soccer, boys football
26/5 Year 8 netball, soccer, boys football
26-30/5 Year 9 CBD
29/5 Division Cross Country (selected students)
- Year 10 to RMIT “Big Day In” (selected students)
2-6/6 Year 10 & 11 exams
4/6 UNSW Science Competition (selected students)
5/6 Year 7 boys football, soccer, netball
- Year 7 & 8 badminton
6/6 Presentation Ball
9/6 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday, no school
11/6 GAT (No Year 11 or 12 classes)
- Year 7 & 8 sport interschool
- Immunisation all Year 7, Year 9 Boys & Year 10 Boostrix
13/6 Report Writing Day (no students)
16/6 Region Cross Country (selected students)
- UNSW Writing Competition week
- Student Leadership Fashion Parade
16-20/6 Year 10 Work Experience
17/6 UNSW Spelling competition
18/6 Year 9 Student Voice & Deakin
19/6 Senior basketball and hockey
- Tennis all levels
25/6 Free Dress Day
- Selected Year 9 & 10 students tour of Hallam Senior SC
- Instrumental Music Concert (The Shed)
26/6 Year 10 Uni and TAFE visits (SAMs)
27/6 Term 2, last day, 2.30pm dismissal

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Tuesday, 6th May 2014. The teachers will be available between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to follow up with teachers on any issues and ensure they can be addressed before the Semester 1 Reports are prepared. Details of the booking process are provided on the Parent Teacher Information Sheet being posted home with this Newsletter. The Interim Reports for Year 7 – 10 students will also be posted with this Newsletter.

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth, Paul Thorne*

**SOUTHERN METRO SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Thursday 27th March 2014 three students from Gleneagles competed in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The students all competed with enthusiasm and to the best of their ability, representing Gleneagles with excellence. The results are as follows:

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Each student should be congratulated on a brilliant effort. Congratulations also to Canis Nugroho who was selected to participate in the State Swimming Championships.

*Ashlee Chatfield, Carnivals Co-ordinator*

**IMMUNISATION PROGRAM**

**FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND YEAR 9 BOYS**

On Monday, 28th April 2014, Year 7 students will receive the Chicken Pox and first of three HPV injections. Year 9 boys will receive the first of three HPV injections also. Thank you to all students, parents and teachers who supported getting this organised. Any outstanding Immunisation Cards must be handed into the Office please, filled in and signed in the YES or NO sections.

*Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator*

**BIONICS INSTITUTE EXCURSION**

On 20th March, Year 9 SEAL students visited the Bionics Institute in Melbourne City. Whilst there we met people who specialize in the research, testing and production of bionics. We learnt about how the bionic eye and ear works, using small amounts of precious materials such as diamond and platinum. We found out that Australia produced the first three bionic eyes in existence that work! The bionic ear was invented as early as 1978, but it was a pretty large contraption that had to be carried around in a case, instead of sitting on the side of the head. We also discovered how difficult it is to get placed in this area of research; one of the people we met at the Institute had studied to be an astronaut before moving into his line of work.

Going into more detail on the bionic eye, we realised that even though the technology may seem advanced, people who have it implanted can only see large shapes and have very blurry depth perception. This is because they can't produce small enough electrodes to connect to the thousands of neurons needed for sight. We were also educated on the construction and placement of a bionic ear. Is it made to pick up and amplify sound waves, sending the signal to a receptor on the inside of the skull. This is then picked up by any undamaged neurons, or receptors that have been connected to electrodes. After a quick break for lunch, we visited St. Vincent’s Hospital and entered their bionic research and testing laboratory. They did a quick demonstration on how they weld the miniscule wires to parts of the processor that is placed near the back of the eye, close to the retina, using the fine point of a melted piece of glass and sturdy wire. The class was brought into a room that tested these wires using motors that rapidly moved fake eyes to point left and right, to find out how long they could last when it comes to something as constantly changing as eye direction. We were split into two groups and shown a model of how bionic implants are placed within the skull and brain. Needless to say, we learnt more than we bargained for, and we returned with a basic but detailed education on how bionics operate.

*Written by Vicky Woodward, 9E*

*Picture 1: Briana Mondon & Verity Bosanquet 9E students Picture 2: Verity Bosanquet, Briana Mondon, Emily Beckett, William Stark, Adam Kristani, all 9E students*
**INTERSCHOOL SPORT - TENNIS**

Last week the Year 8 Boys and Girls Gleneagles Tennis teams participated in the Casey North Interschool Sports Program at the Casey Tennis Centre. The girls, disappointingly, didn’t get to play after their opponents withdrew from the tournament, but as a result, successfully made it through to the next round. The boys’ team defeated Berwick, Doveton and Fountain Gate to successfully make it through to the next round. Our students represented our school extremely well, displaying excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the day. Congratulations to all involved!

*Miss Ivory & Miss Reynolds*

Pictured: Year 8 Boys Team
James Harry 8E, Solaiman Mohammad 8L, Isa Sula 8M, Anthony Harris 8C, Sam Brancea 8M, Jay Gorsuch 8M.

**CHESS CLUB STUDENTS**

Our Chess Club students are trained by expert chess coach Daryl Johansen of “Chess Ideas”. He is full of tricky chess moves and plans to train a team for interschool chess tournaments later in the year - though it’s fine to play just for fun! Chess Club is open to students of any Year level and any ability, meeting at lunchtime on Tuesdays in room L1. Just turn up.

*Jen Riley, Public Relations*

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

**THURSDAYS, 3.00PM – 4.30PM**

Our Thursday after school Homework Club attendance is outstanding! The last three weeks we have had 101, 104 and 114 students respectively! Coupled with that has been the huge support from staff (many teachers, Library staff and Gina Fahey who is one of our Integration Aides) and from other avenues - Jeff Riley (parent), June Michael (Smith Family), Liz Currie and Zahra from Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre, Madeleine, Victoria, Jietson, Amelia and Luisa from Embrace at Monash which is a volunteer tutoring service to schools, Phill Start the Multicultural Youth Project Officer from the City of Casey and Laura Wilks our Social Worker.

We are really fortunate at this school to have such support for our students. All staff who attend do so voluntarily and enjoy the opportunity to assist and build connections with students, not just the ones they teach. Homework Club is appropriate for all Year levels and all subject areas and operates from 3.00pm – 4.30pm every Thursday. I would still like to encourage families to donate a packet of biscuits to help us provide Afternoon Tea for the students. So far I have had three donations.

Thank you very much to those families but I would like to think many more of you can help us out in this request. Hoping everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday period and comes back refreshed to tackle Term 2.

*Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator*

Pictured: Melissa Mahoney 9K, Ms Ivkov Teacher, Shane Bird 8J, Ms O’Dowd Teacher

Pictured: Regan Runa Runa of 9C

**Merit Certificates**

**Acknowledgement of Recipients**

Excellent Work on the Math Measure Unit Test

Teacher: Mr. Van der Westhuizen

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – URGENT**

A significant number of students have not submitted their Work Experience arrangement forms and are receiving detentions with Mr Barker. Parents – can you please follow up with your children over the school holidays and help them find a placement. Work Experience week is Monday 16th to Friday 20th June 2014. There are no classes and Gleneagles staff will be visiting the students at work.

**Year 10 Career Excursions For Term 2**

- Year 10 students should have returned their Permission Slips for the Age VCE and Careers Expo excursion (Thursday 8th May) with $5 to the Bursar.
- Forms are also due back for the Try A Trade Expo at Cranbourne Racecourse (Tuesday 29th April) – 50 students have been invited to attend – hands on activities in building and automotive trades, hospitality, childcare, hairdressing and beauty. Free excursion.
- There will be a Australian Defence Force Talk for all Year 10 students on Wednesday 30th April 8.30am - 9.30am in the Shed (free event).
- Big Day In at RMIT University Thursday 29th May – if you are interested in careers in technology, accounting and IT, please register at the Careers office. We will be taking up to 50 students from year 10. Cost is $10 per student.

**Upcoming April School Holiday Career Events:**

- RMIT Science Lab Tours in the City – Monday 7th April – register at www.rmit.edu.au/science
- RSPCA Program Vet for a Day - Tuesday 8th April, 9.30am to 3.00pm, $104 (for non-members).
- RSPCA Program Animal Attendant for a Day - Thursday 17th April, 9.30am to 3.00pm, $104 (for non-members) Bookings: http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/holiday-programs/youth-holiday-program#vet-day
- RMIT Experience Surveying Day – Thursday 10th April - RMIT University Field Station (outside), Yarra Bend Park, 201 Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield, 9.45am to 12noon. Register by email to: - trysurveying@allwithoutlimits.com.au
- Experience La Trobe University – Friday 11th April, 9.30am-4.30pm at the Bundooora or Bendigo campuses. Register at: latrobe.edu.au/experience
- A Day at Melbourne University – Friday 11th April, 10.00am-3.30pm, University of Melbourne, Parkville http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/a_day_at_melbourne
- Nursing and Health Expo - Saturday 12th April 2014 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Melbourne from 9.00am to 1.00pm. If you are interested in becoming a nurse, working in Aged Care or Hospitals, you should attend this expo.

**Chris Wood, Careers**

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**STUDENT** | **HG**
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Zac Piccinini | 8M
Zac Anderson | 8M
Samuel Brancea | 8M
Danny Aiezza | 8M
James Dilorenzo | 8M
Elle Johnston | 8M
Holly-May Little | 8M
Jean-Pierre Nayna | 8M
Taylah Raditsis | 8M
Abed Anaki | 8L
Dion Balalas | 8L
Bridget Dilorenzo | 8L
Ayah Dleiken | 8L
Todd Gablek | 8L
Elyas Hekmati | 8L
Atul Krishna | 8L
Waleed Moslih | 8L
Jordan Potter | 8L
Aysha Sadiq | 8L
Yenish Wijetunga | 8L

**PSW QUALITY APPAREL**

**CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

ALL PSW stores will be closed on the following dates:

- Good Friday, 18th April 2014
- Easter Saturday, 19th April 2014
- Easter Sunday, 20th April 2014
- Easter Monday, 21st April 2014
- ANZAC Day, 25th April 2014

Website: www.psw.com.au
Email: hamptonpark@psw.com.au
TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Domain at Gleneagles Secondary College brings together a set of subject areas with differing histories and traditions all sharing an interest in effective design and practical experience in the use of a variety of materials. Subjects offered by the Technology Domain provide opportunities for students to develop and apply knowledge, understanding and skills that can be transferred to everyday living and work environments. The students are required to manage resources and to initiate and adapt to change.

Students are challenged to develop skills of critical thinking and problem solving, allowing them to make informed decisions, communicate effectively and work cooperatively to meet their needs. Students follow the design process and are involved in designing, making and appraising their projects and developing portfolios of work samples and processes. While this subject area is based around practical work, literacy and numeracy skills are reinforced and applied in real life situations.

Term 1 has shown an array of exciting projects completed by students in Wood, including Key Holders, Pencil Boxes, Wall Hooks, Puzzles, Games, Wooden Spoons, Stools and Boxes, whereas some students have also had the opportunity to develop their hand sewing, long stitching and sewing machine skills, using a variety of fabrics in Textiles classes. Other students in Metal are learning the fundamentals of MIG welding and Oxy-Acetylene processes, which for many, are deft abilities to acquire.

Those students in a Food subject are displaying their creativity in methods of cooking, menu design, food preparation, career options and food service requirements. Some students comments have been:

“The thing I like about Tech is how we make things out of wood. Our Tech teacher is really nice and I’d like to have Tech and Drama every day of the week”.

“Technology is a cool subject because it gives you great life skills to build on and create different projects”.

“What I have enjoyed making in tech is the Pencil Box, because I liked burning lines into the wood to show my design”.

“The thing that I enjoy about Tech is working through all of the processes, especially when I made my Pencil Box.”

I encourage parents to visit the Technology Domain during Open Night on Monday 28th April 2014, from 4.30pm – 6.30pm and discover for themselves the wonderful creativity and inventiveness that our students have.

SKILLED UP PROGRAM

To be eligible for the Skilled Up Program, students must have some connection with Greater Dandenong (ie belong to a sporting club, have a part-time job or live there). For further details or to download the Registration Form, contact the City of Greater Dandenong Youth Services, Phone: 9793 2155 or visit their website: www.greaterdandenong.com/youthservices.
NEW CHALLENGE STARTS

Students are invited to take part in the Reading Challenge this year. The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read; to read more frequently and to read more widely.

All students in Year 7 will be participating in the Challenge and we encourage others to participate in the joy of reading.

The Premier’s Challenge to students from Years 7 to 10 is to read 15 books by 5th September 2014, including ten or more from the official booklist.

A signed Certificate from the Premier will be sent to all students who meet the challenge. The names of those students will also be published in an online honour roll.

These are some ways that you can support your child and encourage a love of reading

- Set aside a time each day where everyone reads. It is a good time for you to catch up on your reading, to set a great example, and for your child to share the pleasure of reading.
- Visit the library together.
- Encourage your child to share what he or she has read.
- Be active in your child’s TV viewing. Control the quantity and quality of the programs your child watches. Allow some time for TV and for reading.
- Be pleased with your child’s reading progress.

For more information parents can visit the website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc or speak to Ms Moller in the library, who will be co-ordinating the Challenge.

Interested students can collect a consent form which requires your signature.

Remember: Reading should be enjoyable!

Lynne Moller, Library Co-ordinator