



# Gleneagles College Newsletter

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 8 Basketball, Hockey - Year 11 → 12 Course Counselling	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	- Gleneagles Variety Night, 7.00pm, the Shed
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 11 Physics Excursion	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	- Year 10 Bell Shakespeare Performance, Art Centre - Year 12 Physics Excursion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	- VCE Special Programs Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	- Professional Development Day (no students)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 8 Science Extension Excursion - Year 11 Excursion to Melbourne Careers Expo - Visiting Author for Year 7	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 10 EALD Surf Life Saving Program
		Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	- Free Dress Day, \$2.00 donation - Year 8 Graffiti Education Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 8 → 9 Course Counselling	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	- Year 7 Humanities Excursion (7A,B,C,D,E,F,G)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	- Year 12 English Excursion	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	- Visiting Author Writing Workshop (selected students)

## **COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **NEW PEDAGOGIES FOR DEEP LEARNING**

Gleneagles Secondary College puts a great emphasis on ensuring our students have access to appropriate ICT devices, software and learning opportunities to develop the skills they will need in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Gleneagles Secondary College is one of 70 schools in Victoria, selected to participate in a four year global research initiative called New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (pedagogies, is simply an education term meaning the method and practice of teaching). This is a very exciting opportunity that is sure to benefit our teaching and learning program in a variety of ways. Australian schools, alongside schools in seven other countries, supported by major international ICT players such as Microsoft, will embark on this exciting journey. The purpose of the initiative is "to mobilise and foster new pedagogies for deeper learning in school and leverage the power of digital technologies".

### **INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ICT DEVICES FOR 2015 AND BEYOND**

Unfortunately the Federal Government initiative that saw every Year 10-12 student being provided with a netbook at no cost has ended. The school will no longer have the funds to purchase devices for students. The school has been investigating the best options for the future. A team has researched best practice in other schools, sought advice from the DEECD, met with their experts in the field and met with major IT providers. We have consulted with staff and students and will shortly seek feedback from parents through the PFA. We are very mindful that we need to ensure our students have access to an appropriate device at an affordable price. We are in the process of balancing all of the complex issues: which devices we can support, how to provide access to education software (and the associated licence fee implications), what costs can be met by the school (particularly in terms of IT infrastructure), costs that will need to be met by the parent and leasing options, to name but a few.

In a perfect world, we could provide at no cost devices to all students but the school simply does not have the financial resources to do so. We seek to come up with the best option that will meet the needs of the majority of our students, with as few compromises as possible. Moving forward, we will need a partnership between the school and families to ensure our students are able to access current technology as an integral tool in their learning program. If you have any questions about our future ICT directions, please email the college at [gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gleneagles.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au) or telephone the College on Tel 9708 1319. Further details about this initiative will be published in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

### **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES**

Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic. Traffic police have been in attendance monitoring traffic conditions and speed around the college.

- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- Do not drive into the school car park to pick up or drop off students.
- U Turns in Reema Boulevard are not permitted outside the school.
- Discuss with your child the need to use the School Crossings at all times.
- Please do not double park in the streets outside the College when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park over the School Crossing lines.
- Do not park in the drop off bay during designated times.

Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non compliance of road rules and parking signs. Your co-operation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

### **HOW TO GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST CHANCE AT SCHOOL**

Make sure they attend school every day and arrive on time! Some absences are impossible to avoid – genuine illness, bereavement, etc. are examples of the acceptable reasons for absence. However, every time your child is late or absent from school, his/her learning is disrupted. Most teaching is sequential – what is taught and learned today is a foundation which enables children to understand and master what is taught tomorrow. It is usually harder for a child to catch up on work missed than to master it when it is being taught in class. To avoid making it hard for your child, parents should minimise absences by:-

- Arranging doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours.
- Developing in your child the habit of being on time to school each day.
- Not allowing children to remain at home for minor/frivolous reasons.
- Arranging birthday celebrations etc to occur out of school hours.
- Contacting the Homegroup teacher or mentor immediately there is any concern which might influence attendance.
- Asking your child would they stay home if this was their paid employment – if the answer is no, they should be at school.

### **DONATION**

We would like to acknowledge the recent donation by LJ Hooker Real Estate, the Dandenong office. The financial contribution will assist the College greatly.

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

## **FILM FESTIVAL** GLENEAGLES SECONDARY COLLEGE 2014

**WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

*Entries are now open for the Gleneagles Film Festival which will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Hallam Senior Secondary College Theatre. The Film Festival is an annual event that celebrates screen based work of students throughout the school. The Film Festival is open to not only media students, but any students creating screen based work in any class.*

*Students will also be in the running for prizes from Madman Entertainment and Crumpler. Videos need to be under 5 minutes and be submitted to Mr Young by Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to be considered for the Festival.*

**Mr Young, Arts & Visual Arts Director**

### **PFA MEETING**

The upcoming PFA meetings will be held as follows: -

- Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 3.35pm-4.30pm at the College
- Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm-8.00pm McDonalds, Endeavour Hills

Small children welcome. If you are free to attend we'd love you to join us for a coffee and chat. The second meeting is a "repeat" of the first.

### **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES**

A reminder all fees are now overdue. Please contact the College Bursar to make payments. Telephone the College on Tel 9708 1319 or email [bartley.lynette.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bartley.lynette.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING**

Gleneagles Secondary College hosted an Intercultural Understanding Program on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014. It was attended by 16 students (between Year 6 and 8) and five staff of Baden Powell College, Tarniet Campus and 22 Year 8 students from Ms Van Rossum's Indonesian class who were accompanied by Ms Toth and Mrs Riley.

Aboriginal youngster, Djarrin Blow started the morning with a smoking ceremony in acknowledgement to the ancestors, past, present and future of this land, creating sacred space and a sense of welcome and belonging for all the participants. After a short introduction the students were divided into four small groups and each group rotated through the various facilitated sessions. Djarrin Blow shared cultural experiences and traditions of the first nation people. The students got to hear, touch, feel and understand more about Aboriginal culture. Claire Ruby James presented an interactive session with the participants on racism and bullying. They experienced what it felt like to be on the receiving end of bullying and steps they could take to help someone in this situation. They then went on a world music journey with Josh Bennett showing them instruments such as a sitar and having them interact with sounds and beats from around the world.

Jamel Kaur discussed what culture meant, what it meant to be Australian and the importance of cultural understanding. Various topics were touched upon including the importance of being part of a community, respecting one another and being responsible for yourself and things around you. In the feedback session the participants recognised that no matter what you do as a career path, whether it be teaching, nursing, plumbing, or running your own business, you will be much better off with cultural understanding, to accept and respect one another, to work on attributes and values like respect, communication, compassion, understanding, acceptance, service etc. All participants and staff finished the two and a half hour workshop by sharing in a vegetarian meal.

We would like to thank Jamel Kaur for her assistance in organising this workshop.

## **GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION 2014**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the regional level of the German Poetry Competition, held at Mentone Girls' Grammar on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July: -

Andrew Duncan 7E	Sarah Ghassali 7A
Arushi Gupta 7E	Kameron Lai 7E
Anthony Mao 7E	Rachel MasQuiren 7E
Riley Siwes 7E	Lisa Li 9I
Jessica Rodrigues 9I	

Congratulations to Jessica Rodrigues 9I, Lisa Li 9I, Riley Siwes 7E, Anthony Mao 7E, Rachel MasQuiren 7E, and Sarah Ghassali 7A for making it to the regionals.

Learning and memorizing a poem in a foreign language takes a lot of time and practice, as well as courage to present it in front of a lot of people. By taking part in this competition, students improved on their pronunciation, intonation, as well as learned new words and phrases in German. It was also a great opportunity to practice public speaking, which is an important skill for the future. Gut gemacht!

**Ms Rajamäki, German Teacher, LOTE Domain Leader**



*Pictured: Anthony Mao 7E, Riley Siwes 7E, Rachel MasQuiren 7E, Sarah Ghassali 7A, Lisa Li 9I, Jessica Rodrigues 9I*

## **PERFORMING ARTS VARIETY NIGHT WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014 7.00PM, THE SHED**



Tickets are now on sale for the Variety Night which features the top acts from Gleneagles – instrumentalists, vocalists and many others. A great night's entertainment, not to be missed. All tickets cost \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Bursar's office.

## **GRAFFITI EDUCATION**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Year 8 students will attend a program aimed at educating youth about graffiti and vandalism. The program is delivered as part of a comprehensive approach to graffiti management. It will involve an interactive, entertaining presentation with the aim of involving students in thinking about and discovering the impacts of graffiti. Ultimately, it provides them with an understanding of the social and economic costs of vandalism to them and the community.

**Ms Waters, Year 8 Team Leader**

## **INTERMEDIATE SOCCER**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July the Year 9 and 10 soccer team travelled to Kingston Heath Reserve to play in the Southern Metro Region Finals. Battling cold and windy conditions all day the team drew with Hampton Park 1-1. We had a break and realised we had to beat the next team by at least 2-0 to go through to the Final. The boys played extremely well winning 2-0, we made it through to the Final! We played Dandenong in the Final and after normal time we were 0-0, after extra time we were 0-0 which meant we were heading to penalties to work out the winner of the Southern Metro Region. The boys played extremely well all day however we lost in penalties 4-5. The boys should be commended for their hard work. Second place in Southern Metro Region is still a fantastic result!

## **SENIOR SOCCER**

After winning our local competition beating the likes of Hallam Sports Academy, the senior boys soccer team decided they had a massive opportunity to take this team further. They decided they would train once a week (sometimes twice a week) until the Southern Metro Region Finals came around. Credit needs to go to the boys as they stuck to their word and trained extremely hard lead by Ezekiel. On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July we headed down to Kingston Heath Reserve on what was a sunny but windy day. The boys worked hard into the wind in the first match and scored 2 goals due to using their skills and flicking the ball around. After having a rest between the games we realised we only needed to draw the next game to get through to the Final. We played Patterson River in what was a fantastic game of soccer ending 0-0, we had made it through to the Final! We came up against Leibler Yavneh, who were a very good team, which meant the quality of soccer was high and played in great spirit throughout.

During the game the cold south-westerly breeze changed to a freezing southerly breeze and the dark clouds we thought were going to miss us came straight for us. It was raining sideways and the wind wreaked havoc with the ball. After normal time the score was 0-0, after extra time the score was 0-0 leading us to penalties. We lost in penalties 4-5, the wind and rain was so strong, the ball would not sit on the penalty spot and had to be held by a line judge. Understandably the boys were shattered, however they should be extremely proud of the amount of work they put into training and getting better as a team.

**Mr Leith, Year 8 Team Leader / PE Teacher**

## **CAREERS NEWS**

### **University Open Days**

August is Open Day month. All VCE students and even Year 10 student are encouraged to attend a University or TAFE open day. Here are the Open days on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**:

RMIT University - City, Bundoora and Brunswick, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Australian Catholic University Melbourne campus, Fitzroy 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Deakin University Geelong – Waterfront & Waurn Ponds.

**Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator**



**Merit Certificates**  
**Gleneagles Secondary College**  
**Acknowledgement of Recipients**



<i>Student</i>	<i>Home Group</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Kavanjog Singh</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Ethan Chapman</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Samuel Botrosdief</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Jeylan Cayhan</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Seda Aycicek</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Brodie North-Atkinson</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Aaron Crichton-Nelson</i>	<i>7F</i>	<i>For achieving an excellent mark on the fractions math test.</i>	<i>Ms Turner</i>
<i>Jasmine Williamson</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Zoe Webb</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Andy Xiu</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Bethany Pega</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Jaime Stanes</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Aiden Hendrikx</i>	<i>7G</i>	<i>Awarded a Silver Merit Certificate. Students receive a Silver Merit as a result of achieving 5 Bronze Merits.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Helena Spasojevic</i>	<i>7C</i>	<i>For her continual efforts displayed in every PE class.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Dejan Kopanja-Olah</i>	<i>7L</i>	<i>For his fabulous efforts in PE classes.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Gregory Pega</i>	<i>7D</i>	<i>For his positive energy which he brings to all PE classes.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Gul Ali</i>	<i>7C</i>	<i>For her fantastic efforts in PE classes.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>
<i>Ali Jafari</i>	<i>7A</i>	<i>For his excellent efforts in PE classes.</i>	<i>Ms Morris</i>