Please refer to the information sheet included with your child’s interim or Mentor report for more detailed instructions on how to access the booking system as well as your login details. 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.

**INTERIM REPORTS**

An Interim Report for Year 7 to 10 students or a Mentor Report for VCE students is being posted to students’ home addresses over the next week. These reports provide an indication of how the student has progressed in their studies during Term 3. Parent Teacher Interviews for Semester 2 will give parents the opportunity to follow up with teachers on any issues that arise from the interim report and ensure they can be addressed before the Semester 2 reports are prepared.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW BOOKINGS**

On Wednesday, 10th September Gleneagles will be holding its second Parent Teacher Interviews for the year from 1.00pm to 8.00pm. We are continuing to use an electronic booking system which will allow parents/guardians to directly book interviews using the internet. When it is activated on Wednesday 3rd September, you will need to click on the “Parent Teacher Interviews” heading in the Quick Links section on the left side of the screen on the Gleneagles website. You will then be taken to the booking system. This is currently NOT available; access will be allowed from 12 noon on Wednesday, 3rd September. If you have not done so, you may like to check that you can access the school website at www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au.

**PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY**

Rosalie Crestani, Councillor for Four Oaks Ward from the City of Casey, visited the College on Tuesday, 26th August 2014 as part of the Principal for the Day Program. The Program aims to:

- Increase understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community and promote the great work that schools do.
- Provide business and community leaders with first-hand and current experiences of schools.
- Enable school Principals to develop on-going relationships with leaders from other spheres.
- Increase opportunities for schools and the community to work together in mutually beneficial ways.

Rosalie Crestani met with the Principal and Assistant Principals to discuss various matters including the program, the Eumemmerring Alliance, course selection and future facility developments for the college. Rosalie attended morning tea with staff, toured the college, visited a Year 10 Humanities class to discuss the role of local Government and attended a lunch with the Principal and College Captains.
SCHOOL PRODUCTION ‘ROCK REVOLUTION’
Students and staff have been rehearsing and putting the final touches to the school production, which will be held from Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th September at Hallam Senior Secondary College Theatre, commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are still available from the Bursar’s office. Prices are $8.00 for Adults and $6.00 for Students/Children.

BUSES – MYKI
The bus companies have advised that a large number of students are still failing to touch on or off their MYKI when travelling. It is important that students always touch on and off on every trip, even if they are using the pre-paid MYKI pass (weekly, monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly). A MYKI that cannot touch on or has not been touched on for any reason is not valid for travel. Travel without a valid MYKI is fare evasion. Failure to do so could result in the issuance of an infringement notice by one of the revenue protection officers.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE COLLEGE – NEIGHBOURS
Parents and guardians are reminded to be aware of traffic conditions around the college and to show some common courtesy and respect for our neighbours:

- Do not park illegally across or in the driveways of neighbours houses.
- Do not enter the roundabout unless you have a clear passage through to the proposed exit point.
- Cars left parked in the drop off zone for extended periods of time are reported to Casey Council. Traffic inspectors will be monitoring the area and issue fines.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

VCE SPECIAL PROGRAM DAY, THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2014
The VCE students recently enjoyed their second Special Program Day of the year. These events are designed to support students in particular areas important to success in senior classes. The Year 11 Program consisted of a session on various study types, a motivational presentation from inspiring cancer survivor Luke Ryan and an afternoon of healthy cooking, yoga, art and other activities to recharge the batteries.

The Year 12 cohort had a presentation from the Elevate Educate program focussing on a range of exam preparation skills including stress management, planning and time allocation. In the second session students were taken through a hands-on SEAS application seminar. The day concluded with an informative presentation from Victoria Police on the safety concerns during end of year celebration and schoolies. A particular highlight of the day was the Reward For Effort Morning Tea, which recognised the efforts of students who consistently demonstrate the determination and positive attitude that VCE students are encouraged to exhibit. The recipients of these awards should be extremely proud of themselves.

Ms Singh Year 11 Team Leader, Mr Florence Year 12 Team Leader

MY FIRST SPEECH COMPETITION FOR YEAR 10 TO 12 STUDENTS
Year 10 to 12 students are being invited to put their views to the House of Representatives as part of this year’s My First Speech Competition. The nationwide competition is now open to all Australian secondary students enrolled in Years 10 to 12 and is the third time the popular competition is being run after it was successfully held in 2011 and 2013.

The competition will provide the opportunity for three lucky students to be flown to Canberra with a parent or guardian to present their speeches live and undertake a program at Parliament House. The competition asks Year 10 to 12 students to consider what they would say if they were a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives and record themselves presenting the speech on video. In addition to the trip to Canberra, the winning students and their schools will also receive a cash prize. Full details are available on www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech

Entries for the competition close at 5.00pm on Friday 12th September 2014. When the competition was first held in 2011 it attracted 176 entries from 68 schools across Australia, and the winners were applauded by MPs during Question Time in the House. The competition is a wonderful way for our next generation of community leaders to have a say in our National Parliament.

CAN YOUR BUSINESS HELP OUR STUDENTS IN 2015?
Gleneagles Secondary College is a rapidly growing school and we need the assistance of our community to support our Year 10 Work Experience Program. Work experience involves the short term placement of a student with employers, to provide an insight into working in the industry. Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn – not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise. At Gleneagles Secondary College work experience helps students to:-

- Explore possible career options
- Develop a realistic understanding of the world of work
- Understand employer expectations
- Increase students’ maturity, independence, self-confidence and insight

With almost 250 students in Year 10, we are looking for a range of new contacts for our students in all types of industries and in all kinds of work environments. If you or anyone you know would be happy to have a vibrant young person on work experience then please contact the college. The dates for work experience will be finalised soon.

Chris Wood, the College Careers Counsellor is available to provide advice and support to potential companies and or businesses who wish to take on a work experience student and can be contacted on Tel 9708 1319 or by email at wood.christine.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
PERFORMING ARTS VARIETY NIGHT
On Wednesday 20th August 2014, Gleneagles successfully hosted the annual Performing Arts Variety Night concert in the Shed. This is always a highlight of the year that showcases the enormous amount of talent of Gleneagles students as well as the commitment of the instrumental teachers in preparing them for these opportunities – Kim Ball, Paul Dunn, Mark Dipnall, Troy Male, Nicole McAlister, Sally McKenzie, Mauro Perez and Jenny Royle. Acts included the junior and senior bands, the school choir, vocal, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone ensemble items, with a touch of contemporary style as seen in the various vocal performances. Jazz styled items were also performed to a high standard including a wonderful saxophone solo by Josh Kannemeyer 11C and the wind ensemble performing ‘Blues in the Night’ with performer, Mark Dipnall.

A big thank you goes to Tim Riley 11A, Craig Barry 11C and Braeden Alford 11J who did a wonderful job in running the sound and lighting equipment and also to Josh Hunt 9E, Jacob Scanlan 9B, Andre Dababneh 7B, Byron Molloy 7I and Claire Holdsworth 9C – the best backstage crew in the history of Gleneagles Variety Nights! Thank you also to the MCs for the night (Josh Kannemeyer 11C and Lee-Anne Lazos 12H) and to Jen Riley and the PFA who ran the canteen with students Angel White 8C, Carissa Peart 8C and Cara Lee 8C.

Ms Ivory, Ms Fernandes & Ms Reynolds

SAC NEWS, WINTER EDITION
Winter Carnival has proved an extremely popular Gleneagles event yet again this year, with students from all year levels and teachers alike, eager to chase those winter blues away by participating in the SAC Winter Carnival. The carnival commenced with a record number of students filling the gym, eager to challenge the teachers in a fiery game of dodgeball. The teachers, while grossly out-numbered, put up a great fight and managed to survive the continual onslaught of dodgeball attacks. Other popular events from the carnival included cooking classes, lunchtime movies, Free Dress Day and the annual ‘5 Cent Drive’ by Year 7 students, which helped to raise funds for our sister school in East Timor.

The SAC Committee had a great time organising, running and participating in the Winter Carnival events and hope that you did too! We would like to thank both students and staff, who volunteered their time to help with the running of events.

Sue Schueler, Music Director

Ms Ivory fights back for teachers in Student versus Teacher Dodgeball match

Entries are now open for the Gleneagles Film Festival which will be held on Wednesday, 8th 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, 15th September 2014 to be considered for the Festival.

Mr Young, Arts & Visual Arts Director

Picture 1: MCs Lee-Anne Lazos 12H; Josh Kannemeyer 11C
Picture 2: Tim Riley 11A, Craig Barry 11C and Braeden Alford 11J
Picture 3: Cara Lee 8C, Angel White 8C, Carissa Peart 8C
Picture 4: Mandella Darmos, 7C
Picture 5: Adna Cosic 7H, Jeylan Cayhan 7F, Lee-Anne Lazos 12H, Jasmine Chan 7F, Seda Aycicek 7F, Monique Shaw 11H
University and TAFE Open Days
The remaining Open Days are:
- Sunday 31st August - ACU Ballarat campus
- Sunday 31st August – Federation Uni, Gippsland campus
- Saturday 13th September – SAE Creative Media Institute
- Wednesday 17th September – Holmesglen Institute, Waverley, Moorabbin and Chadstone

http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/students/open_days
- Saturday 21st September – VFA Learning, 58 Victor Cres, Narre Warren, 10.00am to 2.00pm.
- Students in Year 12 also have the opportunity to visit Change of Preference expos at each University after their VCE results in December.

Next Step Health Workshop – Years 10-12
Are you interested in a career in the health industry?
Register by 5th September for a health workshop at the Alfred Hospital, Prahran.
The workshop is held during the holidays on Monday 22nd September, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Drawing Workshop at the VCA – Years 10-12
Closing date for registration is 15th September. The drawing workshop is being held at the Victorian College of the Arts, on either 23rd or 25th September during the school holidays from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Each class is limited to 25 students.

RSPCA Holiday Program
RSPCA Education at Burwood East, is offering the following programs for students interested in the animal care industry:
- Tuesday 23rd September – Vet for a Day $104, 9.30am-3.30pm
- Monday 29th September – Animal attendant for a day - $104, 9.30am-3.30pm
- Thursday 2nd October – Introduction to working with small animals (Short course costs $225) 9.00am - 4.00pm.

http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/short-courses

VCE Extension Studies
Studying a University subject while you are in Year 12 can boost your ATAR and gain credits into a University degree. Deakin University offers extension studies in the following subjects if you are studying VCE Psychology or Health and Human Development:
- Health Behaviour
- Health Information and Data
- Introduction to Psychology A & B

Apply by 5th December at http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options-and-pathways/vce-extension-studies-program

VCE Extension studies are also available at:
- University of Melbourne: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/info/school-students/extension-program/subject-areas

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator