**THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY 2015 - FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2015 - ALL STUDENTS PRESENT**

**STUDENT REPORTS**
Teachers are currently working on Semester 2 Reports. To ensure all parents receive their child’s report in a timely manner, all Year 7-10 student reports will be posted home to parents by Wednesday, 17th December 2014.

**2015 SCHOOL YEAR**
Students return to school for 2015 on Thursday, 29th January 2015 and all students are expected to attend on this day. If your child is intending to travel overseas or take an extended holiday beyond 29th January 2015, parents/guardians **must** supply a note to the College before leaving which indicates the return date to school. Students should return these notes to their Home Group teachers. Gleneagles is becoming a very popular destination for many families and we receive a number of enquiries for enrolments for 2015 every day. It is essential we know if you are intending to return to school any later than 29th January 2015 to retain your place at this College.

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES**
The End of Year Activities Program began yesterday and will operate until Monday, 15th December 2014 for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. This program has provided students with the opportunity to take part in a variety of learning experiences different to those provided in the regular timetable. All students will take part in a BBQ Fun Day at Lysterfield Lake on Monday, 15th December. Students are reminded to wear their PE/Sport uniform each day.

**UNCLEARED LOCKERS**
All students should ensure they clear their lockers by Monday 15th December 2014. Team Leaders had organised for each Year levels to clear their lockers during class time before this date. After this time, to allow scheduled maintenance to occur, all locks will be cut off lockers and unemptied lockers will be cleared. If the contents have a name on them, they will be kept and stored securely. If items do not have a name on them, they will be donated to charity. Should your child have not cleared their locker and wish to retrieve the contents, they are to see Mr Thorne, Assistant Principal during the first week of Term 1, 2015. Any items left unclaimed by the end of the first week will not be retained.

**YEARS 7 – 11 PRESENTATION NIGHT**
The Year 7 – 11 Presentation Night will be held on Monday, 15th December 2014 at the South Eastern Christian Centre, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills.

Due to increased student numbers, the Presentation Night will again be divided into two sections:

- **Years 7-8** commencing at 6.00pm
- **Years 9-11** commencing at 8.00pm

All students receiving an award have been sent an invitation and are expected to attend the evening in full school uniform accompanied by a parent/s. Upon receipt of the invitation, parents are requested to contact the College and inform the College of their ability or otherwise to attend the night. The College looks forward to celebrating this night.

**CLEAN UP DAY**
We will hold a Clean Up Day on Tuesday, 16th December 2014. Students who attend school on that day will be given a range of cleaning tasks. This assists in ensuring we go into the break having removed items from various areas that are no longer required and generally tidied up. Students who attend on Tuesday, 16th December may wear their sports uniform. There will be no formal timetabled classes. Students must bring recess and lunch as the canteen will be closed.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR IN THE OFFICE**
The Bursar’s office will take payments up to 4.30pm on Wednesday, 17th December. The office staff need time to finalise the accounts for 2014. The General office will close at 4.30pm on Wednesday, 17th December. The office staff need time to finalise the administration tasks for this year and prepare for 2015. Reports will be posted home on Wednesday, 17th December 2014.

**BURSAR’S OFFICE CLOSES:** Wednesday, 17th Dec 3.30pm

**GENERAL OFFICE CLOSES:** Wednesday, 17th Dec 4.30pm

_Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne_
MUSIC NOTES
On Wednesday, 3rd December 2014 the final Instrumental Concert for the year was held. Many students were given the opportunity to perform and the audience was entertained with a variety of items including solo and ensemble works. It was encouraging to see many Year 7 students perform for the first time in ‘public’ and all seemed to adjust well to the new experience.

Thank you to all the parents, families and music staff who attended this event (in excess of 180 in the audience) and enduring the unforeseen wind disturbances of the overhead fans blowing music off the stands! A high standard of playing was also demonstrated by the intermediate and senior instrumental students.

In addition to this event, the Junior Concert Band successfully performed a program of pieces at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre on Friday, 5th December 2014. Students walked to the shopping centre and shared their Christmas cheer with surrounding stores, shoppers and an encouraging audience.

The Study Tour comprises of three stages:
• A half day and evening session at Local Government, which includes an introduction to City of Casey and dinner with the Councillors.
• A full day visit to the State Government including a meeting with local State Members of Parliament.
• A four day visit to the Federal Government in Canberra which includes a day at Parliament House, meeting with Federal Members of Parliament, visits to the High Court, National Gallery and other places of interest.

Congratulations to Jarrod, Olumide and Miriam.

Mrs Schueler, Music Director

AUSTRALIA DAY STUDY TOUR
Australia Day Study Tour Awards are presented to young people in Year 11 or equivalent age (16 years of age in the year of the award) who have been nominated by their school or employer for a demonstrated interest in, and a reasonable understanding of, politics and community events and issues. This award is designed to give young people the opportunity to explore the political and administrative systems of our nation. The nominated young people are shortlisted for interviews, which are conducted by a community panel. Gleneagles Secondary College nominated three students Jarrod O’Donnell 10E, Olumide Yinka-Kehinde 10H and Miriam Fares 10E. All three students were such strong candidates that all of them were successful in winning a place on the Australia Day Study Tour.

Mr Barker, Year 9 & 10 Sub School Leader