**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015**

Councillors are elected for a two year term. This year, three parent representative positions and one DET employee representative position fall vacant. On page 3 of this Newsletter there is a page that seeks to address questions parents may have about what is involved in being on Council. Interested parents may also like to contact the Principal, Sue Peddlesden to discuss the opportunity. Nominations will open on 20th February 2015 and close on 27th February 2015. Further details on how to nominate will be published in next week’s Newsletter. Nominations will be assessed and if an election is required, the ballot will be held between 6th and 16th March 2015. Elected Councillors would commence their duties at the next Council meeting held on 23rd March 2015. Council meets a minimum of eight times per year and currently meetings are held at 7.00pm on a Monday night. Future dates can be located on the College website. Being on Council is a great opportunity to contribute to development of the College and its policies.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA**

Public Transport Authorised Officers will be stepping up enforcement to ensure fare evaders are penalised and caught. A particular emphasis will be given to the bus network and around school zones. Students are to make sure they have a valid ticket at all times to avoid the risk of a fine. Students are required to touch on with their myki cards every time they travel, even if they have a valid Student Pass. Students who have a Student Pass, or who are over 16 years old, must also carry their Concession Card at all times when travelling. Without their Concession Card, their Student Pass is not valid whether they have touched on or not. Important information about using public transport and how to apply for a Student Pass or a Concession Card are available online at the Public Transport Victoria website: www.ptv.vic.gov.au and the College website.

**EVACUATION/LOCKDOWN DRILL**

We will be holding an evacuation or lockdown drill before the end of the Term. If we are holding a drill we will notify the community by putting this as a banner notice on our website. Parents are asked not to call the school during such drills as this diverts staff from their roles.

**ROAD SAFETY**

The safety of students before and after school in relation to traffic around the college is a priority. Parents are asked to support the school policy and to assist with implementing some of the following strategies to eliminate traffic congestion around the college. Council parking infringement officers patrol the college and will issue fines:

- Students are not to cross the road at the roundabout located on the corner of Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive. Students are to use the supervised School Crossings.
- Parents are encouraged to drop their child off/pick them up at school a few blocks away and let the child walk.
- Please do not pick up/drop off your child whilst in the flow of traffic, particularly at the roundabout. Vehicles need to be parked safely in the kerb before students leave the vehicle. Parents are reminded to discuss with their child the importance of using one of the supervised School Crossings if they need to cross a road or to get to a pick up point.
- Please do not double park in the streets outside the college, or park across the driveways of the local residents. U turns in Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive must be avoided at busy times.

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne*
VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR YEARS 7-10, 2015

This year there are vaccination programs for all students in Years 7–10. Consent Cards will be distributed through Homegroups in the next two weeks. If your child has not brought home the Consent Card/s, please remind them about this. Spare cards will be available from Debbie’s desk at the Front Office. Please read the following article regarding the importance of the vaccination program, the information required and ensure the Consent Cards are filled in thoroughly, signed and returned to the school by the due date. Further information regarding this will be in next week's Newsletter. The program for the vaccinations is as follows:

Wednesday 15th April, 2015
Year 7 1st Gardasil
Years 8 & 10 Boostrix

Wednesday 17th June, 2015
Year 7 2nd Gardasil & Boostrix
Year 9 Boostrix

Friday 16th October, 2015
Year 7 3rd Gardasil & Chicken Pox

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE FROM THE PRINCIPAL REGARDING THE SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINE PROGRAM.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The secondary school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus and chicken pox. Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the vaccine consent forms. Recently the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 were amended to authorise schools to release parent and student information to local councils so that councils can follow up with parents after the consent forms have been distributed. This means that we will provide your local council with your contact details and a local council representative may contact you with vaccine program information.

If you do not wish for your details to be provided to your local council, please advise me in writing before close of business 28th February 2015. If you are unable to contact me by the above date you will need to contact the officer responsible for the vaccine program at your local council in the event that you have queries about your contact details. Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free through the school-based program. The next step will be to return the student’s vaccine consent forms to the school. Without returning a consent form, a student may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important the consent forms are completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether you agree that the student will be vaccinated or not as part of the school-based program. For further information please go to the following link:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complaints.aspx

Sue Peddlesden, Principal

YEAR 7 UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 7 BBQ
As part of the Year 7 Orientation Program, Gleneagles would like to invite the parents/guardians of all Year 7 students to attend a welcome BBQ being held from 5.30pm-7.00pm on Tuesday, 10th February, 2015. Dinner will be provided along with the opportunity to meet and get to know your child’s teachers. The music department will also take the time to showcase some of the musical talent we have here at Gleneagles and give parents the opportunity to talk to the music staff about music lessons.

Year 7 Orientation Camp
The second event is the Golden Valley Lodges Orientation Camp at Flinders, which will be held from the 2nd to 6th March 2015. Please note that there are limited spots available for the camp, so make sure your forms are returned as soon as possible to avoid the disappointment of missing out. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Ms Reilly, Year 7 & 8 Sub-School Leader

VCE APP
VCE students are reminded to check the VCE App frequently to keep up-to-date on general Gleneagles happenings, careers notices, sports meetings, room changes, upcoming SACs and key dates. The VCE App is accessible to VCE students via their smart phones, netbooks and computers during class and in the VCE Study Centre (we prohibit the use of mobile phones in any other areas).

COLLECTING STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS
If you need to collect your child during school hours, please ensure you telephone the college (approx. 20 minutes) prior to collecting the student, or write a note in the School Planner, so the student can be waiting at the office to be collected and signed out by a parent/guardian. This will assist to minimise disruption to classes.

GLENEAGLES BOOK CLUB
TUESDAYS, LUNCH TIME
The Book Club “off_the_shelf@gleneagles” started this week. If you missed out it’s not too late to join.

We meet in the library, in the EAL room on Tuesdays at lunch time. New members are invited to join us.

We share our reading, make book selections for the library, join in competitions, meet authors, watch films and generally enjoy the company of people who love reading. Enquiries to Ms Moller in the library.

Lynne Moller, Library Coordinator
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is a School Council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the Glenaeas School Council?
• A mandated elected Parent category – five members of our Council are parents of students currently enrolled at the school.

• A mandated elected DET employee category – the Principal of the school is automatically one of these members and there are four members in total on Council.

• Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. GSC Council has three co-opted members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections. In the election at the end of February we will be calling for nominations for three parent and one DET representatives. Current members of Council may be eligible to re-nominate.

Why is Parent Membership so Important?
Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the School Council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The Principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the School Council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Remember
• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to Council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information

2015 STUDENT VOICE PROJECT
Student Voice at Glenaeas represents the voice of the students at the school. Last year we came up with the idea of creating a mosaic multicultural friendship seat to represent the different cultures at the school. We feel like this is an important project to raise awareness about the need for tolerance and understanding within our school community. This project aims to bring the students and wider community together in a fun and collaborative way and will work towards preventing bullying and misunderstandings.

We wish to visually represent and acknowledge the culturally diverse voice of all students at our school through this project and last year were successful in receiving a grant from the Victorian Multicultural Commission and donations from Frank Walker from National Tiles, Bunnings Fountain Gate and the PFA. Once created the bench will serve as a focal meeting place and be used as a learning tool for students at the school.

We are looking for parent helpers to assist with this project in particular a concreter and brick layer to help build the chair. If you are willing to help out or know someone who can, we would really appreciate your help. Please send an email to sweet.ariella.dl@edumail.vic.gov.au Thanks in advance for your support with this project from the Student Voice team.

Ms Sweet and Ms Furfaro, Student Voice Facilitators

Pictured is a sample model of mosaic friendship bench
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014

Our Year 12 students from 2014 recently received their offers for tertiary places (University and TAFE):

- 76% of our students received an offer for one of their top three tertiary preferences.
- 62% of our Year 12 students will be going to University.
- 24% to TAFE courses.
- The remainder will be studying at private colleges or working full-time.

Here is a summary table to show you our students’ top 10 destinations for 2015:

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VCE CAREER INTERVIEWS

All Year 12 students are required to book in for a career interview this term to discuss their options for study after Year 12 including pathway programs and special consideration. Year 11 students are also welcome to have an individual interview in Term 1 or 2. The sign up sheet is next to the Careers office door.

CAREERS OFFICE

All students aged 15 and above are invited to drop into the careers office (located between L and H blocks) near the Japanese garden. The Careers co-ordinator, Chris Wood is the Work Experience Co-ordinator (for Year 10) who helps students with their resumes and job applications and advises senior students about their pathways into tertiary study after completing their high school studies. There are course guides for University and TAFE (including interstate courses), a careers library with information about hundreds of different careers and Defence force information.

TAX FILE NUMBER CHANGE OF PROCESS

The Australian Tax Office has changed the way that secondary students apply for a tax file number. Students can no longer apply through school. Students who are Australian Citizens need to go to the ATO website, download the form and have their identity confirmed through a brief interview at the local Post office (must bring in identification documents). The ATO website is: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/

Students who are Permanent residents with a foreign passport, but not citizens apply via the website: https://iar.ato.gov.au/IARWeb (then press ‘Next’ to enter your details).

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

WHAT IS THE AAFC?

The aim of the Australian Defence Force Cadets, which includes the AAFC, is “By predominantly voluntary effort, to better equip young people for community life by fostering initiatives, leadership, discipline and loyalty through training programs which are also designed to stimulate an interest in a particular arm of the Defence Force.”

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See the College website for further details.