Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

| Monday 18th May | - Year 12 Biology Excursion  
- Year 7 Science Incursion | Friday 5th June | - Presentation Ball |
| Wednesday 20th May | - Curriculum Day (no students) | Wednesday 10th June | - GAT (no Year 11 or 12 classes) |
| Thursday 21st May | - Intermediate Netball, Soccer, AFL  
- Intermediate & Senior Badminton | Friday 12th June | - Report Writing Day (no students) |
| Monday 25th May | - Year 9 CBD Experience 9A,B,C,D,E,F (25-29/05) | Monday 15th June | - SMR Cross Country (selected students)  
- Year 12 Biology Excursion |
| Tuesday 26th May | - Year 8 Netball, Soccer, AFL | Tuesday 16th June | - ICAS Spelling Competition (selected students) |
| Monday 1st June | - Year 9 CBD Experience 9G,H,I,J,K,L,M (01-05/06)  
- Year 11 Exams (01-05/06)  
- Year 10 Exams (01-05/06)  
- Year 12 Excursion to Monash Uni, Berwick | Wednesday 17th June | - Year 7 & 9 Immunisations |
| Tuesday 2nd June | - PFA Meeting, 7.00pm, College staffroom | Thursday 18th June | - Year 8 Science Excursion  
- Senior basketball, hockey. All levels Table Tennis |
| Wednesday 3rd June | - ICAS Science Competition (selected students)  
- Year 7 Netball, Soccer, AFL  
- Year 7 & 8 Badminton | Tuesday 23rd June | - Year 10 students (Monash, Deakin Uni) |

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing finished on Thursday 14th May 2015 after three consecutive days of testing. The College will distribute students results when they are received later in the year.

CURRICULUM DAY (STUDENT FREE DAY)
WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2015
A reminder that Wednesday, 20th May 2015 is a student free day. Teachers will spend this Curriculum Day productively with all teachers working in Domain and Year level teams to develop curriculum and other resources. Teachers and staff have been consistently working throughout the year on developing the latest materials for their Domain areas. This is thoughtful and exciting work that ultimately is done to get the best outcomes for all students.

YEAR 10, 11 & VCE EXAMS
In Week 8 of this Term, the Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting their mid-year exams from Monday 1st to Friday 5th June 2015. Whilst VCAA mid-year exams are no longer held for students studying Unit 3 and 4 subjects, all Unit 3 & 4 students will be sitting the GAT on Wednesday, 10th June 2015. More detailed information will be sent home with students in the near future, outlining the exam timetable and the protocols students are expected to follow throughout the exam process. To help prepare students for this experience they will be involved in a number of study skills and exam preparation activities throughout this Term. Students should be completing at least 2-3 hours of study each night in preparation for the exams.

STUDENT UNIFORM OUTSIDE COLLEGE GROUNDS
A small number of students are wearing non-College uniform items to and from school. Such items include hoodies, coats, beanies and baseball caps. These items are not College uniform items and are not permitted to be worn whilst in College uniform. Gleneagles Secondary College prides itself on the turnout of our students both at school and in the local community. Please assist the College in reinforcing this issue with your child.

STUDENT RINGING OR TEXTING PARENTS
Recently a small number of students have taken it upon themselves to telephone or text their parents and request that they be picked up due to illness. This is not appropriate and parents are requested to speak with their children and remind them that in such a situation, their son or daughter needs to attend Sick Bay, where they will be assessed and treated as required. Parents will be contacted by College staff if students need to be collected.

YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE
With students beginning their preparation for the Year 9 CBD Experience shortly, parents/guardians are reminded that payment of the Essential Education Items Levy must have been made to the Bursar by the end of Term 1 in order for your child to attend. The CBD Experience will run in Weeks 7 and 8 of this Term.

Year 9 CBD Experience Dates
- Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May (Homegroups 9A-F)
- Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June (Homegroups 9G-M)
**MATHS MINUS THE ATTITUDE**
The Herald Sun newspaper recently featured an article by Kathryn Powley regarding attitude towards maths by parents. Parents who think they are no good at maths, can’t do percentages and that algebra is in the Middle East should stop “bragging” about it to their kids, an education expert has warned. “When adults shrug off their poor maths ability, they affect children’s attitudes to the subject”, said RMIT Professor of Mathematics Education Di Siemon. “No one accepts that it’s okay to say ‘I can’t read’, but they do think it’s okay to say ‘I was never any good at maths’, which of course is not okay”, she said. “It’s establishing an expectation that maths is really hard”. Professor Siemon suggested rather than declaring it too hard, parents should ask their children questions about their work, then try to solve the problems together. A parent commented that he is no mathematician, but tries to be positive about maths to his children. “If you can get them to embrace it a bit more, they tend not to see it as scary”.

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth, Rhonda Greelish*

**LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
**MONDAY 18TH TO THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2015**

Language Perfect is a competition where students from around the world learn vocabulary online, earn points and compete for awards and prizes. Students compete, it is fast paced, exciting and very competitive. Each student in Year 7 and 8 has a unique account, which tracks their progress as they learn vocabulary.

Students can learn any content from any of the official languages. Students earn points by answering questions correctly, by translating words into English or back into the target language and by revisiting vocab to test their learning. The competition is a continuous event over the 10 days, there is no limit to the number of times that a student can login and earn points. All participants receive a certificate.

*Mrs Iacoban, German Teacher*

**SCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
**ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION, WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2015**
**ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION, TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2015**

Entry forms for the ICAS Spelling competition (for students in Years 7-12) and the Science competition (for Year 7 students) are on the College website, located on the Homepage, Quicklinks. A reminder that entry forms for the Science competition and the entry fee of $8.00 needs to be paid to the College Bursar by Wednesday 20th May 2015.

*Ms Shee, High Achiever/Special Ed*

**LONE PINE TREE PLANTED AT GLENEAGLES**
The Hon. Anthony Byrne MP, Federal Member for Holt, recently planted a Lone Pine seedling at Gleneagles College. This seedling comes from one of the cones brought back to Australia, from the original tree on the Gallipoli Peninsula, by the soldiers who served there. Mr. Byrne said he was honoured to plant a Lone Pine, alongside students, as part of the Anzac Centenary Commemorations. In his 13 years as a politician, this was only the second tree he had ever planted. They are presented to schools as living war memorials symbolising courage and sacrifice of our soldiers. The school also remembered those who fought in WW1 with another unique commemoration. Students held 40 balloons. Each balloon represented 10,000 soldiers. 6 black balloons were released and they represented those who died. 22 red balloons represented those who were injured and 12 white balloons represented those who returned home. An evocative way of bringing to life the sobering statistics of the war.

*Picture 1: The Hon. Anthony Byrne, MP, Federal Member for Holt, with horticulture students Jasmine Prato 9D, Doost Nazari 9C
Picture 2: Doost Nazari 9C, Mrs Duffy, Jasmine Prato 9D
Lynne Moller, Library Co-ordinator*

**BURSAR NEWS**

**Statements**
All families should now have received statements in the mail. If you have changed address recently and haven’t received the statement, please contact the College.

**Payments**
Semester One Elective, SEAL Payments and 50% Essential Education Items are now overdue (80% Year 9). Semester Two Electives and the balance of Essential Education Items are due by the end of Term 2, Friday 26th June 2015.

We welcome payment plans to help with fee payments. Please contact Lyn Bartley, the Bursar on Tel 9708 1319.
**YEAR 8 STUDENTS, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

On Wednesday, 6th May 2015, 50 Year 8 students visited Deakin University to learn about the Deakin Engagement and Access Program. Students had the opportunity to explore what university life is like. They participated in an academic taster session, a university scavenger hunt allowing them to explore the campus and a reflective activity. At the end of the day students also participated in a graduation ceremony. The program aims to build on the aspirations of young people to participate in higher education and provides an opportunity for students to envisage themselves succeeding in a university environment. Students were excited about the many higher learning opportunities open to them in the future.

*Pictured: Dylan Parkin 8D*

*Ms Waters, Year 7 & 8 Sub-School Leader, LOTE (German)/Counsellor*

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**MODEL UNITED NATIONS WORKSHOP**

**YEAR 10 GLOBAL STUDIES EXCURSION**

On Wednesday, 6th May 2015 students from the Year 10 Global Studies class took part in a Model United Nations Workshop where they were given the opportunity to adopt and act as a Member State of the UN Security Council. Instructors from the UN Youth organisation in Victoria facilitated the event and provided students with information regarding the purpose and operations of the United Nations. Students were given a range of engaging resolutions dealing with contemporary issues on the matter of international peace and security.

Following the rules and procedures of the United Nations the students simulated their own version of the Security Council and engaged in a meaningful debate where they discussed and put forward suggestions to resolve the Israeli-Palestine conflict on behalf of their member states. In Term 3 students from Year 9-12 will be offered the opportunity to take part in the Evatt Competition where students compete in a United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition across the state. If you would like further information about the competition please speak to Ms. Furfaro.

*Pictured: Lisa Li 10F, Jessica Rodrigues 10E*

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**YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP**

The Year 9 Outdoor Education class recently participated in an overnight camp to Wilson’s Promontory. We arrived at Tidal River Camp Ground on Wednesday 22nd April 2015, set our tents up and prepared for a two hour surfing lesson at Norman Bay. After a session on the sand learning about water safety and rip tides we braved the cold water whilst admiring the beautiful Mount Oberon. All students did a fantastic job at learning how to catch waves and stand up on the surf boards. There were some fantastic waves caught as well as some great wipe outs!

After the surfing lesson the class enjoyed cooking dinner on trangia stoves, doing their best to avoid the lurking wombats. We then went on a night walk and learnt about the infamous Biddy’s Track. The following morning included a steep hike to the top of Mount Oberon where we found ourselves sitting in a big cloud. All students had a fantastic time on camp and enjoyed the opportunity to experience one of Victoria’s stunning National Parks.

*Ms Evans, Interschool Sports Co-Ordinator/PE*

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**NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK, 15th - 21st MAY 2015**

Due to the busy lives we lead, most families have limited time to spend together. The City of Casey has launched the Casey’s Biggest Family Dinner initiative to encourage families to reconnect with each other by having a ‘family dinner’ together.

It’s easy to get involved, simply go to: [www.casey.vic.gov.au/familydinner](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/familydinner) to register and receive your free family dinner pack and organise a night to have a family dinner during National Families Week. You can also win some great prizes by registering and taking a family photo at your dinner and hashtagging: #CityofCasey #caseyfamilydinner Have a great week!

*Claire Logue, Adolescent Health Nurse*  
*Mondays & Tuesdays in the Wellbeing Centre*
GLENEAGLES BOOK CLUB
TUESDAYS AT LUNCHTIME
The Gleneagles Book Club meets every Tuesday in the library at lunchtime and has welcomed many new members this year. So far we have shared what we’re all reading, purchased books for the library, personality tested our favourite book characters, met an author, played library bingo and read and written some funny limericks. Last week many new members were presented with their Book Club badge. There’s always room for new people so come along if you want to join us.

New Members: Niya Edayanal Benoy 7H; Shaylee Mannings 7L; Mariette Turner 7E; Sruthi Sriganeshwaran 7I; Resi Santosa 7E and Josh Davis 7E

Who’s Reading What?
Back Row: Josh Davis 7E; Sarah Ghassali 8A; Nicolas Pallant 11C
Front Row: Xenia Sanut 9E; Teisha Dopper 8A

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to Saffal Dhillon 7I, for being the first person in his Year level to complete the challenge. Year 7 students are expected to read 15 books by 11th September 2015, so keep encouraging your child. Remember: Reading should be enjoyable.

Lynne Moller, Library Co-Ordinator

CARERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience
Work Experience is compulsory for all Year 10 students, arrangement forms are now overdue. Please visit the Careers office to get assistance with your placement. Work Experience week is Monday 17th to Friday 21st August 2015.

VCE and Careers Expo Excursion
On Thursday 7th May 2015, Year 10 students attended the annual VCE and Careers Expo at the Caulfield racecourse. Each student attended at least one careers seminar and visited the University, TAFE and employer stalls. Here are some of our students at the Expo.

Picture 1: Jacob Scanlan 10B and Briana Mondon 10E
Picture 2: Chandler Watson 10G, Joshua Di Salvatore 10B, and Mirium Srdelin-McCann 10F,
Picture 3: Nicholas Ally 10H, Stephanie Botros 10F with SAGE Rep

Sports Medicine Career Evening
The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (at AAMI Park stadium) is having its annual Careers in Sports Medicine evening on Wednesday 27th May 2015. Students will need to register for the event at: http://www.trybooking.com/HCCF Student tickets cost $25 each. The evening covers careers in physiotherapy, myotherapy & remedial massage, exercise physiology, nutrition, podiatry, sports psychology.

Tax File Number Application Is Now Through Australia Post
Students can no longer apply for their tax file number through the school. Students who are Australian Citizens need to go to the ATO website, download the form and go to the post office with identification documents. The website is: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/ Students who are Permanent residents with a foreign passport, apply via the website: https://iar.ato.gov.au/IARWeb (then press ‘Next’ to enter your details).

School Holiday Programs At Chisholm Institute
Chisholm Institute is running a series of holiday programs during June/July or September at the Frankston campus – costs only $20 for a workshop from 10.00am to 2.00pm. The following workshops are available:
- Interactive Gaming/IT Networking, 30th June and 22nd September, 2015
- Automotive Skills, 1st July and 30th September 2015
- Basic Colour Principles For Hair And Make-Up, 2nd July and 1st October 2015
- Coffee Skills, 7th July, 2015
- Baby, Childcare and Nutrition, 8th July, 2015
- Learn How To Use A Digital Camera, 10th July 2015


Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator