**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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| Tuesday 22\(^{nd}\) March | - Year 10 Commerce/Law Excursion  
                                   - Year 11 Environmental Studies Excursion  
                                   - Year 7 Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis  
                                   - Year 7 & 8 Baseball                  |
| Tuesday 19\(^{th}\) April  | - Making Connections Excursion (selected students)  
                                   - Gleneagles Open Night, 4.30pm-6.30pm  
                                   - PFA Meeting, 7.00pm, College staff room |
| Wednesday 23\(^{rd}\) March | - Free Dress Day, $2.00 donation  
                                   - All levels Softball                    |
| Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) April  | - State Swimming (selected students)                                  |
| Friday 22\(^{nd}\) April  | - Whole School Athletics Carnival                                     |
| Monday 11\(^{th}\) April  | - Term 2, 2016 first day                                             |
| Wednesday 13\(^{rd}\) April | - SEAL Information Night for Year 7, 2017 students, 7.00pm the Shed   |
| Wednesday 27\(^{th}\) April  | - SEAL Year 7, 2017 Applications close 12 noon                      |
| Thursday 14\(^{th}\) April | - VCE Studio Arts Excursion                                           |
| Thursday 28\(^{th}\) April  | - Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp (28-29/4)                                    |
| Friday 15\(^{th}\) April  | - Year 12 English Excursion                                           |
| Tuesday 3\(^{rd}\) May    | - Year 10 Media Excursion  
                                   - Senior Netball, Soccer, AFL           |

**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**
The ballot for the School Council closed on Friday 11\(^{th}\) March 2016 at 4.00pm. It is pleasing to have so much parent interest in being a member of the College Council that we had to hold an election. The outcome will be officially declared at the School Council Meeting on Monday, 21\(^{st}\) March 2016 but I am pleased to announce the following parents and teachers elected:

- **Parent Representatives:** Brett Webb and Vicki Dikolli (two year term).
- **Parent Representative:** Wendy Hankin (one year term).
- **DEECD Representatives:** Tammy Van Rossum and Robert Young (two year term).

I look forward to working with the new Council as we seek to provide excellent governance and work to continually improve the opportunities for our students.

**FREE DRESS DAY, WEDNESDAY 23\(^{RD}\) MARCH 2016**
The Student Activities and Leadership Team (SALT) will be hosting a Free Dress Day on Wednesday, 23\(^{rd}\) March 2016. Students are encouraged to come to school in free dress on this day with a $2 donation. All funds raised will go to the Victorian State Schools’ Relief, which helps to provide uniforms and resources to disadvantaged students.

**DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM 1, 2016**

**THURSDAY, 24\(^{TH}\) MARCH, 2.30PM**
We remind all members of the school community that dismissal time at the end of each Term is 2.30pm. The City of Casey will not provide crossing supervisors before 2.30pm on any school day and school crossings will only be supervised within the nominated school zone times which are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. The bus companies have been informed of these times. First day of Term 2 is Monday 11\(^{th}\) April 2016.

**INFORMATION NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, 13\(^{TH}\) APRIL 2016, 7.00PM FOR YEAR 7, 2017 STUDENTS**
Applications for entry into the 2017 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Wednesday 13\(^{th}\) April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Shed at the College. No booking required. Applications close on Wednesday, 27\(^{th}\) April 2016 at 12 noon. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program for Year 7, 2017 students is scheduled for Saturday, 7\(^{th}\) May 2016. Please let family members or friends who may be interested in this program know that they may obtain the application form and further details through the College website, Quicklinks on the Homepage.

**OPEN NIGHT, TUESDAY, 19\(^{TH}\) APRIL 2016**
Open Night provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the academic programs and diverse co-curricula activities on offer at Gleneagles. We will answer all of your questions as you seek to make the right decision for your child’s secondary education. Our Student Leaders will run guided tours of our facilities and discuss the many opportunities on offer at the College.

**TUESDAY, 19\(^{th}\) APRIL 2016**
4.30pm to 6.30pm Tours of the School  
6.30pm Principal’s Address

We will explain how to enrol your child at Gleneagles Secondary College for Year 7 in 2017. We will also address questions regarding enrolment boundaries/protocols that are in place. Senior staff, teachers and Student Leaders will be available to answer all your questions, so please come along and join us. No bookings required, families welcome.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS, TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2016
On Tuesday 26th April 2016, Gleneagles will be holding its first Parent Teacher Interview session for the year. The teachers will be available between 12.45pm and 8.00pm. There are no classes for students on this day. Students are encouraged to attend interviews with their parents. We are continuing to use an electronic booking system which will allow parents/guardians to directly book interviews using the internet.

The booking system will be activated on Thursday 14th April 2016 at 12 noon. Information regarding the booking process and login details will be posted to each student’s home address at the end of Term 1. 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.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Rhonda Greelish

DISTRICT SWIMMING, WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016
A group of 32 students from Gleneagles competed in the Casey North Division Swimming on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at Doveton pool, the day after our swimming carnival. The team showed fantastic sportsmanship towards each other and other schools, this positive attitude paid off in the pool. Our Junior Girls took out both the Medley and the freestyle relays, our U/15 Boys won the freestyle relay. Over all Gleneagles finished 2nd at Casey North Division Swimming. 15 students have made it through to the Southern Metropolitan Regional Swimming on Thursday 24th March 2016. Well done to all the swimmers, it was an amazing day and good luck to all. Names of all students pictured below are listed on the College website.

Ms Cooper, Advance – GE Cup/Carnivals/PE/Sport

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS
The first of the immunisation sessions for Year 7 students took place last Wednesday, 9th March 2016. The program went smoothly and the students should be commended on their behaviour. As always, there is some nervousness around but that is normal. Any student who missed their vaccination will be contacted via mail by the City of Casey shortly or you can contact the Environmental Health Unit at the City of Casey on Tel 9705 5200 to find out about other locations to attend for the missed vaccination. You may, if you wish, take your child to your family doctor for the missed session.

The remaining sessions for 2016 at Gleneagles are listed below. Please place these in your calendar or phone.

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Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

HOMEWORK CLUB
Homework Club operates in the school Library each Thursday after school from 3.00pm-4.30pm. Attendance has been pleasing to date and students are enthusiastic about getting their work done. Last week there were 61 students in the Library and I am sure numerous more were in the VCE Study Centre and elsewhere in the school receiving assistance from their teachers. Last week there were eight teaching staff helping out and two university students from Monash.

As we provide some afternoon tea for the students each week, it would be appreciated if families could donate a packet of biscuits at least twice a year to help maintain our supply. Please note, there will be NO HOMEWORK CLUB in the last week as we finish early for end of Term on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 2.30pm.

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BUS SAFETY TIPS
Always look for the safest place you can find to cross a road - traffic lights or pedestrian crossings are the safest places to cross.
Always stand on the footpath, away from the road while you are waiting for the bus to arrive.
Always wait until the bus has fully stopped before walking towards the bus.
Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road, unless at a pedestrian crossing.
Always walk away from the bus so you have a clear view of the road and the car driver can see you.
Always cross a road in the most direct route.
Never try to cross a road from between parked cars, drivers can’t see you and you can’t see the driver.
**JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS
NEED HELP LEARNING TO LEARN?**
Throughout Term 2, the Junior School will be running a series of interactive workshops designed to help student's develop their study skills and techniques and become more independent and confident learners.

As a part of these sessions, students will work through areas such as:

- Identifying and understanding their own study habits, attitudes and preferences
- Effective goal setting and reflection
- Reading and effective note taking
- Memory techniques
- How different study tools can be applied across all subjects

These sessions will be held each Friday during lunch time and students who are part of the program must commit to attending every week and completing small tasks that will be set.

As well as teachers recommending students they feel will benefit from the program, we welcome queries and applications from parents and of course students themselves. The program will have a limit of 20 students to ensure that the best possible assistance is provided to everyone involved.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the possibility of your son/daughter being a part of this program, please contact Ms Helana Corrigan on Tel 9708 1319. We will be taking names until the end of Term 1 and students selected will be notified at the beginning of Term 2.

**Ms Corrigan, Year 8 Team Leader**

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**CAREERS NEWS**

**Work Experience - Year 10**
Reminder to all Year 10 students - the deadline for returning Work Experience Arrangement forms is only one week away, **Thursday 24th March 2016** (last day of Term 1) It is also compulsory for students to complete their ‘General’ and ‘Industry’ safe@work certificates prior to undertaking Work Experience. These should be completed online ASAP at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au) Work Experience week is Monday 20th to Friday 24th June 2016. Students can see Chris or Catherine in the Careers Centre for ideas and assistance with finding an appropriate placement or contacting employers.

**Gleneagles Parents- Can You Help?**
Parents - are you or any of your friends/family able to assist a Year 10 student with Work Experience this year? Offering a work placement to an eager student is a great way to build relationships with and contribute to your school and broader community. Please contact Catherine Oldham in the Careers Centre to discuss: oldham.catherine.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Career Education Opportunities**
Students - come and visit us in the Careers Centre to find out more information about how you can explore your future options. Upcoming opportunities which may be of interest include:

**Tertiary Open Day Calendar - VCE students**
The 2016 Tertiary Open Day Calendar has now been published on ‘Compass’ for VCE students to view. Attending Open Days can help students decide which University or TAFE campus they want to study at and which courses to apply for. Student - even if you have already made up your mind about further study, it is still a good idea to attend a few Open Days to see what else is out there so you have a backup plan if your first tertiary preference doesn’t work out.

**Excursion to South East Careers Expo & ‘Try A Trade’, Year 10**
**Tuesday, 19th April 2016, Cranbourne**
We will be taking a limited number of Year 10 students to the South East Careers Expo and ‘Try a Trade’. Trades on display will include carpentry, plumbing, tiling, bricklaying, painting, engineering and hair & beauty. Interested students should visit the Careers Centre to express their interest in attending.

**VCE & Careers Expo - Year 10 Students**
**Thursday, 5th May 2016, Caulfield Racecourse**
All Year 10 students are required to attend an excursion to the 2016 VCE Expo. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore VCE resources, tertiary courses and career information with over 170 exhibitors on display. Buses will depart at recess and return by the end of the school day. Students will soon receive a permission form to complete and return with $5 payment to the College Bursar.

**Excursion to Cerberus Naval Base - Year 10 & 11 Students**
**Thursday, 26th May, 2016 Mornington Peninsula**
Students with an interest in attending an excursion to Cerberus Naval base, the Royal Australian Navy’s Primary training facility located on the Mornington Peninsula should visit the Careers Centre. Only five spaces are available.

**Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator**
**Catherine Oldham, Careers Assistant**
FREE Community Forum
Positive Youth Mental Health
Unlock the secrets of a happy future by learning how to build a positive foundation
Tuesday 22nd March 2016
6.30pm to 9.30pm
St Margaret’s School Auditorium
Entrance via St Margaret’s Place
Melways Ref: Map 111 E9
Registrations Now Open
www.rotaryberwick.org/psych
Come Along and Enjoy Our Outstanding Speakers
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg  Assoc Prof Felice Jacka  Dr Claire Kelly

Gleneagles Secondary College
Year 7-12
Rexma Boulevard, Endeavour Hills
SEAL Information Evening
Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program
For Year 6 2016 – into Year 7 2017
Wednesday 13th April 2016
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Applications for 2017 Program close Wednesday 7th April 2016

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