



Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 25 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casey Division Golf - Year 7 Cricket boys & girls - Year 7 and 8 Super 8s cricket - Year 9 Outdoor Ed Excursion - Kayaking 	Wednesday 27 th March	- State Swimming (selected students)
		Thursday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross Country Carnival - Last Day of Term 1, dismissal 2.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VCE Tops Arts Excursion, Year 11 & 12 Studio Arts students, National Gallery - Year 7 Volleyball, Tennis, Baseball, Softball 	Monday 15 th April	- Term 2, first day
		Tuesday 16 th April	- Year 7 girls & boys & Year 9 boys Immunisation
		Thursday 18 th April	- SEAL Information Night, 7.00pm, The Shed

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On behalf of the Council and the parents of Gleneagles Secondary College, I would like to acknowledge and thank Amanda Cridland and Kim McLaughlin whose term of office is about to end. Each has shown a great deal of commitment to this school and given generously of their time and talents over the years and in various forums. Amanda and Kim no longer have students at Gleneagles so they did not seek re-election.

Amanda served as a Councillor for Eumemmerring Secondary prior to the formation of Gleneagles Secondary College and so has been a parent representative on Council for many years. Both Amanda and Kim were members of the Interim Gleneagles Secondary College Council and were involved in setting up the new college and its Council.

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 Council Annual General Meeting on Monday, 25th March 2013 but I am pleased to announce the following parents elected for a two year term:

Parent Representatives: Paul Newton, Jeff Riley and Paul Bradley who join Jackie Keyt (our current Council President). Paul Newton is commencing his second term on Council.

DEECD Representatives: Andrew Barker and Tammy Van Rossum (elected unopposed) will join Helena Corrigan on Council. Andrew is commencing his second term.

The new Council will co-opt two Community Representatives at the first meeting and will also determine a process to fill a casual, one year parent representative vacancy, arising because Sue Caljouw has decided to step down from Council. Sue has been an active and generous member of the Gleneagles Secondary Council and of course her efforts for the College PFA are exceptional. She has been on Council since Gleneagles Secondary College was established.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Maxine Foster for her valuable contribution to Council as a DEECD representative. She always made a thoughtful and valued contribution to Council. 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.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Wednesday, 1st May. The teachers will be available between 3.00pm and 8.00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to follow up with teachers on any issues and ensure they can be addressed before the Semester 1 Reports are prepared. Details of the booking process will be provided with the Parent Teacher Information Sheet being posted home at the end of the Term and available on the college website.

SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) PROGRAM

Applications for entry into the 2014 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Thursday, 18th April at 7.00pm. Applications close on Tuesday, 30th April. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program is scheduled for Saturday, 11th May.

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.

PARKING

The City of Casey have advised the College that their officers will be monitoring parental parking outside the College both at the commencement and conclusion of the school day. They will particularly target vehicles illegally parked, double parked, parked on nature strips, across driveways and crossings and impeding buses. Fines will be issued to offending vehicles.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

Let the competitive spirit return for the 2013 Gleneagles Cross Country Carnival to be held on the last day of Term! We love to see everyone's passion and enthusiasm for each house colour and this year we would like to encourage families to get involved also. If you live on Reema Boulevard or Gleneagles Drive (in between Hallam North Road and Scotsburn Road) then we would love for you to dress your house or front yard up in your colours for the event. The students will all run past your house from 11.00am - 1:30pm and see the support that you have to offer. If you live on the equestrian track, you could even drape colours over the back fence to help cheer on the students. Every bit of support helps and this is an event for everyone.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their house colours for the day. However, students are reminded to dress in appropriate clothing and footwear for running the cross country track (shorts that are comfortable and shoes for running as worn in PE classes). Ipods are not allowed on the running track this year due to road safety when crossing roads and driveways and will be confiscated if seen. Students are to wear their full school sports uniform if they are not in their house colours.

Miss Turner, Carnival Co-ordinator

IMMUNISATION – YEAR 7 ALL STUDENTS & YEAR 9 BOYS

The Hepatitis B vaccine will no longer be provided through school-based immunisation as most children would have had this by now. The first round of immunisations for all Year 7 students will begin on Tuesday, April 16th (Week 1, Term 2) with the Gardasil vaccination. Year 7 students will receive further rounds on 18th June and 15th October and will also receive their Chicken Pox vaccination on the June date.

Year 9 Boys will receive the HPV vaccination this year. The dates are the same as for the Year 7 students above.

The Year 10 students will have the one immunisation on 26th June and **Consent Cards for Year 10 will be given out next Term**. This vaccination for Year 10 is a combination of ADT (Adolescent Diphtheria and Tetanus) and PERTUSSIS, with this extra component giving protection against Whooping Cough.

THE CONSENT CARDS FOR YEAR 7 WERE INCLUDED IN THEIR ENROLMENT PACK LAST YEAR

and should all be returned by now. The Year 9 boys have only received their cards on 21st March and need to have them returned by Monday, 25th March. Thank you to all those parents/guardians who have ensured the return of the Consent Cards already. For those students who have not returned them, there are some spare cards available at the Office.

For Year 7 and 9 students, please ensure that the Consent Cards are returned, with all details filled in, to your child's Home Group teacher. Whether your child is or is not having the immunisation at school, please ensure that the appropriate section has been ticked and signed; that is, you have three choices for each Consent Form.

You need to show if:

YES Your child is to have the immunisation

or

NO Your child has already received the vaccine and include the dates

or

NO You choose for your child not to receive the vaccine at this time

As you can imagine, the organisation of this program takes some time. Please ensure that I do not have to make follow up phone calls to check the whereabouts of your child's card/s. If you have questions about the immunisations, please consult your local doctor or contact the City of Casey, Environmental Health Unit on 9705 5200. The same applies if your child is absent on the day of the immunisation program. Thank you for promptly attending to this request.

Maxine Foster/Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience Update

Work experience arrangement forms must be handed in **by the end of this term**. More than half of the Year 10 students have already finalised their placements. Please see Chris Wood at recess or lunch to talk about your options or to ring employers. There will be consequences (ie **detentions**) for a lack of action.

April Holiday Programs

Vet for a Day at Healesville Sanctuary 5th or 12th April. \$125 for the day. Please call **9285 9406** to reserve your place. For students in Years 9-12.

Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th April. \$103 per day. Please call **9285 9406** to reserve your place. For students in Years 7-12.

Werribee Open Range Zoo Keeper for a Day. 4th, 8th, 10th April. \$103 per day. Please Tel **9285 9406** to reserve your place.

Aquarist for a Day at the Melbourne Aquarium. \$149 for the day. Tel 9923 5999.

Experience University

Friday 5th April – Experience La Trobe University – Bundoora campus, a wide range of course information sessions and expo. Register at [Latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://latrobe.edu.au/experience).

At Monash Seminars (for Year 11 and 12)

Register to attend the following course-specific seminars at Monash University (6.30 to 8.00pm at various campuses). Go to the website for the full list:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/>

- 17th April Design and Fine Art
- 18th April Psychology

The Age VCE and Careers Expo next Term

Year 10 students will be attending the VCE and Careers expo at Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday 2nd May. Permission forms will be handed out next week and are due back in the first week of Term 2. Cost is \$5.

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator