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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

START TO THE SCHOOL
It was wonderful to welcome back all our students for the start of a new school year. Students spent time with their Home Group Teacher or Mentor, attended a Year level assembly, received their timetables and lockers. By Period 3 all students were settled into class and the education program was underway.

While this was a very smooth start to the year, we have had some challenges. Termites have significantly damaged our English block. We have treated the termites and the rebuild has begun but we will be without two English classrooms for most of February. Of course, we have planned for this and students will be moved to other class rooms. The grass on the oval has not grown as expected. We have completely redeveloped the oval and it will be beautiful in about six weeks. We have welcomed the following staff to Gleneagles.

Rob Bechaz         Technology/Art
Craig Binge        Mathematics
Ashlee Chatfield  PE/HR
Danielle Davies   Art
Lesley Donnellon  Art
Tatjana Doslo     Maths/Science
Ilanna Furfaro    English/Humanities
Emily Hales       English
Fiona Minorgan    English
Trent Ogden       English
Amanda Rampal     Science/Mathematics
Zohra Salehi      Science/Mathematics
Lisa Winding      Humanities/Commerce
Denise Graham     Integration
Julie Pretty      Integration
Suzanne Ymer      Integration

SAD LOSS
We were saddened to learn that Gulshan Sadiq of Year 8 died over the holidays. Staff and students who knew Gulshan were advised and offered support. Counselling is available for any member of the school community that may require it. We have offered support to the family and particularly Gulshan’s sisters who attend our College. The thoughts of the school community are with the family at this difficult time.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS
Gleneagles Secondary College provides published workbooks to students as part of the Essential Education Item charge. These books will be delivered to students in the next two weeks. If payment has not been received or a financial arrangement has not been made with the Business Manager, students will not receive these workbooks. To arrange payments of the Essential Education Item, please contact the Bursar’s office on Tel 9708 1319. Payment options include cash, EFTPOS, direct deposit and BPAY. A reminder that EMA Applications close on Friday, 28th February.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will take place on Tuesday, 25th February. Payment on the day is through filling out the Credit Card Section or with cash to the photographer. These are the only payment options. To avoid disappointment on the day, please note this date in your calendar and put the money aside in the coming weeks. The school does not handle payments and is unable to provide change for students on the day.
GLENEAGLES HOUSE SPORTS 2014
This year’s House Sports Carnivals will be held on the following dates:

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All students are expected to attend, participate and enthusiastically encourage their fellow House members. The Carnivals are a great opportunity for students of all abilities to participate and have an enjoyable day. Your child has received a House Carnivals’ permission form. This form should be signed and returned to Home Group teachers. Families are most welcome to attend as spectators or officials (your assistance at these sports days as timers, place judges and recorders is greatly appreciated).

If you have any queries, please contact Ashlee Chatfield, PE Teacher at the College on Tel 9708 1319.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic. Do not let your child leave the vehicle until the car is parked safely in the kerb. Frequently students are leaving vehicles whilst the car is on the road or at the roundabout which is very dangerous.

- Please obey all traffic and parking signs outside the school.
- Discuss with your child the need to use the School Crossings at all times.
- Please do not double park in the streets outside the College when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Do not park over the School Crossing lines, or over the drive ways of the local residents.
- U Turns in Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive must be avoided at busy times.

Traffic Police have been in attendance monitoring traffic conditions and speed around the college. Parking inspectors patrol school zones and will issue fines for non compliance of road rules and parking signs. Your cooperation in these areas will be greatly appreciated.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

YEAR 10 AND NEW YEAR 11 & 12 - NETBOOKS IN 2014
Officially the NSSCF (Government funded computer) program has finished and schools across the State have been left to fund their own computer programs. At Gleneagles we have been quite frugal and as a result we can offer netbooks to Year 10 students in 2014. As in previous years, we will distribute these netbooks during February from the library. Two nights are available: Thursday 6th February and Wednesday 12th February. On Thursday 6th February, four sessions are available, 6.00pm, 6.30pm, 7.00pm and 7.30pm. On Wednesday 12th February two sessions are available 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

Parents will need to bring the signed Permission Form located at the end of the “Acceptable Use Agreement for NSSCF Devices” document which was distributed to students during Home Group. Copies are available from the Office. It is recommended that the student also attends as they will need to log on whilst at school to ensure everything works properly. I look forward to seeing you there.

Russell Bunce, ICT Operations Manager

YEAR 7 MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT MEETING
TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2014, 6.30PM
VCE STUDY CENTRE (VIA LIBRARY)

Parents of students wishing to learn a musical instrument this year must attend the important Music Information Meeting on Tuesday, 11th February at 6.30pm in order to register their son or daughter’s name. A wide variety of instrumental tuition is offered at Gleneagles including: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, french horn, euphonium, piano, singing, drums and guitar.

Parents will be informed about the associated costs for each of the instruments and receive advice on the most suitable instrument for their child. Woodwind and brass instrumental staff will be available on the night for any queries. Parents whose child wishes to learn an instrument but cannot attend this meeting should contact the Music Director, Sue Schueler on 9708 1319 prior to the date as places in the program are limited.

Sue Schueler, Music Director

YEAR 7 UPCOMING EVENTS
Welcome to 2014! The first week of transition for the Year 7 cohort has gone very smoothly. The Year 7 students are starting to navigate their way around Gleneagles quite confidently and are settling into secondary life. There are two important Year 7 events that are fast approaching:

Year 7 BBQ
As part of the orientation program, Gleneagles Secondary College would like to invite the parents/guardians of all Year 7 students to attend a Welcome BBQ being held on Tuesday, 11th February. 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 also 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 which will be held from the 3rd - 7th March. 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!

Kate Morris, Matt Neal and Daniel Bowen, Year 7 Team Leaders