**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM 1, FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL 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. Term 3 commences on Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

**INFORMATION NIGHT, TUESDAY, 1ST APRIL 2014, 7.00PM**

**SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) PROGRAM**

Applications for entry into the 2015 Year 7 SEAL Program are now being invited. The SEAL Information Night will be held on Tuesday, 1st April 2014 at 7.00pm in the Shed at the College. No booking required. Applications close on Tuesday, 29th April 2014 at midday. Testing for entry into the SEAL Program for Year 7, 2015 students is scheduled for Saturday, 10th May 2014. 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.

**OPEN NIGHT – MONDAY, 28TH APRIL 2014**

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.

**Monday 28th April 2014**

- 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 2015. 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. We look forward to meeting prospective students and their parents at this special evening.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Tuesday, 6th May 2014. The teachers will be available between 1.00pm 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.

**ACCESS MONASH MENTORING PROGRAM**

This year 17 of our Year 11 and 12 students will be mentored by Monash University students as part of the Access Monash Mentoring Program. The program provides intensive support to selected Year 11 and 12 students who aspire to university study. It aims to support their decision making and preparation for university and careers by matching them with successful Monash University students to work in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Our selected students attended an induction day at the Monash University Peninsula Campus on 13th February and met their mentors for the first time at our College launch last week. Students will meet with their mentors fortnightly usually at the school and will also have opportunities to attend the university and other events together. They will explore tertiary study options and career pathways, gain great academic advice and study tips and learn how to get the most out of their VCE experience. To find out more about the Access Monash Mentoring Program visit:- http://monash.edu/access/

**Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth, Paul Thorne**

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL 2014**

The School Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday, 4th April 2014 from 10.30am - 1.00pm. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their House colours for the day. 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).

**Miss Chatfield, Carnival Co-ordinator**
GLENEAGLES ‘WALKING BUS’ FRIDAY, 21st MARCH 2014

Last Friday morning over 300 students and a number of teachers began their morning by joining in a ‘walking bus’ as a means of getting to school. It wasn’t just for fun, although everyone involved enjoyed the trek as they made their way from Singleton Reserve at 7.30am and gradually picked up more participants at the Endeavour Hills Leisure Centre, McDonald’s and Barry Simon Reserve before walking stridently up through the school grounds and arriving at The Shed, many in the colours of unity (orange) and anti-violence (blue).

Friday, 21st March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and became our day to highlight the importance of working together and supporting each other. The day was chosen to act as a launching pad for the work that will continue to be done throughout the year in class and in broader school activities to promote the anti-bullying/anti-violence message. It was truly a wonderful sight to see so many of our students looking so proud and positive about what they had just achieved! They were then each treated to a tasty toasted cheese sandwich, an apple and a bottle of water. They had certainly worked up an appetite and there were no leftovers!

Ms. Hamilton and a group of her students had decorated a magnificent banner and all participants were given the opportunity to sign it and receive a Participation Certificate. They all took part in a pledge ‘I pledge not to be a bully or be a bystander to bullying of any kind’ and perhaps the event can be summed up by the words recalled by Ms Peddlesden when she addressed the gathering, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing”.

These young people are to be commended on their actions that day and we look forward to their on-going commitment to their pledge which has the power to be very influential amongst their peers. Thanks to all the organisers and staff and students who helped make this a memorable occasion.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator
(on behalf of the Wellbeing Team)

IMMUNISATIONS FOR 2014

All Year 7 students and Year 9 boys were issued with Immunisation Consent Cards this week. Completed and signed cards were due back to the College by Friday, 28th March 2014. Please check with your child that they have returned the card/s to their Homegroup Teacher or the office as requested. If they have not been returned, please have them returned by Monday, 31st March 2014. There is a lot of work involved in checking all these cards and I would appreciate your support in this. Year 10 students will receive their cards at the beginning of Term 2. The immunisation program is as follows:

Monday, 28th April 2014
- Year 7 - HPV (1)
- Year 7 - Chicken Pox

Wednesday 11th June 2014
- Year 7 - HPV (2)
- Year 10 - Boostrix (Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

Wednesday 29th October 2014
- Year 7 - HPV (3)
- Year 9 boys only - HPV (3)

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

SOCIAL WORKER AT GLENEAGLES

Since February 2013 we have been fortunate to have the services of Laura Wilks, a Social Worker employed two days a week under The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. Laura has been working as part of our Wellbeing Team to support individual students and has developed and co-facilitated a number of small group programs. At the time of funding, we could elect to choose to employ a chaplain or someone with a wellbeing background. We chose the latter as we believe this is the best choice for our school. We further determined to employ someone with social work qualifications as we needed to be assured that the prospective worker had qualifications that would lend themselves to understanding and working with our students. We didn’t need someone to just listen to students; we needed someone who had a strong theoretical basis upon which to make informed decisions about how to proceed. We are very fortunate to have Laura on our team but also wondering if any of you, as parents/guardians would like to provide feedback on this service, comment on your support of this initiative or give feedback about how Laura may have supported your child.

Please contact Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Coordinator on Tel 9708 1319 or email at: foster.maxine@g.edumail.vic.gov.au
This feedback will assist us in our annual community consultation requirements but also provide practical support that we can utilise to review our work.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Roadshow
Date: Monday 31st March 2014. Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm.
Location: 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Meeting Place: Level 14 Reception area. This session is suitable for students from Years 10-12. RSVPs to CPTVIC@dfr.com.au no later than 5.00pm on Friday 28th March 2014.