**COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The examination period is well under way and the Year 10 and 11 examinations will be held next week. The Year 9 exams will be held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November. Year 10 and 11 students will complete an exam for all of their subjects, while Year 9 students are completing exams for English, Maths, Humanities and Science only. The Exam Navigator for students in Years 10 and 11 is available to be downloaded from the Gleneagles website: www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au via Quick Link on the Home Page or on the VCE App. The Exam Navigator contains valuable information about the exams held at Gleneagles and clearly details the guidelines and rules set for the exams, including the accepted and required materials for each exam. Any inquiries regarding the end of year exams can be forwarded to the Senior School Leader, Ms Jo Tippett. Year 9 students will receive information about their exams early next week.

**TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR 2015**

On Monday 24th November 2014 the Year 11 students will begin their Year 12 studies with a series of classes that will prepare them for their Year 12 program. Students commence Unit 3 in this two week Transition Program whilst also gaining a solid introduction to the demands and expectations of their final school year. At the same time, Year 10 students will begin their two weeks of transition to prepare for Year 11. Commencing their Year 11 studies this year places our students at a great advantage and will provide a solid introduction to the demands and expectations of VCE studies. Students going to Hallam for their program in 2015 should have received a letter in the mail with all relevant details.

**EXAMS**
- Monday 18th November - Year 11 & 10 exams (17-21/11)
- Orientation Day for 2015 students from small feeder schools

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Student Leadership 2015 applications commenced on Friday 7th November 2014 and close on Friday, 21st November 2014 at 4.00pm. Many students attended the Workshop on Friday, 14th November 2014 that was run by Student Voice, which provided assistance in writing applications and gave invaluable hints on how to conduct a good interview. The Student Leadership roles for 2015 will be announced at the Presentation Night on Monday, 15th December 2014.

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

**HOMEWORK CLUB FOR 2014**

Homework Club will conclude for 2014 on Thursday, 20th November 2014; that is NEXT WEEK. I wish to thank all those students who have utilised the Homework Club effectively and a special thank you to the many staff who have attended throughout the year. In addition, we have been very fortunate to have regular support from Jeff Riley (parent), Phill Start (City of Casey Multicultural Youth Project Officer), Liz Currie (South East Migrant and Refugee Centre), Embrace tutors through Monash University and June Michael from the Smith Family. Homework Club will begin for 2015 in late February and will be promoted early next year. Thank you also to those families who contributed to our biscuit supply! It has been much appreciated and I would encourage each family to contribute a packet of biscuits each Term. It is not a lot to ask for the fantastic support given to your children each week in this program.

*Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator*
GLENEAGLES SCIENCE STUDENTS WIN TOP PRIZES

Year 9E student David Stark and Year 7E student Leah Nathan and have been presented with Bursary Awards at this year’s Science Talent Search ceremony at Latrobe University in Bundoora. Leah was awarded with a Minor Bursary for her creative writing essay, "It's the Bee's Burden". David impressed the judges with his working model “Building and Programming a Robot to Solve a Rubik’s Cube” earning him the top prize in his age group and category.

David had the opportunity to show off his robot at the Presentation Day held on 27th October 2014 at Latrobe University and had a constant crowd of students, teachers and parents asking him questions and admiring his ingenuity.

Ms Mullins, SEAL Manager

PARENTS OF 2015 YEAR 7, 10 AND VCE STUDENTS

1-1 COMPUTER PROGRAM

The 1-1 Computer Program rollout is well under way with many of our parents already ordering the new computers in preparation for next year. If you require more information about the 1-1 Computer Program please visit the Gleneagles website www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au and follow the Quicklinks to the 1-1 Computer Program for extensive details about the program and answers to frequently asked questions. It is not too late to place an order via the portal (links are accessible via the Gleneagles website). As our pre-Christmas and 21st January 2015 delivery cut-off dates have already passed all orders placed from now on may not be available until after the first week of Term 1, 2015.

Please note - some parents may qualify for the Schoolkids Bonus of $800, half of which will be available in January 2015 and the second $400 at mid-year. Parents can use the payment option and spread the costs over 2015.

In the case of genuine financial hardship, parents should contact the school and speak with either Maxine Foster, (Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator) or Sue Quinn (Business Manager), to access information on available agency programs – qualification for these programs is likely to require a Health Care Card. If there are any questions or concerns about the program please contact Mr McGregor, mcgregor.heath.c@edumail.vic.gov.au or ask students to visit the leading teachers office.

Mr McGregor, Leading Teacher – ICT Pedagogy

WHEELTALK

On Wednesday 5th November 2014, Disability Sport and Recreation ran a Wheeltalk awareness program for the classes; Gleneagles Cup, VCE Health and PE and Principals of Sport. The session began with a presentation on the promotion of disability awareness and an explanation of the sports and activities that are available for disabled people to participate in. The presenter was very engaging and gave us an insight into his personal story and what his life is like in a wheelchair. He was extremely inspiring and motivating and emphasised the importance of including sport and physical activity into your life.

The speaker also spoke about awareness of risk taking behaviours and safety; enforcing that students need to be vigilant about their own personal safety in their daily living and the choices they make. After the presentation all students had the opportunity to participate in a game of wheelchair basketball and appreciated the difficulty of it. The Wheeltalk Program reinforced the importance of being grateful for the opportunities we have to be active, fit and healthy.

Ms Evans, Health & PE Co-ordinator

VOCAL CONCERT

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 6.30PM, LIBRARY

Families and friends of students having vocal lessons or who participate in the school choir are invited to attend the annual vocal concert on Monday evening at 6.30pm in the Library. This concert will include solo as well as group items (including the School Choir) showcasing the progress that students have made throughout the year. Anyone who has a love of music and singing is encouraged to attend this free concert.

Sue Schueler, Music Director
YEAR 10 FASHION DESIGN EXCURSION

The Fashion World of John Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk is a new exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. The Year 10 Fashion Design class had the opportunity last Friday to view this exhibition, which features over 140 garments, photographs and stage costumes. John Paul Gaultier is a French designer, who amongst other things, has created costumes worn by Madonna, Kylie Minogue and Beyonce on their world tours, as well as dresses worn on the red carpet by Nicole Kidman and Cate Blanchett, and who now specialises in haute couture. The students were fascinated to find out that some garments can take up to 1000 hours to be sewn, as haute couture must, by definition be sewn by hand.

The class attended an informative session run by Marge Stephenson, an educator at NGV before heading to Collins Street and Emporium to assess how various companies market and maintain their brand through their shop windows. The students were able to see how design elements can be applied in the fashion industry and I hope that those who intend to study further in this field during their VCE program have observed some things that will inspire their future work.

Ms Toth, Assistant Principal


YEAR 7 EXCURSION, NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

On Monday, 13th October, 255 Year 7 students went to the National Gallery of Victoria. It was great. We really enjoyed looking at the ‘Weeping Woman’ because it had an emotional story behind it. We were lucky enough to go on the Golden Carousel, it took 15 minutes to go around once and it was calming and relaxing. We really loved the NGV and would go again with our families.

On Monday 13th October, the whole of Year 7 went to the National Gallery in Melbourne. It was a great experience to see all the historical pieces of art. We saw lots of statues, paintings, sculptures and Japanese artefacts. It was an awesome opportunity and we’d definitely go again.

Jen and Calie 7B

Thank you to all the NGV tour guides, Year 7 students and teachers who ensured we all had a fantastic day.

Pictured: 7I students

Ms Davies and Ms Hamilton

CAREERS NEWS

Work Experience For Year 10 2015 – Change Of Date

Due to the competition for Work Experience placements, we have decided to move the Year 10 program so that students can find a placement more easily. The new dates are: Term 3 – Monday 17th to Friday 21st August 2015. In Term 1 the South East LLN will present a Work Matters program to year 10 students – Introduction to Work Experience. This Term students are encouraged to meet with Ms Wood in the Careers office to obtain a form and get ideas on where they can look for Work Experience.

RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day

The RSPCA December Career day is fast approaching and a few places available to those who may wish to attend and are interested in working with animals. For more information and to download a registration form visit:

http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/secondary-education/animal-career-discovery-day

Details: Thursday 4th December 2014, 9:00am -3:30pm Burwood East, RSPCA. Cost of $59 includes registration, morning tea, RSPCA career show bag, and all activity costs.

Student Exits to TAFE

If any students in years 9-11 are leaving Gleneagles at the end of the year to begin a TAFE course, full-time work or Berwick TEC, each student must complete both a Gleneagles exit form as well as a DEECD Transition from School form to obtain an exemption from the Department. Please contact Chris Wood in the careers office if you have not already done so to organise this paperwork. Chris requires a copy of the offer letter or enrolment at TAFE or Berwick TEC, or a letter from the employer (if work).

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
This is a unique and life changing opportunity for students to be actively engaged in another country’s culture, language and lifestyle.

Year 9 students and above (in 2015), will have the chance to build on our established friendship school relationship with Ducurai in East Timor.

**Background**
East Timor, our closest neighbour, gained their independence in 2002. The East Timorese want to build their country into a strong, independent and democratic society despite the recent setbacks. The country faces challenges but they acknowledge that education is the key to ensuring every citizen has the opportunity to build their own future and escape poverty.

**Aims Of The Trip**
- To give students the opportunity to learn about, understand and interact with the educational community in Timor-Leste and to build cultural understandings between the two countries.
- To work with the students and teachers at our Friendship Schools.
- To experience a different culture first hand while challenging individual beliefs.

Ms Furfaro & Ms Moller