IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

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| Tuesday 14th February | *Year 12 Chemistry Excursion to Monash University  
*Year 10 Discovery High-Ropes Course Excursion & Launch BBQ  
*Year 10 Take Home Computer Program |
| Wednesday 15th February | *Year 7 Orientation BBQ  
*Music Information Night 6.15pm, Library/VCE Centre  
*Year 11 & 12 Sociology Excursion at Koorie Cultural Centre |
| Thursday 16th February | School Assembly (Period 1) |

SMOOTH START TO THE YEAR

Last Friday we welcomed many new students to Gleneagles, including around 265 Year 7 students. After spending time with their Home Group teachers or mentors, all students began their timetabled classes after recess. All students received their planner, timetable and elective details. Lockers were also allocated during the day. Our Year 11 students began the year with a three-day camp at Phillip Island and our Year 12’s spent the past three days at Ballarat University. It was an opportunity for the students to learn more about the requirements of VCE, effective study techniques and to begin the year well focused. Of course, they also had some fun along the way! The students I have spoken to all reported that the camp was enjoyable and very useful. We have started the school year with the addition of two new classrooms to accommodate our growing student numbers. Parents who have recently visited the college will have seen the reconstructed front office area which provides a more streamlined approach for parents and visitors coming to the college.

STAFF NEWS

With our increased enrolment we have had the opportunity to recruit excellent staff. We are pleased to welcome to Gleneagles:

- Ms Hamilton: Art/Technology
- Ms Tubb: Music
- Ms Ivory: English/Indonesian
- Ms Toomey: English/Literature
- Ms Reynolds: English
- Mr Van der Westhuizen: IT/Maths
- Ms Evans: PE/Outdoor Education
- Ms Carver: Ultranet Coach/Library
- Ms Swagerman: English
- Ms Skym: Art
- Ms Dang: Science
- Ms Fernandes: Maths
- Ms Kinnersley: Art
- Ms Thompson: Drama/English
- Ms Fahey: Teacher Aid

We would also like to welcome back the following staff who are returning from leave:

- Ms Oliver
- Ms Kapadia
- Mr Bertram

BPAY

There has recently been an issue with parents making payments via BPAY, where payments are not being processed. The Department of Education is aware of this problem and assure it will be rectified within 24 hours.

NEW & IMPROVED GLENEAGLES WEBSITE

In an effort to serve the school community better, we gave the Gleneagles website a huge makeover in 2011. We encourage parents, students and staff to visit the website on a consistent basis to ensure they are kept up-to-date on all things regarding Gleneagles. Head to the site for information on our policies, key dates & events, weekly College newsletter, download copies of permission forms, learn more about our programs or read about the achievements of our students and so much more! We welcome feedback on how we can improve the site to make it even more useful for you.

www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au

WELCOME BBQ

Year 7 students and their parents are invited to attend a Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 15th February commencing at 5.30pm behind the Library. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s home group teacher, some classroom teachers and other students in their child’s class. Vegetarian and Halal food will be available and a notice with a reply slip has been distributed. Later on the same evening we will encourage our Year 7 students to consider learning a musical instrument with an information session held at 6.15pm in the VCE Study Centre. So come along and join us! We look forward to meeting you in an informal atmosphere.

HOT WEATHER DAYS
As with every Summer, we are bound to face several days of particularly hot weather this term. At school:

- Students will be permitted to take drink bottles (containing water only) into the classrooms
- For protection against sunburn, students must also ensure that they apply sunscreen lotion.
- We would like to remind students to be sun smart and to take all necessary precautions to avoid dehydration, sunburn and sunstroke. We have a majority of air conditioned rooms and all other rooms have fans.

GLENAGLES HOUSE SPORTS 2012
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 have been 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 Ms Phillips, our Carnival Coordinator on 9708 1319.

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 9708 1319. Payment options include Cash, Eftpos Direct deposit and BPay.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES
Parents are requested to be mindful of student safety before and after school in relation to traffic:

- The Staff Car Park is not to be used for drop off and pick up purposes
- 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
- U Turns in Reema Boulevard and Hanna Drive should be avoided
- Discuss with your child the need to use the School Crossings at all times

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will take place on Friday, 2nd March. 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.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

YEAR 7 UPCOMING EVENTS
Welcome to 2012! The first week of transition for the Year 7 cohort has gone very smoothly. The Year 7s 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 Wednesday 15th February from 5:30 – 7:00pm. 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 music lessons.

Year 7 Orientation Camp
The second event is the Golden Valley Lodges Orientation Camp which will be held from the 5th - 9th of 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!

Ms Kate Morris & Mr Adrian Mascia, Year 7 Team Leaders

MUSIC NOTES
Next Tuesday 15th February, during the Year 7 BBQ at 6:15pm, parents will have the opportunity to attend a brief information session in the Library / VCE Study Centre about the instrumental program offered at Gleneagles. Over 140 students participated in this program last year, learning about a variety of instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, singing, drums and/or guitar. A number of places will become available for Year 7 students to enrol but it is essential that parents attend this information session to register their child’s name. First priority will be given to students who have purchased their own woodwind or brass instrument. For further enquiries about the program, or if parents are unable to attend this session, please contact the Music Director on 9708 1319.

Ms Sue Schueler, Music Director

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 14th February from 9 – 11am at the front office.
IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 7 & 10

Year 7 students are eligible for the Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox and Gardasil immunisations this Year and 10 students are eligible for Boostrix. The first round of immunisations for Year 7 will begin on Monday 27th February. Year 7s will receive further rounds on Friday 27th April and Friday 24th August. The Year 10s will have the same immunisation on Friday 27th April and Consent Cards for Year 10 will be given out later this month. 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 Gardasil is the anti-cervical immunisation available to girls in Year 7.

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

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.

Please ensure that the Consent Cards are returned, with all details filled in, to your child’s Home Group teacher by Monday 13th February.

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
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 organization 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 programme. Thank you for promptly attending to this request.

Maxine Foster/Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

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CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 Career Interviews

All Year 12 students are required to make an appointment to see Chris Wood in Term 1 (during a study period) to discuss career options and tertiary course preferences – please write your name on the booking sheet next to the Careers office.

Work Experience – Attention Year 10!

Work experience is compulsory for all Year 10 students. Glenelgs’ work experience week is 18th to 22nd June and competition for placements is high. You should now be finalising your work experience placement and hand in the form to Ms Wood when the employer and your parents have signed the form. Work experience arrangement forms are available from the Careers office and the general office.

Tax File Number Applications

If you are aged 14 and above you can apply for a Tax File Number. Please collect a form from the Careers office (between H and L block) from Tuesday to Friday or the General office. The completed form needs to be given to Ms Wood, the Careers Co-ordinator. It takes about four weeks for the Tax office to process the forms and your TFN will be sent to you in writing. Note that you must be 15-years-old before you can be employed as a casual or part-time worker.

Australian Defence Force is Coming to Glenelgs

On Wednesday 7th March, the ADF is visiting Glenelgs to talk to Year 10 students about Careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force, concentrating on trade careers rather than the Defence Force Academy. VCE Students are welcome to attend if they have a free Period 1, but should inform their mentors.

This talk will be held in the Shed from 8.30 to 9.30am.

Defence Technical Scholarships 2012

The Australian Defence Force offers scholarships to students who are planning to undertake a technical trade in the ADF and are in Year 11 or 12 and studying any maths, plus a VET trade subject in 2012. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship while they complete their high school studies - $2000 in Year 11 and $3000 in Year 12. DTS applications are now open and must be received by the ADF by 9th March 2012. The school is required to sign a declaration before your application is submitted. Please see Ms Wood in the Careers office for more information.

Forthcoming Careers Expos

• 25th March – Veterinary Science Open Day, University of Melbourne Werribee campus
• 3-6th May – The Age VCE and Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse (all year 10 students will have an excursion to this expo on Thursday 3rd. VCE students should attend the Expo on the weekend).
• 18th - 19th May – National Careers and Employment expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank.

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

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Child’s name(s) _______________________________________

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Casey Panthers Junior Soccer Club
2012 Registration Day

When: Sunday February 19th, 11:00am–1:00pm
Where: Prospect Hill Reserve, 79 Kurrajong Rd, Narre Warren

For more information: www.caseypanthers.org.au or caseypanthers@hotmail.com
You can also call Darryn Ricketts on 0400 800 807

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