



Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 16 th August	Melbourne bands festival (mainly Yr 8s)	Monday 22 nd August	1 st Annual Science Fair
Wednesday 17 th August	Staff professional learning activities Early dismissal 12:30pm	Wednesday 24 th August	Reader's Cup Quiz Night
Thursday 18 th August	VCE Special Program (no Yr 11/12 classes)	Wed 24 th , Thurs 25 th August	Year 10 TEENS Excursion
Friday 19 th August	Bayside film festival - all Yr 9 film students	Friday 26 th August	Year 9 Visiting Author program
Monday 22 nd August	Payment \$12 – due Thursday 18th August Year 12 Physics excursion - Synchrotron	Wednesday 31 st August	Year 7 Visiting Author program
		Thursday 1 st September	Parent Teacher Interviews (3-8pm)
		Tuesday 6 th September	District Athletics

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

EARLY DISMISSAL – WEDNESDAY 17th AUGUST

Next Wednesday 17th August, all students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. This earlier dismissal time will allow all teaching staff to be involved in professional learning activities and curriculum development workshops throughout the afternoon. Parents do need to be aware that the school crossings will not be supervised as the City of Casey policy is that they will provide supervisors only during designated school hours (2.30 – 4.00pm) and school personnel are not permitted to take on this role. The bus companies have been notified of this alteration to arrangements.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY VISITS

In support of all our VCE students the school is organising and paying for transportation to and from the main University Open Days that we believe would be of interest to them. The school expects VCE students to attend at least one Open Day either with the school or with their family and friends. It is an opportunity to find out what the Uni campuses look like, feel like and specifically, what they would be doing if they got accepted into their preferred course. It can have a significant impact on your child's motivation and commitment to their future opportunities. Below are the University Open Days the school will be visiting.

- Sunday 21st August – Swinburne University Lilydale and Hawthorn campuses – buses leave school at 10.00am (students should arrive at Gleneagles by 9.45am) and leave Swinburne by 2.30pm (return here 3.00pm). Students interested in Interior, Industrial Design, Film and Digital media can take the Swinburne shuttle bus from Hawthorn to visit the Prahran campus.
- Sunday 28th August – Deakin University, Burwood campus. Buses leave school at 10.00 (arrive by 9.45 am) and leave Burwood at 2.00pm (return here 2.30pm).

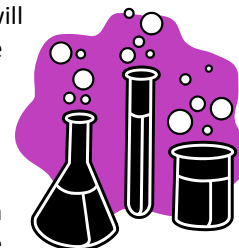


'EARN AND LEARN' AT WOOLWORTHS

Reminder to parents that Gleneagles is taking part in Woolworths' 'Earn and Learn' community program. The college will get a chance to acquire educational resources from MTA (Modern Teaching Aids). Parents are asked to give the dockets to their children who will then bring them to school and drop them off in the collection box located in the library. For more info: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

FIRST ANNUAL GLENEAGLES SCIENCE FAIR

On Monday 22nd August, Gleneagles will be hosting its first Science Fair in the Shed. Students in Years 7-9 have been working hard at creating and carrying out their own science practicals in an area that they are interested in, but may not have an opportunity to learn about in the classroom. Staff and students are welcome to come check out the displays at lunchtime and stay for the announcement of the winners. Parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to the Shed on Monday 22nd August, after school until 7:00pm to visit the fair and see their child's work on display.



HOW TO GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST CHANCE AT SCHOOL

Make sure they attend school every day and arrive on time! Some absences are impossible to avoid – genuine illness, bereavement, etc. are examples of the acceptable reasons for absence. However, every time your child is late or absent from school, his/her learning is disrupted. Most teaching is sequential – what is taught and learned today is a foundation which enables children to understand and master what is taught tomorrow. It is usually harder for a child to catch up on work missed than to master it when it is being taught in class.

To avoid making it hard for your child, parents should minimise absences by:

- Arranging doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
- Developing in your child the habit of being on time to school each day
- Not allowing children to remain at home for minor/frivolous reasons
- Arranging birthday celebrations etc. to occur out of school hours
- Contacting the Homegroup teacher or mentor immediately there is any concern which might influence attendance
- Asking your child, would they stay home if this was their paid employment – if the answer is no, they should be at school

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

August is 'Open Day' Month

On Sunday 7th August, nearly 50 VCE students attended the Monash University open day at the Clayton campus from Gleneagles with Ms Duffy and Ms Wood. The next school organised open days are on Sunday 21st August to Swinburne and Sunday 28th August to Deakin Universities. Students in Years 9 and 10 should also be exploring their options and attend some of the Open Days.

Open Day dates & websites for the next 2 weeks of August:

Sunday 14 th August	RMIT University City, Bundoora and Brunswick campuses http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/openday/guide
Sunday 14 th August	Australian Catholic University (Open Day and Night), Melbourne campus http://www.acu.edu.au/apply_and_enrol/useful_links/evnts/open_day/
Sunday 14 th August	Kangan Institute – Centre of Fashion@Richmond 10am – 4pm http://www.kangan.edu.au
Sunday 14 th August	Southern School of Natural Therapies * http://www.ssnt.vic.edu.au/
Sunday 14 th August	Australian College of Sports Therapy *, 12-3pm Level 6, 341 Queen Street in Melbourne (also on Wednesday 17 th August 4-7pm).
Sunday 14 th August	Grenadi School of Design * http://www.graphicschool.com.au
Sunday 14 th August	Navitas College of Public Safety*, 10am – 4pm, www.ncps.edu.au (Justice programs)
Saturday 20 th August	Holmesglen TAFE – Waverley, Chadstone and Moorabbin campuses http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_day_2011
Saturday 20 th August	JMC Academy* www.jmccademy.edu.au
Sunday 21 st August	Swinburne University – Hawthorn, Prahran and Lilydale campuses http://www.swinburne.edu.au
Sunday 21 st August	University of Melbourne – Parkville and Victorian College of the Arts (Southbank) 10am – 4pm http://openday.unimelb.edu.au/
Sunday 21 st August	Australian Institute of Fitness* http://www.fitness.edu.au
Sunday 21 st August	Photography Studies College*, 10-4pm at 65 City Road, Southbank www.psc.edu.au
Sunday 21 st August	Deakin University Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds campus 10am – 3pm (note Architecture is at Geelong Waterfront)

*denotes Private Tertiary College

Skillex Expo for Year 10 Students

Are you in Year 10 and interested in Vocational Education and Training including traditional and non-traditional trades, apprenticeships and traineeships? You should sign up to attend the free excursion to the Skillex Expo on **Friday 26th August** at the Melbourne Showgrounds. This is particularly relevant for the students going to Hallam VCAL in 2012. Write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the Careers office. Places are limited.

HMAS Cerberus Excursion

On Tuesday 9th August, a group of students from Years 10 and 11 attended the excursion to the Australian Navy Base HMAS Cerberus at Crib Point on the Mornington Peninsula, accompanied by Ms Wood. We visited the Recruit training centre and their 'cabins,' the training area for fire fighting and flood mitigation including simulated sections of a ship, the gun training room (electronic), viewed the water safety equipment and toured the Marine Engineering Technology centre (including the enormous training engines) as well as the sports and fitness centre and pool. Along the way, we also enjoyed a cooked lunch in the mess hall. The next excursion to the Cerberus is on 11th October – there are still a few places available – see Ms Wood.



Nursing at Chisholm Institute – Attention Year 12 Students

Chisholm Institute of TAFE at the Berwick campus offers the Diploma of Nursing (Division 2 Enrolled Nurses). Applications open on August 1st and close on **Wednesday August 31st**. You are not able to apply through VTAC for this course. Application forms are to be completed and no late applications will be accepted. Further details can be obtained from:

<http://www.chisholm.vic.edu.au/Admission/CareerFields/Pages/Nursing.aspx>. You can also send an email enquiry to the Nursing department enquiries@chisholm.vic.edu.au or telephone 1300 244 746.

As an alternative to nursing, students may wish to consider Allied Health. See the website:

<http://www.chisholm.vic.edu.au/Admission/CareerFields/Pages/HealthandCommunityCare.aspx>

Swinburne University Parent Information Evening

Parents of students in Years 10 – 12 are invited to the Swinburne Parent Information evening on **Wednesday 7th September** at Lilydale or Hawthorn Campuses from 6 – 7.30pm. Find out about the range of Swinburne courses and entry requirements, guaranteed pathways, career outcomes and student support services. For more details, contact Montana Daknach at Swinburne on 9214 8904.

Deakin University on-line brochures

Deakin University has developed two new brochures that you can download from their website:

- A Parent's Guide to University:
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/assets/resources/brochures/parents-guide.pdf>
- Pathways to Deakin:
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/assets/resources/brochures/pathways-guide-2011.pdf> (I have a limited number of hard copies to give away)

Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

YEAR 7 UPDATE

It's hard to believe the year has flown by so quickly and our once little Year 7s are on their way to being big-ish Year 8s next year! While the year so far has mostly been positive, we have been noticing of late that some of the Year 7s have become a little bit slack with their uniform and organisation and we are concerned that they are beginning to form some bad habits that they will take into Year 8.

Organisation

Many students have been attending class without the correct equipment. This may be because they have lost things over the course of the year, but it is important that they are organised for class to keep up with the tasks set. All students should be carrying a pencil-case (not just a single four-pen!) with scissors, glue-stick, ruler, highlighters and a couple of red, blue and black pens. It is crucial that students have these items as it assists with setting out work logically and helps to develop study skills that will be beneficial in later years.

We are also noticing that some students no longer have a planner – they can purchase a new one at the bursar's office for \$15. It is vital that each student has one and they should be bringing it home each night. We encourage parents to check these on a regular basis.

Uniform

At this mid-point in the year, students have also become quite lax with their uniform. Common problems are students wearing runners, black canvas slip-on shoes or PE shorts with the regular uniform and the wearing of the woolen school jumper with the PE uniform (they should be wearing the rugby top or the black spray jacket for sport). While we understand that there are some legitimate reasons why your child may be out of uniform on the odd day, we would appreciate a note and expect that the issue is not ongoing. If you have any particular concerns or issues with your child's uniform, please contact us and we can resolve the issue together.

On a more positive note...

During the start of this term and the latter half of Term 2, we have been running a Year 7 'Recognition Raffle' as a way of rewarding students for positive behaviour (as often we can dwell too much on students' negative behaviours). This entailed classroom teachers nominating students for exceptional behaviour and the home group teacher would then give a raffle ticket to these students. Some students had collected up to 10 tickets and therefore, had a good chance of winning something in the draw! The draw was held on Wednesday at assembly and the winners who received either an i-tunes or Big-W voucher were:

Bharam Atmar	7C	Tayla Osbrough	7F
Braden Newbold	7D	Sam Harrison	7I
Lukas Smyrnis	7E		

We will be holding another draw later in the term so it's not too late for students to try to impress their teachers with their helpfulness, dedication and knowledge in order to snag a raffle ticket or two!!

We thank you in advance for your attendance to the issues mentioned above and look forward to a positive second half of 2011!

Brianna Baker & Adrian Mascia, Year 7 Team Leaders

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on August 18th from 9 – 11am at the front office.

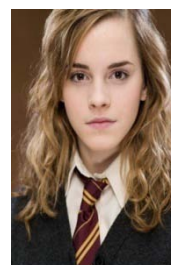
BOOK WEEEK 2011 22ND AUGUST - 31ST AUGUST

'One word - many stories'

JOIN IN THE FUN

Competitions and prizes
Author visits and writer's workshops

DRESS-UP THEME: HARRY POTTER



Dress up day
Thursday 25th
August



Merit Certificates



TEACHER	STUDENT NAME	HG	REASON FOR MERIT CERTIFICATE
Ms Shirley Taunt	Barham Atmar	7C	Volunteering to be the first present his power point on Spirited Away
	Sarah Said	7E	Volunteering to be the first present their power point in Humanities
	Lucas Smyrnis	7E	Volunteering to be the first present their power point in Humanities
	Nkosi Ndlovu	8G	Successful completion of a challenging task in Humanities
	Jevsa Jiffrey	8G	Successful completion of a challenging task in Humanities
	Suhayb Akbar	8G	Successful completion of a challenging task in Humanities
	Ben Advic	8G	Successful completion of a challenging task in Humanities
	Dilshaad Kimmie	8G	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Ally Levenderis	8G	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Tyler Mockett	8G	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Cassidy Mullett	8G	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Adel Said	8G	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Jayda Mcconkey	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Betty Pumnut	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Rebecca Adams	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Meltem Selamoglu	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Monique shaw	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Taylah McMahan	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Mele Fifita	8I	Completion and submission of all aspects of a major Humanities assessment task on time
	Sakina Ali	10B	Completion/submission of major Humanities assessment task on time
Nawid Azemi	10B	Completion/submission of major Humanities assessment task on time	
Jamie Brown	10B	Completion/submission of major Humanities assessment task on time	
Hussein Saad	10B	Completion/submission of major Humanities assessment task on time	
Ivan Pepe	10B	Completion/submission of major Humanities assessment task on time	
Ms Cherrin Morrissey	Dilnar Shadinuofu	8B	Excellent results for her spelling and grammar test
	Jodeci Warena	8B	Winning English spelling game
	Jason Edtmaier	8B	Excellent results for his spelling test
	Unas Arshad	8C	Excellent results for his spelling test
	Leeda Buxton	8C	Excellent results on the grammar test
	Natalee Surman-Jenkins	8C	Excellent results on the grammar test
	Amber Oliver	8C	Excellent results on the grammar test
	Taylor Gordon	8C	Great participation in class discussion

Ms Liz Reilly, Student Learning Coach



Irabina Presents: An Evening of Personal Reflections on Autism

IRABINA - Childhood Autism Services proudly invites you to a memorable evening listening to the inspirational stories of Tearnha Porteous and Reece Jones and their personal experiences of living with autism.

Tearnha Porteous is a thirteen year old girl who is diagnosed with high functioning autism and attended Irabina in her early childhood years. Tearnha and her mum Megan will talk about their journey from the early intervention years through to primary school, as well as their preparation for Tearnha going to high school next year. They will discuss the challenges and triumphs they have encountered along the way.

Reece Jones is a 25 year old young man diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder, who is currently working as a builder's labourer which is helping him save for a university course he is starting next year. Reece will be interviewed by clinical psychologist Gaye McDermott, who will explore with Reece the impact of living with Asperger's on his social, emotional and educational development.

Our guest speakers will be available after the interviews to answer any questions you may have.

Monday 29th August
AT: South Croydon
Anglican Church
199 Bayswater Road
Bayswater 3153
TIME: 7pm- 9pm
Please RSVP to Reception
on 9720 1118
Cost: \$30
(light refreshments
provided)