



Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

<i>Monday 22nd August</i>	-Year 12 Physics excursion - Synchrotron -1 st Annual Science Fair	<i>Thursday 25th August</i>	-Year 10 TEENS Excursion (10 E, F, G) - Cyberbullying – Parent Info Night -Final German Exchange Mtg (Lib. 6pm)
<i>Mon 22nd -Wed 31st Aug</i>	Book Week - Dress up day Thurs 25 th August (Harry Potter theme)	<i>Friday 26th August</i>	Year 9 Visiting Author program
<i>Wednesday 24th August</i>	-Year 10 TEENS Excursion (10 A, B, C, D) -Reader's Cup Quiz Night	<i>Wednesday 31st August</i>	Year 7 Visiting Author program
		<i>Thursday 1st September</i>	Parent Teacher Interviews (3-8pm)

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENTS OPINION SURVEY

Randomly selected families will soon be sent an opinion survey regarding the performance of our school during 2011. The school uses the responses to address areas of parental concern and build on our successes, so please return the important survey to the office as soon as possible. With your support, we can build a school that more effectively caters to the needs of your children and the wider school community. A strong sample from parents will provide significant indicators for school improvement. Please complete and return the survey by Friday 26th August.

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND CYBERBULLYING – A PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

As a parent/guardian, you may be unaware of the implications social networking (Facebook, msn, etc) has on your child. We invite you to attend an information session which aims to help us work together to understand a little more about the issues for our young people in relation to social networking. No doubt, Facebook and other networking services have their place today; however, at school we are finding the 'fallout' from inappropriate use and overuse to be of increasing concern. Many students struggle to understand the damage that can be done to reputations, friendships and self-esteem, let alone the dangers they can leave themselves open to by not following wise advice about privacy settings, etc. This is your opportunity to hear about what you can do to best support your child in this area. All welcome. Bring other parents along. Please ring the school as soon as possible to inform us if you are attending as this will help us with seating.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

DATE: Thursday, August 25 (next Thursday!)

WHERE: Gleneagles Library TIME: 6:30 – 7:30PM

ICAAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the University of NSW Science Competition. It is pleasing to note that twenty-eight students obtained credits and 4 obtained distinctions. Students were tested on their scientific skills of observing & meaning, interpreting, predicting & concluding, investigating and reasoning & problem-solving. The students will certainly have gained from this experience. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of competitions throughout the year.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT BOOKINGS

Parent teacher evening is quickly approaching and will be held on **Thursday 1st September, 3:00 - 8:00 pm**. All bookings must be made over the internet using the school website the same as it was earlier in the year. All you will need is an internet connected computer. If you do not have access to one of these, your child will be able to make bookings on your behalf using the computers at school. When you receive your child's interim report in the mail next week, enclosed with it will be your access details for the Parent- Teacher Online booking program as well as an explanatory letter. Please take the time to read the letter as it contains vital information regarding when bookings will commence. Should you have any difficulties please contact the school.

LASER POINTERS AND SHOCK GUNS

Laser Pointers

In recent times, a small number of students have been bringing to the College devices which are commonly called Laser Pointers. These devices are normally bought at open air markets, 'Two Dollar' shops or on-line. The devices are highly dangerous and are also prohibited weapons by law. The devices look like a small torch (a photo of a Laser Pointer appears to the right).



Shock Guns

Similar to the information provided regarding Laser Pointers, a small number of students have been bringing Shock Guns to the College. The Shock Gun can be handed to an unsuspecting person and when the trigger is pulled an uncomfortable "shock" is activated. These Shock Guns also contain a Laser Pointer. Again, these devices are dangerous and are also prohibited weapons by law. These devices look like a Cap Gun (a photo of a Shock Gun appears to the right). Parents are requested to speak to their children to alert them to this situation.



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PERFORMING ARTS VARIETY NIGHT

This year, the Performing Arts Variety Night will be held on Wednesday 19th October. Students who wish to perform at this event should see Ms Schueler for an audition time (to be held in Week 7). Acts need to be entertaining and of a high standard and can include dancing, instrumental or vocal items.

MELBOURNE SCHOOL BAND'S FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 16th August, students in the Junior Band attended the Melbourne School Band's Festival which was held at Monash University in Robert Blackwood Hall. The band played their set pieces well, conducted by Ms Nicole McAlister and received an award plaque of recognition. Students (mostly from Year 8) who attended this event had the opportunity to watch other schools perform and complete a report on their playing. It was a valuable experience for all. Thank you to all parents who attended to support their child.

Ms S. Schueler, Director of Music

HOMEWORK CLUB

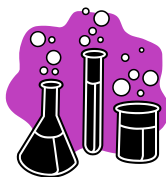
We had 148 students attend Homework sessions across the school last Thursday 11th August. That is amazing! A big thank you to Nina Vordonas, Kathie Toth, Andrew Barker, Maureen Camilleri, Emmanuel Camilleri, Sue Schueler, Jess Mentley, Sue Moore, Lynne Moller, Patricia Rebeiro, Juanita O'Dowd, Rob Tunks, Sue Shee, Tim Li, Rachel Rooney and Penny Andrews. Also, special thanks to our volunteers Phill Start (City of Casey, Multicultural Youth Programs Officer), Tien and Sebastian (volunteers through the Smith Family), Eric and Rebecca (volunteers through Access Monash), Jeff Riley (parent) and Tom Niazmand (ex-Gleneagles student, now at Monash University). Also, thanks to Patricia from the Migrant Resource Centre who is taking a keen interest in our Homework Club and ensuring we continue to receive support regarding tutors. The work Phill does within the City of Casey to engage support for our school is fantastic.

Ms Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

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.

Ms Allison Cox, Science



'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



'SPORTS FOR SCHOOL' AT COLES

Gleneagles is participating in Coles 'Sports for Schools' community program. Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from August 11th to October 18th. Also, throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with Coles special promotional offers on selected products. These will be advertised in-store, online and on TV. Excluded items include: Coles Express and Coles Insurance purchases, gift cards, liquor, tobacco and tobacco related product purchases. Parents are asked to give the vouchers to their children who will then bring them to school and drop them off in the collection box located in the library. The more vouchers Gleneagles collects, the more sports gear the college will receive! For more info: www.sportsforschools.com.au



CAREERS NEWS

August is Open Day month

The next school-organised open days are on **Sunday 21st August** to Swinburne University and **Sunday 28th August** to Deakin University. Students in Years 9 and 10 should also be exploring their options and attend some of these Open Days.

Here are the Open Day dates (and websites) for the next 2 weeks of August:

Saturday 20 th August	Holmesglen TAFE – Waverley, Chadstone and Moorabbin campuses http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/event/s/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)
Sunday 28 th August	Deakin University – Burwood campus http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday/
Sunday 28 th August	MIBT* – Burwood campus (co-located at Deakin University) http://www.mibt.vic.edu.au/ (information sessions at Deakin open day)
Sunday 28 th August	Box Hill Institute of TAFE http://www.bhtafe.edu.au
Sunday 28 th August	La Trobe University Bendigo campus http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/2011/open-day-bendigo

*denotes Private Tertiary College

RMIT Careers Days – Attention VCE Students

If you are interested in studying Advertising or Public Relations at RMIT University, you need to register for these sessions:

- Advertising Careers Day – Saturday 27th August
- Public Relations Careers Day – Saturday 10th September

For more information email: businessesvents@rmit.edu.au

Skillex Expo for Year 10 Students

Are you are 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.

VCA Closing dates – Attention Year 12

Applications for the following degrees at the Victorian College of the Arts (University of Melbourne) close very early – before the VTAC closing date:

29th August – Bachelor of Fine Arts (Film and Television)

31st August – Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)

30th September – Bachelor of Fine Arts (All other specialisations)

For more information see the VTAC guide or go to: <http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/futurestudents/2011/06/01/new-bachelor-of-fine-arts-at-the-vca-in-2012/>

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>

School Holiday Careers Programs

• Aquarist for a Day at the Melbourne Aquarium – cost \$140 – phone 9923 5999

• Healesville Sanctuary Keeper for a Day – 27th September and 4th October (Years 7 and 8), 28th September and 5th October (years 9-12) – cost \$102 – phone **9285 9406**

• **RMIT Get Real Experience – Nuclear Medicine Lab visits (Years 11-12) – 29th or 30th September. Contact RMIT for more details**

• **Victoria University – Law School Open Day Sunday 25th September 12-2pm, City Queens Street campus (295 and 283 Queens Street Melbourne)**

<http://www.vu.edu.au/events/victoria-law-school-open-day>

Scholarship in Environmental Science

If you are in Year 11 or 12 and interested in a career in environmental science, you should apply for the new scholarship program offered by the Australian Geographical Society in conjunction with Bayer Australia. Students can take on a research project in a university or industry setting during the summer holidays. For more information see: www.bayerboost.com.au

Real Skills completion – win AFL Grand final tickets

Skills Victoria is running a competition for secondary students on Facebook, which you can complete at home. Tell Skill Victoria what career you would love to have and you could win a pair of Grand Final tickets. The competition is now open and closes on 23rd September. Go to: www.facebook.com/realskillsvictoria

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on September 1st from **9 – 11am** at the front office.

FRESH WORDS

Fresh Words Writing Competition 2011 is here!

Are you a budding author, poet, journalist or song writer? Go for the chance to win cash prizes!

Entries are open to young people who are in years 7 to 12 (or age equivalent) and who live, work or study in the City of Casey.

This year, the competition has 3 categories:

- **Creative Writing**
Max 750 words. (No topic/theme)
- **Poetry/Lyrics**
Max 1 page. (No topic/theme)
- **English as a Second Language**
Max 750 words. (Open to students who are currently enrolled in ESL studies)

Work will be judged according to year level:

1. Years 7 & 8
2. Years 9 & 10
3. Years 11 & 12.

Entries close on Friday 26 August 2011 at 5pm.



Merit Certificates



TEACHER	STUDENT NAME	HG	REASON FOR MERIT CERTIFICATE
Ms Melissa Casley	Jarrood O'Donnell	7E	Excellent effort in English
	Peter Shahid	7E	Excellent effort in English
Mr Russell Bunce	Chris Crowden	9A	Excellent result in Light and Sound test
	Steven Loomes	9A	Excellent result in Light and Sound test
	Arielle Jane Lee	9A	Fantastic improvement in results
	Hamdy Elighitany	9A	Consistently high results in Science
	Ayden Ahiskal 9A	9A	Assistance with the school website
	Umar Moslih	9C	Consistently high results in Science
	Madelyn Crunden	9D	Excellent result in Light and Sound test
	Taylah Granville	9D	Consistently high results in Science
	Johnny Cahan	9D	Consistently high results in Science
	Darnell Santos	9D	Consistently high results in Science, Robotics and assistance with the school website
Ms Lynne Moller	Joseph Shahid	10E	Consistently high results in Science
	Hayden Leong	M17	Consistently high results in Unit 1 Chemistry
	Michel Ong	M17	Consistently high results in Unit 1 Chemistry
	Mouhamed Zeitouneh	7A	Great answers and attitude during reading class

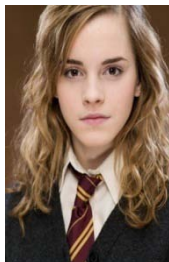
BOOK WEEK 2011 22ND AUGUST - 31ST AUGUST

One world - 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

TUTORING FOR ENGLISH, LITERATURE & MEDIA

Nathan Stewart

Third Year Bachelor of Arts – Monash University
Double Major – English/Film

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Current Working with Children check

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Berwick Leisure Centre, Manuka Road, Berwick

Saturday 3rd September

Senior Disco Only: For students in Yrs 5, 6, 7 & 8 ONLY,
6pm – 10pm

PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUESTED

Cost: \$10.00

Any enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station
9705 3111

**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.

Monday 29th August, 7-9pm

AT: South Croydon Anglican Church

199 Bayswater Road

Bayswater 3153

COST: \$30

Please RSVP to

Reception on

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