



Gleneagles College Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 31 st August	-Yr 7 Hepatitis B & Gardasil Immunizations -Year 7 Visiting Author program	Tuesday 6 th September	District Athletics
Thursday 1 st September	Parent Teacher Interviews (3-8pm) Early dismissal - 2:30pm	Friday 9 th September	German Exchange group sets off
		Thursday 20 th September	Instrumental Concert - The Shed 7:15pm

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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. Enclosed in your child's interim report, is 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. Parents who have not booked an appointment will be unable to take part in an interview. Should you have any difficulties please contact the school. *Please note: there will be no Homework Club on this night.*

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – EARLY DISMISSAL

All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm due to Parent Teacher Interviews. The bus companies have been notified of this alteration to arrangements.

CATCHING THE BUS

Students who travel to and from school via buses are reminded that they should be at the bus stop well before the scheduled time to ensure they do not miss the bus. It is important to keep in mind that, on any given day, there are many traffic variations which would mean a bus arriving earlier than the expected time.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Last week, a Parent Opinion Survey was sent to some of our parents on a random basis. The school uses the responses to address areas of parental concern and build on our successes. A strong sample from parents will provide significant indicators for school improvement. It is very important to us that the survey is completed and returned to the school as soon as possible in the envelope provided. Please ensure the tear-off tab is filled out and kept on the envelope.

ELECTIVE PAYMENTS

A reminder that elective payments and VCE subject changes for this semester must be finalised by the end of August. Please ensure that you make contact with the bursar's office to attend to any outstanding payments.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

SCIENCE WEEK

Last week, August 15 - 19th, was national Science Week. Our Gleneagles students came out to test their science knowledge with scavenger hunts and building challenges. The scavenger hunts had students from all year levels teaming up for photo and clue challenges. The top teams from these challenges moved on to the 'Build-It' challenge on Friday. Congratulations to our year level winners on Friday who built the tallest structure that could hold an egg (pictured right). Thank you to everyone who participated!

Ms Jessica Mentley, Science



GLENEAGLES SCIENCE FAIR

On Monday 22nd August, 56 students in Years 7-9 participated in the 1st Gleneagles Science Fair. For the past 7 weeks, each student worked hard on investigating a scientific question they were curious about. Topics covered everything from psychology to physics and included questions such as 'Can the acid in Coca-Cola remove rust from a coin?', 'What recipe produces the best cake?' and 'How do BPM's in music affect how we feel, think and buy?' Students presented their findings to onlookers as well as judges. They were required to answer questions about their findings and communicate what they learnt through their investigation. All participants had a great time and should be applauded for the hard work and effort they demonstrated. Based on their knowledge of the scientific method, their display board and their ability to communicate their results, winners in each year level were awarded as well as an overall winner for the entire fair. Merit Certificates were also given out for honourable mentions. A big congratulations to Caleb McLaughlin (pictured below) whose investigation on which household materials make the best conductors, won the prize of Overall Winner! The following students should also be congratulated on their efforts:

Year 7 Winners: Luke Silva & Kevin Wong of 7E

Year 8 Winners: Anju Anand, Laura Gargas, Josh Kannemeyer, Roghinraj Saravanaraj & Mariam Janjua of 8D

Year 9 Winner: Nathan Aung of 9E

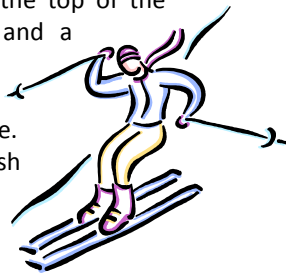
Merit Certificate Recipients: Miriam Fares (7E), Amber Oliver (8C), Natasha Rallis (9E), Madison Fenton (9E), Monica Shahid (9E), Bianca McLean (9E), Sabrina Erdossy (9E), Kirsten Glebov (9E), Cassandra Reeves (9E), Reece Day (9E)

Ms Allison Cox, Science



YEAR 10 SKI TRIP

On Friday 12th August, forty-three Year 10 students went to Mount Buller for a day of skiing and snowboarding. We first stopped off at Mansfield to get our skis, snowboards and boots. After a long four-hour bus drive, we finally arrived at the snow. We caught the ski lift to the top of the mountain where we had a lesson and a beautiful lunch. After lunch, we walked over to a more difficult run, where we got three hours of free time. A few naturals on the slopes were Josh Tarasenko and Tina Chan. Mr Evans was good too. It was a great day overall and a fantastic experience.



Kayla Smith & Rebecca Morren-Hinz, 10A

CAREERS NEWS

University Open Days

The final school-organised Open Day is on **Sunday 28th August** to Deakin University, Burwood. Students in years 9 and 10 should also be exploring their options and attend some of these Open Days.

Here are the last few Open Day dates (and websites) for August/September:

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
Saturday 10 th September	Victoria University – a special tour of the Footscray campus with an expo and Information session (if you missed the official open day in June) 10am – 11.30am in building L. Students can register by phoning 1300 VIC UNI or by emailing student.recruitment@vu.edu.au
Sunday 25 th September	Victoria University Law School Open Day 12-2pm, City Queens Street campus (295 and 283 Queens Street Melbourne) http://www.vu.edu.au/events/victoria-law-school-open-day

*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 – THIS Saturday 27th August

Public Relations Careers Day – Saturday 10th September

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

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/>

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**

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

Parents – Update Your Qualifications

Are you interested in developing or refreshing your Office and administration skills and Microsoft Office skills? Come and enroll in a Business or Medical administration course commencing 10th October 2011 at the Chisholm Institute of TAFE, Fletcher Road Frankston, Melways 102 E2. For more information contact Janice Clements on 9238 8230.

Dance Life Career Booklet

Are you interested in Dancing or Performing arts as a career? Dancelife is a new on-line publication about becoming a professional dancer and advertises courses offered by private dance colleges in Victoria and other states. Go to the website <http://www.dancelife.com.au> (then click on the 'Online Guide to Dance and Performing Arts courses').

Careers with the Victoria Police

Are you interested in becoming a Police officer or a Protective Service officer? You will need to be at least 18 and have completed either your VCE or VCAL Senior certificate (if you are under 21). You must also pass a fitness test and the VETASSESS Police Education Entrance Examination, which covers writing, spelling and comprehension, reasoning, writing and mathematics. For more information, ask Ms Wood in the Careers office or see:

- http://www.vetassess.com.au/download/victoria_police/PSOInfoBrochure.pdf
- http://www.vetassess.com.au/download/victoria_police/PoliceInfoBrochure.pdf

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator