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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

YEAR 7 BBQ
Year 7 students and their families attended the Year 7 Welcome BBQ and had an opportunity to meet Home Group teachers, other staff and their child’s new friends, all in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a very successful night with a great turn out of Year 7’s and their families. Family members were very impressed with the school for organising such a night and found it a great opportunity to meet their child’s teachers and find out about their adjustment to secondary school and Gleneagles. Gleneagles’ student leaders helped run the night by assisting in preparing and serving the food, setting up, and packing up all the furniture. They did this voluntarily, cheerfully, with maturity, and were great ambassadors for the College!

VCE APPLICATION LAUNCH!
Last week, Gleneagles launched the new VCE application. Embracing the IT movement in schools, the app is accessible to VCE students via their smart phones, netbooks and computers during class and in the VCE Study Centre (we prohibit the use of mobile phones in any other areas). The app allows students to keep up-to-date on general Gleneagles happenings, careers notices, sports meetings, room changes, upcoming SACs and key dates. An ‘Alerts’ section at the top of the app allows students to quickly see important events regarding VCE. “The VCE News App is great; it allows us to keep up-to-date, regular contact with the students and communicates all the necessary information and meetings crucial to the student’s success in VCE,” says Ms Jo Tippett, Senior School Coordinator. Student, Courtney Smith (M07), agrees: “It is quick, easy, reliable and effective. You can get all the information you need on the go!” Students are encouraged to check the app throughout the day as it is updated frequently. You can check out our VCE app/website at the following link: http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au/vce/

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.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Councillors are elected for a two year term. This year, two parent representative positions and one DEECD employee representative position fall vacant. Later in this newsletter there is a page that seeks to address questions parents may have about what is involved in being on Council. Interested parents may also like to contact the Principal, Sue Peddlesden to discuss the opportunity. Nominations will open on February 24th and close on March 2nd. Further details on how to nominate will be published in next week’s newsletter. Nominations will be assessed and if an election is required, the ballot will be held between March 9th and March 19th. Elected Councillors would commence their duties at the next Council meeting held on March 26th. Council meets a minimum of eight times per year and currently meetings are held at 7pm on a Monday night. Future dates can be located on the College website. Being on Council is a great opportunity to contribute to development of the College and its policies. *Please see more information on the last page of this newsletter.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM
All immunisation Consent Cards should have been returned to Home Group teachers by now. Please attend to this by Monday if you haven’t already done so. Thank you to everyone who has saved me a phone call regarding this.

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 21st February from 9 – 11am at the front office.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2012

Yesterday morning at the college’s General Assembly, the names of the 2012 Student Leaders and House Captains were announced to all staff and students. The process for selecting Student Leaders was completed at the end of Term 4 in 2011. This has meant that, from the beginning of the new school year, our leaders have already been involved in school-wide activities including the netbook distribution nights for VCE and Year 10, as well as the Year 7 BBQ Wednesday night, where they greatly contributed to the success of the night by feeding and providing drinks to nearly 400 parents and students! This year, there are 18 captain and deputy positions including college, junior college, music, sport and SAC. In addition, we have two House Captains and two Deputy Captains for each house (Kestrels, Harriers, Kites & Falcons), with the exception of the Kite house which has only one captain.

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THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program runs from 7:30am until 8:10am each Friday morning in A3. Healthy breakfast and good company available. All students and staff welcome. First one for the year is next Friday. Come along and check it out. Look forward to my helpers and some new apprentices as well!

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

TUTORS

RACHEL CHEONG – Tutoring for Biology, Chemistry, ESL, Mathematical Methods & Further Mathematics

Gleneagles Dux of 2010, with ATAR score of 97.40
Currently completing a Bachelor of Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne (majoring in Neuroscience)

Availability: Monday & Friday (after 4pm), Saturday (all day)

Charges: $30/hour for Years 7-10 students
$35/hour for VCE students (with numerous Seminar notes and Trial exams)

Contact: 0431 932 033/ r.cheong@student.unimelb.edu.au

NATHAN STEWART – Tutoring for English, Literature, Media & Guitar

Currently completing an Honours year at Monash University Double Major – English/Film

Contact: (03) 9700 3683 / Mobile: 0424 337 824 or ngste1@student.monash.edu

Current Working with Children check

HOMEWORK PROGRAM

Our very popular Homework Program begins again next Thursday from 3 – 4:30pm in the Library each week. This is supervised by a number of staff and volunteer tutors from the community through our links with the Migrant Resource Centre, the City of Casey and The Smith Family. All students attending are to sign in at the Library desk. It is important to note that students should only be attending if they want help with work or a place to study/attend to homework, assignments, etc. Parents/Guardians and students, please note that the Homework Club is not just a place to wait and catch up with friends until you get collected after school; if you are there you need to be focused on your work and understanding that other students around you need you to be working quietly. We have created a great Homework Program and teachers volunteer their time to help out enthusiastically, so let’s all make it an even better year than 2011!

Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator
YEAR 10 DISCOVERY HIGH-ROPE EXCURSION & BBQ
This past Tuesday, the Year 10 Discovery class travelled to Glen Harrow Park to challenge themselves on the Trees Adventure high-ropes course. The students completed a series of courses ranging from 2 to 12 metres above the floor of the Dandenong Ranges that challenged their bravery, resilience and sense of adventure. It was pleasing to see the group encouraging each other and achieving some great results.

After working up an appetite climbing and swinging through the trees, the group made their way back to school where they were greeted by their parents and teachers at the Discovery Launch barbecue. This was an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to get to know each other in a friendly atmosphere.
Overall, the day was a great success and all students are to be commended for their positive attitudes and fantastic enthusiasm.

Mr Sam Florence, Discovery Coordinator

TAKE HOME COMPUTER PROGRAM
I would like to thank all those students and parents who have attended the two successful nights of netbook distributions over the past two weeks. I am aware that there are many parents who have been unable to attend for various reasons and would like to remind those people that there is one more session to be held next Tuesday evening between 5:30 and 6:00pm. If you are still unable to attend then I will be providing more opportunities to come to the school during school hours.

The first of these extra sessions will be held on Monday Feb 27th at 9:00am in the Library. I would appreciate if you could inform the school that you are coming so we have an idea of how large a room we need to use.
Please go to the office first to obtain a visitor pass and instructions on where to go.

Mr Russell Bunce, ICT Operations Manager

CAREERS NEWS

RMIT Talk for VCE Students
All students in Years 11 and 12 undertaking Studio Art, Media and Visual Communication are invited to attend the RMIT Art and Design presentation on Tuesday 21st February in the Shed commencing 1:17pm (P5 and P6). The talk will cover entry requirements, including design exercises and folios for higher education degrees in Design, Photography, Media, Architecture and Industrial Design. If you normally have another class at this time, you will need to obtain approval from your teacher to attend.

Australian Defence Force Date Change
The ADF has had to change the date of its visit to Gleneagles. The talk will now be held on Wednesday 23rd May 8.30 to 9.30 am (not 7th March).

Work experience – Attention Year 10!
Work experience is compulsory for all Year 10 students. Gleneagles’ 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.

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
• 13th April (in holidays) Access All Areas at the University of Melbourne, Parkville
• 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).
• 15, 22,24,31st May – Focus on Melbourne Course information sessions at Parkville campus.
• 18th - 19th May – National Careers and Employment expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank.

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator
School Council Elections 2012
Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the Gleneagles school council?
• A mandated elected Parent category – Five members of our Council are parents of students currently enrolled at the school.
• A mandated elected DEECD employee category – the principal of the school is automatically one of these members and there are four members in total on Council.
• Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. GSC Council has 3 coopted members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. In the election at the end of February we will be calling for nominations for 3 parent and 2 DEECD representatives. Current members of Council may be eligible to renominate.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider
• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Remember
• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
• Consider standing for election to council this year
• Be sure to vote in the elections.
Contact the principal for further information.

SO … YOU CAN DANCE
Shanelle’s Dance School
Endeavour Hills, Gleneagles Secondary College Reema Blvd in “The Shed”
Learn to dance and build self esteem in a fun, relaxed, friendly, multicultural environment.
Jazz, Funk, Hip Hop, Modern Expressive, Character, Tap and more …..

Boys and girls welcome. All ages: 3 years to adult. Qualified teachers. Established for over 18 years. Concerts, floor shows and exams (optional) Competitively priced classes.

Family discounts available.
Principal: Estelle Villalobos - ATOD , BSc.
Contacts: 0410 595 142 or 0413 698 127
TERM 1 2012, SPECIAL OFFER FIRST 2 CLASSES HALF PRICE, MENTION THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

Mossgiel Park Junior Football Club
Registration for Season 2012

Want to play Aussie Rules Football in Endeavour Hills? Then join us at Mossgiel Park Junior Football Club for Season 2012. Come along and register at either of our Registration Events on Friday 17th February from 6.00pm until 8.30pm at the Club Rooms at Barry Simon Reserve, Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills (Mel 91 E-F2) or on Saturday 18th February from 10.00am until 2.00 pm at the Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre.

Players are welcome for all age groups from Under 9s through to Under 17s including for our Youth Girls team (ages 13-18). Please direct any queries to the Club Secretary on 0422 888 190 or email mossgielpark@gmail.com.

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