



# Gleneagles College Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	*Year 7 & 10 Immunisations	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 12 German Class Excursion to NGV
	*Year 12 Literature Excursion (ACMI)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Photos (envelopes distributed last week)
	*Take Home Computer Program, 9am, Library	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Incursion: Chemistry Revealed	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 8 Anti-Bullying Program
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7-9 Rock & Clay Performance	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Public Holiday: Labour Day
		Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	CBD Work Experience: Parent Info Night Year 8 High Resolves Program

## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Councillors are elected for a two year term. This year, two parent representative positions and one DEECD employee representative position fall vacant (see last page of newsletter). Interested parents may also like to contact the Principal, Sue Peddlesden to discuss the opportunity. **Nominations will open today, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February and close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** Nominations will be assessed and if an election is required, the ballot will be held between March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please see the Gleneagles website for more information & application forms: [www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au](http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au)

### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the school and the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. The school cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

### PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is sometimes brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Neither the school nor the Education Department holds insurance for personal property brought to schools and have no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. All members of the school community are reminded that they should not bring any unnecessary items to school.

### NAMING YOUR BELONGINGS

We remind parents that all items of clothing should be labelled, so they can be returned to the rightful owner if they are found. Text books should also be labelled with your child's name and Home Group.

### LOCKDOWN DRILL NOTICE

In Term 4 of 2011, Gleneagles participated in a lockdown drill to practice the procedures for staff and students in case of an emergency. Staff were given directions prior to the drill as to what to do and where to take the students once the alarm sounded. Staff and students reacted calmly, remained in their designated areas and the drill was a success. However, the drill did highlight an issue whereby a small number of students texted their parents to inform them the college was on lockdown. As a result, some parents called the school to see if they were able to come and collect their child, thereby blocking the phone lines and potentially blocking road access to the school. We ask that in the future, during a lockdown or an evacuation, parents do not phone in to the college. In the event of an emergency, the phone lines must be kept clear for emergency personnel. We appreciate parents/guardians assistance in this matter.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. All students received the envelopes for their school photographs last week. These envelopes must be returned on the day. To avoid disappointment on the day, please note this date in your calendar. The school does not handle payments.



### PFA MEETING

The Gleneagles PFA is a friendly, dynamic and influential parent body that support the school in many ways. If you would like to join us, we welcome any new parents or guardians. Come along on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in the main staff room. Hear about what is happening in the school and find out how you can get involved in a way that suits you!

*Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne*

### TAKE HOME COMPUTER PROGRAM

If any parents have been unable to attend the sessions explaining the Take Home Computer Program previously, there will be more opportunities to do so. The first of these extra sessions will be held on **Monday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 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 the session will be held.

**Mr Russell Bunce, ICT Operations Manager**

### IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

The first round of immunisations will be held on this **Monday 27 February**. Thank you again to all parents/guardians for returning the Consent Forms. If you haven't already done so, please ensure they are returned on Monday morning before school to the Office. They are to be returned, filled in and signed even if your child is not having the immunisations at school.

**Ms Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

#### SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9 – 11am** at the front office.

### STUDENT VOICE – CALL FOR MEMBERS!

You can have your say on any of the issues that you or your peers believe need to be considered within the school. Together, with Mrs. Duffy and Ms. Reilly, we can try to address them! To find out more about Student Voice and apply, pick up an application form from the front office, the library, your home group teacher's class roll, or download one from the school website! Applications close next **Friday 2nd. March, 2012**. Selection interviews will occur for shortlisted candidates the following week.

**Jordan Sarkissian (M16), College Captain**

### VALENTINE'S DAY POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

This year's most talented poetry writers were:

Amrit Kaur, Year 11

Xanthe Wickes, 10D (pictured below)

Congratulations to them both. Their poems and past winners are available to read in the library.



### WORLD CHALLENGE DONATIONS

A group of 13 students from Year 10 to 12 at Gleneagles Secondary College and 2 teachers are preparing to take part on a 3-week educational expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia this September. This expedition will involve a challenging trek and working with the local community to assist them with equipment and daily necessities they require. It will teach us things such as leadership skills and responsibility. Our expedition team are planning to communicate closely with the community to keep you informed of our plans and progress. Over the next few months we will be undertaking the challenge of raising the money needed to cover the cost of this trip. We are in the process of organising a series of events and market stalls during the weekends and after school. We would also be extremely appreciative to those who are willing to donate their time, products, money, gift vouchers, or anything else you think may help in our fundraising endeavours. We of the expedition team would be extremely grateful for your generosity.



Sincerely,

**Gleneagles World Challenge Expedition Team**

### 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. Come along and check it out. Look forward to my helpers and some new apprentices as well!

### HOMEWORK PROGRAM

Our very popular Homework Program began again this week and was a huge success! The Club runs every 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.

**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*

**RMIT Talk for VCE Students**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Roberta Mascitti from RMIT University School of Art and Design spoke to our year 11 and 12 Studio Art, Media and Visual Communication students. She explained the difference between the degree programs in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Media, Photography, Design and Communication, as well as the entry requirements and how to prepare for the interviews and folio presentations.

Students can refer to the RMIT website for more information about these courses:

Architecture, Building and Design:

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=w03638sstxs6>

Fashion, Fine Art and Photography:

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=40qz3g6e3mxw;SECTION=2>

Media, Advertising, Journalism:

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=mczoc8md779f1;STATUS=A;SECTION=2>

**Work experience – Attention Year 10!**

All Year 10 students should be finalising their Work experience placement – 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June. You will need to submit your signed Work experience arrangement forms to the Careers office by the end of Term 1. Ask your parents, friends, neighbours and relatives where they work and see if they can provide any contacts in the area you wish to find work experience. Often a personal contact will help you to secure your placement.

**Defence Technical Scholarships 2012**

Are you in year 11 or 12 and studying any maths, plus a VET trade subject in 2012? Apply for a Defence Technical scholarship while you complete your VCE - \$2000 in Year 11 and \$3000 in Year 12. DTS applications 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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 8.30 to 9.30 am (not 7<sup>th</sup> March).

**Monash University Course Seminars**

Monash University is holding a series of ‘At Monash seminars’ in March on specific degree programs, from 6.30 to 8.00 at various campuses.

You must register in order to attend:

[http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/at-monash.html?utm\\_source=home&utm\\_medium=rotatingbanner&utm\\_campaign=DM-AtMonash](http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/at-monash.html?utm_source=home&utm_medium=rotatingbanner&utm_campaign=DM-AtMonash)

- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Architecture and Interior Architecture – Caulfield
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics – Peninsula
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals – Parkville Campus
- **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Business and Economics - Caulfield

**Forthcoming Careers Expos**

- **25<sup>th</sup> March** – Veterinary Science Open Day, University of Melbourne Werribee campus
- **13<sup>th</sup> April** (in holidays) Access All Areas at the University of Melbourne, Parkville
- **3-6<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Focus on Melbourne Course information sessions at Parkville campus.
- **18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May** – National Careers and Employment expo at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank.

*Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator*

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

**SO ... YOU CAN DANCE**  
*Shanelle's Dance School*

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Qualified teachers. Established for over 18 years.  
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**Principal: Estelle Villalobos - ATOD, BSc.  
Contacts: 0410 595 142 or 0413 698 127  
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**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.

## Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Gleneagles Secondary College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 2 / 3 / 12.


The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 19 / 3 / 12.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	Term of office	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013	2
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Please see the Gleneagles website for more information & application forms: [www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au](http://www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au)



## Dandenong Baseball Club

### “The Angels”

We'll teach you the basic rules and skills of Baseball and include every player into games. Baseball is fun and exciting for all kids. Come and join in the fun and play Baseball this winter.

# COME 'N' PLAY BASEBALL

**FUN & SAFE:** experienced baseballers supervise all sessions. We supply all equipment, so just come with your runners and tracksuit. We cater for all junior age groups. Bring your friends along !!!

Come & Try sessions will be held on **Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> March** and **Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March** at Robert Booth Reserve, Clow Street, Dandenong. It starts at **9 a.m.** and finishes around **10.30 a.m.** and then training is each Saturday thereafter. Competition matches will be held on or Saturday mornings starting on **Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2012** playing Home or Away games each week.

To register your interest or for further information, contact **Bill Davidson** on **0403 962 694** or email him on [billdavidson@iprimus.com.au](mailto:billdavidson@iprimus.com.au)

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