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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

We are aware that we have a large number of students coming from Fountain Gate/Narre Warren North area. The school bus that services this area is sometimes overcrowded and on two occasions now some students have been unable to board the bus. The Principal has contacted the Department of Transport and Grendas requesting a solution. Parents must understand that school bus routes are decided by the Department of Transport, not the schools. As explained on the website: “Please note the Department of Transport has confirmed only one bus will be provided on the FG/NWNth route. The Department prioritises services to the nearest local school.” If there is no room on the FG/NW North bus, another option is to catch a bus to Hallam Senior Campus where they can wait inside the school for the Route 828 back-up bus.

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 15th 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!

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Regular school attendance is important if students are to do well at school. Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school before 10:00am to inform us that their children are ill or not attending for a particular reason. Parents can expect a telephone call from our Attendance Officer if their child is absent without approval. Please remember to provide a letter of explanation to the Home/Mentor Group teacher for VCE students immediately when your child returns to school after a period of absence. If your child is away for a length of time (e.g. medical problem, extended holiday) please advise the Home Group or Mentor teacher in writing as soon as you are aware so work can be prepared for your child to do whilst they are away. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 2nd February, 9 – 11am at the front office.

YEAR 9 CBD PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Last week, Year 9 students were given notes to take home inviting parents to the CBD Experience Information Evening. This session will be an opportunity for parents to gain further information regarding the CBD Experience happening in Term 2 of this year. The session will be held in the Gleneagles library at 5-6pm, Wednesday 14th March. All welcome.

Mr Sam Florence, CBD Experience Coordinator

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Last Friday, Gleneagles held their annual Swimming Carnival at Doveton Pool in the Park. All students were able to get involved on the day, whether competing in events, cheering on their team or enjoying the waterslide. There were many outstanding performances on the day, both in the individual events and team relays. Each house and house leader should be congratulated for their enthusiasm and team spirit!

The final results for the day were:
1st Kestrels – 2358
3rd Harriers – 1828
2nd Falcons – 2123
4th Kites – 1772

The Gleneagles Swimming team will be formed from the results on the day. The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 13th March. A big thank you to all the teachers and student helpers for their support and contribution towards a successful day!

Ms Jess Phillips, Carnivals Coordinator

VICDEAF PRESENTATION

On Monday afternoon, students from Year 11 English Language had the opportunity to attend a presentation by David Peters from Vicdeaf in support of their current topic on different forms of communication, including signing. David was born deaf and is in the third generation of a deaf family. He is also the President of Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) and has been a delegate to the Deaflympics since 1983 where he has also competed. David presented to the students using Auslan (Australian Sign Language) with the aid of an interpreter who translated into English. Students had the opportunity to learn about deaf culture and the Deaf community, language and communication strategies, issues that Deaf people face, and devices employed by the Deaf community in order to communicate (e.g. TTY, Captions and SMS). We would like to thank David and Cheryl for an enjoyable and fascinating afternoon. For more information on Auslan and other available services, Vicdeaf can be contacted through their website www.vicdeaf.com.au

Ms Rachel Rooney, English Language

Work experience placements – parents can you help?
Do you have contacts in a business, or can take on one or more Gleneagles work experience students in your own business for a week? Nearly 200 year 10 students are required to undertake a week of work experience during Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June, so finding placements for all is challenging. Offers of work experience in any industry will be welcome, however our students have particular interests in accounting, engineering (civil and mechanical), graphic design, information technology, journalism, medical, veterinary and architecture. The business needs to have at least two staff members in order to meet the supervision requirements. The Department of Education (DEECD) provides public liability insurance and work cover for work experience students in a Government school. If you can help, or need more information, please email Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator at wood.christine.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Defence Technical Scholarships 2012 – Last Call
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.

Casual jobs available – aged 15+. The Lunar Drive In, Dandenong (115 South Gippsland Highway) is seeking casual staff. You need to have good availability on Friday nights, Saturday nights, Public holidays and school holidays. Please send your resume to talicia@lunardrivein.com.au or Lunar Drive-In PO BOX 8092, Dandenong, 3175

Monash University Course Seminars
Monash University is holding a series of ‘At Monash seminars’ in March for specific degree programs, from 6.30 to 8.00pm. This is a great opportunity for students in Years 10 to 12 to obtain detailed course information and speak to academic staff.
*Wed 7th March: Architecture and Interior Architecture – Caulfield
*Thursday 8th March: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedics – Peninsula
*Tuesday 13th: Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals – Parkville Campus
*Wed 14th March: Business and Economics – Caulfield

Engineering Careers Expo
Engineers Australia is holding its Annual Engineering Careers Expo on Thursday 29th March from 2 to 7pm at Etihad Stadium, Docklands. There will be 80+ exhibitors, gain an insight into all Engineering disciplines, meet employers. Sign up at: www.engineeringexpo.org.au

RMIT Experience Environment Day – Years 10 to 12
Thursday 5th April – RMIT University find out about environmental engineering, environmental science, geospatial sciences and environmental planning courses. Register at http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays