HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ

Struggling to get your Year 7 student to read the English text? The library has audio copies of Mahtab’s story. Your child can listen to the story from the library catalogue while they are reading the book. For more information your child can come to the library to find out how to access this resource (save it as MP3) or you can phone the library.

Ms Lynne Moller, Library Coordinator

INTERIM REPORTS

An Interim Report for Year 7 to 10 students is currently being prepared by your child’s subject teachers. It will be posted home at the end of the term. The Interim Report provides an indication of how the student has progressed in their studies during Term 1. Parent Teacher interviews for Semester 1 will be held on Wednesday 2nd May. This will give parents the opportunity to follow up with teachers on any issues that arise from the interim report and ensure they can be addressed before the Semester 1 reports are prepared. Details of the booking process will be provided in future newsletters.

DISMISSAL AT THE END OF TERM

We remind all members of the school community that dismissal time at the end of each term is 2.30 pm. The City of Casey will not provide crossing supervisors before 2.30 pm on any school day and school crossings will only be supervised within the nominated school zone times which are 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm. As a consequence of this, for reasons of student safety and DEECD policy, the end of term dismissal time is 2.30 pm.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

MALAYSIA 2012 INFORMATION EVENING

There will be an information evening on Monday 19th of March (at 5.45pm for a 6pm start in the Gleneagles Library) for students and parents of Year 9 and 10 Indonesian LOTE students who want to participate in the study abroad experience in Malaysia. On the night, there will be a presentation and anecdotes from past students; followed by a question and answer session.

Ms Tammy van Rossum, LOTE Coordinator

PROJECT ROCKIT

Last Tuesday, all Year 8 students attended a session run by Project Rockit, an interactive anti-bullying and youth leadership program run by young people for young people. Rather than dealing with labels, this program places emphasis on the role of the bystander and the responsibility to stand up to bullying and be counted. The program presented real and in-touch strategies and examined a range of related issues, including social labels, personal values, judgement and leadership. Students were able to speak openly about constructive ways in which to deal with bullying whilst they were engaged in fun, interactive learning activities.

Ms Ainslie Waters & Ms Lyn Spooner, Year 8 Coordinators

ANTI HARASSMENT PROGRAM: YEARS 7 – 9

All Year 7 – 9 students took part in this program on February 29th. Students were engaged in a variety of lessons and also had the opportunity to attend a musical performance in The Shed which revolved around this issue. The group, Iron and Clay, also performed a lunchtime concert open to all students. At Gleneagles, we encourage all students to let us know if they or others are experiencing any issues related to harassment or bullying. Bullying includes physical bullying such as hitting, verbal bullying such as name calling, and indirect bullying such as spreading rumours and cyberbullying, which includes the use of digital technologies to bully or harass someone. The students will also have an information session specifically around the issues of cybersafety next term. To complement this, we will be promoting a session for parents/guardians as well. We are finding that the inappropriate use of Facebook, etc. is creating many problems in relation to bullying and harassment. Even though it may be outside of school hours, the issues play themselves out here at school. We again request that as parents/guardians you monitor your child’s use of these social networks and also create clear boundaries about the amount of time they are using these sites. Please inform us as soon as possible if you have concerns for your child, or others at the school, around these issues.

Ms Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Coordinator & Mr Andrew Barker, Junior Sub School Leader

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 20th March, 9 – 11am at the front office.
Work experience placements – Attention Year 10
Year 10 work experience week is next term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June. The deadline for handing in your completed Work Experience Arrangement Form is the end of Term 1 (30th March).

Here are some suggestions:
* Melbourne Football Club Work experience program - 40 high school students across Victoria will be selected to spend a week working in the club. This includes media, events, technology, football operations, sports science and an AFL Match day. There are two sets of dates: Week commencing Monday 7th May and the week commencing 2nd July (during school holidays). Applications must be submitted on-line via the club website: melbournefc.com.au/workexperience (no later than 31st March).

* Two placements are available in a large Digital Printing company in Port Melbourne – one placement is in the accounting department of the company, the other is in computer pre-press and digital printing. See Chris Wood in the Careers office for more information.

* One placement is available in a Printing company in Springvale – must be interested in working in the digital printing industry and seeing all aspects of the operations. See Chris Wood for more information.

Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day
Are you interested in a Career in Veterinary Science? The University of Melbourne is holding its Vet Science Open Day on Sunday 25th March at the Werribee campus - 250 Princes Hwy Werribee, from 10am – 3pm. There will be tours of the Vet hospital facilities, pathology displays, public lectures and demonstrations ranging from the Vic Police Dog Squad to Reptile Education Victoria.

Forthcoming Careers Events
- **Thursday 29th March** - Engineers Australia is holding its Annual Engineering Careers Expo 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
- **Thursday 5th April (during holidays)** - If you are passionate about a career in Art and Design, register for the Art and Design Day at Swinburne Uni, Prahran campus, 9am to 3.30pm. Select the workshops you wish to attend by registering at: http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/art-and-design/
- **Thursday 12th April (during holidays)** – Dandenong Jobs and Skills Expo at the Dandenong Market, 10am to 3pm
- **Friday 13th April** – Careers afternoon at the Victorian Institute for Forensic Medicine, Kavanagh St, Southbank. 12.30 to 4pm. Only 70 places are available. Find out about careers in forensic sciences. There will be no tour of the building due to the sensitive nature of the work. Complete the registration form at http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf.

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.

- **Monday 19th**: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy - Peninsula
- **Tuesday 20th**: Information Technology – Caulfield
- **Monday 26th**: Health Science and Social Work - Caulfield
- **Tuesday 27th**: Sport, Teaching and Outdoor Ed - Peninsula

You must register at: http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/at-monas.htm?utm_source=home&utm_medium=rotatingbanner&utm_campaign=DM-AtMonash

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

HOMEWORK CLUB & BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Both of these programs continue to be well accessed by many students throughout the year levels. Last week we had 63 students in attendance at Homework Club and 17 staff helping out! The commitment by staff is exceptional and Homework Club would struggle to run without their generosity, as our numbers can reach over 100 each week (as we witnessed throughout much of 2011). We also had two of our tutors, with a couple absent through illness, and will have more tutors through the Schools Access Monash Program and our other agencies, the Smith Family and the Migrant Resource Centre next term.

Breakfast Program continues to be popular. When I thanked one boy last week for coming early and helping set up he commented, “I love Breakfast Program!” It’s a very welcoming environment and we look forward to more and more new faces. Providing breakfast is really only one part of the nourishment it provides- joining in with us on Friday mornings is a very stressfree and enjoyable way to start the end of the week!

Ms Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

INSPIRE YOUR KIDS TO READ FORUM
All families – parents and kids- are invited to hear from Felice Arena, author of Specky Magee and meet Melbourne Football Club players and Read Like a Demon and National Year of Reading Ambassadors, Cale Morton and Colin Garland. Felice is one of Australia’s much-loved writers for kids. He is the author of many best-selling and award-winning books, including Wish, the Boyz Rule stories, the hilarious Farticus Maximus and the hugely popular Specky Magee series, co-written with old school mate and football legend Garry Lyon.

Date: Tuesday 20th March 2012
Time: 6.30 – 7.30pm (6:15 -6:30pm Light Refreshments)
Cost: Free / Venue: Monash University, Berwick Theatre G43
Enter off Clyde Road or Kangan Drive

For more information, phone Cranbourne Library: 5990 0150
Ms Lynne Moller, Library Coordinator
TAKE HOME COMPUTER PROGRAM

Students whose parents/guardians have been unable to attend any of the briefings held during February will have the ability to collect a netbook once a supplementary form has been returned, signed by the parent/guardian. This form is available on the website and must be returned to Mr. Bunce in the Maths office along with the Acceptable Use Agreement Take Home Computer Program document which is to be signed by both student and parent/guardian. Once both forms have been submitted, the student can then negotiate with Mr. Bunce the best time to pick up the netbook.

Mr Russell Bunce, ICT Operations Manager

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students are invited to take part in the Reading Challenge this year. The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read; to read more frequently and to read more widely. All students in Year 7 will be participating in the Challenge and we encourage others to participate in the joy of reading. A new booklist has been prepared for students in Years 9 and 10. This list of books is for mature readers and includes a range of young adult titles.

The Premier’s challenge to students from Years 7 to 10 is to read 15 books by 3rd September this year, including 10 or more from the official Booklist. The list has nearly 4000 books giving students lots of choice in what they read, so there is bound to be plenty of interest.

A signed certificate from the Premier will be sent to all students who meet the challenge. The names of those students will also be published in a special supplement to the Sunday Age.

These are some ways that you can support your child and encourage a love of reading:

- Set aside a time each day where everyone reads. It is a good time for you to catch up on your reading, to set a great example, and for your child to share the pleasure of reading.
- Visit the library together.
- Encourage your child to share what he or she has read.
- Be active in your child’s TV viewing. Control the quantity and quality of the programs your child watches. Allow some time for TV and for reading.
- Be pleased with your child’s reading progress.

For more information parents can visit the website http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc or speak to Ms Moller in the library, who will be coordinating the Challenge. Interested students can collect a consent form which requires your signature.

Remember: Reading should be enjoyable!

Ms Lynne Moller, Library Coordinator

YEAR 7 CAMP – STUDENT ACCOUNTS

From the 5th-9th of March, all the Year 7’s went on camp to Golden Valley Lodge, Flinders. The camp was amazing. On the bus ride over we stopped at Mornington beach where we sat and ate our lunch. After we all finished our lunch we played a few games then hopped back on the bus to get to camp. After arriving at camp, we sat in the common room where the teachers and Andrea (the camp owner) gave us a talk about the manners we had to use while staying at camp. A few times during this talk, Smiley the dog came to introduce himself. We did two activities that afternoon, then to finish the night (after dinner) we went on a night walk through the National Park nearby. All the students were exhausted by the time we got back, so we all went into our cabins and went straight to bed.

We had an early start the next day. We had 2 activities in the morning, 2 before lunch, and then 2 after lunch. The activities included:

- The Flying Fox
- The Giant Swing
- Kite Making
- Rope Course
- Team Building
- Hut Building
- Archery

That night, we were all so tired. We were lucky enough to watch a movie. We all sat in our PJ’s, with our sleeping bags and pillows and watched The Sorcerer’s Apprentice. The teachers passed some popcorn around while everyone giggled and laughed at the awesome movie.

The next morning we all got out of bed looking sleepy and tired. We went in to have breakfast and got told that once we got back to our cabin, we had to clean up. It didn’t take long before everyone was finished and got to have free time. We were supposed to have our last activity, but instead we got to choose whether we did an activity we liked, or did free time instead. A lot of people chose to do archery and the ropes course again, while others chose to sit back and relax during free time. During free time, students could choose to go on the trampoline, play volleys ball and could even play with the giant chess pieces. Some students even had the nerve to go in the pool. It was FREEZING!

Once everything was packed up and the camp grounds were clean, we got on the bus and set off to arrive at Gleneagles before the bell went.

Everyone had an incredible time and was so excited to see their parents waiting for them back at school so they could tell them all about the magnificent time they had. Special thanks to Mr Mascia and Ms Morris for making the camp possible!

Camp award winners:

7A – Jessica Kernjack
7B – Victoria Woodward
7C – Thomas Lawler, Shiekkenn Panes
7E – Rhianne McMahon
7F: Genevieve Roche couste, Brayden Sharp
7G – Jacob Clouston
7H – Michael Serdzeff – always following instructions and giving everything a go.
7I – Aiden Mallia
7J – Jordan Gammoh , Regan Runga Runga
7K – Ellen Van Velsen & Stasi Pantsis
7X – Josh Lehman, Josh Hunt

Jessica Sikora & Ashlee Crisp, Students
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