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COLLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COLLEGE COUNCIL
The Gleneagles Council would like to warmly thank Josh Janssen and Charmaine Christie for their service as community representatives on last year’s council. We would also like to announce and welcome the 2012/13 council’s new community representatives – Tricia Clarke and Dale Cridland.

The objectives of the school council are to assist in the efficient governance of the school, ensure students’ best interests are primary and to enhance the educational opportunities for students.

2012/13 Gleneagles Secondary College Council:

Parent Representatives:
- Jackie Keyt (President)
- Paul Newton (Vice President)
- Amanda Cridland
- Kim McLaughlin
- Sue Caljouw

Staff Representatives:
- Sue Peddlesden
- Maxine Foster
- Andrew Barker
- Helana Corrigan

Community Representatives:
- Tricia Clarke
- Dale Cridland (Deputy School Captain)

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT BOOKINGS
On Wednesday 2nd May, Gleneagles will be holding its first parent teacher night for the year. We are continuing to use an electronic booking system which will allow parents/guardians to directly book interviews using the internet. When it is activated (April 24th), you will need to click on the ‘Parent Teacher Night Bookings’ heading in the Quick Links section on the left side of the Home Page screen on the Gleneagles website. You will then be taken to the booking system. If you have not done so, you may like to check that you can access the school website at www.gleneagles.vic.edu.au. Please refer to the information sheet that was included with your child’s interim report (mailed out end of Term 1) for more detailed instructions on how to access the booking system. Should you not have access to the internet, please give your instructions to your child and they can use one of the school computers to implement your booking requests and print off a hard copy for you to bring on the afternoon/evening.

NEW STAFF
We would like to welcome the new staff members who will be replacing teachers and other staff on leave during Term 2 – Christine Peers replacing Semiha Yenilmez on Reception; Kobey Weir replacing Meagan Neil; Vincent Lam replacing Helen Liapis; Tim Bratton replacing Damien Browning; and Jen Riley will be working with Sue Shee on the Reading Program.

OPEN NIGHT
On Monday 23rd April, we will be holding our annual Open Night, commencing at 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity for the community to visit the school and learn more about our quality programs. At 7:30pm, the Principal will give a presentation in the Shed. Please come along and visit on the night and encourage other families to attend as well. We are delighted that so many students are offering to be helpers on the night. A reminder that all students must be in full school uniform as it is a school event.

SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) PROGRAM
Applications for entry into the 2013 Year 7 SEAL program are now being invited. Testing for entry into the SEAL program is scheduled for Saturday 12th May. Please inform family members or friends who may be interested in this program know that they may obtain the application form and further details through the college website. The SEAL Information Night will be held in the library on Thursday 26th April, 7:00-8:00pm.

WORKING BEE
Gleneagles has vast and lovely gardens and occasionally, we need a bit of extra help, so we have organised a Working Bee for tomorrow, Saturday 21st April from 9am – 12pm. We would be grateful to any parent(s) who could come and help out (even an hour of your time would be much appreciated!).

YEAR 9 CBD EXPERIENCE
With students beginning their preparation for the Year 9 CBD Experience shortly, parents/guardians are reminded that payment of the Essential Education Items Levy must be made to the Bursar by Friday 11th May in order for your child to attend. The Experience will run in Week 7 of this term, May 28th - June 1st.
IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEARS 7 & 10
A reminder that the City of Casey will be here next Friday, 27th April, to continue the Immunisation Program for our students. Year 7 students who have returned their consent forms will receive the chicken pox vaccination and the girls will also receive the second Gardasil vaccination. If students didn’t receive the first Gardasil vaccination in February this year, it would be best to contact the Environmental Health Unit at the City of Casey about other possible options for receiving the doses (9705 5700). Alternatively, you may wish to be in contact with your local doctor. Year 10 students who have returned their Consent Forms will receive the Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Boostrix (Whooping Cough) vaccination. There are spare forms available from Karen Hilton at the Front Office.

Ms Maxine Foster, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

VCE and Careers Expo excursion – Thursday 3rd May
Year 10 students need to return their permission form for the Annual VCE and Careers Expo excursion with $5 payment asap. Each student will attend at least one seminar at the expo. Tickets will allow students to return to the Expo on the weekend (4th and 5th May).

Monash Computer Games Bootcamp – Years 9 to 12
Registrations are now open for Monash University’s 4th Annual Computer Games Bootcamp in July 2012 (limited places are available). It is aimed at students interested in becoming professional gamers, building and designing games, working in ICT.

Date: 7th – 13th July 2012
Venue: Monash University, Clayton Campus
Cost: FREE
Registration: Students must register online at: http://staging-infotech.monash.edu.au/about/competitions/games-bootcamp/

Tertiary Course seminars – VCE students
- Monash University (6.30 to 8.00pm)
  Tuesday 8th May - Science degrees – Clayton campus, Rotunda Theatre 5
  Tuesday 15th May – Performing arts degrees – Clayton campus, Drama theatre
  Thursday 17th May – Law degrees – Clayton campus, South 1 Theatre, building 64
  Meet the lecturers, find out about entry requirements and units. Register in advance at http://monash.edu/study/options/schools/at-monash.html
- University of Melbourne (7.00 to 8.30pm)
  Focus on Arts – Tuesday 15th May – Parkville campus
  Focus on IT and Engineering – Tuesday 22nd May – Parkville campus
- Deakin University
  Medicine and Optometry information evening – Thursday 17th May – Burwood campus 6.00 to 8.30pm Lecture Theatre 13, Building hc2.005 (note these courses are taught in Geelong)

Year 12 students – Register for the UMAT test
Registrations for the 2012 UMAT (Medical Admissions Test) close on 1st June. Go to http://umat.acer.edu.au The test will be held on Wednesday 25th July. Note that the UMAT is no longer required for Pharmacy or Pharmacy/Commerce at Monash University.

Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day
Indigenous students in Year 9 or 10 are requested to attend the Indigenous students Experience Monash Day at the Clayton campus on Thursday 17th May – it includes information sessions on different subject areas, university life, scholarships for Indigenous students and a campus tour. Permission forms will be given to individuals.

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 1st May, 9 – 11am at the front office.