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COLEGE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/Teacher interviews were held on the evening of Wednesday 2nd May. The sessions proved to be very well attended and many productive conversations were held regarding the progress of our students. It was great to see so many parents attending to find out about their sons/daughters progress and what is occurring throughout the school community. Time should now be spent working on the issues that have been addressed before the Semester 1 reports are prepared.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos are due to arrive at GE early next week and will be sent home with students shortly thereafter.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests for Years 7 & 9 students will be held on the mornings of Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. Students will be given further information about these tests shortly. We encourage all students to attend on these days to ensure all students can be included in the process and enable parents to receive relevant reports when they are published. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Kathie Toth.

YEAR 10 & VCE EXAMS
In Week 8 of this term, the Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting their mid-year exams: June 4-8. The Year 12 student’s exams are scheduled for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June. Unit 3 & 4 students will be sitting the GAT on Thursday 14th June. More detailed information will be sent home with students in the near future, outlining the exam timetable and the protocols students are expected to follow throughout the exam process. To help prepare students for this experience they will be involved in a number of study skills and exam preparation activities throughout this term. Students should be doing at least 2-3 hours of study each night in preparation for the exams.

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.

Sue Peddlesden, Adele Duffy, Kathie Toth & Paul Thorne

WORLD CHALLENGE TRIVIA NIGHT
A trivia night was held on Monday 30th April to help raise money for the Gleneagles’ World Challenge expedition. A whopping $2,847 was raised by the 120 people in attendance. In September of this year, 13 students from Year 10 to 12 and 2 teachers at Gleneagles will take part on a 3-week educational expedition to Vietnam and Cambodia. This expedition will involve a challenging trek and working with the local community to assist them with equipment and daily necessities they require. The money raised will not only help students in their travel expenses but will also go towards building materials and toys for orphanages.

The trivia night held plenty of opportunities for those in attendance to loosen their purse strings and help support the trek. The enthusiastic crowd participated in a silent auction, reverse bingo, raffles, door prizes, paper airplane toss (pictured below), and purchased keys in hopes they had the one lucky key that would open a mystery box (it’s contents, we can now reveal, held a Nintendo DS 3D!). We send our utmost thanks to all the parents, staff and friends who helped raise so much money! Of the 13 students who will be going on the World Challenge expedition, 10 were helpers at the trivia night. We would like to sincerely thank the following students (pictured below) :

Natasha Rallis  Bianca McLean  Lachlan Anderson
Mishqa Khan  Jess Tarasenko  Caitlyn Reardon
Caitlin Van Velsen  Daniel Crisp  Holly Roberts
Stephanie Rogerson

We would also like to thank the following companies for their donations:

Contours fitness  Bunnings
Hawthorn FC  Essendon FC

The next fundraiser for the World Challenge group will be a BBQ at the Dandenong Bunnings on the 1st of June. This event will be advertised in further detail in upcoming newsletters and on the Gleneagles website.

Mr Barker & Ms Ryder, World Challenge Coordinators

MONASH UNIVERSITY COMMERCE SCHOLARS DAY

On Friday 20th April, selected Business Management students visited Caulfield Campus of Monash University as part of an ‘invitation only’ Commerce Scholars Day Program. The day consisted of attending two subject related sessions, a scholar’s race, lunch and a debate on ‘The Mining Boom being a Disadvantage.’ The subject sessions offered to the students were Accounting, Business Management, Mathematical Methods and Further Mathematics. Current university lecturers gave more of an insight into topics covered in these Unit 3 VCE subjects. Uni students were also on hand to address any questions relating to various courses offered. The day provided the students with a great opportunity to get to know students from other schools and extend their knowledge in Business Management and Mathematics. The day also gave a great insight into uni life and the opportunity to get to know the atmosphere of the university.

Ambreen, Tori, Bianca & Cody, Year 12 Students

Ms. Boudreau, Student Activities Coordinator

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 15th May, 9 – 11am at the front office.

SEAL INFORMATION NIGHT REVIEW

The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program had its largest information night on Thursday 26th April, with approximately 120 people in attendance. Preparation of the night consisted of current and former SEAL students creating speeches and decorating the library in SEAL-created artwork to convey the message of what the SEAL program is all about. Coordinators of the SEAL program, Ms Melissa Casley and Ms Sue Shee, introduced the SEAL program, with an addition from the Assistant Principal, Kathie Toth. They quickly shifted attention to the students to focus on their experiences in SEAL. We had a huge amount of positive feedback regarding the quality of the night and how well the students presented themselves. Thank you to all the students that are currently in SEAL and those who are no longer in the program but still harness a passionate love for it. It was a truly successful night! We would like to thank the following student helpers:

M16: Stefana Doslo Jordan Sarkissian
10E: Natasha Rallis Kyle Mackechnie
Jayme Storey Sabrina Erdossy
8E: Miriam Fares Chalini Jegathesan Thomas Velican
Sarah Said Nicole Ong

Jordan Sarkissian (M16), Year 11 student

CAREERS NEWS

VCE and Careers Expo

On Thursday, the year 10 students attended the annual VCE and Careers Expo at the Caulfield Racecourse. There were over 180 exhibitors including Universities, TAFEs, colleges, employers such as the Defence Forces and Victoria Police and each student attended at least one career seminar. VCE students are encouraged to attend the Expo this weekend (Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm).

Try a Trade Expo

Year 10 students interested in trades, apprenticeships in building and construction, cookery or hairdressing and traineeships in children’s services, community services, IT and business are invited to sign up for the ‘Try A Trade Expo’ at the Cranbourne Racecourse on Tuesday 22nd May. Please see Ms Wood in the Careers Office.

Minimum Working Age

Students must be aged 15 years or more before they can legally work in Victoria. A Tax File Number is required before you start work. Obtain a Tax File application from Ms Wood in the Careers office. The ATO takes about 4 weeks to process your application. If you are looking for casual work, organisations such as Coles, Woolworths, McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Big W and Target ask you to complete an on-line application form and attach a resume before you can be considered for a job.

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
Focus on Biomedicine – Tuesday 24th May – Parkville campus

Ms Chris Wood, Careers Co-ordinator